

## CANADIAN FORCES

The Canadian Army during the Second World War had two components at the outbreak of the war in 1939, the **Home Army (for the Defence of Canada)** and the **Canadian Active Service Force (later known as the Canadian Army (Active))**

Nearing the end of the war, the Canadian Army Pacific Force was constituted in order to supply troops for the Invasion of Japan in the Pacific Theater. This force was based on the 6th Canadian Infantry Division.

### CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE FORCE

The Canadian Active Service Force (CASF) was the field force raised by the Canadian Army in the Second World War. Legally, it was distinct from the Permanent Active Militia and the Non-Permanent Active Militia, and a soldier had to be attested for service. The CASF had its own standards for enlistment and began recruiting on 1 Sep 1939.

The term **CASF** was deleted in late 1940, and the term **Canadian Army (Active)** was used to represent full-time military units.

The Canadian Active Service Force was officially mobilized on 1 Sep 1939. The Canadian government had decided not to place the emphasis on military involvement in the Second World War on ground forces, and instead of committing to a 60,000 man Army corps, authorized a single division for overseas service, with a second division to be raised and kept in Canada, only to be used "if necessary."

The infantry brigades were mobilized from existing Militia units, keeping their names, badges and traditions (unlike the practice in the First World War, where Canadian Expeditionary Force units were raised as numbered battalions, often from several Militia units). All three Permanent Force Infantry regiments were represented in the order of battle of the 1st Canadian Infantry Division.

Both divisions had three infantry brigades, each with three rifle battalions and a machine gun battalion, and each brigade was organized along regional lines. This organization was changed substantially over the next two years, with the machine gun battalions being reallocated on a scale of one per division rather than one per brigade, as well as reorganization of the rifle battalions of the 5th and 6th Brigades in 1940.

The Order of Battle for First Canadian Army.



### FIRST CANADIAN ARMY

The following Canadian units were listed on the Order of Battle for 21 Army Group.

#### FIRST CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS

- "A" Troops
- First Canadian Army Civil Affairs Staff
- Troops of the Canadian Women's Army Corps
- Troops of the Corps of Military Staff Clerks

#### CORPS OF ROYAL CANADIAN ENGINEERS (RCE)

- First Canadian Army Headquarters Engineer Platoon
- 1st Canadian Cemetery Construction Unit
- 2nd Canadian Cemetery Construction Unit
- 1st Canadian Special Construction Platoon
- 2nd Canadian Special Construction Platoon
- Royal Canadian Engineers Band
- Headquarters RCE, First Canadian Army Troops
  - 5th Field Company
  - 23rd Field Company
  - 10th Field Park Company
- 3rd Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Platoon Type A
- Headquarters RCE, Second Canadian Army Troops
  - 32nd Field Company
  - 33rd Field Company
  - 34th Field Company
  - 11th Field Park Company

- Headquarters RCE, First Canadian Mechanical and Equipment Company
  - 1st Canadian Mechanical Equipment Park Company
  - 1st Canadian Mechanical Equipment Platoon Type B
  - 2nd Canadian Mechanical Equipment Platoon Type B
  - 3rd Canadian Mechanical Equipment Platoon Type B
  - 4th Canadian Mechanical Equipment Platoon Type B
  - 1st Canadian Machinery Spare Parts (Base) Section
- DCE (Works) First Cdn Army
  - 1st Canadian CRE Works
  - 1st Canadian Work Section
  - 2nd Canadian Work Section
  - 3rd Canadian Work Section
  - 1st Canadian Engineer Stores Platoon
- 2nd Canadian Drilling Company
  - 5th Canadian Drilling Platoon
  - 6th Canadian Drilling Platoon
  - 7th Canadian Drilling Platoon
  - 8th Canadian Drilling Platoon
- 1st Canadian Road Construction Company
- 2nd Canadian Road Construction Company
- 1st Canadian Workshop and Park Company
- 4th Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Platoon Type A
- DD (Survey) First Canadian Army
  - 1st Canadian Field Survey Depot
  - 2nd Canadian Field Survey Depot (Topo)
  - 3rd Canadian Field (Reproduction) Survey Company
  - 1st Canadian (Air) Survey Company
  - 1st Canadian Modelling Team
- DCE (Permanent Bridges) First Canadian Army
  - Canadian CRE Permanent Bridges
  - 2nd Battalion, RCE
  - 3rd Battalion, RCE
  - 1st Canadian Pile Driving Platoon
  - 2nd Canadian Pile Driving Platoon
- Headquarters, No. 2 Canadian Railway Operating Group, RCE
  - 1st Canadian Railway Operating Company
  - 2nd Canadian Railway Operating Company
  - 1st Canadian Railway Workshop Company
  - 1st Canadian Railway Telegraph Company, RCCS

#### **ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY (RCA)**

- 1st Rocket Battery, RCA
- 1st Radar Battery, RCA
- 107th AA Brigade, RCA
  - 16th AA Operations Room, RCA
  - 2nd Heavy AA Regiment, RCA
  - 109th Heavy AA Regiment, RA
  - 1st Canadian Centaur Battery, RCA

#### **ROYAL CANADIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS (RCCS)**

- First Canadian Army Signal Regiment
- 1st Air Signal Support Unit
- HQ 1st Canadian Line of Communications Terminals
- No. 1 Special Wireless Sections
- No. 2 Special Wireless Sections
- No. 3 Special Wireless Sections

#### **CORPS OF ROYAL CANADIAN ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (RCEME)**

- No. 1 Light Aid Detachment (LAD), First Canadian Army Signal Regiment, RCEME
- No. 88 LAD, 25th Cdn Armoured Delivery Regiment (Elgin Regiment), RCEME
- No. 10 LAD, First Cdn Army Field Park, RCEME

- 3rd Line Workshops
  - 1x General Workshop
  - 3x Infantry Troops Workshops
  - 2x Armoured Troops Workshops
  - 2x Tank Troops Workshops
  - 1x Engineer Equipment Workshop
  - 1x Engineer Servicing Unit

#### **CANADIAN ARMoured CORPS (CAC)**

- HQ and "F" Sqn, 25th Cdn Armoured Delivery Regiment (Elgin Regiment)

#### **CANADIAN INFANTRY CORPS (CIC)**

- First Canadian Army Defence Battalion (The Royal Montreal Regiment)

#### **ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS (RCASC)**

- No. 1 Cdn Movement Control Unit
- No. 1 Army HQ Car Unit
- No. 35 Army Troops Composite Company
- No. 36 Army Troops Composite Company
- No. 41 Army Transport Company
- No. 45 Army Transport Company
- No. 47 Army Transport Company
- No. 63 Army Transport Company
- No. 64 Army Transport Company
- No. 1 Motor Ambulance Company
- No. 2 Motor Ambulance Company
- No. 1 Canadian Advance Stationery Depot
- No. 1 Mobile Printing Section
- No. 2 Tipper Platoon

#### **ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (RCAMC)**

- No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 Field Transfusion Units
- No. 3, 9, 10, 11, and 16 Field Dressing Stations
- No. 14 Field Hygiene Section
- No. 6 Casualty Clearing Station
- No. 4 Field Surgical Unit
- No. 1 Mobile Hygiene Laboratory
- No. 1 Advanced Depot Medical Stores

#### **ROYAL CANADIAN ORDNANCE CORPS (RCOC)**

- No. 8 and 9 Mobile Bath and Laundry Units
- No. 1 Cdn Ordnance Maintenance Coy
- No. 1 Cdn Salvage Depot
- No. 4 (Railhead) Salvage Unit
- No. 10 Cdn Salvage Unit
- No. 1 Special Stores Coy
- No. 1 and 2 Mobile Ammunition Repair Units
- No. 1, 3, 4, and 5 Cdn Salvage Collecting Centre
- No. 3 Cdn Corps and Army Troops Sub Park
- No. 1 Special Vehicle Coy
- No. 4 and 5 Forward Ammunition Maintenance Coys
- No. 2 Forward Maintenance Stores Section
- No. 1 Cdn Demobilization Depot
- No. 2 Cdn Demobilization Centre

#### **CANADIAN DENTAL CORPS (CDC)**

- No. 4 Company
- 2nd Army Dental Stores

#### **CANADIAN POSTAL CORPS (CPC)**

- No. 1 Army Base Post Office

## **CANADIAN INTELLIGENCE CORPS (CIC)**

- No. 1, 2, and 3 Field Press Censor Sections
- No. 4 Special Field Press Censor Section
- No. 1 Information Control Unit
- No. 1 Cdn Army Intelligence Pool
- No. 1 Cdn Army Interrogation Pool
- No. 1 Cdn Modelling Team
- No. 1 Army Intelligence Officer's Pool
- No. 1 Cdn Interpreters Pool
- Cdn Army Refugee Interrogation Team
- First Cdn Army Photographic Processing Unit
- First Cdn Army Photographic Interpretation Section
- No. 1 Cdn Special Wireless Intelligence Section
- No. 2 and 3 Cdn Wireless Intelligence Sections

### Miscellaneous

- 6x Detachments of the Cdn Army Show

## **CORPS**



### **I CANADIAN CORPS**

Various units were assigned as corps troops at various times, these included:

- Headquarters I Canadian Corps
- 1st Armoured Car Regiment (Royal Canadian Dragoons)
- 1st Corps Defence Platoon (Lorne Scots)
- I Canadian Corps Signals RCCS
  
- 7th Anti-Tank Regiment, RCA
- 1st Survey Regiment, RCA
- 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, RCA
  
- Headquarters, I Canadian Corps Troops, RCE
  - 9th Field Company, RCE
  - 12th Field Company, RCE
  - 13th Field Company, RCE
  - 14th Field Company, RCE
  
- Headquarters, I Canadian Corps Troops, RCASC
  - 31st Corps Troops Composite Company, RCASC
  - 32nd Corps Troops Composite Company, RCASC
  
- Headquarters, I Canadian Corps Transport Column, RCASC
  - 44 General Transport Company, RCASC
  
- 1 Mobile Ambulance Convoy, RCASC
  - 1 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Platoon, RCASC
  - 7 Anti-Tank Regiment Platoon, RCASC
  
- Headquarters, I Canadian Corps Ordnance Field Park, RCOOC
  - 1 Corps and Army Troops Sub-park, RCOOC
  - 3 Mobile Laundry and Bath Unit, RCOOC
  
- Headquarters, RCEME I Canadian Corps Troops
  - I Canadian Corps Troops Workshop, RCEME
  
- 8 Field Dressing Station, RCAMC
- 5 Field Hygiene Section, RCAMC
- 4 Casualty Clearing Station, RCAMC
- 5 Casualty Clearing Station, RCAMC
  
- 9 Field Cash Office, RCAPC

- 3 Provost Company, CProC
- 1st Canadian Corps Postal Unit, CPC
- 11 Field Security Section, CIC
- I Corps Reinforcement Camp



## II CANADIAN CORPS

Various units were assigned as corps troops at various times, these included:

- Headquarters 2nd Canadian Corps
- 18th Armoured Car Regiment (12th Manitoba Dragoons)
- 2 Corps Defence Platoon (Prince Edward Island Light Horse)
- 2nd Canadian Corps Signals, RCCS
- 660 Air Observation Post Squadron, RCA
- 6th Anti-Tank Regiment, RCA
- 2nd Survey Regiment, RCA
- 6th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, RCA
- Headquarters, 2nd Canadian Corps Troops, RCE
  - 8th Field Company, RCE
  - 29th Field Company, RCE
  - 30th Field Company, RCE
  - 31st Field Company, RCE
- Headquarters, 2nd Canadian Corps Troops, RCASC
  - 33rd Corps Troops Composite Company, RCASC
  - 34th Corps Troops Composite Company, RCASC
- Headquarters, 2nd Canadian Corps Transport Column, RCASC
  - 46 General Transport Company, RCASC
- Ambulance Convoy, RCASC
- 6 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Platoon, RCASC
- 6 Anti-Tank Regiment Platoon, RCASC
- Headquarters, 2nd Canadian Corps Ordnance Field Park, RCOC
  - 2nd Canadian Corp Troops and Army Troops Sub-park, RCOC
- 8 Mobile Laundry and Bath Unit, RCOC
- Headquarters, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers 2nd Canadian Corps Troops
  - 2nd Canadian Corps Troops Workshop, RCEME
- 6 Field Dressing Station, RCAMC
- 8 Field Hygiene Section, RCAMC
- 2 Casualty Clearing Station, RCAMC
- 3 Casualty Clearing Station, RCAMC
- 10 Field Cash Office, RCAPC
- 13 Provost Company, CProC
- 2nd Canadian Corps Postal Unit, CPC
- 15 Field Security Section, CIC
- II Corps Reinforcement Camp

## DIVISIONS

### 1st CANADIAN INFANTRY DIVISION

#### HQ and Signals

4 Reconnaissance Regiment (4 Princess Louise Dragoon Guards)  
Saskatoon Light Infantry (Machine Gun)

1 Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (RCHA)  
2 Field Regiment RCA  
3 Field Regiment RCA  
1 Anti Tank Regiment RCA  
2 LAA Regiment RCA

1 Field Company RCE  
3 Field Company RCE  
4 Field Company RCE  
2 Field Park Company RCE  
1 Bridging Platoon RCE

- 1 Canadian Infantry Brigade
  - Royal Canadian Regiment
  - Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment
  - 48th Highlanders of Canada
  - 1st Cdn Infantry Brigade Ground Defence Platoon (Lorne Scots)
- 2 Canadian Infantry Brigade
  - Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
  - Seaforth Highlanders of Canada
  - Loyal Edmonton Regiment
  - 2nd Cdn Infantry Brigade Ground Defence Platoon (Lorne Scots)
- 3 Canadian Infantry Brigade
  - Royal 22e Regiment
  - Carleton and York Regiment
  - West Nova Scotia Regiment
  - 3rd Cdn Infantry Brigade Ground Defence Platoon (Lorne Scots)

4 Field Ambulance RCAMC  
5 Field Ambulance RCAMC  
9 Field Ambulance RCAMC  
1 Field Dressing Station RCAMC  
2 Field Dressing Station RCAMC  
2 Field Hygiene Section RCAMC

1 Provost Company (Royal Canadian Mounted Police)

### 2nd CANADIAN INFANTRY DIVISION

#### HQ and Signals

8 Canadian Reconnaissance Regiment (14 Canadian Hussars)  
Toronto Scottish Regiment (Machine Gun)

4 Field Regiment RCA  
5 Field Regiment RCA  
6 Field Regiment RCA  
2 Anti Tank Regiment RCA  
3 LAA Regiment RCA

2 Field Regiment RCE  
7 Field Regiment RCE  
11 Field Regiment RCE  
1 Field Park Company RCE

#### **4 Canadian Infantry Brigade**

Royal Regiment of Canada  
Royal Hamilton Light Infantry  
Essex Scottish Regiment

#### **5 Canadian Infantry Brigade**

Black Watch of Canada  
Le Regiment de Maisonneuve  
Calgary Highlanders

#### **6 Canadian Infantry Brigade**

Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal  
South Saskatchewan Regiment  
Queens Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada

10 Field Ambulance RCAMC  
11 Field Ambulance RCAMC  
18 Field Ambulance RCAMC  
4 Field Dressing Station RCAMC  
21 Field Dressing Station RCAMC  
13 Field Hygiene Section

### **3rd CANADIAN INFANTRY DIVISION**

#### **HQ and Signals**

7 Canadian Reconnaissance Regiment (17 Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars)  
Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa (Machine Gun)

12 Field Regiment RCA  
13 Field Regiment RCA  
14 Field Regiment RCA  
3 Anti Tank Regiment RCA  
4 LAA Regiment RCA

6 Field Company RCE  
16 Field Company RCE  
18 Field Company RCE  
Field Park Company RCE

#### **7 Canadian Infantry Brigade**

Royal Winnipeg Rifles  
Regina Rifle Regiment  
Canadian Scottish

#### **8 Canadian Infantry Brigade**

Queens Own Rifles of Canada  
Le Regiment de la Chaudiere  
North Shore Regiment

#### **9 Canadian Infantry Brigade**

Highland Light Infantry of Canada  
North Nova Scotia Highlanders  
Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders

14 Field Ambulance RCAMC  
22 Field Ambulance RCAMC  
23 Field Ambulance RCAMC  
5 Field Dressing Station RCAMC  
7 Field Dressing Station RCAMC  
7 Field Hygiene Section RCAMC



## **4th CANADIAN ARMOURED DIVISION**

### **HQ and Signals**

29th Reconnaissance Regiment (South Alberta Regiment)  
10th Independent Machine Gun Company (New Brunswick Rangers)

5th Field Regiment RCA  
23rd Field Regiment RCA  
5th Anti Tank Regiment RCA  
8th LAA Regiment RCA

8 Field Squadron RCE  
9 Field Squadron RCE  
6 Field Park Squadron RCE  
4 Bridging Platoon RCE

### **4th Canadian Armoured Brigade**

21 Armoured Regiment (Governor Generals Foot Guards)  
22 Armoured Regiment (Canadian Grenadier Guards)  
28 Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment)  
Lake Superior Regiment (Motor)

### **10th Canadian Infantry Brigade**

Lincoln and Welland Regiment  
Algonquin Regiment  
Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada

12 Field Ambulance RCAMC  
15 Field Ambulance RCAMC  
12 Field Dressing Station RCAMC  
12 Field Hygiene Section RCAMC



## **5th CANADIAN ARMOURED DIVISION**

### **HQ and Signals**

3 Armoured Regiment (Governor Generals Horse Guards)  
11 Independent Machine Gun Company (Princess Louise's Fusiliers)

8 Field Regiment RCA  
17 Field Regiment RCA  
4 Anti Tank Regiment RCA  
5 LAA Regiment RCA

1 Field Squadron RCE  
10 Field Squadron RCE  
64 Field Park Squadron RCE  
5 Bridging Platoon

### **5 Canadian Armoured Brigade**

2 Armoured Regiment (Lord Strathcona's Horse)  
5 Armoured Regiment (Princess Louise's Hussars)  
9 Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Dragoons)  
Lake Superior Regiment (Motor)

### **11 Canadian Infantry Brigade**

Perth Regiment  
Cape Breton Highlanders  
Irish Regiment of Canada

### **12 Canadian Infantry Brigade**

Westminster Regiment  
Lanark and Renfrew Scottish  
Princess Louise's Dragoon Guards



7 Field Ambulance RCAMC  
24 Field Ambulance RCAMC  
13 Field Dressing Station RCAMC  
11 Field Hygiene Section RCAMC

#### **INDEPENDENT ARMoured BRIGADES**



##### **1st CANADIAN ARMoured BRIGADE**

11 Armoured Regiment (Ontario Regiment)  
12 Armoured Regiment (Three Rivers Regiment)  
14 Armoured Regiment (Calgary Regiment)

17 Field Ambulance RCAMC



##### **2nd CANADIAN ARMoured BRIGADE**

6 Armoured Regiment (1 Hussars)  
10 Armoured Regiment (Fort Garry Horse)  
27 Armoured Regiment (Sherbrooke Fusiliers)

2 Light Field Ambulance RCAMC

## HOME ARMY





The home defence divisions (6th, 7th and 8th) were never completed with the full range of arms and services, being created to fit into an existing static organization. They thus drew their support from the Commands (Atlantic/Pacific) and Military Districts. In particular, artillery support was expected from the existing fortifications and permanent installations, therefore the divisions never mobilized to the full war establishment strength. The 6th and 8th Divisions in Pacific Command were between 1100 and 1200 men short of full establishment on 17 April 1943. The majority of men (about 75%) in these two divisions came from conscripted soldiers serving under the National Resources Mobilization Act, and about half the men on garrison duty were conscripts. General Service troops (those who either enlisted to serve overseas, or were conscripted but volunteered for overseas service) were funnelled towards the overseas forces, though age (both too young and too old) and medical category made many of the G.S. men in Canada ineligible to go overseas.



**PACIFIC COMMAND** (as on 24 April 1943) was a formation similar to a corps in principle

Only major units of the Canadian Armoured Corps, Royal Canadian Artillery and Infantry, plus some divisional units, are shown below.

	<b>PACIFIC COMMAND</b>	Headquarters: Vancouver, B.C
	<b>VANCOUVER DEFENCES</b> Royal Rifles of Canada Canadian Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) 15th (Vancouver) Coast Regiment RCA 28th Anti-Aircraft Regiment RCA	Vancouver, B.C
	<b>19th INFANTRY BRIGADE</b> Winnipeg Light Infantry Prince Albert Volunteers 3rd Bn. Irish Fusiliers (Vancouver Regiment) 26th Field Company RCE No. 25 Field Ambulance RCAMC	Vernon, B.C.
	<b>6th CANADIAN DIVISION</b> Divisional Troops 9th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment RCA 22nd Field Company RCE 6th Divisional Signals RCCS 6th Divisional Ammunition Company RCASC 6th Divisional Petrol Company RCASC	Esquimalt, B.C
	<b>13th INFANTRY BRIGADE</b> Brockville Rifles 1st Bn. Edmonton Fusiliers 2nd Bn. Canadian Scottish Regiment	Port Alberni, B.C
	<b>18th INFANTRY BRIGADE</b> Saint John Fusiliers (M.G.) Rocky Mountain Rangers 1st Bn. Irish Fusiliers (Vancouver Regiment) Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury Regiment 24th Field Regiment RCA 25th Field Company RCE No. 3 Field Ambulance RCAMC	Nanaimo, B.C.
	<b>VICTORIA AND ESQUIMALT FORTRESS</b> 3rd Bn. Regina Rifle Regiment Le Régiment de Hull 31st (Alberta) Reconnaissance Regiment CAC 5th (B.C.) Coast Regiment RCA 27th Anti-Aircraft Regiment RCA 21st Field Regiment RCA	Esquimalt, B.C

	<b>8th CANADIAN DIVISION</b> Divisional Troops 8th Divisional Signals RCCS No. 29 General Transport Company RCASC	Prince George, B.C.
	<b>14th INFANTRY BRIGADE</b> Kent Regiment King's Own Rifles of Canada (Two companies with Prince Rupert Defences) 22nd Field Regiment RCA (One battery with Prince Rupert Defences) 21st Field Company RCE No. 1 Field Ambulance RCAMC	Terrace, B.C.
	<b>16th INFANTRY BRIGADE</b> Oxford Rifles Prince of Wales Rangers (Peterborough Regiment) 3rd Bn. Edmonton Fusiliers 24th Field Company RCE	Prince George, B.C.
	<b>PRINCE RUPERT DEFENCES</b> Midland Regiment (Northumberland and Durham) Winnipeg Grenadiers 17th (North British Columbia) Coast Regiment RCA 34th Anti-Aircraft Battery RCA (at Annette Island, Alaska)	Prince Rupert, B.C.



**ATLANTIC COMMAND** was a formation similar to a corps in principle

Atlantic Command reached a peak strength on 17 April 1943, with 24,784 troops of all ranks on strength. Operational strength consisted mainly of the 7th Canadian Division, headquartered at Debert, NS, with the 15th and 20th Infantry Brigade Groups under command. The 17th Infantry Brigade Group was stationed at Sussex, NB. The 7th Division was a pure mobile reserve, and the General Officer Commanding the Division had no fortresses under his command. Atlantic Command had 18 infantry battalions in all (including two preparing to depart for overseas), with ten of those (9 rifle battalions and a machine gun battalion) under direct command of the 7th Division. Of the remainder, 3 were in garrisons, fortresses or other defended areas, and 5 were in Newfoundland and Labrador. Eventually an Airfield Defence Battalion was organized from Le Régiment de Chateauguay (Mit) as part of Atlantic Command also.

Atlantic Command could also count on the 21st Infantry Brigade Group as a mobile reserve; this formation had been formed as part of the 8th Canadian Division and stationed at Valcartier, PQ (outside of Atlantic Command's boundaries and under the command of the District Officer Commanding Military District No. 5), with a strength on 17 April 1943 of 3,668 all ranks.

## HOME DEFENCE DIVISIONS



### 6th Canadian Infantry Division (as of Nov 1944)

- Headquarters, 6th Division
- Machine Gun Battalion - The Canadian Fusiliers (MG)
- **14th Infantry Brigade Group**
  - Winnipeg Light Infantry
  - Les Fusiliers de Sherbrooke
  - Oxford Rifles
  - No. 14 Defence Platoon
- **15th Infantry Brigade Group**
  - Prince Albert Volunteers
  - Les Fusiliers du St. Laurent
  - Prince Edward Island Highlanders
  - No. 15 Defence Platoon
- **16th Infantry Brigade Group**
  - Midland Regiment
  - Royal Rifles of Canada

- Prince of Wales' Own Rangers
- No. 16 Defence Platoon

Units of the supporting arms included:

- **Canadian Armoured Corps:**
  - 31st (Alberta) Reconnaissance Regiment
- **Royal Canadian Artillery:**
  - Headquarters, Sixth Divisional Artillery, RCA
  - 20th Field Regiment
  - 24th Field Regiment
  - 25th Field Regiment
  - 22nd Heavy AA Battery (Mobile)
  - 25th Light AA Battery
  - 46th Light AA Battery
  - 48th Light AA Battery
- **Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers:**
  - 15th Field Company, RCE
  - 24th Field Company, RCE
  - 25th Field Company, RCE



**7th Canadian Infantry Division** (as of May 1942, disbanded Oct 1943)

- **Headquarters, 7th Division**
  - 7th Division Intelligence Section
  - No. 7 Field Security Section
  - No. 7 Defence and Employment Platoon
- Machine Gun Battalion - Le Régiment de Chateauguay (Mit)
- **16th Infantry Brigade**
  - Prince of Wales' Own Rangers
  - Oxford Rifles
  - Winnipeg Light Infantry
  - No. 16 Defence Platoon
- **17th Infantry Brigade**
  - Victoria Rifles of Canada
  - 2nd Battalion, Black Watch (RHR) of Canada
  - Dufferin and Haldimand Rifles of Canada
  - No. 17 Defence Platoon
- **18th Infantry Brigade**
  - Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury Regiment
  - Rocky Mountain Rangers
  - 1st Battalion, Irish Fusiliers of Canada (Vancouver Regiment)
  - No. 18 Defence Platoon

Units of the supporting arms included:

- **Canadian Armoured Corps:**
  - 30th Reconnaissance Battalion (The Essex Regiment)
- **Royal Canadian Artillery:**
  - Headquarters, Seventh Divisional Artillery, RCA
  - 22nd Field Regiment
    - 3rd Field Battery
    - 6th Field Battery
    - 80th Field Battery
  - 23rd Field Regiment
    - 31st Field Battery
    - 36th Field Battery
    - 83rd Field Battery

- 24th Field Regiment
  - 49th Field Battery
  - 84th Field Battery
  - 85th Field Battery
- 10th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment
  - 6th Light AA Battery
  - 7th Light AA Battery
  - 8th Light AA Battery
  - 9th Light AA Battery
- 8th Anti-Tank Regiment
  - 10th AT Battery
  - 11th AT Battery
  - 12th AT Battery
  - 13th AT Battery
- **Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers:**
  - Headquarters 7th Divisional Engineers, RCE
    - 5th Field Park Company, RCE
    - 15th Field Company, RCE
    - 23th Field Company, RCE
    - 27th Field Company, RCE
- **Royal Canadian Corps of Signals:**
  - Headquarters 7th Divisional Signals RCCS



## **8th Canadian Infantry Division** (as of Jun 1942, disbanded 15 October 1943)

- **Headquarters, 8th Division**
  - 8th Division Intelligence Section
  - No. 8 Field Security Section
  - No. 8 Defence and Employment Platoon
- Machine Gun Battalion - The Princess of Wales Own Regiment (MG)
- **19th Infantry Brigade**
  - 3rd Battalion, Irish Fusiliers of Canada
  - Winnipeg Light Infantry
  - Prince Albert Volunteers
  - No. 19 Defence Platoon
- **20th Infantry Brigade**
  - 3rd Battalion, The Queen's Own Rifles
  - 3rd Battalion, The Royal Winnipeg Rifles
  - 2nd/10th Dragoons
  - No. 20 Defence Platoon
- **21st Infantry Brigade**
  - 3rd Battalion, Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal
  - 3rd Battalion, Le Regiment de Maisonneuve
  - Le Regiment de Levis
  - No. 21 Defence Platoon
- **Royal Canadian Artillery:**
  - Headquarters, Eighth Divisional Artillery, RCA
  - 25th Field Regiment RCA
    - 114th Field Battery
    - 115th Field Battery
    - 116th Field Battery
  - 26th Field Regiment RCA
    - 117th Field Battery
    - 118th Field Battery

- 119th Field Battery
- 27th Field Regiment RCA
  - 120th Field Battery
  - 121st Field Battery
  - 122nd Field Battery
- **Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers:**
  - Headquarters 8th Divisional Engineers, RCE
    - 21st Field Company, RCE
    - 24th Field Company, RCE
- **Royal Canadian Corps of Signals:**
  - Headquarters 8th Divisional Signals RCCS
- **Canadian Provost Corps:**
  - Provost Company

On 1 October 1942, 14th and 16th Brigades came under command of the 8th Division, followed by the Prince Rupert Defences on the 9th of the month.

In November 1942, 19th Field Regiment departed for overseas and was replaced by 22nd Field Regiment.

Headquarters 8th Division, and Headquarters 16th Brigade, became situated at Prince George, BC, with the 14th Brigade at Terrace, BC, along with 22nd Field Regiment (less one battery detached to the Prince Rupert Defences).

The Division operated an armoured train between Terrace and Prince Rupert, manning the train with both infantry and artillerymen.

In June 1943, the remainder of 22nd Field Regiment was detached to the Prince Rupert Defences, and the entire regiment then returned to the Division on 24 July 1943. Five days later, two batteries of 22nd Field, along with the 16th Infantry Brigade, moved to the 6th Division. The artillery batteries later returned to the 8th Division in October.

In September 1943, the 18th Brigade Group came under command of the Prince Rupert Defences, and the Division consisted of 14th and 18th Brigade Groups until disbandment of the Division on 15 October 1943. Various units disbanding at that time included the Headquarters of 19th, 20th and 21st Infantry Brigades, No. 8 Field Security Section, No. 8 Defence and Employment Platoon, Headquarters Divisional Artillery, Divisional Engineers, Divisional RCASC, No. 19, 20 and 21 Defence Platoons, and the 22nd, 27th and 28th Field Regiments.

The 25th Field Regiment returned to 6th Division.

## **Canadian Army Pacific Force**

The Canadian Army Pacific Force was raised in 1945 as a field force intended to participate in the last phase of The War Against Japan, an anticipated Allied invasion of the Japanese home islands in the last phase of the Second World War. The CAPF was based on an infantry division structure, however, to increase operability with the Americans, certain units bore US organizational structures and names. As well, Canadian units went into training with US weapons to ease logistical concerns. Total CAPF establishment: 1080 Officers and 17,819 Other Ranks. 30,000 Officers and Other Ranks were committed to the Force, to allow for theater overhead and initial replacements.

Major General Bert Hoffmeister was named to command the division, and the three Infantry Regiments (the equivalent of a Canadian brigade) had battalions bearing the name of those infantry battalions that had fought with the 1st Canadian Infantry Division in Europe.

When the atomic bombings brought the war to a swift close in Aug and Sep 1945, the CAPF was disbanded.

Composition of the Canadian Army Pacific Force as at 11 July 1945



## **6th Canadian Infantry Division**

- Headquarters, 6th Canadian Infantry Division
- Headquarters, Special Troops, 6th Canadian Infantry Division
- Headquarters Company, 6th Canadian Infantry Division
- 6th Canadian Order of Battle Team
- No. 6 Canadian Photo Interpreter Team

## **Canadian Armoured Corps**

- 6th Canadian Infantry Division Reconnaissance Troop (The Royal Montreal Regiment), CAC

## **Royal Canadian Artillery**

### **Headquarters, 6th Canadian Division Artillery**

- Headquarters Battery

### **1st Canadian Field Artillery Battalion, RCA**

- Headquarters Battery
- A Battery
- B Battery
- C Battery

### **2nd Canadian Field Artillery Battalion, RCA**

- Headquarters Battery
- A Battery
- B Battery
- C Battery

### **3rd Canadian Field Artillery Battalion, RCA**

- Headquarters Battery
- A Battery
- B Battery
- C Battery

### **4th Canadian Field Artillery Battalion, RCA**

- Headquarters Battery
- A Battery
- B Battery
- C Battery
  
- Anti-Tank Company, RCA, 1st Canadian Infantry Regiment
- Anti-Tank Company, RCA, 2nd Canadian Infantry Regiment
- Anti-Tank Company, RCA, 3rd Canadian Infantry Regiment
  
- Cannon Company, RCA 1st Canadian Infantry Regiment (Saskatoon Light Infantry (MG))
- Cannon Company, RCA 2nd Canadian Infantry Regiment (Saskatoon Light Infantry (MG))
- Cannon Company, RCA 3rd Canadian Infantry Regiment (Saskatoon Light Infantry (MG))

## **Royal Canadian Engineers**

### **6th Canadian Engineer Combat Battalion, RCE**

- Headquarters and Service Company
- A Company
- B Company
- C Company

## **Royal Canadian Corps of Signals**

- 6th Canadian Signal Company, RCCS

## **Canadian Infantry Corps**

### **1st Canadian Infantry Regiment**

- Headquarters Company, 1st Canadian Infantry Regiment
- 1st Canadian Infantry Battalion (Royal Canadian Regiment)
- 2nd Canadian Infantry Battalion (Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment)
- 3rd Canadian Infantry Battalion (48th Highlanders of Canada)

### **2nd Canadian Infantry Regiment**

- Headquarters Company, 2nd Canadian Infantry Regiment
- 1st Canadian Infantry Battalion (Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry)
- 2nd Canadian Infantry Battalion (Seaforth Highlanders of Canada)
- 3rd Canadian Infantry Battalion (Loyal Edmonton Regiment)

### **3rd Canadian Infantry Regiment**

- Headquarters Company, 3rd Canadian Infantry Regiment
- 1st Canadian Infantry Battalion (Royal 22e Regiment)
- 2nd Canadian Infantry Battalion (Carleton and York Regiment)
- 3rd Canadian Infantry Battalion (West Nova Scotia Regiment)

## **Royal Canadian Army Service Corps**

### **6th Canadian Quartermaster Company, RCASC**

- Service Battery, RCASC, 1st Canadian Field Artillery Battalion, RCA
- Service Battery, RCASC, 2nd Canadian Field Artillery Battalion, RCA
- Service Battery, RCASC, 3rd Canadian Field Artillery Battalion, RCA
- Service Battery, RCASC, 4th Canadian Field Artillery Battalion, RCA
- Service Company, RCASC, 1st Canadian Infantry Regiment
- Service Company, RCASC, 2nd Canadian Infantry Regiment
- Service Company, RCASC, 3rd Canadian Infantry Regiment

## **Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps**

### **6th Canadian Medical Battalion, RCAMC (Including 1x Chaplain)**

- Headquarters
- A Company
- B Company
- C Company
- D Company
  
- Medical Detachment, RCAMC, 6th Canadian Infantry Division (Including 1x Chaplain)
- Medical Detachment, RCAMC, 6th Canadian Division Artillery (Including 2x Chaplain)
- Medical Detachment, RCAMC, 6th Canadian Engineer Combat Battalion
- Medical Detachment, RCAMC, 1st Canadian Infantry Regiment (Including 3x Chaplain)
- Medical Detachment, RCAMC, 2nd Canadian Infantry Regiment (Including 3x Chaplain)
- Medical Detachment, RCAMC, 3rd Canadian Infantry Regiment (Including 3x Chaplain)

## **Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers**

- 6th Canadian Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, RCEME

## **Canadian Provost Corps**

- 6th Canadian Military Police Platoon, CProC

## **Miscellaneous**

- No. 34 Canadian Military Band
- No. 35 Canadian Military Band

### **Corps & Army Troops**

- Canadian Liaison Increment Corps
- Canadian Liaison Increment U.S. Second Army
- Canadian Liaison Increment Army (A.R.C.O.)



### **Canadian Armoured Corps**

- 22nd Canadian Tank Battalion (Canadian Grenadier Guards), CAC
  - Headquarters and Headquarters Company
  - Light Tank Company
  - Three x Medium Tank Companies
  - Service Company, RCASC, 22nd Canadian Tank Battalion
  - Medical Detachment, RCAMC, 22nd Canadian Tank Battalion

### **No. 28 Canadian Evacuation Hospital, RCAMC**

### **Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps**

- No. 1 Canadian Laundry Unit, RCOC

### **Miscellaneous**

- No. 6 Canadian Graves Registration Platoon
- No. 1 Canadian Special Service Platoon
- No. 2 Canadian Special Service Platoon
  
- Base Units
  - Headquarters Units
    - 2nd Echelon Canadian Army Pacific Force
  
  - Canadian Liaison Increment - USArmy QM Depots

### **Royal Canadian Engineers**

- 1st Canadian Engineer Service Platoon (Utilities), RCE

### **Royal Canadian Corps of Signals**

- No. 1 Canadian Signal Detachment, RCCS

### **Canadian Postal Corps**

- No. 1 Canadian Postal Unit (Serial J), CPC

### **Canadian Provost Corps**

- No. 1 Canadian Police Section, CProC

### **Miscellaneous**

- No. 1 Canadian Machine Records Unit (Type X)
- No. 6 Canadian Public Relations Group
- No. 1 Canadian Concert Party
- No. 2 Canadian Concert Party
- No. 1 Canadian Replacement Depot
- No. 1 Canadian Replacement Battalion
- No. 2 Canadian Replacement Battalion
- No. 3 Canadian Replacement Battalion
- No. 4 Canadian Replacement Battalion
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- No. 18 Canadian Replacement Company
- No. 19 Canadian Replacement Company
- No. 20 Canadian Replacement Company
- No. 3 Canadian Special Service Platoon
- No. 4 Canadian Special Service Platoon