

## Southern Area <sup>(1)</sup>

### Regular Depots in the Area

The Hampshire Regiment – Winchester  
The Rifle Depot – Winchester

### Regular Troops in the Area

1<sup>st</sup> Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(2)</sup>  
(H.Q., 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)

4<sup>th</sup> Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(3)</sup>  
(H.Q., 9<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Royal Artillery Fixed Defences, Southern Ports  
(H.Q., Needles Fire Command, Culver Fire Command, Horse Sand Fire Command & Square Tower Fire Command, Royal Artillery)

The Hampshire Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(4)</sup>  
(H.Q., 153<sup>rd</sup>, 154<sup>th</sup> & 155<sup>th</sup> Batteries, Royal Artillery)

The Princess Beatrice's (Isles of Wight Rifles) Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(5)</sup>  
(H.Q., 189<sup>th</sup> & 190<sup>th</sup> Batteries, Royal Artillery)

4<sup>th</sup> Fortress Company, Royal Engineers  
19<sup>th</sup> Field Survey Company, Royal Engineers

### Militia in the Area

7<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Depot, Royal Artillery  
9<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Depot, Royal Artillery  
19<sup>th</sup> Searchlight Depot, Royal Artillery  
21<sup>st</sup> Searchlight Depot, Royal Artillery

### Territorial Army Troops in the Area

Hampshire (Fortress), Royal Engineers

NOTES:

1. This area covered the county of Hampshire, with the exception of the parts of the county under command of the Salisbury Plain Area or Aldershot Command. The headquarters of the area was based in Salisbury.
2. This regiment was based at Portsmouth. It was formerly the 1<sup>st</sup> Medium Brigade, Royal Garrison Artillery. It left the United Kingdom in October 1939 to join the British Expeditionary Force (B.E.F.) in France. It was evacuated from France to the U.K., where the regiment was re-equipped. It sailed to India in May 1942 and served in Burma for the rest of the war.
3. Based at Fort Brockhurst, the 4<sup>th</sup> Medium Regiment was a Regular Army unit. It was formerly the 4<sup>th</sup> Medium Brigade, Royal Garrison Artillery. It also travelled to France in late 1939 and served with the B.E.F.. In October 1942 it joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Army and fought in Tunisia before moving to Italy where it remained until the end of the war.
4. It had been formed in 1924, and had its headquarters based in Southampton. The 153<sup>rd</sup> Battery was also based in Southampton, the 154<sup>th</sup> Battery based in Eastleigh, and the 155<sup>th</sup> Battery at Portsmouth.
5. This regiment was formerly the 8<sup>th</sup> (Princess Beatrice's Isle of Wight Rifles) Bn. The Hampshire Regiment. In 1937, this battalion was converted to an artillery role, being redesignated as the: Princess Beatrice's Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery. In July 1940, it was redesignated as the 530th (Princess Beatrice's Isle of Wight Rifles) Coast Regiment, Royal Artillery. The regiment remained with Home Forces for the duration of the war and reformed as the 428th The Princess Beatrice's (Isles of Wight Rifles) (Mixed) Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery.

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