

**British Expeditionary Force
As Organised on
10 May 1940**

Commander in Chief: General The Viscount Gort
Chief of the General Staff: Lt-General H. R. Pownall
Vice Chief of The General Staff: Major General T. R. Eastwood
(from 12 May)
Deputy Chief of the General Staff: Brigadier Sir Oliver Leese, Bt.
(from 12 May)
Director of Military Intelligence: Major General F. N. Mason-Macfarlane
Adjutant-General: Lt-General Sir W. D. D. Brownrigg
Quartermaster-General: Lt-General W G. Lindsell
Military Secretary: Brigadier Sir C. Jardine, Bt.
Major General Royal Artillery: Major General S. R. Watson
Major General Anti-Aircraft Artillery: Major General H. G. Martin
Engineer-in-Chief: Major General R. P. Pakenham-Walsh
Signals Officer-in-Chief: Brigadier R. Chevenix-Trench
Armoured Fighting Vehicles (Advisor): Brigadier V. V. Pope
Director of Supply & Transport: Brigadier G. K. Archibald
Director of Medical Services: Major General J. W. L. Scott

G. H. Q. Troops

Royal Armoured Corps:

1st Light Armoured Reconnaissance Brigade: Brigadier C. W. Norman
1st Fife & Forfar Yeomanry
1st East Riding Yeomanry
2nd Light Armoured Reconnaissance Brigade: Brigadier A. J. Clifton
5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards
15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars
1st Army Tank Brigade: Brigadier D. H. Pratt
4/Royal Tank Regiment
7/Royal Tank Regiment

Not Brigaded:

4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards
12th Royal Lancers
13th/18th Royal Hussars
1st Lothians & Border Yeomanry

Royal Artillery:

1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery
2nd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery
32nd Army Field Regiment
98th Army Field Regiment
115th Army Field Regiment
139th Army Field Regiment
1st Medium Regiment
2nd Medium Regiment
4th Medium Regiment
58th Medium Regiment
61st Medium Regiment
63rd Medium Regiment
65th Medium Regiment
69th Medium Regiment
1st Heavy Regiment

51st Heavy Regiment
 52nd Heavy Regiment
 1st Super Heavy Regiment
 2nd Super Heavy Regiment
 3rd Super Heavy Regiment
1st Anti-Aircraft Brigade: Brigadier E. D. Milligan
 1st Anti-Aircraft Regiment
 6th Anti-Aircraft Regiment
 85th Anti-Aircraft Regiment
2nd Anti-Aircraft Brigade: Brigadier E. W. Chadwick
 60th Anti-Aircraft Regiment
 51st Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment
 58th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment
4th Anti-Aircraft Brigade: Brigadier J. N. Slater
 4th Anti-Aircraft Regiment
 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment
5th Searchlight Brigade: Brigadier E. Rait-Kerr
 1st Searchlight Regiment
 2nd Searchlight Regiment
 3rd Searchlight Regiment
Royal Engineers:
 100th Army Field Company
 101st Army Field Company
 216th Army Field Company
 228th Field Company
 242nd Field Company
 233rd Field Park Company
 19th Army Field Survey Company
 58th Chemical Warfare Company
 61st Chemical Warfare Company
 62nd Chemical Warfare Company
In addition there were:
 38 General Construction Companies
 2 Road Construction Companies
 1 Excavator Company
 4 Tunnelling Companies
 1 Workshop & Park Company
 1 Field Survey Depot
 2 Waterboring Sections
Infantry:
 1/Welsh Guards
Infantry Machine Gun Battalions:
 7/The Cheshire Regiment
 1/8th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment
 4/The Gordon Highlanders Regiment
 6/The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders
Infantry Pioneer:
 6/The King's Own Royal Regiment
 7/The King's Own Royal Regiment
 8/The King's Own Royal Regiment
 9/The King's Own Royal Regiment
 7/The Norfolk Regiment
 6/The Royal Scots Fusiliers
 1/6th Battalion The South Staffordshire Regiment

Infantry Garrison:

9/The West Yorkshire Regiment

I Corps: Lt-General M. G. H. Barker

Corps Troops:

Royal Artillery:

27th Army Field Regiment
140th Army Field Regiment
3rd Medium Regiment
5th Medium Regiment
52nd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment
2nd Light Anti-Aircraft Battery
1st Survey Regiment

Royal Engineers:

102nd Army Field Company
107th Army Field Company
221st Army Field Company
105th Corps Field Park Company
13th Corps Field Survey Company

Infantry Machine Gun Battalions:

2/The Cheshire Regiment
4/The Cheshire Regiment
2/The Manchester Regiment

1st Division: Major General The Hon. H. G. R. L. Alexander

1st Guards Brigade: Brigadier M. B. Beckwith-Smith

3/Grenadier Guards
2/Coldstream Guards
2/The Hampshire Regiment

2nd Brigade: Brigadier C. E. Hudson

1/The Loyal Regiment
2/The North Staffordshire Regiment
6/The Gordon Highlanders

3rd Brigade: Brigadier T. N. F. Wilson

1/The Duke of Wellington's Regiment
2/The Sherwood Foresters
1/The King's Shropshire Light Infantry

Divisional Troops:

Royal Artillery:

2nd Field Regiment
19th Field Regiment
67th Field Regiment
21st Anti-Tank Regiment

Royal Engineers:

23rd Field Company
238th Field Company
248th Field Company
6th Field Park Company

2nd Division: Major General H. C. Lloyd (to 16 May

Brigadier F. H. N. Davidson (acting 16 to 20 May)

Major General N. M. S. Irwin (from 20 May)

4th Brigade: Brigadier E. G. Warren

1/The Royal Scots
2/The Royal Norfolk Regiment
1/8th Battalion The Lancashire Fusiliers

5th Brigade: Brigadier G. I. Gartlan

2/The Dorsetshire Regiment

1/The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders
7/The Worcestershire Regiment
6th Brigade: Brigadier N. M. S. Irwin (to 20 May)
 Brigadier D. W. Furlong (from 20 May)
1/The Royal Welch Fusiliers
1/The Royal Berkshire Regiment
2/The Durham Light Infantry

Divisional Troops:

Royal Artillery:
10th Field Regiment
16th Field Regiment
99th Field Regiment
13th Anti-Tank Regiment

Royal Engineers:
5th Field Company
209th Field Company
506th Field Company
21st Field Park Company

48th (South Midland) Division: Major General A. F. A. N. Thorne

143rd Brigade: Brigadier J. Muirhead

1/The Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry
1/7th Battalion The Royal Warwickshire Regiment
8/The Royal Warwickshire Regiment

144th Brigade: Brigadier J. M. Hamilton

2/The Royal Warwickshire Regiment
5/The Gloucestershire Regiment
8/The Worcestershire Regiment

145th Brigade: Brigadier A. C. Hughes (to 15 May)

 Brigadier The Hon. N. F. Somerset (from 15 May)
2/The Gloucestershire
4/The Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry
1st Buckinghamshire Battalion The Oxfordshire &
Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

Divisional Troops:

Royal Artillery:
18th Field Regiment
24th Field Regiment
68th Field Regiment
53rd Anti-Tank Regiment

Royal Engineers:
9th Field Company
224th Field Company
226th Field Company
227th Field Park Company

II Corps: Lieutenant-General A. F. Brooke

Corps Troops:

Royal Artillery:
60th Field Regiment
88th Field Regiment
53rd Medium Regiment
59th Medium Regiment
53rd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment
2nd Survey Regiment

Royal Engineers:

222nd Army Field Company
234th Army Field Company
240th Army Field Company
108th Corps Field Park
14th Corps Field Survey Company

Infantry Machine Gun Battalions:

2/The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (with 4th Division)
2/The Middlesex Regiment (with 3rd Division)
1/7th The Middlesex Regiment

3rd Division: Major General B. L. Montgomery

7th Guards Brigade: Brigadier J. A. C. Whitaker

1/Grenadier Guards
2/Grenadier Guards
1/Coldstream Guards

8th Brigade: Brigadier C. G. Woolner

1/The Suffolk Regiment
2/The East Yorkshire Regiment
4/The Royal Berkshire Regiment

9th Brigade: Brigadier W. Robb

2/The Lincolnshire Regiment
1/The King's Own Scottish Borderers
2/The Royal Ulster Rifles

Divisional Troops:

Royal Artillery:

7th Field Regiment
33rd Field Regiment
76th Field Regiment
20th Anti-Tank Regiment

Royal Engineers:

17th Field Company
246th Field Company
253rd Field Company
15th Field Park Company

4th Division: Major General D. G. Johnson

10th Brigade: Brigadier E. H. Barker

2/The Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Regiment
2/The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry
1/6th The East Surrey Regiment

11th Brigade: Brigadier K A. N. Anderson

2/The Lancashire Regiment
1/The East Surrey Regiment
5/The Northamptonshire Regiment

12th Brigade: Brigadier J. L. I. Hawkesworth

2/The Royal Fusiliers
1/The South Lancashire Regiment
6/The Black Watch

Divisional Troops:

Royal Artillery:

22nd Field Regiment
30th Field Regiment
77th Field Regiment
14th Anti-Tank Regiment

Royal Engineers:
 7th Field Company
 59th Field Company
 225th Field Company
 18th Field Park Company

5th Division: Major-General H. E. Franklyn
13th Brigade: Brigadier M. C. Dempsey
 2/The Cameronians
 2/The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers
 2/The Wiltshire

17th Brigade: Brigadier M. G. N. Stopford
 2/The Royal Scots Fusiliers
 2/The Northamptonshire Regiment
 6/The Seaforth Highlanders

Divisional Troops:
Royal Artillery:
 9th Field Regiment
 91st Field Regiment
 92nd Field Regiment
 52nd Anti-Tank Regiment

Royal Engineers:
 38th Field Company
 245th Field Company
 252nd Field Company
 254th Field Park Company

50th (Northumbrian) Division: Major General G. le Q. Martel (in GHQ Reserve of 10th May)

150th Brigade: Brigadier C. W. Haydon
 4/The East Yorkshire Regiment
 4/The Green Howards
 5/The Green Howards

151st Brigade: Brigadier J. A. Churchill
 6/The Durham Light Infantry
 8/The Durham Light Infantry
 9/The Durham Light Infantry

25th Brigade: Brigadier W. H. C. Ramsden
 2/The Essex Regiment
 1/The Royal Irish Fusiliers
 1/7th The Queen's Royal Regiment

Divisional Troops:
Royal Artillery:
 72nd Field Regiment
 74th Field Regiment
 65th Anti-Tank Regiment

Royal Engineers:
 232nd Field Company
 505th Field Company
 235th Field Park Company

Infantry:
 4/The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (motorcycle)

III Corps: Lieutenant-General Sir R. F. Adam, Bt.

Corps Troops:

Royal Artillery:

5th Regiment R.H.A.
97th Army Field Regiment
51st Medium Regiment
56th Medium Regiment
54th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment
3rd Survey Regiment

Royal Engineers:

213th Army Field Company
214th Army Field Company
217th Army Field Company
293rd Corps Field Park Company
514th Corps Field Survey Company

Infantry Machine Gun Battalion:

7/The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers
1/9th The Manchester Regiment
1/Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment, The Middlesex Regiment

42nd (East Lancashire) Division: Major General W. G. Holmes

125th Brigade: Brigadier G. W. Sutton

1/The Border Regiment
1/5th The Lancashire Fusiliers
1/6th The Lancashire Fusiliers

126th Brigade: Brigadier E. . Miles

1/The East Lancashire Regiment
5/The King's Own Royal Regiment
5/The Border Regiment

127th Brigade: Brigadier J. G. Smyth

1/The Highland Infantry
4/The East Lancashire Regiment
5/The Manchester Regiment

Divisional Troops:

Royal Artillery:

52nd Field Regiment
53rd Field Regiment
56th Anti-Tank Regiment

Royal Engineers:

200th Field Company
201st Field Company
250th Field Company
208th Field Park Company

44th (Home Counties) Division: Major General E. A. Osborne

131st Brigade: Brigadier J. E. Utterson-Kelso

2/The Buffs
1/5th The Queen's Royal Regiment
1/6th The Queen's Royal Regiment

132nd Brigade: Brigadier J. S. Steele

1/The Queen's Royal West Kent Regiment
4/The Queen's Royal West Kent Regiment
5/The Queen's Royal West Kent Regiment

133rd Brigade: Brigadier N. I. Whitty

2/The Royal Sussex Regiment
4/The Royal Sussex Regiment
5/The Royal Sussex Regiment

Divisional Troops:

Royal Artillery:

57th Field Regiment
58th Field Regiment
65th Field Regiment
57th Anti-Tank Regiment

Royal Engineers:

11th Field Company
208th Field Company
210th Field Company
211th Field Park Company

51st (Highland Division): Major General V. M. Fortune (In the Maginot Line
May 1 to 23 and with the French 10th Army from June 10)

152nd Brigade: Brigadier H. W. V. Stewart

2/The Seaforth Highlanders
4/The Seaforth Highlanders

153rd Brigade: Brigadier G. T. Burney

4/The Black Watch
1/The Gordon Highlanders
5/The Gordon Highlanders

154th Brigade: Brigadier A. C. L. Stanley-Clarke

1/The Black Watch
7/The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders
8/The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders

Divisional Troops:

Royal Artillery:

17th Field Regiment
23rd Field Regiment
75th Field Regiment
51st Anti-Tank Regiment

Royal Engineers:

26th Field Company
236th Field Company
237th Field Company
239th Field Park Company

Attached:

Royal Armoured Corps:

1st Lothian & Border Yeomanry (from GHQ Troops)

Royal Artillery:

1st Regiment R.H.A. (less 1 battery) ((from GHQ Troops)
97th Field Regiment - 1 battery (from III Corps)
51st Medium Regiment (from GHQ Troops)

Royal Engineers:

213th Army Field Company (from III Corps)

Infantry Machine Gun Battalion: (from III Corps)

7/The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers
1/Princess Louise's Kensington Regiment, The Middlesex Rgt

Infantry Pioneer: (from GHQ Troops)

7/The Royal Norfolk Regiment
6/The Royal Scots Fusiliers

Lines of Communication Troops: Major General P. de Fonblanque

Royal Artillery:

3rd Anti-Aircraft Brigade: Brigadier W. R. Shilstone
2nd Anti-Aircraft Regiment
8th Anti-Aircraft Regiment
79th Anti-Aircraft Regiment
4th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery

Royal Engineers:

104th Army Troops Companies
106th Army Troops Companies
110th Army Troops Companies
212th Army Troops Companies
218th Army Troops Companies
Plus;
4 Road Construction Companies
12 Artisan Works Companies
3 General Construction Companies
1 Map Depot
2 Engineer Stores (Base) Depots
Engineer Base Workshop
Forestry Company (1 section)
Line of Communication Depot

Infantry:

4/The Buffs
14/The Royal Fusiliers
12/The Royal Warwickshire Regiment
4/The Border Regiment
1/5th The Sherwood Foresters
Plus;
2 Infantry Depots
2 General Base depots

With the Advanced Air Striking Force:

Royal Artillery:

12th Anti-Aircraft Brigade: Brigadier W. T. O. Crewsdon
53rd Anti-Aircraft Regiment
73rd Anti-Aircraft Regiment

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