

## Nigeria Area (1)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Brigade (2)

Headquarters, 3<sup>rd</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Brigade and Signal Section

7<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Nigeria Regiment

9<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Nigeria Regiment

12<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Nigeria Regiment

3<sup>rd</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Brigade Company (3)

3<sup>rd</sup> (West Africa) Light Battery, West African Artillery, R.W.A.F.F.

7<sup>th</sup> (West Africa) Field Company, West African Engineers, R.W.A.F.F.

3<sup>rd</sup> (West Africa) Field Ambulance

1<sup>st</sup> (West Africa) Auxiliary Group, The Nigeria Regiment

3<sup>rd</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Brigade Provost Section

### 4<sup>th</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 4<sup>th</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Brigade and Signal Section

5<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Nigeria Regiment

6<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Nigeria Regiment

10<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Nigeria Regiment

4<sup>th</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Brigade Company

4<sup>th</sup> (West Africa) Light Battery, West African Artillery, R.W.A.F.F.

4<sup>th</sup> (West Africa) Field Company, West African Engineers, R.W.A.F.F.

3<sup>rd</sup> (West Africa) Field Ambulance

2<sup>nd</sup> (West Africa) Auxiliary Group, The Nigeria Regiment

4<sup>th</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Brigade Provost Section

Unbrigaded Units

8<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Nigeria Regiment

13<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Nigeria Regiment

## NOTES:

1. The Nigeria Area was formed in September 1940 with the appointment of Major General E. B. B. HAWKINS. It continued to function as an Area until the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1943 when the area headquarters formed the divisional headquarters of the 81<sup>st</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Division. When the division left Nigeria in July 1943, it appears an Area headquarters was reformed.
2. This brigade was formed in Nigeria on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1940 under command of Brigadier H. U. RICHARDS. It comprised three war raised battalions of the Nigeria Regiment. In May 1941 it was expanded to become a brigade group with the addition of newly raised supporting units. The brigade was under command of the Nigeria Area from formation until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1943, when it came under command of the newly formed 81<sup>st</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Division which was concentrating in Nigeria in anticipation of deployment to the Far East. It left Nigeria by sea on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1943 bound for India. It later saw active service in Burma with Special Force in 1944, only returning to the command of the 81<sup>st</sup> Division in March 1945.
3. This unit were formed as the reconnaissance units for the brigade group. It was redesignated as a squadron on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1942, and was incorporated into the 81<sup>st</sup> (West Africa) Reconnaissance Regiment on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1943.
4. This brigade was formed in Nigeria on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 1941 under command of Brigadier C. W. G. GRIMLEY. It comprised three war raised units of the Nigeria Regiment and was formed as a brigade group. It came under command of the Nigeria Area from its formation until the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1943, when it came under command of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Division which was then forming in Nigeria. It left Nigeria by sea bound for India on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 1944. The brigade fought in the Arakan with the division in late 1944 and into 1945. It remained to garrison Burma before returning to Nigeria in mid-1946.

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