Gibraltar Command (1)

Infantry

1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers (2)

<u>Artillery</u>

Headquarters and District Establishment 4th, 27th & 29th Heavy Batteries, Royal Artillery

Royal Engineers

1st (Fortress) Company, Royal Engineers

Royal Corps of Signals

Gibraltar Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals

Royal Army Service Corps

33rd (Local) Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Royal Army Medical Corps

28th Company, Royal Army Medical Corps

Royal Army Pay Corps

Gibraltar Detachment, Royal Army Pay Corps

NOTES:

- 1. Gibraltar (otherwise known to many servicemen as 'The Rock') was, and still is, a British overseas territory at the southern coast of Spain at the entrance to the Straits of Gibraltar, the gateway to the Mediterranean Sea. It was captured by the Royal Marines in 1704, and then ceded to Great Britain by the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713. Due to its strategic position on the sea lanes in and out of the Mediterranean, it was the home to a Royal Navy Dockyard and naval base. There was also a small army garrison based in Gibraltar. The territory has a Governor who in this period was usually a senior army officer (usually in the rank of General or Lieutenant General), who also acted as the Commander-in-Chief. The senior army officer was a Colonel who held the post of Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General in charge of Administration. The Commander Royal Artillery and Deputy Director of Medical Services were also Colonel's appointments.
- 2. At this period, there was only one British infantry battalion stationed in Gibraltar. This battalion arrived in Gibraltar in 1929, having sailed from Egypt. It did not stay on the 'Rock' for long, leaving in late 1930 to return to the United Kingdom, where it was stationed at Catterick.

SOURCES:

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