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Scottish Command

The origins of Scottish Command can be traced back to 1860 and the formation of a Scottish recruiting area for the British Army. In February 1905, the Command was formed with its headquarters based at Edinburgh Castle. There were two Areas, each with a Territorial Army division based within, namely the:

- Highland Area (51st Highland) Division);
- Lowland Area (52nd (Lowland) Division).

The accommodation at Edinburgh Castle proved insufficient for the headquarters, so it moved to 22, North Bridge, Edinburgh. The Command Pay Office was based nearby at 52, North Bridge, and the Command Audit Office at 28, North Bridge. In 1940, Scottish Command was reorganised into five areas, namely the:

- Edinburgh Area;
- Glasgow Area;
- South Highland Area;
- North Highland Area;
- Orkney and Shetland Defences.

On 15 January 1942, the Regimental Depots ceased to train recruits, and new Infantry Training Centres were opened at Command level. No. 8 I.T.C. at Perth for the Black Watch and Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, No. 9 I.T.C. at Aberdeen for the Cameronians, Highland Light Infantry and Gordon Highlanders, No. 10 I.T.C. at Berwick for the K.O.S.B., Royal Scots and Royal Scots Fusiliers, and No. 11 I.T.C. at Fort George for the Seaforth Highlanders and Cameron Highlanders.

In 1944, the Command reverted to the two Districts, Highland District with its Headquarters at Perth and the Lowland District based at Glasgow.

General Officer Commanding-in-Chief

<u> 1937 – 19th February 1940</u>

General Sir Charles John Cecil GRANT, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O.

20th February 1940 – 8th May 1941

Lieutenant General Robert Harold CARRINGTON, C.B., D.S.O., Col Comdt. R.A., p.s.c.¹

8th May 1941 – 15th June 1945

Lieutenant General Augustus Francis Andrew Nicol THORNE, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.**, i.d.c., p.s.c.

12th May 1945 – 15th June 1945

Lieutenant General (Temporary) Noel Mackintosh Stuart IRWIN, C.B., D.S.O.**, M.C., i.d.c., p.s.c.

16th June 1945 – 31st January 1947

Lieutenant General Neil Methuen RITCHIE, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c.²

1st February 1947 – 27th February 1949

Lieutenant General Sir Alexander Frank Philip CHRISTISON, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C.*, p.s.c., 4th Baronet.

27th February 1949 – 27th February 1952

Lieutenant General Sir Gordon Holmes Alexander MacMILLAN, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.*

General Staff Officer 1st Grade

25th July 1938 – 1940

Colonel A. L. COLLIER, M.C., p.s.c.

Brigadier General Staff – (B.G.S.)

18th December 1940 – 1941

Brigadier (Temporary) T. N. F. WILSON, D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c.

30th July 1941 – 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) E. S. B. WILLIAMS, p.s.c.

21st April 1943 – 24th October 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) William Henry GOSCHEN, Gren Gds, (s.c.)

25th October 1943 – 1944

Brigadier G. A. PILLEAU, M.C., The Queen's R., p.s.c.

26th October 1944 – 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Philip Geoffrey WHITEFOORD, O.B.E., M.C., i.d.c., p.s.c.

3rd September 1945 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) G. M. ELLIOT, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c.

¹ Created K.C.B. and Knighted in 1941. Retired from the Army (age limit) in May 1941.

² Created K.B.E. on 5th July 1945 and Knighted.

Chief of Staff

1st May 1947 – 23rd January 1948

Major General Neil McMICKING, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c.

24th January 1948 – 1949

Major General R. K. ARBUTHNOTT, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c.

Intelligence Section

General Staff Officer 1st Grade

22nd June 1940 – 14th December 1941

Colonel R. C. W. G. FIREBRACE, p.s.c.

Brigadier in charge of Administration

1939 - 1940

Honorary Brigadier J. L. WESTON, D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers), p.s.c.

Major General i/c Administration

23rd October 1940 – 30th May 1941

Major General (Acting) Humfrey Myddelton GALE, C.B.E., M.C., p.s.c.

1st June 1941 – 1944

Major General A. T. MILLER, M.C., p.s.c., A.D.C.

6th January 1945 – 30th April 1947

Major General (Acting) Neil McMICKING, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., p.s.c.

Brigadier A/Q

3rd June 1947 – 1948

Brigadier E. S. B. GAFFNEY, C.B.E., p.s.c.

Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-Master-General

24th October 1941 – 21st August 1942 (Died on Active Service)

Brigadier (Temporary) Arthur Gordon BARRY, D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

Assistant Adjutant-General – (A.A.G.)

<u>1939 – 1940</u>

Colonel F. H. WITTS, D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c.

25th November 1940 – 1941

Colonel J. P. DUKE, D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c.

8th December 1941 – 1945

Colonel (Temporary) F. C. V. D. CAILLARD, M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

14th May 1945 – 1946/7

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) L. WHITBREAD, O.B.E., R. Signals.

Assistant Quarter-Master-General

6th December 1938 – 1940

Colonel W. E. MAITLAND-DOUGALL, D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c.

19th September 1940 – 1941

Lieutenant Colonel J. V. FAVIELL, M.C., Lincoln R., p.s.c.

24th December 1940 – 1943

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) A. P. J. HIBBERT, O.B.E., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

27th July 1942 – 1944

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) G. W. AUTEN, Welch R., p.s.c.

10th September 1943 – 1944

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) O. St. J. LOFTUS, R.A.C.

31st May 1944 – 1945

Lieutenant Colonel W. T. SARGEAUNT, R.A.C., p.s.c.

10th March 1946 – 1946/7

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) G. F. St. C. STOCKWELL, W. Yorks R.

Brigadier Royal Artillery – (B.R.A.)

18th April 1936 – 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) A. G. ROLLESTON, O.B.E., retired pay (Reserve of Officers).

16th March 1942 – 9th August 1942

Brigadier Eric Edward MOCKLER-FERRYMAN, C.B.E., M.C.

<u>10th August 1942 – 4th September 1944</u>

Brigadier (Temporary) William Henry Francis CROWE, M.C., R.A.

15th October 1944 – 19th April 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Gerald Knocker DIBB, C.B.E., M.C., p.s.c.

20th April 1945 – 14th November 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) B. J. FOWLER, D.S.O., M.C., R.A.

15th November 1945 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Temporary) Robert Peel WALLER, D.S.O., M.C., q.

General Staff Officer 1st Grade Coastal Defence

1939 - 1940

Colonel E. Le G. WHITTING, D.S.O., M.C., retired pay.

25th June 1940 – 1943

Honorary Brigadier G. S. LOW, D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

21st February 1944 – 1945

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) T. A. McLOUGHLIN, T.D., R.A. (T.A.)

Chief Engineer – (C.Eng.)

1st August 1939 – 1st September 1939

Colonel Victor Edward Gwynne GUINNESS

2nd September 1939 – 1940

Colonel D. CREE, M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

7th August 1940 – 16th November 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Charles Constantine PHIPPS, C.B.E., M.C.

17th November 1944 – 1945

Brigadier (Acting) A. MASON, M.C.

1st June 1946 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Temporary) B. B. EDWARDS, C.B.E., M.C.

22nd January 1948 – 1949

Brigadier (Temporary) H. T. S. KING, O.B.E.

Deputy Chief Engineers

<u>1939 – 1940</u>

Colonel E. N. EVELEGH, D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

24th August 1939 – 1942

Colonel G. G. McLEAN, O.B.E., T.D., F.R.I.B.A., T.A.

7th August 1940 – 1943

Colonel D. CREE, M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

9th January 1941 – 31st May 1941

Colonel Ivan SIMSON, M.I.Mech.E.

3rd June 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) Allister Colvin BAILLIE, M.C., R.E.

1st September 1942 – 1943

Colonel (Acting) T. F. HOOD, T.D., R.E., R.A.

20th July 1943 – 1944

Colonel (Temporary) H. de L. PANET, C.B.E., R.E.

28th April 1944 – 1945

Colonel C. P. WORSFOLD, M.C., R.E., p.s.c.

9th October 1946 – 1946/7

Colonel (Temporary) S. G. GALPIN.

Chief Signal Officer - (C.S.O.)

1st Sep<u>tember 1939 – 1942</u>

Colonel (Acting) C. WHEELER, R. Signals

(Promoted Acting Brigadier 25th February 1941)

13th April 1942 – 1943

Brigadier (Acting) R. E. BARKER, C.B.E.

6th March 1944 – 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) F. A. H. MATHEW, O.B.E., M.C., B.A.

9th March 1946 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) Cyril KNOWLES, C.B.E.

Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport – (D.D.S.T.)

21st November 1939 – 1940

Brigadier (Acting) D. W. CUNNINGHAM.

19th July 1940 – 31st December 1942

Brigadier (Acting) Arthur Beresford Philemon PEREIRA, D.S.O.

1st January 1943 – 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) P. L. SPAFFORD, O.B.E., A.D.C.

29th December 1944 – 31st December 1946

Brigadier (Temporary) Henry Basil Bacon BUTLER, O.B.E.

1st January 1947 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) H. A. KELSALL, O.B.E., M.C.

Deputy Director of Medical Services – (D.D.M.S.)

1939 - 1940

Colonel A. IRVINE-FORTESCUE, D.S.O., M.B., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

15th February 1940 – 1944

Major General J. A. MANIFOLD, D.S.O., M.B.

12th December 1944 – 1946/7

Major General (Acting) Joseph WALKER, C.B.E., M.C., M.B.

26th January 1948 – 1949

Major General Kenneth Alexander Macdonald TOMORY, O.B.E.

Consulting Surgeon

29th September 1941 – 1946 Colonel W. ANDERSON, M.B., R.A.M.C. (01/03/42 promoted Local Brigadier)

Consulting Physician

18th March 1940 – 1942 Colonel (Temporary) A. W. STOTT, F.R.C.P., R.A.M.C. 1st June 1942 – 1946 Brigadier (Local) D. S. STEPHENSON, M.B.E., F.R.F.P.S.

Assistant Director of Dental Services

21st January 1941 – 1941 Colonel (Acting) B. W. TYSON, A.D. Corps. 17th October 1941 – 1945 Colonel G. F. CHARLES. 14th December 1945 – 1946/7 Colonel (Temporary) E. H. C. CAUTE, A.D. Corps.

Assistant Director of Ordnance Services – (A.D.O.S.)

1939 - 1940

Colonel R. A. CARDEW, retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

Deputy Director of Ordnance Services – (D.D.O.S.)

1st August 1940 – 1941

Brigadier (Acting) J. W. COYLE, M.C., M.I.Mech.E., R.A.O.C.

7th November 1941 – 8th January 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Kenneth Farquharson FARQUHARSON-ROBERTS, O.B.E., R.A.O.C., o.

9th January 1944 – 25th September 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Arthur Isaac NIXON, O.B.E., R.A.O.C.

26th September 1944 – 1948

Brigadier (Acting) W. E. C. PICKTHALL, C.B.E., R.A.O.C.

Chief Ordnance Mechanical Engineer

15th September 1939 – 1941

Lieutenant Colonel G. H. ANDREWS, O.B.E., M.I.Mech.E., retired pay

15th July 1941 – 1942

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) J. H. BUTTERS, A.M.I.Mech.E., R.A.O.C.

Deputy Director of Mechanical Engineering

15th December 1941 – 1943

Brigadier (Acting) J. H. BUTTERS, A.M.I.Mech.E., R.E.M.E. (from 1st October 1942)

5th November 1943 – 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) W. R. MacDONALD, R.E.M.E., T.A.

15th August 1946 – 1947

Brigadier (Acting) Walter John Lindley SMITH, A.M.I.Mech.E., R.E.M.E.

15th December 1947 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) R. A. HOLT, O.B.E., R.E.M.E.

Command Paymaster

1939 - 1940

Colonel T. L. ROGERS, O.B.E., R.A.P.C.

1940 - 1942

Colonel (Temporary 15/07/40) H. P. FENNELL, R.A.P.C.

18th June 1942 – 1944

Colonel (Acting 22/03/42) A. S. S. HERBERT, M.C., R.A.P.C.

27th October 1944 – 1945

Colonel (Temporary) O. P. J. ROONEY, O.B.E., R.A.P.C.

8th December 1945 – 1948

Colonel R. H. SMYTH, O.B.E., M.C., R.A.P.C.

Command Education Officer

5th October 1940 – 1944

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) D. P. J. KELLY, O.B.E., M.C., B.A., A.E.C.

(Promoted Acting Colonel 20/11/41)

25th September 1945 – 1946/7

Colonel (Temporary 06/11/45) M. H. CORK, A.E.C.

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Assistant Director of Labour

26th November 1940 – 1942 Colonel (Acting) A. I. IRONS, D.S.O., P. Corps. 17th August 1942 – 1945 Colonel (Acting) L. LAMOTTE, D.S.O., Reserve of Officers

Command Welfare Officer

11th March 1941 – 1943 Lieutenant J. R. S. LESLIE, C.B., T.D., General List (Promoted Acting Colonel 11/03/41) 15th October 1943 – 1946/7 Colonel H. F. GRANT-SUTTIE, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., retired pay, *p.s.c.*

Highland Area

Area Commander

30 August 1939 – 30 June 1940

Brigadier (Acting) William Arthur GREY-WILSON, M.C.

Deputy Assistant Adjutant & Quarter-Master-General

At 3 September 1939

Major C. P. R. JOHNSTON

Retired Officer

At 3 September 1939

Colonel S. A. INNES,

Passive Air Defence Officer

At 3 September 1939

Lieutenant Colonel G. M. A. GREGORY,

South Highland Area

Commander, South Highland Area

1st July 1940 – 9th October 1941

Brigadier (Acting) William Arthur GREY-WILSON, M.C.

10th October 1941 – June 1944

Brigadier (Acting) Aubrey Ellis WILLIAMS, D.S.O.*, M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers), p.s.c.

Perthshire Sub-Area

19th September 1940 – 1942

Colonel W. E. MAITLAND-DOUGALL, D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c.

Angus Sub-Area

21st August 1940 – 1942

Colonel B. A. CAMPBELL, C.B., T.D., T.A.

Fife Sub-Area

20th September 1940 – 1942

Colonel G. B. ROWAN-HAMILTON, D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

North Highland Area

Commander, North Highland Area

1 July 1940 - 1941

Brigadier (Temporary) F. G. CHALMER, D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers) 6 March 1941 – August 1941

Brigadier (Acting) Walter Glencairn GLENCAIRN-CAMPBELL, O.B.E., p.s.c.

August 1941 – 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) I. C. GRANT, C.B.E., D.S.O.

Major General Ian Cameron GRANT,

Aberdeen Sub-Area

22nd September 1940 – 1941 Colonel (Acting) G. P. GEDDES, D.S.O., T.D., T.A. Reserve 1941 – 1942 Brigadier J. MUIRHEAD, M.C.

Sutherland Sub-Area

<u>17 September 1940 – 1942</u> Colonel I. K. THOMSON, O.B.E., T.D., T.A.

Inverness Sub Area (Formed 1941)

27 August 1941 - 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) M. A. STUDD, D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c.

Orkneys Area

Commander

1939 – 29 March 1940

Brigadier (Temporary) Geoffrey Chicheley KEMP, M.C., g.

Orkney and Shetland Defences

<u>30 March 1940 – 31 December 1942</u>

Major General (Acting) Geoffrey Chicheley KEMP, M.C., g.

1 January 1943 – 24 May 1945

Major General (Acting) John Nuttall SLATER, C.B.E., M.C., G.

Brigadier Royal Artillery

22 October 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting 05/06/41) R. P. GATEHOUSE, M.C., R.A.

Shetland Defences

Commander

24 January 1941 – 1942

Brigadier (Acting) J. C. CUNNINGHAM, M.C., A & S.H.

General Officer Commanding Lowland District

1945 – 1946

Major General Douglas Fitzgerald McCONNEL, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

Edinburgh Area

Area Commander

24th August 1939 – 1940

Brigadier (Acting) H. C. MAITLAND-MAKGILL-CRICHTON, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

6th January 1941 - 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) A. C. L. STANLEY-CLARKE, C.B.E., D.S.O.

Lothian and Border District

Commanding Officer, East Scotland District

14 April 1944 – 11 May 1945

Major General Noel Mackintosh Stuart IRWIN, C.B., D.S.O.**, M.C., i.d.c., p.s.c.

16 June 1945 – 21 January 1946

Major General Noel Mackintosh Stuart IRWIN, C.B., D.S.O.**, M.C., i.d.c., p.s.c.

General Staff Officer 1st Grade

16 August 1941 – 1942

Colonel F. THORNTON, p.s.c.

General Staff Officer 1st Grade (Home Guard)

1 July 1940 – 1942

Colonel H. F. GRANT-SUTTIE, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers) p.s.c.

Border Sub-Area

31 July 1940 – 1941

Colonel J. L. WESTON, C.B.E., D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

15 December 1941 – 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) Alan Parry GARNIER, C.B., M.B.E., M.C., p.s.c.

Lothian Sub-Area

19 August 1940 - 11 December 1940

Colonel Francis Greville DREW, O.B.E., p.s.c.

8 March 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) C. G. STEPHEN, Black Watch

Glasgow Area

Redesignated in 1941 as West Scotland Area.

Area Commander - Glasgow Area

<u>1st December 1939 – 16th June 1940</u>

Brigadier (Acting) C. A. G. O. MURRAY, D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

17th June 1940 – 9th May 1941 (Died on Active Service)

Brigadier (Temporary) Frank Hole WITTS, D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c., A.D.C.

11th May 1941 – 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) F. W. L. BISSETT, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers), p.s.c.

August 1941 - March 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) Walter Glencairn GLENCAIRN-CAMPBELL, O.B.E., p.s.c.

March 1942 – 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) James Wilfred Lang Stanley HOBART, D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c.

Ayr Sub-Area (gone by mid-1941)

25th July 1940 – 1941

Colonel (Acting) G. E. ALLEN, T.D., T.A. Reserve

Clyde Sub-Area

18th June 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) D. CARNEGIE, O.B.E., T.D., H.L.I. (T.A.)

Dumfries Sub-Area

20th August 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) H. F. d'A. LAW, D.S.O., M.C., Border R. (T.A.), Captain retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

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Argyll Sub-Area

10th October 1941 – 1942/3

Colonel William Arthur GREY-WILSON, M.C.

Stirling Sub-Area

10th October 1941 – 1942

Colonel H. J. D. CLARK, M.C., p.s.c.

Galloway Area

15th December 1941 – 14th May 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) Edward Galway WARREN, C.B.E.

Stranraer Sub-Area

1st August 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) J. D. McINDOE, O.B.E., M.C., retired pay, p.s.c.

General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Brigadier General Staff – (B.G.S.) Major General i/c Administration **Brigadier Royal Artillery** – (B.R.A.) **Chief Engineer** – (C.Eng.) Chief Signal Officer - (C.S.O.) **Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport** – (D.D.S.T.) **Deputy Director of Medical Services** – (D.D.M.S.) **Consultant Surgeon Consultant Physician Deputy Director of Ordnance Services** – (D.D.O.S.) **Deputy Director of Mechanical Engineering** – (D.D.M.E.) **Command Paymaster Assistant Director of Dental Services Deputy Director of Labour Command Education Officer**

Command Welfare Officer

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