

**Organization of British Infantry Divisions  
1939-1945**

Part I Internal Structure of an Infantry Division

1939

Headquarters

- Headquarters Company
- Division Employment Platoon
- Division Section Intelligence Corps

Brigades

- 3 Infantry Brigades, each with
  - 3 Infantry Battalions
- 3 Anti-tank Companies

Royal Armored Cars

- Division Cavalry Regiment

Artillery

- Headquarters Company
- 3 Field Artillery Regiments
- Anti-tank Regiment

Engineers

- Headquarters Company
- Field Park Company
- 3 Field Companies

Signals

- Division Signals Company

Supply and Transportation

- Headquarters Company
- Division Ammunition Company
- Division Petroleum Company
- Division Supply Column

Medical

- 3 Field Ambulances
- Field Hygiene Section

Other

- Division Provost Company
- Divisional Postal Unit
- Mobil Bath Unit

Total - 13,863 men

Pistols	1,486
Rifles	10,222
Rifles, Anti-tank, .55	361
Light Machine Guns	644
Machine Guns, .303	28
Machine Guns, .500	28
2" Mortar	108
3" Mortar	18
18/25pdr Field Guns	72
2pdr Anti-tank Guns	48
25mm Anti-tank Guns	147
Bicycles	330
Motorcycles, solo	670

Cars, Misc.	117
Bren Carriers	90
Scout Carriers	50
Ambulances	24
Trucks, 8 cwt	279
Trucks, 15cwt	531
Vans, 12 cwt	30
Lorries, 1 ton	20
Lorries, 30 cwt	444
Lorries, 3 ton	224
Artillery Tractors	156
Light Tanks	28
Trailers	221

## 1941

### Headquarters

- Headquarters Company
- Division Defense and Employment Platoon
- Division Section Intelligence Corps
- Field Security Section

### Brigades

- 3 Infantry Brigades, each with
  - 1 Infantry Brigade HQ Defense Platoon
  - 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "A"
  - 3 Infantry Battalions

### Artillery

- Headquarters Company
- 3 Field Artillery Regiments
- 3 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B"
- Anti-tank Regiment
- Light Aid Detachment, Type "A"
- Light AA Regiment
- 4 Light AA Battery Workshop Sub-sections

### Engineers

- Headquarters Company
- Field Park Company
- Light Aid Detachment, Type "B"
- 3 Field Companies

### Signals

- Division Signals Company
- Light Aid Detachment, Type "B"

### Infantry

- Machine Gun Battalion
- Light Aid Detachment, Type "B"
- Reconnaissance Battalion
- Light Aid Detachment, Type "B"

### Supply and Transportation

- Headquarters Company
- Division Ammunition Company
- Division Petroleum Company
- Division Supply Column

### Ordnance

- Division Ordnance Workshop
- Division Ordnance Field Park

Medical

3 Field Ambulances  
Field Hygiene Section

Other

Division Provost Company  
Divisional Postal Unit  
Mobil Bath Unit  
Salvage Unit

Total - 17,298 men

Pistols	1,946
Rifles	12,064
Rifles, Anti-tank, .55	444
Machines Carbine	451
Light Machine Guns,	
Bren	768
Twin Bren	51
Machine Guns, Vickers	48
2" Mortar	162
3" Mortar	56
18/25pdr Field Guns	72
2pdr Anti-tank Guns	48
40mm Anti-aircraft guns	48
Bicycles	294
Motorcycles, solo	1,015
Motorcycles, sidecar	49
Cars,	
Armored Reconnaissance	6
Miscellaneous	268
Miscellaneous carriers	256
Ambulances	24
Trucks, 8 cwt	38
Trucks, 15 cwt	954
Vans, 12 cwt	2
Lorries, 30 cwt	88
Lorries, 3 ton	917
Artillery, Miscellaneous	159
2pdr Gun Carriage	48
40mm AA Gun Carriage	48
Trailers	197

1944/5

Headquarters

Headquarters Company  
Division Defense and Employment Platoon  
Division Section Intelligence Corps

Brigades

3 Infantry Brigades, each with  
    1 Infantry Brigade HQ Defense Platoon  
    1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "A" (non-armored)  
    3 Infantry Battalions  
1 Reconnaissance Regiment  
1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "A" (armored)

## Artillery

Headquarters Company  
3 Field Artillery Regiments (towed)  
3 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B" (non-armored)  
Anti-tank Regiment (towed)  
Light Aid Detachment, Type "A" (non-armored)  
Light AA Regiment  
Light Regimental Workshop, Type "A"

## Engineers

Headquarters Company  
Field Park Company  
3 Field Companies  
Division Bridging Platoon  
Light Aid Detachment, Type "B" (non-armored)

## Signals

Division Signals Company  
Light Aid Detachment, Type "B" (non-armored)

## Infantry

Machine Gun Battalion  
Light Aid Detachment, Type "B" (non-armored)

## Supply and Transportation

Headquarters Company  
3 Infantry Brigade Companies  
Division Troops Company

## Ordnance

Infantry Division Ordnance Field Park

## Medical

3 Field Ambulances

## Other

Division Provost Company  
Divisional Postal Unit

Total - 18,347 men

Pistols	1,011
Rifles	11,254
Sten guns	6,525
Light Machine Guns, Bren	1,525
Machine Guns, Vickers Mk I	40
2" Mortar	283
3" Mortar	60
4.2" Mortar	16
PIATs	436
20mm guns	71
40mm Anti-aircraft guns	36
40mm Self Prop AA guns	18
25pdr Field guns	72
6pdr Anti-tank guns	78
17pdr Anti-tank guns	32
Motorcycles, solo	983
Cars,	
Miscellaneous	495
Armored	31
Light Reconnaissance	32
Miscellaneous carriers	595

Ambulances	24
Trucks, 15 cwt	954
Lorries, 3 ton	1,056
Tractors, Misc.	205
Trailers	226

Part II: Divisional Elemental Assignments

**Guards Infantry Division** - Formed 12 June 1945

Divisional Troops

Royal Armored Car Regiments

2nd Household Cavalry Regiment 6/12/45-8/31/45

Royal Engineer Squadrons

14th 6/12/45-8/31/45

615th 6/12/45-8/31/45

Field Park Squadron

148th 6/12/45-8/31/45

Bridging Troop

11th 6/12/45-8/31/45

Signals

Guards Division 6/12/45-8/31/45

Field Artillery Regiments

55th 6/12/45-8/31/45

92nd 6/12/45-8/31/45

153rd 6/12/45-8/31/45

Anti-Tank Regiments

75th 6/12/45-8/31/45

Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

94th 6/12/45-8/31/45

Machine Gun Battalions

1st Independent Machine Gun Company 6/12/45-8/31/45

Northumberland Fusiliers

Brigades

5th Guards Infantry Brigade 6/12/45-8/31/45

6th Guards Infantry Brigade 6/12/45-8/31/45

32nd Guards Infantry Brigade 6/12/45-8/31/45

**1st Infantry Division**

9/39 - Regular Division in the UK.

6/42 - Reorganized as a Mixed Division.

11/42 - Reverted to Infantry Division.

Divisional Troops

Royal Armored Car Regiments

13/18th Hussars 9/3/39-3/31/40

1st Reconnaissance Regiment 1/1/44-8/31/45

Royal Engineer Companies

17th 9/3/39-11/2/39

23rd 9/3/39-8/31/45

26th 9/3/39-2/28/40

148th 11/2/39-8/31/45

238th 2/29/40-8/31/45

Field Park Company

6th 9/3/39-8/31/45

<u>Bridging Platoon</u>	
1st	10/18/43-8/31/45
<u>Signals</u>	
1st Division	9/3/39-8/31/45
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
2nd	9/3/39-8/31/45
19th	9/3/39-8/31/45
24th	9/3/39-1/31/40
67th	1/31/40-8/31/45
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
21st	9/3/39-10/10/41
81st	11/5/41-4/8/45
93rd	4/9/45-8/31/45
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
90th	1/27/42-11/7/44
11th	11/19/44-1/17/45
1st	3/22/45-8/31/45
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
4th Cheshire	11/11/41-10/1/42
2/7th Middlesex	5/28/44-8/31/45
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
1st Reconnaissance Battalion	1/8/41-6/5/42
1st Reconnaissance Regiment	6/6/42-12/31/43
<u>Special Battalions</u>	
2/7th Middlesex	8/17/43-5/27/44
<u>Brigades</u>	
1st (Guards) Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-6/1/41
2nd Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/31/45
3rd Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/31/45
210th Infantry Brigade	11/25/41-1/12/42
38th (Irish) Infantry Brigade	1/13/42-6/7/42
34th Tank Brigade	6/8/42-9/2/42
25th Tank Brigade	9/3/42-11/13/42
24th (Guards) Infantry Brigade	12/6/42-3/7/44
18th Infantry Brigade	3/8/44-8/16/44
86th Infantry Brigade	8/19/44-8/31/45

### **1st London Infantry Division**

- 9/39 - First Line Territorial Army Division organized as a Motor Division.  
6/40 - Reorganized as an Infantry Division.  
11/18/40 - Redesignated as the 56th (London) Division.

### Divisional Troops

#### Royal Armored Car Regiments

44th Reconnaissance Regiment 1/1/44-2/16/44  
6/2/44-8/31/45

#### Royal Engineer Companies

220th 9/3/39-8/31/45  
501st 9/3/39-3/18/43  
10/13/43-8/31/45  
221st 7/3/40-8/31/45  
42nd 7/9/43-1/3/44

#### Field Park Company

223rd 9/3/39-9/30/39

563rd	1/15/40-8/31/45
<u>Signals</u>	
1st London Division	9/3/39-11/17/40
56th Division	11/18/40-8/31/45
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
64th	9/3/39-8/31/45
90th	9/3/39-3/18/43
113rd	7/9/40-8/31/45
65th	4/23/43-8/31/45
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
67th	7/1/40-8/31/45
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
100th	2/3/42-11/9/44
<u>Motorcycle Battalion</u>	
1st Queen Victoria's Rifles	9/3/39-5/21/40
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
1st Kensingtons	11/11/41-5/20/42
6th Cheshire	1/12/43-8/31/45
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
56th Reconnaissance Battalion	1/8/41-6/5/42
56th Reconnaissance Regiment	6/6/42-8/15/42
44th Reconnaissance Regiment	3/8/43-12/31/43
<u>Brigades</u>	
1st London Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-11/18/40
2nd London Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-11/18/40
35th Infantry Brigade	7/8/40-11/27/40
167th (London) Infantry Brigade	11/18/40-4/8/43
168th (London) Infantry Brigade	11/18/40-4/8/43
	10/17/43-9/26/44
169th (London) Infantry Brigade	11/28/40-8/31/45
201st (Guards) Infantry Brigade	7/23/43-10/17/43
43rd Infantry Brigade	9/25/44-10/7/44
24th (Guards) Infantry Brigade	3/10/45-8/31/45

## **2nd Infantry Division**

9/39 - Regular division in the UK.

### Divisional Troops

#### Royal Armored Car Regiments

4/7th Dragoon Guards	9/3/39-5/31/40
2nd Reconnaissance Regiment	1/1/44-8/31/45

#### Royal Engineer Companies

5th	9/3/39-8/31/45
11th	9/3/39-5/4/40
38th	9/3/39-1/29/40
506th	1/29/40-10/31/42
	6/1/43-4/18/45
208th	5/4/40-8/31/45

#### Field Park Company

21st	9/3/39-8/31/45
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#### Signals

2nd Infantry Division	9/3/39-8/31/45
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#### Field Artillery Regiments

10th	9/3/39-4/5/43
	7/6/43-8/31/45

16th	9/3/39-8/31/45
18th	9/3/39-2/1/40
99th	2/1/40-8/31/45
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
13th	9/3/39-7/2/42
100th "Gordons"	3/18/43-11/30/43
	10/1/44-8/31/45
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
89th	1/24/42-3/24/42
60th	4/18/43-7/15/43
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment</u>	
100th "Gordons"	12/1/43-9/30/44
<u>Motorcycle Battalions</u>	
6th Loyals	11/30/40-4/29/41
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
2nd Manchester	11/11/41-8/31/45
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
2nd "Loyals" Rec. Battalion	4/3/41-6/5/42
2nd "Loyals" Rec. Regiment	6/6/42-12/31/43
<u>Brigades</u>	
4th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-7/25/44
	9/20/44-8/31/45
5th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/31/45
6th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-10/31/42
	6/1/43-4/18/45

## **2nd London Infantry Division**

- 9/39 - Second line territorial army division organized as a motor division.
- 6/40 - Reorganized as an infantry division.
- 11/21/40- Redesignated as 47th (London) Infantry Division.
- 12/41 - Placed on lower establishment.
- 8 & 9/44- Began dispersing on 8/15 and completed by 8/31.  
On 9/1 the division was reformed as the 47th Infantry (Reserve) Division.

## Divisional Troops

### Royal Armored Car Regiments

117th	9/3/39-8/14/44
	11/9/44-8/31/45
128th	9/3/39-7/13/42
114th	7/6/40-11/28/41
75th	2/1/43-4/10/43
187th	4/24/43-6/26/43
5th	6/23/42-7/31/44
168th	6/11/43-11/21/43
173th	9/1/44-12/7/44
171st	5/30/45-8/31/45

### Royal Engineer Companies

62nd	10/7/39-2/14/43
78th	2/14/43-11/8/43
89th	11/9/43-8/6/44

### Medium Artillery Regiment

56th	9/1/44-8/31/45
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<u>Heavy Artillery Regiment:</u>	
171st	2/27/45-5/29/45
<u>Field Park Company</u>	
504th	9/3/39-1/31/42
<u>Signals</u>	
2nd London Division	9/3/39-11/20/40
47th (London) Division	11/21/40-8/14/44
47th Infantry (Res) Division	9/1/44-8/31/45
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
501st	9/3/39-9/7/39
502nd	9/3/39-1/4/43
503rd	9/3/39-11/29/41
222nd	7/16/40-10/2/43
179th	2/8/43-9/22/43
610th	2/5/43-7/30/44
507th	9/24/43-7/30/44
	1/29/45-8/31/45
93rd	4/20/44-7/30/44
250th	9/1/44-8/31/45
649th	1/29/45-8/31/45
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
2nd Queen's Victoria Rifles	9/3/39-6/13/40
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
47th Independent Rec. Company	12/3/41-6/5/42
47th Independent Rec. Squadron	6/6/42-10/27/43
<u>Brigades</u>	
4th London Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-11/20/40
5th London Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-11/20/40
25th Infantry Brigade	6/25/40-8/14/44
140th (London) Infantry Brigade	11/21/41-8/14/44
141st (London) Infantry Brigade	11/21/41-8/14/44
140th Infantry Brigade	9/1/44-8/31/45
220th Infantry Brigade	9/1/44-11/16/44
7th Infantry Brigade	10/1/44-8/31/45
141st Infantry Brigade	11/17/44-8/31/45

### **3rd Infantry Division**

- 9/39 - Regular division.
- 6/42 - Reorganized as a Mixed Division.
- 4/43 - Reorganized as an Infantry Division.

### Divisional Troops

<u>Royal Armored Car Regiments</u>	
15/19th Hussars	9/3/39-3/31/40
3rd Reconnaissance Regiment	1/1/44-8/10/45
<u>Royal Engineer Companies</u>	
246th	9/3/39-8/31/45
248th	9/3/39-11/2/39
253rd	9/3/39-8/31/45
17th	11/2/39-8/31/45
<u>Field Park Company</u>	
15th	9/3/39-8/31/45
<u>Bridging Platoon</u>	
2nd	10/31/43-8/31/45

<u>Signals</u>	
3rd Division	9/3/39-8/31/45
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
7th	9/3/39-8/31/45
23rd	9/3/39-3/5/40
33rd	9/3/39-8/31/45
76th	5/3/40-8/17/45
6th	8/17/45-8/31/45
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
20th	9/3/39-8/31/45
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
92nd	3/24/42-6/10/45
112th	6/10/45-8/31/45
<u>Motorcycle Battalions</u>	
8th Northumberland Fusiliers	11/20/40-4/29/41
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
2nd Middlesex	11/11/41-5/20/42 3/4/44-8/31/45
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
3rd Northumberland Fusiliers Bn	4/30/41-6/5/42
3rd Northumberland Fusiliers Regt	6/6/42-12/31/43
<u>Special Battalions</u>	
2nd Middlesex	10/1/43-3/3/44
<u>Brigades</u>	
7th (Guards) Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-9/15/41
8th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/31/45
9th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/31/45
37th Independent Infantry Brigade	11/27/41-12/7/41
7th Infantry Brigade	12/8/41-6/4/42
33rd Tank Brigade	6/22/42-4/28/43
185th Infantry Brigade	4/10/43-8/31/45

#### **4th Infantry Division**

9/39 - Regular division.  
6/42 - Reorganized as a Mixed Division.  
12/43 - Reorganized as an Infantry Division.

#### Divisional Troops

<u>Royal Armored Car Regiments</u>	
5th Dragoon Guards	9/3/39-3/41/40
4th Reconnaissance Regiment	1/1/44-8/31/45
<u>Royal Engineer Companies</u>	
7th	9/3/39-8/31/45
9th	9/3/39-2/16/40
59th	9/3/39-8/31/45
225th	2/16/40-8/31/45
<u>Field Park Company</u>	
18th	9/3/39-8/31/45
<u>Bridging Platoon</u>	
3rd	10/18/43-8/31/45
<u>Signals</u>	
4th Division	9/3/39-8/31/45
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
17th	9/3/39-2/19/40
22nd	9/3/39-8/31/45

30th	9/3/39-8/31/45
77th	2/19/40-8/31/45
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
14th	1/26/42-6/11/44
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
91st	1/26/42-11/6/44
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
2nd Northumberland Fusiliers	11/11/41-5/20/42 6/7/44-8/31/45
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
4th Battalion	1/1/41-6/5/42
4th Regiment	6/6/42-12/31/43
<u>Special Battalions</u>	
2nd Northumberland Fusiliers	3/10/44-6/6/44
<u>Brigades</u>	
10th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/31/45
11th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-6/5/42
12th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/31/45
21st Tank Brigade	6/6/42-12/12/43
28th Infantry Brigade	12/24/43-8/31/45

### **5th Infantry Division**

- 9/39 - Regular division. The two infantry brigades in the division went to France in early october as independent infantry brigades.
- 12/39 - Divisional HQ crossed to France and on 12/30 the division was reformed.
- 4/42 - 13th & 17th Infnatry Brigades with a portion of the divisional troops were detached to Force 121 for operations in Madagascar. Division not complete until 8/42.

#### Divisional Troops

<u>Royal Armored Car Regiments</u>	
5th Reconnaissance	1/1/44-8/31/45
<u>Royal Engineer Companies</u>	
245th	12/29/39-8/31/45
252nd	12/29/39-8/31/45
506th	12/29/39-1/29/40
38th	1/29/40-4/7/42 6/30/42-8/31/45
<u>Field Park Company</u>	
254th	12/29/39-8/31/45
<u>Bridging Platoon</u>	
18th	3/16/44-8/31/45
<u>Signals</u>	
5th Division	9/3/39-8/31/45
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
9th	12/28/39-4/7/42
91st	12/28/39-4/26/42 7/2/42-8/31/45
92nd	12/28/39-4/30/40 6/6/40-6/28/45
97th Army	5/14/40-5/31/40
156th	8/29/42-8/31/45

<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
52nd	12/28/39-8/31/45
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
18th	2/5/43-8/31/45
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
7th Cheshire	11/11/41-8/31/45
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
3rd Tower Hamlet Rifles	1/15/41-1/29/41
5th Reconnaissance Battalion	2/10/41-6/5/42
5th Reconnaissance Regiment	6/6/42-12/31/43
<u>Brigades</u>	
13th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-9/15/39 12/30/39-4/26/42 7/2/42-8/31/45
15th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-10/4/39 7/3/40-4/16/40
17th Infantry Brigade	12/30/39-3/15/42 6/30/42-8/31/45

### **6th Infantry Division**

- 11/3/39 - Formed in Egypt by redesignation of 7th Division.  
6/17/40 - Divisional HQ redesignated as HQ Western Desert Force. Division ceased to exist.  
2/17/41 - Division reformed in Egypt.  
10/10/41 - Redesignated as 70th Infantry Division.  
10 & 11/43 - Division HQ ceased to function on 10/25/43 and was finally disestablished on 11/24/43.

### Divisional Troops

<u>Royal Armored Car Regiments</u>	
Greys	3/25/40-5/30/40
<u>Royal Engineer Companies</u>	
2nd	2/19/41-4/30/41 6/29/41-2/21/42 6/27/43-10/24/43
12th	5/20/40-6/7/40 3/5/41-4/6/41 7/10/41-4/29/43 6/15/43-10/24/43
54th	3/6/41-4/7/41 8/11/41-10/24/43
<u>Field Park Company</u>	
219th	7/29/41-10/24/43
<u>Signals</u>	
6th Division	3/11/39-6/7/40 3/1/41-10/9/41
70th Division	10/10/41-10/24/43
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
8th	2/28/42-9/30/43
51st	3/1/42-3/4/42 2/8/43-9/29/43
60th	7/20/41-9/30/41 12/31/41-10/21/43
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
56th	4/1/42-7/14/43

Light Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment

69th 8/6/43-9/30/43

Reconnaissance Forces

45th Reconnaissance Battalion 10/21/42-9/16/43

Brigades

22nd Infantry Brigade 11/3/39-3/11/40

6/10/40-6/17/40

16th Infantry Brigade 3/28/40-6/7/40

2/19/41-5/17/41

6/19/41-9/19/41

10/22/41-2/26/42

2/8/43-10/24/43

45th Infantry Brigade 3/29/40-5/30/40

7/10/41-5/11/43

6/27/43-10/24/43

22nd Guards Infantry Brigade 2/17/41-4/6/41

23rd Infantry Brigade 6/29/41-4/22/43

6/15/43-10/24/43

**7th Infantry Division**

8/39 - Regular division in Palestine on internal security duties.

11/3/39 - Reorganized in Egypt as 6th Division.

Cavalry:

Greys

Royal Engineers

56th Field Company

Infantry:

19th Infantry Brigade

2nd West Yorkshire

2nd Highland Light Infantry

**8th Infantry Division**

9/39 - Pre-war regular division in Palestine on internal security duty.

2/28/40 - Divisional HQ disbanded in Palestine.

Royal Engineers

12th Field Company 9/3/39-2/8/40

Brigades:

14th Infantry Brigade 9/3/39-2/8/40

15th Infantry Brigade 9/3/39-2/8/40

**9th (Highland) Infantry Division**

9/39 - A second line Territorial Army Division, duplicate of the 51st Infantry Division, embodied in the UK.

8/7/40 - Redesignated as 51st (Highland) Division.

Divisional Troops

Royal Engineer Companies

274th 9/3/39-8/6/40

275th 9/3/39-8/6/40

276th	9/3/39-8/6/40
<u>Field Park Company</u>	
277th	9/3/39-8/6/40
<u>Signals</u>	
9th Division	9/3/39-7/31/40
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
126th	9/3/39-8/6/40
127th	9/3/39-8/6/40
128th	9/3/39-8/6/40
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
61st	9/3/39-8/6/40
<u>Brigades</u>	
26th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/6/40
27th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/6/40
28th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/6/40

### **10th and 11th Infantry Divisions**

Not formed

### **12th (Eastern) Infantry Division**

9 & 10/39 - Second Line Territorial Army Division, duplicate of  
44th (Home Counties) Infantry Division.

4/40 - Moved to BEF in France for training & labor  
duties, leaving all RA units, most of divisional  
signals and some administrative units in UK.

7/11/40 - Disbanded in UK.

### Divisional Troops

#### Royal Engineer Companies

262nd	10/7/39-7/10/40
263rd	10/7/39-7/10/40
264th	10/7/39-7/10/40

#### Field Park Company

265th	10/7/39-7/10/40
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#### Signals

12th Division	10/7/39-7/10/40
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#### Field Artillery Regiments

113rd	10/7/39-7/8/40
114th	10/7/39-7/5/40
115th	10/7/39-7/2/40

#### Anti-Tank Regiments

67th	10/7/39-7/1/40
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#### Brigades

35th Infantry Brigade	10/7/39-7/2/40
36th Infantry Brigade	10/7/39-7/10/40
37th Infantry Brigade	10/7/39-7/9/40

### **13th & 14th Infantry Divisions**

Not formed.

## **15th (Scottish) Infantry Division**

- 9/39 - A second line Territorial Army Division, duplicate of  
52nd (Lowland) Infantry Division.  
11/41 - Placed on lower establishment.  
3/43 - Raised to higher establishment and reorganized as a  
mixed division.  
9/43 - Reorganized as an infantry division.

### Divisional Troops

#### Royal Armored Car Regiments

16th Reconnaissance 1/1/44-8/31/45

#### Royal Engineer Companies

278th 9/3/39-8/31/45

279th 9/3/39-2/9/40

7/12/40-8/31/45

280th 9/3/39-12/15/42

20th 3/26/43-8/31/45

#### Field Park Company

281st 9/3/39-1/12/42

624th 1/14/43-8/31/45

#### Field Stores

Section 2/12/42-2/1/43

#### Bridging Company

26th 10/1/43-8/31/45

#### Signals

15th Division 9/3/39-8/31/45

#### Field Artillery Regiments

129th 9/3/39-5/9/42

130th 9/3/39-1/4/42

131st 9/3/39-8/31/45

181st 11/7/42-8/31/45

190th 3/29/43-8/31/45

#### Anti-Tank Regiments

64th 9/3/39-3/30/42

97th 8/15/42-12/5/44

102nd 12/5/44-8/31/45

#### Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

119th 5/18/43-8/31/45

#### Machine Gun Battalions

1st Middlesex 3/18/44-8/31/45

#### Reconnaissance Forces

15th Rec. Battalion 1/2/41-12/3/41

15th Independent Rec. Company 12/4/41-6/5/42

15th Independent Rec. Squadron 6/6/42-2/14/43

15th Reconnaissance Regiment 2/15/43-12/1/43

#### Special Battalions

1st Middlesex 10/1/43-3/17/44

#### Brigades

44th Infantry Brigade 9/3/39-8/31/45

45th Infantry Brigade 9/3/39-1/5/42

46th Infantry Brigade 9/3/39-8/31/45

6th Guards Armored Brigade 1/4/43-1/14/43

6th Guards Tank Brigade 1/15/42-9/9/43

227th Infantry Brigade 9/10/43-8/31/45

## 16th & 17th Infantry Divisions

Not formed.

## 18th Infantry Division

9/30/39 - A second line Territorial Army Division, duplicate of the 54th (East Anglia) Infantry Division.

2/15/42 - Captured in Malaya. division was not reformed.

### Divisional Troops

#### Royal Engineer Companies

287th	9/30/39-2/15/42
288h	9/30/39-2/15/42
560h	12/15/39-2/15/42

#### Field Park Company

251st	9/30/39-2/15/42
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#### Signals

18th Division	9/30/39-2/15/42
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#### Field Artillery Regiments

105th	9/30/39-11/11/39
135th	9/30/39-2/15/42
148th	9/30/39-2/15/42
118th	6/30/40-2/15/42

#### Infantry:

5th Loyals	1/13/41-4/25/41
18th Loyals Reconnaissance Bn	4/25/41-2/15/42

#### Brigades

53rd Infantry Brigade	9/30/39-12/23/41
	1/30/42-2/15/42
54th Infantry Brigade	9/30/39-2/15/42
55th Infantry Brigade	9/30/39-2/15/42

## 19th to 22nd Infantry Divisions

Not formed.

## 23rd Infantry Division

10/2/39 - A second line Territorial Army Division, duplicate of the 50th (Northumberland) Division.

4/40 - Moved to BEF in France for training & labor duties, leaving all RA units, most of divisional signals and some administrative units in UK.

6/30/40 - Disbanded in UK.

### Divisional Troops

#### Royal Engineer Companies

233rd	10/2/39-6/29/40
507th	10/2/39-6/29/40

#### Field Park Company

508th	10/2/39-6/29/40
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#### Signals

23rd Division	10/2/39-6/29/40
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#### Field Artillery Regiments

124th	10/2/39-6/29/40
125th	10/2/39-6/29/40



"A" <sup>1</sup>	5/17/40-5/31/40
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
9th Northumberland Fusilier <sup>2</sup>	10/2/39-6/29/40
<u>Motorcycle Battalion</u>	
8th Northumberland Fusilier	10/2/39-6/29/40
<u>Brigades</u>	
69th Infantry Brigade	10/2/39-6/29/40
70th Infantry Brigade	10/2/39-6/29/40

### **24th to 35th Infantry Divisions**

Not formed.

### **36th Infantry Division**

9/1/44 - Formed by the redesignation of the 36th Indian Division in Burma.

### Divisional Troops

#### Royal Engineer Companies

236th	9/1/44-8/31/45
2nd	6/22/45-8/31/45
54th	6/22/45-8/31/45

#### Field Park Company

219th	6/22/45-8/31/45
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#### Indian Engineers

30th	9/1/44-6/21//45
58th	11/15/44-6/21//45

#### Indian Field Park Company

234th	9/1/44-8/31/45
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#### Signals

36th Division	9/1/44-8/31/45
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#### Field Artillery Regiments

130th Assault	9/1/44-6/13/45
179th Assault	9/1/44-7/5/45
145th	6/22/45-7/13/45
158th	7/8/45-8/31/45
8th	7/20/45-8/31/45

#### Light Battery:

455th	9/1/44-11/7/44
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#### Anti-Tank Regiments

122nd	9/1/44-9/14/44
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#### Light Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment

122nd	9/1/44-9/14/44
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#### Mountain Artillery

12th Mountain Artillery Battery	12/3/44-2/5/45
28th Mountain Artillery Battery	12/3/44-2/5/45
32nd Mountain Artillery Regiment	2/6/45-8/31/45

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<sup>1</sup> This regiment was formed in France by Royal Artillery Details headquarters groups.

<sup>2</sup> Under command for labor duties and training, although not a divisional unit.

### Other Forces

2nd Leicesters Defense Battalion	5/20/45-8/31/45
"D" Coy 2nd Manchester Machine Gun Bn	9/1/44-5/15/45
1/7th Rajput Machine Gun <sup>3</sup>	6/22/45-8/31/45
2nd Border Reconnaissance Battalion <sup>4</sup>	4/10/45-8/31/45

### Brigades

29th Infantry Brigade	9/1/44-8/31/45
74th Infantry Brigade	9/1/44-8/31/45
26th Indian Infantry Brigade	12/14/44-4/5/45
26th Infantry Brigade	4/6/45-8/31/45

### **37th Infantry Division**

Not formed.

### **38th (Welsh) Infantry Division**

9/39 - A second line Territorial Army Infantry Division embodied in the UK, duplicate of the 53rd Welsh Infantry Division.

12/1/41 - Placed on lower establishment.

8/15/44 - Divisional HQ ceased to command formations and units began to disperse.

9/1/44 - Divisional HQ reorganized and redesignated as HQ 38th Infantry (Reserve) Division.

### Divisional Troops

#### Royal Armored Car Regiments

38th	1/1/44-8/14/44
	10/2/44-11/6/44
80th	9/1/44-10/1/44

#### Royal Engineer Companies

283rd	9/18/39-2/2/44
284th	9/18/39-10/6/43
561st	12/30/39-11/24/41
616th	2/18/43-8/14/44
502nd	9/1/44-8/31/45

#### Field Park Company

147th	9/18/39-12/12/41
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#### Field Stores

Section	12/12/41-8/14/44
Platoon	9/1/44-8/31/45

#### Signals

38th Division	9/18/39-8/14/44
38th Infantry (Reserve) Division	9/1/44-8/31/45

#### Field Artillery Regiments

102nd	9/18/39-11/23/41
132nd	9/18/39-7/15/42
146th	9/18/39-5/13/42
183rd	7/4/42-4/7/43

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<sup>3</sup> Full title 1st Battalion, 7th Rajput Regiment.

<sup>4</sup> Not transferred to RAC.

182nd	1/2/43-8/14/44
193rd	5/22/43-10/21/43
195th	9/1/44-8/31/45
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
70th	10/17/39-7/29/44
	9/1/44-8/31/45
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
5th Cheshire	9/1/44-8/31/45
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
38th Independent Rec. Company	1/2/42-6/5/42
38th Independent Rec. Squadron	6/6/42-10/18/43
161st Reconnaissance Regiment	10/24/43-11/12/43
38th Reconnaissance Regiment	11/13/43-12/31/43
<u>Brigades</u>	
113th Infantry Brigade	8/18/39-1/18/44
	9/26/55-8/31/45
114th Infantry Brigade	9/18/39-7/19/44
	9/1/44-8/31/45
115th Infantry Brigade	9/18/39-7/3/44
45th Infantry Brigade	9/1/44-9/25/44

### **39th Infantry Division**

Not formed.

### **40th Infantry division**

11/9/43 - HQ formed in Sicily by redesignation of HQ 43rd Infantry Brigade for deceptive purposes. Units of the brigade were redesignated for deceptive purposes.  
6/17/44 - Division ceased to exist.

### **41st Infantry Division**

Not formed.

### **42nd (East Lancashire) Infantry Division**

9/39 - A first line Territorial Army infantry division. Embodied in the UK.  
11/1/41 - Reorganized and redesignated as the 42nd Armored Division.

### Divisional Troops

#### Royal Engineer Companies

200th	9/3/39-10/18/39
	4/27/40-10/31/41
201st	9/3/39-10/31/41
202nd	9/3/39-4/11/40
205th	5/14/40-10/14/41

#### Field Park Company

203rd	9/3/39-10/31/41
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#### Signals

42nd Division	9/3/39-10/31/41
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#### Field Artillery Regiments

51st	9/3/39-4/10/40
52nd	9/3/39-20/10/41
53rd	9/3/39-20/10/41
111th	7/3/40-10/31/41

147th 10/20/41-10/31/41

Anti-Tank Regiments

56th 9/3/39-10/20/41  
53rd 10/20/41-10/31/41

Brigades

125th Infantry Brigade 9/3/39-10/31/41  
126th Infantry Brigade 9/3/39-10/31/41  
127th Infantry Brigade 9/3/39-10/31/41

**43rd (Wessex) Infantry Division**

9/39 - First line Territorial Division embodied in UK.

6/42 - Reorganized as a Mixed Division.

9/43 - Reorganized as an Infantry Division.

Divisional Troops

Royal Armored Car Regiments

43rd Reconnaissance Regiment 1/1/44-8/31/45

Royal Engineer Companies

204th 9/3/39-8/31/45  
260th 9/3/39-8/31/45  
553rd 1/13/40-8/31/45

Field Park Company

207th 9/3/39-8/31/45

Bridging Platoon

13th 10/1/43-8/31/45

Signals

43rd Division 9/3/39-8/31/45

Field Artillery Regiments

94th 9/3/39-8/31/45  
112th 9/3/39-8/31/45  
141st 9/3/39-6/8/42  
179th 6/9/42-8/31/45

Anti-Tank Regiments

59th 9/3/39-8/31/45

Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

110th 9/3/39-8/31/45

Machine Gun Battalions

1/8th Middlesex 11/1/41-10/1/42  
8th Middlesex 2/28/44-8/31/45

Reconnaissance Forces

48th Reconnaissance Battalion 11/20/41-1/7/42  
43rd Reconnaissance Battalion 1/8/42-6/5/42  
43rd Reconnaissance Regiment 6/6/42-12/31/43

Special Battalions

8th Middlesex 10/1/43-2/28/44

Brigades

128th Infantry Brigade 9/3/39-6/6/42  
129th Infantry Brigade 9/3/39-8/31/45  
130th Infantry Brigade 9/3/39-8/31/45  
25th Tank Brigade 6/1/42-9/2/42  
34th Tank Brigade 9/3/42-9/10/43  
214th Infantry Brigade 9/5/43-8/31/45

#### **44th (Home Counties) Infantry Division**

- 9/39 - A first line Territorial Army Infantry Division.  
1/31/43 - Divisional HQ disbanded in the middle east.

##### Divisional Troops

###### Royal Engineer Companies

208th 9/3/39-5/4/40  
209th 9/3/39-11/26/42  
210th 9/3/39-11/26/42  
11th 5/4/40-11/26/42

###### Field Park Company

211th 9/3/39-11/26/42

###### Signals

44th Division 9/3/39-11/26/42

###### Field Artillery Regiments

57th 9/3/39-11/26/42  
58th 9/3/39-11/26/42  
65th 9/3/39-11/19/42

###### Anti-Tank Regiments

57th 9/3/39-11/23/42

###### Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

99th 2/3/42-3/25/42  
30th 4/4/42-11/23/42

###### Machine Gun Battalions

6th Cheshire 11/11/41-11/24/42

###### Reconnaissance Forces

44th Battalion 1/8/41-6/5/42  
44th Regiment 6/6/42-11/24/42

###### Brigades

131st Infantry Brigade 9/3/39-10/29/42  
132nd Infantry Brigade 9/3/39-11/13/42  
133rd Infantry Brigade 9/3/39-9/8/42

#### **45th Infantry Division**

- 9/39 - Second line Territorial Army Division, duplicate of 43rd Wessex Infantry Division<sup>5</sup>  
12/41 - Placed on lower establishment  
8/44 - On 15 August the division commenced to disperse and by 30 August the divisional HQ ceased to exist.  
9/1/44 - HQ 45th (Holding) Division formed in the UK by personnel of HQ 77th (Holding) Division.  
12/1/44 - Title changed to 45th Division.

##### Divisional Troops

###### Royal Armored Car Regiments

161st 9/13/44-8/31/45

###### Royal Engineer Companies

205th 9/7/39-12/15/43  
9/26/44-7/31/44

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<sup>5</sup> From 9/3/39 to 9/7/39 the units of the division were administered and embodied by the 43rd Infantry Division, when the 45th Infantry Division assumed full control.

259th	9/7/39-12/22/43
	4/25/44-7/31/44
562nd	1/1/40-12/8/41
<u>Field Park Company</u>	
261st	9/7/39-1/6/42
<u>Field Stores:</u>	
Section	1/3/42-6/30/44
<u>Signals</u>	
45th Division	9/7/39-8/30/44
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
55th	9/7/39-6/7/42
96th	9/7/39-6/21/44
142nd	9/7/39-11/27/44
171st	2/11/42-8/30/44
175th	9/1/44-8/31/45
176th	9/1/44-8/31/45
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
69th	9/7/39-2/11/42
90th	2/22/42-11/12/43
88th	1/12/44-8/30/44
<u>Reserve Regiment</u>	
8th Anti-Aircraft	9/1/44-1/3/45
8th	1/4/45-8/31/45
<u>Brigades</u>	
134th Infantry Brigade	9/7/39-8/14/44
	2/1/44-8/31/44
135th Infantry Brigade	9/7/39-8/14/44
	2/1/44-8/31/44
136th Infantry Brigade	9/7/39-8/30/44
	2/1/44-8/31/44
137th Infantry Brigade	3/28/45-8/31/45
178th Infantry Brigade	4/21/45-8/10/45

#### **46th Infantry Division**

10/39 - A second Line Territorial Army infantry division, duplicate of the 49th (West Riding) Infantry Division.<sup>6</sup>

#### Divisional Troops

##### Royal Armored Car Regiments

46th Reconnaissance Regiment 1/1/44-8/31/45

##### Royal Engineer Companies

270th 10/2/39-8/31/45

271th 10/2/39-8/31/45

272nd 10/2/39-8/31/45

##### Field Park Company

273rd 10/2/39-8/31/45

##### Bridging Platoon

201st 4/4/44-8/31/45

##### Signals

46th Division 10/2/39-8/31/45

##### Field Artillery Regiments

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<sup>6</sup> The formations and units were administered and embodied by the 49th Infantry division from 9/3/39 until the 46th Infantry Division HQ assumed command on 10/2/39.

121st	10/2/39-7/12/40
122nd	10/2/39-7/12/40
123rd	10/2/39-7/12/40
70th	7/30/40-8/31/45
71st	7/30/40-8/31/45
51st	7/30/40-9/16/40
151st	9/16/40-5/10/42
172nd	5/11/42-8/31/45
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
68th	10/2/39-6/30/40
58th	7/30/40-8/31/45
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
115th	2/24/42-11/8/44
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
2/7th Middlesex	11/11/41-10/1/42
9th Manchester	7/15/44-8/31/45
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
46th Reconnaissance Battalion	7/11/41-6/5/42
46th Reconnaissance Regiment	6/6/42-12/31/43
<u>Special Battalions</u>	
2nd Northumberland Fusiliers	7/3/43-3/10/44
<u>Brigades</u>	
137th Infantry Brigade	10/2/39-7/19/42
138th Infantry Brigade	10/2/39-8/31/45
139th Infantry Brigade	10/2/39-11/29/44
	1/18/45-8/31/45
128th Infantry Brigade	8/15/42-8/31/45

#### **47th (London) Infantry Division**

See 2nd London Infantry Division

#### **48th (South Midland) Infantry Division**

9/39 - First line Territorial Army infantry Division.

11/41 - Placed on lower establishment.

12/20/42 - Redesignated as 48th Infantry (Reserve) Division. The  
Change in organization was implemented during 1943.

#### Divisional Troops

##### Royal Armored Car Regiments

1st Lothians 9/3/39-4/27/40

##### Royal Engineer Companies

224th 9/3/39-3/13/43

225th 9/3/39-2/16/40

226th 9/3/39-8/41/45

9th 2/16/40-11/12/41

792nd 5/30/45-8/31/45

##### Field Park Company

227th 9/3/39-12/13/41

##### Field Stores:

Section 12/13/41-8/31/44

Platoon 9/1/44-8/31/45

##### Signals

48th Division 9/3/39-12/19/42

48th Reserve Division 12/20/42-8/31/45

##### Field Artillery Regiments

67th	9/3/39-1/31/40
68th	9/3/39-8/22/42
99th	9/3/39-2/12/40
18th	2/1/40-2/12/41
24th	1/31/40-8/22/41
32rd	2/13/41-11/14/41
173rd	1/12/42-3/30/43
180th	12/26/42-8/31/44
120th	9/1/44-8/31/45
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
53rd	9/3/39-10/14/41
93rd	11/12/41-8/7/42
96th	9/5/42-8/31/45
<u>Medium Artillery Regiments</u>	
168th	4/10/45-6/26/45
12th	7/9/45-8/31/45
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
6th Gloucestershire	7/12/41-10/13/41
48th Reconnaissance Battalion	10/14/41-11/18/41
48th Independent Rec. Company	1/4/42-6/5/42
48th Independent Rec. Squadron	6/6/42-1/2/43
<u>Brigades</u>	
143rd Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/31/45
144th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/31/45
145th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-7/11/43

#### **49th (West Riding) Infantry Division**

- 9/39 - First line Territorial Army Infantry Division.<sup>7</sup>  
4/5/40 - Ceased to function.  
6/10/40 - Reconstituted.<sup>8</sup>  
4/26/42 - Reconstituted in UK as an Infantry Division.

#### Divisional Troops

##### Royal Armored Car Regiments

49th Reconnaissance 9/3/39-9/30/39

##### Royal Engineer Companies

228th 9/3/39-9/30/39  
229th 9/3/39-4/4/40  
230th 9/3/39-4/4/40  
294th 4/26/42-8/31/45  
756th 4/26/42-8/31/45  
757th 4/26/42-8/31/45

##### Field Park Company

231st 9/3/39-4/4/40  
289th 4/26/42-8/31/45

##### Bridging Platoon

23rd 10/1/43-8/31/45

<sup>7</sup> Divisional HQ became HQ Avonforce and moved to Norway leaving divisional troops in UK.

<sup>8</sup> On 6/23/40 the Divisional HQ formed the HQ Alabaster Force on sailing for Iceland. Units were posted to other formations.



### Signals

49th Division	9/3/39-4/4/40
	6/10/40-6/23/40
	26/4/42-8/31/45

### Field Artillery Regiments

69th	9/3/39-6/23/40
	9/9/42-8/31/45
70th	9/3/39-6/8/40
71st	9/3/39-6/8/40
79th	6/8/40-6/23/40
80th	6/8/40-6/23/40
143rd	4/26/42-8/31/45
178th	5/15/42-12/28/42
185th	12/24/42-11/29/44
74th	11/30/44-8/31/45

### Anti-Tank Regiments

58th	9/3/39-6/23/40
88th	6/17/42-7/24/43
55th	7/26/43-8/31/45

### Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

118th	5/7/42-8/12/42
89th	12/29/42-8/31/45

### Machine Gun Battalions

2nd Kensingtons	2/28/44-8/31/45
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### Reconnaissance Forces

49th Reconnaissance Regiment	9/5/42-12/31/43
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### Special Battalions

2nd Kensingtons	6/7/43-2/27/44
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### Brigades

146th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-4/4/40
	6/10/40-6/23/40
	8/28/42-8/31/45
147th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-4/4/40
	4/26/42-8/31/45
148th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-4/4/40
70th Infantry Brigade	5/18/42-8/20/44
56th Infantry Brigade	8/20/44-8/31/45

## **50th (Northumbrian) Infantry Division**

- 9/39 - A first line Territorian Army Division organized as a motor division.
- 6/40 - Reorganized as an infantry division.
- 12/16/44 - Reorganized as an Infantry (Reserve) Division in the UK.
- 8/45 - On 1 August the Divisional HQ ceased to command its formations and units, moved to Norway by 25 August, and assumed the title HQ British Land Forces Norway.

### Divisional Troops

#### Royal Armored Car Regiments

Yorkshire Hussars	12/12/43-1/18/44
61st Reconnaissance Regt	2/14/44-11/30/44

#### Royal Engineer Companies

232nd	9/3/39-7/20/41
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	8/14/41-11/27/41
	2/22/42-6/1/42
505th	9/3/39-30/11/44
233rd	6/23/40-30/11/44
501st	4/27/42-10/10/43
295th	9/23/43-30/11/44
<u>Field Park Company</u>	
235th	9/3/39-6/1/42
	9/1/42-11/30/44
<u>Bridging Platoon</u>	
15th	8/5/43-12/12/44
<u>Signals</u>	
50th Division	9/3/39-7/31/45
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
72nd	9/3/39-11/27/41
	2/22/42-6/1/42
74t	9/3/39-11/29/44
124th	6/22/40-12/1/44
111th	10/15/42-11/21/42
65th	11/19/42-4/22/43
90th	4/27/43-11/30/44
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
65th	11/20/39-11/8/40
102nd Northumberland Hussars	10/8/42-11/30/44
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
34th	10/18/42-11/6/42
25th	12/16/42-11/30/44
<u>Motorcycle Battalions</u>	
4th Northumberland Fusiliers	9/3/39-6/23/40
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
2nd Cheshire	2/1/41-6/30/45
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
50th Reconnaissance Battalion	3/6/41-11/26/41
<u>Brigades</u>	
150th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-6/20/41
	8/41/41-11/27/41
	2/22/42-6/1/42
151st Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-7/31/45
69th Infantry Brigade	7/1/40-7/31/45
168th Infantry Brigade	4/27/43-10/10/43
231st Infantry Brigade	10/10/43-7/31/45

### **51st (Highland) Infantry Division**

- 9/39 - A first line Territorian Army Infantry Division.  
6/12/40 - The Division, less the 154th Infantry Brigade Group was captured in France.  
8/7/40 - Division reconstructed by redesignation of 9th (Highland) Infantry Division, duplicate Territorial Army Division.

### Divisional Troops

#### Royal Armored Car Regiments

1st Fife and Forfar Yeomanry	9/3/39-3/39/40
2nd Derby Yeomanry	1/20/44-8/31/45
<u>Royal Engineer Companies</u>	
236th	9/3/39-6/12/40
237th	9/3/39-6/12/40
238th	9/3/39-2/29/40
26th	2/28/40-6/12/40
274th	8/7/40-8/31/45
275th	8/7/40-8/31/45
276th	8/7/40-8/31/45
<u>Field Park Company</u>	
239th	9/3/39-6/12/40 8/7/40-8/31/45
<u>Bridging Platoon</u>	
16th	12/19/43-8/31/45
<u>Signals</u>	
51st Division	9/3/39-6/12/40 8/7/40-8/31/45
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
75th	9/3/39-6/12/40
76th	9/3/39-3/5/40
77th	9/3/39-2/19/40
17th	2/19/40-6/9/40
23rd	3/5/40-6/12/40
126th	8/7/40-8/31/45
127th	8/7/40-8/31/45
128th	8/7/40-8/31/45
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
51st	9/3/39-6/12/40
61st	8/7/40-8/31/45
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
40th	5/1/42-8/31/45
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
1/7th Middlesex	11/20/41-12/9/43 2/28/44-8/31/45
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
51st Reconnaissance Battalion	1/8/41-6/5/42
51st Reconnaissance Regiment	6/6/42-11/26/42
<u>Special Battalions</u>	
1/7th Middlesex	12/10/43-2/27/44
<u>Brigades</u>	
152nd Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-6/12/40 8/7/40-8/31/45
153rd Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-6/12/40 8/7/40-8/31/45
154th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-6/12/40 8/7/40-8/31/45

### **52nd (Lowland) Infantry Division**

9/39 - First line Territorial Army infantry Division.  
5/40 - Trained in mountain warfare from 5/40 to 6/44.  
8 & 9/44 - Trained in airlanding operations, but never so employed.

### Divisional Troops

#### Royal Armored Car Regiments

52nd Reconnaissance Regiment	1/1/44-8/11/44 12/1/44-7/16/45
<u>Royal Engineer Companies</u>	
240th	9/3/39-9/20/39
241st	9/3/39-8/31/45
242nd	9/3/39-10/19/39
554th	12/7/39-8/31/45
202nd	6/7/40-8/31/45
<u>Field Park Company</u>	
243rd	9/3/39-8/31/45
<u>Bridging Platoon</u>	
17th	10/1/43-8/31/45
<u>Signals</u>	
52nd Division	9/3/39-8/31/45
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
78th	9/3/39-6/3/42
79th	9/3/39-6/8/40 7/1/40-8/31/45
80th	9/3/39-6/8/40 7/1/40-8/31/45
186th	12/27/42-8/31/45
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
54th	9/3/39-8/31/45
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
108th	3/12/42-8/31/45
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
1/9th Manchester	11/11/41-5/4/42
7th Manchester	3/18/44-8/31/45
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
52nd Reconnaissance Battalion	1/8/41-6/5/42
52nd Reconnaissance Regiment	6/6/42-12/31/45
<u>Special Battalions</u>	
7th Manchester	6/7/43-3/18/44
<u>Brigades</u>	
155th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/31/45
156th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/31/45
157th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-9/1/44 10/22/44-8/31/45

### **53rd (Welsh) Infantry Division**

9/39 - A first line Territorial Army infantry division.

5/42 - Reorganized as a mixed division.

10/43 - Reorganized as an infantry division.

#### Divisional Troops

##### Royal Armored Car Regiments

53rd Reconnaissance Regiment 1/1/44-8/31/45

##### Royal Engineer Companies

244th 9/3/39-8/31/45

245th 9/3/39-10/8/39

282nd 9/3/39-8/31/45

555th 12/30/39-8/31/45

##### Field Park Company

285th 9/3/39-8/31/45

<u>Bridging Platoon</u>	
22nd	9/3/39-8/31/45
<u>Signals</u>	
53rd Division	9/3/39-8/31/45
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
81st	9/3/39-8/31/45
83rd	9/3/39-8/31/45
133rd	9/3/39-8/31/45
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
71st	10/31/40-4/11/41
	6/20/41-8/31/45
63rd	4/12/41-6/20/41
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
116th	4/3/42-12/2/44
25th	12/1/44-8/31/45
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
5th Cheshire	11/11/41-10/1/42
1st Manchester	2/28/44-8/31/45
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
53rd Reconnaissance Battalion	1/1/41-6/5/42
53rd Reconnaissance Regiment	6/6/42-12/31/43
<u>Special Battalions</u>	
1st Manchester	10/1/43-2/27/44
<u>Brigades</u>	
158th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-10/22/39
	4/3/40-8/31/45
159th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-5/17/42
160th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-12/17/39
	4/2/40-8/31/45
31st Tank Brigade	5/17/42-9/10/43
71st Infantry Brigade	10/18/43-8/31/45

### **54th Infantry Division**

- 9/39 - First line Territorial Army infantry division.  
1/42 - Placed on lower establishment.  
12/14/43 - Divisional HQ redesignated HQ Lines of Communication (54th Division). The division ceased to exist.

### Divisional Troops

#### Royal Engineer Companies

248th	4/9/4/39-9/16/39
249th	4/9/4/39-4/20/43
286th	4/9/4/39-4/20/43
250th	9/20/39-10/20/39
556th	1/4/40-12/29/41
591st	1/1/42-5/20/43

#### Field Park Company

289th	9/4/39-3/2/42
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#### Field Stores

Section	12/1/41-5/20/43
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#### Signals

54th Division	9/3/39-12/13/43
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#### Field Artillery Regiments

85th	9/3/39-8/24/42
86th	9/3/39-6/9/42

134th	9/3/39-2/10/42
168th	6/9/42-6/9/43
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
55th	9/3/39-2/21/43
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
199th	4/21/42-9/9/42
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
54th Reconnaissance Battalion	7/15/40-12/31/41
54th Independent Reconnaissance Coy	1/1/42-6/5/42
54th Independent Reconnaissance Sqdn	6/6/42-2/9/43
<u>Brigades</u>	
161st Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-12/17/40
162nd Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-11/10/42
	9/5/43-12/13/43
163rd Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-12/13/43
198th Infantry Brigade	12/20/40-12/13/43

### **55th Infantry Division**

- 9/39 - First line Territorial Army division organized as a motor division.  
6/40 - Reorganized as an infantry division.  
1/42 - Placed on lower establishment  
5/44 - Raised to higher establishment.

### Divisional Troops

#### Royal Armored Car Regiments

161st Reconnaissance Regt	1/1/44-7/24/44
1st Royal Gloucestershire Hussars	8/1/44-6/15/45

#### Royal Engineer Companies

509th	9/3/39-1/10/40
510th	9/3/39-3/1/40
557th	12/27/39-10/4/43
558th	12/27/39-13/7/41
55th	7/18/40-1/22/43
613th	1/28/43-7/7/44
61st	10/30/43-7/7/44
259th	8/1/44-8/22/44
	8/15/44-8/31/45
283rd	8/25/44-8/31/45
205th	8/1/44-8/31/45

#### Field Park Company

511th	9/3/39-12/30/39
599th	12/27/39-12/7/41
108th	8/30/44-8/31/45

#### Field Stores

Section	12/1/42-7/20/44
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#### Bridging Platoon

9th	8/20/44-8/31/45
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#### Signals

55th Division	9/3/39-8/31/45
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#### Field Artillery Regiments

87th	9/3/39-11/30/42
136th	9/3/39-8/22/42
109th	7/1/40-8/31/45
174th	7/25/42-3/7/43

192nd	2/23/43-12/20/43
170th	5/22/43-8/31/45
5th	8/1/44-8/31/45
141st	8/1/44-56/11/45
124th	6/14/45-8/31/45
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
66th	9/3/39-11/17/39
	7/1/40-7/24/44
89th	10/21/44-8/29/45
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
103rd	2/4/42-11/30/42
149th	8/31/43-12/23/43
150th	8/1/44-2/24/45
<u>Motorcycle Battalions</u>	
5th Loyals	9/3/39-4/23/40
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
5th Manchester	10/22/44-8/31/45
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
55th Independent Recon Coy	12/27/41-6/5/42
55th Independent Recon Sqn	6/6/42-10/29/43
161st Reconnaissance Regiment	12/23/43-12/31/43
<u>Brigades</u>	
164th Infantry Brigade	9/4/39-6/17/45
165th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/31/45
199th Infantry Brigade	6/23/40-8/14/44
166th Infantry Brigade	8/15/44-8/31/45

#### **56th (London) Infantry Division**

See 1st London Division

#### **57th Infantry Division**

11/9/43 - HQ formed in North Africa by the redesignation of HQ 42nd Infantry Brigade for deception purposes. The brigade commander held the local rank of major general. The units of the brigade were designated also for deception purposes infantry brigades.

7/29/44 - Division ceased to exist.

#### **58th Infantry Division**

Not formed

#### **59th (Staffordshire) Infantry Division**

9/39 - A second line Territorial Army Division, duplicate of the 55th Infantry Division, organized as a Motor Division.

6/40 - Reorganized as an infantry division.

10/19/44 - Divisional HQ placed in suspended animation.

#### Divisional Troops

##### Royal Armored Car Regiments

59th Reconnaissance Regiment 1/11/40-8/31/44

##### Royal Engineer Companies

509th 1/11/40-8/22/44

510th 3/2/40-8/22/44

257th 6/23/40-8/22/44

<u>Field Park Company</u>	
511th	12/30/39-8/22/44
<u>Bridging Platoon</u>	
24th	10/1/43-8/22/44
<u>Signals</u>	
59th Division	9/15/39-8/31/44
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
51st	9/15/39-8/31/44
116th	9/15/39-8/31/44
110th	7/10/40-8/31/44
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
66th	11/17/39-6/30/40
68th	7/1/40-8/26/44
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
68th	4/19/43-8/22/44
<u>Motorcycle Battalions</u>	
6th Loyals	9/15/39-6/23/40
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
7th Northumberland Fusiliers	11/18/41-10/1/42 2/28/44-8/24/44
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
59th Reconnaissance Battalion	1/27/41-6/5/42
59th Reconnaissance Regiment	6/6/42-12/31/43
<u>Special Battalions</u>	
7th Northumberland Fusiliers	10/1/43-2/27/44
<u>Brigades</u>	
176th Infantry Brigade	9/15/39-8/26/44
177th Infantry Brigade	9/15/39-8/26/44
197th Infantry Brigade	6/23/40-8/26/44

**60th Infantry Division**

Not formed.

**61st Infantry Division**

9/39 - Second line Territorial Army division, a duplicate of the 48th Infantry Division.

8/45 - Reorganized as a light division.

Divisional Troops

<u>Royal Armored Car Regiments</u>	
61st Reconnaissance Regiment	1/1/44-1/23/44
Yorshire Hussars	1/24/44-6/16/45
<u>Royal Engineer Companies</u>	
266th	9/3/39-8/31/45
267th	9/3/39-8/31/45
268th	12/31/39-8/31/45
<u>Field Park Company</u>	
269th	1/18/40-8/31/45
<u>Signals</u>	
61st Division	9/3/39-8/31/45
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
199th	9/3/39-8/31/45
120th	9/3/39-6/30/44
145th	9/3/39-1/26/44 8/4/44-1/16/45



96th	6/26/44-1/16/45
141st	6/14/45-8/31/45
<u>Light Regiment</u>	
168th	6/28/45-8/31/45
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
63rd	9/3/39-7/2/40
	6/21-41-6/22/44
71st	4/12/41-6/20/41
92nd	10/20/44-6/15/45
<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
103rd	2/24/43-3/1/44
148th	3/2/44-8/15/45
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
2/8th Middlesex	11/11/41-5/20/42
4th Cheshire	7/1/44-9/20/44
2nd Cheshire	7/1/45-8/31/45
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
61st Reconnaissance Battalion	9/14/41-5/20/42
61st Reconnaissance Regiment	7/1/44-9/20/44
2nd Kings Royal Rifle Corps	7/1/45-8/31/45
<u>Special Battalions</u>	
4th Cheshire	10/29/43-9/20/44
<u>Brigades</u>	
182nd Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/31/45
183rd Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/31/45
184th Infantry Brigade	9/3/39-8/31/45

#### **62nd to 65th Infantry Divisions**

Not formed.

#### **66th Infantry Division**

9/39 - A second line Territorial Army infantry division, duplicate of the 42nd Infantry Division.<sup>9</sup>

6/23/40 - Division disbanded in UK.

#### Divisional Troops

##### Royal Engineer Companies

255th	9/27/39-6/23/40
256th	9/27/39-6/23/40
257th	12/19/39-6/23/40

##### Field Park Company

258th	9/27/39-6/23/40
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##### Signals

66th Division	9/27/39-6/23/40
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##### Field Artillery Regiments

109th	9/27/39-6/23/40
110th	9/27/39-6/23/40
111th	9/27/39-6/23/40

##### Brigades

197th Infantry Brigade	9/27/39-6/23/40
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<sup>9</sup> The units of the division were administered and embodied by the 42nd Infantry Division between 9/3 and 9/27/39 when HQ 66th Infantry Division assumed full control.

198th Infantry Brigade	9/27/39-6/23/40
199th Infantry Brigade	9/27/39-6/23/40

### **70th Infantry Division**

See 6th Infantry Division

### **71st to 75th Infantry Divisions**

Not formed.

### **76th Infantry Division**

11/18/41 - Formed in UK on lower establishment by redesignation of the Norfolk County Division.  
12/20/42 - Redesignated 76th Infantry (Reserve) Division and reorganized.  
9/1/44 - Divisional HQ disbanded in UK.

#### Divisional Troops

##### Royal Engineer Companies

591th	11/18/41-12/29/41
757th	11/18/41-3/2/42
556th	12/30/41-1/10/43
250th	2/6/42-8/18/44

##### Field Stores

Section	12/27/41-8/18/44
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##### Signals

76th Division	11/18/41-12/19/42
76th Division	12/20/42-8/31/44

##### Field Artillery Regiments

52nd	11/18/41-8/23/42
53rd	11/18/41-6/6/42
167th	5/31/42-1/15/43
173rd	11/16/43-8/31/44

##### Anti-Tank Regiments

56th	11/18/41-12/15/41
100th	1/19/42-11/9/42
94th	1/25/43-11/23/43

##### Medium Artillery Regiment

56th	1/25/43-8/31/44
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##### Heavy Artillery Regiment

60th	7/21/43-11/9/43
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##### Reconnaissance Forces

76th Independent Rec. Company	1/15/42-6/5/42
76th Independent Rec. Squadron	6/6/42-1/6/43

##### Brigades

213th Infantry Brigade	11/18/41-8/31/44
220th Infantry Brigade	11/18/41-8/31/44
222nd Infantry Brigade	11/18/41-11/17/43

### **77th Infantry Division**

12/1/41 - Formed in the UK as a lower establishment infantry division by redesignation of the Devon and Cornwall County Division.  
12/20/42 - Redesignated 77th Infantry (Reserve) Division and reorganized.  
12/1/43 - Redesignated as 77th Holding Division and reorganized

for sorting, retraining and holding personnel temporarily - due to disbandments, medical and other causes.

9/1/44 - Divisional HQ disbanded in the UK.

Divisional Troops

Royal Engineer Companies

100th	12/1/41-12/26/42
101st	12/1/41-12/26/42
556th	1/11/43-10/18/43

Field Stores

Section	12/15/41-11/16/43
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Signals

77th Division	12/1/41-12/19/43
77th Infantry (Reserve) Division	12/20/42-11/14/43

Field Artillery Regiments

23rd	21/1/41-12/19/42
175th	7/2/42-12/19/42
	8/9/43-8/31/44
176th	12/21/42-8/31/44

Anti-Tank Regiments

87th	1/25/42-10/30/42
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Motorized Battalions

10th Kings Royal Rifle Corps	1/7/43-4/11/43
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Reconnaissance Forces

77th Independent Rec. Company	1/5/42-6/5/42
78th Independent Rec. Squadron	6/6/42-1/3/43

Brigades

203rd Infantry Brigade	21/1/41-8/31/44
209th Infantry Brigade	21/1/41-8/31/44
211th Infantry Brigade	21/1/41-1/2/43
11th Tank Brigade	1/4/43-10/10/43

**78th Infantry Division**

5/25/42 - Divisional HQ formed in UK.

Divisional Troops

Royal Armored Car Regiments

56th Reconnaissance Regt	1/1/44-8/31/45
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Royal Engineer Companies

214th	6/28/42-8/31/45
237th	6/28/42-8/31/45
256th	6/28/42-8/31/45

Field Park Company

281st	6/28/42-8/31/45
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Bridging Platoon

21st	5/18/44-8/31/45
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Signals

78th Division	6/15/42-8/31/45
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Field Artillery Regiments

17th	6/22/42-7/9/45
132nd	7/18/42-8/31/45
138th	7/19/42-8/31/45
154th	7/10/45-8/31/45

Anti-Tank Regiments

64th	7/15/42-8/31/45
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<u>Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment</u>	
49th	7/16/42-11/6/42
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
1st Kensingtons	7/13/44-8/31/45
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
29th Independent Rec. Squadron	6/22/42-8/23/42
56th Reconnaissance Regiment	9/1/42-12/31/43
<u>Special Battalions</u>	
1st Kensingtons	6/16/43-7/12/44
<u>Brigades</u>	
1st (Guards) Infantry Brigade	6/22/42-3/15/43
11th Infantry Brigade	6/22/42-8/31/45
26th Infantry Brigade	6/22/42-8/31/45
38th (Irish) Infantry Brigade	3/15/43-8/31/45

### **79th Infantry Division**

Not formed.

### **80th Infantry Division**

1/1/43 - Divisional HQ formed in UK.

9/1/44 - Divisional HQ disbanded in UK.

#### Divisional Troops

<u>Royal Armored Car Regiments</u>	
90th Reconnaissance Regiment	1/1/44-8/31/44
<u>Royal Engineer Companies</u>	
502nd	1/6/43-8/31/44
<u>Field Artillery Regiments</u>	
195th	1/1/43-8/31/44
199th	8/14/43-10/30/43
<u>Anti-Tank Regiments</u>	
94th	11/24/43-8/31/44
<u>Machine Gun Battalions</u>	
5th Cheshire	1/8/43-8/31/44
<u>Reconnaissance Forces</u>	
80th Reconnaissance Regiment	1/21/43-12/31/44
<u>Brigades</u>	
45th Infantry Brigade	1/8/43-8/31/44
211th Infantry Brigade	1/3/43-8/31/44

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