

**Organization of British Armored Divisions
Structure and Divisional Elemental Assignments
By Division
1939-1945**

Part One: The following section provides the internal structure of the British armored division and how it changed each time its structure was changed.

Note: The support units, such as supply and transport, medical, etc. as well as the equipment are only indicated in the years they changed and should be assumed to be identical the listing immediately prior to the reorganization being reviewed.

May 1939 - Organization No. I

- Armored Division Headquarters Company, with
 - 3 Light Cruiser Tanks
 - 5 Heavy Cruiser Tanks
- Light Armored Brigade
 - Headquarters Company, with
 - 6 Light Cruiser Tanks
 - 4 Heavy Cruiser Tanks
 - 3 Light Armored Regiments, each with
 - 36 Light Tanks
 - 22 Light Cruiser Tanks
- Heavy Armored Brigade
 - Headquarters Company, with
 - 6 Light Cruiser Tanks
 - 4 Heavy Cruiser Tanks
 - 3 Heavy Armored Regiments or Battalions RTR, each with
 - 26 Light Cruiser Tanks
 - 8 Close Support Cruiser Tanks
 - 15 Heavy Cruiser Tanks
 - 3 Light Aid Detachment
- Special Group
 - Headquarters Company
 - Royal Horse Artillery Regiment
 - Light AA, Anti-Tank Regiment
 - Light Aid Detachment
 - 2 Motorized Battalions
 - Royal Engineer Field Squadron
 - Royal Engineer Field Park Troop
- Signals
 - Divisional Signals Detachment
 - Light Aide Detachment
- Supply & Transport
 - Light Armored Brigade Company
 - Heavy Armored Brigade Company
 - Special Group Company
 - Armored Division Troops Company
- Medical
 - 2 Armored Division Field Ambulances
 - Armored Division Field Hygiene Section
- Ordnance
 - Armored Division Workshop

Other

Armored Division Provost Company
Armored Divisional Postal Unit
Equipment

Bicycles	5
Motorcycles	
Solo	621
Sidecar	18
Cars, misc.	106
Scout Cars	93
Carriers, misc.	88
Trucks	
8 cwt	98
15 cwt	560
Vans, 12cwt	11
Lorries	
1 ton	21
30 cwt	242
3 ton	391
Armored Cmd Vehicles	7
Ambulances	24
Dragons	24
Tractors, misc.	57
2pdr anti-tank	24
40mm AA	24
Tanks	
Light	110
Light Cruiser	159
Heavy Cruiser	58
Close Support	24
Pistols	4,713
Rifles	4,420
Anti-tank rifles .55	359
Light MG's	448
Besa 7.92mm MG's	672
2" mortars	169
25pdr guns	16
2pdr guns	319
3" howitzers	24
40mm AA guns	24

April 1940 - Organization No. II

Armored Division Headquarters Company
Armored Division Employment Platoon
Armored Division Section Intelligence Corps
Field Security Section
 3 Light Cruiser Tanks
 5 Heavy Cruiser Tanks
2 Armored Brigades
 Headquarters Company, with
 6 Light Cruiser Tanks
 4 Heavy Cruiser Tanks
 3 Armored Regiments, each with
 52 Cruiser Tanks
 3 Light Aid Detachments

Special Group Headquarters
 Royal Horse Artillery Regiment
 1 Light Aid Detachment
 Light AA, Anti-Tank Regiment
 1 Light Aid Detachment
 2 Motorized Battalions
 2 Light Aid Detachment

Divisional Royal Engineers
 Headquarters Company
 Royal Engineer Field Squadron
 Royal Engineer Field Park Troop

Signals
 Armored Division Signals
 1 Light Aid Detachment

Supply & Transport
 Armored Brigade Company
 Special Group Company
 Armored Division Troops Company

Medical
 2 Armored Division Field Ambulances
 Armored Division Field Hygiene Section

Ordnance
 Armored Division Workshop
 Military Laundry Decontamination Unit

Other
 Armored Division Provost Company
 Armored Divisional Postal Unit
 Mobile Bath Company

Equipment

Bicycles	1
Motorcycles	
Solo	631
Sidecar	18
Cars, misc.	162
Scout Cars	125
Carriers, misc.	88
Trucks	
8 cwt	86
15 cwt	507
Vans, 12cwt	9
Lorries	
1 ton	21
30 cwt	330
3 ton	450
Armored Cmd Vehicles	7
Ambulances	28
Dragons	24
Tractors, misc	57
2pdr anti-tank	24
40mm AA	24
Tanks	
Light	2
Cruiser	304
Close Support	36
Pistols	5,072

Rifles	4,839
Anti-tank rifles .55	254
Light MG's	475
Besa 7.92mm MG's	680
2" mortars	364
25pdr guns	16
2pdr guns	328
3" howitzers	36
40mm AA guns	24

October 1940 - Organization No. III

Armored Division Headquarters Company, with
 Armored Division Employment Platoon
 Armored Division Section Intelligence Corps
 Field Security Section
 3 Light Cruiser Tanks
 5 Heavy Cruiser Tanks
 1 Armored Car Regiment
 2 Armored Brigades
 Headquarters Company, with
 6 Light Cruiser Tanks
 4 Heavy Cruiser Tanks
 3 Armored Regiments, each with
 52 Cruiser Tanks
 3 Light Aide Detachments
 1 Motorized Battalion
 1 Light Aide Detachment
 Special Group
 Headquarters Company
 Royal Horse Artillery Regiment
 Anti-Tank Regiment
 Light AA Regiment
 Infantry Battalion (carried in trucks)
 Divisional Royal Engineers
 Headquarters Company
 2 Royal Engineer Field Squadrons
 Royal Engineer Field Park Troop
 Signals
 Armored Division Signals
 1 Light Aid Detachment
 Supply & Transport
 Armored Brigade Company
 Special Group Company
 Armored Division Troops Company
 Medical
 2 Armored Division Field Ambulances
 Armored Division Field Hygiene Section
 Ordnance
 Armored Division Workshop
 Military Laundry Decontamination Unit
 Other
 Armored Division Provost Company
 Armored Divisional Postal Unit
 Mobile Bath Company

February 1942 - Organization No. IV

Armored Division Headquarters Company, with
 Armored Division Employment Platoon
 Armored Division Section Intelligence Corps
 Field Security Section

1 Armored Car Regiment
 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "A" (armored)

1 Armored Brigade Group
 Headquarters Company, with
 3 Armored Regiments
 3 Light Aid Detachments, Type "C" (armored)
 1 Motorized Battalion
 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B" (armored)
 1 Royal Horse Artillery Regiment, with
 1 Anti-Tank Battery
 1 Light Aid Detachment
 Light AA Battery
 1 Light Aid Detachment
 Royal Engineer Troop Field Squadron

1 Motorized Brigade Group
 3 Motorized Battalions
 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "A" (non-armored)
 Royal Horse Artillery or Field Artillery Regiment, with
 3 25pdr Batteries
 1 Anti-Tank Battery, with
 16 2pdr or 6pdr guns
 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B" (armored)
 Royal Engineer Field Squadron
 (less one troop)
 Administrative Units

Royal Artillery
 1 Field Artillery Regiment
 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B" (armored)

Royal Engineers
 Headquarters Company
 Royal Engineer Field Park Troop
 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B"

Signals
 Armored Division Signals
 1 Light Aid Detachment

Supply & Transport
 Armored Brigade Company
 Infantry Brigade Company
 Armored Division Troops Company

Medical
 1 Light Field Ambulance
 1 Field Ambulance
 1 Field Dressing Station
 Light Field Hygiene Section

Ordnance
 Armored Brigade Ordnance Company
 Infantry Brigade Ordnance Company

Other
 Armored Division Provost Company
 Armored Divisional Postal Unit

Equipment

Bicycles	6
Motorcycles	
Solo	691
Sidecar	65
Cars, misc.	240
Scout Cars	134
Armored Cars	64
Carriers, misc.	151
Trucks	
8 cwt	16
15 cwt	395
Vans, 12 cwt	6
Lorries	
30 cwt	93
3 ton	915
Armored Vehicles	10
Armored Cmd Vehicles	9
Armored OP's	18
Ambulances	24
40mm AA Carriages	36
Tanks	
Cruiser	183
Close Support	18
AA	26
Scissors Bridge	3
Pistols	2,924
Rifles	7,601
Anti-tank rifles .55	348
Machines, Carbine	866
Light MG's, Bren	768
LMG, Twin-Bren	92
Besa 7.92mm MG's	8
2" mortars	60
3" mortars	18
25pdr guns	48
6pdr guns	183
2pdr guns	36
3" howitzers	18
40mm AA guns	36
20mm AA guns	52

May 1942 - Organization No. V

Armored Division Headquarters Company, with
 8 Cruiser Tanks
 2 AA Tanks
1 Armored Car Regiment
Armored Brigade
 Headquarters Company, with
 8 Sherman Tanks
 3 Armored Regiments, each with
 52 Sherman Tanks
 4 AA Tanks
1 Motorized Battalion

Infantry Brigade (motorized or trucked)
 Headquarters Company
 3 Infantry Brigades
Artillery Brigade
 Headquarters Company
 3 Royal Horse or Field Artillery Regiments
 1 Anti-Tank Regiment
 1 AA Regiment
Royal Engineer Group
 Headquarters Company
 2 Royal Engineer Field Squadrons
 1 Royal Engineer Field Park Squadron

April 1943 - Organization No. VI

Armored Division headquarters Company, with
 8 Cruiser Tanks
 2 AA Tanks
1 Armored Reconnaissance Regiment, with
 31 Cruiser Tanks
 12 Close Support Tanks
 8 AA Tanks
1 Armored Brigade
 Brigade Headquarters, with
 10 Cruiser Tanks
 3 Armored Regiments, each with
 55 Cruiser Tanks
 6 Close Support Tanks
 8 AA Tanks
 1 Motorized Battalion
1 Infantry Brigade
 Brigade Headquarters Company
 3 Infantry Battalions
 Infantry Support Group
1 Artillery Brigade
 Brigade Headquarters Company
 1 Royal Horse or Field Artillery Regiment (towed)
 1 Field Artillery Regiment (self-propelled)
 1 Anti-Tank Regiment
 1 AA Regiment
Engineer Group
 Headquarters Company
 2 Royal Engineer Field Squadrons
 1 Royal Engineer Field Park Squadron

March 1944 - Organization No. VII

Armored Division headquarters Company, with
 Armored Division Employment Platoon
 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B" (non-armored)

Armored Division Field Security Section
 8 Cruiser Tanks
 2 AA Tanks
 1 Armored Reconnaissance Regiment (Type B), with
 40 Cruiser Tanks
 6 Close Support Tanks
 30 Light Tanks
 5 AA Tanks
 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "A" (armored)
 1 Armored Brigade
 Brigade Headquarters, with
 10 Cruiser Tanks
 8 OP Tanks
 3 Armored Regiments, each with
 55 Cruiser Tanks
 6 Close Support Tanks
 11 Light Tanks
 6 AA Tanks
 3 Light Aid Detachments, Type "C"
 1 Motorized Battalion
 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B" (armored)
 1 Infantry Brigade
 Brigade Headquarters Company
 3 Infantry Battalions
 3 Light Aid Detachment, Type "A" (non-armored)
 Infantry Support Group
 1 Artillery Brigade
 Brigade Headquarters Company
 1 Royal Horse Artillery Regiment (towed)
 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B" (armored)
 1 Anti-Tank Regiment
 2 Towed Batteries
 2 Self Propelled Batteries
 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "D"
 1 Field Artillery Regiment (self-propelled)
 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "D"
 1 AA Regiment
 1 AA Regiment Workshop. Type "A"
 Engineer Group
 Headquarters Company
 2 Royal Engineer Field Squadrons
 1 Royal Engineer Bridging Troop
 1 Royal Engineer Field Park Squadron
 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B"
 Signals
 Armored Division Signals
 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B"
 Supply & Transport
 Armored Brigade Company
 Infantry Brigade Company
 Armored Division Troops Company
 Armored Division Transport Company
 Medical
 1 Light Field Ambulance
 1 Field Ambulance

1 Field Dressing Station
 Light Field Hygiene Section
 Ordnance
 Armored Brigade Ordnance Company
 Other
 Armored Division Provost Company
 Armored Divisional Postal Unit
 Equipment
 Motorcycles, Solo 853
 Cars, misc. 390
 Scout Cars 87
 Armored Cars 3
 Light Reconnaissance 10
 Carriers, misc. 261
 Trucks, 15 cwt 789
 Lorries, 3 ton 1,309
 Armored Cmd Vehicles 19
 Armored Recovery Veh 14
 Ambulances 36
 Tractors, misc. 130
 Tanks
 Cruiser 246
 AA 27
 Light 63
 OP 27
 Bridge layer 3
 Trailers 219
 Pistols 2,324
 Rifles 6,689
 Sten guns 6,204
 LMG, Bren guns 1,376
 HMG, Vickers Mk I 22
 2" mortars 132
 3" mortars 24
 4.2" mortars 4
 PIATs 302
 25mm Guns 87
 40mm Guns 36
 40mm Guns, Self-Prop. 18
 25pdr guns, Field 24
 25pdr guns, Self-Prop. 24 (Sextons)
 6pdr guns, Anti-tank 30
 17pdr guns, Anti-tank 24
 17pdr guns, M.10 AT 24

May 1945 - Organization No. VIII

Armored Division headquarters Company, with
 7 Cruiser or Infantry Tanks
 2 AA Tanks
 1 Armored Regiment, with
 55 Cruiser Tanks
 6 Close Support Tanks
 11 Light Tanks
 6 AA Tanks

- 1 Armored Brigade
 - Brigade Headquarters, with
 - 7 Cruiser Tanks
 - 8 OP Tanks
 - 2 AA Tanks
 - 3 Armored Regiments, each with
 - 55 Cruiser Tanks
 - 6 Close Support Tanks
 - 11 Light Tanks
 - 6 AA Tanks
 - 1 Motorized Battalion
- 1 Infantry Brigade
 - Brigade Headquarters Company
 - 3 Infantry Battalions
 - Infantry Support Group
- 1 Independent Machine Gun Company
- 1 Artillery Brigade
 - Brigade Headquarters Company
 - 1 Royal Horse Artillery Regiment (towed)
 - 1 Anti-Tank Regiment
 - 1 Field Artillery Regiment (self-propelled)
 - 1 AA Regiment
- Engineer Group
 - Headquarters Company
 - 2 Royal Engineer Field Squadrons
 - 1 Royal Engineer Bridging Troop
 - 1 Royal Engineer Field Park Squadron

Note: The organization number in Roman numerals is cross referenced with each individual divisional to indicate the date that each formation change was effective.

Part Two: Assignment of divisional elements by division and dates of assignment.

Guards Armored Division

Divisional Troops

<u>Royal Armored Car Regiments</u>	<u>Dates Assigned</u>
2nd House Hold Cavalry	9/15/41-2/27/43
2nd Welsh Guards	4/13/43-6/11/45
<u>Royal Engineer Field Squadrons</u>	
14th	8/4/41-6/11-45
15th	8/4/41-2/28/43
615th	3/1/43-6/11/45
<u>Field Park Squadron</u>	
148th	8/4/41-6/11/45
<u>Bridging Troop</u>	
11th	10/1/43-6/11/45
<u>Signals</u>	
Guards Armored Division	6/18/41-6/11/45
<u>Royal Artillery Regiments</u>	
153rd	6/1/42-6/11/45
55th	6/8/42-6/11/45

<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
21st	6/1/42-5/29/45
75th	6/1/45-6/11/45
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
94th	6/1/42-5/29/45
<u>Independent Machine Gun Company</u>	
1st Independent MG Company	3/24/44-6/11/45
<u>Brigades</u>	
5th Guards Armored Brigade	9/15/41-6/11/45
6th Guards Armored Brigade	9/17/41-3/1/43
Guards Special Group	9/16/41-5/31/42
32nd Guards Infantry Brigade	6/1/42-6/11/45

1st Armored Division

<u>Divisional Troops</u>	
<u>Royal Armored Car Regiments</u>	
12th Lancers	11/1/40-5/12/42 9/13/42-4/6/44
Royals	5/12/42-9/13/42
4th Hussars	5/23/44-9/25/44
<u>Royal Artillery Regiments</u>	
2nd	8/24/42-9/26/44
4th	9/21/42-10/25/43
11th	8/24/42-9/26/44
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
76th	9/22/42-3/31/44
60th	4/1/44-9/26/44
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
42nd	9/26/42-10/5/44
<u>Royal Engineer Field Squadrons</u>	
1st	2/1/40-2/4/42 9/2/42-9/29/44
7th	10/23/40-3/19/42 1/10/42-8/20/44
627th	8/21/44-9/29/44
<u>Field Park Squadron</u>	
1st	7/3/40-8/25/44
631st	8/26/44-9/29/44
<u>Field Park Troop</u>	
1st	8/1/40-7/2/40
<u>Bridging Troop</u>	
27th	10/18/43-8/25/44
<u>Signals</u>	
1st Armored Division	9/3/39-12/17/44
<u>Brigades</u>	
2nd Light Armored Brigade	9/3/39-4/13/40
1st Heavy Armored Brigade	9/3/39-4/13/40
2nd Armored Brigade	4/14/40-9/25/44
3rd Armored Brigade	4/14/40-10/4/40
22nd Armored Brigade	10/14/40-11/7/41
1st Special Group	9/3/39-2/11/42
200th Guards Brigade Group	2/12/42-2/5/42
201st Guards Brigade Group	5/21/42-6/14/42
7th Motorized Brigade	9/23/42-7/19/43

10th Lorried Infantry Brigade 7/20/43-2/16/44
 18th Infantry Brigade 5/10/43-2/16/44
 8/17/44-10/28-44

<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>
April 1940	No. II
10/23/40	No. IV
8 /24/42	No. VI
10/25/43	No. VII
5/23/44	No. VIII - no independent MG Co.

2nd Armored Division

Divisional Troops

<u>Royal Armored Car Regiments</u>	
King's Dragoon Guards	2/24/41-5/9/41
<u>Royal Engineer Field Squadrons</u>	
3rd	6/10/40-2/26/41
<u>Field Park Squadron</u>	
142nd	2/7/41-2/26/41
<u>Field Park Troop</u>	
142nd	6/10/40-2/6/41
<u>Signals</u>	
2nd Armored Division	3/4/40-4/8/41
<u>Brigades</u>	
1st Light Armored Brigade	1/19/40-4/13/40
22nd Heavy Armored Brigade	1/15/40-4/13/40
1st Armored Brigade	4/14/40-2/27/41
22nd Armored Brigade	4/14/40-10/12/40
3rd Armored brigade	10/5/40-1/31/41
	3/21/41-4/8/41
2nd Special Group	2/5/40-4/8/41

In January 1941 the division was split up with elements in Cyrenaica and on the lines of communication.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>
When formed	No. I
4/14/40	No. II, but Divisional RE not formed until 6/10/40. Did not change No. III when it left England.

3rd, 4th & 5th Armored Divisions

- Not formed.

6th Armored Division

Divisional Troops

<u>Royal Armored Car Regiments</u>	
1st Derbyshire Yeomanry	22/10/40-8/31/45
<u>Royal Horse Artillery Regiments</u>	
12th	6/1/42-8/31-45
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
152nd	6/15/42-8/31/45
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
72nd	6/1/42-8/31/45
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
51st	6/1/42-11/3/44
<u>Royal Engineer Field Squadrons</u>	
5th	11/19/40-3/6/44
8th	12/15/40-8/31/45
625th	3/7/44-8/31/45
<u>Field Park Squadron</u>	
144th	22/19/40-8/31/45
<u>Bridging Troop</u>	
8th	12/25/43-8/21/45
<u>Signals</u>	
6th Armored Division	9/12/40-8/31-45
<u>Infantry:</u>	
"B" Heavy Special Group	12/19/44-2/11/45
1st Heavy Special Company	2/12/45-8/31/45
<u>Brigades</u>	
26th Armored Brigade	1/16/40-4/23/42
26th Armored Brigade	11/9/40-8/31/45
6th Special Group	11/1/40-5/31/42
38th (Irish) Infantry Brigade	6/9/42-2/16/43
1st Infantry Brigade (Guards)	3/24/43-5/29/44
61st Infantry Brigade	5/29/44-8/31/45

<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Organized	No. III
6/1/42	No. V
7/24/43	No. VII
12/19/44	No. VIII, the Heavy Special Group took the place of the infantry machinegun company.

7th Armored Division

Divisional Troops

<u>Royal Armored Car Regiments</u>	
11th Hussars	4/10/40-11/3/43
8th Hussars	12/16/43-8/31/45
<u>Royal Horse Artillery Regiments</u>	
1st	8/14/42-9/13/42
3rd	8/14/42-8/31/45
4th	8/14/42-9/21/42

5th	12/1/42-8/31/45
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
4th	9/18/42-12/10/42
74th	9/13/42-9/18/42
97th	9/13/42-12/1/42
146th	12/10/42-11/6/43
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
21st	6/21/45-8/31/45
65th	9/13/42-5/29/45
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
15th	8/2/42-8/31/45
<u>Royal Engineer Field Squadrons</u>	
4th	5/17-41-3/14/42
	8/24/42-8/31-45
21st	10/4/42-8/13/45
621st	8/14/43-8/12/45
<u>Field Park Squadron</u>	
143rd	5/17/41-8/31-45
<u>Bridging Troop</u>	
7th	12/643-8/31/45
<u>Signals</u>	
7th Armored Division	9/3/39-8/31/45
<u>Independent Machine Gun Company</u>	
3rd	2/1/44-/31/45
<u>Brigades</u>	
Light Armored Brigade (Egypt)	9/3/39-2/15/40
Heavy Armored Brigade (Egypt)	9/3/39-2/15/40
4th Heavy Armored Brigade	2/16/40-4/13/40
4th Armored Brigade	4/14/40-7/29/41
	2/4/42-6/25/42
	1/4/42-6/25/42
7th Light Armored Brigade	2/16/40-4/13/40
7th Armored Brigade	4/14/40-5/18/40
1st Army Tank Brigade	7/2/40-4/30/41
	7/29/41-11/9/41
22nd Armored Brigade	1/4/42-2/8/42
	7/26/42-8/31/45
7th Special Group	1/22/40-4/12/41
	6/6/41-1/4/42
	1/19/42-2/8/42
7th Motorized Brigade	2/9/42-6/26/42
	7/5/42-9/11/42
131st Lorried Infantry Brigade	11/1/42-3/3/44
131st Infantry Brigade	3/4/44-8/31/45

<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>
4/14/40	No. II, plus an Armored Cavalry Regiment in Division Troops
2/9/42	No. V, HQ Divi8sion RA was formed on 3/27/42, but units not placed under command until August 1942.
8/24/42	No. VI
11/6/43	No. VII

11th	3/16/41-3/1/43
611th	3/1/43-7/24/44
<u>Field Park Troop</u>	
146th	3/16/41-7/25/44
<u>Bridging Troop</u>	
9th	10/1/43-7/25/44
<u>Signals</u>	
9th Armored Division	12/1/40-7/30/44
<u>Brigades</u>	
27th Armored Brigade	12/4/40-6/11/42
28th Armored Brigade	12/4/40-7/9/44
9th Special Group	12/4/40-6/11/42
7th Infantry Brigade	6/12/42-7/31/44

<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>
12/1/40	No. III
6/12/42	No. V

Notes: The 27th Armored Brigade ceased to form an integral part of the division on 6/12/42, but remained attached until 8/10/42. The 7th Infantry Brigade came under command on 6/5/42 and became part of the divisional organization on 6/12/42.

10th Armored Division

Divisional Troops

Royal Armored Car Regiments

1st Household Cavalry Regiment	10/9/41-3/13/42
	1/14/43-11/5/43
2nd Derbyshire Yeomanry	8/21/42-9/10/42
Royals	9/22/42-10/31/42
7th Hussars	11/5/43-4/25/44

Royal Horse Artillery Regiments

1st	9/13/42-5/27/43
	11/13/43-4/25/44
14th	6/3/43-11/8/43
104th	9/27/42-5/3/44

Field Artillery Regiments

98th	9/19/42-12/29/42
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Anti-Tank Regiments

84th	9/13/42-5/20/44
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Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

53rd	9/2/42-11/2/42
101st	10/11/43-4/30/44

Royal Engineer Field Squadrons

2nd	11/21/41-6/10/43
3rd	9/22/42-5/15/44
622nd	6/11/43-5/31/44

Field Park Troop

141st	11/20/41-4/1/44
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Bridging Troop

6th	11/20/43-4/1/44
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Signals

10th Armored Division 8/1/41-6/14/44

Brigades

8th Armored Brigade 8/1/41-2/16/42
3/27/42-6/30/42
7/17/42-11/21/42
9th Armored Brigade 10/9/41-3/25/42
11/14/42-5/27/43
7th Armored Brigade 6/3/43-4/11/44
23rd Armored Brigade 6/1/44-6/14/44
7th Motorized Brigade 9/12/42-9/23-42
133rd Lorried Infantry Brigade 9/29/42-11/25/42
201st Guards Motorized Brigade 1/9/43-2/1/43

Date

Organization

8/1/41 No. II, No support group and only 1
armored brigade until 10/9/41.
8/30/42 No. VI

Note: The 10th Indian Motorized Brigade Group was attached from 3/27/42 to 6/30/42 and the 161st Indian Motorized Brigade Group was attached from 6/30/42-7/11/42.

11th Armored Division

Divisional Troops

Royal Armored Car Regiments

27th Lancers 3/10/41-3/25/43
2nd Northamptonshire Yeomanry 3/25/43-8/17/44
15/19th Hussars 8/17/44-8/31-45

Royal Engineer Field Squadrons

12th 3/16/41-1/1/43
13th 3/16/41-8/31/45
612th 1/1/43-8/31/45

Field Park Troop

147th 3/16/41-8/31-45

Bridging Troop

10th 10/1/43-8/31-45

Signals

11th Armored Division 3/9/41-8/31/45

Royal Horse Artillery Regiments

13th 6/1/42-8/31-45

Field Artillery Regiments

151st 6/1/42-8/31-45

Anti-Tank Regiments

75th 6/1/42-6/2/45
65th 6/2/45-8/31-45

Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

58th 6/1/42-8/31/45

Independent Machine Gun Company

2nd 3/16/44-8/31-45

Brigades

29th Armored Brigade 3/9/41-8/31/45
30th Armored Brigade 3/9/41-4/20/42
11th Special Brigade 3/9/41-5/31/42
159th Infantry Brigade 6/1/42-8/31-45

<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>
March 1941	No. III
June 1942	No. V
July 1943	No. VII
March 1944	No. VIII

12th to 41st Armored Divisions

Not formed.

42nd Armored Division

Divisional Troops

Royal Armored Car Regiments

112th Royal Armored Corps Regiment	11/17/41-2/24/43
1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry	4/18/43-10/16/43

Royal Engineer Field Squadrons

16th	11/3/41-9/17/43
17th	11/3/41-3/1/43
617th	3/1/43-9/17/43

Field Park Troop

149th	11/3/41-9/17/43
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Bridging Troop

149th	11/3/41-9/17/43
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Signals

42nd Armored Division	11/1/41-10/16/43
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Field Artillery Regiments

86th	6/10/42-5/2/43
147th	6/1/42-9/23/42
191st	5/3/43-10/7/43

Anti-Tank Regiments

53rd	6/1/42-10/7/43
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Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

93rd	6/1/42-9/23/43
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Brigades

10th Armored Brigade	11/1/41-5/13/42
11th Armored Brigade	11/1/41-5/13/42
30th Armored Brigade	5/13/42-10/16/43
42nd Special Group	11/1/41-5/31/42
71st Infantry Brigade	6/14/42-10/16/43

<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>
November 1941	No. III
6/1/42	No. V

43rd to 78th Armored Divisions

Not formed

79th Armored Division

Divisional Troops - August 1942 to April 1943

Royal Armored Car Regiments

162nd Royal Armored Corps Regiment	9/10/42-1/10/43
2nd Northamptonshire Yeomanry	1/10/43-3/25/43

<u>Royal Engineer Field Squadrons</u>	
18th	9/10/42-3/2/43
19th	9/89/42-3/25/43
<u>Field Park Troop</u>	
508th	9/10/42-2/12/43
<u>Signals</u>	
79th Armored Division	4/7/43-8/31/45
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
142nd	9/11/42-4/20/43
150th	9/16/42-3/27/43
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
55th	9/12/42-4/12/43
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
119th	9/10/42-4/12/43
<u>Brigades</u>	
27th Armored Brigade	9/8/42-4/13/43
185th Infantry Brigade	9/8/42-4/12/43

79th Armored Division (April 1943 to August 1945)

Divisional Troops

<u>Royal Armored Car Regiments</u>	
43rd Royal Tank Regiment	8/6/43-5/14/44
Staffordshire Yeomanry	9/17/44-4/17/45
11th Royal Tanks	10/2/44-11/1/44
1st Fife and Forfar Yeomanry	10/7/44-11/1/44
<u>Royal Engineer GHQ Troops</u>	
5th	4/27/43-6/5/43
6th	4/27/43-6/5/43
<u>Assault Troops</u>	
5th	5/6/43-10/26/43
6th	5/6/43-10/26/43
42nd	9/28/43-10/26/43
<u>Field Park Squadron</u>	
149th	9/19/43-9/28/43
<u>Assault Park Squadron</u>	8/29/43-5/9/44
<u>Brigades</u>	
35th Tank Brigade	4/10/43-4/26/44
27th Armored Brigade	4/14/43-10/8/43
30th Armored Brigade	10/17/43-6/19/45
1st Assault Brigade, RE	11/26/43-5/9/44
	1/17/45-4/22/45
1st Tank Brigade	5/7/44-1/16/45
1st Assault Brigade & Assault Pk Sqn	5/10/44-1/16/45
31st Tank Brigade	9/4/44-2/1/45
33rd Armored Brigade	1/18/45-4/3/45
	4/24/45-8/21/45
31st Armored Brigade	2/2/45-8/28/45
1st Armored Engineer Brigade	4/23/45-6/26/45

<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>
August 1942	No. V
January 1943	No. VII

Note: The role of the division was to carry out the development of all specialized armor, and techniques, and for advising on its use. The armored regiments were equipped with specialized armor on joining the division. Each brigade was equipped with one type of specialized armor on a basic organization and the Brigade HQ commanded and administered its units in the normal way. In battle units were allotted to a formation and a brigade HQ acted as the "parent" to the mixed units while the brigade command was the adviser to the formation concerned. The division was under the direct command of the 21st Army Group, portions being placed in support of armies for a specific operation or series of operations.

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