

**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

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| 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

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| 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 |

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |

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| <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

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| <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

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| <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> |
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| 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

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| <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 |

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| <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

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| <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 |

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| 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 Division 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 |

8th Armored Division

Divisional Troops

Royal Armored Car Regiments

2nd Derby Yeomandry 11/27/40-8/20/42

Royal Horse Artillery Regiments

5th 9/19/42-11/11/42

11th 8/12/42-8/20/42

104th 9/13/42-9/26/42

Field Artillery Regiments

146th 9/19/42-11/6/42

Anti-Tank Regiments

73rd 9/25/42-10/26/42

Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

56th 7/23/42-11/6/42

Royal Engineer Field Squadrons

6th 11/27/40-11/9/42

9th 1/15/41-7/11/42

9/15/42-11/9/42

Field Park Squadron

145th 11/27/40-11/9/42

Signals

8th Armored Division 11/4/40-12/16/42

Brigades

23rd Armored Brigade 22/11/40-7/11/42

24th Armored Brigade 22/11/40-11/6/42

8th Special Group 11/7/40-7/11/42

133rd Lorried Infantry Brigade 9/15/42-9/28/42 (temporarily attached)

Date

Novmeber 1940

7/5/42

Organization

No. III

No. IV

Note: For the six months (7/5/42-12/31/42 this unit operated in Egypt, it never operated as a complete formation.

9th Armored Division

Divisional Troops

Royal Armored Car Regiments

Inns of Court 1/23/41-1/15/43

1st Royal Gloucester Hussars 1/16/43-7/10/44

Royal Horse Artillery Regiments

6th 6/12/42-7/10/44

Field Artillery Regiments

141st 6/16/42-7/10/44

Anti-Tank Regiments

74th 6/12/42-11/6/43

92nd 11/12/43-7/10/44

Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

54th 6/12/42-3/2/44

150th 3/2/44-7/10/44

Royal Engineer Field Squadrons

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 10th | 3/16/41-7/24/44 |
| 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 |
|------|------------------|

Anti-Tank Regiments

| | |
|------|-----------------|
| 84th | 9/13/42-5/20/44 |
|------|-----------------|

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 |
|-------|-----------------|

Bridging Troop

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

Signals

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 10th Armored Division | 8/1/41-6/14/44 |
| <u>Brigades</u> | |
| 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

8/1/41

Organization

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 DivisionDivisional TroopsRoyal 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 |
|-------|-----------------|

Bridging Troop

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

Signals

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 42nd Armored Division | 11/1/41-10/16/43 |
|-----------------------|------------------|

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 |
|------|----------------|

Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

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

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 |

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <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 Ssquadron</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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