

Gibraltar Command ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, Gibraltar Command

Infantry

1st Bn. Welsh Guards ⁽²⁾

2nd Bn. The King's Regiment (Liverpool) ⁽³⁾

2nd Bn. The Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's) ⁽⁴⁾

Artillery

3rd Heavy Brigade, Royal Artillery ⁽⁵⁾

(H.Q., 4th & 27th Heavy Batteries and 19th Anti-Aircraft Battery, Royal Artillery)

Royal Engineers

1st (Fortress) Company, Royal Engineers

32nd (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 Ordnance Corps

Gibraltar Detachment, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Royal Army Pay Corps

Gibraltar Detachment, Royal Army Pay Corps

Royal Army Veterinary Corps

Gibraltar Detachment, Royal Army Veterinary Corps

Corps of Military Police

Section

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 of General or Lieutenant General rank) 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. In 1936, this Colonel held the rank of Local Brigadier. The Commander Royal Artillery and Deputy Director of Medical Services were also Colonel's appointments.
2. By September 1939, there were now three British infantry battalions stationed in Gibraltar.
3. A Regular Army battalion, this unit arrived on 'The Rock' in 1935, travelling from Tidworth, and stayed until 1938. It returned to the United Kingdom where it was stationed at York.