

South African Army
3 September 1939 - July 1940

Defence Headquarters: Pretoria, Transvaal

Cape Command: HQ The Castle, Capetown, Cape Province

A. Permanent Force

Cape Detachment, The Special Service Battalion: Capetown

No. 1 Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battery: Bamboevlei, Wynberg
(South African Permanent Force and University of Cape Town
Active Citizen Force)

The Coast Artillery Brigade: HQ The Castle, Capetown

2 Sections of Cape Garrison Artillery designated as Engineers
and Signals: Capetown

1st Heavy Battery: Capetown (Composite Battery of Cape Garrison
Artillery and South African

Permanent Garrison Artillery) (Wynard Battery): Table Bay

2nd Heavy Battery: Simonstown (Composite Battery of Cape
Garrison Artillery and South African Permanent

Garrison Artillery) (Queen's Battery): Simonstown

1st Medium Battery: Capetown (Composite Battery of Cape
Garrison Artillery and South African Permanent

Garrison Artillery)

2nd Medium Battery: Capetown (Composite Battery of Cape
Garrison Artillery and South African Permanent

Garrison Artillery)

No. 1 Armoured Train: Capetown (An Active Citizen Force unit with
Permanent Force nucleus)

The Cape Field Artillery (Prince Albert's Own): Capetown (An
Active Citizen Force unit with Permanent Force nucleus)

B. Active Citizen Force

3rd Infantry Brigade: HQ Capetown

The Duke of Edinburgh's Own Rifles: Capetown

The Cape Town Highlanders (The Duke of Connaught and
Strathearn's Own): Capetown

The Kimberley Regiment: Kimberley

3rd Field Company, South African Engineer Corps: Capetown

8th Infantry Brigade: HQ Oudtshoorn

Regiment Westelike Provinsie: Stellenbosch

Regiment Suid-Westelike Distrikte: Oudtshoorn

Die Middellandse Regiment: Graff-Reinet

8th Field Company, South African Engineer Corps: Capetown

Eastern Province Command: HQ East London, Cape Province

A. Permanent Force

5th Heavy Battery, South African Permanent Garrison Artillery:
East London
6th Heavy Battery, South African Permanent Garrison Artillery:
Port Elizabeth

B. Active Citizen Force

2nd Infantry Brigade: HQ Port Elizabeth
The Prince Alfred's Guard: Port Elizabeth
The Kaffrarian Rifles: East London
The First City: Grahamstown
2nd Field Company, South African Engineer Corps: Uitenhage

Die Middellandse Regiment (See 8th Infantry Brigade)

Natal Command: HQ Durban, Natal

A. Permanent Force

Royal Durban Light Infantry Company, The Special Service
Battalion: Durban
3rd Heavy Battery, South African Permanent Garrison Artillery:
Durban Beach
4th Heavy Battery, South African Permanent Garrison Artillery:
The Bluff, Durban

B. Active Citizen Force

The Natal Field Artillery: Durban
'A', 'B' Batteries: Durban
'C' Battery: Pietermaritzburg

1st Infantry Brigade: HQ Pietermaritzburg
1st Royal Natal Carabineers: Pietermaritzburg
2nd Royal Natal Carabineers: Ladysmith
The Umvoti Mounted Rifles: Greytown
1st Field Company, South African Engineer Corps: Durban
7th Infantry Brigade: HQ Durban
The Natal Mounted Rifles: Durban
1st, 2nd Royal Durban Light Infantry: Durban
7th Field Company, South African Engineers: Durban

Orange Free State Command: HQ Bloemfontien, Orange Free State

A. Permanent Force

The Pioneer Battalion: Bloemfontein

B. Active Citizen Force

The Oranje Vry Staat Veldartillerie
1ste Batterie: Tempe
2de Batterie: Bethlehem

4th Infantry Brigade: HQ Bloemfontein
Regiment de Wet: Kroonstad
Regiment Louw Wepner: Ladybrand
Regiment President Steyn: Bloemfontein
4th Field Company, South African Engineer Corps: Bloemfontein

The Kimberley Regiment (See 3rd Infantry Brigade)

Robert's Heights and Transvaal Command: HQ Robert's Heights, Transvaal

A. Permanent Force

The Special Service Battalion: Robert's Heights (Less
Detachments)
The Artillery School (Including 1st, 2nd Field Batteries, South
African Artillery absorbed. Diluted with Active Citizen
Force): Robert's Heights
The Artillery Depot: Robert's Heights
No. 2 Armoured Train, South African Permanent Garrison Artillery
(Active Citizen Force with Permanent Force nucleus):
Robert's Heights

B. Active Citizen Force

1st Field Survey Company, South African Engineer Corps:
Robert's Heights

6th Infantry Brigade: HQ Pretoria
1st, 2nd Pretoria Regiment (Princess Alice's Own): Pretoria
Regiment De la Rey: Rustenburg
6th Field Company, South African Engineer Corps: Pretoria

Witwatersrand Command: HQ Johannesburg, Transvaal

A. Active Citizen Force

The Transvaal Horse Artillery (A, B Batteries): Johannesburg

5th Infantry Brigade: HQ Johannesburg
The Imperial Light Horse: Johannesburg
1st, 2nd Transvaal Scottish: Johannesburg
5th Field Company, South African Engineer Corps:
Johannesburg

9th Infantry Brigade: HQ Johannesburg
The Witwatersrand Rifles: Johannesburg
The Rand Light Infantry: Johannesburg
Regiment Botha: Morgenson
9th Field Company, South African Engineer Corps:
Johannesburg

The Defence Rifle Associations (Commandos)

The Cape Defence Rifle Association
The Transvaal Defence Rifle Association
The Natal Defence Rifle Association
The Orange Free State Defence Rifle Association

South African Army 1939-40

Active Citizen Force Infantry Battalions and Brigades 1940
March 1940 - Intended Organization (HQ & Recruiting Areas)

1st South African Infantry Brigade

1st Royal Natal Carabineers - Pietermaritzburg
1st Duke of Edinburgh's Rifles - Cape Town
1st Transvaal Scottish - Johannesburg

2nd South African Infantry Brigade

1st Field Force Battalion - Ladysmith
2nd Field Force Battalion - Ladysmith
1st Natal Mounted Rifles - Durban

3rd South African Infantry Brigade

1st Imperial Light Horse - Johannesburg
1st Royal Durban Light Infantry - Durban
1st Rand Light Infantry - Johannesburg

4th South African Infantry Brigade

2nd Royal Durban Light Infantry - Durban
2nd Natal Mounted Rifles - Greytown
(Replaced by The Umvoti Mounted Rifles)
The Kaffrarian Rifles - East London

5th South African Infantry Brigade

2nd Regiment Botha - North of Nylstroom
3rd Transvaal Scottish - Benoni
1st South African Irish - Johannesburg

6th South African Infantry Brigade

1st South African Police - Pretoria
2nd South African Police - Pretoria
2nd Transvaal Scottish - Johannesburg
(Replaced The Pretoria Highlanders)

7th South African Infantry Brigade

The Pretoria Highlanders - Pretoria
1st Pretoria Regiment - Pretoria
The First City - Grahamstown

8th South African Infantry Brigade

Regiment De la Rey - South of Nylstroom and west of the
railway, excluding Vereeniging
1st Witwatersrand Rifles - Johannesburg
The Cape Town Highlanders - Cape Town

9th South African Infantry Brigade

The Prince Alfred's Guard - Port Elizabeth
Regiment President Steyn - Bloemfontein
Regiment Westelike Provinsie - Stellenbosch

10th South African Infantry Brigade

The Kimberley Regiment- Kimberley
Regiment South Westelike Distrike - George
1st Regiment Botha - South of Nylstroom

11th South African Infantry Brigade

2nd Witwatersrand Rifles - Springs
1st South-West African Infantry Battalion - Windhoek
Die Middelandse Regiment - Graff-Reinet

12th South African Infantry Brigade

2nd Royal Natal Carabineers - Ladysmith
2nd Pretoria Regiment - Pretoria
2nd Rand Light Infantry - Krugersdorp

Others

Regiment de Wet - Kroonstaad
Regiment Louw Wepner - Ladybrand
2nd Natal Mounted Rifles - Greytown
2nd Imperial Light Horse - Johannesburg

1st Reserve Brigade - Raised 29 February 1940

1st Battalion (Transvaal) - Raised 29 February 1940 at
Johannesburg
2nd Battalion (The Cape Peninsular Rifles) - Raised 29 February
1940 at Cape Town
3rd Battalion (The Natal Scottish) - Raised 29 February 1940 at
Durban
4th Battalion (The Witwatersrand Rifles) - Raised 29 February
1940
5th Battalion (Eastern Province) - Raised 29 February 1940
6th Battalion (Transvaal) - Raised 29 February 1940
7th Battalion (Orange Free State and Kimberly) - Raised 1941
8th Battalion (Transvaal) - Raised 1941
9th Battalion - Raised 1943
10th Battalion - Raised 1943
11th Battalion - Raised 1943
12th Battalion - Raised 1943

1st Mounted Command Division 10 June 1940 - Piet Retief

1st Field Squadron, SAEC

1st Mounted Brigade

1st Mounted Regiment - Formed at Pretoria
2nd Mounted Regiment - Formed in the Transvaal
3rd Mounted Regiment - Formed in the Transvaal

2nd Mounted Brigade

4th Mounted Regiment - Formed in Orange Free State
5th Mounted Regiment - Formed in Natal
6th Mounted Regiment - Formed at the Castle, Capetown,
Cape Province

The Mobilization of the South African Mobile Field Force - 1940

1st South African Division - Raised 13 August 1940 at Robert's Heights
3rd Field Brigade, SAA (Transvaal Horse Artillery)
4th Field Brigade, SAA
7th Field Brigade, SAA

1st Anti-Tank Brigade, SAA
 1st, 5th, 12th Field Companies, SAEC
 19th Divisional Field Park Company, SAEC
1st South African Infantry Brigade (Raised 13 May 1940 at
 Kafferskraal)
 1st Royal Natal Carabineers
 The Duke of Edinburgh's Own Rifles
 1st Transvaal Scottish
2nd South African Infantry Brigade (Raised 13 May 1940 at
 Premier Mine)
 1st, 2nd Field Force Battalions
 1st Natal Mounted Rifles
5th South African Infantry Brigade (Raised 16 June 1940 at
 Barberton)
 3rd Transvaal Scottish
 2nd Regiment Botha
 1st South African Irish Regiment

2nd South African Division (Raised 23 October 1940)
 1st Field Brigade, SAA (Cape Field Artillery (Prince Alfred's Own))
 2nd Field Brigade, SAA (Natal Field Artillery)
 5th Light Field Brigade, SAA
 2nd Anti-Tank Brigade, SAA
 2nd, 4th, 10th Field Companies, SAEC
 20th Divisional Field Park Company, SAEC
3rd South African Infantry Brigade (Raised 8 June 1940 at
 Zonderwater)
 1st Imperial Light Horse
 1st Royal Durban Light Infantry
 1st Rand Light Infantry
4th South African Infantry Brigade (Raised 17 June 1940 at
 Orbi Camp, Pietermaritzburg)
 2nd Natal Mounted Rifles (Until October 1940)
 2nd Royal Durban Light Infantry
 The Kaffrarian Rifles
 The Umvoti Mounted Rifles (From October 1940)
6th South African Infantry Brigade (Raised 17 June 1940
 at Pietermaritzburg)
 1st Pretoria Highlanders (Until November 1940)
 1st, 2nd South African Police
 2nd Transvaal Scottish (From 21 November 1940)

3rd South African Division (Raised 23 October 1940 at Pretoria)
 6th Light Field Brigade, SAA
 8th, 9th, 10th Field Companies, SAEC?
 17th Divisional Field Park Company, SAEC?
7th South African Infantry Brigade (Raised 11 July 1940 at
 Premier Mine)
 1st Pretoria Regiment
 1st Witwatersrand Rifles
 Regiment de la Rey
8th South African Infantry Brigade (Raised 1 July 1940
 in East London. Disbanded November 1940.)
 The Cape Town Highlanders
 The First City

Prince Alfred's Guard

9th South African Infantry Brigade (Raised 15 July 1940 at Premier Mine)

Regiment President Steyn (Until 22/11/40)

Die Middelandse Regiment

Regiment Westelike Provinsie (Until 1/9/40)

2nd Pretoria Regiment (From 9/40 to 10/40)

2nd Transvaal Scottish (From 4/9/40 to 21/11/40)

2nd Royal Natal Carabineers (From 9/9/40 to 3/10/40)

1st Regiment Botha (From 9/40 to 11/40)

1st Pretoria Highlanders (From 11/40)

The Cape Town Highlanders (From 6/11/40)

2nd Natal Mounted Rifles (From 23/11/40)

10th South African Infantry Brigade (Raised July 1940.)

Replaced 8th Bde in 11/40.)

The Kimberley Regiment

2nd Witwatersrand Rifles

The First City

11th South African Infantry Brigade (Raised July 1940. Disbanded October 1940.)

2nd Witwatersrand Rifles

1st South-West African Infantry Battalion

2nd Imperial Light Horse

12th South African Infantry Brigade (Raised July 1940. Disbanded September 1940.)

2nd Royal Natal Carabineers

2nd Pretoria Regiment

2nd Rand Light Infantry