

**Organization of British Tank Brigades
Structure and Brigade Elemental Assignments by Regiment
1939-1945**

Part 1 - Internal Organization

Army Tank Brigade - No. I October 1939

HQ Army Tank Brigade, with
 Approximately 4 Tanks
3 Tank Battalions, each with
 1 HQ Army Tank Battalion, with
 2 Infantry Tanks
 4 Light Tanks
 3 Tank Companies, each with
 1 Company HQ, with
 1 Infantry Tank
 1 Light Tank
 5 Tank Sections, each with
 3 Infantry Tanks

Total tanks in battalion, 50 infantry tanks and 7 light tanks, 29 officers and 484 enlisted.

Army Tank Brigade - No. II April 1941

HQ Army Tank Brigade, with
 4 Cruiser Tanks
3 Tank Battalions, each with
 1 HQ Army Tank Battalion, with
 4 Infantry Tanks
 1 HQ Squadron
 3 Squadrons, each with
 1 Squadron HQ, with
 1 Infantry Tank
 2 Close Support Infantry Tanks
 5 Tank Troops, each with
 3 Infantry Tanks

Total in battalion, 58 infantry tanks, 35 officers and 547 enlisted.

Tank Brigade - No. III August 1942

HQ Tank Brigade, with
 4 Cruiser Tanks
3 Tank Battalions, each with
 1 HQ Army Tank Battalion, with
 4 Infantry Tanks
 8 AA Tanks
 1 HQ Squadron
 3 Squadrons, each with
 1 Squadron HQ, with

- 1 Infantry Tank
- 2 Close Support Infantry Tanks
- 5 Tank Troops, each with
- 3 Infantry Tanks

Total in battalion, 52 infantry tanks, 6 Close Support Infantry Tanks, 8 AA Tanks, 37 officers and 588 enlisted.

Tank Brigade - No. IV November 1943

- HQ Tank Brigade, with
 - 4 Cruiser Tanks
 - 2 AA Tanks
 - 3 Bridge Laying Tanks
- 3 Tank Battalions, each with, each with
 - 1 HQ Army Tank Battalion, with
 - 4 Infantry Tanks
 - 2 OP Tanks
 - 1 HQ Squadron, with
 - 11 Light Tanks
 - 6 AA Tanks
 - 3 Squadrons, each with
 - 1 Squadron HQ, with
 - 1 Infantry Tank
 - 2 Close Support Infantry Tanks
 - 5 Tank Troops, each with
 - 3 Infantry Tanks

Total in battalion, 52 infantry tanks, 11 Light Tanks, 6 Close Support Infantry Tanks, 6 AA Tanks, 2 OP Tanks, 38 officers and 670 enlisted.

Part II - Elemental Assignments in Specific Brigades

1st Army Tank Brigade

- 9/39 - A regular Army Tank Brigade in the UK.
- 4/23/44 - Redesignated 1st Tank Brigade.
- 10/44 - During October the brigade was dismembered to provide reinforcements for other formations. On 18 November the brigade HQ was placed in suspended animation.

Assigned Units

4th Royal Tanks	9/3/39-9/18/39
	4/30/40-12/10/40
7th Royal Tanks	9/3/39-12/10/40
8th Royal Tanks	9/3/39-4/28/40
	6/24/40-7/23/41
	9/1/41-6/3/42
44th Royal Tanks	7/10/42-9/30/42
	12/10/40-6/26/41
	7/27/41-6/3/42
	6/2/42-5/10/43
49th Royal Tanks	12/10/40-4/20/41
	4/30/44-10/25/44
42nd Royal Tanks	4/21/41-7/23/41
	11/11/41-12/11/41

43rd Royal Tanks	11/9/40-4/26/41
12th Royal Tanks	4/26/41-6/10/45
145th Royal Armored Car Regiment	11/15/41-12/4/44
North Irish Horse	12/4/44- 6/10/45

22nd Tank Brigade

Not formed.

23rd Army Tank Brigade

9/3/39 - Second line Territorial army tank brigade embodied in the UK.
 11/1/40 - Redesignated as 23rd Armored Brigade and reorganized.

Assigned Units

40th Royal Tanks	9/3/39-10/31/40
46th Royal Tanks	9/3/39-10/31/40
50th Royal Tanks	9/3/39-10/31/40

24th Army Tank Brigade

9/3/39 - Second line Territorial army tank brigade embodied in the UK.
 11/1/40 - Redesignated as 24th Armored Brigade and reorganized.

Assigned Units

41st Royal Tanks	9/3/39-10/31/40
45th Royal Tanks	9/3/39-10/31/40
47th Royal Tanks	9/3/39-10/31/40

25th Army Tank Brigade

9/3/39 - Second line Territorial army tank brigade embodied in the UK.
 5/28/40 - Redesignated and reorganized as 2nd Motor Machine Gun Brigade.
 12/10/40- Reverted to 25th Army Tank Brigade and reorganized.
 6/1/42 - Redesignated as 25th Tank Brigade.
 1/5/45 - Brigade HQ redesignated as HQ 25th Armored Assault Brigade, Royal Engineers.

Assigned Units

43rd Royal Tanks	9/3/39-5/28/40
	4/27/41-10/17/41
49th Royal Tanks	9/3/39-5/28/40
	4/27/41-2/28/42
51st Royal Tanks	9/3/39-5/28/40
	12/10/40-1/4/45
11th Royal Tanks	12/10/40-4/26/41
	2/29/42-8/5/42
12th Royal Tanks	12/10/40-4/26/41
142nd Royal Armored Cars	11/9/41-12/18/44
151st Royal Armored Cars	8/5/42-9/2/42
North Ireland Horse	9/3/42-12/3/44

26th to 30th Tank Brigades

Not formed.

31st Army Tank Brigade

1/15/41 - Formed in the UK.
5/42 - Redesignated 31st Tank Brigade.
2/2/45 - Redesignated as 31st Armored Brigade (Type "B").

Units Assigned

9th Royal Tanks	1/15/41-8/31/44
10th Royal Tanks	1/15/41-2/21/43
141st Royal Armored Car Regiment	11/8/41-6/21/44
	9/4/44-2/1/45
7th Royal Tanks	2/22/43-8/17/44
144th Royal Armored Car Regiment	8/23/44-8/31/44
1st Fife and Fofar Yeomanry	11/2/44-2/1/45
11th Royal Tanks	11/2/44-12/22/44
49th Armored Personnel Carrier Regiment	12/22/44-2/1/45
1st Canadian Armored Personnel Carrier Regiment	12/22/44-2/1/45

32nd Army Tank Brigade

9/15/41 - Brigade HQ formed in Egypt.
6/22/42 - Brigade captured in Tobruk by the Germans and never reformed.

Assigned Units

1st Royal Tanks	9/18/41-2/21/42
4th Royal Tanks	9/18/41-6/21/42
7th Royal Tanks	9/18/41-2/21/42
	4/10/42-6/21/42

33rd Army Tank Brigade

9/30/41 - HQ formed in UK.
6/42 - Redesignated as 33rd Tank Brigade.
3/17/44 - Redesignated as 33rd Armored Brigade.

Assigned Units

43rd Royal Tanks	10/18/41-8/5/43
144th Royal Armored Car Regiment	11/22/41-3/16/44
148th Royal Armored Car Regiment	11/22/41-10/8/43
	2/17/44-3/16/44
1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry	9/21/43-3/16/44
1st East Riding Yeomanry	10/8/43-2/17/44

34th Army Tank Brigade

12/1/41 - HQ formed by conversion and redesignation of HQ 226th Independent Infantry Brigade (Home).
6/42 - Redesignated as 34th Tank Brigade.
2/2/45 - Redesignated as 34th Armored Brigade.

Assigned Units

North Ireland Horse	12/1/41-9/3/42
147th Royal Armored Car Regiment	12/1/41-2/1/45
153rd Royal Armored Car Regiment	12/1/41-8/24/44
151st Royal Armored Car Regiment	9/3/41-12/30/43
107th Royal Armored Car Regiment	12/30/43-2/1/45
9th Royal Tanks	9/4/44-2/1/45

35th Army Tank Brigade

12/1/41 - HQ formed by conversion and redesignation of HQ 225th Independent Infantry Brigade (Home).
8/12/42 - Redesignated as 35th Tank Brigade.

Assigned Units

151st Royal Armored Car Regiment	1/1/42-8/4/42
152nd Royal Armored Car Regiment	1/1/42-7/13/45
155th Royal Armored Car Regiment	1/1/42-7/13/45
49th Royal Tanks	8/16/42-4/30/44
43rd Royal Tanks	7/13/44-5/30/45
8th Kings Royal Rifle Corps	9/17/44-7/13/45

Other Assigned Units

Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry	3/27/45
Warwick Yeomanry	3/27/45
1st Royal Gloucestershire Hussars	6/16/45-
Yorkshire Hussars	6/16/45-

36th Army Tank Brigade

12/1/41 - HQ formed by conversion and redesignation of HQ 205th Independent Infantry Brigade (Home).
8/12/42 - Redesignated 36th Tank Brigade.
7/13/43 - Brigade HQ disbanded in UK.

Assigned Units

154th Royal Armored Car Regiment	1/1/42-7/3/43
156th Royal Armored Car Regiment	1/10/42-7/3/43
157th Royal Armored Car Regiment	1/17/42-7/3/43

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