

Italian Region Military Organizations

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Regional Organizations

Army Commands are represented in peace time by the Army Generals designated to command armies in time of war (Generali designate d'Armata). These commanders are responsible under the Minister of War and the Chief of the Army Staff for all administration preparation for war in the areas allotted to them. In time of war, they may be given effective command of an army. The rank of Army General Designate continues to exist in time of war.

Army Corps Areas were responsible in peace time for all troops. Services, headquarters, and other military establishments within the Corps Area. The headquarters of the Corps were stationed within definite areas which were also designated Territorial Defense Commands (*Comando di Difesa Teritoriale*). There were 16 of them at the outbreak of the war, as follows:

I Torino	VII Firenze	XIII Cagliari
II Alessandria	VIII Roma	XIV Treviso
III Milano	IX Bari	XV Genova
IV Bolzano	X Napoli	XVI (unknown)
V Trieste	XI Udine	
VI Bologna	XII Palermo	

They are numbered concurrently within the Corps whose headquarters and components they contained in peace time. There were in addition corps headquarters for the four independent corps – Armored at Mantova, Alpine at Trento, Cavalry (Celere) at Padova, and semi-motorized at Cremona – which were in effect staffs to control the training and organization of the specialized units. They did not have a corresponding territorial Defense Command.

Since the Commander of the Corps Area would on mobilization depart with his corps to join the Field Army, his main concern was the training and equipment of the corps in preparation for war. All administrative matters were assigned to a deputy, normally a Reserve Officer unsuited for active field service but qualified by seniority and experience for the post. Each Territorial Defense Command thus became responsible in time of war for the continued provision of trained manpower and administrative services for the corps which had originally come for that area and for those subsequently

organized in it. In addition, due to the particularly exposed situation of the Italian peninsula, each was made responsible for local anti-aircraft, coastal, anti-gas, railroad, and other defenses. These Corps Areas were originally divided into varying number of Military Zones, of which there were twenty-eight in all, corresponding to the number of divisions in the conscript army. These in turn subdivided into Military Districts (*Distretti Militari*).

Italian Military Districts (Distretti Militari)

Italy was divided into 106 Military Districts, plus one at Rhodes, four in Libya, six in Italian East Africa, and detached section at Leghorn, Zara, and Tolmezzo. Each district was organized into the following sections:

- a. Headquarters handling administration of troops and reserves within the district; serving as mobilization center and garrison headquarters in time of war
- b. Recruiting section
- c. Registration section
- d. Mobilization section
- e. Reserve forces section
- f. Finance and Quartermaster section
- g. Headquarters Service Unit

Headquarters of the Military Districts were located at the following cities:

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| 1. Alessandria | 21. Reggio di Calabria | 41. Torino |
| 2. Piacenza | 22. Como | 42. Bergamo |
| 3. Bari | 23. Milano | 43. Brescia |
| 4. Foggia | 24. Novara | 44. Cremona |
| 5. Lecce | 25. Benevento | 45. Verona |
| 6. Bologna | 26. Caserta | 46. Campobasso |
| 7. Parma | 27. Napoli | 47. Modena |
| 8. Ravenna | 28. Treviso | 48. L'Aquila |
| 9. Chieti | 29. Padova | 49. Arezzo |
| 10. Teramo | 30. Sacile | 50. Avellino |
| 11. Firenze | 31. Caltanissetta | 51. Venezia |
| 12. Siena | 32. Trapani | 52. Macerata |
| 13. Livorno | 33. Palermo | 53. Pesaro |
| 14. Lucca | 34. Ancona | 54. Pavia |
| 15. Cagliari | 35. Perugia | 55. Ferrara |
| 16. Genova | 36. Roma | 56. Forlì |
| 17. Sassari | 37. Cosenza | 57. Reggio Emilia |
| 18. Catania | 38. Potenza | 58. Ascoli Piceno |
| 19. Catanzaro | 39. Salerno | 59. Siracusa |
| 20. Messina | 40. Cuneo | 60. Girgenti |

61. Mantova
62. Vicenza
63. Rovigo
64. Gaeta
65. Lodi
66. Barletta
67. Ivrea
68. Lecco
69. Orvieto
70. Pinerolo
71. Savona
72. Spoleto
73. Varese
74. Voghera
75. Vercelli
76. Monza

77. Belluno
78. Taranto
79. Mondovì
80. Nola
81. Campania
82. Castrovilla
83. Massa
84. Pistoia
85. Frosinone
86. Casale Monferrato
87. Cefalù
88. Sulmona
89. Sondrio
90. Treviglio
91. Bassano
92. Trento

93. Bolzano
94. Trieste
95. Gorizia
96. Udine
97. Pola
98. San Remo
99. La Spezia
100. Viterbo
101. Grosseto
102. Pisa
103. Aversa
104. Acireale
105. Noto
106. Oristano