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PREFACE

This work has been primarily designed as a book of reference. The contents and the general lay—out were approved by the Librarians of the War Office and Imperial War Museum before the task was undertaken.

The series of Orders of Battle which it contains have been compiled from the official records and cover the period of the Second World War from 3rd September 1939 to 31st August 1945,

It is divided into two Volumes, containing nine Parts, one Appendix and one Supplement. Only United Kingdom and Colonial Formations and units, which were mobilised, are listed, Except in the Supplement, it contains no references to the forces deployed by any of the Countries of the Commonwealth. Information relating to such forces should be sought from the Military Headquarters, in London, of the Country concerned. The formations and units comprising AA Command are not shown, whilst all those units which served as GHQ, Army, and Corps Troops under GHQ Rome forces have been omitted.

An itinerary of each formation or unit during the war is included. The titles of the theatres are self-explanatory except in the cases outlined below:

10000 0) 0000000	COMMENT DES THE DAME OF
'NW Europe'	France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Germany
'North Africa'	Algeria and Tunisia
'Libya'	Cyrenaica and Tripolitania
'East Africa'	Kenya, Nyasaland, Tanganyika and N Rhodesia
'West Africa'	Gambia, Gold Coast, Nigeria and Sierra Leone
'Burma'	That part of India east of the lin of the rivers Meghna and Surma to Sylhet thence north through the Khasi Hills to Ghauhati
'Malaya'	Singapore Island

The units shown in Part VII which from time to time were detailed as GHQ, Army Group, Army and Corps Troops are listed by theatnes of operations and dates. This information has been assembled from the Orders of Battle compiled from time to time by the various Commands concerned and has not generally been checked against the unit plaries.

The remaining data has been compiled from the relevant War Diaries.

The Composition and War Establishment of all types of Divisions is given in Volume I Appendix I. These tables, which include the administrative units allotted, should be studied in conjunction with the details given for each of these formations in Part I.

The various War Establishments, tried throughout the war, for the Armoured Formations and Units are given in Volume I.

Except in the case of Brigade Groups no Administrative units are listed.

The Supplement contains additional details relating to two of the principal Land battles of the War.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Note: For Unit Abbreviations see Index

A	Africa or African	DID	Detail Issue Depot
AA	Anti-aircraft	Dist	District
AAI	Allied Armies in Italy	Div	Division
Adm	Administration or	DIV	DIVIDION
Addi	Administrative		
AFHO	Allied Force Headquarters	EA	East Africa or East African
AFV		EAA	East Africa Artillery
AGRA	Armoured Fighting Vehicles	EAAC	East Africa Armoured Corps
Airldg	Army Group Royal Artillery Air landing	EAASC	East Africa Army Service
ALFN		EAASC	Corps
ALFSEA	Allied Land Forces Norway Allied Land Forces South	EAE	East Africa Engineers
ALICEA	East Asia	EAEME	East Africa Electrical &
Amb	Ambulance	CALTE	Mechanical Engineers
Amn	Ammunition	EF	Expeditionary Force
APC	Armoured Personnel Carrier	Emp	Employment
Armd	Armoured Personner Carrier	Engrs	Engineers
Armd C	Armoured Car	Eqpt	Equipment
Arty	Artillery	rdbr	Equipment
A tk	Anti-tank		
Aslt		Frd	Field
Aust	Assault	FDS	
Aux	Australia or Australian		Field Dressing Station
AUX	Auxiliary	FF F1.t	Free French
			Flight
DAOD	D-444-1	Fran	Formation
BAOR	British Army of the Rhine	FOIC	Flag Officer in command
Bde BEF	Brigade	FS	Field Security
	British Expeditionary Force	FSU	Field Surgical Unit
BLA	British Liberation Army	FTU	Field Transfusion Unit
BLFN	British Land Force Norway	Fwd	Forward
Bn	Battalion		
BNAF	British North African Forces		
Br	Bridge or Bridging	GC	Gold Coast
Brig	Brigadier	Gds	Guards
Brit	British	Gen	General
BTE	British Troops in Egypt	GHQ	General Headquarters
BTNI	British Troops in Northern	GQG	(Le) Grand Quartier Général
	Ireland		(French GHQ)
Bty	Battery	GD	Group
		GREF	Group Reserve Engineer
			Forces
Cam	Camouflage	GT	General Transport
Carp	Carpathian		
Cav	Cavalry		
CCS	Casualty Clearing Station	H	Highland
CD	Coast Defence	HAA	Heavy Anti-aircraft
Cdn	Canadian	H & D	Hants. & Dorset
Cdo	Commando	HKSRA	Hong Kong Singapore Royal
CMF	Central Mediterranean Force		Artillery
Col	Colonel	HKVDC	Hong Kong Volunteer
Comd	Command or Commander		Defence Corps
COPP	Combined Operations Pilotage	HQ	Headquarters
	Parties	Hy	Heavy
Coy	Company	Hyg	Hygiene
CRA	Commander Royal Artillery		
CRE	Commander Royal Engineers		
Creforce	Crete Force	IA	Indian Army
CRS	Camp Reception Station	I Arty	Indian Artillery
CS	Close support	Ind	Indian
		Indep	Independent
		IE	Indian Engineers
Decn	Decontamination	IEF	Indian Expeditionary Force
Def	Defence	Inf	Infantry
Del	Delivery	Intell	Intelligence
Det	Detachment	IWT	Inland Water Transport

K	Kenya	RAOC	Royal Army Ordnance Corps
KACR	Kenya Armoured Car Regiment	RASC	Royal Army Service Corps
	nonto a monto our modellom	RCP	Régiments de Chausseurs
		1101	Parachutists
L	Lowland	RE	Royal Engineers
LAA	Light Anti-aircraft	Rec	Recovery
LAD	Light Aid Detachment	Recce	Reconnaissance
LF & ML (G)		Regt	Regiment
L. (c)	Liaison (Greece)	REME	Royal Electrical &
LF	Land Forces	Idaina	Mechanical Engineers
LofC	Lines of Communication	Rep	Repair
LMG	Light Machine Gun	Res	Reserve
Lon	London	Rft	Reinforcement
Lor	Lorried	Rif	Rifle or Rifles
LRP	Long Range Penetration	RHA	Royal Horse Artillery
LRPG	Long Range Penetration Group	RM	Royal Marine
Lt	Light	RMA	Royal Malta Artillery
Lt-Col	Lieutenant-Colonel		10001 100100 111 0121019
Lt-Gen	Lieutenant-General	S	Scottish
	22000000000000000000000000000000000000	SA	South Africa or South
		OA.	African
Maj-Gen	Major-General	SAA	South Africa Artillery
M/C	Motor-cycle	SAAC	South Africa Armoured Corps
MCA	Military Command Athens	SAEC	South Africa Engineer Corps
ME	Middle East	SAS	Special Air Service
Mech	Mechanical	SCHAEF	Supreme Command Allied
Med	Medium or Medical	DOUBLE	Expeditionary Force
MEF	Middle East Forces	SHAEF	Supreme Headquarters Allied
MG	Machine gun	OHAEF	Expeditionary Force
Mil	Military	SDF	Sudan Defence Force
Misc	Miscellaneous	SEAC	South East Asia Command
ML	Mobile Laundry	Sec	Section Section
Mor	Mortar	Sigs	Signals
Mot	Motor or Motorized	S/L	Searchlight
MTA	Mauritius Territorial	Sp	Support
** 175	Artillery	SP	Self-propelled
Mtd	Mounted	Sqn	Squadron
Mtn	Mountain	SS	Special Service
11011	110411.04211	ST	Supply & Transport
		Sup	Supply
N	Nigeria or Nigerian	Svy	Survey
NCAC	North China Army Command	543	Buivey
NI	Northern Ireland		
NID	Northern Ireland District	TA	Territorial Army
NR	Northern Rhodesia	TUFF	Trans-Jordan Frontier Force
NWEF	North West Expeditionary	Tk	Tank
	Force	Tp	Troop
NY	Nyasaland	Tpt	Transport
NZ	New Zealand	Trg	Training
		TT or T	Tanganyika Territory
Offs	Officers	U	Uganda
OP	Observation Post	U/C	Under command
Ord	Ordnance	UDF	Union Defence Force (South
QRs	Other Ranks	ODF	Africa)
OSDEF	Orkneys & Shetland Defences	UK	United Kingdom
		US	United States
		00	United States
PAIC	Persia & Iraq Command		
PAI force	Persia & Iraq Force	Vet	Veterinary
Pal	Palestine		
P & TJ	Palestine & Trans-Jordan		
Para	Parachute	WA	West Africa or West African
Pers	Personnel	WAA	West Africa Artillery
Pet	Petrol	WAAC	West Africa Armoured Corps
Pol	Polish	WAASC	West Africa Army Service
Pl	Platoon		Corps
Pk	Park	WAE	West Africa Engineers
Pro	Provost	WDF	Western Desert Force
		WE	War Establishment
		wef	With effect from
RA	Royal Artillery	Wksp	Workshop
RAAC	Rome Allied Area Command	WO	War Office
RAC	Royal Armoured Corps		

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PART I

Divisions

(a) ARMOURED DIVISIONS

Changes in Basic Organization 1939 - 1945

I May 1939
II ADPII 1940
III October 1940
IV February 1942 (Middle East)
V May 1942 (UK)
VI August 1942 (Middle East)
VII ADPII 1943
VIII March 1944

Notes: (a) The above dates are those on which the basic organizations were authorized; but in most instances, particularly in Middle East, the changes took place before or after the date of authorization.

1945

May

- (b) The Organization of Armoured Divisions was changed from time to time as a result of operational experience. The composition of each Division must be read in conjunction with the Basic Organizations.
- (c) In Appendix I will be found the full composition of an Armoured Division together with its War Establishment strength.

(20/RAC/2 SD7 dated 25 May 1939)

I May 1939



- Notes: (a) On 25 May 1939 the Army Council decided that an Armoured Division was to consist of a light armoured brigade and a heavy armoured brigade, each to consist of three regiments of tanks. In addition one unarmoured Support Group was to be formed consisting of artillery, engineers and infantry.
 - (b) Tank Establishment of an Armd Div was:

Armd Div HQ	(3 Lt cruisers (5 Hy cruisers	=	8 tanks
Armd Bde HQ	(6 Lt cruisers (4 Hy cruisers	=	20 tanks
Lt Armd Regt (3)	(36 Lt tanks (22 Lt cruisers	=	174 tanks
Hy Armd Regt (3)	(26 Lt cruisers (8 CS cruisers (15 Hy cruisers	-	147 tanks

TOTAL 349 Tanks

ARMOURED DIVISION

(20/RAC/44 SD7 dated 14 Apr 1940)

11 April 1940



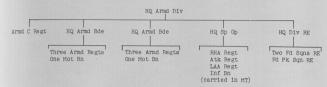
- Notes: (a) Changes Armoured Brigades became homogeneous, dropping the prefixes Heavy and Light. By WE I/1931 5E/1 wef 22 May 1940 the establishment of an Armd Regt was reduced from five troops to four per squadron leaving SE cruiser tanks in an Armd Regt.

 The RE element left the Support Group and became Div Tps under an HQ Div RE
 - (b) Tank Establishment of an Armd Div 340 tanks.

ARMOURED DIVISION

(WO Record Letters 1940 page 452 dated 5 Oct 1940)

III October 1940



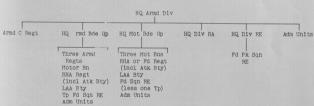
- Notes:

 (a) Changes Armd Car Regt added to Div Troops in UK: ME did not conform. The two Mot Bns of Support Group were transferred one each to the two Armd Bdes; Support Group was given one Inf Bn (Corried). One Atk Regt and one LAA Regt instead of a mixed Regt. Another Pd Sqn RE was allotted to Div RE, and the Pd Nr The Regame Pd Pk Sqn RE.
 - (b) Tank Establishment of an Armd Div unchanged at 340 tanks.

ARMOURED DIVISION (MIDDLE EAST)

(CRME/26899/SD1a dated 27 Feb 1942)

IV February 1942



- Notes:

 (a) Changes For tactical reasons the Brigade Group now became the basic battle formation in ME. One of the two Armd Bdes was replaced by a Mot Bde, and the two Bdes were reorganized into Groupes by the addition of RA units from the Support Group, now abolished, and of RE units and Adm Services from Div Troops. Atk Regts were broken up; and each REA (or R0) segt was allotted an Atk Bty of 16 (2-pdr or 6-pdr) gums in addition to its three 25-pdr btys (the 6-pdr Atk gum was beginning to arrive from UK). LAA Regts were also broken up, and one bty allotted to each Bde Group. Div NG, was allotted a Staff and a Signals organization sufficient to control the Brigade Group, an HQ Div RA, HQ Div RE, also workshops and Supply echelons.
 - (b) Tank Establishment of an Armd Div varied as Armd Regts were being re-equipped with a proportion of American Stuart and Grant tanks (see Armd Bdes Basic Organization ME Feb 1942).

ARMOURED DIVISION (UK)

(20/RAC/120 SD1 of 20 May 1942)

V May 1942



- Notes:

 (a) Changes One of the two Armd Bdes replaced by an Inf Bde. The Support Group was abolished and Div Ra placed under HQ Div Ra. Div Ra increased by another RHA or FG Regt. HQ Armd Div given 2 AA tanks (WE II/100/2 Met 28 Aug 1942);

 HQ Armd Regt given 8 AA Tanks, also the fifth troop per squadron taken away in May 1940 was restored, thereby increasing the establishment of a Regt by 9 cruisers, (WE II/151/2 wet 28 Aug 1942) to a total of 61.
 - (b) Tank Establishment of an Armd Div now became:

HQ Armd Div	8 cruisers 2 AA tanks	=	8	tanks	(plus	2 /	LA	tanks)	
HQ Armd Bde	(10 cruisers	=	10	tanks					
Armd Regts (3)	(55 cruisers (6 CS cruisers (8 AA tanks	=	183	tanks	(plus	24	AA	tanks)	
	TOTAL		201	tanks	(plus	26	AA	tanks)	

(c) In October 1942 Armd Div Support Coys, as Div Troops, and Inf Bde Support Coys were authorised (Wo Letter 20/Cen/6059 SDI wef 1 and 30 Oct 1942). Only the Guards Armd Div adopted this experimental organization in 1942; and the Armd Div Support Coy was replaced in 1943 by Inf Bde Support Groups,

ARMOURED DIVISION (MIDDLE EAST)

(CRNE/76751 SD1a dated 24 Aug 1942)

VI August 1942



- Notes:

 (a) Changes from Feb 1942 (Middle East): The Armoured Division was now again to be the basic battle formation in the Middle East, instead of the Brigade Group, Armd Bde Groups were redesignated (with a few exceptions) and reorganized as Armd Bdes, Div RA returned to HQ Div RA. Another (third) RHA or Fd Regt was added to the Div RA. Anti-tank and LAA Regts were reformed, and returned to HQ Div RA, and the result of HQ Div RA, and the result of HQ Div RA, and a second Fd Sqn RE was added. These changes involved the addition of one 25-pdr Fd Regt, one Atk Regt (less two Btys), one LAA Regt (less two Btys) and one Fd Sqn RE. Also HQ Armd Div and HQ Armd Regt was increased by 2 AA tanks and 4 AA tanks respectively (WE II/100/2 we f2 AM 1942 6 AM; 1942).
 - (b) During the autumn of 1942 Armd Regts in Middle East began to be equipped with American Sherman tanks. The Tank Establishment of an Armd Div with the Armd Ede so equipped was as follows:

HQ Armd Div		cruisers AA tanks	=	8	tanks	(plus	2 AA	tanks)
HQ Armd Bde	8	Shermans	=	8	tanks			
Armd Regts (3)		Shermans AA tanks	=	156	tanks	(plus	12 A/	tanks

TOTAL 172 tanks (plus 14 AA tanks)

(c) Towards the end of the year in Middle East one Machine Gun En was split up into three Inf Ede Support Coys (later called Support Groups) between the three Armd Divs (1, 7 and 10). This arrangement was to comply with the Wo authorization promulgated under Wollether 20/Gen/6059 SDI dated 30 Oct 1942. No Armd Div Support Coy was authorised.

(WO Record Letters 1943 page 249 dated 24 April 1943)

VII April 1943



- Notes: (a) Changes Under the above authorization in Armd Recce Regt (NEII/253/1 wef 13 Apr 1943) replaced the Armd Car Regt (to Corps Troops). Two RHA Regts changed to one RHA or Fd Regt (towed) and one Fd Regt (SP). The Inf Bde Support Group (formerly Coy) became Inf Bde troops (see Note C to May 1942 Basio Organization).
 - (b) Tank Establishment of an Armd Div (including Armd Recce Regt):

HQ Div	8 cruisers 2 AA tanks	=	8	tanks	(plus 2 AA tanks)
HQ Armd Bde	10 cruisers	=	10	tanks	
Armd Regt (3) each	(55 cruisers (6 CS cruisers (8 AA tanks	=	183	tanks	(plus 24 AA tanks)
Armd Recce Regt	(31 cruisers (12 CS cruisers (8 AA tanks	=	43	tanks	(plus 8 AA tanks)
	TOTAL		244	tanks	(nlue 3/ A/ tanke)

(c) In Oct-Nov 1943 various changes took place in the above establishments. The Armd Recce Regt was changed to Armd Recce Regt (Type B), NE II/18671 wer 5 Nov 1945, by which its tank establishment was increased by 35 tanks. HQ Armd Bde was increased by 80 Ptanks — NE II/101/5 wer 20 Nov 1945. NE of an Armd Regt was increased by 11 light tanks — NE II/151/5 wer 30 Nov 1945. Inf Bdes (18, 131 and 135 lorried) of ME and Cif Armd Divs ceased to be called 'Lorried' in Oct 1943. A Bridging Troop NE was added to Armd Div ME (MO Record Letters 1945 page 702 dated 1 Oct 1945).
The effect of these changes is shown in the next Basic Organization (March 1944).

ARMOURED DIVISION

(WO Record Letters 1944 page 211 dated 9 March 1944)

VIII March 1944

		HQ Arm	d Div		
Armd Recce Regt (Type B)	HQ Armd Bde	HQ Inf Bde	Indep MG Coy	HQ DIV RA	HQ Div RE
	Three Armd Regts Mot Bn	Three Inf Bns		Fd Regt (SP)	Two Fd Sqns RE Br Tp RE Fd Pk Sqn RE

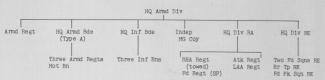
- Notes:
 (a) Changes The above organization includes the alterations made in the basic organization during Oct-Nov 1943 (see NOte C of the 1943 organization). In addition, an Independent MG GOW was added to Div Troops in UK and 21 Army Group to replace the Support Coy (or Group) within the Inf Bde (WE II/239/1 wef 11 Feb 1944); the change applied also to Arm Divs in CMF and ME wef 28 May 1944 WO Record Letters 1944 page 465.
 - (b) Tank Establishment for an Armd Div was now:

HQ Armd Div		cruisers AA tanks	=	8	tanks	(plus	2 AA t	anks)
HQ Armd Bde		cruisers OP tanks	=	10	tanks	(plus	8 OP t	anks)
Armd Regt (3) each	(6 ((11 I	cruisers CS cruisers Lt tanks	-	216	tanks	(plus	18 AA	tanks
Armd Recce Regt (Type B)	(6 ((30 I	cruisers CS cruisers Lt tanks LA tanks	=	78	tanks	(plus	5 AA t	anks)
		TOTAL		310	tanke	(plue	0 AD +	onke

and 25 AA tanks)

(20/General/8205)

IX May 1945



- Notes: (a) Changes approved in Feb 1945 by the Standardisation Conference were not implemented until the end of the campaign in NW Europe 1.e. from 1 May 1945 as opportunity offered. Armd Recoe Regt (WE II/165/1) became a fourth Armd Regt in an Armd Div. The standard Armd Bde (WE II/105/1) in an Armd Div was Type '1' with an infratry element (Type '18' without infratry was independent). A Q Armd Div (WE II/100/4) lost one cruiser tank. The standard Atk Regt now had 48 x 17 pdr Atk guns; and the LAA Regt 36 x 40 mm AA guns.
 - (b) Tank Establishment of an Armd Div was now:

Armod regt (4) (be cruiser or inf tanks each (6 CS tanks (11 Lt tanks) (11 Lt tanks (6 A tanks) (14 Lt tanks) (15 A tanks)

TOTAL 302 tanks (plus 8 OP tanks and 28 AA tanks)

GUARDS ARMOURED DIVISION

17 June	1941	Divisional	Headquarters	formed	in	the	United	Kingdom.	(:	1)
12 June	1945	Redesignate	d Guards Div	ision ar	nd r	eorg	ganized.	(see	page	34)

GOC

17	June	1941	Maj-Gen	SI	r 0.	. W.	H.	Leese,	Bart	
12	September	1942	Brig A.	H.	8.	Ada	ir			(acting
21	September	1942	Maj-Gen	A.	Н.	S.	Adat	r		

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
2 HCR 2 WG	15. 9.41 - 27. 2.43 13. 4.43 - 11. 6.45	Fd Regts	
	RE	153 55	1. 6.42 - 11. 6.45 8. 6.42 - 11. 6.45
			0. 0.45 11. 0.45
Fd Sqns		Atk Regts	
14	4. 8.41 - 11. 6.45	21	1. 6.42 - 29. 5.45
15 615	4. 8.41 - 28. 2.43 1. 3.43 - 11. 6.45	75	1. 6.45 - 11. 6.45
	1. 0.40 - 11. 0.45	LAA Regt	
Fd Pk Sqn			
148	4. 8.41 - 11. 6.45	94	1. 6.42 - 11. 6.45
Br Tp		1	inf
		1 Indep MG Coy*	24. 3.44 - 11. 6.45
11	1.10.43 - 11. 6.45		
	Sigs		
Gds Armd Div	18. 6.41 - 11. 6.45		

Brigades

5	Gda	Armd Bde	15 (2 44		4.4	0
			15. 9	9.41	-	11.	6.45
		Armd Bde	17. 9	9.41	-	3.	1.43
		Sp Gp	16. 9	9.41	-	31.	5.42
32	Gds	Inf Bde	1. 6	3.42	-	11.	6.45

Higher Formations served under

	Control	17. 6.41 - 14. 9.41	Southern Comd	15. 9.41 - 17. 3.43
	Corps	17. 3.43 - 19. 6.44	12 Corps	19. 6.44 - 27. 6.44
	Army	27. 6.44 - 4. 7.44	12 Corps	4. 7.44 - 13. 7.44
	Corps	13. 7.44 - 23. 7.44	2 Cdn Corps	24. 7.44 - 30. 7.44
	Corps	30. 7.44 - 28. 8.44	30 Corps	28. 8.44 - 12.12.44
	Corps	13.12.44 - 20.12.44	30 Corps	20.12.44 - 17. 1.45
	Cdn Army	18. 1.45 - 20. 1.45	30 Corps	21. 1.45 - 7. 3.45
	Cdn Corps	8. 3.45 - 9. 3.45	30 Corps	10. 3.45 - 15. 4.45
12	Corps	16. 4.45 - 27. 4.45	30 Corps	28. 4.45 - 11. 6.45

Theatres

United Kingdom	17. 6.41 - 27. 6.44	NW Europe	28. 6.44 - 11. 6.45

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GUARDS ARMOURED DIVISION

Battles

1944	18 July - 23 July 30 July - 9 August 17 September - 27 September	Bourguebus Ridge Mont Pincon The Nederrijn
1945	8 February - 10 March	The Phineland

Note: (1) The division was formed on Basic Organization No III.

Further changes were:

D	ate	Basic	Org	anization
1.	6.42		No	٧
24.	3.44		No	VIII

1st ARMOURED DIVISION

	September	1939	A Regular Division in the United Kingdom formerly The Mobile Division. (1)
5	April	1943	Redesignated 1st British Armoured Division to distinguish 1t from the 1st US Armoured Division.
28	October	1944	The Division ceased to be operational. (4)
11	January	1945	Divisional Headquarters disbanded in Italy.

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				GOC
	3 September	1939	Maj-Gen R. Evans	
2	4 August	1940	Maj-Gen C. W. M. Norrie	
	5 November	1941	Maj-Gen H. Lumsden	
	3 January	1942	Maj-Gen F. W. Messervy	
. 1	2 February	1942	Maj-Gen H. Lumsden	(wounded 19. 7.42)
1	9 July	1942	Maj-Gen A. H. Gatehouse	
2	2 July	1942	Brig A. E. Fisher	(acting)
1	5 August	1942	Maj-Gen H. Lumsden	
1	9 August	1942	Maj-Gen R. Briggs	
2	7 April	1943	Brig T. J. B. Bosville	(acting)
	1 May	1943	Maj-Gen R. Briggs	
1	5 July	1943	Brig R. Peake	(acting)
1'	7 July	1943	Maj-Gen A. Galloway	
1	B February	1944	Brig E. P. N. Jones	(acting)
	9 February	1944	Maj-Gen A. Galloway	
	8 March	1944	Brig G. W. Goodbody	(acting)
1.	4 March	1944	Brig E. P. N. Jones	(acting)
		1944	Col J. R. MacDonnell	(acting)
	4 March		Brig E. P. N. Jones	(acting)
2'	7 March	1944	Maj-Gen A. Galloway	
10	April O	1944	Brig E. P. N. Jones	(acting)
		1944	Maj-Gen A. Galloway	
2	7 April	1944	Brig E. P. N. Jones	(acting)
10	May	1944	Maj-Gen A. Galloway	
	August		Maj-Gen R. A. Hull	
24	November	1944	Lt-Col T. E. F. Vogel	(acting)

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
12 L	(1.11.40 - 12. 5.42 (13. 9.42 - 6. 4.44	RHA	
		2	24. 8.42 - 26. 9.44
Royals	12. 5.42 - 13. 9.42	4 11	21. 9.42 - 25.10.43 24. 8.42 - 26. 9.44
4 H	23. 5.44 - 25. 9.44	Atk Regts	21. 01.12 201 31.14
		60 76	1. 4.44 - 26. 9.44 22. 9.42 - 31. 3.44
		LAA Regt	
		42	26. 9.42 - 5.10.44

Divisional Troops (cont.)

	RE		
Fd Sqns			
1		(1.2.40 - (2.9.42 -	4. 2.
7		(23.10.40 - (1.10.42 -	
627		21. 8.44 -	29. 9.4
Fd Pk Sqns			
1 631		3. 7.40 - 26. 8.44 -	
Fd Pk Tp			
1		1. 8.40 -	2. 7.4
Br Tp			
27		18.10.43 -	25. 8.4

Sigs

1 Armd	Div	3.	9.39 -	17.12.

Brigades

2 Lt Armd Bde	3. 9.39 - 13. 4.40	200 Gds Bde Gp	12. 2.42 - 20. 5.42
1 Hy Armd Bde			
	3. 9.39 - 13. 4.40	201 Gds Bde Gp	21. 5.42 - 14. 6.42
2 Armd Bde	14. 4.40 - 25. 9.44	7 Mot Bde	23. 9.42 - 19. 7.43
3 Armd Bde			NO. 0.40 - 18. 7.40
	14. 4.40 - 4.10.40	18 Lor Inf Bde	20. 7.43 - 16. 2.44
22 Armd Bde	14.10.40 - 7.11.41	40 7-6 04-	
	T4.10.40 - /.TI.4T	18 Inf Bde	(5.10.43 - 16. 2.44
1 Sp Gp	3. 9.39 - 11. 2.42		(17. 8.44 - 28.10.44

Higher Formations served under

Southern Comd Southern Comd 7 French Army Southern Comd 12 Corps Cdn Corps MO Control 8 Army 30 Corps 13 Corps 13 Corps 13 Corps 13 Corps 13 Corps 14 Corps 15 Corps 16 Corps 17 Corps 18 Army 18 Army 19 Army 19 Army 19 Army 19 Army 19 Corps 19 Cor	3. 9.39 - 3.11.39 28. 1.40 - 13. 5.40 28. 1.40 - 13. 5.40 29. 5.40 - 29. 5.40 17. 6.40 - 29. 6.40 4. 7.40 - 12. 7.40 24.12.40 - 31.12.40 27. 6.41 - 13.11.41 13.12.41 - 2. 1.42 24. 4.42 - 12. 6.42 15. 6.42 - 24. 6.42 25. 6.42 - 24. 6.42 20. 7.42 - 28. 7.42 20. 7.42 - 28. 7.42 20. 7.42 - 3. 8.42 10. 7.42 - 28. 7.42 20. 7.42 - 3. 8.42 15. 8.42 - 1. 9.42 8. 9.42 - 30. 9.42 23. 3.43 12. 4.43 - 14. 4.43 1. 5.45 - 8. 5.43 12. 9.45 - 26. 5.43 12. 9.45 - 26. 5.43 12. 9.45 - 27. 5.44 22. 5.44 - 5. 8.44 14. 8.44 - 28. 9.44 14. 8.44 - 28. 9.44 14. 8.44 - 28. 9.44	Eastern Comd GHQ BEF 10 French Army Aldershot Comd 7 Corps GHQ Home Forces GHQ Home Forces 13 Corps 13 Corps 20 Corps 30 Corps 30 Corps 30 Corps 40 Army 10 Corps 10 Per 10	4.11.39 - 25. 1.40 14. 5.40 - 25. 5.40 29. 5.40 - 16. 6.40 29. 6.40 - 4. 7.40 13. 7.40 - 23.12.40 1. 1.41 - 28. 8.41 12. 1.42 - 23. 4.42 12. 1.42 - 25. 6.42 1. 7.42 - 15. 6.42 1. 7.42 - 27. 7.42 24. 6.42 - 25. 6.42 1. 7.42 - 10. 7.42 25. 7.42 - 10. 7.42 26. 7.42 - 10. 7.42 27. 7.42 - 10. 7.42 28. 7.42 - 15. 8.42 1. 7.42 - 15. 8.42 1. 7.42 - 15. 8.42 1. 9.42 - 25. 7.42 30. 9.42 - 25. 7.42 30. 9.42 - 25. 7.42 31. 5. 4.43 - 12. 4.43 15. 4.43 - 12. 9.43 27. 5.43 - 22. 5.43 27. 5.44 - 22. 9.44 5. 8.44 - 14. 8. 44 5. 8.44 - 14. 8. 44
	5.10.44 - 14.10.44	2 Polish Corps	14.10.44 - 28.10.44
8 Army	28.10.44 - 17.12.44	No 1 District	18.12.44 - 10. 1.45
			10.1.45

1st ARMOURED DIVISION

Theatres

United Kingdom	3. 9.39 - 13. 5.40	France	14. 5.40 - 16. 6.40
United Kingdom	17. 6.40 - 27. 8.41	At Sea	27. 8.41 - 13.11.41
Egypt	13.11.41 - 19.12.41	Libya	19.12.41 - 16. 6.42
Egypt	16. 6.42 - 14.11.42	Libya	14.11.42 - 13. 3.43
N Africa	13. 3.43 - 24. 5.43	Libya	25. 5.43 - 1. 8.43
N Africa	2. 8.43 - 27. 5.44	Italy (3)	27. 5.44 - 10. 1.45

Battles'

1942	26 May - 21 June 26 June - 30 June	Gazala Mersa Matruh
	1 July - 27 July	Defence of Alamein Line
	23 October - 4 November	El Alamein
1943	21 March - 30 March	Tebaga Gap
	6 April - 7 April	Akarit
	22 April - 26 April	El Kourzia
	5 May - 12 May	Tunis

Notes: (1) The Division was organized on Basic Organization No 1

1944 3 September - 15 September Coriano

Further changes were:

<u>Date</u>	Basic Organization
April 1940	No II
23.10.40	No IV
12. 4.42	No IV
24. 8.42	No VI
25.10.43	No VII
23. 5.44	No VIII, less Inder
	MG Cov not allotted

- (2) In May 1940 the Division was below establishment. One Bn R Tks short in one Brigade while the Sp Gp had no RHA Unit nor Infantry Ens. On return to the UK in June 1940 the Division was re-equipped and completed to establishment in Units.
- (3) Div HQ moved by air transport from N Africa.
- (4) From this date there were no Formations in the Division.

2nd ARMOURED DIVISION

15	December	1939	Divisional Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom.	(1)
8	April	1941	Divisional Headquarters captured in Libya.	
10	May	1941	Disbanded in Egypt.	

GOC

15	December	1939	Maj-Gen	F.	E. Hotblack	
17	April	1940	Brig C.	W.	M. Norrie	(acting)
10	May	1940	Maj-Gen	J.	C. Tilly	(died 5. 1.41)
16	January	1941	Brig H.	B.	Latham	(acting)
12	February	1941	Maj-Gen	M.	D. Gambier Parry	(POW 8. 4.41)

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RE
KDG	24: 1:41 - 9: 5:41	Fd Sqn	
	Sigs	3	10. 6.40 - 26. 2.41
2 Armd Div	4. 3.40 - 8. 4.41	Fd Pk Sqn	
		142	7. 2.41 - 26. 2.41
		Fd Pk Tp	
		142	10. 6.40 - 6. 2.41

Brigades

1 Lt Armd Bde	19. 1,40 - 13. 4.40	
22 Hy Armd Bde	15. 1.40 - 13. 4.40	
1 Armd Bde (3)	14. 4.40 - 27. 2.41	
22 Armd Bde	14. 4.40 - 12.10.40	
3 Armd Bde	(5.10.40 - 31. 1.41	
	(20. 3.41 - 8. 4.41	
2 Sp Gp	5. 2.40 - 8. 4.41	

Higher Formations served under

Northern Comd 15.12.39 - 19. 6.40 4 Cor WO Control 4. 8.40 - 31.12.40 GHQ M Cyrenaica Comd 20. 3.41 - 8. 4.41 7 Arm GHQ MEF 17. 4.41 - 9. 5.41	EF 1.	6.40 - 4 1.41 - 20 4.41 - 17	. 3.41
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Theatres

United Kingdom	15.12.39 - 25.10.40	At Sea	26.10.40 - 31.12.40
Egypt (2)	1. 1.41 - 12. 3.41	Libya (4)	12. 3.41 - 8. 4.41
Egynt.	8. 4.41 - 9. 5.41		

Notes: (1) The Division was formed on Basic Organization No I, and on 14.4.40 changed to Basic Organization No II, but Div RE was not formed until 10.6.40. This Division did not change to Basic Organization No II before t

- (2) In January 1941 the Division was split up with elements in Cyrenaica and on L of C.
- (3) The Division operated as originally formed. Div HQ took over units already in Libya; HQ 7 Armd Div EE with 4 FG Sqn and 145 Fd Pk Tp EE was attached from 24, 3.41 to 8, 4.41. Details of Div HQ escaped on 8, 4.41 and Joined HQ 7 Armd Div temporarily.

3rd, 4th and 5th ARMOURED DIVISIONS not formed

6th ARMOURED DIVISION

12 September 1940 Divisional Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom. (1)

GOC

27	September	1940	Ma.1-Gen	J.	T. Crocker	
9	January	1941	Brig E.	D.	Fanshawe	(acting)
22	February	1941	Maj-Gen	J.	T. Crocker	
15	October	1941	Maj-Gen	H.	Lumsden	
29	October	1941	Maj-Gen	C.	H. Gairdner	
19	May	1942	Maj-Gen	C.	F. Keightley	
19	December	1943			Evelegh	
15	February	1944	Brig W.	E.	G. Hemming	(acting)
19	March	1944	Maj-Gen	V.	Evelegh	,
24	July	1944	Maj-Gen	G.	W. R. Templer	(wounded 5. 8.44)
5	August	1944	Brig C.	A.	M. D. Scott	(acting)
13	August	1944	Brig F.	N.	Mitchell	(acting)
21	August	1944	Maj-Gen	H.	Murray	
27	July	1945	Brig A.	C.	Gore	

Divisional Troops

	RAC		<u>RA</u>
1 Derby Yeo	10.11.40 - 31. 8.45	RHA	
	RE	12	1. 6.42 - 31. 8.45
Fd Sqns		Fd Regt	
5 8	19.11.40 - 6. 3.44 15.12.40 - 31, 8.45	152	15. 6.42 - 31. 8.45
625	7. 3.44 - 31. 8.45	Atk Regt	
Fd Pk Sqn		72	1. 6.42 - 31. 8.45
144	19.11.40 - 31. 8.45	LAA Regt	
Br Tp		51	1. 6.42 - 3.11.44
8	25.12.43 - 21. 8.45		Inf
	Sigs	"B" Hy Sp Gp 1 Hy Sp Coy *	19.12.44 - 11. 2.45
6 Armd Div	12. 9.40 - 31. 8.45	I my op coy "	12. 2.45 - 31. 8.45

Brigades

00	Armd Bde	
		16.10.40 - 23. 4.4
26	3 Armd Bde	9.11.40 - 31. 8.4
	S Sp Gp	1.11.40 - 31. 5.4
	(Irish) Inf Bde	9. 6.42 - 16. 2.4
	Inf Bde (Gds)	24. 3.43 - 29. 5.4
61	. Inf Bde	29. 5.44 - 31. 8.4

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Higher Formations served under

Northern Comd	12. 9.40 - 27. 9.40	Southern Comd	28. 9.40 - 24. 2.41
Eastern Comd	25. 2.41 - 23. 4.42	WO Control	23. 4.42 - 14. 7.42
5 Corps	15. 7.42 - 11. 3.43	9 Corps	12. 3.43 - 25. 5.43
5 Corps	26. 5.43 - 21. 9.43	AFHQ	22. 9.43 - 18. 3.44
8 Army	18. 3.44 - 27. 3.44	13 Corps	27. 3.44 - 9. 6.44
10 Corps	10. 6.44 - 2. 7.44	13 Corps	2. 7.44 - 4. 8.44
10 Corps	4. 8.44 - 12. 8.44	13 Corps	12. 8.44 - 9. 3.45
8 Army	10. 3.45 - 17. 4.45	5 Corps	18. 4.45 - 22. 4.45
13 Corps	23. 4.45 - 3. 5.45	5 Corps	4. 3.45 - 31. 8.45

Theatres

United Kingdom	12. 9.40 - 8.11.42	At Sea	8.11.42 - 22.11.42
N'Africa	22.11.42 - 18. 3.44	Italy	18. 3.44 - 8. 5.45
Austria	8. 5.45 - 31. 8.45		

Battles

1943	18 January - 25 January 7 April - 11 April 22 April - 26 April 5 May - 12 May	Bou Arada Fondouk El Kourzia Tunis
1944	18 May - 30 May 4 July - 17 July 17 July - 10 August 25 August - 22 September	Liri Valley Arezzo Advance to Florenc Gothic Line
1945	13 April - 21 April	Argenta Gap

Notes: (1) The Division was organized on Basic Organization No III.

Further changes were:

Date	Basic Organization
1. 6.42	No V
24. 7.43	No VII
19.12.44	No VIII, the Hy Sp Gp took the place of the Indep MG Coy

7th ARMOURED DIVISION

September 1939	A Regular Division in Egypt. On the outbreak of war designated The Armoured Division (Egypt) for named The Mobile Division. (1)	rmerly
	manied the hootle bivision. (1)	

16 February 1940 Redesignated 7th Armoured Division.

GOC

3	September	1939	Maj-Gen	P. C. S. Hobart
16	November	1939	Brig J.	A. L. Caunter (acting)
4	December	1939	Maj-Gen	M. O'M Creagh
6	March	1941	Maj-Gen	Sir M. O'M Creagh
1	April	1941	Brig J.	A. L. Caunter (acting)
13	April	1941	Maj-Gen	Sir M. O'M Creagh
3	September	1941	Maj-Gen	W. H. E. Gott
6	February	1942	Maj-Gen	J. C. Campbell (killed 23, 2,43)
23	February	1942	Brig A.	H. Gatehouse (acting)
9	March	1942	Ma.j-Gen	F. W. Messervy
19	June	1942	Maj-Gen	J. W. M. Renton
14	September	1942	Maj-Gen	A. F. Harding (wounded 19. 1.43)
20	January	1943	Brig G.	P. B. Roberts. (acting)
24	January	1943	Maj-Gen	G. W. E. J. Erskine
4	August	1944		G. L. Verney
22	November	1944		L. O. Lyne

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
11 H	10. 4.40 - 3.11.43	RHA	
8 H	16.12.43 - 31. 8.45.		
		1	24. 8.42 - 13. 9.42
	RE (2)	3	24. 8.42 - 31. 8.45
		4	24. 8.42 - 21. 9.42
Fd Sqns		5	1.12.42 - 31. 8.45
4	(17. 5.41 - 14. 3.42	Fd Regts	
	(24. 8.42 - 31. 8.45		
21	4.10.42 - 13. 8.43	4	18. 9.42 - 10.12.42
621	14. 8.43 - 31. 8.45	74	13. 9.42 - 18. 9.42
		97	13. 9.42 - 1.12.42
Fd Pk Sqn		148	10.12.42 - 6.11.43
143	17. 5.41 - 31. 8.45	Atk Regts	
Br Tp		21	21. 6.45 - 31. 8.45
		65	13. 9.42 - 29. 5.45
7	6.12.43 - 31. 8.45		
		LAA Regt	
	Sigs		
		15	2. 8.42 - 31. 8.45
7 Armd Div	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45		
			Inf
		3 Indep MG Coy*	1. 2.44 - 31. 8.45

* NF

Brigades

Lt Armd Bde (Egypt) Hy Armd Bde (Egypt)	3. 9.39 - 15. 2.40 3. 9.39 - 15. 2.40	22 Armd Bde	(4. 1.42 - 82.42 (26. 7.42 - 31. 8.45
4 Hy Armd Bde 4 Armd Bde	16. 2.40 - 13. 4.40 (14. 4.40 - 29. 7.41	7 Sp Gp	(22. 1.40 - 12. 4.41 (6. 6.41 - 4. 1.42
7 Lt Armd Bde	(1.11.41 - 19 12.41 (4. 1.42 - 25. 6.42 16. 2.40 - 13. 4.40	7 Mot Bde	(19. 1.42 - 8. 2.42 (9. 2.42 - 26. 6.42
7 Armd Bde	(14. 4.40 - 18. 5.40 (2. 7.40 - 30. 4.41	131 Lor Inf Bde 131 Inf Bde	(5. 7.42 - 11. 9.42 1.11.42 - 3. 3.44 4. 3.44 - 31. 8.45
1 Army Tk Bde	(20. 5.41 - 27.11.41 29. 7.41 - 9.11.41		4. 0.41 01. 0.40

Higher Formations served under

	BTE	3. 9.39 - 16. 6.40	HQ WDF	17. 6.40 - 31.12.40
	Corps	1. 1.41 - 22. 2.41	HQ BTE	22. 2.41 - 16. 5.41
HQ	WDF	17. 5.41 - 28. 9.41	13 Corps	27. 9.41 - 14.11.41
30	Corps	15.11.41 - 10.12.41	13 Corps	
30	Corps	27.12.41 - 1. 1.42	HQ BTE	11.12.41 - 27.12.41
30	Corps	25. 3.42 - 13. 4.42	8 Army	1. 1.42 - 25. 3.42
	Corps	23. 4.42 - 20. 6.42		13. 4.42 - 23. 4.42
	Corps	26.11.42 - 18. 3.43	13 Corps	20. 6.42 - 26.11.42
	Corps		10 Corps	18. 3.43 - 22. 3.43
	Corps	22. 3.43 - 6. 4.43	8 Army	7. 4.43 - 11. 4.43
	Corps	12. 4.43 - 13. 4.43	10 Corps	13. 4.43 - 29. 4.43
		30. 4.43 - 18. 5.43	5 Corps	18. 5.43 - 25. 5.43
	Tripolitania Area	25. 5.43 - 1. 6.43	10 Corps	2. 6.43 - 13.11.43
	Army Group	14.11.43 - 20.12.43	WO Control	21.12.43 - 6. 1.44
	Corps	7. 1.44 - 15. 7.44	8 Corps	15. 7.44 - 21. 7.44
	Cdn Corps	21. 7.44 - 29. 7.44	30 Corps	29. 7.44 - 15. 8.44
	Corps	16. 8.44 - 29. 8.44	12 Corps	29. 8.44 - 6.10.44
	Corps	6.10.44 - 16.10.44	12 Corps	17.10.44 - 7.11.44
1	Corps	7.11.44 - 9.11.44	12 Corps	10.11.44 - 2.12.44
30	Corps	2.12.44 - 12.12.44	12 Corps	
16	US Corps	6. 2.45 - 21. 2.45	12 Corps	12.12.44 - 5. 2.45
8	Corps	29. 5.45 - 18. 6.45	21 Army Group	21. 2.45 - 29. 5.45
	BAOR	25. 8.45 - 31. 8.45	at Army Group	18. 6.45 - 24. 8.45

Theatres

Egypt	3. 9.39 - 5. 1.41	Libya	5. 1.41 - 26. 2.41
Egypt	28. 2.41 - 19.11.41	Libya	18.11.41 - 30.12.41
Egypt	30.12.41 - 25. 3.42	Libya	25. 3.42 - 21. 6.42
Egypt	21. 6.42 - 12.11.42	Libya	18.11.42 - 10. 2.43
N Africa	10. 2.43 - 24. 5.43	Libya	24. 5.43 - 12. 9.43
At Sea	12. 9.43 - 15. 9.43	Italy	15. 9.43 - 20.12.43
At Sea	20.12.43 - 4. 1.44	UK	4. 1.44 - 7. 6.44
NW Europe	8 7 44 = 31 9 45	UK	4. 1.44 - 7. 6.44

7th ARMOURED DIVISION

Battles

1940	8 December - 11 December	Sidi Barrani
1941	3 January - 5 January 21 January - 22 January 5 February - 8 February 18 November - 10 December	Bardia Capture of Tobruk Beda Fomm Tobruk
1942	26 May - 21 June 1 July - 27 July 30 August - 7 September 23 October - 4 November	Gazala Defence of Alamein Line Alam el Halfa El Alamein
1943	6 March - 23 March 16 March - 23 March 6 April - 7 April 19 April - 29 April 5 May - 12 May 9 September - 19 September 22 September - 10 October 12 October - 15 October	Medenine Mareth Akarit Enfidaville Tunis Salerno Capture of Naples Voluumo Crossing
1944	18 July - 23 July 17 September - 27 September	Bourguebus Ridge The Nederrijn
1945	23 March - 1 April	The Rhine

- Notes: (1) Owing to the shortage of Units in the Middle East the Division was not up to Establishment as given in Easic Organization No I.

 The Hy Arma Bde had only two Tk Regts until October 1940.

 The 59 Gp was not formed until January 1940. In the meantime 1 KRRC,

 "M" Bty 3 RHA (A tk) and "C" Bty 4 RHA were in the Div Tps. Other Arty Units were attached as required for operations by Hg RA Group ME.
 - (2) There was no Div RE in existence until April 1940 when HQ Div RE, 4 Fd Sqn, and 145 Fd PK Tp RE were formed in the UK and sent out to Egypt by November 1940; they did not join up with the Division until 17 May 1941, having been attached to other Formations in BTE; other RE units were attached by HQ BTE and from May 1940 2 Fd Sqn, 141 Fd PK Sqn RE were permanently attached from 1 Cav DivRE.
 - (3) The changes in organization of the Division were as follows:

Date	Basic Organization				
14. 4.40	No II, plus an Armd Cav Regt in Div Tps.				
9. 2.42	No V: HQ Div RA was formed on 27.3.42 but Units were not placed u/c till August 1942.				
24. 8.42	No VI.				
6.11.43	No VII				

4 November 1940 Divisional Headquarters for	rmed in the United Kingdom. (1)
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1 January 1943 Divisional Headquarters disbanded in Egypt. (3)

GOC

4 November 14 December 15 October 24 August	1940	Maj-Gen Maj-Gen	R. C.	L. W.	nchington McCreery Norman Gairdner	(acting
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Divisional Troops

	RAC		<u>RA</u> (2)
2 Derby Yeo	27.11.40 - 20. 8.42	RHA	
Fd Sqns	RE	5 11 104	19. 9.42 - 11.11.42 12. 8.42 - 20. 8.42 13. 9.42 - 28. 9.42
6 9	27.11.40 - 9.11.42 (15. 1.41 - 11. 7.42 (15. 9.42 - 9.11.42	Fd Regt	19. 9.42 - 6.11.42
Fd Pk Sqn		Atk Regt	
145	27.11.40 - 9.11.42	73	25. 9.42 - 26,10,42
	Sigs	LAA Regt	
8 Armd Div	4.11.40 - 16.12.42	56	23. 7.42 - 6.11.42

Brigades

23 Armd Bde	22.11.40 - 11. 7.42
24 Armd Bde	22.11.40 - 6.11.42
8 Sp Gp	7.11.40 - 22. 7.42

Higher Formations served under

Northern Comd	Southern Comd WO Control 10 Corps HQ BTE	4. 3.41 - 29. 5.41 7. 5.42 - 5. 7.42 12. 9.42 - 5.11.42 11.11.42 - 31.12.42
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Theatres

7. 5.42 - 5. 7.42

Notes:

(1) The Division was organized on Basic Organization No III. On arrival in the Middle East in July 1942 the Division changed to Basic Organization No IV. Owing to casualties in the ME Command and operational requirements for 5 Army the change was not fully implemented - no Infantry nor Motor Brigade was posted to the Division, but 133 Lor Inf Bde was attached from 15.9.42 to 28.9.42.

- (2) From 18.10.42 to 3.11.42 HQ D1v RA became HQ Hammerforce and had under comd 148 Fd Regt RA, 73 Atk Regt RA, and 58 LAA Regt RA from D1v Tps.
- (3) In the six months the Division was in Egypt it never operated as a complete Formation.

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9th ARMOURED DIVISION

1	December	1940	Divisional	Headquarters	formed in	the	United	Kingdom.	(1)	
31	July	1944	Divisional	Headquarters	disbanded	in	the Uni	ted Kingd	om.	

GOC

4	December	1940	Maj-Gen	M.	B. Burrows	
20	March	1942	Maj-Gen	В.	G. Horrocks	
12	August	1942	Brig J.	C.	D' Arcy	(acting)
8	September	1942	Maj-Gen	J.	C. D'Arcy	

Divisional Troops

RAC	
Inns of Court 23. 1.41 - 15. 1.43 RHA 1 RGH 16. 1.43 - 10. 7.44	
6 12. <u>RE</u> Fd Regt	. 6.42 - 10. 7.44
Fd Sqns 141 12.	. 6.42 - 10. 7.44
10 16. 3.41 - 24. 7.44 11 15. 3.41 - 1. 3.43 Atk Regts 611 1. 3.43 - 24. 7.44	
	. 6.42 - 6.11.43 .11.43 - 10. 7.44
146 16. 3.41 - 25. 7.44 LAA Regts	
	. 6.42 - 2. 3.44 . 3.44 - 10. 7.44
9 1.10.43 - 25. 7.44	
81gs 9 Armd Div 1.12.40 - 30. 7.44	

Brigades (2)

27 Armd Bde	4.12.40 - 11	. 6.42
28 Armd Bde	4.12.40 - 9	. 7.44
9 Sp Gp	4.12.40 - 11	. 6.42
7 Inf Bde	12. 6.42 - 31	. 7.44

Higher Formations served under

4 Corps	1.12.40 - 12.10.41	9 Corps	13.10.41 - 12. 8.42
Northern Comd	12. 8.42 - 25. 1.43	8 Corps	25. 1.43 - 4. 7.43
South-Eastern Comd	4. 7.43 - 3.10.43	Eastern Comd	4.10.43 - 18. 1.44
2 Corps	19. 1.44 - 5. 3.44	Northern Comd	6. 3.44 - 8. 7.44
Eastern Comd	9. 7.44 - 30. 7.44		

Theatre

United	Kingdom	1.12.40 -	30.	7.44

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- $\underline{\text{Notes:}}$ (1) The Division formed on Basic Organization No III and on 12.6.42 changed to Basic Organization No V.
 - (2) 27 Armd Bde ceased to form an integral part of the Div on 12.6.42 and was attached till 10.6.42.

7 Inf Bde came under comd on 5.6.42 and became part of the Div organization wef 12.6.42.

10th ARMOURED DIVISION

1 August	1941	Formed in Division.		by	designation	and	reorganization	of	1st	Cavalry
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15 June 1944 Divisional Headquarters disbanded in Egypt.

GOC

1	August	1941	Maj-Gen	C.	G.	W. Clark	
26	June	1942	Ma.1-Gen	A.	H.	Gatehouse	(3)
18	December	1942	Maj-Gen	C.	W.	Norman	
12	January	1943	Ma.j-Gen	H.	L.	Birks	

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA (2)
1 HCR	(9.10.41 - 13. 3.42 (14. 1.43 - 5.11.43	RHA	
2 Derby Yeo Royals	21. 8.42 - 10. 9.42	1	(13. 9.42 - 27. 5.43 (13.11.43 - 25. 4.44
7 H	5.11.43 - 25. 4.44	14	3. 6.43 - 8.11.43
	RE	104	27. 9.42 - 3. 5.44
		Fd Regt	
Fd Sqns			
		98	19. 9.42 - 29.12.42
2	21.11.41 - 10. 6.43		
3	22. 9.42 - 15. 5.44	Atk Regts	
622	11. 6.43 - 31. 5.44		
		84	13. 9.42 - 20. 5.44
Fd Pk Sqn			
		LAA Regts	
141	20.11.41 - 1. 4.44		
		53	2. 9.42 - 2.11.42
Br Tp		101	11.10.43 - 30. 4.44
6	20.11.43 - 1.4.44		
	Sigs		
10 Armd Div	1. 8.41 - 14. 6.44		

8 Armd Bde	(1.8.41 - 16.2.42
	(27. 3.42 - 30. 6.42
	(17. 7.42 - 21.11.42
9 Armd Bde	(9.10.41 - 25. 3.42
	(14.11.42 - 27. 5.43
7 Armd Bde	3. 6.43 - 11. 4.44
23 Armd Bde	1. 6.44 - 14. 6.44
7 Mot Bde	12. 9.42 - 23. 9.42
133 Lor Inf Bde	29. 9.42 - 25.11.42
201 Gds Mot Bde	9. 1.43 - 1. 2.43

Higher Formations served under

HQ Brit Forces P & T	J 1. 8.41 - 31.10.41 22.11.41 - 18. 6.42	9 Army	1.11.41 - 21.11.41
		30 Corps	19. 6.42 - 29. 6.42
8 Army	29. 6.42 - 30. 6.42	10 Corps	30. 6.42 - 16. 7.42
HQ BTE	16. 7.42 - 17. 8.42	8 Army	18. 8.42 - 26. 8.42
13 Corps	27. 8.42 - 14. 9.42	10 Corps	14. 9.42 - 1.11.42
30 Corps	1.11.42 - 6.11.42	10 Corps	6.11.42 - 21.11.42
HQ BTE	22.11.42 - 31.12.42	13 Corps	1. 1.43 - 1. 3.43
9 Army	1. 3.43 - 2.10.43	GHQ MEF	3.10.43 - 28. 2.44
HQ BTE	1. 3.44 - 18. 6.44		0.10.40 80. 8.44

Theatres

Palestine	1. 8.41 - 29. 4.42	Egypt	30. 4.42 - 21.12.42
Palestine	1. 1.43 - 11. 1.43	Syria	12. 1.43 - 26. 9.43
Egypt	27. 9.43 - 18. 6.44		

Battles

1942 30 August - 7 September Alam el Halfa 23 October - 4 November El Alamein

- Notes:

 (1) No Support Group was formed and one Armd Bde was not available until 9.10.41. In March 1942 owing to the paucity of equipment and scarcity of British formations in the Middle East the Division was not up to establishment.

 10 Ind Mot Bde Gp was attached from 27.3.42 20.6.42 and 16! Ind Mot Bde Gp from 30.6.42 11.7.42. On 30.8.42 the Division was reformed on Basic Organization No VI.
 - (2) HQ Div RA formed on 7.5.42, became part of Reesforce for the defence of the Cairo bridgehead from 17.6.42 to 30.6.42; during this time 50 Div RA was attached to the Division as supporting arty.
 - (3) From 1.7.42 to 17.7.42 Div HQ formed HQ Gateforce. The Div Comd also commanded 1 Armd Div from 19.7.42 to 22.7.42.

11th ARMOURED DIVISION

9 March 1941 Divisional Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom. (1)

GOC

9	March	1941	Ma.j-Gen	P.	C.	S. Hobart	
22	February	1942	Brig C.	Н.	M.	Peto	(acting
21	April	1942	Ma.1-Gen	C.	F.	Keightley	
17	May	1942	Ma.j-Gen	P.	C.	S. Hobart	
15	October	1942	Ma.j-Gen	M.	B.	Burrows	
6	December	1943	Maj-Gen	G.	P.	B. Roberts	

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
27 L 2 N Yeo	10. 3.41 - 25. 3.43 25. 3.43 - 17. 8.44	RHA	
15/19 H	17. 8.44 - 31. 8.45	13	1. 6.42 - 31. 8.45
	RE	Fd Regt	
Fd Sqns		151	1. 6.42 - 31. 8.45
12 13	16. 3.41 - 1. 1.43 16. 3.41 - 31. 8.45	Atk Regts	
612	1. 1.43 - 31. 8.45	75 65	1. 6.42 - 2. 6.45 2. 6.45 - 31. 8.45
Fd Pk Sqn			2. 0.40 - 01. 0.40
147	16. 3.41 - 31. 8.45	LAA Regt	
Br Tp		58	1. 6.42 - 31. 8.45
10	1.10.43 - 31. 8.45		Inf
	81gs	2 Indep MG Coy *	16. 3.44 - 31. 8.45
11 Armd Div	9. 3.41 - 31. 8.45		

Brigades

29	Armd Bde	9.	3.41	-	31.	8.4
30	Armd Bde	9.	3.41	-	20.	4.4
11	Sp Gp	9.	3.41	-	31.	5.4
159	Inf Bde (2)		6.42			

Higher Formations served under

Northern Comd	9. 3.41 - 29. 4.42	12 Corps	29. 4.42 - 12. 8.42
Eastern Comd	13. 8.42 - 23. 8.42	1 Army	23. 8.42 - 28. 8.42
Eastern Comd	28. 8.42 - 7.10.42	9 Corps	7.10.42 - 17. 3.43
8 Corps	17. 3.43 - 13. 7.44	12 Corps	13. 7.44 - 16. 7.44
8 Corps	17. 7.44 - 26. 7.44	12 Corps	27. 7.44 - 29. 7.44
8 Corps	30. 7.44 - 14. 8.44	30 Corps	14. 8.44 - 16. 9.44
8 Corps	16. 9.44 - 8. 2.45	12 Corps	8. 2.45 - 17. 2.45
1 Cdn Army	17. 2.45 - 23. 2.45	2 Cdn Corps	23. 2.45 - 10. 3.45
8 Corps	11. 3.45 - 12. 3.45	2 Army	12. 3.45 - 28. 3.45
8 Come	98 7 45 - 71 9 45		

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Theatres

United Kingdom NW Europe 9. 3.41 - 11. 6.44 13. 6.44 - 31. 8.45 At Sea

11. 6.44 - 13. 6.44

Battles

1944 25 June - 2 July 18 July - 23 July 30 July - 9 August 17 September - 27 September 8 February - 10 March

The Odon Bourguebus Ridge Mont Pincon The Nederrijn The Rhineland

Notes: (1) The Division formed on Basic Organization No III; further changes were:

 Date
 Basic Organization

 June 1942
 No V

 July 1943
 No VIII

 March 1944
 No VIIII

(2) This Bde was attached from 17.5.42 and came on establishment on 1.6.42.

12th to 41st ARMOURED DIVISIONS not formed

42nd ARMOURED DIVISION

1 November 1941 Formed in the United Kingdom by conversion of 42nd Infantry Division. (1)
17 October 1943 Divisional Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

GOC

1 November 1941 Maj*Gen M. C. Dempsey 2 December 1942 Maj*Gen J. A. Alzlewood

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
112 RAC 1 N Yeo	17.11.41 - 24. 2.43 18. 4.43 - 16.10.43	Fd Regts	
		86	10. 6.42 - 3. 5.43
	RE	147	1. 6.42 - 23. 9.43
		191	3. 5.43 - 7.10.43
Fd Sqns			
		Atk Regt	
16	3.11.41 - 17. 9.43		
17	3.11.41 - 1. 3.43	53	1. 6.42 - 7.10.43
617	1. 3.43 - 17. 9.43		
		LAA Regt	
Fd Pk Sqn			
		98	1. 6.42 - 23. 9.43
149	3.11.41 - 17. 9.43		
	Sigs		
42 Armd Div	1.11.41 - 16.10.43		
149	Sigs	93	1. 6.42 - 23. 9.43

Brigades

10 Armd Bde	1.11.41 - 13. 5.4
11 Armd Bde	1.11.41 - 13. 5.4
30 Armd Bde	13. 5.42 - 16.10.4
42 Sp Gp	1.11.41 - 31. 5.4
71 Inf Bde	14. 8.42 - 16.10.4

Higher Formations served under

9 Corps	1.11.41 - 7.11.41	3 Armd Group	7.11.41 - 1. 7.42
Northern Comd	4 57 40 00 4 4-		
MOL CHELLI COURT	1. 7.42 - 25. 1.43	8 Corps	25. 1.43 - 15. 3.43
Southern Comd	16. 3.43 - 28. 8.43	WO Control	
			28. 8.43 - 16.10.43

Theatre

United Kingdom 1.11.41 - 16.10.43

 $\underline{\text{Note:}}$ (1) Division formed on Basic Organization No III and on 1 June 1942 changed to Basic Organization No \mathbb{V}_*

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14 August 1942 Divisional Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom. (1) April 1943 The Division reorganized and composition changed. (2)

GOC

8 September 1942 Brig G. Mc I. Bruce 16 October 1942 Maj-Gen P. C. S. Hobart 2 June 1943 Maj-Gen Sir P. C. S. Hobart (acting)

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
162 RAC 2 N Yeo	10. 9.42 - 10. 1.43 10. 1.43 - 25. 3.43	Fd Regts	
	RE	142 150	11. 9.42 - 20. 4.43 16. 9.42 - 27. 3.43
Fd Sqns		Atk Regt	
18 19	10. 9.42 - 2. 3.43 8. 9.42 - 25. 3.43	55	12. 9.42 - 12. 4.43
Fd Pk Sqn		LAA Regt	
508	10. 9.42 - 12. 2.43	119	10. 9.42 - 12. 4.43
	Sigs		
79 Armd Div	7. 1.43 - 31. 8.45		

Brigades

27 Armd Bde 8. 9.42 - 13. 4.43 8. 9.42 - 12. 4.43 185 Inf Bde

79th ARMOURED DIVISION

From April 1943 the Division consisted of the following Units and Formations in addition to Divisional Signals:

Divisional Troops

	<u>RAC</u> (3)		
43 R Tks		6. 8.43 - 14. 5.4	4
Staffs Yeo		17. 9.44 - 17. 4.4	
11 R Tks		2.10.44 - 1.11.4	
1 FF Yeo		7.10.44 - 1.11.4	4
	RE		
GHQ Tps			
5		27. 4.43 - 6. 5.4	3
6		27. 4.43 - 6. 5.4	3
Aslt Tps			
5		6. 5.43 - 26.10.4	3
6		6. 5.43 - 26.10.4	3
42		28. 9.43 - 26.10.4	3
Aslt Regts			
5		26.10.43 - 25.11.4	3
6		26.10.43 - 25.11.4	3
42		26.10.43 - 25.11.4	3
Fd Pk Sqn			
149		19. 9.43 - 28. 9.4	3
Aslt Pk Sqn		29. 8.43 - 9. 5.4	A

	Brigades	(4)
35	Tk Bde	10. 4.43 - 26. 4.44
27	Armd Bde	14. 4.43 - 8.10.43
30	Armd Bde	17.10.43 - 19. 6.45
1	Aslt Bde RE	(26.11.43 - 9. 5.44
		(17. 1.45 - 22. 4.45
1	Tk Bde	7. 5.44 - 16.10.44
1	Aslt Bde & Aslt Pk Sqn RE	10. 5.44 - 16. 1.45
31	Tk Bde	4. 9.44 - 1. 2.45
33	Armd Bde	(18. 1.45 - 3. 4.45
		(24. 4.45 - 21. 8.45
31	Armd Bde	2. 2.45 - 28. 8.45
1	Armd Engr Bde	23. 4.45 - 26. 6.45

Higher Formations served under

Northern Comd	14. 8.42 - 26. 4.43	GHQ Home Forces	27. 4.43 - 22. 5.44
21 Army Group (5)	23. 5.44 - 31. 8.45		2.4 1410 204 0444

Theatres

United Kingdom	14. 8.42 - 11. 8.44	NW Europe	12. 8.44 - 31. 8.45

- Notes: (1) The Division formed on Basic Organization No V and in January 1943 changed to Basic Organization No VII.
 - (2) The role of the Division was to carry out the development of all specialised armour, and technique, and for advising on its use.
 - (3) These Armoured Regts were equipped with specialised armour on joining the Division.
 - (4) Each Brigade was equipped with one type of specialised armour on a basic organization and Ede HQ commanded and administered its Units in the normal way; in battle Units were allotted to a Formation and a Ede HQ acted as 'parent' to the mixed Units while the Ede Comd was the adviser to the Formation concerned,
 - (5) The Division was under direct Command of 21 Army Group, portions being placed in support of Armies for a specific operation or series of operations.

(b) CAVALRY DIVISION

(See Appendix I for the organisation of this Division)

1st CAVALRY DIVISION

31 (october	1939	Formed	in	the	Un1 ted	Kingdom.

1 August 1941 Redesignated and reorganized as 10th Armoured Division.

GOC

31	October	1939	Maj-Gen J.	G. W. Clark	
27	June	1940	Brig J. J.	Kingstone	(acting)
1	July	1940	Maj-Gen J.	G. W. Clark	
26	February	1941	Brig J. J.	Kingstone	(acting)
8	May	1941	Maj-Gen J.	G. W. Clark	

Divisional Troops

	RA			RE
104 RHA		13.11.39 - 7. 9.40	Fd Sqn	
106 RHA 107 RHA		1.11.39 - 16. 8.40 1.11.39 - 23. 8.40	2	10.11.39 - 19. 5.40
			Fd Pk Sqn	
			141	10.11.39 - 19. 5.40
				81gs
			1 Cav Div	1.11.39 - 31. 7.41.

Brigades

4 (Cav	Bde	31.10.39	-	31.	7.
5 (Cav	Bde	31.10.39	-	31.	7.
6 (Cav	Bde	31.10.39	-	31.	7.

WO Control

HQ 1 Aust Corps

17. 1.40 - 30. 1.40 15. 7.41 - 31. 7.41

Higher Formations served under

	Theatres		

United Kingdom	31.10.39 - 18. 1.40	At Sea (1)	23. 1.40 - 30. 1.40
Palestine	31. 1.40 - 11. 5.41	Transjordan	12. 5.41 - 30. 5.41
Iraq (2)	31. 5.41 - 20. 6.41	Syria (2)	21. 6.41 - 15. 7.41

Notes: (1) Division travelled across France and embarked at Marseilles.

31.10.39 - 16. 1.40

31. 1.40 - 14. 7.41

(2) Divisional Headquarters and elements of the Division formed HABFORCE for operations in Iraq and Syria.

Northern Comd

HQ P & TJ

(c) INFANTRY DIVISIONS

(See Appendix I for the organisation of these Divisions)

GUARDS DIVISION

12 June 1945 Formed in NW Europe by redesignation and reorganization of the Guards Armoured Division.

GOC

12 June 1945 Maj-Gen A. H. S. Adair

Divisional Troops

RAC		RA	
2 HCR 12. 6.45 - 31. 8.45	Fd Regts		
RE Fd Sqns	55 92 153	12.	. 6.45 - 31. 8.45 . 6.45 - 31. 8.45 . 6.45 - 31. 8.45
14 12. 6.45 - 31. 8.45 615 12. 6.45 - 31. 8.45	Atk Regt	12.	. 6.45 - 31. 8.45
148 12. 6.45 - 31. 8.45 Br Tp	LAA Regt 94	12.	. 6.45 - 31. 8.45
11 12. 6.45 - 31. 8.45 Sigs	1 Indep MG Coy *	<u>Inf</u> 12.	. 6.45 - 31. 8.45
Gds Div 12. 6.45 - 31. 8.45			

Brigades

5 Gds Bde 12. 6.45 - 31. 8.45 6 Gds Bde 19. 6.45 - 31. 8.45 32 Gds Inf Bde 12. 6.45 - 31. 8.45

Higher Formations served under

30 Corps District 12. 6.45 - 15. 6.45 1 Corps District 16. 6.45 - 31. 8.45

Theatre

NW Europe 12. 6.45 - 31. 8.45

1st INFANTRY DIVISION

September 1939 A Fegular Division in the United Kingdom.

June 1942 Reorganized as a Mixed Division.

November 1942 Reverted to the organization of an Infantry Division.

GOC

3	September	1939	Maj-Gen	Ho	n H. R. L. G. Alexander	
31	May	1940	Brig M.	B.	Beckwith-Smith	(acting)
3	June	1940	Maj-Gen	Ho	n H. R. L. G. Alexander	
9	June	1940	Brig M.	B.	Beckwith-Smith	(acting)
13	June	1940	Maj-Gen	K.	A. N. Anderson	
19	May	1941	Maj-Gen	E.	L. Morris	
18	November	1941	Maj-Gen	W.	E. Clutterbuck	
14	October	1943	Maj-Gen	W.	R. C. Penny	
18	February	1944	Maj-Gen	G.	W. R. Templer (1)	(temporary)
23	February	1944	Maj-Gen	W.	R. C. Penny	
4	May	1944	Maj-Gen	J.	L. I. Hawkesworth	(temporary)
24	May	1944	Brig C.	F.	Loewen	(acting)
14	June	1944	Maj-Gen	W.	R. C. Penny	
24	July	1944	Maj-Gen	C.	F. Loewen	

	Divisions	al Troops	
	RAC		RA
13/18 H 1 Recce Regt	3. 9.39 - 31. 3.40 1. 1.44 - 31. 8.45	Fd Regts	
		2	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
	RE	19	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
		24	3. 9.39 - 31. 1.40
Fd Coys		67	31. 1.40 - 31. 8.45
17	3. 9.39 - 2.11.39	Atk Regts	
23	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45		
. 26	3. 9.39 - 28. 2.40	21	3. 9.39 - 10.10.41
248	2.11.39 - 31. 8.45	81	5.11.41 - 8. 4.45
238	29. 2.40 - 31. 8.45	93	9. 4.45 - 31. 8.45
Fd Pk Coy		LAA Regts	
6	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	90	27. 1.42 - 7.11.44
		11	19.11.44 - 17. 1.45
Br Pl		1	22. 3.45 - 31. 8.45
1	18.10.43 - 31. 8.45		Inf
	Sigs	MG Bns	
1 Div	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	4 Cheshire	11.11.41 - 1.10.42
		2/7 Mx	28. 5.44 - 31. 8.45
		Recce	
		1 Bn	8. 1.41 - 5. 6.42
		1 Regt	6, 6,42 - 31,12,43
			01112.40
		Sp Bn	
		2/7 Mx	17. 8.43 - 27. 5.44

1st INFANTRY DIVISION

Brigades

1 Inf Bde (2 Inf Bde 3 Inf Bde 210 Inf Bde 38 (Irish) I	2	3. 9.39 - 3. 9.39 - 3 3. 9.39 - 3 25.11.41 - 1 13. 1.42 -	1. 8.45 1. 8.45 2. 1.42	34 Tk Bde 25 Tk Bde 24 Inf Bde (Gds) 18 Inf Bde 66 Inf Bde	8. 6.42 - 2. 9.42 3. 9.42 - 13.11.42 6.12.42 - 7. 3.44 8. 3.44 - 16. 8.44 19. 8.44 - 31. 8.45
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Higher Formations served under

1 Corps 1 Corps 2 Corps District WO Control 5 Corps AFHQ 6 US Corps 5 Corps 13 Corps GHQ MEF	3. 9.39 - 18. 5.40 24. 5.40 - 13.11.41 15.12.41 - 28.10.42 8. 2.43 - 9. 3.45 3. 6.43 - 11. 5.48 3. 6.43 - 16. 6.43 15.10.43 - 4.12.45 20. 1.44 - 21. 5.44 1. 7.44 - 31. 7.44 5. 8.44 - 16. 1.45 28. 1.45 - 1. 2.45	2 Corps 2 Corps 1 Corps (2) 1 Army 9 Corps Tunisia District 15 Army Group 5 US Army 8 Army HQ AAI HQ P& TJ	19. 5.40 - 24. 5.40 14.11.41 - 15.12.41 26.10.42 - 6. 2.43 19. 3.43 - 24. 3.43 12. 5.43 - 3. 6.43 17. 6.43 - 15.10.43 5.12.43 - 20. 1.44 22. 5.44 - 30. 6.44 17. 1.45 - 27. 1.45 2. 2.45 - 31. 8.45
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Theatres

United Kingdom United Kingdom North Africa North Africa Italy Palestine	3. 9.39 - 19. 9.39 3. 6.40 - 27. 2.43 9. 3.43 - 10. 6.43 15. 6.43 - 4.12.43 7.12.43 - 27. 1.45 2. 2.45 - 31. 8.45	France & Belgium At Sea Pantelleria At Sea At Sea	20. 9.39 - 2. 6.40 28. 2.43 - 9. 3.43 11. 6.43 - 14. 6.43 5.12.43 - 7.12.43 28. 1.45 - 1. 2.45
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Battles

1943	23 April - 30 April 5 May - 12 May	Medjez Plain Tunis
1944	22 January - 22 May	Anzio
	22 May - 4 June	Rome
	25 August - 22 September	Gothic Line

Notes: (1) Also Commander 56 (Lon) Inf Division at this time.

(2) Designated Force 125 at this period.

1st LONDON DIVISION

peh celinet. T	939	A First Line Territorial Army Division organized as a Motor Division.
June 1	940	Reorganized as an Infantry Division.
18 November 1	940	Redesignated 56th (London) Division.

GOC

3	September	1939	Maj-Gen	C.	F. Liardet		
27	January	1941	Maj-Gen	M.	G. N. Stopford		
8	October	1941	Maj-Gen	E.	G. Miles		(wounded 5.5.43)
5	May	1943	Brig J.	C.	A. Birch		(acting)
7	May	1943	Maj-Gen	D.	A. H. Graham		
10	October	1943	Brig L.	0.	Lyne		(acting)
15	October	1943	Maj-Gen	G.	W. R. Templer	(1)	
25	July	1944	Maj-Gen	J.	Y. Whitfield		
3	July	1945	Brig M.	D.	Erskine		(acting)
7	August	1945	Maj-Gen	J.	Y. Whitfield		

Divisional Troops

	RAC	<u>R</u>	<u>A</u>
44 Recce Regt	(1. 1.44 - 16. 2.44 (2. 6.44 - 31. 8.45	Fd Regts	
		64	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
	RE ·	90	3. 9.39 - 18. 3.43
		113	9. 7.40 - 31. 8.45
Fd Coys		65	23. 4.43 - 31. 8.45
220	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	Atk Regt	
501	(8. 9.39 - 18. 3.43		
	(13.10.43 - 31. 8.45	67	1. 7.40 - 31. 8.45
221	3. 7.40 - 31. 8.45		
42	9. 7.43 - 3. 1.44	LAA Regt	
Fd Pk Coys		100	3. 2.42 - 9.11.44
223	3. 9.39 - 30. 9.39	In	nf
563	15. 1.40 - 31. 8.45		
		M/C Bn	
	Sigs		
		1 QVR	3. 9.39 - 21. 5.40
1 Lon Div	3. 9.39 - 17.11.40		
56 Div	18.11.40 - 31. 8.45	MG Bn	
		1 Kensingtons	11.11.41 - 20. 5.42
		6 Cheshire	12. 1.43 - 31. 8.45
		Recce	
		56 Bn	8. 1.41 - 5. 6.42
		56 Regt	6. 6.42 - 15. 8.42

1 Lon Inf Bde	3. 9.39 - 18.11.40	169 (Lon) Inf Bde	28.11.40 - 31. 8.45
2 Lon Inf Bde	3. 9.39 - 18.11.40	201 (Gds) Inf Bde (3)	23. 7.43 - 17.10.43
35 Inf Bde	8. 7.40 - 27.11.40	43 Ind Inf Bde (4)	25. 9.44 - 7.10.44
167 (Lon) Inf Bde	18.11.40 - 31. 8.45	24 (Gds) Inf Bde	10. 3.45 - 31. 8.45
168 (Lon) Inf Bde	(18.11.40 - 8. 4.43		
	(17.10.43 - 26. 9.44		

1st LONDON DIVISION

Higher Formations served under

Eastern Comd	3. 9.39 - 4. 6.40	12 Corps	5 0 10 11 11
11 Corps	15.11.41 - 1. 4.42	11 Corps District	5. 6.40 - 14.11.41 2. 4.42 - 20. 6.42
WO Control GHQ MEF (2)	21. 6.42 - 3.11.42	21 Ind Corps 10 Corps	4.11.42 - 18. 3.43
5 US Army	13. 2.44 - 18. 2.44	6 US Corps	20. 4.43 - 12. 2.44
No 3 District	11. 3.44 - 15. 3.44	No 2 District	16. 3.44 - 28. 3.44
GHQ MEF GHO MEF	28. 3.44 - 2. 4.44	HQ BTE	3. 4.44 - 10. 7.44
AAI	21. 7.44 - 6. 8.44	No 2 District 5 Corps	17. 7.44 - 21. 7.44 6. 8.44 - 11.10.44
8 Army 13 Corps	12.10.44 - 28.11.44 2. 5.45 - 31. 8.45	5 Corps	28.11.44 - 2. 5.45

Theatres

United Kingdom Iraq Egypt N Africa At Sea	3. 9.39 - 25. 8.42 4.11.42 - 24. 3.43 29. 3.43 - 4. 4.43 19. 4.43 - 26. 5.43	At Sea Palestine Libya Libya	25. 8.42 - 4.11.42 25. 3.43 - 28. 3.43 5. 4.43 - 19. 4.43 27. 5.43 - 31. 8.43
At Sea At Sea	1. 9.43 - 9. 9.43	Italy	9. 9.43 - 28. 3.44
At Sea	28. 3.44 - 2. 4.44 11. 7.44 - 17. 7.44	Egypt Italy	3. 4.44 - 11. 7.44 17. 7.44 - 31. 8.45

Battles

1943	19 April - 29 April 5 May - 12 May 9 September - 18 September 22 September - 1 October 12 October - 15 October 5 November - 9 December	Enfidaville Tunis Salerno Capture of Naples Volcurno Crossing Monte Camino
1944	17 January - 31 January 22 January - 22 May 25 August - 22 September 3 September - 15 September 14 September - 21 September 2 December - 13 December	Garigliano Crossing Anžio Gothic Line Coriano Rimini Line Lamone Crossing
1945	13 April - 21 April	Argenta Gap

Notes: (1) Commanded 1 Inf Div in addition from 8 February to 22 February 1944.

- (2) Between 19 March and 19 April 1943 the Division moved overland approximately 2,300 miles from Iraq to N Africa.
- (3) This Brigade remained attached to the Division for all purposes until 3 January 1944 (see under 22 Guards Brigade). Thus the Division had four Brigades between 17 October 1943 and 3 January 1944.
- (4) Formed integral part of Div during this time.

2nd INFANTRY DIVISION

September 1939 A Regular Division in the United Kingdom.

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3	September	1939	Ma.1-Gen	H.	C. Loyd	(sick 16. 5.40)
16	May	1940	Brig F.	H.	N. Davidson	(acting)
20	May	1940	Ma.1-Gen	N.	M. S. Irwin	
12	August	1940	Brig C.	В.	Findlay	(acting)
15	August	1940	Brig G.	I.	Gartlan	(acting)
18	September	1940	Ma.1-Gen	D.	G. Watson	
11	October	1941	Maj-Gen	J.	M. L. Grover	
8	July	1944	Maj-Gen	C.	G. G. Nicholson	
15	August	1944	Brig M.	M.	A. B. West	(acting)
23	August	1944	Ma.1-Gen	C.	G. G. Nicholson	
26	August	1944	Brig H.	S.	J. Bourke	(acting)
10	September	1944	Maj-Gen	C.	G. G. Nicholson	
13	September	1944	Brig H.	S.	J. Bourke	(acting)
24	September	1944	Ma.1-Gen	C.	G. G. Nicholson	
1	June	1945	Brig H.	8.	J. Bourke	(acting)
12	July	1945	Ma.j-Gen	C.	G. G. Nicholson	

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
4/7 DG 2 Recce Regt *	3. 9.39 - 31. 5.40 1. 1.44 - 31. 8.45	Fd Regts	
E lecce liege +	RE	10	(3. 9.39 - 5. 4.43 (6. 7.43 - 31. 8.45
		16	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
Fd Coys		18 99	3. 9.39 - 1. 2.40 1. 2.40 - 31. 8.45
5	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45		
11	3. 9.39 - 4. 5.40	Atk Regts	
38	3. 9.39 - 29. 1.40	4.7	7 0 70 0 7 10
506	(29. 1.40 - 31.10.42 (1. 6.43 - 18. 4.45	13 100 /	3. 9.39 - 2. 7.42 (18. 3.43 - 30.11.43
208	4. 5.40 - 31. 8.45	100 7	(1.10.44 - 31. 8.45
Fd Pk Coy		LAA Regts	
21	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	89	24. 1.42 - 24. 3.42
	Sigs	60	18. 4.43 - 15. 7.43
		LAA/Atk Regt	
2 Div	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	100 +	1.12.43 - 30. 9.44
			Inf
		M/C Bn	
		6 Loyals	30.11.40 - 29. 4.41
		MG Bn	
		2 Manch (1)	11.11.41 - 31. 8.45
		Recce	
		2 Bn *	30. 4.41 - 5. 6.42
		2 Regt *	6. 6.42 - 31.12.43

* Loyals + Gordons

2nd INFANTRY DIVISION

Brigades

4	Inf	Bde	(3.	9.39	-	25.	7.44
			(20.	9.44	-	31.	8.45
5	Inf	Rde	7	0 70		rrd.	8.45
			0.	9.09	-	OT.	8.45
6	Inf	Bde	3.	9.39	-	31.	10.42
			1 10	0.43	-	18.	4.45

Higher Formations served under

1 Corps 3 Corps WO Control WO Control GHQ India HQ ALFSEA	3. 9.39 - 24. 5.40 26. 5.40 - 30. 5.40 1. 6.40 - 4. 6.40 12.11.41 - 7. 6.42 1. 5.43 - 31.10.43	GHQ BEF GHQ BEF 1 Corps Southern Army 33 Ind Corps	25. 5.40 - 26. 5.40 30. 5.40 - 31. 5.40 5. 6.40 - 11.12.41 7. 6.42 - 30. 4.43 1.11.43 - 11, 4.45
HQ ALFSEA	12. 4.45 - 6. 6.45	Southern Army	7 0 45 74 0 45

Theatres

United Kingdom United Kingdom India India	3. 9.39 - 20. 9.39 1. 6.40 - 15. 4.42 7. 6.42 - 1. 4.44	France & Belgium At Sea Burma	21. 9.39 - 31. 5.40 15. 4.42 - 7. 6.42 2. 4.44 - 11. 4.45
India	12. 4.45 - 31. 8.45		

Battles

1940	23 May - 29 May	St Omer - La Bassée
1944	27 March - 22 June	Kohima
1945	12/13 February - 21 March	Mandalay

2nd LONDON DIVISION

	September	1939	A Second Line Territorial Army Division organized as a Motor Division. A duplicate of 1st London Division.
	June	1940	Reorganized as an Infantry Division.
21	November	1940	Redesignated 47th (London) Division.
	December	1941	Placed on Lower Establishment.
	August & September	1944	The Division commenced dispersing on 15 August and this was completed by 31 August. On 1 September the Division was reformed as

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3	September	1940	Maj-Gen	Н.	W1	llans	
29	November	1940	Brig W.	H.	C.	Ramsden	(acting)
8	December	1940	Maj-Gen	C.	C.	Malden	(killed 25. 3.41)
25	March	1941	Brig W.	P.	A.	Bradshaw	(acting)
18	April	1941	Maj-Gen	J.	E.	Utterson-Kelso	
10	April	1942	Maj-Gen	G.	W.	R. Templer	
14	September	1942	Maj-Gen	A.	E.	Robinson	
1	September	1944	Ma.1-Gen	J.	E.	Utterson-Kelso	

Divisional Troops

	DIVISION	ат ттоора	
	RA		RE
Fd Regts		Fd Coys	
117	(3. 9.39 - 14. 8.44	501	3. 9.39 - 7. 9.39
	(9.11.44 - 31. 8.45	502	3. 9.39 - 4. 1.43
138	3. 9.39 - 13. 7.42	503	3. 9.39 - 29.11.41
114	6. 7.40 - 28.11.41	222	16. 7.40 - 2.10.43
75	1. 2.43 - 10. 4.43	179	8. 2.43 - 22. 9.43
187	24. 4.43 - 26. 6.43	610	5. 2.43 - 30. 7.44
5	26. 6.43 - 31. 7.44	507	(24. 9.43 - 30. 7.44
168	11. 6.43 - 21.11.43		(29. 1.45 - 31. 8.45
173	1. 9.44 - 7.12.44	. 93	20. 4.44 - 30. 7.44
171	30. 5.45 - 31. 8.45	250	1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45
Atk Regts		649	29. 1.45 - 31. 8.45
ACK HERES		D4 D1- G	
62	7.10.39 - 14. 2.43	Fd Pk Coy	
78	14. 2.43 - 8.11.43		
89	9.11.43 - 6. 8.44	504	3. 9.39 - 31. 1.42
00	9.11.40 - 0. 0.44	Pd 04	
Med Regt		Fd Stores	
ned nego		0	
56	1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45	Sec Pl	1. 1.42 - 30. 7.44
00	1. 0.44 - 01. 0.40	PI	1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45
Hy Regt			Sigs
171	27. 2.45 - 29. 5.45	2 Lon Div	3. 9.39 - 20.11.40
	21. 21. 20. 20. 20. 20. 20. 20. 20. 20. 20. 20	47 (Lon) Div	21.11.40 - 14. 8.44
	Inf	47 Inf (Res) Div	
		47 IIII (Res) DIV	1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45
M/C Bn			
2 QVR	3. 9.39 - 13. 6.40		
Recce			
47 Indep Coy	3.12.41 - 5. 6.42		
47 Indep San	6. 6.42 - 27.10.43		
- Livey oqu	27.10.40		

2nd LONDON DIVISION

Brigades

4 Lon Inf Bde	3. 9.39 - 20.11.40	140 Inf Bde	1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45
5 Lon Inf Bde	3. 9.39 - 20.11.40	220 Inf Bde	1. 9.44 - 16.11.44
25 Inf Bde	25. 6.40 - 14. 8.44	7 Inf Bde	10. 9.44 - 31. 8.45
140 (Lon) Inf Bde	21.11.41 - 14. 8.44	141 Inf Bde	17.11.44 - 31. 8.45
141 (Lon) Inf Bde	21.11.41 - 14. 8.44	141 Inf Bde	17.11.44 - 31. 8.45

Higher Formations served under

Eastern Comd	3. 9.39 - 4. 6.40	11 Corps 4 Corps 5 Corps District Northern Comd Northern Comd	5. 6.40 - 24. 6.40
Western Comd	26. 6.40 - 15. 2.41		16. 2.41 - 16.11.41
5 Corps	17.11.41 - 30.11.41		1.12.41 - 6. 7.42
H & D District	6. 7.42 - 22. 1.44		23. 1.44 - 25. 3.44
Southern Comd	25. 3.44 - 25. 7.44		26. 7.44 - 14. 8.44
WO Control	15 0 11 - 71 0 15		

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United	Kingdom	3.	9.39	-	31.	8.4
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3rd INFANTRY DIVISION

September	1939	A Regular Division in the United Kingdom.
June	1942	Reorganized as a Mixed Division.
April	1943	Reorganized as an Infantry Division.

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3	September	1939	Ma.1-Gen	B.	L.	Montgomery	
30	May	1940	Brig K.	A.	N.	Anderson	(acting)
3	June	1940	Ma.j-Gen	B.	L.	Montgomery	
22	July	1940	Brig J.	A.	C.	Whitaker	(acting)
25	July	1940	Ma.j-Gen	J.	A.	H. Gammell	
20	November	1941	Maj-Gen	E.	C.	Hayes	
15	December	1942	Maj-Gen	W.	H.	C. Ramsden	
12	December	1943	Ma.1-Gen	T.	G.	Rennie	(wounded 13. 6.44)
13	June	1944	Brig E.	E.	E.	Cass	(acting)
23	June	1944	Ma.j-Gen	L.	G.	Whistler	
22	January	1945	Maj-Gen	A.	Ga.	lloway	
25	February	1945	Ma.1-Gen	L.	G.	Whistler	

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
15/19 H 3 Recce Regt *	3. 9.39 - 31. 3.40 1. 1.44 - 10. 8.45	Fd Regts	
		7	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
	RE	23	3. 9.39 - 5. 3.40
		38	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
Fd Coys		76 6	5. 3.40 - 17. 8.45
246	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	8,	17. 8.45 - 31. 8.45
248	3. 9.39 - 2.11.39	Atk Regt	
253	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	ACK HERE	
17	2.11.39 - 31. 8.45	20	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
	211100 011 0140	20	0. 0.00 02. 0.40
Fd Pk Coy		LAA Regts	
15	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	92	24. 3.42 - 10. 6.45
	0. 0.00	112	10. 6.45 - 31. 8.45
Br Pl			
2	31.10.43 - 31. 8.45		Inf
	0212110 021 0110	M/C Bn	
	Sigs		
		8 NF	20.11.40 - 29. 4.41
3 Div	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45		
		MG Bn	
		2 Mx	(11.11.41 - 20. 5.42
		2 114	(4. 3.44 - 31. 8.45
			(4. 0.44 - 01. 0.40
		Recce	
		3 Bn *	30. 4.41 - 5. 6.42
		3 Regt *	6. 6.42 - 31.12.43
		2 1080	
		Sp Bn	
		2 Mx	1.10.43 - 3. 3.44

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3rd INFANTRY DIVISION

Brigades

	Inf Bde (Gds)	3. 9.39 - 15. 9.41
	Inf Bde	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
	Inf Bde	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
37	Indep Inf Bde	27.11.41 - 7.12.41
	Inf Bde	8.12.41 - 4. 6.42
	Tk Bde	22. 6.42 - 28. 4.43
185	Inf Bde	10. 4.43 - 31. 8.45

Higher Formations served under

2 Corps	3. 9.39 - 31. 5.40	GHQ Home Forces	1. 6.40 - 9. 9.40
8 Corps	10. 9.40 - 22.11.40		
		5 Corps	22.11.40 - 20.11.41
GHQ Home Forces	20.11.41 - 2.12.42	12 Corps	3.12.42 - 22. 3.43
1 Corps	23. 3.43 - 2. 8.44	8 Corps	
2 Cdn Corps			2. 8.44 - 29.12.44
	29.12.44 - 19. 1.45	8 Corps	19. 1.45 - 8. 2.45
12 Corps	9. 2.45 - 23. 2.45	30 Corps	24. 2.45 - 8. 3.45
2 Cdn Corps	8. 3.45 - 12. 3.45		
		8 Corps	13. 3.45 - 20. 3.45
30 Corps	20, 3,45 - 8, 4,45	12 Corps	9 . 4 . 45 - 17 . 4 . 45
30 Corps	17. 4.45 - 28. 4.45		
		2 Cdn Corps.	28. 4.45 - 4. 5.45
1 Corps	5. 5.45 - 21. 5.45	1 Corps District	21. 5.45 - 16. 8.45
WO Control	17. 8.45 - 31. 8.45		21. 0.40 - 10. 0.40

Theatres

United Kingdom United Kingdom NW Europe	3. 9.39 - 29. 9.39 1. 6.40 - 4. 6.44 6. 6.44 - 31. 8.45	France & Belgium At Sea	30. 9.39 - 31. 5.40 4. 6.44 - 6. 6.44
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Battles

194	26 May - 28 May	Ypres - Comines Cana
194	6 June 4 July - 18 July 18 July - 23 July 30 July - 9 August 17 September - 27 September	Normandy Landing Caen Bourguebus Ridge Mont Pincon The Nederrijn
194	8 February - 10 March	The Rhineland

4th INFANTRY DIVISION

September	1939	A Regular Infantry Division in the United Kingdom.
June	1942	Reorganized as a Mixed Division.
December	1943	Reorganized as an Infantry Division.

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3	September	1939	Maj-den	D.	G.	Johnson		
25	June	1940	Maj-Gen	T.	R.	Eastwood		
4	October	1940	Ma.j-Gen	J.	G.	des R. Swayne		
9	March	1942	Maj-Gen	J.	L.	I. Hawkesworth		
22	August	1943	Brig J.	H.	Ho	zshaw	(acting)	
5	September	1943	Ma.j-Gen	H.	J.	Hayman-Joyce		
20	April	1944	Ma.j-Gen	A.	D.	Ward		
9	March	1945	Brig R.	C.	H.	Kirwan	(acting)	
2	April	1945	Maj-Gen	A.	D.	Ward		
20	April	1945	Brig R.	C.	H.	Kirwan	(acting)	
25	April	1945	Ma.1-Gen	C.	B.	Callender		

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
5 DG	3. 9.39 - 31. 3.40	Fd Regts	
4 Recce Regt	1. 1.44 - 31. 8.45	477	7 0 70 40 0 40
	77	17 22	3. 9.39 - 19. 2.40 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
	RE	30	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
Fd Coys		77	19. 2.40 - 31. 8.45
ud coha		"	10. 2.40 - 31. 0.40
7	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	Atk Regt	
9	3. 9.39 - 16. 2.40		
59	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	. 14	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
225	16. 2.40 - 31. 8.45		
		LAA Regt	
d Pk Coy			
		91	26. 1.42 - 6.11.44
18	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45		
Br Pl			Inf
31 FI		MG Bn	
3	18.10.43 - 31. 8.45	no bii	
· ·	10:10:40 01: 0:40	2 NF	(11.11.41 - 20. 5.42
	Sigs	~	(7. 6.44 - 31. 8.45
			() : 3111 021 0110
4 D1v	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	Reece	
		4 Bn	1. 1.41 - 5. 6.42
		4 Regt	6. 6.42 - 31.12.43
		Sp Bn	
		2 NF	

3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
3. 9.39 - 5. 6.42
3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
6. 6.42 - 12.12.43
24.12.43 - 31. 8.45

4th INFAMERY DIVISION

Higher Formations served under

2 Corps	3. 9.39 - 18. 5.40	3 Corps	19. 5.40 - 22. 5.40
2 Corps	23. 5.40 - 1. 6.40	Southern Comd	2. 6:40 - 18. 6.40
5 Corps	19. 6.40 - 1.11.41	GHQ Home Forces	2.11.41 - 14. 7.42
5 Corps	15. 7.42 - 25.10.42	1 Corps	26.10.42 - 6. 2.43
WO Control	7. 2.43 - 23. 3.43	1 Army	24. 3.43 = 2. 4.43
5 Corps	2. 4.43 - 3. 5.43	9 Corps	3. 5.43 - 21. 5.43
5 Corps	22. 5.43 - 11. 6.43	Tunisia District	12. 6.43 - 28. 6.43
5 Corps	29. 6.43 - 11. 9.43	AFHQ	12. 9.43 - 15.12.43
GHO MEF	16.12.43 - 31.12.43	3 Corps	1. 1.44 - 6. 2.44
GHQ MEF	7. 2.44 - 14. 2.44	HQ AAI	
10 Corps	21. 2.44 - 26. 3.44	13 Corps	15. 2.44 - 20. 2.44
5 Corps	11. 8.44 - 2. 9.44	8 Army	26. 3.44 - 10. 8.44
1 Cdn Corps	7. 9.44 = 30. 9.44		3. 9.44 - 7. 9.44
HQ AAI	29.11.44 - 12.12.44	5 Corps	1.10.44 - 28.11.44
HQ MCA		3 Corps	13.12.44 - 17.12.44
	17.12.44 - 31. 1.45	HQ LF & ML (Greece)	1. 2.45 - 31. 3.45
HQ LF (Greece)	1. 4.45 - 31. 8.45		

Theatres

United Kingdom	3. 9.39 - 30. 9.39	France & Belgium	1.10.39 - 1. 6.40
United Kingdom	2. 6.40 - 11. 3.43	At Sea	12. 3.43 - 23. 3.43
North Africa	23. 3.43 - 16.12.43	At Sea	17.12.43 - 22.12.43
Egypt	22.12.43 - 14. 2.44	At Sea	15. 2.44 - 20. 2.44
Italy	21. 2.44 - 12.12.44	Greece	13.12.44 - 31. 8.45
	NIS NOW TWO TWO THE	Greece	13.12.44 - 31. 8.45

Battles

1943	7 April - 15 April 23 April - 30 April 5 May - 12 May	Oued Zarga Medjez Plain Tunis
1944	11 May - 18 May 20 June - 30 June 4 July - 17 July 17 July - 10 August 14 September - 21 September	Cassino II Trasimene Line Arezzo Advance to Florence

5th INFANTRY DIVISION

September	1939	A Regular Division in the United Kingdom. The two Infantry Brigades In the Division went to France by early October as Independent Infantry Brigades.
December	1939	Divisional Headquarters crossed to France on 19 December and by 30 December the Division was reformed.
April	1942	18th and 17th Infantry Brigades with a proportion of Divisional Troops were detached to Force 121 for operations in Madagascar. The Division was not complete again until August 1942.

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3	September	1939	Maj-Gen	H.	E. Franklyn	
19	July	1940	Ma.j-Gen	H.	P. M. Berney-Ficklin	
3	August	1943	Ma.j-Gen	G.	C. Bucknall	
22	January	1944	Maj-Gen	P.	G. S. Gregson-Ellis	
21	April	1944	Brig L.	M.	Campbell	(acting)
29	April	1944	Maj-Gen	P.	G. S. Gregson-Ellis	
24	November	1944	Mai-Gen	R.	A. Hull	

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
5 Recce Regt	1. 1.44 - 31. 8.45	Fd Regts	
	RE	9	28.12.39 - 7. 4.42 (28.12.39 - 26. 4.42
Fd Coys			(2. 7.42 - 31. 8.45
245	29.12.39 - 31. 8.45	92	(28.12.39 - 30. 4.40 (6. 6.40 - 28. 6.45
252 506	29.12.39 - 31. 8.45 29.12.39 - 29. 1.40	97 Army 158	14. 5.40 - 31. 5.40 29. 8.42 - 31. 8.45
38	(29. 1.40 - 7. 4.42 (30. 6.42 - 31. 8.45	Atk Regt	
Fd Pk Coy		52	28.12.39 - 31. 8.45
254	29.12.39 - 31. 8.45	LAA Regt	
Br Pl		18	5. 2.43 - 31. 8.45
18	16. 3.44 - 31. 8.45		(Inf
	Sigs	MG Bn	
5 Div	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	7 Cheshire	11.11.41 - 31. 8.45
		Recce	
		3 THR 5 Bn 5 Regt	15. 1.41 - 29. 1.41 30. 1.41 - 5. 6.42 6. 6.42 - 31.12.43

13	Inf	Bde	(3.9.39	-	15.	9.39
			(30.12.39	-	26.	4.42
			(2. 7.42	-	31.	8.4
15	Inf	Bde	(3.9.39	-	4.	10.39
			(30.12.39	-	16.	4.40
			(3.7.40	-	31.	8.45
17	Inf	bde	(30.12.39	-	15.	3.4
			(30. 6.42	-	31.	8.45

5th INFANTRY DIVISION

Higher Formations served under

Northern Comd	3. 9.39 - 2.12.39	Aldershot Comd	3.12.39 - 18.12.39
GHQ BEF	19.12.39 - 23.12.39	2 Corps	23.12.39 - 7. 4.40
3 Corps	8. 4.40 - 30. 4.40	GHQ BEF	1. 5.40 - 9. 5.40
3 Corps	10. 5.40 - 14. 5.40	1 Corps	15. 5.40 - 18. 5.40
GHQ BEF	19. 5.40 - 25. 5.40	2 Corps	26. 5.40 - 31. 5.40
Scottish Comd	2. 6.40 - 29.10.40	3 Corps	30.10.40 - 31. 3.41
WO Control	31. 3.41 - 2. 4.41	BTNI	3. 4.41 - 30. 4.41
3 Corps	1. 5.41 - 16. 1.42	WO Control	17. 1.42 - 20. 5.42
GHQ India	21. 5.42 - 27. 8.42	3 Corps	28. 8.42 - 31. 1.43
GHQ MEF	1. 2.43 - 12. 2.43	13 Corps	13. 2.43 - 5. 1.44
10 Corps	6. 1.44 - 5. 3.44	6 US Corps	
5 US Army	22. 5.44 - 12. 6.44	HQ AAI	5. 3.44 - 22. 5.44
CHQ MEF	3. 7.44 - 13. 7.44		12. 6.44 - 3. 7.44
HQ P & TJ	9. 8.44 - 8. 2.45	3 Corps	14. 7.44 - 9. 8.44
21 Army Group		HQ AAI	9. 2.45 - 27. 2.45
8 Corps	27. 2.45 - 13. 4.45	2 Army	14. 4.45 - 16. 4.45
	17. 4.45 - 17. 5.45		18. 5.45 - 23. 5.45
8 Corps	24. 5.45 - 12. 6.45	30 Corps	13. 6.45 - 16. 6.45
30 Corps District	17. 6.45 - 31. 8.45		

Theatres

At Sea 29.6.43 - 10.7.43 S1c1ly 3.9.43 - 3.7.44 At Sea Egypt 9.7.44 - 13.7.44 Palestine At Sea 9.2.45 - 15.2.45 Italy At Sea 27.2.45 - 2.8.45 NM Engage	13. 6.43 - 28. 6.43 10. 7.43 - 3. 9.43 3. 7.44 - 9. 7.44 14. 7.44 - 8. 2.45 15. 2.45 - 27. 2.45
At Sea 27. 2.45 - 2. 3.45 NW Europe	2. 3.45 - 31. 8.4

Battles

1940	26 May - 28 May	Ypres - Comines Canal
1943	9 July - 12 July 19 November - 3 December	Landing in Sicily The Sangro
1944	17 January - 31 January 22 January - 22 May 22 May - 4 June	Garigliano Crossing Anzio Rome

Notes: (1) In transit from Persia - 1. 2.43 - 12. 2.43

(2) In transit - 11. 6.43 - 13. 6.43

6th INFANTRY DIVISION

3	November	1939	Formed in Egypt by redesignation of 7th Infantry Division. (1)
17	June	1940	Divisional Headquarters redesignated Headquarters Western Desert Force. The Division ceased to exist. (3)
17	February	1941	Division reformed in Egypt. (4)
10	October	1941	Redesignated 70th Infantry Division.
	October & November	1943	Divisional Headquarters ceased to function on 25 October, and was finally disbanded by 24 November. (5)

GOC

2	November	1939	Mod-Con	D	3.7	O'Connor	
17	February	1941	Maj-Gen	J.	F.	Evetts	
7	April	1941	Brig C.	E.	N.	Lomax	(acting)
19	April	1941	Maj-Gen	J.	F.	Evetts	
29	September	1941	Brig G.	N.	C.	Martin	(acting)
10	October	1941	Ma.1-Gen	R.	Mac	K. Scobie	
10	February	1942	Brig C.				(acting)
18	February	1942	Ma 1-Gen	a.	W.	Sympo	

Divisional Troops

	Cav		RA
Greys	25. 3.40 - 30. 5.40	Fd Regts	
	RE	8	28. 2.42 - 30. 9.43
Fd Coys		.51	(1.3.42 - 4.3.43 (8.2.43 - 29.9.43
2	(19. 2.41 - 30. 4.41		
12	(29. 6.41 - 21. 2.42 (27. 6.43 - 24.10.43 (20. 5.40 - 7. 6.40	60	(20. 7.41 - 30. 9.41 (31.12.41 - 21.10.43
	(5. 3.41 - 6. 4.41 (10. 7.41 - 29. 4.43	Atk Regt	
54	(15. 6.43 - 24.10.43 (6. 3.41 - 7. 4.41	56	1. 4.42 - 14. 7.43
	(11. 8.41 - 24.10.43	LAA/Atk Regt	
Fd Pk Coy		69	6. 8.43 - 30. 9.43
219	29. 7.41 - 24.10.43		Inf
	81gs	Recce	
6 Div	(3.11.39 - 7.6.40	45 Bn	21.10.42 - 16. 9.43
70 Div	(1.3.41 - 9.10.41 10.10.41 - 24.10.43		

22 Inf Bde	(3.11.39 - 11. 3.40	14 Inf Bde	(29. 3.40 - 30. 5.40
	(10. 6.40 - 17. 6.40		(10. 7.41 - 11. 5.43
16 Inf Bde	(28. 3.40 - 7. 6.40		
			(27. 6.43 - 24.10.43
	(19. 2.41 - 17. 5.41	22 Gds Bde	17. 2.41 - 6. 4.41
	(19. 6.41 - 19. 9.41	23 Inf Bde	(29. 6.41 - 22. 4.43
		20 IIII Due	
	(22.10.41 - 26. 2.42		(15. 6.43 - 24.10.43
	(8, 2,43 - 24,10,43		

6th INFANTRY DIVISION

Higher Formations served under

HQ BTE	3.11.39 - 13. 3.40	HQ Brit Forces P & TJ	11 7 10 0 0 10
			14. 3.40 - 8. 6.40
HQ BTE	9. 6.40 - 17. 6.40	GHQ MEF	17. 2.41 - 8. 4.41
HQ BTE	8. 4.41 - 16. 4.41	HQ WDF	17. 4.41 - 14. 6.41
GHQ MEF	15. 6.41 - 19. 6.41	1 Aust Corps	19. 6.41 - 9.10.41
GHQ MEF	10.10.41 - 29.10.41	8 Army	30.10.41 - 23.11.41
13 Corps	24.11.41 - 12.12.41	8 Army	13.12.41 - 21.12.41
GHQ MEF	22.12.41 - 27.12.41	HQ BTE	27.12.41 - 3. 2.42
10 Corps	4. 2.42 - 23. 2.42	CHQ MEF	24. 2.42 - 28. 2.42
WO Control	28. 2.42 - 10. 3.42	GHQ India	10. 3.42 - 16. 4.42
4 Ind Corps	16. 4.42 - 6. 5.42	Eastern Army	6. 5.42 - 28. 8.42
15 Ind Corps	29. 8.42 - 6. 4.43	Eastern Army	7. 4.43 - 16. 7.43
Southern Army	17. 7.43 - 9.10.43	Central Army	10.10.43 - 23.11.43

Theatres

Egypt	3.11.39 - 13. 3.40	Palestine (2) Egypt Libya (4) Syria At Sea	14. 3.40 - 8. 6.40
Egypt	9. 6.40 - 17. 6.40		17. 2.41 - 18. 6.41
Syria	19. 6.41 - 13.10.41		20.10.41 - 21.12.41
Egypt	22.12.41 - 5. 2.42		7. 2.42 - 23. 2.42
Egypt	25. 2.42 - 28. 2.42		28. 2.42 - 10. 3.42
India	10. 3.42 - 23.10.43		

Battles

1941	16 June - 21 June	Damascus
	8 April - 10 December	Defence of Tobru
	18 November - 10 December	Tohruk

- Notes: (1) Owing to the shortage of RA and RE Units in the Middle East there were no Div Typs forming part of the Division until 1941. Any such Units with the Division were attached for operations from Higher Formations.
 - (2) On 13 March 1940 Div HQ closed in the Western Desert giving up command of Formations and Units, moved to Palestine and took under command other Formations and Units already there.
 - (3) On 8 June 1940 Div HQ closed in Palestine giving up command of Formations and Units, moved to the Western Desert by 10 June 1940 taking command of all Troops already there.
 - (4) The Division moved to Tobruk and by 1700 hrs 22 October 1945 Div HQ assumed command of all Troops in the Fortness from 9 Aust Div In addition to its own Formations and Units. Tobruk Fortness ceased to exist as from 2359 hrs 13 December 1941.
 - (5) On 8 September 1943 the Division commenced reorganizing for the role of Long Range Penetration and on 25 October 1943 handed over its Formations and Units to Special Force.

7th INFANTRY DIVISION

August 1939 A Regular Division in Palestine on Internal Security Duties.

GOC

Maj-Gen R. N. O'Connor

Divisional Troops

<u>Cav</u> <u>RE</u> Greys 56 Fd Coy

Inf

19 Inf Bde (1) 2 W Yorks 2 HLI

On 31 August Divisional Headquarters gave up command of the above Troops, closed in Jerusalem and moved to Cairo.

September 1939 Divisional Headquarters remained in Cairo until 4 September when it moved to Mersa Matrum and opened by 7 September taking command of all troops, except The Armouree Division, in that area (see page).

3 November 1939 Divisional Headquarters redesignated Headquarters 6 Infantry Division.

Note: (1) On 4 September 1939 the Brigade was disbanded.

7th DIVISION (CYPRUS)

June 1941 to On 14 June 1941 Divisional Headquarters was formed in Cyprus to mislead the enemy and to command for deception purposes -

21 Inf Bde - did not exist. 22 Inf Bde - in fact 22 Gds Bde fighting in the Western Desert. 23 Inf Bde - in Syria at this time.

Had in fact all troops in Cyprus. Maj-Gen R. M. Rodwell was in command, Wef 23 August 1941 the Division, thus formed, ceased to exist. The title Headquarters 7th Division was continued to be used for deception purposes by various Formations stationed in Cyprus until June 1943 when the title was

8th INFANTRY DIVISION

September 1939 A pre-war Regular Division in Palestine on Internal Security Duties.

28 February 1940 Divisional Headquarters disbanded in Palestine.

3 September 1939 Maj-Gen A. R. Godwin-Austin

Divisional Troops

RE

12 Fd Coy 3. 9.39 - 8. 2.40

Brigades

14 Inf Bde 3. 9.39 - 8. 2.40 16 Inf Bde 3. 9.39 - 8. 2.40

Higher Formations served under

HQ P & TJ 3. 9.39 - 27. 2.40

Theatre

Palestine 30. 9.39 - 27. 2.40

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8th DIVISION (SYRIA)

On 2 June 1942 Headquarters 8th Division was formed in Syrla by redesignation of Headquarters Desert (5 Cav) Brigade (Comd Brig C. E. L. Harris). The Division consisted mainly of Administrative Units with RAC Units attached from 9 Army. The role of the Division was Intermal Security and Administration under 9 Army.

On 3 September 1942 Headquarters Desert (5 Cav) Brigade ceased to hold the title and was disbanded (see Desert (5 Cav) Brigade). Headquarters 88 Sub-Area in 9 Army was redesignated Headquarters 8th Division (Comd Col R. K. Jago - in December 1942 Brig R. K. Jago).

On 31 October 1943 Headquarters 8th Division was disbanded in Syria.

9th (HIGHLAND) INFANTRY DIVISION

September 1939 A second line Territorial Army Division, duplicate of 5ist Infantry
Division, embodied in the United Kingdom.

7 August 1940 Redesignated 51st (Highland) Infantry Division. (see page 83)

GOC

3 September 1940 Maj-Gen G. M. Lindsay 8 March 1940 Maj-Gen A. E. Beck 26 June 1940 Maj-Gen A. G. Cunningham

Divisional Troops

	RA			RE
Fd Regts			Fd Coys	
126 127 128	3. 9.39 - 3. 9.39 - 3. 9.39 -	6. 8.40	274 275 276	3. 9.39 - 6. 8.40 3. 9.39 - 6. 8.40 3. 9.39 - 6. 8.40
Atk Regt			Fd Pk Coy	
61	3. 9.39 -	6. 8.40	277	3. 9.39 - 6. 8.40

Sigs

9 Div 3. 9.39 - 31. 7.40

Brigades

26	Inf	Bde	3.	9.39	-	6.	8.4
27	Inf	Bde		9.39			
28	Inf	Bde	3.	9.39	-	6.	8.4

Higher Formations served under

Scottish Comd 3. 9.39 - 6. 8.40

Theatre

United Kingdom 3: 9.39 - 6. 8.40

12th DIVISION (SDF)

12th (EASTERN) INFANTRY DIVISION

	A Second Line Territorial Army Division, duplicate of 44th (Home	
w occoper, 1998	Counties) Infantry Division. (1)	

April 1940 On moving to France to join the BEF for training and labour duties the Division left in the United Kingdom all RA Units, the bulk of Divisional Signals and some Administrative Units.

11 July 1940 Division disbanded in the United Kingdom.

GOC

7	October	1939	Maj-Gen R.	L.	Petre	
20	May	1940	Brig R. J.	P.	Wyatt	(acting
11	June	1940	Maj-Gen R.	L	Petre	(
18	June	1940	Brig R. J.			(acting)

Divisional Troops

	RA		RE
Fd Regts		Fd Coys	
113 114 118	7.10.39 - 8. 7.40 7.10.39 - 5. 7.40 7.10.39 - 2. 7.40	262 263 264	7.10.39 - 10. 7.40 7.10.39 - 10. 7.40 7.10.39 - 10. 7.40
Atk Regt		Fd Pk Coy	
67	7.10.39 - 1. 7.40	265	7.10.39 - 10. 7.40
	2	Bigs	
	12 D1v	7.10.39 - 10. 7.40	

Brigades

3	5 Inf	Bde	7.10.39	-	2.	7.40
36	Inf	Bde	7.10.39	-	10.	7.40
37	Inf	Bde	7.10.39	-	9.	7.40

Higher Formations served under

Eastern Comd	7.10.39 - 17. 4.40	WO Control	18. 4.40 - 22. 4.40
L of C BEF	22. 4.40 - 7. 6.40	Northern Comd	8. 6.40 - 10. 7.40
L of C BEF	22. 4.40 - 7. 6.40	Northern Comd	

Theatres

United Kingdom United Kingdom	7.10.39 - 20. 4.40 8. 6.40 - 10. 7.40	France	22. 4.40 - 7. 6.40
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Note: (1) Between 3 September and 7 October the Units of the Division were administered and embodied by their parent Formations of 44 Division.

On 11 July 1942 the title 12th Division was given to the 1st Sudan Defence Force Brigade for deception, administrative and Internal Security reasons. The Division was under command HQ STE to December 1942 when it came under 8 Army for duty on the Lines of Communication from Tobruk to Tripoli with Headquarters in Tripoli. From February 1943 the Division was under Tripolitania Base Area.

The Division consisted entirely of SDF Artillery, Engineer, Signal, Infantry and Administrative Units - there were no Brigades.

On 12 January 1945 the Division was redesignated Sudan Defence Force Group (North Africa).

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15th (SCOTTISH) INFANTRY DIVISION

September 1939	A Second Lin Infantry Div	Army Division,	duplicate	of 52nd	(Lowland)

November 1941 Placed on Lower Establishment.

March 1943 Raised to Higher Establishment and reorganized as a Mixed Division.

September 1943 Reorganized as an Infantry Division.

GOC

	3 September		Maj-Gen	R. Le Fannu	
1	9 August	1940	Brig J.	A. Campbell	(acting)
2	3 August	1940		R. C. Money	(
2	7 January	1941	Brig J.	A. Campbell	(acting)
3	0 January	1941	Ma.1-Gen	Sir O. W. H. Leese, Bart	(
1	7 June	1941		A. F. P. Christison	
1	4 May	1943		D. C. Bullen-Smith	
1	4 August	1943		D. K. Money	(acting)
	7 August	1943	Maj-Gen	G. H. A. MacMillan	(
	5 August	1944		C. M. Barber	

Divisional Troops

	DIVISIONA	1110005	
	RAC		RA
15 Recce Regt	1. 1.44 - 31. 8.45	Fd Regts	
	RE	129	3. 9.39 - 9. 5.42
		130	3. 9.39 - 4. 1.42
Fd Coys		131	3, 9,39 - 31, 8,45
		181	7.11.42 - 31. 8.45
278	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	190	29. 3.43 - 31. 8.45
279	(3.9.39 - 9.2.40		20. 0.40 01. 0.40
	(12. 7.40 - 31. 8.45	Atk Regt	
280	3. 9.39 - 15.12.42	non nogo	
20	26. 3.43 - 31. 8.45	64	3. 9.39 - 30. 3.42
		97	15. 8.42 - 5.12.44
Fd Pk Coys		102 (NH)	5.12.44 - 31. 8.45
		100 (111)	0.10.44 - 01. 0.40
281	3. 9.39 - 12. 1.42	LAA Regt	
624	14. 1.43 - 31. 8.45	DAN Nego	
	011 0110	119	18. 5.43 - 31. 8.45
Fd Stores		110	10. 5.45 - 51. 8.45
Sec	12. 1.42 - 1. 2.43		Inf
	200 2000 20 2040	MG Bn	
Br Pl			
		1 Mx	18. 3.44 - 31. 8.45
26	1.10.43 - 31. 8.45		
	1010010 010 0.40	Recce	
	Sigs	15 Bn	
			2. 1.41 - 3.12.41
15 Div	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	15 Indep Coy	4.12.41 - 5. 6.42
	0. 0.00 01. 0.40	15 Indep Sqn	6. 6.42 - 14. 2.43
		15 Regt	15. 2.43 - 31.12.43
		Sp Bn	
		1 Mx	1.10.43 - 17. 3.44

15th (SCOTTISH) INFANTRY DIVISION

Brigades

44	Inf	Bde	3.	9.39	-	31.	8.45
	Inf		3.	9.39	-	5.	1.48
46	Inf	Bde	3.	9.39	-	31.	8.45
6	Gds	Armd Bde	4.	1.43	-	14.	1.43
6	Gds	Tk Bde	15.	1.43	-	9.	9.4
227	Inf	Bde	10.	9.43	-	31.	8.4

Higher Formations served under

Scottish Comd	3. 9.39 - 3. 5.40	Southern Comd	4. 5.40 - 20. 5.40
Eastern Comd	21. 5.40 - 4. 6.40	11 Corps	5. 6.40 - 20.11.41
9 Corps	21.11.41 - 30.11.41	9 Corps District	1.12.41 - 28. 9.42
Northumbrian Distri	ct 29. 9.42 - 12. 4.43	1 Corps	13. 4.43 - 19. 6.43
8 Corps	20. 6.43 - 23. 7.44	30 Corps	23. 7.44 - 29. 7.44
8 Corps	29. 7.44 - 14. 8.44	12 Corps	14. 8.44 - 4.10.44
8 Corps	4.10.44 - 24.10.44	12 Corps	24.10.44 - 31.10.44
8 Corps	31.10.44 - 27. 1.45	30 Corps	27. 1.45 - 25. 2.45
1 Cdn Army	26. 2.45 - 6. 3.45	12 Corps	7. 3.45 - 4. 4.45
O Compa	E 4 4E - 71 9 4E		

Theatres

United Kingdom	3. 9.39 - 13. 6.44	NW Europe	14. 6.44 - 31. 8.45
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Battles

1944	25 June - 2 July 4 July - 18 July 30 July - 9 August 17 September - 27 September	The Odon Caen Mont Pincon The Nederrijn
1945	8 February - 10 March 23 March - 1 April	The Rhineland The Rhine

18th INFANTRY DIVISION

30 September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Division, duplicate of 54th (East Anglian) Infantry Division. (1)

15 February 1942 Captured in Malaya. The Division was not reformed.

GOC

30 20 14 27	September November April May May June		Brig E. Maj-Gen Brig G.	В. Н. В. Е.	C. W. C. W.	Dalby T. Paget Backhouse T. Paget Franklyn Eastwood	(acting)
		1940	Ma.1-Gen	T.	R.	Eastwood K. Finch	
14	July	1940	Maj-Gen	M.	В.	Beckwith-Smith	(POW 15. 2.42

Divisional Troops

	RA		RE
Fd Regts		Fd Coys	
105 135 148 118	30. 9.39 - 11.11.39 30. 9.39 - 15. 2.42 30. 9.39 - 15. 2.42 30. 6.40 - 15. 2.42	287 288 560	30. 9.39 - 15. 2.42 30. 9.39 - 15. 2.42 15.12.39 - 15. 2.42
Atk Regts		Fd Pk Coy	
65 125	30. 9.39 - 19.11.39 4. 7.40 - 15. 2.42	251	30. 9.39 - 15. 2.42 Sigs
M/C Bn	Inf	18 Div	30. 9.40 - 15. 2.42
5 Loyals Recce	13. 1.41 - 25. 4.41		
18 Bn *	26. 4.41 - 15. 2.42		

Brigades

53 Inf Bde	(30.	9.39	-	23.12.41
	(30.	1.42	-	15. 2.42
54 Inf Bde				15. 2.42
55 Inf Bde	30.	9.39	-	15. 2.42

Higher Formations served under

Eastern Comd	30. 9.39 - 4. 6.40	11 Corps	5. 6.40 - 27. 6.40
	28. 6.40 - 7. 1.41	Scottish Comd	8. 1.41 - 8. 4.41
	9. 4.41 - 27.10.41	WO Control	28.10.41 - 29. 1.42
Malaya Comd	29. 1.42 - 15. 2.42		100 T. TO

* Loyals

18th INFANTRY DIVISION

Theatres

United Kingdom	30. 9.39 - 28.10.41	At Se
India	27.12.41 - 18. 1.42	At Se
Malaya	29. 1.42 - 15. 2.42	

Sea 28.10.41 - 27.12.41 Sea 19.1.42 - 29.1.42

Battles

1942	8	February -	15	February	Singapore	Island

Note: (1) From 3 September 1939 the Units of the Division were administered and embodied by 54 Inf Division until 30 September 1939 when HQ 18 Inf Division assumed full

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23rd (NORTHUMBRIAN) DIVISION

2 October 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Division, duplicate of 50th (Northumbrian) Division.

April 1940 On moving to France to join the BEF for training and labour duties the Division left in the United Kingdom all RA Units, the bulk of Signals and part Administrative Units.

30 June 1940 Disbanded in the United Kingdom.

GOC

2 October 1939 Maj-Gen W. N. Herbert

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			NE NE
Fd Regts		Fd Coys	
124 125 'A' (1)	2.10.39 - 22. 6.40 2.10.39 - 29. 6.40 17. 5.40 - 31. 5.40	233 507	2.10.39 - 29.6.40 2.10.39 - 29.6.40
	Inf	Fd Pk Coy	
M/C Bn		508	2.10.39 - 21. 6.40
8 NF	2.10.39 - 29. 6.40		Sigs
MG Bn		23 Div	2.10.39 - 29. 6.40

Brigades

69 Inf Bde 2.10.39 - 29. 6.40 70 Inf Bde 2.10.39 - 29. 6.40

Higher Formations served under

Northern Comd	2.10.39 - 19. 4.40	WO Control	20. 4.40 - 22. 4.4
GHQ BEF	22. 4.40 - 26. 5.40	3 Corps	26. 5.40 - 27. 5.4
2 Corps	28. 5.40 - 31. 5.40	SW Area	1. 6.40 - 30. 6.4

Theatres

United Kingdom	2.10.39 - 21. 4.40	France	22. 4.40 - 31. 5.40

Notes: (1) This Regt was formed in France by RA Details GHQ Troops.

2.10.39 - 29, 6.40

(2) Under command for labour duties and training, although not a Divisional Unit.

36th INFANTRY DIVISION

1 September 1944 Formed by redesignation of 36th Indian Infantry Division in Burma.

GOC

1	September	1944	Ma 1-Gen	F.	W. Festing	
	May	1945	Brig A.			(acting)
16	June	1945	Brig G.	H.	Inglis	(acting)
26	June	1945	Ma.1-Gen	F.	WFesting	

Divisional Troops

	5141310	пат ттоора	
	RA		<u>RE</u>
Fd Regts		Fd Coys	
130 Aslt	1. 9.44 - 13. 6.45	236 2	1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45 22. 6.45 - 31. 8.45
178 Aslt 145	1. 9.44 - 5. 7.45 22. 6.45 - 13. 7.45	54	22. 6.45 - 31. 8.45
158	8. 7.45 - 31. 8.45 20. 7.45 - 31. 8.45	Fd Pk Coy	
Lt Bty		219	25. 6.45 - 31. 8.45
455	1. 9.44 - 7.11.44		<u>IE</u>
Atk Regt		Ind Fd Coys	
122	15. 9.44 - 20. 8.45	30 58	1. 9.44 - 21. 6.45 15.11.44 - 21. 6.45
LAA/Atk Regt		Ind Fd Pk Coy	10:11:44 - 51: 0:40
122	1. 9.44 - 14. 9.44	234	1. 9.44 - 21. 6.45
	I Arty	204	
Mtn Btys			<u>S1gs</u>
12	3.12.44 - 5. 2.45	36 Div	1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45
28	3.12.44 - 5. 2.45		
Mtn Regt			
32	6. 2.45 - 31. 8.45		
		Inf	
	Def Bn		
	2 Leicesters	20. 5.45 - 31. 8.	45
	MG		
	'D' Coy 2 Manch 1/7 Rajput (1)	1. 9.44 - 15. 5. 22. 6.45 - 31. 8.	
	Recce		
	2 Border (2)	10. 4.45 - 31. 8.	45

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Brigades

29 Inf Bde 1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45
72 Inf Bde 1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45
26 Ind Inf Bde 14.12.44 - 5. 4.45
26 Inf Bde 6. 4.45 - 31. 8.45

Higher Formations served under

NCAC 1. 9.44 - 31. 3.45 1 26, 5.45 - 19. 6.45 8

14 Army Southern Army 1. 4.45 - 25. 5.45 20. 6.45 - 31. 8.45

Theatres

Burma 1. 9.44 - 11. 5.45

India

12. 5.45 - 31. 8.45

Battles

1945 12/13 February - 21 March Mandalay
1 April - 6 May Rangoon Road

Notes: (1) An Indian Army Unit - full title 1st Bn 7th Rajput Regiment.

(2) Had not transferred to RAC.

37th INFANTRY DIVISION not formed

38th (WELSH) INFANTRY DIVISION

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Division embodied in the United Kingdom, duplicate of 53rd (Welsh) Infantry Division. (1)

1 December 1941 Placed on Lower Establishment.

15 August 1944 Divisional Headquarters ceased to command Formations and Units and began to disperse.

1 September 1944 Divisional Headquarters reorganized and redesignated Headquarters 38th Infantry (Reserve) Division.

GOC

18 September 1939 Maj-Gen G. T. Raikes
11 May 1940 Maj-Gen A. E. Milliams
28 October 1940 Maj-Gen N. M. S. Irwin
7 November 1941 Brig A. E. Robinson (acting)
15 November 1941 Maj-Gen A. A. D. Dowler
8 April 1942 Brig A. E. Robinson (acting)
23 April 1942 Brig-Gen L. H. Cox.
1 September 1944 Maj-Gen L. H. Cox.

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
Recce Regts		Fd Regts	
38	(1.1.44 - 14.8.44	102	18. 9.39 - 23.11.41
80	(2.10.44 - 6.11.44 1. 9.44 - 1.10.44	132 146	18. 9.39 - 15. 7.42 18. 9.39 - 13. 5.42
	RE	183 182	4. 7.42 - 7. 4.43 2. 1.43 - 14. 8.44
Fd Coys		193 195	22. 5.43 - 21.10.43 1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45
283	18. 9.39 - 2. 2.44	Atk Regt	
284 561	18. 9.39 - 6.10.43 30.12.39 - 24.11.41	70	(17,10,39 - 29, 7,44
616 502	18. 2.43 - 14. 8.44 1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45		(1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45
Fd Pk Coy			Inf
247	18. 9.39 - 12.12.41	MG Bn	
Fd Stores	10. 5.05 - 12.12.41	5 Cheshire	1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45
		Recce	
Sec Pl	12.12.41 - 14. 8.44		
rı .	1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45	38 Indep Coy 38 Indep Sqn	2. 1.42 - 5. 6.42 6. 6.42 - 18.10.43
	Sigs	161 Regt 38 Regt	24.10.43 - 12.11.43 13.11.43 - 31.12.43
38 Div 38 Inf (Res) Div	18. 9.39 - 14. 8.44 1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45	0.000	10.11.40 - 01.12.40

38th (WELSH) INPANTRY DIVISION

Brigades

113	Inf	Bde	(18.	9.39	-	18.	1.4
			(26.	9.44	-	31.	8.4
114	Inf	Bde	(18.	9.39	-	19	7.4
			(1.	9.44	-	31.	8.45
115	Inf	Bde		9.39			
45	Inf	Bde		9.44			

Higher Formations served under

Western Comd	18. 9.39 - 14. 7.40	3 Corps	15. 7.40 - 29.10.44 16. 4.41 - 23.11.4; 2. 4.42 - 6. 7.44 20. 5.43 - 6. 6.44 24.10.43 - 17. 1.44 1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45
GHQ Home Forces	30.10.40 - 15. 4.41	4 Corps	
5 Corps	24.11.41 - 1. 4.42	5 Corps District	
H & D District	6. 7.42 - 19. 5.43	12 Corps	
East Kent District	7. 6.43 - 23.10.43	2 Corps	
H & D District	18. 1.44 - 14. 8.44	Western Comd	

Theatre

United	Kingdom	(18.	9.39	-	14.	8.4
		(1.	9.44	-	31.	8.4

Note: (1) From 3 September 1939 the Units of the Division were administered and embodied by 88 Inf Division until 18 September 1939 when HQ 38 Inf Division assumed full

39th INFANTRY DIVISION not formed

40th INFANTRY DIVISION

9 November 1943 Headquarters formed in Sicily by redesignation of Headquarters 45rd 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. (see under 43rd Infantry Brigade)

17 June 1944 The Division ceased to exist.

41st INFANTRY DIVISION not formed

42nd (EAST LANCASHIRE) INFANTRY DIVISION

September 1939	A First Line	Territorial	Army	Infantry	Division.	Embodied	in	the	
	United Kingdo	om.							

1 November 1941 Reorganized and redesignated 42nd Armoured Division. (see page 29).

GOC

3	September	1939	Maj-Gen	W.	G. Holmes	
18	June	1940	Maj-Gen	H.	B. B. Willcox	
28	April	1941	Maj-Gen	E.	G. Miles	
6	October	1941	Brig H.	٧.	S. Charrington	(acting
8	October	1941	Brig P.	E.	Bowden-Smith	(acting
28	October	1941	Ma 1-Gen	M.	C. Dempsey	

Divisional Troops

	RA		RE
Fd Regts		Fd Coys	
51 52 53 111 147	3. 9.39 - 10. 4.40 3. 9.39 - 20.10.41 3. 9.39 - 20.10.41 3. 7.40 - 31.10.41 20.10.41 - 31.10.41	200 201 202 250	(3. 9.39 - 18.10.39 (27. 4.40 - 31.10.41 3. 9.39 - 31.10.41 3. 9.39 - 11. 4.40 14. 5.40 - 14.10.41
Atk Regts		Fd Pk Coy	
56 58	3. 9.39 - 20.10.41 20.10.41 - 31.10.41	203	3. 9.39 - 31.10.41
			Sigs
		42 Div	3. 9.39 - 31.10.41

Brigades

125	Inf	Bde	3.	9.39	-	31.10.41
126	Inf	Bde	3.	9.39	-	31.10.41
127	Inf	Bde	3.	9.39	-	31.10.41

Higher Formations served under

3. 9.39 - 27. 9.39 15. 1.40 - 11. 4.40 29. 4.40 - 18. 5.40 1. 6.40 - 3. 7.40 9. 9.40 - 6.11.40		28. 9.39 - 14. 1.40 12. 4.40 - 28. 4.40 19. 5.40 - 31. 5.40 4. 7.40 - 8. 9.40 5.11.40 - 22.10.41
23.10.41 - 31.10.41		0711110 000110141
	15. 1.40 - 11. 4.40 29. 4.40 - 18. 5.40 1. 6.40 - 3. 7.40 9. 9.40 - 6.11.40	15. 1.40 - 11. 4.40 GHQ BEF 29. 4.40 - 18. 5.40 1 Corps 1. 8.40 - 3. 7.40 10 Corps 9. 9.40 - 6.11.40 11 Corps

Theatres

	United Kingdom United Kingdom	3. 9.39 - 11. 4.40 1. 6.40 - 31.10.41	France & Belgium	12. 4.40 - 31. 5.40
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43rd (WESSEX) INFANTRY DIVISION

September	1939	A First Line Territorial Division embodied in the United Kingdom.
June	1942	Organized as a Mixed Division.
September	1943	Reorganized as an Infantry Division.

GO

3	September	1939	Maj-Gen	A.	N.	Floyer-Acland	
5	February	1940	Maj-Gen	A.	E.	Percival	
22	April	1940	Brig G.	E.	M.	Whittuck	(acting)
29	April	1940	Ma.j-Gen	R.	V.	Pollock	
28	February	1941	Ma.j-Gen	C.	W.	Allfrey	
9	March	1942	Ma.j-Gen	G.	I.	Thomas	
27	December	1944	Brig S.	B.	Ra	wlins	(acting)
28	January	1945	Maj-Gen	G.	I.	Thomas	
1	June	1945	Brig H.	Es	sam	е	(acting)
14	June	1945	Ma.1-Gen	G.	I.	Thomas	
19	June	1945	Brig B.				(acting)
6	Tully	1045	Mo 1-Con	0	T	Mh eme e	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
43 Recce Regt	1. 1.44 - 31. 8.45	Fd Regts	
	RE	94	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
		112	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
Fd Coys		141	3. 9.39 - 8. 6.42
		179	9. 6.42 - 31. 8.45
204	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45		
260	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	Atk Regt	
553	13. 1.40 - 31. 8.45		
		59	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
Fd Pk Coy			
		LAA Regt	
207	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45		
		110	23. 3.42 - 31. 8.45
Br Pl			
			Inf
13	1.10.43 - 31. 8.45		
		MG Bn	
	Sigs		
		1/8 Mx	18.11.41 - 1.10.42
43 Div	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	8 Mx	28. 2.44 - 31. 8.45
		Recce	
		48 Bn	20.11.41 - 7. 1.42
		43 Bn	8. 1.42 - 5. 6.42
		43 Regt	6. 6.42 - 31.12.43
		Sp Bn	
		8 Mx .	1.10.43 - 28. 2.44

Brigades

128	Inf Bde	3.	9.39	-	6.	6.42
129	Inf Bde	3.	9.39	-	31.	8.45
130	Inf Bde	3.	9.39	-	31.	8.45
25	Tk Bde	1.	6.42	-	2.	9.42
34	Tk Bde	3.	9.42	-	10.	9.43
214	Inf Bde		9.43			

43rd (WESSEX) INFANTRY DIVISION

Higher Formations served under

3. 9.39 - 22. 5.40 19. 6.40 - 5.11.40 24. 6.44 - 13. 7.44 28. 7.44 - 2. 9.44 15. 9.44 - 13. 12.44 20.12.44 - 27.12.44 31. 1.45 - 21. 2.45	Eastern Comd 12 Corps 12 Corps 8 Corps 12 Corps 12 Corps 12 Corps 2 Cdn Corps 30 Corps District	23. 5.40 - 18. 6.40 6.11.40 - 24. 6.44 13. 7.44 - 28. 7.44 2. 9.44 - 15. 9.44 27.12.44 - 20.12.44 27.12.44 - 30. 1.45 21. 2.45 - 12. 3.45 17. 6.45 - 31. 8.45
	19. 6.40 - 5.11.40 24. 6.44 - 13. 7.44 28. 7.44 - 2. 9.44 15. 9.44 - 13.12.44 20.12.44 - 27.12.44	19. 6.40 - 5.11.40 12 Corps 24. 6.44 - 13. 7.44 12 Corps 28. 7.44 - 2. 9.44 8 Corps 15. 9.44 - 13.12.44 12 Corps 20.12.44 - 27.12.44 12 Corps 31. 1.45 - 21. 2.45 2 Con Corps

Theatres

United Kingdom NW Europe	3. 9.39 - 17. 6.44 24. 6.44 - 31. 8.45	At Sea	17. 6.44 - 24. 6.44

Battles

1944	25 June - 2 July 4 July - 18 July 18 July - 23 July 30 July - 9 August 17 September - 27 September	The Odon Caen Bourguebus Ridge Mont Pincon The Nederrijn
1945	8 February - 10 March 23 March - 1 April	The Rhineland The Rhine

44th (HOME COUNTIES) INFANTRY DIVISION

31 January 1943 Divisional Headquarters disbanded in the Middle F		ivision.	ry Di	antı	Army Infa	e Territoria	A First Lin	1939	September	
strictonal meadquarters disbanded in the middle h	East.	Middle I	the	in	disbanded	Headquarters	Divisional	1943	January	31

GOC

3	September	1030	Mad-Gan	T		Osborne		
		1940	Maj-Gen	A.	E.	Percival		
		1941	Brig F.	C.	A.	Troup	(acting	1
31	March	1941	Brig J.	E.	Ut	terson-Kelso	(acting	
8	April	1941				Mason-MacFarlane	(wooding)	
25	June	1941				Horrocks .		
	March	1942	Brig I.				(acting	1
20	March	1942	Ma.1-Gen	I.	T.	P. Hughes		

8. 1.41 - 5. 6.42 6. 6.42 - 24.11.42

44 Bn 44 Regt

Divisional Troops

	RA		RE
Fd Regts		Fd Coys	
57 58 65 Atk Regt	3. 9.39 - 26.11.42 3. 9.39 - 26.11.42 3. 9.39 - 19.11.42	208 209 210 11	3. 9.39 - 4. 5.40 3. 9.39 - 26.11.42 3. 9.39 - 26.11.42 4. 5.40 - 26.11.42
57	3. 9.39 - 23.11.42	Fd Pk Coy	3. 9.39 - 26.11.42
LAA Regts		2/4.4	3. 9.39 - 26.11.42 Sigs
99 30	3. 2.42 - 25. 3.42 4. 4.42 - 23.11.42	44 Div	3. 9.39 - 31.12.42
MG Bn	Inf		
6 Cheshire	11.11.41 - 24.11.42		
Recce	11:11:21 - 64:11:48		

Brigades

131	Inf	Bde	3.	9.39	-	29.10.42
132	Inf	Bde	3.	9.39	-	13.11.42
133	Inf	Bde				8. 9.42

Higher Formations served under

Eastern Comd OHQ BEF OHQ BEF 1 Corps WO Control 13 Corps	3. 9.39 - 22.10.39	Southern Comd	23.10.39 - 31. 3.40
	1. 4.40 - 11. 4.40	3 Corps	11. 4.40 - 27. 5.40
	27. 5.40 - 31. 5.40	Southern Comd	1. 6.40 - 27. 6.40
	28. 6.40 - 31.10.40	12 Corps	1.11.40 - 3. 4.42
	3. 4.42 - 23. 7.42	GHQ MEF	24. 7.42 - 14. 8.42
	15. 8.42 - 30.11.42	GHQ MEF	1.12.42 - 30. 1.43

44th (HOME COUNTIES) INFANTRY DIVISION

Theatres

United Kingdom 3. 9.39 - 31. 3.40 United Kingdom 1. 6.40 - 29. 5.42 Egypt 24. 7.42 - 30. 1.43

France & Belgium 1. 4.40 - 31. 5.40 At Sea 29. 5.42 - 23. 7.42

Battles

1940 23 May - 29 May

St Omer - La Bassee

1942 30 August - 7 September Alam el Halfa 23 October - 4 November El Alamein

45th INFANTRY DIVISION

	September	1939	A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Division, duplicate of 43rd (Wessex) Infantry Division, (1)
	December	1941	Placed on Lower Establishment.
	August	1944	On 15 August the Division commenced to disperse and by 30 August Divisional Headquarters ceased to exist.
1	September	1944	Headquarters 45th (Holding) Division formed in the United Kingdom by personnel of Headquarters 77th (Holding) Division.
1	December	1944	Title changed 45th Division.

GOC

7	September	1939	Ma.1-Gen	F.	V.	B. Witts	
	February					Anderson	
			Maj-Gen	E.	C.	A. Schreiber	
25	April	1941	Brig H.	de	R.	Morgan	(acting)
8	May	1941	Maj-Gen	H.	de	R. Morgan	(
12	January	1943	Maj-Gen	J.	K.	Edwards	
1	September	1944	Maj-Gen	W.	G.	Michelmore	

Divisional Troops

	DIVISIONAL	Troops	
	RAC		RA
161 Recce Regt	13. 9.44 - 31. 8.45	Fd Regts	
	RE	55 96	7. 9.39 - 7. 6.42
Fd Coys		142	7. 9.39 - 21. 6.44 7. 9.39 - 27.11.41
205	(7. 9.39 - 15.12.43	171 175	11 2.42 - 30. 8.44 1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45
259	(26. 9.44 - 31. 7.44 (7. 9.39 - 22.12.43	176	1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45
562	(25. 4.44 - 31. 7.44 1. 1.40 - 8.12.41	Atk Regts	
Fd Pk Coy		69 90	7. 9.39 - 11. 2.42 22. 2.42 - 12.11.43
261	7. 9.39 - 6. 1.42	. 88	12. 1.44 - 30. 8.44
Fd Stores		Res Regts	
Sec	3. 1.42 - 30. 6.44	8 AA 8	1. 9.44 - 3. 1.45 4. 1.45 - 31. 8.45
	Sigs		Inf
45 Div	7. 9.39 - 30. 8.44	Recce	
		45 Bn 45 Indep Coy 45 Indep Sqn	22. 1.41 - 6.12.41 10. 1.42 - 5. 6.42 6. 6.42 - 30.12.43
	Brigad	es	
134 Inf Bde	(7. 9.39 - 14. 8.44	136 Inf Bde	(7. 9.39 - 30. 8.44
135 Inf Bde	(1.9.44 - 31.8.45 (7.9.39 - 19.7.44 (1.9.44 - 31.8.45	137 Inf Bde 178 Inf Bde	(1. 2.45 - 31. 8.45 28. 3.45 - 31. 8.45 21. 4.45 - 10. 8.45

Higher Formations served under

Southern Comd	7. 9.39 - 10. 5.40	Eastern Comd	11. 5.40 - 4. 6.40
12 Corps	5. 6.40 - 4.11.40	1 Corps	5.11.40 - 21. 2.41
GHQ Home Forces	22. 2.41 - 20. 7.41	11 Corps	21. 7.41 - 7.12.41
11 Corps District	8.12.41 - 2. 2.43	HQ BTNI	3. 2.43 - 20.12.43
GHQ Home Forces	21.12.43 - 29. 8.44	WO Control	1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45

Theatre

United	Kingdom	(7.	9.39	-	29.	8.44
		(1.	9.44	-	31.	8.45

Note: (1) From 3 September 1939 the Units of the Division were administered and embodied by 48 Inf Division until 7 September 1939 when HQ 45 Inf Division assumed full control.

46th INFANTRY DIVISION

oc coper	1909	49th (West Riding) Infantry Division, duplicate of
April	1940	On moving to France to join the BEF for training and labour duties the Division left in the United Kingdom all RA Units, bulk of Pivisional Signals and Administrative Units.

				GOC	
	October		Maj-Gen A.	L. Ransome	
	December	1939	Maj-Gen H.	O. Curtis	
5	June	1940	Brig J. B.		(acting)
5	July	1940		F. Anderson	(4001116)
14	December	1940	Maj-Gen C.	R. Hudson	
22	May	1941		N. Wimberley	
15	June	1941	Maj-Gen M.	C. Dempsey	
28	October	1941	Brig T. D.		(acting)
3	November	1941		A. Freeman-Attwood	(40 01118)
25	August	1943	Ma.1-Gen J.	L. I. Hawkesworth	
28	April	1944	Brig G. P.	Harding	(acting)
29	May	1944		L. I. Hawkesworth	(acting)
6	November	1944	Maj-Gen C.		

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
46 Recce Regt	1. 1.44 - 31. 8.45	Fd Regts	
	RE	121	2.10.39 - 12. 7.40
		122	2.10.39 - 12. 7.40
Fd Coys		123	2.10.39 - 12. 7.40
		70	30. 7.40 - 31. 8.45
270	2.10.39 - 31. 8.45	71	30. 7.40 - 31. 8.45
271	2.10.39 - 31. 8.45	51	30. 7.40 - 16. 9.40
272	2.10.39 - 31. 8.45	151	16. 9.40 - 10. 5.42
Fd Pk Coy		172	11. 5.42 - 31. 8.45
		Atk Regts	
273	2.10.39 - 31. 8.45	ALK REGES	
D D3		68	2.10.39 - 30, 6.40
Br Pl		58	30. 7.40 - 31. 8.45
201	4. 4.44 - 31. 8.45	LAA Regt	
	Sigs	115	24. 2.42 - 8.11.44
46 Div	2.10.39 - 31. 8.45		Inf
		MG Bns	
		2/7 Mx 9 Manch	11.11.41 - 1.10.48 15. 7.44 - 31. 8.45
		Recce	
		46 Bn	11. 7.41 - 5. 6.42
		46 Regt	6. 6.42 - 31.12.43
		Sp Bn	
		2 NF	3. 7.43 - 10. 3.44

Brigades

137 Inf Bde	2.10.39 - 19. 7.42
138 Inf Bde	2.10.39 - 31. 8.45
139 Inf Bde	(2.10.39 - 29.11.44
	(18. 1.45 - 31. 8.45
128 Inf Bde	15. 8.42 - 31. 8.45

Higher Formations served under

Northern Comd GHQ MEF 1 Corps Scottish Comd 12 Corps 1 Army 9 Corps Force 141 10 Corps GHQ MEF 6 Army 10 Corps	2.10.39 - 23. 4.40 17. 5.40 - 26. 5.40 30. 5.40 - 16. 4.40 1. 7.40 - 5. 1.41 14.11.41 - 15. 8.42 24. 8.42 - 2. 2.43 14. 4.43 - 30. 4.45 14. 4.43 - 9. 7.43 15. 7.43 - 10. 3.44 16. 3.44 - 31. 3.44 17. 7.44 - 10. 8.44 17. 7.44 - 10. 8.44	L of C BEF 3 Corps Western Comd 2 Corps W0 Control 5 Corps 15 Army 6p HQ AAI 3 Corps HQ AAI 5 Corps	24. 4.40 - 16. 5.40 26. 5.40 - 30. 5.40 2. 6.40 - 30. 6.40 6. 1.41 - 13.11.41 16. 8.42 - 23. 8.42 3. 2.43 - 13. 4.43 10. 7.43 - 24. 7.43 10. 7.45 - 16. 3.44 1. 4.44 - 11. 6.44 3. 7.44 - 17. 7.44 10. 8.44 - 12.12.44
	17. 7.44 - 10. 8.44		10. 8.44 - 12.12.44 8. 1.45 - 15. 1.45

Theatres

United Kingdom United Kingdom North Africa Italy Egypt Egypt Italy At Sea Austria	2.10.39 - 23. 4.40 2. 6.40 - 6. 1.43 17. 1.43 - 1. 9.43 9. 9.43 - 16. 3.44 12. 3.44 - 31. 3.44 18. 6.44 - 28. 6.44 3. 7.44 - 13. 1.45 7. 4.45 - 10. 4.45 12. 5.45 - 31. 6.45	France & Belgium At Sea At Sea At Sea At Sea Palestine At Sea Greece Italy	24. 4.40 - 2. 6.40 6. 1.43 - 17. 7.43 1. 9.43 - 9. 9.43 16. 3.44 - 21. 3.44 28. 6.44 - 3. 7.44 14. 1.45 - 7. 4.45 11. 4.45 - 11. 5.45
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Battles

1940	23 May - 29 May	St Omer - La Bassee
1943	22 April - 26 April 5 May - 12 May 9 September - 18 September 22 September - 1 October 12 October - 15 October 5 November - 9 December	El Kouriza Tunis Salerno Capture of Naples Volturno Crossing Monte Camino
1944	25 August - 22 September 3 September - 15 September 14 September - 21 September 2 December - 13 December	Gothic Line Coriano Rimini Line Lamone Crossing

Notes: (1) The Formations and Units were administered and embodied by 49 Inf Division from 3 September 1939 until HQ 46 Inf Division assumed command on 2 October 1939.

47th (LONDON) INFANTRY DIVISION

(See under 2nd London Infantry Division)

48th (SOUTH MIDLAND) INFANTRY DIVISION

September	1939	A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Division.
November	1941	Placed on Lower Establishment.

20 December 1942 Redesignated 48th Infantry (Reserve) Division. The change in organization was implemented during 1943.

3	September	1939	Maj-Gen F. C. Roberts	
8	October	1939	Brig Hon E. F. Lawson	(acting)
23	October	1939	Maj-Gen A. F. A. N. Thorne	
7	June	1940	Brig J. Muirhead	(acting)
18	June	1940	Maj-Gen R. L. Petre	
. 8	October	1941	Maj-Gen A. E. Grassett	
14	November	1941	Brig J. Muirhead	(acting)
7	December	1941	Maj-Gen H. J. Hayman-Joyce	
29	August	1943	Brig P. E. Bowden-Smith	(acting)
3	September	1943	Brig W. L. Dibben	(acting)
6	September	1943	Maj-Gen H. P. M. Berney-Ficklin	
29	March	1944	Maj-Gen W. P. A. Bradshaw	

Divisional Troops

	RAC		<u>RA</u>
1 Lothians	3. 9.39 - 27. 4.40	Fd Regts	
	RE	67	3. 9.39 - 31. 1.40
		68	3. 9.39 - 22. 8.42
Fd Coys		99	3. 9.39 - 1. 2.40-
		18	1. 2.40 - 12. 2.41
224	3. 9.39 - 13. 3.43	24	31, 1.40 - 22, 8,42
225	3. 9.39 - 16. 2.40	23	13. 2.41 - 14.11.41
226	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	173	12. 1.42 - 30. 3.43
9	16. 2.40 - 12.11.41	180	26.12.42 - 31. 8.44
792	30. 5.45 - 31. 8.45	120	1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45
Fd Pk Coy		Atk Regts	
227	3. 9.39 - 13.12.41	53	3. 9.39 - 14.10.41
		93	12.11.41 - 7. 8.42
Fd Stores		96	5. 9.42 - 31. 8.45
Sec Pl	13.12.41 - 31. 8.44 1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45	Med Regts	
		168	10. 4.45 - 29. 6.45
	Sigs	12	9. 7.45 - 31. 8.45
48 Div 48 Res Div	3. 9.39 - 19.12.42 20.12.42 - 31. 8.45		Inf
		Recce	
		5 Glosters	12. 7.41 - 13.10.41

48 Bn

48 Indep Coy 48 Indep Sqn 14.10.41 - 18.11.41

4. 1.42 - 5. 6.42 6. 6.42 - 3. 1.43

⁽²⁾ Redesignated HQ Land Forces (Greece) on 1 April 1945.

48th (SOUTH MIDLAND) INFANTRY DIVISION

Brigades

143	Inf	Bde	3.	9.39	_	31. 8.4
144	Inf	Bde				31. 8.45
145	Inf	Bde				7.11.42

Higher Formations served under

Southern Comd GHQ BEF Southern Comd 1 Corps District GHQ Home Forces	3. 9.39 - 4. 1.40 84. 5.40 - 31. 5.40 8. 7.40 - 6. 8.40 14.11.41 - 31.10.42 20.18.42 - 31. 8.45	1 Corps Western Comd 8 Corps HQ E Riding & Lincs*	5. 1.40 - 24. 5.40 1. 6.40 - 1. 7.40 7. 8.40 - 13.11.41 1.11.42 - 19.12.48

		Theatres		
United Kingdom United Kingdom	3. 9.39 - 4. 1.40 1. 6.40 - 31. 8.45		France & Belgium	5. 1.40 - 31. 5.40

Battles

Omer	-	La	Bassee
	Omer	Omer -	Omer - La

* District HQ.

49th (WEST RIDING) INFANTRY DIVISION

	September	1939	A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Division. (1)
	April	1940	On 5 April the Division ceased to function.
	June	1940	Division reconstituted in the United Kingdom on 10 June. (2)
26	April	1942	The Division again reconstituted in the United Kingdom as an Infantry Division.

GOC

3	September	1939	Maj-Gen	P.	J. Mackesey	
10	June	1940	Maj-Gen	н.	O. Curtis	
12	April	1943	Brig N.	P.	Procter	(acting)
30	April	1943	Maj-Gen	E.	H. Barker	
30	November	1944	Ma.1-Gen	G.	H. A. MacMillan	
27	January	1945	Brig R.	н.	Senior	(acting)
8	February	1945	Ma.1-Gen	G.	H. A. MacMillan	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
24	March	1945	Brig R.	H.	Senior	(acting)
28	March	1945	Ma.1-Gen	S.	B. Rawlins	
18	April	1945	Brig E.			(acting)
27	April	1945	Ma.1-Gen	S.	B. Rawlins	(
23	August	1945	Brig H.	Woo	od	(acting)

Divisional Troops

		DIVISIONAL	110005	
	RAC			RA
49 Recce Regt	1. 1.44 - 31.	8.45	Fd Regts	
	RE		69	(3.9.39 - 23.6.40
Fd Covs				(9. 9.42 - 31. 8.45
ra coys			70 71	3. 9.39 - 8. 6.40
228	3. 9.39 - 30.	0.70	79	3. 9.39 - 8. 6.40
229	3. 9.39 - 4.		80	8. 6.40 - 23. 6.40
230	3. 9.39 - 4.		143	8. 6.40 - 23. 6.40 26. 4.42 - 31. 8.45
294	26. 4.42 - 31.		178	15. 5.42 - 28.12.42
756	26. 4.42 - 31.		185	24.12.42 - 29.11.44
757	26. 4.42 - 31.		74	30.11.44 - 31. 8.45
Fd Pk Coys			Atk Regts	
231	3. 9.39 - 4.	4.40	58	3. 9.39 - 23. 6.40
289	26. 4.42 - 31.	8.45	88	17. 6.42 - 24. 7.43
Br Pl			55	26. 7.43 - 31. 8.45
Dr. bī				
23	1.10.43 - 31.	8.45	LAA Regts	
	1110110 011	0.10	118	7. 5.42 - 12. 8.42
	Sigs		89	29.12.42 - 31. 8.45
49 Div	(3.9.39 - 4.	4.40		Inf
	(10. 6.40 - 23.			
	(26. 4.42 - 31.	8.45	MG Bn	
			2 Kensingtons	28. 2.44 - 31. 8.45
			Recce	
			49 Regt	5. 9.42 - 31.12.43
			Sp Bn	
			2 Kensingtons	7. 6.43 - 27. 2.44

49th (WEST RIDING) INFANTRY DIVISION

Brigades

146 Inf Bde 147 Inf Bde	(3.9.39 - 4.4.40 (10.6.40 - 23.6.40 (26.8.42 - 31.8.45 (3.9.39 - 4.4.40	148 Inf Bde 70 Inf Bde 56 Inf Bde	3. 9.39 - 4. 4.40 18. 5.42 - 20. 8.44 20. 8.44 - 31. 8.45
	(26. 4.42 - 31. 8.45		

Higher Formations served under

Northern Comd Western Comd 30 Corps 12 Corps 1 Cdn Army 1 Corps District	3. 9.39 - 4. 4.40 26. 4.42 - 14. 4.43 1. 2.44 - 24. 7.44 9.11.44 - 28.11.44 23. 2.45 - 15. 3.45	Scottish Comd 1 Corps 1 Corps 2 Cdn Corps 1 Cdn Corps	10. 6.40 - 23. 6.40 15. 4.43 - 31. 1.44 25. 7.44 - 9.11.44 29.11.44 - 23. 2.45 15. 3.45 - 22. 5.45
T COLDS DISTLICE	23. 5.45 - 31. 8.45		

Theatres

4 At Sea 6.	6.40 - 23. 6.40 6.44 - 12. 6.44

Battles

1944	25 June - 2 July	The	Odon
	1 October - 8 November		Scheldt

 $\underline{\hbox{Notes:}} \quad \hbox{(1)} \quad \hbox{Divisional Headquarters became Headquarters AVONFORCE and moved—to Norway leaving Divisional Troops in the United Kingdom.}$

(2) On 23 June 1940 Divisional Headquarters formed Headquarters ALABASTER FORCE on sailing for Iceland. Units were posted to other Formations.

50th (NORTHUMBRIAN) INFANTRY DIVISION

September 1939	A First Line	Territorial	Army	Division	organized	as	a Motor	Division.	

June 1940 Reorganized as an Infantry Division.

. 16 December 1944 Reorganized as an Infantry (Reserve) Division in the United Kingdom.

August 1945 On 1 August Divisional Headquarters ceased to command its Formations and Units, moved to Norway by 25 August, and assumed the title Headquarters British Land Forces Norway.

GOC

3	September	1939	Maj-Gen	3.	Le	Q. Martel	
13	December	1940	Maj-Gen	N.	H.	C. Ramsden	
7	July	1942	Ma.1-Gen	J.	S.	Nichols	
14	April	1943	Maj-Gen	3.	C.	Kirkman	
14	September	1943	Brig K.	3.	Dav	idson	(acting)
22	September	1943	Maj-Gen	3.	C.	Kirkman	
19	January	1944	Ma.1-Gen 1	0.	A.	H. Graham	
17	October	1944	Maj-Gen	L.	0.	Lyne	
22	November	1944	Brig Sir	A.	G.	B. Stanier, Bart	(acting)
on	Morrowhon	1044	Mod-Con 1	2		II One hom	

Divisional Troops

	RAC	<u> </u>	<u>ra</u> (3)
Yorks H 61 Recce Regt	12.12.43 - 18. 1.44 24. 1.44 - 30.11.44	Fd Regts	(3. 9.39 - 27.11.41 (22. 2.42 - 1. 6.42
Fd Coys		74 124	3. 9.39 - 29.11.44 22. 6.40 - 1.12.44
232	(3.9.39 - 20.7.41 (14.8.41 - 27.11.41 (22.2.42 - 1.6.42	111 65 90	15.10.42 - 21.11.42 19.11.42 - 22. 4.43 27. 4.43 - 30.11.44
505 233 501 295	3. 9.39 - 30.11.44 23. 6.40 - 30.11.44 27. 4.43 - 10.10.43 23. 9.43 - 30.11.44	Atk Regts 65 100 (NH)	20.11.39 - 8.11.40 8.10.42 - 30.11.44
Fd Pk Coy		LAA Regts	
235	(3. 9.39 ~ 1. 6.42 (1. 9.42 ~ 30.11.44	34 25	18.10.42 - 6.11.42 16.12.42 - 30.11.44
Fd Pk Sqn			Inf
142	24. 6.42 - 24. 8.42	M/C Bn	
Br Pl		4 NF	3. 9.39 - 23. 6.40
15	5. 8.43 - 12.12.44	MG Bn	
	Sigs	2 Cheshire	1. 2.41 - 30. 6.45
50 Div	3. 9.39 - 31. 7.45	Recce	
		50 Bn	6. 3.41 - 26.11.41

Brigades

150 Inf Bde	(3.9.39 - 20.6.41	151 Inf Bde	3. 9.39 - 31. 7.45
	(14. 8.41 - 27.11.41	69 Inf Bde	1. 7.40 - 31. 7.45
	(22. 2.42 - 1. 6.42	168 Inf Bde	27. 4.43 - 10.10.43
		231 Inf Bde	10.10.43 - 31. 7.45

50th (NORTHUMBRIAN) INFANTRY DIVISION

Higher Formations served under

Northern Comd GHQ BEF GHQ BEF CHQ BEF 2 Corps W0 Control 6 Corps 8 Corps HQ BTE HQ BTE 30 Corps 10 Corps 10 Corps 10 Corps 10 Corps 2 Corps 2 Corps 2 Corps 2 Corps 3 Corps 2 Corps 2 Corps 2 Corps 2 Corps 3 Corps 3 Corps 4 Corps 5 Corps 6 Corps 7 Corps 7 Corps 8 Corps 8 Corps 9 Corps	3. 9.39 - 23.10.39 20. 1.40 - 28. 3.40 17. 5.40 - 24. 5.40 26. 5.40 - 31. 5.40 22. 6.40 - 19. 6.40 21. 1.40 - 17. 3.41 14. 6.41 - 24. 7.41 21.11.41 - 19. 1.42 11. 2.42 - 20. 2.42 15. 6.42 - 20. 6.42 5.10.42 - 28.11.42 5.12.42 - 1. 1.43 14. 4.43 - 24. 4.43 10. 5.43 - 13. 8.43 26. 9.44 - 1.10.44 9.11.44 - 1.12.44 15.12.44 - 31. 8.45	Southern Comd 2 Corps 3 Corps 1 Corps 5 Corps 6HQ Home Forces WO Control 0HQ MEF 9 Army 13 Corps 13 Corps 8 Army 8 Army 7 Corps 8 Army 8 O Corps 8 Army 9 Corps 14 Corps 15 Corps 16 Army 17 Corps 18 Army 18 Army 18 Army 18 Army 18 Army 19 Corps 18 Army 19 Corps 18 Army 19 Corps 19 Army 19 Army 19 Corps 19 Army 19 Army 19 Corps 19 Army 1	24.10.39 = 19. 1.40 29. 3.40 = 17. 5.40 25. 5.40 = 26. 5.40 = 26. 5.40 31. 5.40 = 1. 6.40 31. 5.40 = 1. 6.40 31. 5.40 = 1. 6.40 17. 3.41 = 31. 3.41 12. 4.41 = 13. 4.41 26. 7.41 = 20.11.41 26. 7.41 = 20.11.41 27. 1.42 = 10. 2.42 21. 2.42 = 15. 6.42 21. 7.42 = 4.10.42 27. 1.42 = 5.12.42 27. 1.43 = 14. 4.43 24. 4.43 = 26. 9.44 110.44 = 9.11.44 2.12.44 = 12.12.44
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Theatres

United Kingdom United Kingdom Egypt Iraq (1) Egypt Egypt N Africa Egypt Sicily United Kingdom NM Europe United Kingdom	3. 9.39 - 19. 1.40 2. 6.40 - 22. 4.41 14. 6.41 - 24. 7.41 21.11.41 - 12. 1.42 16. 6.42 - 51.12.42 16. 6.42 - 5.12.42 5. 3.43 - 27. 4.43 9. 5.43 - 29. 6.43 10. 7.43 - 19.10.45 6.11.43 - 1.64 6. 6.44 - 12.12.44 14.12.44 - 23. 8.45	France & Belgium At Sea Cyprus (1) Syria (2) Libya Libya At Sea At Sea At Sea At Sea At Sea At Sea	20. 1.40 - 1. 8.40 23. 4.41 - 13. 8.41 25. 7.41 - 3.11.41 21. 1.42 - 10. 2.42 21. 2.42 - 16. 6.42 26. 12.42 - 4. 3.43 28. 4.43 - 9. 5.43 29. 6.43 - 10. 7. 43 19.10.43 - 6.11.43 1. 6.44 - 6. 6.44 12. 12.44 - 14. 12. 44 25. 8.45 - 31. 8.45

Battles

1940	26 May - 28 May	Ypres - Comines Canal
1942	26 May - 21 June 26 June - 30 June 1 July - 27 July 23 October - 4 November	Gazala Mersa Matruh Defence of Alamein Line El Alamein
1943	16 March - 23 March 6 April - 7 April 19 April - 29 April 9 July - 12 July	Mareth Akarit Enfidaville Landing in Sicily
1944	6 June 17 September - 27 September	Normandy Landing The Nederrin

Notes: (1) In transit by sea and road from Cyprus to Iraq 4.11.41 - 21.11.41.

- (2) In transit by road from Iraq to Syria 13.1.42 21.1.42.
- (3) From 17.6.42 to 30.8.42 the Div Arty was attached to 10 Armd Div for operations (see Note (2) to 10 Armd Div).

51st (HIGHLAND) INFANTRY DIVISION

September	1939	A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Division.
12 June	1940	The Division, less 154th Infantry Brigade Group, captured in France.
7 August	1940	Division reconstituted by redesignation of 9th (Highland) Infantry Division, duplicate Territorial Army Division.

G01

3	September	1939	Maj-Gen	٧.	M. Fortune	(POW 12. 6.40)
7	August	1940	Maj-Gen	A.	G. Cunningham	
13	October	1940	Brig A.	C.	L. Stanley Clarke	(acting)
28	October	1940	Maj-Gen	N.	M. Ritchie	
5	June	1941	Brig C.	B.	Wainwright	(acting)
11	June	1941	Ma,1-Gen	D.	N. Wimberley	
21	August	1943	Maj-Gen	D.	C. Bullen-Smith	
26	July	1944	Ma.1-Gen	T.	G. Rennie	(killed 24. 3.45)
25	March	1945	Maj-Gen	G.	H. A. MacMillan	
28	May	1945	Mai-Gen	A.	J. H. Cassels	

Divisional Troops

	DIVISIONA	1 Troops	
	RAC		RA
1 FF Yeo	3. 9.39 - 29. 3.40	Fd Regts	
2 Derby Yeo	20. 1.44 - 31. 8.45		
2 2010, 100		75	3. 9.39 - 12. 6.40
	RE	76	3. 9.39 - 5. 3.40
		77	3. 9.39 - 19. 2.40
Fd Coys		17	19. 2.40 - 9. 6.40
		23	5. 3.40 - 12. 6.40
236	3. 9.39 - 12. 6.40	126	7. 8.40 - 31. 8.45
237	3. 9.39 - 12. 6.40	127	7. 8.40 - 31. 8.45
238	3. 9.39 - 29. 2.40	128	7. 8.40 - 31. 8.45
26	28. 2.40 - 12. 6.40		
274	7. 8.40 - 31. 8.45	Atk Regts	
275	7. 8.40 - 31. 8.45		
276	7. 8.40 - 31. 8.45	51	3. 9.39 - 12. 6.40
		61	7. 8.40 - 31. 8.45
Fd Pk Coy			
		LAA Regt	
239	(3. 9.39 - 12. 6.40		
	(7. 8.40 - 31. 8.45	40	1. 5.42 - 31. 8.45
Br Pl			Inf
16	19.12.43 - 31. 8.45	MG Bn	
	Sigs	1/7 Mx	(20.11.41 - 9.12.43
			(28. 2.44 - 31. 8.45
51 D1v	(3. 9.39 - 12. 6.40		
	(7. 8.40 - 31. 8.45	Recce	
		51 Bn	8. 1.41 - 5. 6.42
		51 Regt	6. 6.42 - 26.11.42
		0- 1100	0. 0.10 20.11.10
		Sp Bn	
		1/7 Mx	10.12.43 - 27. 2.44
		1/ / IX	10.12.43 - 27. 2.44

51st (HIGHLAND) INFANTRY DIVISION

Brigades

450	
152 Inf Bde	(3. 9.39 - 12. 6.40
	(7. 8.40 - 31. 8.45
153 Inf Bde	(3. 9.39 - 12. 6.40
	(7. 8.40 - 31. 8.45
154 Inf Bde	(3. 9.39 - 12. 6.40
	(7. 8.40 - 31. 8.45

Higher Formations served under

Scottish Comd 3, 9,39 = 6,10,30 GhQ BBF 24, 14.40 = 28, 1,44 Ge Green Green Ge Green Ge Green Ge Green Ge Green Ge Green Green	2 Corps 29.1.40 - 22 3 French Army 22.4.40 - 22 9 French Corps 31.5.40 - 22 0HQ Home Forces 1.4.42 - 18	4.40 5.40 6.42 9.42 4.43 1.44 8.44 10.44 11.44 12.44 1.45
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United Kingdom United Kingdom Egypt N Africa Sicily United Kingdom NW Europe	3. 9.39 - 23. 1.40 7. 8.40 - 16. 6.42 12. 6.42 - 21.11.42 17. 2.43 - 8. 7.43 10. 7.43 - 7.11.43 26.11.43 - 2. 6.44 7. 6.44 - 31. 8.45	France At Sea Libya At Sea At Sea At Sea	24. 1.40 - 12. 6.4 16. 6.42 - 11. 8.4 21.11.42 - 17. 2.4 8. 7.43 - 10. 7.4 7.11.43 - 26.11.4 2. 6.44 - 7. 6.4

Rattle

Battles						
1942	23 October - 4 November	El Alamein				
1943	6 March - 23 March 16 March - 23 March 6 April - 7 April 19 April - 29 April 5 May - 12 May 9 July - 12 July 29 July - 3 August	Medenine Mareth Akarit Enfidaville Tunis Landing in Sicily Adrano				
1944	18 July - 23 July 7 August - 22 August	Bourguebus Ridge Falaise				
1945	8 February - 10 March 23 March - 1 April	The Rhineland The Rhine				

52nd (LOWLAND) INFANTRY DIVISION

September 1939	A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Division.
May 1942 to June 1944	Trained in Mountain Warfare, but never employed in this type of warfare.
August & September 1944	Trained in airlanding operations, but never employed as airlanding troops.

GOC

3	September	1939	Maj-Gen	J. S. Drew	
29	March	1941	Maj-Gen	Sir J. E. Laurie, Bart	
1	September	1942	Brig G.	P. Miller	(acting)
11	September	1942	Maj-Gen	N. M. Ritchie	
11	November	1943	Brig E.	Hakewill-Smith	(acting)
19	November	1943	Ma.1-Gen	E. Hakewill-Smith	

Divisional Troops

	RAC		<u>RA</u> (1)
52 Recce Regt	(1. 1.44 - 11. 8.44 (1.11.44 - 16. 7.45	Fd Regts	
	RE	78 79	3. 9.39 - 3. 6.42 (3. 9.39 - 8. 6.40
Fd Coys		80	(1. 7.40 - 31. 8.45 (3. 9.39 - 8. 6.40 (1. 7.40 - 31. 8.45
240 241	3. 9.39 - 20. 9.39 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	186	27.12.42 - 31. 8.45
242 554	3. 9.39 - 19.10.39 7.12.39 - 31. 8.45	Atk Regt	
202 Pa Dia Cara	7. 8.40 - 31. 8.45	54	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
Fd Pk Coy		LAA Regt	
243	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	108	12. 3.42 - 31. 8.45
Br Pl			Inf
17	1.10.43 - 31. 8.45	MG Bns	
	<u>81gs</u>	1/9 Manch 7 Manch	11.11.41 - 4. 5.42 19. 3.44 - 31. 8.45
52 Div	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	Recce	
		52 Bn 52 Regt	8. 1.41 - 5. 6.42 6. 6.42 - 31.12.43
		Sp Bn	
		7 Manch	7. 6.43 - 18. 3.44

Brigades

155	Inf	Bde	3. 9.39	-	31.	8.45
156	Inf	Bde	3. 9.39	-	31.	8.45
157	Inf	Bde	(3.9.39	-	1.	9.44
			(24.10.44	-	31.	8.45

52nd (LOWLAND) INFANTRY DIVISION

Higher Formations served under

Scottish Comd Aldershot Comd 11 Corps Scottish Comd 21 Army Group 1 Corps 12 Corps 30 Corps 8 Corps 8 Corps 30 Corps L of C BLA	3. 9.39 - 11. 4.40 2. 6.40 - 10. 6.40 19. 6.40 - 28. 6.40 3.11.40 - 2. 8.44 10.10.44 - 22.10.44 11.11.44 - 4.12.44 15. 2.45 - 7. 3.45 12. 3.45 - 20. 3.45 19. 4.45 - 31. 5.46 18. 4.45 - 15. 8.45	Southern Cond GHQ BEF 2 Corps HQ Airborne Tps 2 Cdn Corps 30 Corps 6 Corps 2 Cdn Corps 12 Corps 14 Corps 14 Tuny Group 1 Corps Nistrict	12, 4,40 - 1, 8,40 11, 6,40 - 17, 6,40 28, 6,40 - 2,11,40 3, 8,44 - 10,10,44 23, 10,44 - 10,11,44 5,12,44 - 13,12,44 6, 2,45 - 14, 2,45 8, 3,45 - 11, 3,45 1, 6,45 - 17, 6,45 15, 6,45 - 31, 8,45 15, 8,45 - 31, 8,45

Theatres

United Kingdom United Kingdom NW Europe	3. 9.39 - 10. 6.40 18. 6.40 - 13.10.44	France At Sea	10. 6.40 - 17. 6.40 13.10.44 - 15.10.44
nn surope	15.10.44 - 31. 8.45		

Battles

1944	1 October - 8 November	The	Scheldt
1945	8 February - 10 March 23 March - 1 April		Rhineland

Note: (1) Mountain Artillery Regiments attached

1 Mtn Regt 6.7.42 - 21.3.45 3 Mtn Regt 1.12.42 - 22.10.43.

53rd (WELSH) INFANTRY DIVISION

September.	1939	A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Division.
May	1942	Reorganized as a Mixed Division.
October	1943	Reorganized as an Infantry Division.

GOC

3	September	1939	Maj-Gen	B.	T.	Wilson	
29	July	1941	Ma.1-Gen	G.	C.	Buckmall	
12	September	1942	Maj-Gen	R.	K.	Ross	
16	February	1945	Brig M.	Eli	rin	gton	(acting)
10	March	1945	Maj-Gen	R.	K.	Ross	
27	May	1945	Brig C.	F.	C.	Coleman	(acting)
3	June	1945	Maj-Gen	R.	K.	Ross	
26	August	1945	Brig C.	F.	C.	Coleman	(acting)

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
53 Recce Regt	1. 1.44 = 31. 8.45	Fd Regts	
	<u>RE</u>	81 83	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
Fd Coys		133	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45
244 245	3. 9.39 ÷ 31. 8.45 3. 9.39 ÷ 8.10.39	Atk Regts	
282 555	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 30.12.39 - 31. 8.45	71	(31.10.40 - 11. 4.41 (20. 6.41 - 31. 8.45
Fd Pk Coy		63	12. 4.41 - 20. 6.41
285	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	LAA Regts	
Br Pl		116 25	3. 4.42 - 2.12.44 1.12.44 - 31. 8.45
22	1.10.43 - 31. 8.45		Inf
	Sigs	MG Bns	
53 Div	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	5 Cheshire 1 Manch	11.11.41 - 1.10.42 28. 2.44 - 31. 8.45
		Recce	
		53 Bn 53 Regt	1. 1.41 - 5. 6.42 6. 6.42 - 31.12.43
		Sp Bn	
		1 Manch	1.10.43 - 27. 2.44

Brigades

158	Inf Bde	(3.	9.39	-	22.10.39
		(3.	4.40	-	31. 8.45
159	Inf Bde	3.	9.39	-	17. 5.42
160	Inf Bde	(3.	9.39	-	17.12.39
		(3.	4.40	-	31. 8.45
31	Tk Bde	17.	5.42	-	10. 9.43
71	Inf Bde	18.	10,43	-	31. 8.45

53rd (WELSH) INPANTRY DIVISION

Higher Formations served under

Western Comd BTNI Western Comd 12 Corps 12 Corps 12 Corps 30 Corps	3. 9.39 - 2. 4.40 12. 7.40 - 30. 4.41 11.11.41 - 7. 4.42 15. 5.43 - 29. 6.44 13. 7.44 · 31.10.44 9.11.44 - 17.12.44 20.12.44 - 18. 1.45	NI District 3 Corps 12 Corps District 8 Corps 8 Corps 1 Cdn Army 2 Army	3. 4.40 - 11. 7.4 1. 5.41 - 10.11.4 8. 4.42 - 14. 5.4 29. 6.44 - 13. 7.4 31.10.44 - 8.11.4 17.12.44 - 20.12.4
30 Corps 8 Corps	19. 4.45 - 18. 2.45 2. 6.45 - 8. 6.45	2 Army 12 Corps 1 Corps District	18. 1.45 - 19. 1.4 18. 2.45 - 1. 6.4 8. 6.45 - 31. 8.4

Theatres

	THE	atres	
United Kingdom NW Europe	3. 9.39 - 21. 6.44 27. 6.44 - 31. 8.45	At Sea	21. 6.44 - 27. 6.44

Battles

1944	25 June - 2 July 4 July - 18 July 30 July - 9 August 7 August - 22 August 17 September - 27 September	The Odon Caen Mont Pincon Falaise The Nederrijn
1945	8 February - 10 March 23 March - 1 April	The Rhineland

54th (EAST ANGLIAN) INFANTRY DIVISION

	September	1939	A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Division.
	January	1942	Placed on Lower Establishment. (1)
14	December	1943	Divisional Headquarters redesignated Headquarters Lines of Communication (54th Division). The Division ceased to exist.

GOC

3	September	1939	Maj-Gen	J.	H.	T. Priestman
11	February	1941	Maj-Gen	E.	H.	Barber
14	April	1943	Maj-Gen	C.	B.	Wainwright
17	May	1943	Maj-Gen	C.	B.	Callander

Divisional Troops

	RA		RE
Fd Regts		Fd Coys	
85 86 134 168 Atk Regt	3. 9.39 - 24. 8.42 3. 9.39 - 9. 6.42 3. 9.39 - 10. 2.42 9. 6.42 - 9. 6.43	248 249 286 250 556 591	4. 9.39 - 16. 9.39 4. 9.39 - 20. 5.43 4. 9.39 - 20. 5.43 20. 9.39 - 20.10.39 4. 1.40 - 29.12.41 1. 1.42 - 20. 5.43
55	3. 9.39 - 21. 2.43	Fd Pk Coy	
LAA Regt	21. 4.42 - 9. 9.42	289	4. 9.39 - 2. 3.42
100		Fd Stores	
	Inf	Sec	1.12.41 - 20. 5.43
Recce			Sigs
54 Bn 54 Indep Coy 54 Indep Sqn	15. 7.41 - 31.12.41 1. 1.42 - 5. 6.42 6. 6.42 - 9. 2.43	54 Div	3. 9.39 - 13.12.43

Brigades

161	Inf	Bde	3.	9.39	-	17.12.40
162	Inf	Bde	(3.	9.39	-	10.11.42
			(5.	9.43	-	13.12.43
163	Inf	Bde	3.	9.39	-	13.12.43
198	Inf	Bde	20.	12.40	-	13, 12, 43

Higher Formations served under

Eastern Comd	3. 9.39 - 19. 4.40	Northern Comd	19. 4.40 - 28. 4.40
GHQ Home Forces	28. 4.40 - 17. 5.40	Northern Comd	18. 5.40 - 9. 7.40
10 Corps	10. 7.40 - 20. 3.41	GHQ Home Forces	21. 3.41 - 18.11.41
11 Corps	19.11.41 - 14. 5.43	2 Corps District	15. 5.43 - 30. 7.43
21 Army Group	31. 7.43 - 18.12.43		

Theatre

United	Kingdom	3.	9.39 -	13.12.

Note: (1) In May 1943 Headquarters Divisional RA redesignated Headquarters 8 AGRA; Headquarters Divisional RE redesignated Headquarters RE 6 Airborne Division and Field Companies were converted to Airborne role on joining 8 Airborne Division.

55th (WEST LANCASHIRE) INFANTRY DIVISION

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Division organized as a Motor Division.

1940 Reorganized as an Infantry Division.

January 1942 Placed on Lower Establishment.

1944 Raised to Higher Establishment.

GOC

3	September	1939	Ma.1-Gen V.	H. B. Majendie	
1	June	1941		D. Morgan	(injured 12.10.41)
13	October	1941	Brig R. J.		(acting)
30	October	1941	Maj-Gen F.		(dooring)
14	May	1942		B. Hibbert	
15	August	1943		E. Clutterbuck	
13	July	1944		P. M. Berney-Ficklin	

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
			104
161 Recce Regt	1. 1.44 - 24. 7.44	Fd Regts	
1 RGH	2. 8.44 - 15. 6.45		
		87	3. 9.39 - 30.11.41
	RE	136	3. 9.39 - 22. 8.42
Ed Con-		109	1. 7.40 - 31. 8.45
Fd Coys		174	25. 7.42 - 7. 3.43
509	7 0 70 10 1 10	192	23. 2.43 - 20.12.43
510	3. 9.39 - 10. 1.40	170	22. 5.43 - 15. 3.44
557	3. 9.39 - 1. 3.40 27.12.39 - 4.10.43	5 (1)	1. 8.44 - 31. 8.45
558	27.12.39 - 7.12.41	141	1. 8.44 - 11. 6.45
55	18. 7.40 - 22. 1.43	124	14. 6.45 - 31. 8.45
613	28. 1.43 - 7. 7.44	441- D	
61	30.10.43 - 7. 7.44	Atk Regts	
259	(1. 8.44 - 22. 8.44	22	
	(15. 8.45 - 31. 8.45	66	(3. 9.39 - 17.11.39
283	25. 8.44 - 31: 8.45	89	(1. 7.40 - 24. 7.44
205	1. 8.44 - 31. 8.45	99	21.10.44 - 29. 8.45
	011	LAA Regts	
Fd Pk Coys		DAR HESUS	
		103	4. 2.42 - 30.11.42
511	3. 9.39 - 30.12.39	149	31. 8.43 - 23.12.43
599	27.12.39 - 7.12.41	150	1. 8.44 - 24. 2.45
108	30. 8.44 - 31. 8.45		2. 0.11 54. 5.40
T. 0.			Inf
Fd Stores			
Coo		M/C Bn	
Sec	1.12.42 - 20. 7.44		
Br Pl		5 Loyals	3. 9.39 - 23. 4.40
DI. LI			
9	30. 8.44 - 31. 8.45	MG Bn	
· ·	00. 0.44 = 01. 8.45		
	Sigs	5 Manch	22.10.44 - 31. 8.45
	0183	P	
55 D1v	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	Recce	
	01. 0. 10	55 Indep Cov	07 10 11 5 0
		55 Indep Coy 55 Indep Sqn	27.12.41 - 5. 6.42
		161 Regt	6. 6.42 - 29.10.43
		ToT Well	23.12.43 - 31.12.43

55th (WEST LANCASHIRE) INFANTRY DIVISION

Brigades

164	Inf	Bde	4.	9.39	-	17.	6.45	
165	Inf	Bde .	3.	9.39	-	31.	8.45	
199	Inf	Bde	23.	6.40	-	14.	8.44	
166	Inf	Bde	15.	8.44	-	31.	8.45	

Higher Formations served under

Western Comd	3. 9.39 - 24.11.39	Northern Comd	25.11.39 - 18. 4.40
Eastern Comd	19. 4.40 - 4. 6.40	11 Corps	5. 6.40 - 5.11.40
4 Corps	6.11.40 - 15.10.41	Southern Comd	16.10.41 - 11.12.41
Southern Comd	16.10.41 - 11.12.41	Northern Comd	12.12.41 - 31.12.42
8 Corps District	1. 1.43 - 14. 1.43	. SW District	15. 1.43 - 30. 5.43
South-Eastern Comd	31. 5.43 - 19.12.43	BTNI	21.12.43 - 24. 7.44
GHQ Home Forces	26. 7.44 - 12. 4.45	Western Comd	13. 4.45 - 31. 8.45

Theatre

3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45

Eastern Comd	19. 4.40 - 4. 6.40	11 COPPS	D. 0.40 - D. II. 40
4 Corps	6.11.40 - 15.10.41	Southern Comd	16.10.41 - 11.12.41
Southern Comd	16.10.41 - 11.12.41	Northern Comd	12.12.41 - 31.12.42
8 Corps District	1. 1.43 - 14. 1.43	. SW District	15. 1.43 - 30. 5.43
South-Eastern Comd	31. 5.43 - 19.12.43	BTNI	21.12.43 - 24. 7.44
GHQ Home Forces	26. 7.44 - 12. 4.45	Western Comd	13. 4.45 - 31. 8.45

Note: (1) Redesignated and reorganized 5 Lt Regt RA on 27.6.45.

United Kingdom

56th (LONDON) INFANTRY DIVISION

(See under 1st London Division)

57th INFANTRY DIVISION

9 November 1943 Headquarters formed in N Africa by redesignation of Headquarters
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
(see under 42nd Infantry Brigade).

29 July 1944 The Division ceased to exist.

58th INFANTRY DIVISION not formed

59th (STAFFORDSHIRE) INFANTRY DIVISION

	September	1939	A Second Line Territorial Army Division, duplicate of 55th Infantry Division, organized as a Motor Division. (1)	
	June	1940	Reorganized as an Infantry Division.	
19	October	1944	Divisional Headquarters placed in suspended animation.	

GOC

15	September	1939	Maj-Gen J. Blakiston-Hou	ston
1	December	1939	Maj-Gen T. R. Eastwood	
11	May	1940	Maj-Gen F. V. B. Witts	
15	February	1941	Maj-Gen J. S. Steele	
8	April	1942	Maj-Gen W. P. A. Bradsha	W
29	March	1944	Mai-Gen I. O. Lyne	

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
59 Recce Regt	1. 1.44 - 31. 8.44	Fd Regts	
Fd Coys	RE	61 116 110	15. 9.39 - 31. 8.44 15. 9.39 - 31. 8.44 10. 7.40 - 31. 8.44
509 510 257	11. 1.40 - 22. 8.44 2. 3.40 - 22. 8.44 23. 6.40 - 22. 8.44	Atk Regts 66 68	17.11.39 - 30. 6.40 1. 7.40 - 26. 8.44
Fd Pk Coy 511	30.12.39 - 22. 8.44	LAA Regt 68	19. 4.43 - 22. 8.44
Br Pl 24	1.10.43 - 22. 8.44	M/C Bn	<u>Inf</u>
59 Div	81gs 15. 9.39 - 31. 8.44	6 Loyals MG Bn	15. 9.39 - 23. 6.40
		7 NF	(18.11.41 - 1.10.42 (28. 2.44 - 24. 8.44
		Recce 59 Bn 59 Regt	27. 1.41 - 5. 6.42 6. 6.42 - 31.12.43
		Sp Bn 7 NF	1.10.43 - 27. 2.44

Brigades

176	Inf	Bde	15.	9.39	-	26.	8.4
177	Inf	Bde	15.	9.39	-	26.	8.4
197	Inf	Bde	23.	6.40	-	26.	8.4

59th (STAFFORDSHIRE) INFANTRY DIVISION

Higher Formations served under

Western Comd 10 Corps 3 Corps 12 Corps 12 Corps 12 Corps	15. 9.39 - 31. 5.40 24. 6.40 - 8. 4.41 10.11.41 - 31. 5.42 22. 3.43 - 3. 7.44 11. 7.44 - 13. 7.44 24. 7.44 - 20. 8.44	Northern Comd 9 Corps BTNI 1 Corps 30 Corps 21 Army Group	1. 8.40 - 23. 6.40 9. 4.41 - 8.11.41 1. 8.42 - 19. 3.43 4. 7.44 - 11. 7.44 21. 8.44 - 18.10.44
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Theatres

United Kingdom	15. 9.39 ~ 21. 6.44	At Sea	21. 6.44 - 27. 6.44
NW Europe	27. 6.44 - 18.10.44		21. 21. 21.

Battles

1944	4	July	-	18 Ju	ıly	Caen	
	30	July	-	9 Aug	zust.	Mon t.	Pinco

Note: (1) From 3 September 1939 the Units of the Division were administered and embodied by 55 Division until 15 September 1939 when Headquarters 59 Division assumed full control.

60th INFANTRY DIVISION not formed

61st INFANTRY DIVISION

September	1939	A Second	Line	Territorial	Armv	Division.	a.	duplicate	of	48th	Infantry
oop concer		Division				, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		unpinan			

August 1945 Reorganized as a Light Division.

GOC

3	September	1939	Maj-Gen R.	J. Collins
29	November	1939	Maj-Gen A.	Carton de Wiart
26	April	1940	Maj-Gen E.	C. A. Schreiber (1)
14	May	1940	Maj-Gen A.	Carton de Wiart
6	April	1941	Maj-Gen C.	St Q. O. Fullbrook-Leggati
15	September	1942	Maj-Gen J.	O. Carpenter
117	Morr	1047	Mod-Con C	D Motnumicht

Divisional Troops

	RAC		RA
61 Recce Regt Yorks H	1. 1.44 - 23. 1.44 24. 1.44 - 16. 6.45	Fd Regts	
	RE	199 120 145	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 3. 9.39 - 30. 6.44 (3. 9.39 - 26. 1.44
Fd Coys		96	(4. 8.44 - 16. 1.45 26. 6.44 - 16. 1.45
266 267	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	141	14. 6.45 - 31. 8.45
268	31.12.39 - 31. 8.45	Lt Regt	
Fd Pk Coy	40 4 40 54 0 45	168	28. 6.45 - 31. 8.45
269	18. 1.40 - 31. 8.45	Atk Regts	
	S1gs	63	(3. 9.39 - 2. 7.40 (21. 6.41 - 22. 8.44
61 Div	3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45	71 92	12. 4.41 - 20. 6.41 20.10.44 - 15. 6.45
		LAA Regts	
		103 148	24. 2.43 - 1. 3.44 2. 3.44 - 15. 8.45
			Inf
		MG Bn	
		2/8 Mx 4 Cheshire 2 Cheshire	11.11.41 - 20. 5.42 1. 7.44 - 20. 9.44 1. 7.45 - 31. 8.45
		Recce	
		61 Bn 61 Regt 2 KRRC	14. 9.41 - 5. 6.42 6. 6.42 - 31.12.43 29. 7.45 - 31. 8.45
		Sp Bn	
		4 Cheshire	29.10.43 - 20. 9.44

Brigades

182 Inf Bde 3, 9.39 - 31, 8.45 183 Inf Bde 3, 9.39 - 31, 8.45 184 Inf Bde 3, 9.39 - 31, 8.45

Higher Formations served under

Southern Comd	3. 9.39 - 19. 6.40	NI District	20. 6.40 - 11. 7.40
BTNI	12. 7.40 - 2. 2.43	11 Corps District	4. 2.43 - 14. 5.43
2 Corps District	15. 5.43 - 1. 9.43	GHQ Home Forces	2. 9.43 - 22.10.43
South-Eastern Comd	23.10.43 - 30.11.44	Eastern Comd	1.12.44 - 31. 8.45

Theatre

United Kingdom

3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45

Note: (1) On 15 April 1940 the Commander and Staff of Divisional Headquarters formed
Headquarters MAURICE FORCE and went to Norway. A new Commander and Staff were
appointed to the Division on 26 April 1940.

62nd to 65th INFANTRY DIVISIONS not formed

66th INFANTRY DIVISION

	September	1939	A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Division, duplicate of 42nd Infantry Division. (1)
23	June	1940	The Division disbanded in the United Kingdom.

GOC

27 Ser 10 Jar	tember 1939 uary 1940	Maj-Gen Maj-Gen			Purser Cunningham
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Divisional Troops

	<u>RA</u>		RE_
Fd Regts		Fd Coys	
109 110 111	27. 9.39 - 22. 6.40 27. 9.39 - 22. 6.40 27. 9.39 - 22. 6.40	255 256 257	27. 9.39 - 22. 6.40 27. 9.39 - 22. 6.40 19.12.39 - 22. 6.40
		Fd Pk Coy	
		258	27. 9.39 - 22. 6.40
			Sigs
		66 Div	28. 9.39 - 22. 6.40

Brigades

197	Inf	Bde	27.	9.39	-	22.	6.4
198	Inf	Bde	27.	9.39	-	22.	6.40
199	Inf	Bde	27.	9.39	-	22.	6.41

Higher Formations served under

Western Comd	27. 9.39 - 10. 4.40	Northern Comd	11. 4.40 - 22. 6.40

Theatre

United Kingdom 27. 9.39 - 22. 6.40

Note: (1) The Units of the Division were administered and embodied by 42 Inf Division between 3 September and 27 September 1939 when HQ 66 Inf Division assumed full control.

(See under 6th Infantry Division)

71st to 75th INFANTRY DIVISIONS not formed

76th INFANTRY DIVISION

18 November	1941	Formed in Norfolk Co				on	Lower	Establishment	by	redesignation	of
		MOITOIR OO	rui G	DIVIS.	1011.						

20 December 1942 Redesignated 76th Infantry (Reserve) Division and reorganized.

1 September 1944 Divisional Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

GOC

18	November	1941	Maj-Gen	W.	M.	Ozanne
21	December	1943	Maj-Gen	C.	B.	Callander
13	March	1944	Maj-Gen	J.	E.	Utterson-Kelso

Divisional Troops

	RA		RE
Fd Regts		Fd Coys	
52 53 167	18.11.41 - 23. 8.42 18.11.41 - 6. 6.42 31. 5.42 - 15. 1.43	591 757 556	18.11.41 - 29.12.41 18.11.41 - 3. 2.42 30.12.41 - 10. 1.43
173 Atk Regts	16.11.43 - 31. 8.44	250 Fd Stores	6. 2.42 - 18. 8.44
56 100	18.11.41 - 15.12.41 19. 1.42 - 9.11.42	Sec	27.12.41 - 18. 8.44
94	25. 1.43 - 23.11.43		Sigs
Med Regt		76 Div 76 Inf (Res) Div	18.11.41 - 19.12.42 20.12.42 - 31. 8.44
56	25. 1.43 - 31. 8.44		
Hy Regt			
60	21. 7.43 - 9.11.43		
	Inf		
Recce			
76 Indep Coy 76 Indep Sqn	15. 1.42 - 5. 6.42 6. 6.42 - 6. 1.43		

Brigades

213	Inf	Bde	18.11.41	-	31. 8.44
220	Inf	Bde	18.11.41	-	31. 8.44
222	Inf	Bde	18,11,41	-	17.11.43

Higher Formations served under

2 Corps	18.11.41 - 1. 4.42	2 Corps District	2. 4.42 - 19.12.42
GHQ Home Forces	20.12.42 - 31. 8.44		

Theatre

United Kingdom 18.11.41 - 31. 8.44

1 December 1941 Formed in the United Kingdom as a Lower Establishment Infantry Division by redesignation of Devon and Cornwall County Division. 20 December 1942 Redesignated 77th Infantry (Reserve) Division and reorganized.

1 December 1943 Redesignated 77th Holding Division and reorganized for sorting, retraining and holding personnel temporarily - due to disbandments, medical and other causes.

1 September 1944 Divisional Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

GOC

30 November 1941 Maj-Gen W. G. Michelmore

Divisional Troops

	RA		RE
Fd Regts		Fd Coys	
23 175 176	1.12.41 - 19.12.42 (2.7.42 - 19.12.42 (9.8.43 - 31.8.44 21.12.42 - 31.8.44	100 101 556	1.12.41 - 26.12.42 1.12.41 - 26.12.42 11. 1.43 - 18.10.43
Atk Regt		Fd Stores	
87	25. 1.42 - 30.10.42	Sec	15.12.41 - 16.11.43
	Inf		S1gs
Recce		77 Div 77 Inf (Res) Div	1.12.41 - 19.12.42 20.12.42 - 14.11.43
77 Indep Coy 78 Indep Sqn	5. 1.42 - 5. 6.42 6. 6.42 - 3. 1.43		
Mot			
10 KRRC	7. 1.43 - 4.11.43		

Brigades

203 Inf Bde	1.12.41 - 31. 8.44
209 Inf Bde	1.12.41 - 31. 8.44
211 Inf Bde	1.12.41 - 2. 1.43
11 Tk Bde	4. 1.43 - 10.10.43

Higher Formations served under

8 Corps WO Control	1.12.41 - 19.12.42 1.12.41 - 31. 8.44	GHQ Home Forces	20.12.42 - 30.11.43

Theatre

Inited	Kingdom	1.12.41	-	31.	8.44
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78th INFANTRY DIVISION

25 May	1942	Divisional Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom.	
14 June	1942	The Divisional Commander assumed command.	

GOC

14	June	1942	Maj-Gen	V.	Evelegh	
13	December	1943	Maj-Gen	C.	F. Keightley	
9	July	1944	Brig R.	K.	Arbuthnot	(acting)
30	July	1944	Maj-Gen	C.	F. Keightley	
1	August	1944	Brig R.	K.	Arbuthnot	(acting)
21	August	1944	Ma.1-Gen	D.	C. Butterworth	
	October	1944	Brig R.	K.	Arbuthnot	(acting)
17	November	1944	Ma.1-Gen	R.	K. Arbuthnot	

	Divisiona	il Troops	
	RAC	RA	
56 Recce Regt	1. 1.44 - 31. 8.45	Fd Regts	
	RE	17 132	22. 6.42 - 9. 7.45 18. 7.42 - 31. 8.45
Fd Coys		138 154	19. 7.42 - 31. 8.45 10. 7.45 - 31. 8.45
214 237 258	28. 6.42 - 31. 8.45 22. 6.42 - 31. 8.45 22. 6.42 - 31. 8.45	Atk Regt	
Fd Pk Coy		64 LAA Regt	15. 7.42 - 31. 8.45
281	22. 6.42 - 31. 8.45	49	16. 7.42 - 6.11.44
Br Pl 21	18. 5.44 - 31. 8.45	Inf	
	Sigs	MG Bn 1 Kensingtons	13. 7.44 - 31. 8.45
78 Div	15. 6.42 - 31. 8.45	Recce	
		29 Indep Sqn 56 Regt	22. 6.42 - 23. 8.42 1. 9.42 - 31.12.43
		Sp Bn	
		1 Kensingtons	16. 6.43 - 12. 7.44

Brigades

1	Inf Bde	(Gds)	22.	6.42 -	15.	3.4
11	Inf Bde		22.	6.42 -	31.	8.4
36	Inf Bde		22.	6.42 -	31.	8.4
38	(Irish)	Inf Bde	15.	3.43 -	31.	8.4

Higher Formations served under

WO Control 5 Corps 5 Corps 30 Corps 13 Corps 13 Corps 13 Corps 13 Corps 14 Corps 14 Q BTE 14 Q AI 14 Q BTE 15 Corps	25. 5.42 - 13. 6.42 15. 7.42 - 15.10.42 6.12.42 - 29. 5.43 25. 7.43 - 21. 9.43 27. 9.43 - 8.10.43 4.12.43 - 12.12.43 29.12.45 - 17. 2.44 5. 7.44 - 18. 7.44 5. 7.44 - 9. 9.44 15. 9.44 - 26. 9.44 5. 10.44 - 12. 2.45	1 Army (1) 1 Army 8 Army (2) 5 Corps 5 Corps 8 Army 2 NZ Corps 8 Army GRQ MEF 6HQ MEF 8 Army 5 Corps	14. 8.42 - 14. 7.42 16.10.42 - 5.12.42 30. 5.43 - 24. 7.43 22. 9.43 - 27. 9.42 9. 10.43 - 3.12.43 12. 12.43 - 29.12.43 18. 2.44 - 28. 3.44 4. 7.44 - 5. 7.44 18. 7.44 - 23. 7.44 9. 9.44 - 15. 9.44 27. 9.44 - 410.44
HQ AAI	15. 9.44 - 26. 9.44		

Theatres

United Kingdom N Africa Sicily At Sea At Sea Austria	25. 5.42 - 16.10.42 9.11.42 - 23. 7.43 26. 7.43 - 22. 9.43 18. 7.44 - 23. 7.44 9. 9.44 - 15. 9.44 8. 5.45 - 31. 8.45	At Sea At Sea Italy Egypt Italy	16.10.42 - 9.11.42 23.7.43 - 26.7.43 22.9.43 - 18.7.44 23.7.44 - 9.9.44 15.9.44 - 8.5.45
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Battles

1942	1 December - 10 December	Tebourba Gap
1943	7 April - 15 April 23 April - 30 April 5 May - 12 May 29 July - 3 August 19 November - 3 December	Oued Zarga Medjez Plain Tunis Adrano The Sangro
1944	11 May - 18 May 18 May - 30 May 20 June - 30 June 17 July - 10 August	Cassino II Liri Valley Trasimene Line Advance to Florence
1945	9 April - 12 April 13 April - 21 April	The Senio Argenta Gap

Notes: (1) Originally Force 110 formed July 1941 - redesignated Expeditionary Force 23 March 1942 and 1 Army on 10 July 1942,

(2) Force 545 as a cover plan until 22 June 1943.

79th INFANTRY DIVISION not formed

80th INFANTRY (RESERVE) DIVISION

1	January	1943	Divisional	Headquarters	formed in	the	United Kingdom.
1	Contombor	1944	Divisional	Headmarters	dishanded	in	the United Kingdom.

GOC

1 January 1943 Maj-Gen L. H. Cox

Divisional Troops

	RAC .		RA
80 Recce Regt	1. 1.44 - 31. 8.44	Fd Regts	
	RE	195 199	1. 1:43 - 31. 8.44 14. 8.43 - 30.10.43
Fd Coy		Atk Regt	
502	6. 1.43 - 31. 8.44	94	24.11.43 - 31. 8.44
			Inf
		MG Bn	
		5 Cheshire	8. 1.43 - 31. 8.44
		Recce	
		80 Regt	21. 1.43 - 31.12.4

Brigades

45	Inf	Bde	8.	1.43 -	31.	8.44
211	Inf	Bde	3.	1.43 -	31.	8.44

Higher Formations served under

GHQ Home Forces 1. 1.43 - 31. 8.44

Theatre

United Kingdom 1. 1.43 - 31. 8.44

(d) AIRBORNE DIVISIONS

1st AIRBORNE DIVISION

November 1941 Divisional Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom w e f 1 November.

The Divisional Commander took over command on 4 November.

21 May to Divisional Headquarters was designated Headquarters Norway Command.

GOC

		1941 1943	Maj-Gen	F.	R.	M. Browning Hopkinson	141-4				
11 10	September December	1943	Maj-Gen	E.	E.	Down	(alea	01	wounds	12.	9.43)

Divisional Troops

	RAC	I	RA.
Airborne Lt Tk 1 Airldg Recce	Sqn 17. 8.42 - 11. 4.43 Sqn 1. 1.44 - 31. 8.45	Lt Bty	
	RE	1 Airldg	28. 9.42 - 5. 2.43
Fd Coy		Lt Regt	
9	19. 6.42 - 25. 3.45	1 Airldg	(6. 2.43 - 3.10.43 (11. 2.44 - 31. 8.45
Fd Pk Coy		Atk Btys	
261 Para Sqns	15.12.41 - 25. 3.45	204 Indep 1 Airldg	5. 8.42 - 22.10.42 28. 9.42 - 24. 3.45
1	(19. 6.42 - 23. 9.42 (7. 5.43 - 25. 3.45	2 Airldg 5 Airldg	23.10.42 - 24. 3.45 20. 2.45 - 24. 3.45
2 3 4	11.11.42 - 16.11.43 19. 1.43 - 11. 4.43 9. 6.43 - 30.10.44	Atk Regt 1 Airldg	25. 3.45 - 31. 8.45
Airborne Sons	00.10.44	LAA Btys	
1 9 591	26. 3.45 - 31. 8.45 26. 3.45 - 30. 5.45 1. 6.45 - 31. 8.45	283 1 Airldg Inf	2. 7.42 - 3.12.42 4.12.42 - 21. 2.44
Airborne Pk Sqn		Recce	
261	26. 3.45 - 31. 8.45	1 Airldg Sqn	1.12.42 - 31.12.43
	S1gs	AAC	
1 Alrborne Div	22. 4.42 - 31. 8.45	21 Indep Para Coy	7.42 - 31. 8.45

1st AIRBORNE DIVISION

Brigades

1 Airldg Bde Gp	10.12.41 - 9. 3.43
1 Airldg Bde	10. 3.43 - 31. 8.45
1 Para Bde	(10.12.41 - 22. 9.42
	(7. 5.43 - 5. 5.45
	(25. 8.45 - 31. 8.45
2 Para Bde	30. 7.42 - 16.11.43
3 Para Bde	13.11.42 - 11. 4.43
4 Para Bde	10. 6.43 - 9.12.44

Higher Formations served under

GHQ Home Forces AFHQ 8 ATMY 5 Corps No 2 District WO Control 1 Alrborne Corps ALFN	4.11.41 - 12. 4.43 26. 4.43 - 27. 5.45 4. 7.43 - 16. 7.45 18. 9.43 - 27. 9.43 1.10.43 - 8.10.43 22.11.43 - 10.12.45 17. 4.44 - 4. 5.45 10. 5.45 - 24. 8.46	WO Control 15 Army Group 15 Army Group 13 Corps 5 Corps HQ Alrborne Tps Force 134 (Norway) WO Control	13. 4.43 - 26. 4.43 28. 5.43 - 4. 7.43 17. 7.43 - 17. 9.43 28. 9.43 - 30. 9.43 9.10.43 - 22.11.43 10.12.43 - 16. 4.44 5. 5.45 - 9. 5.45 25. 8.45 - 31. 8.45
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Theatres

United Kingdom	4.11.41 - 13. 4.43	At Sea	13. 4.43 - 26. 4.43
N Africa	26. 4.43 - 9. 7.43	Sicily	10. 7.43 - 16. 7.43
N Africa	17. 7.43 - 8. 9.43	Italy	9. 9.43 - 22.11.43
At Sea	22.11.43 - 10.12.43	United Kingdom	10.12.43 - 17. 9.44
NW Europe	17. 9.44 - 29. 9.44	United Kingdom	29. 9.44 - 10. 5.45
Norway	10. 5.45 - 25. 8.45	United Kingdom	25. 8.45 - 31. 8.45

Battles

1944 17 September - 27 September The Nederrijn

- Notes: (1) Between January 1942 and April 1943 the Division was gradually completed to full complement and in addition commanded all Airborne Units and Formations raised.
 - (2) The Division suffered heavy casualties in the Arnhem Operation and was reduced by one Parachute Brigade.

6th AIRBORNE DIVISION

1943 Divisional Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom w e f 3 May.
Divisional Commander assumed command on 7 May. May

23 September 1943 Headquarters brought up to full War Establishment.

GOC

7 May 1943 Maj-Gen R. N. Gale 8 December 1944 Maj-Gen E. L. Bols

Divisional Troops

	RAC	F	RA
1 Airborne Lt Tk So 6 Airborne Div Regi	m 26. 5.43 - 13. 1.44 * 14. 1.44 - 31. 8.45	Atk Btys	
	<u>RE</u>	3 Airldg 4 Airldg	9. 7.43 - 23. 2.45 9. 7.43 - 23. 2.45
Fd Coy		Atk Regts	
249 (Airborne) Para Sqns	7. 6.43 - 31. 8.45	53 (WY) 2 Airldg	27.10.43 - 2.11.43 24. 2.45 - 31. 8.45
3 591	7. 6.43 - 28. 5.45 7. 6.43 - 28. 5.45	Lt Regt 53 (WY)	3-11-43 - 31- 8-45
Airborne Sqns			
3 9	28. 5.45 - 19. 7.45 1. 6.45 - 31. 8.45	LAA Bty 2 Airldg	26. 5.43 - 20. 2.44
Fd Pk Coy		AAC	
286 (Airborne)	7. 6.43 - 31. 8.45	22 Indep Para Coy	26.10.43 - 19. 7.45
<u>S</u>	lgs		
6 Airborne Div	7. 5.43 - 31. 8.45		

Brigades

6 Airldg Bde	6.5.43 - 31. 8.45
3 Para Bde	15. 5.43 - 31. 8.45
72 Indep Inf Bde	28. 5.43 - 31. 5.43
5 Para Bde	1. 6.43 - 19. 7.45
2 Para Bde Op	29. 8.45 - 31. 8.45

Higher Formations served under

GHQ Home Forces 1 Corps 1 Airborne Corps 1 Airborne Corps 30 Corps 8 Corps 1 Airborne Corps 8 Corps 1 Airborne Corps	3. 5.43 - 3.12.43 6. 4.44 - 30, 8.44 5. 9.44 - 11, 9.44 1.10.44 - 19.12.44 27.12.44 - 19.12.44 27.12.44 - 19.1.45 20. 1.45 - 20. 2.45 24. 2.45 - 18. 3.45 29. 3.45 - 1. 5.45 19. 5.45 - 9. 6.46	HQ Airborne Tps 21 Army Group WO Control 21 Army Group 21 Army Group 21 Army Group 21 Army Group 18 US Airborne Corps 18 US Airborne Corps WO Control	4.12.43 - 5. 6.44 50. 8.44 - 5. 9.44 12. 9.44 - 30. 9.44 20.12.44 - 26.12.44 19. 1.45 - 20. 1.45 21. 2.45 - 24. 2.45 19. 3.45 - 28. 3.45 1. 5.45 - 19. 5.45 10. 6.45 - 51. 8.45
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6th AIRBORNE DIVISION

Theatres

United Kingdom	3. 5.43 - 5. 8.44	NW Europe	6. 6.44 - 3. 9.44
At Sea	3. 9.44 - 5. 9.44	United Kingdom	5. 9.44 - 23.12.44
NW Europe	24.12.44 - 24. 2.45	United Kingdom	24. 2.45 - 24. 3.45
NW Europe	24. 3.45 - 19. 5.45	United Kingdom	19. 5.45 - 31. 8.45

Battles

1944	6 June	Normandy Landin
1945	23 March - 1 April	The Rhine

(e) COUNTY DIVISIONS

County Divisions were static Formations for the defence of the coasts in the United Kingdom. They had no basic Divisional Troops, all such Units under command were on loan from other Formations. They commanded Independent Infantry Brigades (Home) stationed on the coast.

DEVON AND CORNWALL COUNTY DIVISION

28 February 1941 Headquarters formed by personnel of Headquarters South-West Area in Southern Command.

1 December 1941 Redesignated 77th Infantry Division. (see page 100)

GOC

24 February 1941 Maj-Gen C. W. Allfrey 27 February 1941 Maj-Gen F. E. Morgan 30 October 1941 Maj-Gen W. G. Michelmore

Brigades

203 Indep inf Bde (Home) 28. 2.41 - 30.11.41 209 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 28. 2.41 - 30.11.41 211 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 28. 2.41 - 30.11.41

Higher Formations served under

8 Corps

28. 2.41 - 30.11.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

28. 2.41 - 30.11.41

DORSET COUNTY DIVISION

24 February 1941 Divisional Headquarters formed.

10 March 1941 Took over operational commitments from Southern Area in Southern Command but did not assume command of Infantry Brigades until 24 April.

24 November 1941 Division ceased to function as from 1200 hrs.
Headquarters became an Administrative Headquarters.

31 December 1941 Divisional Headquarters disbanded.

GOC

24 February 1941 Maj-Gen G. I. Gartlan

Brigades

210 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 24. 4.41 - 24.11.41 220 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 24. 4.41 - 24.11.41

Higher Formations served under

5 Corps

24. 2.41 - 30.12.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

24. 2.41 - 30.12.41

DURHAM AND NORTH RIDING COUNTY DIVISION

12 March 1941 Divisional Headquarters formed.

1 December 1941 Redesignated Durham and North Riding Coastal Area ceased to function as a

Division.

GOC

12 March 1941 Maj-Gen P. J. Shears

Brigades

215 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 17. 3.41 - 30.11.41 217 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 12. 3.41 - 30.11.41 224 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 12. 3.41 - 30.11.41

Higher Formations served under

10 Corps 12. 3.41 - 9. 4.41

9 Corps

10. 4.41 - 30.11.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

12. 3.41 - 30.11.41

ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION

18 February 1941 Formed by redesignation of West Sussex County Division.

7 October 1941 Disbanded.

GOC

18 February 1941 Maj-Gen J. H. T. Priestman

Brigades

 207 Indep Inf Bde (Home)
 26. 2.41 - 6.10.41

 208 Indep Inf Bde (Home)
 26. 2.41 - 6.10.41

 223 Indep Inf Bde (Home)
 26. 2.41 - 22. 7.41

Higher Formations served under

11 Corps 18. 2.41 - 22. 7.41 GHQ Home Forces 22. 7.41 - 6.10.41

Theatre

United Kingdom 18. 2.41 - 6.10.41

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY DIVISION

28 February 1941 Formed by redesignation of Hampshire Area. Three Sub-Areas were under command in addition to the Infantry Brigade.

25 November 1941 Division ceased to function.

31 December 1941 Divisional Headquarters disbanded.

GOC

28 February 1941 Maj-Gen G. J. P. St Clair

Brigades

214 Indep Inf Bde (Home)

28. 2.41 - 20.11.41

Higher Formations served under

5 Corps

28. 2.41 - 30.11.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

28. 2.41 - 30.11.41

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY DIVISION

24 February 1941 Divisional Headquarters formed but did not become operational until 27 March.

25 November 1941 Division ceased to function.

3 December 1941 Divisional Headquarters disbanded.

GOC

24 February 1941 Maj-Gen A. K. Hay

Brigades

204 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 27. 3.41 - 24.11.41 205 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 27. 3.41 - 24.11.41 212 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 27. 3.41 - 20.11.41

Higher Formations served under

1 Corps

24. 2.41 - 2.12.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

24. 2.41 - 2.12.41

NORFOLK COUNTY DIVISION

24 December 1940 Division formed.

18 November 1941 Redesignated 76th Infantry Division. (see page 99)

GOC

24 December 1940 Maj-Gen W. M. Ozanne

Brigades

213 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 24.12.40 - 17.11.41 220 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 222 Indep Inf Bde (Home)

24.12.40 - 17.11.41 24.12.40 - 17.11.41

Higher Formations served under

2 Corps

24.12.40 - 17.11.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

24.12.40 - 17.11.41

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY DIVISION

24 February 1941 Divisional Headquarters formed.

December 1941 Division ceased to function on 1 December, Headquarters disbanded

GOC

24 February 1941 Maj-Gen R. C. Money

Brigades

202 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 216 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 225 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 12. 3.41 - 30.11.41 12. 3.41 - 30.11.41 12. 3.41 - 30.11.41

Higher formations served under

10 Corps WO Control 24. 2.41 - 9. 4.41

9 Corps

10. 4.41 - 30.11.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

24. 2.41 - 20.12.41

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION

9 November 1940 Formed by redesignation of Brocforce.

18 February 1941 Redesignated Essex County Division. (see page 111)

GOC

9 November 1940 Maj-Gen E. L. Morris 16 December 1940 Brig A. E. Lawrence 29 December 1940 Maj-Gen Sir O. W. H. Leese, Bart 30 January 1941 Brig H. J. Parham (acting)

(acting)

Brigades

29 Indep Inf Bde Gp

9.11.40 - 17. 2.41 201 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 9.11.40 - 17. 2.41

Higher Formations served under

12 Corps

9.11.40 - 15. 1.41

4 Corps

16. 1.41 - 17. 2.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

9.11.40 - 17. 2.41

YORKSHIRE COUNTY DIVISION

24 February 1941 Divisional Headquarters formed.

19 March 1941 Division became operative.

1 December 1941 Redesignated East Riding District and ceased to function as a Division.

GOC

24 February 1941 Maj-Gen Hon. E. F. Lawson

11 September 1941 Haj-den Hon. E. F. L 23 September 1941 Haj-den E. C. Hayes 20 November 1941 Brig G. H. Gotto

(acting)

(acting)

Brigades

201 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 218 Indep Inf Bde (Home) 221 Indep Inf Bde (Home)

19. 3.41 - 30.11.41 19. 3.41 - 30.11.41 19. 3.41 - 30.11.41

Higher Formations served under

Northern Comd

24. 2.41 - 9. 3.41

1 Corps

10. 3.41 - 30.11.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

24. 2.41 - 30.12.41

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2nd (AFRICAN) DIVISION

(f) COLONIAL DIVISIONS

1st (AFRICAN) DIVISION

24 July 1940 Division formed in East Africa.

24 November 1940 Redesignated 11th (African) Division.

July-August 1941 On 26 July Divisional Headquarters closed in Abyssinia and opened on 20 August in Nairobi taking command of new Formations.

23 November 1941 Divisional Headquarters ceased to exist.

GOC

24 July 1940 Brig G. R. Smallwood (acting)

13 August 1940 Maj-Gen H. E. de R. Wetherall

de R. Wetherall

	Divisiona	al Troops	
	Arty		Engrs
		Fd Coys	
1 (N) 52 (N) 53 (EA)	24. 7.40 - 17.10.40 18.10.40 - 20. 7.41 6. 2.41 - 23. 2.41	1 (N) 3 (GC) 51 (N) 53 (GC)	24. 7.40 - 17.10.40 24. 7.40 - 17.10.40 18.10.40 - 20. 7.41 (18.10.40 - 23. 2.41 (20. 8.41 - 22.11.41
Mtn Btys 22 Ind	(3.12.40 - 8. 1.41 (23. 2.41 - 1. 3.41 (12. 3.41 - 28. 7.41	54 (EA)	(3.12.40 - 8. 1.41 (23. 2.41 - 1. 3.41 (12. 3.41 - 26. 7.41 Sigs
18 Ind	3. 4.41 - 26. 7.41	1 (A) Div	24. 7.40 - 23.11.40
		11 (A) Div	24.11.40 - 22.11.41
	Brigae	des	
1 (EA) Inf Bde 3 (N) Inf Bde 21 (EA) Inf Bde 23 (N) Inf Bde	24. 7.40 - 17.10.40 24. 7.40 - 17.10.40 (18.10.40 - 27. 2.41 (20. 8.41 - 22.11.41 18.10.40 - 20. 7.41	22 (EA) Inf Bde 28 (EA) Inf Bde	(3.12.40 - 8. 1.41 (23. 2.41 - 1. 3.41 (12. 3.41 - 28. 7.41 20. 8.41 - 2.10.41
	Higher Formations	served under	
HQ EA Force	24. 7.40 - 14. 9.41	HQ EA Comd	15. 9.41 - 22.11.41
	Theatr	es	
East Africa Abyssinia	24. 7.40 - 15. 2.41 16. 3.41 - 15. 8.41	Italian Somaliland East Africa	15. 2.41 - 16. 3.41 15. 8.41 - 22.11.41

1941 4 February - 26 February The Juba

Battles

19 July 1940 Divisional Headquarters formed in East Africa.
24 November 1940 Redesignated 12th (African) Division.
18 April 1943 Divisional Headquarters disbanded in East Africa.

GOC

19	July	1940	Brig C.	C.	Fowkes	(acting)
12	September	1940	Maj-Gen	A.	R. Godwin-Austin	
3	March	1941	Brig C.	C.	Fowkes	(acting)
7	March	1941	Maj-Gen	A.	R. Godwin-Austin	
28	August	1941	Brig C.	C.	Fowkes	(acting)
14	September	1941	Maj-Gen	C.	C. Fowkes	
10	January	1942	Brig W.	A.	Dimoline	(acting)
20	January	1942	Ma.1-Gen	C.	C. Fowkes	

Divisional Troops

	DIVISIO	nai iroops	
	Arty		Engrs
Lt Btys		Fd Coys	
1 (GC) 51 (GC) 53 (EA)	19. 7.40 - 17.10.40 18.10.40 - 6.12.41 (23. 2.41 - 27. 2.41 (7. 4.41 - 13. 7.41 (13. 8.41 - 7.12.41	1 (EA) 2 (OC) 54 (EA)	19. 7.40 - 17.10.40 19. 7.40 - 17.10.40 (18.10.40 - 2.12.40 (8. 1.41 - 23. 2.41 27. 7.41 - 17. 4.43
Fd Bty		52 (GC) 53 (GC)	18.10.40 - 11.10.41 (23. 2.41 - 27. 2.41 (7. 4.41 - 6.12.41
54 (NY)	30.10.41 - 16.12.41		
Mtn Btys			Sigs
22 Ind	(19. 7.40 - 2.12.40 (8. 1.41 - 22. 2.41 (27. 7.41 - 5.12.41	2 (A) Div 12 (A) Div	23. 7.40 - 23.11.40 24.11.40 - 21. 2.43
18 Ind	(27. 7.41 - 11. 8.41 (9.10.41 - 5.12.41		
	Bri	gades	
2 (EA) Inf Bde 4 (GC) Inf Bde 22 (EA) Inf Bde	19. 7.40 - 17.10.40 19. 7.40 - 17.10.40 (18.10.40 - 2.12.40 (8. 1.41 - 23. 2.41	24 (GC) Inf Bde 25 (EA) Inf Bde	18.10.40 - 11.10.41 (7. 4.41 - 13. 7.41 (19. 9.41 - 12. 3.42 20.10.41 - 18.12.42
	(2. 3.41 - 11. 3.41 (27. 7.41 - 22.12.41	28 (EA) Inf Bde 29 (EA) Inf Bde	8. 3.42 - 17. 4.43 21. 1.43 - 17. 4.43
	Higher Formati	ons served under	
HQ EA Force	19. 7.40 - 14. 9.41	HQ EA Comd	15. 9.41 - 17. 4.43

2nd (AFRICAN) DIVISION

Theatres

East Africa Abyssinia 19. 7.40 - 10. 2.41 6. 4.41 - 17. 4.43

Italian Somaliland 10. 2.41 - 6. 4.41

Battles

1941 4 February - 26 February The Juba 15 October - 27 November Gondar

11th (EAST AFRICA) DIVISION

15	February	1943	Divisional Headquarters formed in East Africa. (1)
17	May	1943	Divisional Headquarters assumed full control of the Formations and Units allotted to the Division, except one Infantry Brigade Group stationed in Ceylon.

August 1944 The Division was reorganized on a Standard Division Establishment.

GOC

20	April	1943	Maj-Gen	C.	C. Fowkes	
30	December	1944	Brig J.	F.	MacNab	(acting)
5	January	1945	Maj-Gen	E.	R. Mansergh	
21	February	1945	Brig J.	B.	Radford	(acting)
3	March	1945	Maj-Gen	W.	A. Dimoline	
3	June	1945	Brig J.	F.	MacNab	(acting)
5	July	1945	Ma.1-Gen	W.	A. Dimoline	

Divisional Troops

E	EAAC	EAA	
11 (EA) Div Regt*	17. 5.43 - 15. 6.44	Fd Regts	
E	EAE	303	(4. 7.43 - 31.12.44 (18. 7.45 - 31. 8.45
Fd Coys		302	13.10.43 - 31. 8.45
63	(17. 5.43 - 2. 7.43	306	7.10.44 - 31. 8.45
64	(17. 8.43 - 4. 5.44 17. 5.43 - 31. 8.45	Lt Regt	
54	(4. 7.43 - 28. 8.43	303	1. 1.45 - 17. 7.45
58	(10. 1.44 - 31. 8.45 4. 7.43 - 31. 8.45	Atk Btys	
Fd Pk Coy		101	20.10.43 - 5. 3.44
62	17. 5.43 - 31. 8.45	102	20.10.43 - 5. 3.44
	17. 5.40 51. 6.40	Atk Regt	
Br Pl		304	26. 8.44 - 31. 8.45
93	8.10.44 - 31. 8.45	LAA/Atk Regt	
		304	6. 3.44 - 25. 8.44
	2	7-4	
	Sigs Sigs	Inf	
11 (EA) D1v	1. 4.43 - 31. 8.45	11 (EA) Div Scouts	17. 5.43 - 6. 1.44
		Recce	
		5 (K) KAR	25. 8.44 - 31. 8.45
		Div Bns	
		13 (NY) KAR	17. 5.43 - 8.11.44
		36 (TT) KAR	12.11.44 - 31. 8.45
		MG	
			Dy 2. 1.45 - 8. 7.45 26. 6.45 - 31. 8.45

*KACR (Recce)

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11th (EAST AFRICA) DIVISION

Brigades

25	(EA)	Inf Bde	17.	5.43	-	31.	8.45
26	(EA)	Inf Bde		5.43			
21	(EA)	Inf Bde		7.43			

Higher Formations served under

HQ EA Comd	15. 2.43 - 13. 6.43	WO Control	14. 6.43 - 28. 6.43
Ceylon Army Comd	28. 6.43 - 31. 5.44	HQ SEAC	31. 5.44 - 8. 6.44
14 Army	8. 6.44 - 23. 7.44	33 Ind Corps	23. 7.44 - 21.12.44
14 Army	22.12.44 - 24. 1.45	HQ L of C ALFSEA	25. 1.45 - 9. 4.45
			EA

Theatres

East Africa	15. 2.43 - 14. 6.43	At Sea	14. 6.43 - 28. 6.43
Ceylon	28. 6.43 - 31. 5.44	At Sea	31. 5.44 - 8. 6.44
Burma	8. 6.44 - 6. 4.45	India	7. 4.45 - 31. 8.45

Note: (1) Until May 1943 the Staff was attached to HQ Central Area, East Africa, for training and formation of Division Headquarters. The Commander was appointed in April 1943.

11th (AFRICAN) DIVISION

(See under 1st (African) Division)

12th (AFRICAN) DIVISION

(See under 2nd (African) Division)

81st (WEST AFRICA) DIVISION

1 March	1943	Division Headquarters formed on 1 March in Nigeria, West Africa with the title 1st (West Africa) Division and changed to present title on 4 March
		1943. (1)

September 1944 Reorganized on Standard Division Establishment.

GOC

h 1943	Maj-Gen C.	G. Woolner	
st 1943	Maj-Gen F.	S. Loftus-Tottenham	
st 1944	Brig E. H.	Collins	(acting)
ist 1944	Maj-Gen F.	S. Loftus-Tottenham	
lary 1945	Brig A. A.	Crook	(acting)
h 1945	Maj-Gen F.	S. Loftus-Tottenham	
	1st 1943 1st 1944 1st 1944	1943 Maj-Gen F. 1944 Brig E. H. 1944 Maj-Gen F. 1944 Maj-Gen F. 1947 Brig A. A.	ast 1943 Maj-Gen F. S. Loftus-Tottenham 18t 1644 Brig E. H. Collins 18t 1944 Maj-Gen F. S. Loftus-Tottenham 18t 1945 Brig A. A. Crook

Divisional Troops

		WAAC	WAA	1
	(WA) Div Regt* (WA) Recce Bn	1. 1.44 - 31. 7.44 1. 8.44 - 26. 8.45	Lt Regt	
	,,,,,	WAE	101	24. 5.44 - 31. 8.45
Fd	Coys		Atk Regts	
			1	1.10.44 - 22.10.44
3		25. 5.44 - 31. 8.45	21	23.10.44 - 31. 8.45
5		1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45		
6		1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45	LAA/Atk Regt	
Fd	Pk Coy		1	6. 5.43 - 30. 9.44
8		31. 3.43 - 31. 8.45	Mor Regts	
		Sigs	103	25. 9.44 - 5.10.44
01	(111) Di-		41	6.10.44 - 31. 8.45
91	(WA) Div	1. 4.43 - 31. 8.45		
			Inf	
			81 (WA) Div Regt*	31. 3.43 - 31.12.43
			11 (EA) Div Scouts	20. 1.44 - 31. 8.45
			1 (WA) Aux Gp +	17. 1.44 - 31. 8.45

*Recce +N Regt

81st (WEST AFRICA) DIVISION

Brigades

	(WA)				31.	3.43	-	8.	11.43
	(WA)				31.	3.43	-	31.	8.44
5	(WA)	Inf	Bde		1.	9.44	-	31.	8.45
6	(WA)	Inf	Bde	Gp		3.43			
6	(WA)	Inf	Bde			9.44			

Higher Formations served under

GHQ West Africa	1. 3.43 - 9. 7.43	WO Control	9. 7.43 - 14. 8.43
GHQ India	14. 8.43 - 7.12.43	15 Ind Corps	8.12.43 - 18. 3.45
GHQ India	19. 3.45 - 22. 3.45	Southern Army	23. 3.45 - 31. 8.45

Theatres

West Africa	1. 3.43 - 9. 7.43	At Sea	9. 7.43 - 14. 8.43
India	14. 8.43 - 7.12.43	Burma	8.12.43 - 18. 3.45
At Sea	18. 3.45 - 22. 3.45	India	22. 3.45 - 31. 8.45

Battles

1944	1 January - 12 June	North Arakan
1945	12 January - 29 April	Arakan Beaches

Note: (1) The Brigades allotted to the Division were organized as Infantry Brigade Groups and remained as such until September 1944 when the Division was reorganized.

82nd (WEST AFRICA) DIVISION

1	August	1943	Division Headquarters formed in Nigeria West Africa.
-	November	1943	Headquarters assumed full responsibility for all Formations and Units allotted and situated in Nigeria.
	October	1944	Reorganized on Standard Division Establishment.

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1	August	1943	Maj-Gen	G.	Mc	I. S. Bruce	(sick 11. 1.45)
12	January	1945	Maj-Gen	H.	C.	Stockwell	
23	May	1945	Brig C.	R.	A.	Swynnerton	(acting)
13	July	1945				Stockwell	(

Divisional Troops

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Fd Pk Coy		LAA/Atk Regt	
9	1.11.43 - 31. 8.45	2	9.12.43 - 31. 7.44
	Sigs	Mor Regt	
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4	(WA)	Inf	Bde			1. 8.44				

Higher Formations served under

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GHQ India	10. 7.44 - 31.10.44	14 Army	1.11.44 - 9.11.44
15 Ind Corps	10.11.44 - 30. 4.45	HQ ALFSEA	1. 5.45 - 31. 8.45

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APPENDIX I

Composition and War Establishments of Divisions

Notes: The Organizational Charts are designed to show the Composition and War Establishments of Field Force Divisions which existed during the period of the Second World War.

A comparison of the Charts of the Armoured and Infantry Divisions show the important changes which took place between 1939 and 1945.

The Motor Divisions were abolished in 1940.

The Mixed Division was initially entitled The Infantry Division in 1942, later changed to the Mixed Division. It was abolished in 1943.

In 1941 a Lower Establishment Infantry Division was formed for service in the United Kingdom only. The important differences between this type and the Field Force Infantry Division were

RA Only two Fd Regts & no LAA Regt

RE Two Fd Coys & Fd Stores Section

Inf Recce Coy instead of Recce Bn

<u>ST</u> Divisional Composite Coy RASC only, consisting of:

HQ Mechanical Transport Coy

Four Tot Pls

One Composite Pl

Three Relief Driver Increments

One Workshop Pl

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PART II

Armoured, Cavalry, Tank,

Motor Machine Gun Brigades

and Support Groups

(a) ARMOURED BRIGADES

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LIGHT ARMOURED BRIGADE

I September 1939

WE of HQ Lt Armd Bde at time of outbreak of war included Fighting, Recce and Adm Groups (1/1931/2 C/1 wef September 1939)

WE of a Lt Armd Regt allowed for two Sqns of lt tks and one of cruiser tks $(1/1931/5\mathrm{C}/1~\mathrm{wef}~4~\mathrm{October}~1939)$

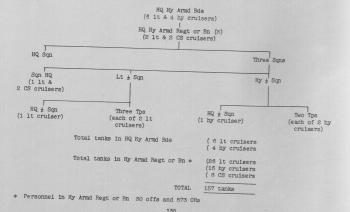


HEAVY ARMOURED BRIGADE

II September 1939

WE of an HQ Hy Armd Bde was the same as for a Lt Armd Bde (1/1931/2C/1 wef 27 September 1939)

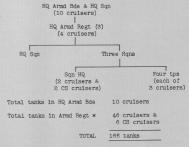
WE of a Hy Armd Regt allowed for each of the three Squadrons to be split up into a Lt and a Hy half-Squadron (1/1931/5B/1 wef 27 September 1939)



ARMOURED BRIGADE

III May 1940

By WE 1/1831/8C wef 1 May 1940 the tank equipment of Armd Rdes and Regts was altered to a single type - the cruiser tank. Armoured Brigades became homogeneous dropping the prefixes 'heavy'and 'light'. The Fighting, Recce and Adm Groups of an HQ Armd Rde were organized into an HQ Squadron. Armd Regts changed their titles in conformity; and the single tank equipment enabled the organization of a Regt to be simplified. The number of troops in a Squadron was reduced from five to four.



* Personnel in an Armd Regt (May 1940) 31 offs and 546 ORs

ARMOURED BRIGADE

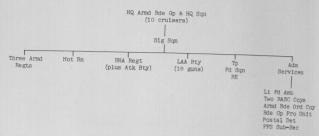
IV October 1940

By WO Record Letters 1940 page 452 dated 5 October 1940 each Armd Ede in an Armd Div received one Motor En (from the Div Sp Gp). The WE of HQ Armd Ede and of an Armd Regt were unchanged.



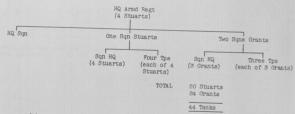
V February 1942

By CRME/28899/SDI(a) of 27 Feb 1942 Armd Bdes in the Middle East were reorganized into Armd Bde Gps by the addition of artillery and engineers from the Sp Gp, now abolished, and a share of administration services from Dtv Troops. The artillery addition was an artillery regiment which included an Atk Bty of 16 gumb in addition to the three 25-pdr btys in addition

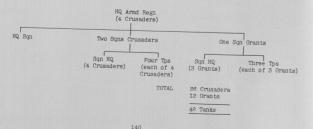


The Armd Regts were also being re-equipped with American tanks at this time. By CRME/28899/SDIA dated 15 March 1942 Stuart and Grant Tanks were allotted to 1, 4, 8 and 9 Armd Bde Ops, and Grants were added to the British Crusaders (Cruisers) In 2 and 22 Armd Rde Ops.

(a) Armd Regts equipped with Stuarts and Grants



(b) Armd Bdes equipped with British Cruisers (Crusaders) and Grants

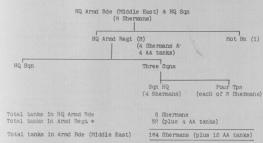


ARMOURED BRIGADE (MIDDLE EAST)

VI August 1942

Armoured Brigades (with 8 Arm Regts and 1 Hot Bm); Ra and RE elements, also Adm Services, returned to Div Troops wef 24 August 1942 (CMEX/7675/SD18) Independent Armoured Brigade Groups - 1.e, those not on the establishment of Armoured Divisions - remained Brigade Groups as before.

Armd Regts were now being equipped with American Sherman tanks as available; and the WE for an Armd Regt as authorized by GHO MEF totalled 52 tanks:

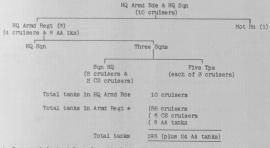


* Personnel in Armd Regt 54 offs & 600 ORs

ARMOURED BRIGADE (UK)

VII August 1942

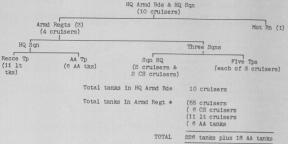
By WE II/101/2.wef 26 August 1942 an HQ Armd Bde was given 2 AA armd cars; and by II/151/2 wef same date an Armd Regt was given 8 AA tanks, By WE I/55/2 wef 19 March 1942 an Armd Regt had been given a Recce Tpo fi 0 Scout Cars for the HQ Sqn; also the fifth troop per Squadron which had been taken away in May 1940 was restored (WE II/151/2 wef 26 Aug 1942) thereby increasing the tank establishment of an Armd Regt by 9 cruisers - to 61. These additions applied to Armd Divs in United Kingdom and to 6 Armd Div in N Africa; they were not applied to the ME Armd Divs till late in 1943.



* Personnel in Armd Regt (Aug 1942) 36 offs & 644 ORs

VIII November 1943

By WE II/101/3 dated 30 Nov 1943 the WE of HQ Armd Bde was increased by 2 AA tanks. By WE II/151/3 of same date the WE of an Armd Regt was increased by adding a Recce tropp of 11 1t tanks and 6 AA tanks to its HQ Sqn, while the HQ Armd Regt lost its 8 AA tanks.



* Personnel in an Armd Regt 37 offs & 655 ORs

ARMOURED BRIGADE

IX May 1945

The decision of the Standardisation Conference was approved by the CIGS on its January 1945, and given effect in the following months, though the Standard Establishments were not finally authorised till 1May (CMPC/45)3 dated 18 January 1945). A Standard Armoured Erigade (WE II/105/1) replaced the existing Armoured and Tank Brigade organizations. It was to be either Type 'A' which included the infantry element (one Motor Bn) or Type 'B' which had no infantry. The Standard Armo Regt (WE II/167/1) was to be equipped with cruiser or infantry tanks and able to fulfil the role of either armoured exploitation or close support of infantry. Type 'A' Armd Bed was to operate within an Armd Division; Type 'B' independently, All Tank Brigades were redesignated Armoured Brigades.

HQ Armoured Bde (Type B) & HQ Sqn (7 cruiser or inf tks 8 OP tks and 2 AA tks) HQ Armd Regt (3) (4 cruiser or inf tks) HQ Sqn Three Sqns Recce to AA Tp Sqn HQ Five Tps (11 lt tks) (6 AA tks) (2 cruiser or (each of 3 cruiser inf tks. & or inf tks) 2 CS cruisers) Total tanks in HQ Armd Bde (7 cruisers (8 OP tanks (2 AA tanks Total tanks in Armd Regt * (55 cruisers (6 CS cruisers (11 lt tanks (6 AA tanks 223 (plus 8 OP tanks and 20 AA tanks)

* Personnel in a Standard Armd Regt 39 offs & 659 ORs.

1st LIGHT ARMOURED BRIGADE

(See under 1st Armoured Brigade)

2nd LIGHT ARMOURED BRIGADE
(See under 2nd Armoured Brigade)

LIGHT ARMOURED BRIGADE (EGYPT)

(See under 7th Armoured Brigade)

1st HEAVY ARMOURED BRIGADE
(See under 3rd Armoured Brigade)

HEAVY ARMOURED BRIGADE (EGYPT)
(See under 4th Armoured Brigade)

| | September | 1939 | A Regular Armoured Brigade in the United Kingdom with the title ist Light Armoured Brigade. |
|----|-----------|------|---|
| 14 | April | 1940 | Redesignated 1st Armoured Brigade. (1) |
| 7 | March | 1942 | Organized as an Armoured Brigage Group. |
| 6 | June | 1942 | Reorganized and designated 1st Armoured Brigade (Tank Delivery Troop) (4) |
| 4 | October | 1942 | Redesignated 1st Armoured Brigade (Tank Reorganization Group) |
| 21 | November | 1942 | Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the Middle East. |

Commander

| 7 | O | 4000 | | |
|----|-----------|------|---------------------------|------------|
| | September | | Brig C. W. M. Norrie | |
| | April | 1940 | Col C. F. Ledward | (acting) |
| 11 | May | 1940 | Brig H. V. S. Charrington | (0001118) |
| | June | 1941 | Lt-Col R. C. Keller | (acting) |
| 16 | June | 1941 | Brig H. V. S. Charrington | (doubling) |
| | June | 1941 | Lt-Col R. C. Keller | (acting) |
| 26 | July | 1941 | Lt-Col H. D. Drew | (acting) |
| | July | 1941 | Brig E. C. N. Custance | (accing) |
| 20 | September | 1941 | Lt-Col W. I. Leetham | (acting) |
| 26 | October | 1941 | Brig D. A. Stirling | (acring) |
| 23 | November | 1941 | Lt-Col R. B. Sheppard | (acting) |
| 27 | March | 1942 | Brig A. F. Fisher | (acting) |
| 26 | June | 1942 | Brig G. N. Todd | |

Units

| 4 H
KDG
3 H
3 R Tks | (| 3. 9.39 - 5. 6.42 - 3. 9.39 - 24. 1.41 3. 9.39 - 14. 8.40 11. 8.40 - 28.10.40 13. 2.41 - 8. 8.41 | 8 H
1 R Tks
6 R Tks
1 Rangers | 10. 5.41 - 8. 8.41
21. 1.42 - 1. 6.42
5. 2.42 - 5. 6.42
25. 2.41 - 21. 3.41 |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| | (| 10. 2.41 - 8. 8.41 | 9 KRRC | 99 7 44 44 0 40 |

The following additional Units formed the Group between March and June 1942:

| RA | 104 RHA | RE | | | | to | | 5.42 | |
|-----|--------------|-----|----|----|----|------|----|------|--|
| Inf | 11 Foresters | | 20 | Fd | Tp | from | 4. | 5.42 | |
| ST | 67 CON RASC | Med | 12 | Lt | Fd | Amb | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 1 Armd Division
2 Armd Division
Force HQ Greece
HQ BTE
HQ BTE
GHQ MEF
30 Corps
8 Army | 3. 9.39 - 4.11.39
19. 1.40 - 27. 2.41
7. 3.41 - 9. 4.41
21. 4.41 - 30. 4.41
21. 5.41 - 4. 1.42
8. 2.42 - 6. 3.42
17. 3.42 - 28. 5.42
31. 5.42 - 2. 6.42
6. 6.42 - 30. 7.42 | Northern Comd GHQ MEF 6 Aust Division GHQ MEF 7 Armd Division 7 Armd Division 8 Army 10 Ind Inf Division 30 Corps | 4.11.39 - 19. 1.40
27. 2.41 - 5. 3.41
9. 4.41 - 21. 4.41
1. 5.41 - 20. 5.41
4. 1.42 - 8. 2.42
7. 3.42 - 18. 3.42
28. 5.42 - 30. 5.42
2. 6.42 - 5. 6.42
30. 7.42 - 26. 42 |
|--|--|---|--|
| | | | |

1st ARMOURED BRIGADE

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 16.11.40 | At Sea | 17.11.40 - 1. 1.41 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Egypt | 1. 1.41 - 5. 3.41 | At Sea | 6. 3.41 - 7. 3.41 |
| Greece (2) | 7. 3.41 - 29. 4.41 | At Sea | 29. 4.41 - 1. 5.41 |
| Egypt (3) | 1. 5.41 - 31. 5.42 | Libya | 31. 5.42 - 16. 6.42 |
| Egypt | 17. 6.42 - 20.11.42 | | |

Battles

| 1941 | 10 | April | - | 18 | April | Mount | Olympu |
|------|----|---------|---|----|----------|-------|--------|
| 1942 | 23 | October | - | 4 | November | El Al | amein |

- Notes: (1) Units were reorganized on Basic Organization No 3. When the Bde mobilized for overseas in October 1940 it did NOT change to Basic Organization No 4.
 - (2) For the operations in Greece the Brigade had the following additional Units under command between 26 February 1941 and 1 May 1941:

| RA | 2 RHA
102 (NH) Atk Regt
155 LAA Regt | RE | 3
142 | | Sqr | |
|----|--|-----|----------|----|-----|----|
| | 100 DAN Kegt | Med | 4 | Lt | Fd | Am |

- ST 1 Armd Bde Coy RASC 1 Support Gp Coy RASC
- (3) On return to Egypt the Bde was employed for the remainder of 1941 in equipping and training RAC units for operations in the Western Desert.
- (4) Units of the Bde Gp were posted to other formations and the Bde ceased to be operational.

1st ARMOURED RECONNAISSANCE BRIGADE

30 March 1940 Brigade Headquarters formed in France.

26 November 1940 Redesignated 27th Armoured Brigade (see page 178)

Commander

30 March 1940 Brig C. W. Norman

Units

1 E Riding Yeo 30. 3.40 - 25.11.40 1 FF Yeo 7. 4.40 - 17. 6.40 4/7 DG 18. 6.40 - 25.11.40 13/18 H 18. 6.40 - 25.11.40

Higher Formations served under

CHQ BEF 30. 3.40 - 18. 5.40 18. 5.40 - 19. 5.40 GHQ BEF 19. 5.40 - 23. 5.40 Macforce (France) 23. 5.40 - 25. 5.40 48 Inf Division 25. 5.40 - 30. 5.40 GHQ Home Forces 31. 5.40 - 18. 6.40 4 Corps 18. 6.40 - 27. 6.40 Southern Comd 38. 6.40 - 10. 7.40 Eastern Comd 11. 7.40 - 25.11.40

Theatres

France & Belgium 30. 3.40 - 30. 5.40 United Kingdom 31. 5.40 - 25.11.40

BATTLES

1940 23 May - 29 May St Omer - La Bassee

1st ASSAULT BRIGADE ROYAL ENGINEERS

| 26 | November | | Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation and reorganization of Headquarters Engineer Assault Troops. (1) |
|----|----------|------|--|
| 10 | May | 1944 | Redesignated 1st Assault Brigade and Assault Park Squadron Royal Engineers. (2) |
| 17 | January | 1945 | Redesignated 1st Assault Brigade Royal Engineers. |
| 23 | April | 1945 | Redesignated 1st Armoured Engineer Brigade. |
| 30 | July | 1945 | Brigade Headquarters disbanded. |

Commander

26 November 1943 Brig G. L. Watkinson 12 February 1945 Lt-Col J. K. Shepheard (acting) 18 February 1946 Brig P. St B. Sydenham

Units

| 5 | Aslt | Regt RE | 26. | 11.43 | - | 22. | 4.4 |
|-----|------|---------------|-----|-------|---|-----|-----|
| 6 | Aslt | Regt RE | 26. | 11.43 | - | 22. | 4.4 |
| 42 | Aslt | Regt RE | 26. | 11.43 | - | 22. | 4.4 |
| 557 | Aslt | Trg Est RE | 8. | 1.45 | - | 23. | 4.4 |
| 149 | Aslt | Pk Sqn RE | 18. | 1.45 | - | 22. | 4.4 |
| 87 | Aslt | Dozer Sqn RE | 1. | 3.45 | - | 22. | 4.4 |
| 5 | Armd | Engr Regt | 23. | 4.45 | - | 14. | 7.4 |
| 6 | Armd | Engr Regt | 23. | 4.45 | - | 24. | 7.4 |
| 42 | Armd | Engr Regt | 23. | 4.45 | - | 12. | 7.4 |
| 149 | Armd | Engr Pk Sqn | 23. | 4.45 | - | 12. | 7.4 |
| 557 | Armd | Engr Trg & | | | | | |
| | EXD | erimental Est | 24. | 4.45 | - | 12. | 7.4 |

Higher Formations served under

79 Armd Division 26.11.43 - 26. 6.45 30 Corps District 27. 6.45 - 29. 7.45

Theatres

United Kingdom 28.11.43 - 3. 8.44 At Sea 3. 8.44 - 6. 8.44 NW Europe 6. 8.44 - 29. 6.45

 ${{\hbox{Notes:}}\over{\hbox{Noval}}}$ (1) This Brigade was equipped with Specialist Tanks although the personnel was Royal Engineers.

(2) 149 Aslt Pk Sqn RE was combined with Bde HQ

| 3 | September | 1939 | A Regular Armoured Brigade in the United Kingdom with the title 2nd Light Armoured Brigade. |
|----|-----------|------|---|
| 14 | April | 1940 | Redesignated 2nd Armoured Brigade. (1) |
| 4 | March | 1942 | Reorganized as an Armoured Brigade Group. |
| 7 | July | 1942 | Reverted to the status of an Armoured Brigade. (2) |
| 1 | May | 1945 | Reorganized as an Armoured Brigade Type 'A'. |
| | | | |

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig F. Thornton | |
|----|-----------|------|-------------------------|----------|
| 22 | January | 1940 | Brig R. C. McCreery | |
| 12 | December | 1941 | Brig R. Briggs | |
| 5 | August | 1942 | Lt-Col J. R. Macdonnell | (acting) |
| 10 | August | 1942 | Col C. B. Harvey | (acting) |
| 17 | August | 1942 | Brig R. Briggs | (dccing) |
| | August | | Brig A. F. Fisher | |
| 31 | December | 1943 | Brig R. Peake | |
| | | 1944 | Brig R. W. Goodbody | |
| | | 1944 | Col J. R. Macdonnell | (acting) |
| | | 1944 | Brig R. W. Goodbody | (acting) |
| 22 | September | 1944 | Brig J. F. B. Combe | |

Units

| Bays | (3. 9.39 - 26. 6.42 | 3/5 R Tks | 7. 7.42 - 1. 8.42 |
|------|--|----------------------------|---|
| 10 H | (2. 8.42 - 31. 8.45
(3. 9.39 - 4. 7.42 | 3 Sharpshooters
6 R Tks | 7. 7.42 - 13. 7.42
7. 7.42 - 1. 8.42 |
| 9 L | (2. 8.42 - 31. 8.45
(3. 9.39 - 30. 6.42 | 1 KRRC | (7. 7.42 - 1. 8.42 |
| 1 RB | (13. 7.42 - 31. 8.45
31.10.40 - 19. 6.42 | 9' KRRC | (22. 6.43 - 29. 6.44
(16. 8.44 - 16.12.44
13. 8.42 - 20. 8.42 |
| | | York Dgns
9 KOYLI | 24. 8.42 - 18.12.42 |

The following additional Units formed the Group between March and July 1942:

| RA | 11 RHA
88 LAA Bty
44 LAA Bty | RE | 1 Tp 7 Fd Sqn to 19. 3.42
3 Tp 1 Fd Sqn from 19. 3.42 |
|----|------------------------------------|-----|--|
| ST | 2 Armd Bde
'A' & 'B' Coys RASC | Med | 1 Lt Fd Amb |

Higher Formations served under

| 1 Armd Division | 3. 9.39 - 5. 6.42 | 7 Armd Division | 5. 6.42 - 7. 6.42 |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1 Armd Division | 7. 6.42 - 11. 6.42 | 7 Armd Division | 11. 6.42 - 12. 6.42 |
| 1 Armd Division | 12. 6.42 - 23. 6.42 | 8 Army | 23. 6.42 - 5. 7.42 |
| 1 Armd Division | 5. 7.42 - 25. 9.44 | 48 Inf Division | 28. 9.44 - 18.12.44 |
| 8 Army | 19.12.44 - 29. 1.45 | 1 Cdn Division | 30. 1.45 - 5. 3.45 |
| 78 Inf Division | 6. 3.45 - 4. 5.45 | 8 Army | 5. 5.45 - 17. 5.45 |
| 13 Corps | 18. 5.45 - 25. 7.45 | AFHQ. | 5. 5.45 - 17. 5.45 |

2nd ARMOURED BRIGADE

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 19. 5.40 | France | 20. 5.40 - 16. 6.40 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 17. 6.40 - 5.10.41 | At Sea | 5.10.41 - 29.11.41 |
| Egypt | 29.11.41 - 20.12.41 | Libya | 20.12.41 - 16. 6.42 |
| Egypt | 16. 6.42 - 14.11.42 | Libya | 14.11.42 - 12. 3.43 |
| N Africa | 12. 3.43 - 28. 5.43 | Libya | 28. 5.43 - 1. 8.43 |
| N Africa | 1. 8.43 - 25. 5.44 | At Sea | 25. 5.44 - 27. 5.44 |
| Italy | 27. 5.44 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Battles

| 1942 | 26 May - 21 June
1 July - 27 July
23 October - 4 November | Gazala
Defence of Alamein Line
El Alamein |
|------|---|---|
| 1943 | 21 March - 30 March
6 April - 7 April
22 April - 26 April
5 May - 12 May | Tebaga Gap
Akarit
El Kourzia
Tunis |
| 1944 | 3 September - 15 September | Coriano |
| 1945 | 13 April - 21 April | Argenta Gap |
| | | |

Notes: (1) Reorganized on Basic Organization No II. Further changes were:

| October | 1940 | Basic | Oron | No | TIT | |
|-------------|------|-------|------|----|-----|--|
| | 1942 | " | " | No | TV | |
| August . : | 1942 | . 11 | " | No | VI | |
| September : | 1943 | | | No | V | |
| January : | 1944 | | | No | VII | |
| May : | 1945 | n | | No | IX | |

⁽²⁾ The Units in the Bde had suffered heavy casualties and the Bde was reconstituted. In August 1942 the original Armd Regts of the Bde rejoined in place of those posted in July 1942.

2nd ARMOURED RECONNAISSANCE BRIGADE

30 March 1940 Brigade Headquarters formed in France.

23 June 1940 Redesignated and reorganized 3rd Motor Machine Gun Brigade. (see page 212)

Commander

30 March 1940 Brig A. J. Clifton

Units

5 DG (1) 15/19 H (1) 30. 3.40 - 22. 6.40 30. 3.40 - 22. 6.40 1 FF Yeo 18. 6.40 - 22. 6.40

Higher Formations served under

GHQ BEF GHQ Home Forces 30. 3.40 - 31. 3.40 2. 6.40 - 22. 6.40

2 Corps 31. 3.40 - 1. 6.40

Theatres

France & Belgium 30. 3.40 - 1. 6.40

United Kingdom

2. 6.40 - 22. 6.40

Note: (1) Continued as Div Cavalry although nominally allotted to the Brigade. On 18 May 1940 they operated under the Brigade; the losses in 15/19 H were so heavy that on 18 May 1940 a Composite Regiment was formed with 5 DG. The Brigade did not function again until its return to the United Kingdom.

3rd ARMOURED BRIGADE

September 1939 A Regular Armoured Brigade in the United Kingdom entitled 1st Heavy Armoured Brigade.

14 April 1940 Redesignated 3rd Armoured Brigade. (1)

18 September 1941 The Brigade ceased to be operational. (3)

11 January 1943 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the Middle East.

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig V. V. Pope 20 April 1940 Brig J. T. Crocker 21 September 1940 Brig R. G. W. Rimmington (Acting) 2 June 1941 Lt-Col H. D. Drew (acting) 18 April 1941 Lt-Col F. Drew (acting) 18 July 1941 Lt-Col F. Brown (acting) 29 July 1941 Cl R. C. Keller (acting) (acting)

Units

| 2 R Tks | 3. 9.39 - 11. 8.40 | KDG | 26. 2.41 - 22. 3.41 |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 3 R TKS | (3. 9.39 - 22. 5.40 | 3 H | 26. 2.41 - 14. 4.41 |
| O N IAS | (19. 6.40 - 30. 6.40 | 6 R Tks | 28. 2.41 - 14. 4.41 |
| | (29.10.40 - 25. 1.41 | 1 R Tks | 9. 4.41 - 18. 9.41 |
| 5 R TKS | (3. 9.39 - 18. 2.41 | "D" Sqn 7 R Tks | 16. 4.41 - 18. 9.41 |
| | 1 04 7 41 - 14 4 41 | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 1 Armd Division | 3. 9.39 - 4.10.40 | 2 Armd Division | 5.10.40 - 31. 1.41 |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 13 Corps (2) | 1. 2.41 - 28. 2.41 | 6 Aust Division | 28. 2.41 - 10. 3.41 |
| 9 Aust Division | 10. 3.41 - 20. 3.41 | 2 Armd Division | 20. 3.41 - 8. 4.41 |
| 9 Aust Division | 8. 4.41 - 14. 4.41 | 1 Armd Brigade | 12. 5.41 - 5. 6.41 |
| 9 Aust Division | 6. 6.41 - 18. 9.41 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 22. 5.40 | France | 23. 5.40 - 18. 6.40 |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 19. 6.40 - 1.11.40 | At Sea | 1.11.40 - 1. 1.41 |
| Egypt | 1. 1.41 - 5. 2.41 | Libya (3) | 5. 2.41 - 14. 4.41 |
| At Sea | 14. 4.41 - 16. 4.41 | Egypt | 16. 4.41 - 5. 6.41 |
| Libya (4) | 6. 6.41 - 18. 9.41 | | |

Battles

1941 8 April - 10 December Defence of Tobruk

- Notes: (1) Organized on Basic Organization No III and did not change to Basic Organization No IV on mobilization in October 1940.
 - (2) From 26 February 1941 to 19 March 1941 formed into an Armd Bde Gp as Corps Troops with the following additional Units:

| RA | 1 RHA
1 LAA Bty | RE | 4 Fd Sqn |
|-----|--|-----|---------------------|
| RAA | 2/1 Aust Fd Regt | ST | 3 Armd Bde Coy RASC |
| Inf | 1 THR
16 Aust Inf Bde Atk Coy
Free French Mot Bn | Med | 3 Lt Fd Amb |

- (3) On 8 April 1941 the Bde after heavy losses in men and equipment withdrew into Tobruk and formed a composite tank regiment for the Garrison. Bde HQ with HQ of 3 H, 5 and 6 R Tks were evacuated by sea to Egypt on 14 April 1941.
- (4) On 6 June 1941 the Bde was reconstituted in Tobruk. On 18 September 1941 Bde HQ and Units were taken over by HQ 32 Army TK Bde in Tobruk and the Brigade ceased to exist. Bde HQ remained on the Middle East establishment without personnel until officially disbanded in January 1945.

4th ARMOURED BRIGADE

| 3 | September | 1939 | A Regular Armoured Brigade in Egypt with the title Heavy Armoured Brigade (Egypt). |
|----|-----------|------|--|
| 16 | February | 1940 | Redesignated 4th Heavy Armoured Brigade. |
| 14 | April | 1940 | Redesignated 4th Armoured Brigade. (1) |
| 9 | February | 1942 | Reorganized as 4th Armoured Brigade Group. (2) |
| 6 | June | 1943 | Reverted to the role of an Armoured Brigade. (3) |
| 2 | February | 1945 | Reorganized as an Armoured Brigade Type 'A'. |
| | | | |

Commander

| 3 Septemb | | | (acting) |
|------------|--------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1 November | | Brig J. A. L. Caunter | |
| 16 Novembe | r 1939 | Lt-Col H. R. B. Watkins | (acting) |
| 5 Decembe | r 1939 | Brig J. A. L. Caunter | |
| 8 May | 1941 | Brig A. H. Gatehouse | |
| 26 June | 1942 | Brig A. F. Fisher | |
| 7 July | 1942 | Brig W. G. Carr | |
| 4 October | 1942 | Brig M. G. Roddick | |
| 18 Novembe | r 1942 | Col R. C. G. Joy | (acting) |
| 10 Decembe | r 1942 | Brig C. B. C. Harvey | () |
| 24 January | 1943 | Brig D. S. Newton King | |
| 27 Februar | v 1943 | Brig J. C. Currie | |
| 30 Decembe | | | |
| 16 March | 1944 | | (killed 26.6.44) |
| 26 June | 1944 | | (acting) |
| 27 June | | | (account) |
| | | Lt-Col G. C. Hopkinson | (acting) |
| | | Brig R. M. P. Carver | (|

Units

| 1 | R Tk | s | (3. 9.39 - 10. 4.40 | 8 R Tks | 7. 6.42 - 7. 7.42 |
|----|------|-------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| | | | (3. 6.42 - 7. 7.42 | 11 H | 16. 7.42 - 22.11.42 |
| 6 | R Tk | S | (3. 9.39 - 19. 1.41 | 12 L | 18. 7.42 - 12. 9.42 |
| | | | (7. 6.42 - 7. 7.42 | Greys | (16. 9.42 - 23.11.42 |
| 7 | H | | 10. 4.40 - 3. 5.41 | | (27. 1.44 - 29. 4.45 |
| 2 | R Tk | S | 13.10.40 - 16. 4.41 | 2 Derby Yeo | 4.10.42 - 15.11.42 |
| 8 | H | | (17. 4.41 - 3. 5.41 | Royals | 5.12.42 - 21. 5.43 |
| | | | (31. 7.41 - 8. 2.42 | KDG | 3,12,42 - 30, 4,43 |
| | | | (14. 2.42 - 2. 6.42 | 3 CLY* | 13. 7.43 - 28. 7.44 |
| 4 | R TK | S | 4. 5.41 - 27. 7.41 | 50 R Tks. | 25. 8.43 - 10. 1.44 |
| 5 | R Tk | S | (4. 5.41 - 27. 7.41 | 3/4, CLY* | 29. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| | | | (31. 7.41 - 7. 6.42 | 1 E Riding Yeo | 14. 6.45 - 31. 8.45 |
| 7 | R Tk | S | 4. 5.41 - 11. 7.41 | 1 KRRC | (1. 2.42 - 7. 7.42 |
| 44 | R Tk | s (4) | (1. 7.41 - 27. 7.41 | | (3, 8,42 - 24,12,42 |
| | | | (13. 7.43 - 31. 8.45 | 9 RB | 18. 7.42 - 3. 8.42 |
| 3 | R Tk | S | 31. 7.41 - 7. 6.42 | 2 KRRC | (24.12.42 - 21. 5.43 |
| 4/ | 8 H | | 14. 7.42 - 23.11.42 | | (28. 9.43 - 14. 5.45 |

*Sharpshooters

The following additional Units formed the Group:

| RA | 1 RHA | 9. 2.42 - 7. 7.42 |
|-----|------------------|----------------------|
| | 104 RHA | 13. 7.42 - 18. 7.42 |
| | 3 RHA | 18. 7.42 - 30. 4.43 |
| | 78 Fd Regt | 30. 4.43 - 21. 5.43 |
| | Tp 169 LAA Bty | 25. 4.42 - 3. 5.42 |
| | TD 171 LAA Bty | 21. 5.42 - 7. 7.42 |
| | Tp 113 LAA Bty | 14. 7.42 - 12. 9.42 |
| | Tp 42 LAA Bty | 12. 9.42 - 28. 4.43 |
| | Tp 157 LAA Bty | 28. 4.43 - 21. 5.43 |
| | | 20. 1.10 21. 5.45 |
| RE | Tp 4 Fd Sqn | (9. 2.42 - 7. 7.42 |
| | | (3.8.42 - 2.10.42 |
| | | (14. 1.43 - 28. 3.43 |
| | Tp 3 Fd Sqn | 13. 7.42 - 3. 8.42 |
| | Tp 21 Fd Sqn | 27.10.42 - 14. 1.43 |
| | Tp 629 Fd Sqn | 28. 4.43 - 6. 5.43 |
| | Tp 572 Fd Sqn | 6. 5.43 - 21. 5.43 |
| ST | 5 & 58 Coys RASC | 9. 2.42 - 21. 5.43 |
| Med | 151 Lt Fd Amb | 9. 2.42 - 7. 7.42 |
| | 14 Lt Fd Amb | |
| | | 16. 7.42 - 21. 5.43 |
| | | |

Higher Formations served under

| | migner forma | crons served under | |
|---|--|--|---|
| GRU MEF 30 Corps GRU MEF 30 Corps 50 Corps 50 Corps 7 Arnd Division 7 Arnd Division 8 Arny 1 Arnd Division 9 Avand Division 7 Arnd Division 7 Arnd Division 7 Arnd Division 7 Arnd Division 8 Arny 10 Corps 13 Corps 15 Corps 5 Inf Division 78 Corps 8 Corps 9 Arnd Division 7 Arnd Division 7 Arnd Division 7 Arnd Division 9 Corps |) 3. 9,39 - 15. 2,40 30. 7.41 - 9,10.41 28.10.44 - 4. 1,42 28.10.44 - 4. 1,42 28. 5.42 - 29. 5.42 31. 5.42 - 29. 5.42 31. 5.42 - 13. 6.42 15. 6.42 - 13. 6.42 15. 6.42 - 13. 6.42 28. 7.42 - 11. 1,14 28. 7.42 - 27. 7,42 1.1,142 - 11. 1,14 21.12.42 - 21. 12.42 3. 3.43 - 11. 3.43 23. 3.43 - 6. 4.43 30. 4.43 - 17. 5.43 4. 6.43 - 24. 8.43 25. 9.43 - 27. 9,43 5. 10.43 - 8.10.43 5. 10.43 - 8.10.43 7. 12.43 - 10. 1,44 13. 1.44 - 23. 1,44 27. 1,44 - 10. 2,44 28. 5.64 - 27. 7,44 3. 8.44 - 12. 8.44 21. 8.44 41. 8.44 - 2. 9,44 41. 8.44 - 2. 9,44 41. 9.44 - 13. 10,44 13. 9,44 - 8. 10,44 13. 9,44 - 8. 10,44 14. 9,44 - 13. 9,44 18. 9,44 - 8. 10,44 19. 19.10.44 19. 19.10.44 19. 19.10.44 19. 19.10.44 19. 19.10.44 19. 19.10.44 19. 19.10.44 19. 19.10.44 19. 19.10.44 19. 19.10.44 19. 19.10.44 | 7 Armd Division 13 Corps 7 Armd Division 14 Armd Division 1 Armd Division 7 Armd Division 7 Armd Division 7 Armd Division 7 Armd Division 8 Armd Division 8 Army 30 Corps 13 Corps 15 Corps 16 Corps 17 Armd Division 8 Army 18 Corps 19 Corps 20 Corps 21 Corps 22 Corps 23 Corps 24 Corps 25 Corps 26 Corps 27 Arma Division 8 Army 19 Corps 27 Arma 1 Corps 28 Corps 29 Corps 20 Corps 21 Corps 21 Corps 22 Corps 23 Corps 24 Corps 25 Corps 26 Corps 27 Corps 28 Corps 28 Corps 29 Corps 20 Corps 20 Corps 21 Corps 21 Corps 22 Corps 23 Corps 24 Corps 25 Corps 26 Corps 27 Corps 27 Corps 28 Corps 28 Corps 28 Corps 29 Corps 20 Corps 20 Corps 21 Corps 21 Corps 22 Corps 23 Inf Division 49 Inf Division | 16. 2.40 - 29, 7.41 10.10.41 - 27, 10.41 1.11.41 - 19, 12.41 4. 1.42 - 28, 5.42 29, 5.42 - 31, 5.42 28, 6.42 - 14, 6.42 28, 6.42 - 17, 7.42 18, 7.42 - 28, 7.42 21, 1.42 - 11, 12.42 22, 11.42 - 11, 12.42 22, 11.42 - 13, 14.43 21, 13.43 - 25, 3.43 31, 3.43 - 25, 3.43 34, 4.43 - 7, 4.43 25, 8.43 - 25, 9.43 27, 9.43 - 5, 10.43 26, 10.43 - 3, 11.43 27, 9.43 - 7, 12.43 20, 14.44 - 13, 1.44 21, 1.44 - 22, 1.44 21, 2.44 - 24, 6.44 22, 7.44 - 3, 8.44 22, 9.44 - 4, 9.44 23, 9.44 - 4, 9.44 21, 9.44 - 4, 9.44 21, 9.44 - 19, 10.44 29, 10.44 - 19, 10.44 20, 10.44 - 19, 10.44 20, 10.44 - 19, 10.44 20, 10.44 - 19, 10.44 20, 10.44 - 19, 10.44 20, 10.44 - 19, 11.44 20, 10.44 - 19, 11.44 20, 10.44 - 19, 11.44 20, 10.44 - 19, 11.44 20, 10.44 - 19, 11.44 20, 10.44 - 19, 11.44 20, 10.44 - 19, 11.44 20, 10.44 - 19, 11.44 |
| 8 Corps
Gds Armd Division
7 Armd Division | 18. 9.44 - 8.10.44
17.10.44 - 18.10.44
29.10.44 - 30.10.44 | 12 Corps
12 Corps
53 Inf Division | 9.10.44 - 17.10.44
18.10.44 - 29.10.44
30.10.44 - 9.11.44 |
| 12 Corps
11 Armd Division
15(S) Inf Division | 5.11.44 - 13.12.44
17. 2.45 - 8. 3.45
24. 3.45 - 27. 3.45
4. 4.45 - 10. 4.45
12. 4.45 - 19. 4.45 | 8 Corps
12 Corps
53 Inf Division
12 Corps | 13.12.44 - 17. 2.45
9. 3.45 - 24. 3.45
27. 3.45 - 4. 4.45
10. 4.45 - 12. 4.45 |
| 12 Corps | 28 4.45 - 31. 8.45 | 52(L) Inf Division | 19. 4.45 - 28. 4.45 |

4th ARMOURED BRIGADE

Theatres

| Egypt | 3. 9.39 - 30.12.40 | Libya | 30.12.40 - 26. 2.41 |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Egypt | 26. 2.41 - 1.11.41 | Libya | 1.11.41 - 23.12.41 |
| Egypt | 23.12.41 - 22. 3.42 | Libya | 22. 3.42 - 17. 6.42 |
| Egypt | 17. 6.42 - 11.11.42 | Libya | 11.11.42 - 10. 2.43 |
| N Africa | 10. 2.43 - 24. 5.43 | Libya | 24. 5.43 - 31. 5.43 |
| Egypt | 31. 5.43 - 5. 7.43 | At Sea | 5. 7.43 - 9. 7.43 |
| Sicily | 10. 7.43 - 22. 9.43 | Italy | 23. 9.43 - 27. 1.44 |
| At Sea | 27. 1.44 - 8. 2.44 | United Kingdom | 8. 2.44 - 6. 6.44 |
| NW Europe | 7. 8.44 - 31. 8.45 | | |
| | | | |

| | Battles | |
|------|--|---|
| 1940 | 8 December - 11 December | Sidi Barrani |
| 1941 | 3 January - 5 January
21 January - 22 January
5 February - 8 February
18 November - 10 December | Beda Fomm |
| 1942 | 1 July - 27 July | Gazala
Mersa Matruh
Defence of Alamein Lin
Alam el Halfa
El Alamein |
| 1943 | 6 April - 7 April
19 April - 29 April
5 May - 12 May | Medenine
Mareth
Akarit
Enfidaville
Tunis
Landing in Sicily
The Sangro |
| 1944 | 25 June - 2 July
4 July - 18 July
30 July - 9 August
17 September - 27 September | The Odon
Caen
Mont Pincon
The Nederrijn |
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March
23 March - 1 April | The Rhineland The Rhine |
| | | |

- Notes: (1) On 27 July 1941 Bde HQ handed over its Units to 1 Army Tk Bde in the Western Desert and returned to the Delta (Egypt) where, on 31 July, new Units came under command.
 - (2) Formed on Basic Organization No V. In July 1942 the Bde was reconstituted as a Lt Armd Bde Gp with two Armd Car Regts and one Regt of Stuart Tanks plus supporting Units. On 21 May 1943 the Bde Gp was dispersed and Bde He Mored by road to the Delta (Egypt) for reorganization.
 - (3) Bde HQ remained in Egypt until July 1943. On arrival in Sicily took command of Units already in that Theatre of Operations.
 - (4) See Basic Organization No IX. Between 9 March and 24 March 1945 44 R Tks was equipped with Specialist Armour and trained in its use by 79 Armd Division for an operation in which the Bde took part. On completion of the operation 44 R Tks reverted to its normal role of an Armd Regt.

5th GUARDS ARMOURED BRIGADE

15 September 1941 Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation of Headquarters 20th Independent Infantry Brigade (Quards). (1)

2 February 1945 Reorganized as an Armoured Brigade Type 'A'. (2)

12 June 1945 Redesignated 5th Guards Brigade (see page 236).

Commander

15 September 1941 Brig W. A. F. L. Fox-Pitt
13 May 1943 Lt-Col R. Myddleton (acting)
16 May 1943 Brig C. M. Dillwyn-Venables-Llewelyn
15 December 1943 Brig N. W. Gwatkin

Units

2 Armd Gren Gds 15. 9.41 - 11. 6.46 1 Armd Coldm Gds 15. 9.41 - 11. 6.46 2 Armd IG 15. 9.41 - 11. 6.46 1 Mot Gren Gds 15. 9.41 - 11. 6.45

Higher Formations served under

Gds Armd Division 15. 9.41 - 11. 6.45

Theatres

United Kingdom 15. 9.41 - 29. 6.44 NW Europe 30. 6.44 - 11. 6.45

At Sea

29. 6.44 - 30. 6.44

Battles

1944 18 July - 23 July 30 July - 9 August 17 September - 27 September

Bourguebus Ridge Mont Pincon The Nederrijn

1945 8 February - 10 March

The Rhineland

Notes: (1) See Basic Organizations Nos IV, VII and VIII.

(2) See Basic Organization No IX.

6th GUARDS ARMOURED BRIGADE

15 September 1941 Formed in the United Kingdom by conversion of 30th Independent Infantry Brigade (Quards). (1) (see page 278).

15 January 1943 Redesignated and reorganized as 6th Guards Tank Brigade. (see page 197).

2 February 1945 Reformed by redesignation and reorganization of 6th Quards Tank Brigade as an Armoured Brigade Type 'B'. (2)

17 June 1945 Redesignated 6th Quards Brigade. (see page 239).

Commander

15 September 1941 Brig A. H. S. Adair 21 September 1942 Brig G. L. Verney 2 February 1945 Brig W. D. C. Greenacre

Units

4 Armd Gren Gds (15. 9.41 - 14. 1.43 (2.2.45 - 16. 6.45
3 Armd SG (15. 9.41 - 14. 1.43 (2.2.45 - 16. 6.45
2 Armd WG 15. 9.41 - 11. 1.43
4 Armd Coldm Gds 2. 2.45 - 16. 6.45
4 Mot Coldm Gds 15. 9.41 - 14. 1.43

Higher Formations served under

Gds Armd Division 15. 9.41 - 3. 1.43 15 Inf Division 4. 1.43 - 14. 1.43 15 Inf Division 2. 2.45 - 25. 2.45 3 Inf Division 25. 2.45 - 11. 3.45 8 Corps 12. 3.45 - 6. 4.45 15 Inf Division 7. 4.45 - 23. 4.45 2 Corps 24. 4.45 - 16. 6.45

Theatres

United Kingdom 15. 9.41 - 14. 1.43 NW Europe 2. 2.45 - 18. 8.45

Battles

1945 8 February - 10 March The Rhineland 23 March - 1 April The Rhine

Notes: (1) See Basic Organization No. IV.

(2) See Basic Organization No. IX.

| | September | 1939 | A Regular Armoured Brigade in Egypt with the title Light Armoured Brigade (Egypt). |
|----|-----------|------|--|
| 16 | February | 1940 | Redesignated 7th Light Armoured Brigade. |
| 14 | April | 1940 | Redesignated 7th Armoured Brigade. (1) |
| 1 | March | 1942 | Reorganized as an Armoured Brigade Group. |
| 4 | June | 1943 | Reverted to the status of an Armoured Brigade. |
| 1 | May | 1945 | Reorganized as an Armoured Brigade Type 'B' (3) |
| | | | |
| | | | Commander |
| | September | | Brig H. F. Russell |

| | September | | Brig H. F. Russell | |
|----|-----------|------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | July | | Brig G. M. O. Davy | |
| | December | | Brig J. H. Anstice | |
| | September | | Col C. H. Gurney | (acting) |
| | November | | Brig O. L. Prior Palmer | (dooring) |
| 21 | February | 1945 | Brig K. C. Cooper | |

Units

| 7 F | I _ | 7. 7.41 - 15.12.43 | 6 R TKs. | (8. 6.41 - 24. 1.42
(30.12.42 - 8. 6.44 |
|------|-------|---|---------------------------|--|
| 8 H | | 8. 7.45 - 31. 8.45
3. 9.39 - 19. 1.41 | | (24. 6.44 - 20. 8.44
(16. 9.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 11 H | | 7. 3.41 - 16. 4.41
3. 9.39 - 14. 4.40 | 8 R Tks
2 RB | 29. 1.44 - 8. 7.45 |
| 1 R | TKS | 10. 4.40 - 3. 4.41
13.10.40 - 22. 1.41 | 2.0 | (16. 4.41 - 30. 4.41
(26. 9.43 - 13.11.43 |
| 2 R | Tks (| 16. 4.41 - 10. 7.41 | 1 Cameronians | (19.12.43 - 20. 5.44
24. 2.42 - 12. 3.42 |
| 4 R | Tks | 6. 9.41 - 31. 8.45
16. 4.41 - 8. 5.41 | 1 W Yorks
14 Foresters | 12. 3.42 - 12. 5.42 |

The following additional Units formed the Group: (2)

| RA | 14 RHA 1 | RHA to 31. 8.42
From 1. 9.42
95 Atk Regt to 20.11.42 |
|----|----------|--|
| ST | 65 Coy F | ASC |

Med 13 Lt Fd Amb

Ord Armd Bde Ord Fd Pk

7th ARMOURED BRIGADE

Higher Formations Served Under

| 7 Armd Division 7 Armd Division 7 Armd Division WO Control 27 Ind Inf Division 58 Chinese Division Burna Corps GHQ India GHQ Tps PAIC GHQ Tps PAIC GHQ Tps PAIC | 2. 7.40 - 30. 4.41
20. 5.41 - 27.11.41
1. 2.42 - 21. 2.42
24. 2.42 - 19. 3.42
19. 4.42 - 23. 4.42
25. 4.42 - 22. 5.42
21. 5.42 - 11. 6.42
12. 9.42 - 9.10.42
16.10.42 - 29.11.42
3. 5.43 - 9. 5.43 | Armd Division (Egypt) HQ BTE HQ WDF GHQ MEF HQ Burma Army Burma Corps HQ Chinese EF 4 Corps Southern Army W0 Control 5 Ind Inf Division 9 Army 9 Army | 18. 5.40 - 2. 7.40
1. 5.41 - 20. 5.41
27.11.41 - 1. 2.42
21. 2.42 - 24. 2.42
19. 3.42 - 18. 4.42
22. 5.42 - 31. 5.42
11. 6.42 - 12. 9.42
9.10.42 - 16.10.42
30.11.42 - 3. 5.43
9. 5.43 - 3. 6.43 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
| 38 Chinese Division | 19. 4.42 - 23. 4.42 | HQ Chinese EF | |
| Burma Corps | | | |
| GHQ India | 31. 5.42 - 11. 6.42 . | | |
| GHQ India | 12. 9.42 - 9.10.42 | | |
| GHQ TOS PAIC | 16.10.42 - 29.11.42 | 5 Ind Inf Division | 30.11.42 - 3. 5.43 |
| | 3. 5.43 - 9. 5.43 | 9 Army | 9. 5.43 - 3. 6.43 |
| 10 Armd Division | 3. 6.43 - 11. 4.44 | HQ 16 Area | 12. 4.44 - 29. 4.44 |
| GHQ MEF | 29. 4.44 - 4. 5.44 | 5 Corps | 4. 5.44 - 13. 6.44 |
| 8 Army | 13. 6.44 - 21. 6.44 | 5 Corps | 21. 6.44 - 9. 8.44 |
| | 9. 8.44 - 12. 8.44 | 5 Corps | 12. 8.44 - 14. 8.44 |
| 56 Inf Division | 14. 8. 44 - 10.10.44 | 8 Army | 11.10.44 - 19.11.44 |
| | | 56 Inf Division | 3. 1.45 - 6. 1.45 |
| 10 Ind Inf Division | 20.11.44 - 2. 1.45 | | 8. 3.45 - 4. 4.45 |
| 5 Corps | 6. 1.45 - 8. 3.45 | 2 Polish Corps | |
| | 4. 4.45 - 24. 4.45 | 13 Corps | 24. 4.45 - 30. 4.45 |
| 5 Corps | 30. 4.45 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| Egypt | 3. 9.39 - 30.12.40 | Libya | 30.12.40 - 24. 2.41 |
|-----------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Egypt | 24. 2.41 - 18.11.41 | Libya | 18.11.41 - 28.11.41 |
| Egypt | 28.11.41 - 1. 2.42 | At Sea | 1. 2.42 - 9. 2.42 |
| Cevlon | 9. 2.42 - 15. 2.42 | At Sea | 15. 2.42 - 21. 2.42 |
| Burma. | 21. 2.42 - 31. 5.42 | India | 31. 5.42 - 9.10.42 |
| At Sea | 9.10.42 - 16.10.42 | Iraq | 16.10.42 - 9. 5.43 |
| Palestine | 9. 5.43 - 11. 5.43 | Syria | 11. 5.43 - 28. 9.43 |
| Egypt | 30. 9.43 - 29. 4.44 | At Sea | 29. 4.44 - 4. 5.44 |
| Italy | 4. 5.44 - 19. 5.45 | Austria | 19. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 |

Battles

| 1940 | 8 December - 11 December | Sidi Barrani |
|------|--|---|
| 1941 | 3 January - 5 January
21 January - 22 January
5 February - 8 February
18 November - 10 December | Bardia 1941
Capture of Tobru
Beda Fomm
Tobruk 1941 |
| 1944 | 14 September - 21 September | Rimini Line |

Notes: (1) Organized on Basic Organization No III.

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⁽²⁾ During the period the Bde was under command 5 Ind Inf Div these Units were attached to Div Troops.

⁽³⁾ See Basic Organization No IX.

| 1 August 1 | 1941 | Formed in Palestine by redesignation of 6th Cavalry Brigade. | (1) |
|---------------|------|--|-----|
| 19 November 1 | 1942 | Reorganized as an Independent Armoured Brigada | |

2 February 1945 Reorganized as an Armoured Brigade Type "A"

Commander

| 2
21 | August
October
October | 1941
1941
1941 | Brig L. S. Lloyd
Col R. C. Cooney
Brig E. C. N. Custance | (acting) |
|---------|------------------------------|----------------------|--|-----------|
| | January | 1943 | Brig C. B. C. Harvey | |
| | October | 1943 | Brig O. L. Prior Palmer | |
| | November | 1943 | Col R. C. Joy | (acting) |
| | January | 1944 | Brig J. H. Anstice | (mooting) |
| | March | 1944 | Brig H. F. S. Cracroft | |
| | | 1944 | Col A. D. R. Wingfield | (acting) |
| 18 | July | 1944 | Lt-Col R. G. Byron | (acting) |
| 29 | July | 1944 | Brig G. E. Prior Palman | (acting) |

Units

| Notts Yeo | 1. 8.41 - 30. 8.45 |
|------------|---------------------|
| Staffs Yeo | 1. 8.41 - 13. 2.44 |
| Greys | 1. 8.41 - 30. 6.42 |
| 3 R Tks | 12. 7.42 - 6. 2.44 |
| 24 L | 8. 2.44 - 29. 7.44 |
| 4/7 DG | 27. 2.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 13/18 H | 29. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 1 Buffs | 14. 3.42 - 17. 6.43 |
| 7 RB | 1. 7.43 - 3.11.43 |
| 12 KRRC | 11. 3.44 - 31. 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| 10 Armd Division 10 Armd Division 10 Armd Division 10 Armd Division 30 Corps 10 Corps W0 Control 12 Corps | 1, 8,41 - 16, 2,42
27, 3,42 - 30, 6,42
17, 7,42 - 30, 10,42
4,11,42 - 21,11,42
26,11,42 - 14, 3,43
5, 4,43 - 17, 9,43
18,11,43 - 11,12,45
13,12,44 - 1, 2,45 | GHQ MEF GHQ MEF 1 Armd Division 10 Corps 2 NZ Corps BTE 30 Corps 30 Corps | 17. 2.42 - 28. 3.42
30. 6.42 - 17. 7.42
30.10.42 - 4.11.42
21.11.42 - 26.11.42
14. 3.43 - 5. 4.43
18. 9.43 - 18.11.43
12.12.43 - 13.12.44
1. 2.45 - 31. 8.45 |
|---|---|---|---|
|---|---|---|---|

Theatres

| Palestine | 1. 8.41 - 19. 2.42 | Egypt | 19. 2.42 - 25.11.42 |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Libya | 25.11.42 - 15. 2.43 | N Africa | 15. 2.43 - 15. 6.43 |
| Libya | 15. 6.43 - 23. 9.43 | Egypt | 23. 9.43 - 18.11.43 |
| At Sea | 18.11.43 - 11.12.43 | United Kingdom | 11.12.43 - 5. 6.44 |
| NW Europe | 6 6 44 - 71 0 45 | onroca Kingaon | 11.12.43 - 5. 6.44 |

8th ARMOURED BRIGADE

Battles

| 1942 | 30 August - 7 September | Alam el Hælfa |
|------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| | 23 October - 4 November | El Alamein |
| 1943 | 6 March | Medenine |
| | 21 March - 30 March | Tebaga Gap |
| | 6 April - 7 April | Akarit |
| | 19 April - 29 April | Enfidaville |
| | 5 May - 12 May | Tunis |
| 1944 | 6 June | Normandy Landing |
| | 25 June - 2 July | The Odon |
| | 30 July - 9 August | Mont Pincon |
| | 17 September - 27 September | The Nederrijn |
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March | The Rhineland |

Note: (1) Reorganized on Basic Organization No IV - but no Mot Bn was allotted at this time.

In February 1942 this Brigade did not change completely to Basic Organization No. VI owing to non-availability of RA and RE Units in the Middle East Command.



| 3 August | 1941 | Formed in Syria by conversion of 4th Cavalry Brigade. (1) |
|-------------|------|---|
| 19 March | 1942 | Reorganized as an Independent Armoured Brigade Group. (2) |
| 12 November | 1942 | Reorganized as an Armoured Brigade. |
| 28 May | 1943 | Again reorganized as an Independent Armoured Brigade Group. |

Commander

| 3 | August | 1941 | Brig J. G. E. Tiarks | |
|----|-----------|------|------------------------------|----------|
| 22 | April | 1942 | Brig J. C. Currie | |
| 1 | March | 1943 | Brig M. G. Roddick | |
| 25 | September | 1944 | Col N. V. Stopford-Sackville | (acting) |
| 1 | October | 1044 | Rnic D D D D Cooler | (accing) |

Units

| 3.8.41 - 9.10.41 11 KRRC 9.12.42 - 27.5.
YOYKS H 10.10.41 - 13. 3.42 7 78 8 4.11.43 - 21. 5.
3 H (16. 3.42 - 27. 5.43 1 KRRC (2.7.44 - 16. 6. | | (16. 3.42 - 27. 5.43
(23. 8.43 - 30. 8.44 | 7 RB | 28.10.44 - 6, 5, 22.10.44 - 8, 7, 11, 7.45 - 31, 8, 10, 8.42 - 9.12, 49.12, 42 - 27, 5, (2, 7,44 - 18, 8, 4, 11, 43 - 21, 5, (16.12, 44 - 3, 2, 4, 2, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 2, 7, 4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, |
|---|--|--|------|--|
|---|--|--|------|--|

The following additional Units formed the Group between 19 March 1942 and 12 November 1942:

| <u>ra</u> | 1 Fd Regt
127 Fd Regt | 24. 8.42 - 1. 9.42
1. 9.42 - 8. 9.42 |
|-----------|------------------------------|--|
| ST | 307 Coy RASC
523 Coy RASC | 21. 8.42 - 11.11.48
21. 8.42 - 11.11.48 |
| Med | 166 Lt Fd Amb | 20 7 40 44 44 40 |

From 28 May 1943 the following additional Units formed the Group:

| RA | 1 RHA | (27. 5.43 - 11.11.43
(4. 5.44 - 18. 9.44
(1. 2.45 - 31. 3.45 |
|-----|------------------------------|--|
| RE | 1 Fd Tp 3 Fd Sqn | (11. 5.44 - 3. 8.44
(6.10.44 - 8. 5.45 |
| ST | 523 Coy RASC
840 Coy RASC | 21. 8.43 - 17. 7.45
17. 7.45 - 31. 8.45 |
| Med | 166 Lt Fd Amb | 28. 5.43 - 9. 7.45 |

9th ARMOURED BRIGADE

Higher Formations served under

| 1 Aust Corps | 3. 8.41 - 5, 8.41 | HQ Iraq Comd | 5. 8.41 - 23. 8.41 |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | | |
| Hazelforce | 23. 8.41 - 28. 8.41 | 10 Ind Inf Division | 28. 8.41 - 30. 9.41 |
| HQ Iraq Comd | 1.10.41 - 8.10.41 | 10 Armd Division | 9.10.41 - 26, 3.42 |
| 9 Army | 27. 3.42 - 9. 5.42 | HQ BTE | 10. 5.42 - 25. 8.42 |
| HQ Calforce | 26. 8.42 - 8. 9.42 | 10 Corps | 8. 9.42 - 19. 9.42 |
| 2 NZ Division | 19. 9.42 - 11,11,42 | 10 Armd Division | 12.11.42 - 27. 5.43 |
| 9 Army | 28. 5.43 - 2. 6.43 | 3 Corps | 3. 6.43 - 5.11.43 |
| 9 Army | 6.11.43 - 7. 3.44 | HQ BTE | 8. 3.44 - 30. 4.44 |
| GHQ MEF | 30. 4.44 - 4. 5.44 | 8 Army | 5. 5.44 - 24. 5.44 |
| 13 Corps | 24. 5.44 - 26. 5.44 | 78 Inf Division | 26. 5.44 - 30. 6.44 |
| 10 Corps | 1. 7.44 - 18: 9.44 | 8 Army | 19. 9.44 - 15.12.44 |
| 1 Cdn Corps | 15.12.44 - 3. 2.45 | 8 Army | 3. 2.45 - 31. 3.45 |
| 5 Corps | 1. 4.45 - 4. 4.45 | 56 Inf Division | 4. 4.45 - 15. 4.45 |
| 5 Corps | 15. 4.45 - 10. 5.45 | No 1 District | 10. 5.45 - 11. 7.45 |
| RAAC | 11. 7.45 - 1. 8.45 | AFHQ | 1. 8.45 - 12. 8.45 |
| WO Control (3) | 12. 8.45 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| Syria | 3. 8.41 - 5. 8.41 | Irao | 5. 8.41 - 30. 8.41 |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Persia | 31. 8.41 - 30. 9.41 | Iraq | 1.10.41 - 7.10.41 |
| Palestine | 8.10.41 - 9. 5.42 | Egypt | 10. 5.42 - 29.12.42 |
| Syria | 1. 1.43 - 8. 6.43 | Palestine | 9. 6.43 - 15.11.43 |
| Syria | 16.11.43 - 7. 3.44 | Egypt | 8. 3.44 - 30. 4.44 |
| At Sea | 30. 4.44 - 4. 5.44 | Italy | 4. 5.44 - 12. 8.45 |
| By Air | 12. 8.45 - 16. 8.45 | United Kingdom | 16. 8.45 - 31. 8.45 |

Battles

| 1948 | 23 October - 4 November | El Alamein |
|------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1944 | 20 June - 30 June | Trasimene Lin |
| | 25 August - 22 September | Gothic Line |

Notes: (1) No Mot Bn was allotted.

- (2) On the basis of Basic Organization No V.
- (3) The Brigade Group was selected for operations in the Far East and ordered to the United Kingdom to reorganize.



1 November 1941 Formed by conversion of 125th Infantry Brigade. (1)

25 July 1942 Redesignated 10th Tank Brigade and reorganized. (see page 198).

Commander

1 November 1941 Brig P. E. Bowden-Smith

Units

108 RAC 1.11.41 - 24, 7.42 109 RAC 1.11.41 - 24, 7.42 145 RAC 1.11.41 - 24, 7.42 13 HLI 17.11.41 - 13, 6,42

Higher Formations served under

42 Armd Division 1.11.41 - 13. 5.42

1 Corps District 14. 5.42 - 24. 7.42

Theatre

•

United Kingdom 1.11.41 - 24. 7.42

Note: (1) On Basic Organization No IV.

11th ARMOURED BRIGADE

1 November 1941 Formed by conversion of 126th Infantry Brigade. (1)

25 July 1942 Redesignated 11th Tank Brigade and reorganized. (see page 199).

Commander

1 November 1941 Brig H. L. Birks

Units

107 RAC 1.11.41 - 24. 7.42
110 RAC 1.11.41 - 24. 7.42
111 RAC 1.11.41 - 24. 7.42
1 HLI 1.11.41 - 14. 6.42

Higher Formations served under

42 Armd Division 1.11.41 - 13. 5.42 9 Corps 14. 5.42 - 24. 7.42

Theatre

United Kingdom 1.11.41 - 24. 7.42

Note: (1) On Basic Organization No IV.

11 June 1945 Formed in Italy by redesignation of 21st Tank Brigade as Armoured Brigade Type 'B'. (1)

Commander

11 June 1945 Brig D. Dawnay

Units

12 R Tks 11. 6.45 - 31. 8.45 48 R Tks 11. 6.45 - 31. 8.45 NIH 11. 6.45 - 11. 8.45

Higher Formation served under

No. 1 District 11. 6.45 - 31. 8.45

Theatre

Italy 11. 6.45 - 31. 8.45

Note: (1) See Basic Organization No IX.

20th LIGHT ARMOURED BRIGADE

(See under 20th Armoured Brigade)

20th ARMOURED BRIGADE

3 September 1939 Formed in the United Kingdom as 20th Light Armoured Brigade with Territorial Army Units. (1)

14 April 1940 Redesignated 20th Armoured Brigade. (2)

30 April 1943 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| 3 September 1939 | Brig E. D. Fanshawe | 9 January 1941 | Col J. A. Paton | (acting) | 17 February 1941 | Lt-Col O. L. Prior-Palmer | (acting) | 22 March | 1941 | Brig E. D. Fanshawe | 1 May 1942 | Brig C. A. L. Dunphie | 28 August 1942 | Brig W. R. N. Hinde | 7 December 1942 | Lt-Col F. N. Mitchell | (acting) | 1 January 1943 | Lt-Col C. B. Clifton Browne | (acting) |

Units

1 RGH 3. 9.39 - 6. 4.43 1 N Yeo 3. 9.39 - 3. 4.43 2 N Yeo 3. 9.39 - 20. 4.43 2 Rangers 15.10.40 - 21. 3.41 10 KRRC 22. 3.41 - 7. 1.43

Higher Formations served under

 WO Control
 3. 9.39 - 9. 9.39
 Southern Comd
 10. 9.39 - 30. 6.40

 1 Armd Division
 30. 6.40 - 15.10.40
 6 Armd Division
 16.10.40 - 23. 4.42

 Eastern Comd
 24. 4.42 - 8. 6.42
 Southern Comd
 9. 6.42 - 29. 4.43

Theatre

United Kingdom 3. 9.39 - 29. 4.43

- Notes: (1) On Basic Organization No I, changing to Basic Organization No III in April 1940 and Basic Organization No IV in October 1940.
 - (2) On 15. 1.43 the Regts were reorganized as Armd Recce Regts and the Mot Bn left the Bde. The Bde became a Training formation.

22nd HEAVY ARMOURED BRIGADE

(See under 22nd Armoured Brigade)

22nd ARMOURED BRIGADE

| 3 Septembe | r 1939 | Formed in the United Kingdom with Territorial Army Units with the title 22nd Heavy Armoured Brigade. (1) |
|------------|--------|--|
| 14 April | 1940 | Redesignated 22nd Armoured Brigade |

4 March 1942 Reorganized as an Armoured Brigade Group.

17 September 1942 Reverted to the role of an Armoured Brigade.

2 February 1945 Reorganized as an Armoured Brigade Type 'A'.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig J. Scott-Cockburn | |
|----|-----------|------|-------------------------|----------|
| 8 | February | 1942 | Brig W. G. Carr . | |
| 7 | July | 1942 | Brig A. F. Fisher | |
| | July | 1942 | Brig G. P. B. Roberts | |
| 20 | January | 1943 | Col D. S. Newton-King | (acting) |
| | | 1943 | Brig W. R. N. Hinde | |
| | | 1944 | Lt-Col G. P. Gregson | (acting) |
| | August | | Brig H. R. Mackeson | |
| | September | | Lt-Col J. E. Swetenham | (acting) |
| | September | 1944 | Brig H. T. B. Cracroft | |
| | | 1944 | Lt-Col A. G. V. Paley | (acting) |
| 18 | October | 1944 | Brig A. D. R. Wingfield | |

Units

| 2 | RGH | 3. 9.39 - 16. 9.42 |
|----|---------------|---------------------|
| 3 | Sharpshooters | 3. 9.39 - 16. 9.42 |
| 4 | Cly * | 3. 9.39 - 29. 7.44 |
| 1 | R Tks | 17. 9.42 - 31. 8.45 |
| 5 | R Tks | 17. 9.42 - 31. 8.45 |
| 5 | DG | 29. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 2 | KRRC | 23.11.40 - 2. 8.41 |
| 50 | Recce Regt | 16, 2,42 - 19, 6,42 |
| 1 | RB | 19. 6.42 - 31. 8.45 |

The following additional Units formed the Group:

| RA | 2 RHA
1 RHA | | 25. | 6.42 | - 2 | 6.42
8.42
9.42 |
|-----|--|---|-----|------|------|----------------------|
| RE | Tp 7 Fd Sqn
13/7 Fd Sqn
20 Fd Tp | | 1. | 4.42 | - 21 | . 4.42 |
| | Tp 4 Fd Sqn | | | | | . 9.42 |
| ST | 67 & 432 Coys RASC | , | 4. | 3.42 | - 16 | . 9.42 |
| Med | 2 Lt Fd Amb | | 4. | 3.49 | - 16 | 9 19 |

^{*} Sharpshooters.

22nd ARMOURED BRIGADE

Higher Formations served under

| GHQ Home Forces
2 Armd Division | 3, 9.39 - 13, 9.39
15, 1.40 - 5,10.40 | Southern Comd
WO Control | 13. 9.39 - 15. 1.40
5.10.40 - 14.10.40 |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 Armd Division | 14.10.40 - 7.11.41 | 7 Armd Division | 8.11.41 - 22.11.41 |
| 13 Corps | 23.11.41, - 23. 1.42 | 8 Army | 23. 1.42 - 5. 2.42 |
| GHQ MEF | 5. 2.42 - 17. 4.42 | 30 Corps | 17. 4.42 - 23. 4.42 |
| 1 Armd Division | 23. 4.42 - 4. 6.42 | 7 Armd Division | 4. 6.42 - 7. 6.42 |
| 1 Armd Division | 7. 6.42 - 26. 7.42 | 7 Armd Division | 26. 7.42 - 31. 7.42 |
| 1 Armd Division | 31. 7.42 - 8. 9.42 | 7 Armd Division | 8. 9.42 - 31. 8.45 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 15. 8.41 | At Sea | 15. 8.41 - 2.10.41 |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Egypt | 2.10.41 - 8.11.41 | Libya | 8,11,41 - 28, 1,42 |
| Egypt | 28. 1.42 - 23. 4.42 | Libya | 23. 4.42 - 15. 6.42 |
| Egypt | 15. 6.42 - 12.11.42 | L1bya | 12.11.42 - 10. 2.43 |
| N Africa | 10. 2.43 - 24. 5.43 | Libya | 21. 5.43 - 13. 9.43 |
| At Sea | 13. 9.43 - 15. 9.43 | Italy | 15. 9.43 - 20.12.43 |
| At Sea | 20.12.43 - 4. 1.44 | United Kingdom | 4. 1.44 - 7. 6.44 |
| At Sea | 7. 6.44 - 8. 6.44 | NW Europe | 8. 6.44 - 31. 8.45 |

Battles

| 1941 | 18 November - 10 December
26 May - 21 June
28 June - 30 June
1 July - 27 July
30 August - 7 September
23 October - 4 November | Tobruk 1941
Gazala
Mersa Matruh
Defence of Alamein L
Alam el Halfa
El Alamein |
|------|--|--|
| 1943 | | Medenine Mareth Akarit Enfidaville Tunis Capture of Naples Volturno Crossing |
| 1944 | 18 July - 23 July
17 September - 27 September | Bourguebus Ridge
The Nederrijn |
| 1945 | 23 March - 1 April | The Rhine |

Note: (1) See Basic Organization No II. Further changes were:

| May | 1940 | Basic | Organization | No | III |
|-----------|------|-------|--------------|----|------|
| October | 1940 | " | | No | IV |
| March | 1942 | | | No | V |
| September | 1942 | 11 | | No | VI |
| November | 1943 | .# | 11 | No | VIII |
| Fehmiemy | 1045 | 11 | " | Mo | TY |

| 1 | November | 1940 | Formed by redesignation of 23rd Army Tank Brigade and reorganized. | (1) |
|----|----------|------|--|-----|
| 12 | July | 1942 | Reorganized as an Independent Armoured Brigade Group. (2) | |
| | August | 1944 | Reorganized as an Infantry Brigade Group. (3) | |
| | January | 1945 | Reverted to and reorganized as an Armoured Brigade Group. | |

Commander

| 1 | November | 1940 | Brig W. F. Murrogh | |
|----|----------|------|-----------------------|----------|
| 16 | December | 1941 | Brig L.E. Misa | |
| 31 | July | 1942 | Brig G.W. Richards | |
| 23 | July | 1943 | Brig R.H.E. Arkwright | |
| 4 | December | 1944 | Brig R.A. Hermon (4) | (acting |
| 8 | January | 1945 | Brig R.H.E. Arkwright | (acoung |
| 1 | April | 1945 | Col R.A. Hermon | (acting) |
| 22 | April | 1945 | Brig R.H.E. Arkuricht | (accing, |

Units

| 40 R Tks | 1.11.40 - 31. 8.45 |
|----------|----------------------|
| 46 R Tks | (1.11.40 - 1.12.42 |
| | (28. 6.43 - 4. 1.44 |
| | (22. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 50 R Tks | 1.11.40 - 31. 8.45 |
| 1 LRB | 2.12.40 - 18. 1.41 |
| 7 RB | 19. 1.41 - 11. 8.42 |
| 11 KRRC | 1 11 19 - 71 0 15 |

The following additional Units formed the Group from July 1942:

| | | 2 20-20. |
|-----------|---|--|
| RA | 5 RHA
121 Fd Regt (SP)
463 Bty 104 RHA
37 LAA Bty
168 LAA Bty | 18. 7.42 - 29. 9.42
29. 9.42 - 17.11.42
8. 9.44 - 15. 2.45
12. 7.42 - 29. 9.42
29. 9.42 - 17.11.42 |
| RE | Tp 9 Fd Sqn
295 Fd Coy
626 Fd Sqn
1238 Fd Coy | (12. 7.42 - 13. 9.42
(22. 2.43 - 4. 5.43
27. 9.42 - 1.11.42
31. 1.44 - 4. 5.44
3.10.44 - 2. 4.45 |
| <u>ST</u> | 331 Coy RASC
333 Coy RASC | 12. 7.42 - 31. 8.45
12. 7.42 - 18. 5.43 |
| Med | 7 Lt Fd Amb
150 Lt Fd Amb | 12. 7.42 - 4. 2.43
5. 2.43 - 31 8.45 |

23rd ARMOURED BRIGADE

Higher Formations served under

| 7.42 |
|---|
| 7.42 |
| 7.42 |
| |
| 9.42 |
| 11.42 |
| 11.42 |
| 2.43 |
| 3.43 |
| 4.43 |
| 5.43 |
| 11.43 |
| 3.44 |
| 5.44 |
| 6.44 |
| 8.44 |
| 10.44 |
| 1.45 |
| 8.45 |
| 111111111111111111111111111111111111111 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 1.11.40 - 8. 5.42 | At Sea | 8. 5.42 - 5. 7.42 |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Egypt | 5. 7.42 - 3.12.42 | Libya | 3.12.42 - 16. 2.43 |
| N Africa | 16. 2.43 - 6. 7.43 | At Sea | 6. 7.43 - 10. 7.43 |
| Sicily | 10. 7.43 - 6. 9.43 | At Sea | 6. 9.43 - 7. 9.43 |
| Italy | 7. 9.43 - 27. 5.44 | At Sea | 27. 5.44 - 1. 6.44 |
| Egypt | 1. 6.44 - 3. 7.44 | Palestine | 3. 7.44 - 6. 9.44 |
| Egypt | 6. 9.44 - 12.10.44 | At Sea | 12.10.44 - 16.10.44 |
| Greece | 16.10.44 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Battles

| 1942 | 1 July - 27 July | Defence of Alamein Line |
|------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 30 August - 7 September | |
| | 23 October - 4 November | El Akamein |
| 1943 | 6 March | Medenine |
| | 16 March - 23 March | Mareth |
| | 6 April - 7 April | Akarit |
| | 19 April - 29 April | Enfidaville |
| | 5 May - 12 May | Tunis |
| | 9 July - 12 July | Landing in Sicily |
| | 29 July - 3 August | Adrano |
| | 9 September - 18 September | Salerno |
| | 22 September - 1 October | Capture of Naples |
| | 12 October - 15 October | Volturno Crossing |
| | 5 November - 9 December | Monte Camino |
| 1944 | 17 January - 31 January | Garigliano Crossing |
| | | |

Notes: (1) On Basic Organization No IV.

- (2) On Basic Organization No V.
- (3) On 19 August Bde HQ was designated Force 140, and received an increment to the Staff. By the end of August the Bde was organized and equipped as an Inf Bde Group for operations in Greece. 40 and 50 R Tks were organized as Infantry, 40 R Tks was split up into one Sqn of armd cars, two Sqns organized as Infantry, one Sqn each was attached to 40 and 50 R Tks respectively. On 2 September 1944 Force 140 became ARKFORCE until 19 October 1944, when the Bde resumed its original title. In January 1945 the Tank Regts were re-equipped with tanks reverting to their normal role.
- (4) The Bde Comd became Comd of ARKFORCE with a separate HQ and Staff on 4 December 1944 and Col Hermon took over command of the Bde with the local rank of Brigadier. ARKFORCE was disbanded on 8 January 1945,

24th ARMOURED BRIGADE

| 1 November | 1940 | Formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation of 24th Army Tank
Brigade. (1) (see page 202). |
|-------------|------|--|
| 30 August | 1942 | Redesignated 24th Armoured Brigade Group. (3) |
| 15 December | 1942 | Ceased to be an Armoured Brigade Group. (3) |
| 1 March | 1943 | Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the Middle East. |
| 23 August | 1943 | Reformed in the Middle East as a new 24th Armoured Brigade (Dummy Tanks) by redesignation of 74th Armoured Brigade (Dummy Tanks). (see page186). |
| 26 May | 1944 | Redesignated 87th Armoured Brigade (Dummy Tanks). (see page 187). |
| 14 July | 1944 | Reformed as an Armoured Brigade (Dummy Tanks) by redesignation of 87th Armoured Brigade (Dummy Tanks). (see page 187). |

Commander

29 September 1944 Redesignated and reorganized as 13th Reserve Unit in the United Kingdom.

| 1 | November | 1940 | Brig A. G. Kenchington (2) | |
|----|----------|------|----------------------------|----------|
| 21 | November | 1942 | Col R. B. Sheppard | (acting) |
| 22 | December | 1942 | Brig A. G. Kenchington | |
| 23 | August | 1943 | Lt-Col V.H. Jones | |
| 14 | July | 1944 | Lt-Col V.H. Jones | |

Units

| 41 | R Tks | 1.11.40 - | 9.12.4 |
|----|-------|-----------|----------|
| 45 | R Tks | 1.11.40 - | 28. 2.43 |
| 47 | R Tks | 1.11.40 - | 15. 1.4 |
| 2 | RŒH | 9.12.42 - | 15. 1.43 |
| 1 | OW | 1.12.40 - | 31. 1.41 |
| 11 | KRRC | 1. 2.41 - | 3.12.42 |

The following additional Units formed the Group:

| RA | 5 RHA | 12.10.42 - 31.10.42 |
|-----|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 'B' Bty 73 Atk Regt | 12.10.42 - 31.10.42 |
| | 116 LAA Bty | 12.10.42 - 31.10.42 |
| RE | 1 Tp 6 Fd Sqn | 30. 8.42 - 31.10.42 |
| ST | 332 & 334 Coys RASC | 30. 8.42 - 14.12.42 |
| Med | 6 Lt Fd Amb | 30. 8.42 - 14.12.42 |

From August 1943 the following Units formed the Dummy Tanks Brigade:

| 39 R Tks | 23. 8.43 - 26. 8.43 | 65 R Tks | 25. 8.43 - 14. 2.44 |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 101 R Tks | 23. 8.43 - 25. 8.43 | 60 R Tks | (15. 2.44 - 25. 5.44 |
| 102 R Tks | 23. 8.43 - 25. 8.43 | | (14. 7.44 - 17. 9.44 |
| 62 R Tks | (26. 8.43 - 25. 5.44 | 'K' Det SAS Bde | 14. 7.44 - 17. 9.44 |
| | (14. 7.44 - 17. 9.44 | | |

Notes: (1) On Basic Organization No IV.

- (2) On Basic Organization No V.
- (3) On 19 August Bde HQ was designated Force 140, and received an increment to the Staff. By the end of August the Bde was organized and equipped as an Inf Bde Group for operations in Greece. 40 and 50 R Tks were organized as Infantry, 40 R Tks was split up into one Sqn of armd cars, two Sqns organized as Infantry, one Sqn each was attached to 40 and 50 R Tks respectively. On 2 September 1944 Force 140 became AKKFOKCE until 19 October 1944, when the Bde resumed its original title. In January 1945 the Tank Regts were re-equipped with tanks reverting to their normal role.
- (4) The Bde Comd became Comd of ARKFORCE with a separate HQ and Staff on 4 December 1944 and Ool Hermon took over command of the Bde with the local rank of Brigadier. ARKFORCE was disbanded on 8 January 1945.

24th ARMOURED BRIGADE

| 1 | November | 1940 | Formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation of 24th Army Tank Brigade. (1) (see page 202). |
|----|-----------|------|---|
| 30 | August | 1942 | Redesignated 24th Armoured Brigade Group. (3) |
| 15 | December | 1942 | Ceased to be an Armoured Brigade Group. (3) |
| 1 | March | 1943 | Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the Middle East. |
| 23 | August | 1943 | Reformed in the Middle East as a new 24th Armoured Brigade (Dummy Tanks) by redesignation of 74th Armoured Brigade (Dummy Tanks). (see page 188). |
| 26 | May | 1944 | Redesignated 87th Armoured Brigade (Dummy Tanks). (see page 187). |
| 14 | July | 1944 | Reformed as an Armoured Brigade (Dummy Tanks) by redesignation of 87th Armoured Brigade (Dummy Tanks). (see page 187). |
| 29 | September | 1944 | Redesignated and reorganized as 13th Reserve Unit in the United Kingdom. |

Commander

| 1 November | 1940 | Brig A.G. Kenchington (2) | (acting) |
|-------------|------|---------------------------|----------|
| 21 November | 1942 | Col R.B. Sheppard | |
| 22 December | 1942 | Brig A.G. Kenchington | |
| 23 August | 1943 | Lt-Col V.H. Jones | |
| 14 July | 1944 | Lt-Col V.H. Jones | |

Units

| 44 | R Tks | 1 11 40 | - | 9.12.42 |
|----|-------|---------|---|----------|
| | R Tks | | | 28. 2.43 |
| | R Tks | | | 15. 1.43 |
| | RCH | 9.12.42 | - | 15. 1.43 |
| 1 | OW | 1.12.40 | - | 31. 1.41 |
| 11 | KRRC | 1. 2.41 | - | 3.12.42 |
| | | | | |

The following additional Units formed the Group:

| RA | 5 RHA
•B• Bty 73 Atk Regt
116 LAA Bty | 12.10.42 - 31.10.42
12.10.42 - 31.10.42
12.10.42 - 31.10.42 |
|-----|---|---|
| RE | 1 Tp 6 Fd Sqn | 30. 8.42 - 31.10.42 |
| ST | 332 & 334 Coys RASC | 30. 8.42 - 14.12.42 |
| Med | 6 Lt Fd Amb | 30. 8.42 - 14.12.42 |

From August 1943 the following Units formed the Dummy Tanks Brigade:

| 39 | R | Tks | 23. | 8.43 - 26. | 8.43 | 65 | R Tks | 25. | 8.43 | - | 14. | 2.44 |
|-----|---|-----|------|------------|------|------|---------|---------|------|---|-----|------|
| 101 | R | Tks | 23. | 8.43 - 25. | 8.43 | 60 | R Tks | | 2.44 | | | |
| 102 | R | Tks | 23. | 8.43 - 25. | 8.43 | | | (14. | 7.44 | - | 17. | 9.44 |
| 62 | R | Tks | (26. | 8.43 - 25. | 5.44 | ı Kı | Det SAS | Bde 14. | 7.44 | - | 17. | 9.44 |
| | | | (14. | 7.44 - 17. | 9.44 | | | | | | | |



Higher Formations served under

| Northern Comd | 1.11.40 - 22.11.40 | 8 Armd Division | 22.11.40 - 10.10.42 |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 10 Armd Division | 11.10.42 - 30.10.42 | 8 Armd Division | 31.10.42 - 6.11.42 |
| 8 Army | 7.11.42 - 30.11.42 | GHQ MEF | 1.12.42 - 28. 2.43 |
| CHQ MEF | 23. 8.43 - 10. 2.44 | GHQ TDS Cyrenaleca | 11. 2.44 - 16. 5.44 |
| CHQ MEF | 17. 5.44 - 25. 5.44 | GHQ MEF | 14. 7.44 - 23. 7.44 |
| WO Control | 24. 7.44 - 11. 8.44 | HQ SCHAEF | 12. 8.44 - 17. 9.44 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom Egypt Libya Egypt United Kingdom | 1.11.40 - 8. 5.42
8. 7.42 - 28. 2.43
10. 2.44 - 16. 5.44
14. 7.44 - 23. 7.44
12. 8.44 - 28. 9.44 | At Sea
Egypt
Egypt
At Sea | 8. 5.42 - 8. 7.42
23. 8.43 - 10. 2.44
17. 5.44 - 25. 5.44
24. 7.44 - 11. 8.44 |
|---|--|------------------------------------|--|
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Battles

1942 23 October - 4 November El Alamein

Notes: (1) Organized on Basic Organization No IV.

(2) Commanded 8 Armd Division in addition 19 Nov 1940 - 13 Dec 1940

(3) Reorganized on Basic Organization No V and changed to Basic Organization No VI.

25th ARMOURED ENGINEER BRIGADE ROYAL ENGINEERS

5 January 1945 Formed in Italy as 'B' Assault Brigade RAC/RE. Brigade Headquarters was formed by redesignation and reorganization of Headquarters 25th Tank

6 April 1945 Redesignated 25th Armoured Engineer Brigade Royal Engineers.

Commander

5 January 1945 Brig E.W.H. Clarke 22 May 1945 Brig H.M. Liardet

Units

| 51 | R Tks | 3 | | 5. | 1.45 | - | 13. | 5.4 |
|------|-------|--------|--------|-----|------|---|-----|-----|
| 1C1 | Sqn s | 51 R 1 | Iks | 13. | 5.45 | - | 22. | 6.4 |
| + A+ | Armd | Regt | RE | 5. | 1.45 | - | 5. | 4.4 |
| +BI | Arnd | Regt | RE | 5. | 1.45 | - | 5. | 4.4 |
| 1 | Armd | Engr | Regt | 6. | 4.45 | - | 31. | 8.4 |
| 2 | Armd | Engr | Regt | 6. | 4.45 | - | 31. | 8.4 |
| 101 | Armd | Pk Sc | n RE | 5. | 1.45 | - | 5. | 4.4 |
| 631 | Armd | Engr | Pk Sqn | 6. | 4.45 | - | 19. | 8.4 |
| | | | | | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| A FHQ. | 5. 1.45 - 27. 3.45 | 8 Army | 28. 3.45 - 4. 6.45 |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| No 1 District | 5. 6.45 - 27. 8.45 | No 2 District | 27. 8.45 - 31. 8.45 |

Theatre

Italy 5. 1.45 - 31. 8.45

12 October 1940 Formed by redesignation of 1st Motor Machine Qun Srigade in the United Kingdom. (1)

Commander

| | ober
ember
y | | Brig H. B. Burrows
Brig A.C.W. Richardson
Col W.P. Wyatt | |
|---------|--------------------|------|--|-----------|
| 14 Jul | | | Brig W.P. Wyatt | (acting) |
| 25 Aug | | | Brig C.A.L. Dunphie | |
| 13 Mar | | | Brig G. P. B. Roberts | |
| 19 Jun | е | 1943 | Brig R.A. Hull | |
| 29 Sep | tember | 1943 | Col G. W. C. Draffen | (acting) |
| 10 Oct | | 1943 | Brig R. A. Hull | (dooring) |
| 18 Dece | | 1943 | Col G.W.C. Draffen | (acting) |
| 7 Janu | | 1944 | Brig F.N. Mitchell | |
| 12 Augu | | 1944 | Col P. Payne-Gallwey | (acting) |
| 23 Aug | | 1944 | Brig F.N. Mitchell | , |
| 17 Janu | | | Col W. R. Nicholson | (acting) |
| 11 Febr | | 1945 | Lt-Col R.L.V. ffrench-Blake | (acting) |
| 23 Febr | | 1945 | Lt-Col G. R. Simpson | (acting) |
| 3 Marc | | 1945 | Brig F.N. Mitchell | |
| 15 Marc | | 1945 | Col W. R. Nicholson | (acting) |
| 3 Apri | | 1945 | Brig F.N. Mitchell | |
| 22 July | | | Col W. R. Nicholson | (acting) |
| 7 Augu | St | 1945 | Brig D. Dawnay | |

Units

| 16/5 L | (12.10.40 - 9. 1.44 |
|-------------------|---|
| 17/21 L | (29. 3.44 - 31. 8.45
12.10.40 - 31. 8.45 |
| 2 Lothians
4 H | 12.10.40 - 17. 7.45 |
| 2 THR | 28. 7.45 - 31. 8.45
16.10.40 - 14. 1.41 |
| 10 RB
1 KRRC | 15. 1.41 - 29. 5.44 |
| 1 ARRC | 22. 7.45 - 31. 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| 12 Corps 4 Inf Division 6 Armd Division 6 Armd Division 6 Armd Division 6 Armd Division | 12.10.40 - 8.11.40
3. 5.44 - 12. 5.44
20. 5.44 - 15.10.44
3.11.44 - 30.11.44
24. 1.45 - 31. 8.45 | 6 Armd Division
78 Inf Division
13 Corps
10 Corps | 9.11.40 - 2. 5.44
13. 5.44 - 19. 5.44
16.10.44 - 2.11.44
1.12.44 - 23. 1.45 |
|---|--|--|--|
|---|--|--|--|

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 12.10.40 - 8.11.42 | At Sea | 9.11.42 - 22.11.42 |
|----------------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|
| N Africa | 22.11.42 - 12. 3.44 | At Sea | 12. 3.44 - 14. 3.44 |
| Italy | 14. 3.44 - 15. 5.45 | Austria | 15. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 |

26th ARMOURED BRIGADE

Battles

| 1943 | 18 January - 25 January
14 February - 25 February
7 April - 11 April
22 April - 26 April
5 May - 12 May | Bou Arada
Kasserine
Foudouk
El Kourzia
Tunis |
|------|---|---|
| 1944 | 11 May = 18 May
18 May = 30 May
4 July = 17 July
17 July = 10 August
25 August = 22 September | Cassino II
Liri Valley
Arezzo
Advance to Florence
Gothic Line |
| 1945 | 13 April - 21 April | Argenta Gap |

Note: (1) On Basic Organization No IV.

26 November 1940 Formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation of 1st Armoured Reconnalssance Brigade, (1)

30 July 1944 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in NW Europe.

Commander

28 November 1940 Brig C.W. Norman 15 October 1941 Brig H.F. Fisher 1 March 1942 Brig J.G. de W. Mullens 25 April 1943 Brig G.E. Prior-Palmer

Units

| 4/7 DG | 26.11.40 - 31. 1.44 |
|----------------|----------------------|
| 13/18 H | 26.11.40 - 29. 7.44 |
| 1 E Riding Yeo | (26.11.40 - 8.10.43 |
| | (14. 2.44 - 29. 7.44 |
| 148 RAC | 8.10.43 - 31. 1.44 |
| Staffs Yeo | 14. 2.44 - 29. 7.44 |
| 1 QVR | 2.12.40 - 31. 3.41 |
| 7 KRRC | 1. 4.41 - 13. 4.43 |

Higher Formations served under

| | 4.12.40 - 10. 8.42
8. 9.42 - 8.10.43
20.10.43 - 2. 7.44
27. 7.44 - 29. 7.44 |
|---|--|
| , | 9 Armd Division (2)
Inf Division |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 26.11.40 - | 5. 6.44 | NW Europe | 6. 6.44 - 29. 7.4 |
|----------------|------------|---------|-----------|-------------------|
| | | | | |

Battles

| 1944 | 6 June | Normandy Landin |
|------|------------------|-----------------|
| | 4 July - 18 July | Caen |

Notes: (1) On Basic Organization No IV.

(2) In April 1943 on the reorganization of this Armd Division the Brigade dropped the Motor Rn and the Armd Regts were used to experiment with specialised armour and various forms of equipment for assaulting enemy defences. In October 1943 the Brigade reverted to its normal role on joining 1 Corps.

28th ARMOURED BRIGADE

| 1 December 1940 | Formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation of 3rd Motor Machine $\operatorname{Gun}\nolimits$ Brigade. (1) |
|-----------------|---|
| | |

21 August 1944 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| December | 1940 | Brig H. Lumsden | |
|----------|------|------------------------|--|
| October | 1941 | Brig E.S.D. Martin | |
| October | 1942 | Brig H. R. Mackeson | |
| August | 1944 | Lt-Col A.D. Taylor | (acting) |
| August | 1944 | Lt-Col W. G. N. Walker | (acting) |
| | | August 1944 | October 1941 Brig E.S.D. Martin
October 1942 Brig H.R. Mackeson
August 1944 Lt-Col A.D. Taylor |

Units

| 5 DG | 1.12.40 - 13. 7.44 |
|----------|---------------------|
| 15/19 H | 1. 2.40 - 20. 6.44 |
| 1 FF Yeo | 1.12.40 - 20. 8.44 |
| 2 QVR | 1.12.40 - 14. 1.41 |
| 8 KRRC | 15. 1.41 - 10. 7.44 |

Higher Formations served under

| 4 Corps | 9.12.40 - 3.12.40 | 9 Armd Division | 4.12.40 - 9. 7.44 |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Eastern Comd | 9. 7.44 - 20. 8.44 | | |
| | | | |

Theatre

| United | Kingdom | 1.12.40 - 2 | 0. 8: |
|--------|---------|-------------|-------|
| | | | |

Note: (1) Formed on Basic Organization No IV.



28 December 1940 Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom. (1)

Commander

| 22 | February | 1942 | Lt-Col M.H. Aird |
|----|-----------|------|------------------------|
| 21 | Apr11 | 1942 | Brig C.H.M. Peto |
| 17 | August | 1942 | Brig A.J. Aizlewood |
| 26 | August | 1942 | Brig O.L. Prior-Palmer |
| 22 | September | 1943 | Brig C.B.C. Harvey |
| | | | |

Se December 1040 Priz G H M D-+-

(acting)

Units

| | Dgns | 30.12.40 - | 8. | 1.4: |
|----|--------|------------|-----|------|
| 24 | | 30.12.40 - | 6. | 2.44 |
| 23 | | 8. 1.41 - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 2 | FF Yeo | 7. 6.41 - | | |
| 3 | R Tks | 6. 2.44 - | | |
| 2 | LRB | 9. 1.41 - | | |
| 8 | RB | 18. 1.41 - | | |
| | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| Northern Comd
21 Army Group
30 Corps
21 Army Group
11 Armd Division | 28.12.40 - 8. 3.41
15.12.44 - 20.12.44
22.12.44 - 27.12.44
14. 1.45 - 28. 2.45
14. 3.45 - 31. 8.45 | 11 Armd Division
53 Division
6 Airborne Division
Lof C21 Army Group | 9. 3.41 - 14.12.44
21.12.44 - 22.12.44
28.12.44 - 13. 1.45
1. 3.45 - 13. 3.45 |
|---|--|--|--|
|---|--|--|--|

Theatres

| Uni | ted Kingdom | 28.12.40 | - | 11. | 6.44 |
|-----|-------------|----------|---|-----|------|
| NW | | 15. 6.44 | | | |

At Sea

11. 6.44 - 15. 6.44

Battles

| 944 | 25 June - 2 July |
|-----|--|
| | 18 July - 23 July |
| | 30 July - 9 August |
| | 17 September - 27 Sep |

The Odon
Bourguebus Ridge
Mont Pincon
Ember The Nederrijn

Note: (1) On Basic Organization No IV.

30th ARMOURED BRIGADE

| 27 | December | 1940 | Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom. (1) | |
|----|----------|------|--|--|
| 2 | February | 1945 | Became an Armoured Brigade Type "B". | |

Commander

| 31 | December | 1940 | Brig J.H. Anstice | |
|----|----------|------|---------------------------|----------|
| 14 | April | 1941 | Lt-Col J. G. Crabbe | (acting) |
| 13 | May | 1941 | Brig C.F. Keightley | |
| 24 | December | 1941 | Brig J.J. Kingstone | |
| 4 | March | 1942 | Brig O.L. Prior-Palmer | |
| 26 | August | 1942 | Brig A.J. Aizlewood | |
| 3 | December | 1942 | Lt-Col J. G. Crabbe | (acting) |
| 13 | January | 1943 | Lt-Col G. L. Craig | (acting) |
| 16 | January | 1943 | Brig P.G.S. Gregson-Ellis | |
| 20 | July | 1943 | Brig G. P. B. Roberts | |
| 6 | December | 1943 | Brig N.W. Duncan | |
| 20 | May | 1945 | Lt-Col C.J.Y. Dallmeyer | (acting) |
| 8 | July | 1945 | Brig N.W. Duncan | |

Units

| 23 H | 30.12.40 - 8. 1.41 |
|------------|----------------------|
| 22 Dgns | 8. 1.41 - 31. 8.45 |
| W Dgns | 8. 3.41 - 31. 8.45 |
| 1 Lothians | 9. 3.41 - 31. 8.45 |
| 2 QW | 27.12.40 - 25. 3.41 |
| 12 KRRC | 26. 3.41 - 15.10.43 |
| 141 RAC | 2. 7.44 - 4. 9.44 |
| 11 R Tks | (22.12.44 - 27. 1.45 |
| | (31. 3.45 - 25. 4.45 |
| 4 R Tks | 30. 3.45 - 24. 4.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| 27.12.40 - 27. 1.41 | Western Comd | 28. 1.41 - 7. 3.41 |
|---------------------|--|---|
| 9. 3.41 - 20. 4.42 | 3 Armd Group | 20. 4.42 - 13. 5.42 |
| 13. 5.42 - 16.10.43 | 79 Armd Division (2) | 17.10.43 - 22. 6.44 |
| 22. 6.44 - 11. 8.44 | 79 Armd Division | 12. 8.44 - 19. 6.45 |
| 20. 6.45 - 10. 7.45 | 43 Inf Division | 11. 7.45 - 31. 8.45 |
| | 9. 3.41 - 20. 4.42
13. 5.42 - 16.10.43
22. 6.44 - 11. 8.44 | 9. 3.41 - 20. 4.42 3 Armd Group
13. 5.42 - 16.10.43 79 Armd Division (2)
22. 6.44 - 11. 8.44 79 Armd Division |

Theatres

| United Kingdom 27.12.40 - 21.6.44 | NW Europe | 22. 6.44 - 31. 8.45 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|

Battles

1945 8 February - 10 March The Rhineland

Notes: (1) Brigade was formed on Basic Organization No IV.

(2) In October 1943 on joining 79 Armd Division the Brigade was reorganized for operations with specialised armour and became the Fiail Ede of the Division. The normal basic organization of an Armd Ede did not obtain. Units being posted by Division as necessary. (see Notes of 79 Armd Division).



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2 February 1945 Formed in NW Europe as an Armoured Brigade Type 'B' by redesignation of 31st Tank Brigade.

Commander

2 February 1945 Brig G. S. Knight 18 April 1945 Brig A. W. Brown

Units

| 2. 2.45 - 27. 8.45 | |
|--------------------|---|
| 2. 2.45 - 6. 6.45 | |
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| | |
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| | |
| | |
| | 2. 2.45 - 27, 8.45
2. 2.45 - 6, 6.45
2. 2.45 - 1, 7.45
2. 2.45 - 15, 5.45
14. 2.45 - 31, 8.45
15. 4.45 - 26, 4.45
6, 6.45 - 31, 8.45
28, 8.45 - 31, 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

79 Armd Division

2. 2.45 - 28. 8.45 HQ BAOR

29. 8.45 - 31. 8.45

Theatre

NW Europe

2. 2.45 - 31. 8.45

Notes: (1) Basic Organization No IX. But the normal number of Units in an Armd Bde did not (see Notes 79 Armd Division. (see Notes 79 Armd Division).

32nd ARMOURED BRIGADE not formed

33rd ARMOURED BRIGADE

17 March 1944 Formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation of 35rd Tank Brigade. (1)

February 1945 Became an Armoured Brigade Type 'B'. (2)

22 August 1945 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in NW Europe.

Commander

17 March 1944 Brig H. B. Scott

Units

| 1 N Yeo | 17. | 3.44 - | 18. | 8.48 |
|----------------|------|--------|-----|------|
| 144 RAC | 17. | 3.44 - | 28. | 2.48 |
| 148 RAC | 17. | 3.44 - | 16. | 8.44 |
| 1 E Riding Yeo | 16. | 8.44 - | 23. | 4.45 |
| 4 R TKS | 1. | 3.45 - | 30. | 3.45 |
| 11 R Tks | (28. | 1.45 - | 30. | 3.48 |
| | (28. | 4.45 - | 19. | 8.45 |
| Staffs Yeo | 26. | 4.45 - | 26. | 6.45 |
| | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 49 | Inf Division | 17. 3.44 - 14. 6.44 | 7 Armd Division | 14. 6.44 - 26. 6.44 |
|----|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 30 | Corps | 26. 6.44 - 27. 6.44 | 2 Army | 28. 6.44 - 6. 7.44 |
| 1 | Corps | 6. 7.44 - 8. 7.44 | 3 Inf Division | 8. 7.44 - 10. 7.44 |
| 2 | Army | 10. 7.44 - 11. 7.44 | 1 Corps | 11. 7.44 - 13. 7.44 |
| 30 | Corps | 13. 7.44 - 23. 7.44 | 1 Corps | 23. 7.44 - 26. 7.44 |
| 49 | Inf Division | 26. 7.44 - 3. 8.44 | 51 (H) Inf Division | 3. 8.44 - 3. 9.44 |
| 49 | Inf Division | 3. 9.44 - 5. 9.44 | 51 (H) Inf Division | 5. 9.44 - 14. 9.44 |
| 1 | Cdn Army | 14. 9.44 - 13.10.44 | 1 Corps | 14.10.44 - 16.10.44 |
| 12 | Corps | 18.10.44 - 27.11.44 | 1 Corps | 27.11.44 - 21.12.44 |
| 30 | Corps | 22.12.44 - 18. 1.45 | 79 Armd Division (1) | 18. 1.45 - 3. 4.45 |
| 1 | Corps | 4. 4.45 - 14. 4.45 | Netherlands District | 15. 4.45 - 23. 4.45 |
| 79 | Armd Division | 24. 4.45 - 21. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

United Kingdom 17. 3.44 - 12. 6.44

NW Europe

13. 6.44 - 21. 8.45

Battles

1944 4 July - 18 July Caen

- Notes: (1) On Basic Organization No VIII. In January 1945 on joining 79 Armd Division the Units of the Brigade were converted to specialised armour.
 - (2) On 30 March 1945 Units began re-equipping with tanks and the Brigade reverted to its normal role by 9 April 1945. On 24 April 1945 the Brigade, less 1 E Riding Yeo, rejoined 79 Armd Division and was again converted to specialised armour.

2./February 1945 Formed in NW Europe by redesignation of 34th Tank Brigade and reorganized as an Armoured Brigade Type 'B'. (1)

Commander

2 February 1945 Brig W. S. Clarke

Units

| 9 | R Tks | 2. | 2.45 - | 1. | 7.4 |
|-----|--------|----|--------|----|-----|
| 107 | RAC | | 2.45 - | | |
| 147 | RAC | | 2.45 - | | |
| 1 | FF Yeo | | 6.45 - | | |
| 4 | R Tks | | 6.45 - | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 53 Inf Division
30 Corps
2 Army
12 Corps
HQ 19 Sub-Area | 2. 2.45 - 19. 2.45
7. 3.45 - 8. 3.45
12. 3.45 - 3. 4.45
22. 5.45 - 31. 5.45
8. 7.45 - 31. 8.45 | 52 Inf Division
52 Inf Division
1 Corps
1 Corps | 20. 2.45 - 7. 3.45
8. 3.45 - 11. 3.45
4. 4.45 - 21. 5.45
1. 6.45 - 7. 7.45 |
|---|--|--|---|
|---|--|--|---|

Theatre

NW Europe 2. 2.45 - 31. 8.45

Battles

1945 8 February - 10 March The Rhineland

Note: (1) Basic Organization No IX.

35th ARMOURED BRIGADE

14 July 1945 Formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation of 35th Tank Brigade and reorganized as an Armoured Brigade 'A'. (1)

Commander

14 July 1945 Brig H. T. de B. Lipscomb

Units

| 152 RAC | 14. 7.45 - 31 | . 8.4 |
|-------------|---------------|-------|
| 155 RAC | 14. 7.45 - 31 | . 8.4 |
| R Wilts Yeo | 14. 7.45 - 31 | . 8.4 |
| Warwick Yeo | 14. 7.45 - 31 | . 8.4 |
| Yorks H | 14. 7.45 - 31 | . 8.4 |
| 1 RGH | 14. 7.45 - 31 | . 8.4 |
| O KDDC | 14 7 45 - 31 | 8 / |

Higher Formations served under

GHQ Home Forces 14. 7.45 - 31. 8.45

Theatre

United Kingdom 14. 7.45 - 31. 8.45

Note: (1) Basic Organisation No IX. The Brigade was a training Formation of reinforcements for 21 Army Group.

75th to 86th ARMOURED BRIGADES not formed

74th ARMOURED BRIGADE (DUMMY TANKS)

5 July 1942 Formed in the Middle East as a Dummy Tank Brigade by redesignation of 'A' Force Depot.

23 August 1943 Redesignated 24th Armoured Brigade (Dummy Tanks) (see page 173).

Commander

5 July 1942 Lt-Col V. H. Jones 30 April 1943 Capt P. K. Copperthwaite 1 July 1943 Lt-Col V. H. Jones

(acting)

Units

39 R TKS 101 R TKS 5. 7.42 - 22. 9.43 5. 7.42 - 22. 8.43

Higher Formations served under

HQ BTE

5. 7.42 - 22. 8.43

Theatre

Egypt

5. 7.42 - 22. 8.43

87th ARMOURED BRIGADE (DUMMY TANKS)

28 May 1944 Formed in the Middle East by redesignation of 24th Armoured Brigade (Dummy Tanks).

14 July 1944 Redesignated 24th Armoured Brigade (Dummy Tanks) (see page 173).

Commander

26 May 1944 Lt-Col V. H. Jones

Units

4 N Yeo 26. 5.44 - 11. 7.44 62 R TKs 12. 7.44 - 13. 7.44 3 RGH 26. 5.44 - 11. 7.44 60 R TKs 12. 7.44 - 13. 7.44

Higher Formations served under

GHQ MEF 28. 5.44 - 1. 6.44 9 Army 2. 6.44 - 7. 7.44 GHG MEF 8. 7.44 - 13. 7.44

Theatres

Egypt 28. 5.44 - 31. 5.44 Syria 2. 8.44 - 7. 7.44 Egypt 9. 7.44 - 13. 7.44

20 July 1942 Formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation of 137th Infantry Brigade, (1)

26 September 1943 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

Commander

20 July 1942 Brig W. G. Hewett 17 August 1942 Brig C. H. M. Peto

Units

113 RAC 20. 7.42 - 25. 9.43 114 RAC 20. 7.42 - 25. 9.43 115 RAC 20. 7.42 - 25. 9.43

Higher Formations served under

WO Control

20. 7.42 - 15. 8.42 Eastern Comd

n Comd 16. 8.42 - 25. 9.43

Theatre

United Kingdom

20. 7.42 - 25. 9.43

Note: (1) Reorganized on Basic Organization No VII.

(b) CAVALRY BRIGADES

4th CAVALRY BRIGADE

October 1939 Formed in the United Kingdom with Territorial Army Units.

1 August 1941 Redesignated 9th Armoured Brigade and reorganized. (see page 182).

Commander

23 October 1939 Brig J. J. Kingstone 28 June 1940 Lt-Col A. A. McBean (acting) 2 July 1940 Brig.J. J. Kingstone 27 February 1941 Lt-Col A. H. Ferguson (acting) 9 May 1941 Brig J. J. Kingstone 29 June 1941 Brig J. J. Kingstone

Units

HCR (1) 13.11.39 - 12. 1.41 (3.12.39 - 2.10.40 (8. 1.41 - 31. 7.41 N Somerset Yeo 15.11.30 - 21. 3.41 - 31. 7.41 Warwick Yeo 22. 3.41 - 31. 7.41

Higher Formations served under

WO Control 23.10.39 - 30.10.39 1 Cav Division 31.10.39 - 16. 7.41 1 Aust Corps 17. 7.41 - 31. 7.41

Theatres

United Kingdom 23.10.39 - 11. 2.40 Palestine (2) 20. 2.40 - 8. 5.41 Iraq (3) 9. 5.41 - 20. 6.41 Syria 21. 6.41 - 31. 7.41

Notes: (1) Composite Regiment.

- (2) In transit to Palestine across France embarking at Marseilles 14.2.40.
- (3) The Brigade formed King Col on 8 May 1941 for operations in Iraq and Syria under HABFORCE.

5th CAVALRY BRIGADE

| | September | 1939 | A First Line Territorial Army Cavalry Brigade. |
|----|-----------|------|--|
| 23 | April | 1942 | Headquarters redesignated Headquarters Desert (5 Cay) Brigade. It was formed for Administrative and Internal Security Duties of an Area in 9 Army. |
| 2 | June | 1942 | Brigade Headquarters redesignated Headquarters 8th Division. (see under 8th Division). |
| 3 | September | 1943 | Brigade Headquarters Desert (5 Cav) Brigade reformed and disbanded. |
| | | | |
| | | | Commander |

| | September
January | | Brig T. Preston
Brig C. H. Miller | |
|----|----------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 8 | September | 1940 | Lt-Col The Lord Grimthorpe | (acting) |
| | October | | Brig K. F. W. Dunn | (acting) |
| 16 | September | 1941 | Lt-Col W. L. Wilson | (acting) |
| | September | | Lt-Col D. E. Williams | (acting) |
| | September | | Col C. H. Gaisford St Lawrence | (acting) |
| | January | 1942 | Brig C. H. Gaisford St Lawrence | (accilla) |
| 23 | April | 10/19 | Brig C P T Hames | |

Units

| Yorks Dgns | 3. 9.39 - 18. 3.42 |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Yorks H | 3. 9.39 - 22. 3.41 |
| Notts Yeo | 3. 9.39 - 2. 2.41 |
| Cheshire Yeo | (21. 3.41 - 7. 6.41 |
| N Somerset Yeo | (15. 7.41 - 21. 3.42 |
| Staffs Yeo | 20. 3.41 - 20. 3.42 |
| Dualis 160 | 30. 4.41 - 4. 8.41 |

Higher Formations served under

| Northern Comd
1 Aust Corps
10 Armd Division
9 Army | 3. 9.39 - 30.10.39
22. 6.41 - 17. 7.41
1. 8.41 - 29. 9.41
22.11.41 - 1. 6.42 | 1 Cav Division
1 Cav Division
Northern L of C * | 31.10.39 - 22. 6.41
17. 7.41 - 31. 7.41
30. 9.41 - 21.11.41 |
|---|---|---|---|
|---|---|---|---|

Theatres

| United Kingdom
Palestine
Palestine | 3. 9.39 - 18. 1.40
29. 1.40 - 7. 7.41
12.12.41 - 1. 6.42 | At Sea (1)
Syria | 23. 1.40 - 29. 1.40
8. 7.41 - 12.12.41 |
|--|--|---------------------|---|
| | 10.10.41 - 1. 6.42 | | |

Note: (1) Left United Kingdom 18.1.40 and travelled through France embarking at Marseilles.

* District HQ

6th CAVALRY BRIGADE

| | September | 1939 | A First Line | Territorial | Army Cavalry | Brigade. | | |
|---|-----------|------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------|
| 1 | Anmet | 1941 | Radae 1 ma tad | 8th Armoured | Brigade and | reorganized | (see nage | 180). |

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig H. O. Wiley | |
|----|-----------|------|------------------------|----------|
| 18 | May | 1940 | Brig J. I. Chrystall | |
| 27 | February | 1941 | Lt-Col P. L. M. Wright | (acting) |
| 10 | May | 1941 | Lt-Col G. H. N. Todd | (acting) |
| 18 | May | 1941 | Brig L. S. Lloyd | |

Units

| Cheshire Yeo | 3. 9.39 - 20. 3.41 |
|--------------|---|
| Staffs Yeo | (3. 9.39 - 28. 4.41 |
| | (5. 6.41 - 31. 7.41 |
| Warwick Yeo | 3. 9.39 - 21. 3.41 |
| R Wilts Yeo | 3.10.40 - 7.1.41 |
| Yorks H | 23. 3.41 - 31. 7.41 |
| Greys | 1. 3.41 - 31. 7.41 |
| | Staffs Yeo
Warwick Yeo
R Wilts Yeo
Yorks H |

Higher Formations served under

| Western Comd | 3. 9.39 - 30,10.39 | 1 Cav Division | 31.10.39 - 31. 7.41 |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| | | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 18.12.39 | Palestine (1) | 9. 1.40 - 31. 7.4 |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|

Note: (1) In transit across France embarking at Marseilles 31.12.39



(c) TANK BRIGADES

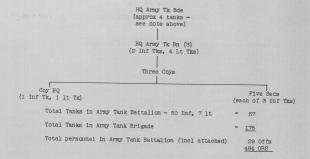
Changes in Basic Organization

| I | Army Tank Brigade | October | 1939 |
|-----|---------------------------|----------|------|
| II | Army Tank Brigade | April | 1941 |
| III | Tank Brigade | August | 1942 |
| IV | Tank Brigade | November | 1943 |
| Δ | Standard Armoured Brigade | January | 1945 |

ARMY TANK BRIGADE

1 October 1939

WE of an HQ Army Tank Brigade did not authorize Fighting, Recce and Adm Ope as for an Armd Ede owing to its different employment - 1.e. close infantry support. The equipment of the HQ in ArVs, apart from one armoured command vehicle, varied in kind and number according to circumstances (III/1881/84/8 wef 14 Oct 1869). The WE of an Army Tank En was the same as in 1888 (III/1881/84/8 wef 15 Apr 1888).



ARMY TANK BRIGADE

11 April 1941

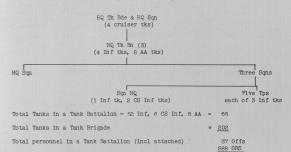
WE of an HQ Army Tank Brigade remained unchanged during 1940. In April 1941 an HQ Squadron was authorized including a Fighting Group (with 4 instead of HQ Armd Bde's 10), Recea and Adm Ops (HII/1983/Ba/4 wer 7 April 1941). At the same time Companies of Army Tank Battalions were redesignated Squadrons, and the Sections became Troops; and the tank establishment of the Hn was Slightly changed (HII/1981/BSM)4 wef 7 April 1941).



TANK BRIGADE

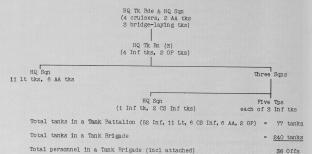
III August 1942

From June 1942 Army Tank Brigades were redesignated Tank Brigades on allotment to Mixed Divisions or became Independent Tank Brigades as circumstances required. Brigade Hg was allotted two AA ammoured cars (WE II/142/2 wef 26 Aug 1942). Tank Bn HG was given a Recoe Troop of 10 scout cars (WE III/33A/5 wef 25 May 1942); and also 8 AA tanks (II/1547/4 wef 18 Aug 1942).



IV November 1943

WE of an HQ Tank Brigade was allotted 2 AA tanks instead of 2 AA armoured cars, also 3 bridge-laying tanks (II/142/3 wef 30 Nov 1943). HQ of a Tank Battalion was given 2 OP tanks; and the AA tanks (6 instead of 8) were allotted to its HQ Sqn. The HQ Sqn was also given the recoe troops, now of 11 light tanks in addition DQ an inter-communication troop of 9 scout cars (II/154/2 wef 30 Nov 1943).



STANDARD ARMOURED BRIGADE

V January 1945

During 1944 the only basic change in the organization of a Tank Brigade was the allotment in March of 8 OP Tanks to the Brigade HQ Squadron; and 2 OP tanks were deleted from the HQ of a Tank Battalion.

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On 18 Jan 1945 the decisions of the Standardisation Conference were approved by which Tank Brigades were to be redesignated Atmoured Brigades. Tank Battalions became Atmoured Regiments, and this Standard Atmoured Regiment was equipped with either cruiser or infantry tanks. (For Establishment see "Armoured Brigades: Changes in Basic Organization fo IX").

1st ARMY TANK BRIGADE

| September | 1939 | A | Regular | Army | Tank | Brigade | in | the | United | Kingdom. | |
|-----------|------|---|---------|------|------|---------|----|-----|--------|----------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | |

| 23 Apri | 1 1944 | Redesignated | 1st | Tank | Brigade. | |
|---------|--------|--------------|-----|------|----------|--|
| | | | | | | |

| | | | | orcements |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------|----------------|-----------|
| November 1944 for other Formatio | 18 November | Brigade | e Headquarters | placed in |

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Col J.L.A. Caunter | (acting) |
|----|-----------|------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 20 | October | 1939 | Brig D.A. Pratt | |
| 19 | July | 1940 | Brig H. R. B. Watkins | |
| 27 | February | 1942 | Brig W. O. L. O'Carroll | (POW 1.6.42) |
| 1 | July | 1942 | Brig W. G. Richards | |
| 4 | August | 1942 | Lt-Col J.L. Winberg | (acting) |
| | August | 1942 | Brig T.R. Price | |
| | | | | |

Units

| 4 R Tks (1) | (3. 9.39 - 18. 9.39 | 49 R Tks | (10.12.40 - 20. 4.41 |
|-------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|
| | (30. 4.40 - 10.12.40 | | (30. 4.44 - 25.10.44 |
| 7 R Tks | 3. 9.39 - 10.12.40 | 42 R Tks - | (21. 4.41 - 23. 7.41 |
| 8 R Tks (1) | (3. 9.39 - 28. 4.40 | | (11.11.41 - 11.12.41 |
| | (24. 6.40 - 23. 7.41 | | (28.12.41 - 8. 6.42 |
| | (1. 9.41 - 3. 6.42 | | (27. 6.42 - 17.11.44 |
| | (10. 7.42 - 30. 9.42 | 11 R Tks | 18.10.42 - 2.10.44 |
| 44 R Tks | (10.12.40 - 26. 6.41 | | |
| | (27. 7.41 - 3. 6.42 | | |
| | (26. 6.42 - 10. 5.43 | | |
| | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| Aldershot Comd | 3. 9.39 - 29. 4.40 | CHQ BEF | 30. 4.40 - 14. 5.40 |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Corps | 14. 5.40 - 17. 5.40 | GHQ BEF | 18. 5.40 - 20. 5.40 |
| 5 Inf Division | 20. 5.40 - 24. 5.40 | 3 Corps | 25. 5.40 - 26. 5.40 |
| Aldershot Comd | 28. 5.40 - 24. 6.40 | 4 Corps | 25. 6.40 - 30. 6.40 |
| 1 Armd Division | 30. 6.40 - 30. 7.40 | 7 Corps | 31. 7.40 - 24.12.40 |
| Cdn Corps | 25.12.40 - 14. 1.41 | Eastern Comd | 15. 1.41 - 1. 3.41 |
| 12 Corps | 1. 3.41 - 16. 3.41 | South Eastern Comd | 17. 3.41 - 1. 4.41 |
| WO Control | 1. 4.41 - 12. 6.41 | BTE | 12. 6.41 - 28. 7.41 |
| 7 Armd Division | 29. 7.41 - 9.11.41 | 13 Corps | 10.11.41 - 7.12.41 |
| 8 Army | 7.12.41 - 22.12.41 | 2 SA Inf Division | 22.12.41 - 6. 2.42 |
| 13 Corps | 7. 2.42 - 2. 6.42 | 8 Army | 3. 6.42 - 10. 6.42 |
| CHO MEF | 11. 6.42 - 12. 7.42 | 30 Corps | 12. 7.42 - 31. 7.42 |
| CHQ MEF | 1. 8.42 - 25.10.42 | GHO Pal & TJ | 26.10.42 - 31. 1.44 |
| BTE | 1. 2.44 - 5. 4.44 | WO Control | 6. 4.44 - 6. 5.44 |
| 79 Armd Division | 7. 5.44 - 16.10.44 | Loft 21 Army Group | 17.10.44 - 17.11.44 |
| | | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 29. 4.40 | France & Belgium | 30. 4.40 - 27. 5.40 |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 28. 5.40 - 23. 4.41 | At Sea | 23. 4.41 - 12. 6.41 |
| Egypt | 12. 6.41 - 31. 7.41 | Libya | 31. 7.41 - 9. 6.42 |
| Egypt | 9. 6.42 - 24.10.42 | Palestine | 25.10.42 - 31. 1.44 |
| Egypt | 31. 1.44 - 6. 4.44 | At Sea | 6. 4.44 - 22. 4.44 |
| United Kingdom | 22. 4.44 - 9. 8.44 | NW Europe | 10. 8.44 - 17.11.44 |
| | | | |

1st ARMY TANK BRIGADE

Battles

1941 18 November - 10 December

Tobruk 1941

1942 26 May - 21 June 1 July - 27 July 23 October - 4 November

Defence of Alamein Line El Alamein

- Notes: (1) 4 R TKs went to France under command GHQ REF on 19 September 1939 and rejoined the Ede on its arrival in France in April 1940. e R TKs remained in the United Kingdom and did NOT go to France with the Bde.
 - (2) In June 1942 in Libya the Bde suffered heavy casualties and losses in tanks. The Bde withdrew to the Delta in Egypt to refit, while serviceable tanks with their crews from Units were placed under command 32 Army Tank Brigade for operations in the Tobruk area. Survivors rejoined the Bde in July.

2nd TO 5th TANK BRIGADES not formed

6TH GUARDS TANK BRIGADE

15 January 1943 Formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation and reorganization of 6th Guards Armoured Brigade.

2 February 1945 Redesignated 6th Quards Armoured Brigade. (see page 157)

Commander

15 January 1943 Brig G.L. Verney 3 August 1944 Brig Sir W. Bartellot, Bart (killed 18.8.44) 18 August 1944 Brig W.D.C. Greenacre

Units

| 4 | Tk : | Bn | Gren Gds | 15. | 1.43 - | 1. | 2.45 |
|---|------|----|-----------|-----|--------|----|------|
| 4 | Tk : | Bn | Coldm Gds | 15. | 1.43 - | 1. | 2.45 |
| 3 | Tk : | Bn | SG | 15. | 1.43 - | 1. | 2.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| 15 Mixed Division | 15. 1.43 - 9. 9.43 | 8 Corps | 10. 9.43 - 7. 6.44 |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 21 Army Group | 8. 6.44 - 16. 7.44 | 2 Army | 17. 7.44 - 28. 7.44 |
| 15(S) Inf Division | 28. 7.44 - 10. 8.44 | 3 Inf Division | 10. 8.44 - 17. 8.44 |
| 8 Corps | 18. 8.44 - 22. 8.44 | 3 Inf Division | 22. 8.44 - 2.10.44 |
| 8 Corps | 2.10.44 - 19.10.44 | 12 Corps | 20.10.44 - 17.12.44 |
| 1 Cdn Army | 18.12.44 - 20.12.44 | 12 Corps | 20.12.44 - 21.12.44 |
| 9 US Army | 22.12.44 - 28.12.44 | 12 Corps | 28.12.44 - 30. 1.45 |
| 30 Corps | 31. 1.45 - 1. 2.45 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 15. 1.43 - 16. 7.44 | At Sea | 16. 7.44 - 18. 7.4 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------|
| NW Europe | 18. 7.44 - 1. 2.45 | | |

Battles

| 1944 | 30 July - | O Ammet | Mont Pinco |
|------|-----------|---------|------------|
| | | | |



7th TO 9th TANK BRIGADES not formed

10TH TANK BRIGADE

25 July 1942 Formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation and reorganization of 10th Armoured Brigade.

25 November 1943 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

Commander

25 July 1942 Brig P.E. Bowden-Smith 6 October 1943 Lt-Col J.A. Talbot-Ponsonby (acting)

Units

108 RAC 25. 7.42 - 24.11.43 109 RAC 25. 7.42 - 24.11.43 143 RAC 25. 7.42 - 24.11.43

Higher Formations served under

1 Corps District 25. 7.42 - 16.10.42 WO Control 30. 9.43 - 24.11.43

48 Inf Division (1) 17.10.42 - 30. 9.43

Theatre

United Kingdom

25. 7.42 - 24.11.43

Note: (1) During the period under command of this Division the Ede had the role of holding and training reinforcements.

11th TANK BRIGADE

25 July 1942 Formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation and reorganization of 11th Armoured Brigade.

23 November 1943 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

Commander

25 July 1942 Brig H.L. Birks 28 October 1942 Col R.A. France (acting) 2 November 1942 Brig H.C.J. Yeo 1 June 1943 Brig J.G.R. Runciman

Units

 107 RAC
 25. 7.42 - 23.11.43

 110 RAC
 25. 7.42 - 23.11.43

 111 RAC
 25. 7.42 - 23.11.43

Higher Formations served under

3 Armd Group 25. 7.42 - 10. 1.43 77 Inf Division (1) 11. 1.43 - 2.11.43 S Lines Sub-District 3.11.43 - 22.11.43

Theatre

United Kingdom 25. 7.42 - 22.11.43

Note: (1) During the period under command of this Division the Bde had the role of holding and training reinforcements.



22nd TANK BRIGADE not formed

21ST ARMY TANK BRIGADE

| 3 September 1939 | A First Line Territorial A | y Pank Brigade | embodied in the United Kingdom. |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|

6 June 1942 Redesignated 21st Tank Brigade.

11 June 1945 Redesignated 21st Armoured Brigade. (see page 167)

Commander

| | September | | Brig G. P. L. Drake-Brockman | |
|----|-----------|------|------------------------------|---------|
| 26 | September | 1940 | Brig R. Naesmyth | |
| 1 | June | 1941 | Brig T. Ivor Moore | |
| 8 | January | 1944 | Lt-Col A.C. Jackson | (acting |
| 29 | January | 1944 | Lt-Col G. H. Brooks | (acting |
| 8 | February | 1944 | Brig C.E.A. Firth | (|
| 19 | May | 1944 | Lt-Col H.H. Van Straubenzee | |
| 22 | May | 1944 | Brig D. Dawnay | |
| | | | | |

Units

| 42 R Tks | 3. 9.39 - 12. 4.41 |
|----------|---------------------|
| 44 R Tks | 3. 9.39 - 11. 9.40 |
| 48 R Tks | 3. 9.39 - 10. 6.45 |
| 43 R Tks | 9.11.40 - 26. 4.41 |
| 12 R Tks | 26. 4.41 - 10. 6.45 |
| 145 RAC | 15.11.41 - 4.12.44 |
| NIH | 4.12.44 - 10. 6.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| Eastern Comd
CHQ Home Forces | 3. 9.39 - 13. 6.40
14. 7.40 - 17.10.40 | 11 Corps | 14. 6.40 - 13. 7.40 |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 Army
AFHQ | 1. 5.42 - 5. 6.42
12.12.43 - 2. 5.44 | 11 Corps
4 Inf Division
8 Army | 18.10.40 - 30. 4.42
6. 6.42 - 12.12.43
3. 5.44 - 6. 7.44 |
| 1 Cdn Corps
No 1 District | 7. 7.44 - 15. 2.45
16. 5.45 - 10. 6.45 | 5 Corps | 16. 2.45 - 15. 5.45 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
N Africa
Italy | 24. | 3.42 | - 2. | 3.42
5.44
6.45 | At Sea
At Sea | | 3.42
5.44 | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|------|------|----------------------|------------------|--|--------------|--|--|--|
|-------------------------------------|-----|------|------|----------------------|------------------|--|--------------|--|--|--|

Battles

| 1943 | 23 April - 30 April
5 May - 12 May | Medjez Plain
Tunis |
|------|---|---|
| 1944 | 25 August - 22 September
14 September - 21 September
2 December - 31 December | Gothic Line
Rimini Line
Lamone Crossing |
| 1945 | 13 April - 21 April | Argenta Gap |

23RD ARMY TANK BRIGADE

| 3 September 1939 | A Second Line Territorial Army Tank Brigade embodied i | in the United Kingdom. |
|------------------|--|------------------------|
| 1 Novembon 1040 | Redecionated Sand Armoured Brigade and reorganized. | (see page 170). |

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig W. F. Murrogh

Units

| 40 | R | Tks | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31.10.4 |
|----|---|-----|----|------|---|----------|
| 46 | R | Tks | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31.10.4 |
| 50 | R | Tks | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31.10.40 |

Higher Formation served under

| Western | Comd | 3. | 9.39 - | 31.10.4 |
|---------|------|----|--------|---------|
| | | | | |

Theatre

United Kingdom 3. 9.39 - 31.10.40

21ST ARMY TANK BRIGADE

| 3 September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Tank Brigade embodied in | the United Kingdom. |
|---|---------------------|
|---|---------------------|

6 June 1942 Redesignated 21st Tank Brigade.

11 June 1945 Redesignated 21st Armoured Brigade. (see page 167)

Commander

| | September
September | | Brig G.P.L. Drake-Brockman
Brig R. Naesmyth | |
|----|------------------------|------|--|---------|
| 1 | June | 1941 | Brig T. Ivor Moore | |
| 8 | January | 1944 | Lt-Col A.C. Jackson | (acting |
| | January | 1944 | Lt-Col G.H. Brooks | (acting |
| 8 | February | 1944 | Brig C.E.A. Firth | |
| 19 | May | 1944 | Lt-Col H.H. Van Straubenzee | |
| 22 | May | 1944 | Brig D. Dawnay | |
| | | | | |

Units

| 42 R Tks | 3. 9.39 - 12. 4.41 |
|----------|---------------------|
| 44 R Tks | 3. 9.39 - 11. 9.40 |
| 48 R Tks | 3. 9.39 - 10. 6.45 |
| 43 R Tks | 9.11.40 - 26, 4.41 |
| 12 R Tks | 26. 4.41 - 10. 6.45 |
| 145 RAC | 15.11.41 - 4.12.44 |
| NIH | 4.12.44 - 10. 6.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| Eastern Comd
CHQ Home Forces
1 Army | 3. 9.39 - 13. 6.40
14. 7.40 - 17.10.40
1. 5.42 - 5. 6.42 | 11 Corps
11 Corps
4 Inf Division | 14. 6.40 - 13. 7.40
18.10.40 - 30. 4.42
6. 6.42 - 12.12.43 |
|---|--|--|--|
| AFHQ | 12.12.43 - 2. 5.44 | 8 Army | 3. 5.44 - 8. 7.44 |
| 1 Cdn Corps
No 1 District | 7. 7.44 - 15. 2.45 | 5 Corps | 16. 2.45 - 15. 5.45 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
N Africa
Italy | 3. 9.39 - 12. 3.42
24. 3.42 - 2. 5.44
3. 5.44 - 10. 6.45 | At Sea
At Sea | 12. 3.42 - 24. 3.42
2. 5.44 - 3. 5.44 |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|--|
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|--|

Battles

Mediez Plain

1943 23 April - 30 April

| | 5 May - 12 May | Tunis |
|------|---|---|
| 1944 | 25 August - 22 September
14 September - 21 September
2 December - 31 December | Gothic Line
Rimini Line
Lamone Crossing |
| 1945 | 13 April - 21 April | Ammonto Con |

23RD ARMY TANK BRIGADE

| 3 September 1939 | A Second Line Territorial Army Tank Brigade embodied | in the United Kingdom. |
|------------------|--|------------------------|
| 1 November 1940 | Redesignated 23rd Armoured Brigade and reorganized. | (see page 170). |

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig W. F. Murrogh

Units

| 40 | R | Tks | 3. 9.39 - 31.10.4 |
|----|---|-----|-------------------|
| 46 | R | Tks | 3. 9.39 - 31.10.4 |
| 50 | R | Tks | 3. 9.39 - 31.10.4 |

Higher Formation served under

| Western | Comd | 3. | 9. | 39 | - | 31.1 | 0.4 | (|
|---------|------|----|----|----|---|------|-----|---|
| | | | | | | | | |

Theatre

| mited | Kingdom | | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31.10.40 |
|-------|---------|--|----|------|---|----------|

22nd TANK BRIGADE not formed

21ST ARMY TANK BRIGADE

| 3 | September | 1939 | A | First | Line | Terri torial | Army | Tank | Brigade | embodied | in | the United Kingdom. |
|---|-----------|------|---|-------|------|--------------|------|------|---------|----------|----|---------------------|
|---|-----------|------|---|-------|------|--------------|------|------|---------|----------|----|---------------------|

6 June 1942 Redesignated 21st Tank Brigade.

1945 Redesignated 21st Armoured Brigade. (see page 167) 11 June

Commander

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| ng) |
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| |

Units

| 42 R Tks | 3. 9.39 - 12. 4.41 |
|----------|---------------------|
| 44 R Tks | 3. 9.39 - 11. 9.40 |
| 48 R Tks | 3. 9.39 - 10. 6.45 |
| 43 R Tks | 9.11.40 - 26. 4.41 |
| 12 R Tks | 26. 4.41 - 10. 6.45 |
| 145 RAC | 15.11.41 - 4.12.44 |
| NIH | 4.12.44 - 10. 6.45 |
| | |

Higher Formations served under

| Eastern Comd CHQ Home Forces 1 Army AFHQ 1 Cdn Corps | 3. 9.39 - 13. 6.40 | 11 Corps | 14. 6.40 - 13. 7.40 |
|--|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| | 14. 7.40 - 17.10.40 | 11 Corps | 18.10.40 - 30. 4.42 |
| | 1. 5.42 - 5. 6.42 | 4 Inf Division | 6. 6.42 - 12.12.43 |
| | 12.12.43 - 2. 5.44 | 8 Army | 3. 5.44 - 6. 7.44 |
| | 7. 7.44 - 15. 2.45 | 5 Corps | 16. 2.45 - 15. 5.45 |
| No 1 District | 16. 5.45 - 10. 6.45 | 0 00195 | 10. 2.40 - 10. 0.40 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
N Africa
Italy | 24. 3 | 9.39 -
3.42 -
5.44 - | 2. | 5.44 | At Sea
At Sea | | 3.42
5.44 | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----|------|------------------|--|--------------|--|--|--|
|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----|------|------------------|--|--------------|--|--|--|

Battles

| 1948 | 23 April - 30 April
5 May - 12 May | Medjez Plain
Tunis |
|------|---|---|
| 1944 | 25 August - 22 September
14 September - 21 September
2 December - 31 December | Gothic Line
Rimini Line
Lamone Crossing |
| 1945 | 13 April - 21 April | Argenta Gap |

23RD ARMY TANK BRIGADE

| 3 September 1939 | A Second Line Territorial Army Tank Brigade embodied | in the United Kingdom. |
|------------------|--|------------------------|
| 1 November 1940 | Redesignated 23rd Armoured Brigade and reorganized. | (see page 170). |

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig W. F. Murrogh

Units

| 40 | R | Tks | 3. | 9.39 - | 31.10.4 |
|----|---|-----|----|--------|---------|
| 46 | R | Tks | 3. | 9.39 - | 31.10.4 |
| 50 | R | Tks | 3. | 9.39 - | 31.10.4 |

Higher Formation served under

| Western Comd 3, 9.39 | - | 31.10.4 |
|----------------------|---|---------|

Theatre

| United Kingdom 3. | 9.39 - | 31.10.40 |
|-------------------|--------|----------|
|-------------------|--------|----------|

24th ARMY TANK BRIGADE

3 September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Tank Brigade embodied in the United Kingdom.

1 November 1940 Redesignated 24th Armoured Brigade and reorganized. (see page 173).

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig K.E.S. Stewart 19 September 1940 Brig A.G. Kenchington

Units

41 R TKs 3. 9.39 - 31.10.40 45 R Tks 3. 9.39 - 31.10.40 47 R Tks 3. 9.39 - 31.10.40

Higher Formations served under

Northern Comd

3. 9.39 - 31.10.40

Theatre

United Kingdom

3. 9.39 - 31.10.40

25th ARMY TANK BRIGADE

3 September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Tank Brigade embodied in the United Kingdom.

28 May 1940 Redesignated and reorganized as 2nd Motor Machine Gun Brigade. (see page 211).

10 December 1940 Reconverted to 25th Army Tank Brigade and reorganized.

1 June 1942 Redesignated 25th Tank Brigade.

5 January 1945 Brigade Headquarters redesignated Headquarters 25th Armoured Assault Brigade Royal Engineers. (see page 175).

Commander

3 September 1939 | Brig T.D. Murray | 10 December 1940 | Brig T.D. Murray | 4 August 1942 | Brig R.H. Maxwell | (wounded 28.5.43) | 26 May 1943 | Lt-Col D. Dawnay | (acting) | Brig J.N. Tetley | 19 December 1944 | Brig E.W.H. Clarke

Unite

| 43 R Tks | (3. 9.39 - 28. 5.40 | 11 R Tks | (10.12.40 - 26. 4.41 |
|----------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|
| | (27. 4.41 - 17.10.41 | | (29. 2.42 - 5. 8.42 |
| 49 R Tks | (3. 9.39 - 28. 5.40 | 12 R Tks | 10.12.40 - 26. 4.41 |
| | (27. 4.41 - 28. 2.42 | 142 RAC | 9.11.41 - 18.12.44 |
| 51 R Tks | (3. 9.39 - 28. 5.40 | 151 RAC | 5. 8.42 - 2. 9.42 |
| | (10.12.40 - 4. 1.45 | NIH | 3. 9.42 - 3.12.44 |

Higher Formations served under

| Northern Comd | 3. 9.39 - 27. 5.40 | Northern Comd | 10.12.40 - 22. 2.41 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Corps | 22. 2.41 - 26. 4.41 | South Eastern Comd | 27. 4.41 - 26.10.41 |
| 12 Corps | 27.10.41 - 31. 5.42 | 43 Inf Division | 1. 6.42 - 2. 9.42 |
| 1 Inf Division | 3. 9.42 - 13.11.42 | 54 Inf Division | 14.11.42 - 29.12.42 |
| WO Control | 29.12.42 - 2. 2.43 | 1 Army | 2. 2.43 - 25. 2.43 |
| 5 Corps | 25. 2.43 - 21. 9.43 | AFHQ | 22. 9.43 - 17. 4.44 |
| 8 Army | 17. 4.44 - 29. 4.44 | 1 Cdn Corps | 30. 4.44 - 3. 6.44 |
| 13 Corps | 4. 6.44 - 9. 6.44 | 10 Corps | 9. 6.44 - 17. 6.44 |
| 8 Army | 17. 6.44 - 17. 7.44 | 13 Corps | 18. 7.44 - 7. 8.44 |
| 5 Corps | 8. 8.44 - 6. 9.44 | 1 Cdn Corps | 7. 9.44 - 22. 9.44 |
| 5 Corps | 23. 9.44 - 4. 1.45 | | |
| | | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 22. 1.43 | At Sea | 23. 1.43 - 1. 2.43 |
|----------------|--------------------|--------|---------------------|
| N Africa | 2. 2.43 - 17. 4.44 | At Sea | 17. 4.44 - 18. 4.44 |
| Italy | 18. 4.44 - 4. 1.45 | | |

Battles

1943 23 April - 30 April Medjez Plain 5 May - 12 May Tunis

1944 17 July - 10 August Advance to Florence 25 August - 22 September Gothic Line 14 September - 21 September Rimini Line

26th TO 30th TANK BRIGADES not formed

31st ARMY TANK BRIGADE

15 January 1941 Formed in the United Kingdom.

May 1942 Redesignated 31st Tank Brigade.

2 February 1945 Redesignated 31st Armoured Brigade (Type "B"). (see page 182).

Commander

15 January 1941 Brig T.D. Murray 1 March 1941 Brig T.R. Price 24 August 1942 Brig G.S. Knight

Units

| 9 R Tks
10 R Tks | 15. 1.41 - 31. 8.44
15. 1.41 - 21. 2.43 | 144 RAC
1 FF Yeo | 23. 8.44 - 31. 8.44
2.11.44 - 1. 2.45 |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------|--|
| 141 RAC | (8.11.41 - 21. 6.44
(4. 9.44 - 1. 2.45 | 11 R Tks
49 APC Regt | 2.11.44 - 22.12.44 |
| 7 R Tks | 22. 2.43 - 17. 8.44 | 1 Cdn APC Regt | 22.12.44 - 1. 2.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| Northern Comd | 15. 1.41 - 28.11.41 | South Eastern Comd | 29.11.41 - 16. 5.42 |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 53 Mixed Division | 17. 5.42 - 10. 9.43 | 12 Corps | 10. 9.43 - 20.12.43 |
| 30 Corps
2 Army | 20.12.43 - 20. 1.44 | 12 Corps | 20. 1.44 - 30. 1.44 |
| 15(S) Inf Division | 31. 1.44 - 8. 4.44 | 8 Corps | 9. 4.44 - 22. 6.44 |
| 1 Corps | 22. 6.44 - 25. 7.44 | 12 Corps | 26. 7.44 - 5. 8.44 |
| 1 Corps | 6. 8.44 - 12. 8.44 | 2 Cdn Corps | 13. 8.44 - 14. 8.44 |
| 1 001 ps | 15. 8.44 - 3. 9.44 | 79 Armd Division (1) | 1 9 11 - 1 9 15 |

Theatres

United Kingdom 15. 1.41 - 18. 7.44 NW Europe 19. 7.44 - 1. 2.45

Battles

1944 25 June - 2 July The Odon 4 July - 18 July Caen

Note: (1) On joining this Division the Units in the Bde were re-equipped with specialised armour. The normal basic organization for a Tank Bde was not adhered to from September 1944.

32nd ARMY TANK BRIGADE

15 September 1941 Brigade Headquarters formed in Egypt. (1)

22 June 1942 Brigade captured in Tobruk by the Germans and was never reformed. (3)

Commander

15 September 1941 Brig A.C. Willison

Units (2)

| 1 | R | Tks | 18. | 9.41 | - | 21. | 1.4 |
|---|---|-----|------|------|---|-----|-----|
| | | Tks | 19. | 9.41 | - | 21. | 6.4 |
| 7 | R | Tks | (18. | 9.41 | - | 22. | 1 |
| | | | (10- | 4.42 | - | 21. | 6.4 |

Higher Formations served under

| 9 Aust Inf Division | 18. 9.41 - 22.10.41 | 70 Inf Division | 22.10.41 - 12.12.41 |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 13 Corps | 12.12.41 - 20.12.41 | BTE | 24.12.41 - 24. 1.42 |
| 9 Army | 26. 1.42 - 9. 4.42 | BTE | 11. 4.42 - 31. 5.42 |
| 13 Corps | 1. 6.42 - 10. 6.42 | 1 Armd Division | 11. 6.42 - 14. 6.42 |
| o CA Inf Divioion | 14. 8.42 - 22. 8.42 | | |

Theatres

| Libya | 18. 9.41 - 24.12.41 |
|-----------|---------------------|
| Palestine | 26. 1.42 - 10. 4.42 |
| Libya | 1. 6.42 - 22. 6.42 |
| | Palestine |

Battles

| 1941 | 8 April - 10 December
18 November - 10 December | Defence of Tobruk
Tobruk 1941 |
|------|--|----------------------------------|
| 4040 | on Maria Od Tumo | Comple |

- Notes: (1) Brigade Headquarters moved by sea to Tobruk arriving on 18 September 1941 and took command of RAC Units of 3 Armd Brigade.
 - (2) On 14 June 1942 details of Units of 1 Army Tk Brigade came under command in Tobruk to form a composite Army Tank Bde.
 - (3) Brigade HQ was officially disbanded by CHQ MEF wef 1 August 1942.

33rd ARMY TANK BRIGADE

30 August 1941 Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom. (1)

June 1942 Redesignated 33rd Tank Brigade.

17 March 1944 Redesignated 33rd Armoured Brigade. (see page 183).

Commander

30 August 1941 Brig R.M. Jerram 22 December 1942 Brig C.H. Montague 7 March 1944 Brig H.B. Scott

Units

| 43 R Tks | 18.10.41 - 5. 8.43 |
|----------------|----------------------|
| 144 RAC | 22.11.41 - 16. 3.44 |
| 148 RAC | (22.11.41 - 8.10.43 |
| | (17. 2.44 - 16. 3.44 |
| 1 N Yeo | 21. 9.43 - 16. 3.44 |
| 1 E Riding Yeo | |
| I wilding 100 | 8.10.43 - 17. 2.44 |

Higher Formations served under

| GHQ Home Forces 1 Corps 79 Armd Division 49 Inf Division | 30. 8.41 - 27.10.41 | Fastern Comd | 28.10.41 - 1.12.41 |
|--|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | 2.12.41 - 21. 6.42 | 3 Mixed Division | 22.6.42 - 4.5.43 |
| | 5. 5.43 - 7. 8.43 | 1 Corps | 8.8.43 - 19.10.43 |
| | 20.10.43 - 28. 2.44 | 21 Army Group | 28.2.44 - 16.3.44 |

Theatre

United Kingdom

30. 8.41 - 16. 3.44

Note: (1) Formed originally to supervise the training of Inf Ens converted to TK Ens.
On 15 October 1941 Brigade HQ was completed to establishment and became an active
Brigade.

34th ARMY TANK BRIGADE

| 1 December 1941 | Headquarters formed by conversion and redesignation of Headquarters |
|-----------------|---|
| | 226th Independent Infantry Brigade (Home). |

June 1942 Redesignated 34th Tank Brigade.

2 February 1945 Redesignated 34th Armoured Brigade. (see page 184).

Commander

1 December 1941 Brig J.N. Tetley 3 July 1943 Brig W.S. Clarke

Units

| 1.12.41 - 3. 9.42 |
|--------------------|
| 1.12.41 - 1. 2.45 |
| 1.12.41 - 24. 8.44 |
| 3. 9.42 - 30.12.43 |
| 30.12.43 - 1. 2.45 |
| 4. 9.44 - 1. 2.45 |
| |

Higher Formations served under

| Southern Comd | 1.12.41 - 7. 6.42 | 1 Mixed Division | 8. 6.42 - 2. 9.42
10. 9.43 - 16. 9.43 |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|--|
| 43 Mixed Division | 3. 9.42 - 10. 9.43 | 12 Corps | |
| 59 Inf Division | 16. 9.43 - 22. 1.44 | 12 Corps | 22. 1.44 - 15. 6.44 |
| 21 Army Group | 15. 6.44 - 7. 7.44 | 1 Corps | 8. 7.44 - 9. 7.44 |
| 12 Corps | 9. 7.44 - 2. 9.44 | 1 Corps | 3. 9.44 - 18. 9.44 |
| 1 Cdn Army | 19. 9.44 - 6.10.44 | 1 Corps | 6.10.44 - 7.10.44 |
| 51(H) Inf Division | 7.10.44 - 16.10.44 | 49 Inf Division | 16.10.44 - 6.11.44 |
| 1 Corps | 7.11.44 - 29.11.44 | 12 Corps | 30.11.44 - 26.12.44 |
| 30 Corps | 27.12.44 - 1. 2.45 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 1.12.41 - | 2. 7.44 | NW Europe | 3. 7.44 - 1. 2.45 |
|----------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-------------------|

Battles

1944 1 October - 8 November The Scheldt

35th ARMY TANK BRIGADE

1 December 1941 Headquarters formed by conversion and redesignation of Headquarters 225th Independent Infantry Brigade (Home). (1)

12 August 1942 Redesignated 35th Tank Brigade. (2)

14 July 1945 Redesignated 35th Armoured Brigade . (see page 185).

Commander

4 December 1941 Brig H.T. de B. Lipscomb

Units

| 151 RAC | 1. 1.42 - 4. 8.4 | 2 |
|----------|--------------------|---|
| 152 RAC | 1. 1.42 - 13. 7.4 | |
| 155 RAC | 1. 1.42 - 13. 7.4 | |
| 49 R Tks | 16. 8.42 - 30. 4.4 | |
| 43 R Tks | 13. 7.44 - 30. 5.4 | |
| 8 KRRC | 17. 9.44 - 13. 7.4 | |
| | | |

Higher Formations served under

Northern Comd 79 Armd Division 1.12.41 - 7. 8.42 10. 4.43 - 26. 4.44 GHQ Home Forces GHQ Home Forces 8. 8.42 - 9. 4.43 27. 4.44 - 13. 7.45

Theatre

United Kingdom

1. 2.41 - 13. 7.45

Notes: (1) The Bde Comd assumed command on 4 December 1941.

(2) The following Units were placed under command in addition to the normal establishment from the dates stated:

| R Wilts Yeo | 27. 3.45 |
|-------------|----------|
| Warwick Yeo | 27. 3.45 |
| 1 RCH | 16. 6.48 |
| Yorks H | 16. 6.45 |

36th ARMY TANK BRIGADE

1 December 1941 Headquarters formed by conversion and redesignation of Headquarters 205th Independent Infantry Brigade (Home).

12 August 1942 Redesignated 36th Tank Brigade.

31 July 1943 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

Commander

1 December 1941 Brig R. Morton 27 December 1941 Brig K.E.S. Stewart 24 May 1943 Lt-Col J.P. Fowler-Esson (acting)

(doutin

Units

 154 RAC
 1. 1.42 - 30. 7.43

 168 RAC
 10. 1.42 - 30. 7.43

 157 RAC
 17. 1.42 - 30. 7.43

Higher Formation served under

Eastern Comd

1.12.41 - 30. 7.43

Theatre

United Kingdom

1.12.41 - 30. 7.43

(d) MOTOR MACHINE GUN BRIGADES

The Armoured and Tank Regiments in these Brigades were organized:

Regimental Headquarters and 3 Squadrons each of three Troops. Each Troop was equipped with 6 2-seater utility cars carrying 2 kMGs, 2 LMGs and 2 Atk rifles: remainder of personal carried in cars and trucks as mobile infantry. Each Regiment total personnel 33 Offs and 511 ORs. Brigade Headquarters Squadron equipped with 2 LT Panks, MGS and Atk rifles.

1st MOTOR MACHINE GUN BRIGADE

30 May 1940 Formed in the United Kingdom.

12 October 1940 Redesignated and reorganized as 26th Armoured Brigade (see page 176).

Commander

30 May 1940 Brig M. B. Burrows

Units

16/5 L 17/21 L 2 Lothians 30. 5.40 - 11.10.40 30. 5.40 - 11.10.40 12. 6.40 - 11.10.40

Additional Units under command:

1 MMG Bde Coy RASC 165 Lt Fd Amb

Higher Formations served under

Eastern Comd

30. 5.40 - 11. 6.40

11. 6.40 - 11.10.40

Theatre

United Kingdom

30. 5.40 - 11.10.40

12 Corps

2nd MOTOR MACHINE GUN BRIGADE

1 June 1940 Formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation and reorganization of 25th Army Tank Brigade.

10 December 1940 Redesignated and reorganized as 25th Army Tank Brigade. (see page 203).

Commander

1 June 1940 Brig T. D. Murray

Units

43 R Tks 1. 6.40 - 9.11.40 49 R Tks 1. 6.40 - 9.12.40 57 R Tks 1. 6.40 - 9.12.40 11 R Tks 22.11.40 - 9.12.40

Additional Units under command:

2 MMG Bde Coy RASC 151 Lt Fd Amb

Higher Formations served under

Northern Comd

1. 6.40 - 18. 7.40

1 Corps

18. 7.40 - 9.12.40

Theatre

United Kingdom

1. 6.40 - 9.12.40

3rd MOTOR MACHINE GUN BRIGADE

23 June 1940 Formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation and reorganization of 2nd Armoured Reconnaissance Brigade.

1 December 1940 Redesignated and reorganized 28th Armoured Brigade (see page 179).

Commander

23 June 1940 Brig H. Lumsden

Units

5 DG 23. 6.40 - 30.11.40 15/19 H 23. 6.40 - 30.11.40 1 FF Yeo 23. 6.40 - 30.11.40

Additional Units under command:

3 MMG Bde Coy RASC 201 Lt Fd Amb

Higher Formations served under

Western Comd 23. 6.40 - 18.11.40

4 Corps

19.11.40 - 30.11.40

Theatre

United Kingdom

23. 6.40 - 30.11.40

(e) SUPPORT GROUPS

Changes in Basic Organization

September 1939 Consisted of: HQ Support Group, Two Regts RHA, One Fd Pk Sqn RE (included Fd Pk Tp RE), and Two Mot Bns. Consisted of: HQ Support Group, December 1939 One Regt RHA, One LAA/Atk Regt RA, (1) One Fd Sqn RE, One Fd Pk Tp RE and Two Mot Bns. The RE Units became Divisional Troops under III April 1940 HQ Divisional RE. October 1940 Consisted of: HQ Support Group, One Regt RHA, One Atk Regt RA, One LAA Regt RA and one Lor Inf Bn. The Two Mot Bns were transferred one each to the Armd Bdes of the Division. In the United Kingdom the Support Groups remained February 1942 the same. But in the Middle East they were abolished. Support Groups were abolished in the United Kingdom.

Note: (1) Only 1 & 2 Support Groups had this type of Unit.

GUARDS SUPPORT GROUP

15 September 1941 Formed in the United Kingdom. (1) Headquarters formed by redesignation of Headquarters 7th Infantry Brigade (Quards).

1 June 1942 Disbanded in the United Kingdom; Headquarters formed Headquarters RA Guards Armoured Division.

Commander

15 September 1941 Brig A. de L. Cazenove 10 October 1941 Brig L. C. Manners-Smith

Units

153 Fd Regt 21 Atk Regt 94 LAA Regt 25

10.10.41 - 31. 5.42 10.10.41 - 31. 5.42 27. 1.42 - 31. 5.42 1 WG

Inf 15. 9.41 - 31. 5.42

Higher Formations served under

Gds Armd Division

15. 9.41 - 31. 5.42

Theatre

United Kingdom

15. 9.41 - 31. 5.42

Note: (1) On Basic Organization No IV.

1st SUPPORT GROUP

September 1939 A Regular Formation in 1st Armoured Division in the United Kingdom. (1)
11 February 1942 Group dispersed and Headquarters disbanded in the Middle East.

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig F. E. Morgan 4 November 1940 Brig C. M. Vallentin

Units

| <u>R</u> | <u>A</u> | | RE |
|--|--|---|--|
| 1 RHA
2 RHA | 3. 9.39 - 20.10.39
(3. 9.39 - 20.10.39
(31. 1.42 - 11. 2.42 | 1 Fd Sqn
1 Fd Pk Tp | 3. 9.39 - 31. 1.40
3. 9.39 - 31. 1.40 |
| 60 Atk Regt
101 LAA/Atk Regt
11 RHA
61 LAA Regt
76 Atk Regt
82 LAA Regt
102(NH) Atk Regt | 22.12.39 - 14. 2.40
15. 2.40 - 31.10.40
9. 8.40 - 29. 1.42
1.11.40 - 26. 1.42
1.11.40 - 29. 1.42
26. 1.42 - 11. 2.42
29. 1.42 - 11. 2.42 | 1 RB
2 KRRC
9 Foresters
2 KRRC | 3. 9.39 - 24. 4.40
3. 9.39 - 24. 4.40
29. 1.41 - 2. 8.41
2. 8.41 - 11. 2.42 |

Higher Formations served under

1 Armd Division

3. 9.39 - 10. 2.42

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 14. 5.40 | France | 15. 5.40 - 16. 6.40 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 17. 6.40 - 27. 9.41 | At Sea | 27. 9.41 - 5.12.41 |
| Egypt | 5.12.41 - 20.12.41 | Libya | 20.12.41 - 11. 2.42 |

Note: (1) In October 1939 the two Rests RHA joined the BEF and in April 1940 both Inf Bns joined 30th Inf Bde. This the Group Went to France in May 1940 consisting of only HQ and IoI LAM/ARK REG RA.

2nd SUPPORT GROUP

5 February 1940 Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom. (1)

April/May 1941 On 17 April Headquarters returned to Egypt and was disbanded on 18 May.

Commander

5 February 1940 Brig H. B. Latham 8 April 1941 Brig W. H. E. Gott 16 April 1941 Brig H. B. Latham

Units

| 102(NH) LAA/Atk Regt 1.3.40 - 6.2.41 3 Fd Sqn 1.3.40 - 9.6.4
12 RHA 19.4.40 - 7.8.40 142 Fd Pk Tp 30.3.40 - 9.6.4
102 (NH) Atk Regt 7.2.41 - 25.2.41
15 LAA Regt 9.2.41 - 21.2.41
104 RHA 26.3.41 - 4.4.41 1 Rangers 1.3.40 - 25.2.4
1 THR (1.3.40 - 19.2.4
(2.3.41 - 15.5.4 | RA | | | RE | |
|--|--|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | 12 RHA
2 RHA
102(NH) Atk Regt
15 LAA Regt | 19. 4.40 - 7. 8.40
11. 7.40 - 25. 2.41
7. 2.41 - 23. 2.41
9. 2.41 - 21. 2.41 | 142 Fd Pk Tp
1 Rangers | 30.
<u>Inf</u>
1.
(1. | 3.40 - 9. 6.40
3.40 - 25. 2.41
3.40 - 19. 2.41 |

Higher Formations served under

| 2 | Armd Division | 5. 2.40 - | 8. 4.41 | Cyrenaica Comd | 8. 4.41 - 12. 4.41 |
|-----|---------------|------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|
| GQH | MEF | 12. 4.41 - | 7. 5.41 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 5. 2.40 - 15.11.40 | At Sea | 16.11.40 - 31.12.4 |
|----------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Egypt | 1. 1.41 - 12. 3.41 | Libya | 13. 3.41 - 16. 4.4 |
| Revnt. | 17 / /1 = 17 5 /1 | | |

Note: (1) The Comd assumed command on 5 February 1940; Gp HQ opened on 1 March 1940 when some of its Units joined. 2 RHA, earmarked for this Group, was in France under command the BEF and did not join until July 1940. The Group was formed on Basic Organization No II.

3rd, 4th AND 5th SUPPORT GROUPS not formed

6th SUPPORT GROUP

| 2 | November | 1940 | Formed in the United Kingdom. (1) |
|-----|----------|------|---|
| - 1 | June | 1942 | Disbanded in the United Kingdom. Headquarters became Headquarters RA 6th Armoured Division. |

Commander

2 November 1940 Brig T. Lyon-Smith

Units

RA Inf

12 RHA 2.11.40 - 31. 5.42 9 RWK 3. 2.41 - 24. 4.42

72 Atk Regt 2.11.40 - 31. 5.42

15 LAA Regt 15. 1.41 - 31. 5.42

Higher Formations served under

6 Armd Division 2.11.40 - 31. 5.42

Theatre

United Kingdom 2.11.40 - 31. 5.42

Note: (1) On Basic Organization No IV.

7th SUPPORT GROUP

22 January 1940 Formed in the Middle East. (1)

9 February 1942 Redesignated 7th Motor Brigade Group. (see page 244).

Commander

| 16 February 1940 Brig W. H. E. Gott
12 September 1941 Brig J. C. Campbell | | | | (actin |
|--|--|--|--|--------|
|--|--|--|--|--------|

Units

| | RA | Inf |
|---|----|--|
| 'M' Bty 3 RHA 'C' Bty 4 RHA 1 LAA Bty 3 RHA 4 RHA 38 LAA Bty 1 LAA Regt | | 1 KRRC (22. 1.40 - 29. 3.41
(16. 4.41 - 25.11.41
2 RB (22. 1.40 - 12. 4.41
(3. 5.41 - 8. 2.42 |

Higher Formations served under

| 13 Corps 2 | 32. 1.40 - 15.
13. 4.41 - 5.
27.12.41 - 4.
19. 1.42 - 8. | 6.41 | 7 Armd Division | 16. 2.40 - 12. 4.41
6. 6.41 - 27.12.41
4. 1.42 - 18. 1.42 |
|------------|---|------|-----------------|---|
|------------|---|------|-----------------|---|

Theatres

| Egypt
Egypt
Egypt | 22. 1.40 - 13. 5.40
1. 3.41 - 17.11.41
18. 1.42 - 8. 2.42 | Libya
Libya | 13. 5.40 - 28. 2.41
18.11.41 - 18. 1.42 |
|-------------------------|---|----------------|--|
| | 10. 1. TO 0. C. 4C | | |

Battles

| , | 8 December | - 11 December | Sidi Barrani |
|---|--------------------------|--|---|
| | 21 January
5 February | - 5 January
- 22 January
- 8 February
- 10 December | Bardia 1941
Capture of Tobru
Beda Fomm
Tobruk 1941 |

Note: (1) On Basic Organization No II, less LAA/Atk Regt RA and RE Units which were not formed at this time. In March 1941 changed to Basic Organization No IV but retained the two Mot Bns.

1941

8th SUPPORT GROUP

| 7 November | 1940 | Headquarters | formed in | the United | Kingdom. | (1) |
|------------|------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|-----|
| 23 July | 1942 | Dishanded in | the Middle | e Fast. | | |

Commander

11 November 1940 Brig H. M. Stanford

Units

| | RA | Inf | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------|---------------------|--|
| 73 Atk Regt
5 RHA
56 LAA Regt | 8.11.40 - 12. 7.42
18.12.40 - 17. 7.42
24. 1.41 - 22. 7.42 | 14 Foresters | 30.11.40 - 22. 7.42 | |

Higher Formations served under

8 Armd Division 7.11.40 - 22. 7.42

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 7.11.40 - 7. 5.42 | At Sea | 8. 5.42 - 18. 7.42 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Egypt. | 18. 7.49 - 99. 7.49 | | |

Note: (1) On Basic Organization No IV.

9th SUPPORT GROUP

4 December 1940 Formed in the United Kingdom. (1)

12 June 1942 Disbanded in the United Kingdom. Headquarters became Headquarters RA

9th Armoured Division.

Commander

16 December 1940 Brig F. C. F. Cleeve 26 May 1941 Brig J. C. D'Arcy

Units

RA

6 RHA

74 Atk Regt

54 LAA Regt

4.12.40 - 11. 6.42 12.12.40 - 11. 6.42 10. 3.41 - 11. 6.42

11 Word R

18.12.40 - 11. 6.42

Inf

Higher Formations served under

9 Armd Division

4.12.40 - 11. 6.42

Theatre

United Kingdom

4.12.40 - 11. 6.42

Note: (1) On Basic Organization No IV.

10th SUPPORT GROUP not formed

11th SUPPORT GROUP

9 March 1941 Formed in the United Kingdom. (1)

1942 Disbanded in the United Kingdom. Headquarters became Headquarters RA 1 June

11th Armoured Division.

Commander

9 March 1941 Brig M. A. B. Johnston

14 November 1941 Brig E. P. N. Jones

Units

RA

13 RHA

75 Atk Regt

58 LAA Regt

9. 3.41 - 31. 5.42 9. 3.41 - 31. 5.42 7. 5.41 - 31. 5.42

8 RUR

9. 3.41 - 8. 5.41 9. 5.41 - 8. 5.42

12 Green Howards

Inf

Higher Formations served under

11 Armd Division

9. 3.41 - 31. 5.42

Theatre

United Kingdom'

9. 3.41 - 31. 5.42

Note: (1) On Basic Organization No IV.

42nd SUPPORT GROUP

1 November 1941 Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation of Headquarters 127th Infantry Brigade. (1)

1 June 1942 Disbanded in the United Kingdom. Headquarters became Headquarters RA 42nd Armoured Division.

Commander

1 November 1941 Brig C. C. G. Nicholson

Units

RA

93 LAA Regt

147 Fd Regt 1.11.41 - 31. 5.42 53 Atk Regt 1.11.41 - 31. 5.42

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1.11.41 - 31. 5.42

Higher Formations served under

42 Armd Division 1.11.41 - 31. 5.42

Theatre

United Kingdom

26. 1.42 - 31. 5.42

1.11.41 - 31. 5.42

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Note: (1) On Basic Organization No IV.

PART III

Infantry Brigades

Notes: (a) 201st TO 227th INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADES (HOME). (pages 364 to 390)

These Brigades were formed in 1940 for Home Service only in a static role and consisted of 4 or 5 Inf Bms (new, holding or unbrigaded). Each Brigade Headquarters was formed on W.E V/1931/19/1. On reorganization of the Forces in the United Kingdom in November 1941 the following Brigade Headquarters were placed on WE II/2/8 dropping (HOME) from their title thus undertaking operational and administrative responsibilities analogous to those of a Brigade Headquarters in the field:

203, 204, 208, 207, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 218, 219, 220, 222, 223 and 227.

205, 225 and 226 Infantry Brigades were converted to 36, 35 and 34 Tank Brigades respectively. The remainder were disbanded.

(b) 231ST TO 234TH INFANTRY BRIGADES. (pages 392 to 396)

Originally formed in Malta for its defence.

(c) 301ST TO 308TH INFANTRY BRIGADES. (pages 397 to 404)

Except 302nd Infantry Brigade all other Infantry Brigades were formed by conversion of RA Units for garrison duties in NW Europe including Norway. The Brigades were composed of:

HQ Inf Bde Inf Bde Def Pl Inf Bde Sig Sec LAD Type A (unarmd) Three Regts RA

1st INFANTRY BRIGADE (GUARDS)

September 1939 A Regular Infantry Brigade in the United Kingdom.

11 April 1942 Redesignated and reorganized 1st Independent Brigade Group (Quards).

8 August 1942 Reconstituted 1st Infantry Brigade (Guards).

Commander

Units

3 Gren Gds (3. 9.39 - 26. 5.40 (4. 6.40 - 31. 8.45 3. 9.39 - 3. 3.45 (3. 9.39 - 1. 6.41 2 Coldm Gds 2 Hamps (10. 9.41 - 25.11.42 (18. 2.43 - 22. 2.43 1 Inf Bde Atk Coy 3. 9.39 - 31.12.40 8 A & SH 25.12.42 - 16. 2.43 1. 3.43 - 31. 8.45 3 W G 9. 3.45 - 29. 6.45 1 Welch

Between 11 April 1942 and 7 August 1942 the following additional units formed the Group:

Pro & Postal Units

* NF.





1st INPANTRY BRIGADE (GUARDS)

Higher Formations served under

| 1 Inf Division 1 Army (1) 1 Army (2) 1 Army (3) 6 Armd Division 46 Inf Division 46 Inf Division Sousse Area 6 Armd Division 10 Corps 6 Armd Division 78 Inf Division HQ AAI | $\begin{array}{c} 3. \ 9.39 - 1, \ 6.41 \\ 25. \ 7.41 - 21, \ 6.42 \\ 16.10.42 - 6.12.42 \\ 31.12.42 - 19, 1.43 \\ 2. \ 2.43 - 28, 2.43 \\ 2. \ 2.43 - 28, 2.43 \\ 2. \ 3.43 - 13, 3.43 \\ 29, 6.43 - 9, 8.43 \\ 10, 9.43 - 31, 1.44 \\ 21, 3.44 - 10, 3.44 \\ 21, 3.44 - 27, 3.44 \\ 21, 3.44 - 27, 3.44 \\ 21, 5.44 - 30, 6.44 \\ 27, 9.44 - 18, 9.44 \\ 27, 9.44 - 3.10.44 \\ 29, 10.44 - 18, 10.44 \\ 20, 6.45 - 30, 7.45 \\ \end{array}$ | WO CONTROL 78 Inf Division 78 Inf Division 78 Inf Division 78 Inf Division (2) 78 Inf Division 1 Inf Division 1 Inf Division 2 NT Division 2 NT Division 4 Inf Division 5 Inf Division 10 Ind Inf Division 10 Ind Inf Division 10 Corps 88 US Inf Division 6 Armd Division WO CONTROL | 1. 8.41 - 24, 7.41
22. 6.42 - 15,10.42
6.12.42 - 31,12.42
19. 1.43 - 1, 2.43
27. 2.43 - 2, 3.43
17. 5.43 - 29. 6.43
10. 8.43 - 9, 9,43
1. 2.44 - 5, 2.44
10. 3.44 - 21, 3.44
27. 3.44 - 8. 4.44
27. 3.44 - 8. 4.44
19. 9,44 - 25, 9,44
30. 6.44 - 2, 7,44
19. 9,44 - 26, 9,44
18.10.44 - 9,10.44
18.10.44 - 29, 6,45
13.10.44 - 29, 6,45 |
|---|---|---|--|
|---|---|---|--|

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 19, 9.39 | France & Belgium | 20. 9.39 - 2. 6.40 |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 3. 6.40 - 11.11.42 | At Sea | 12.11.42 - 22.11.42 |
| N Africa | 22.11.42 - 3. 2.44 | At Sea | 3. 2.44 - 5. 2.44 |
| Italy | 5. 2.44 - 8. 5.45 | Austria | 8. 5.45 - 30. 6.45 |
| Italy | 1. 7.45 - 31. 7.45 | United Kingdom (3) | 1. 8.45 - 31. 8.45 |

Battles

| 1942 | 1 December - 10 December | Tebourba Gap |
|------|---|---|
| 1943 | 14 February - 25 February
7 April - 11 April
22 April - 26 April
5 May - 12 May | Kasserine
Fondouk
El Kourzia
Tunis |
| 1944 | 11 May - 18 May
18 May - 30 May
4 July - 17 July
17 July - 10 August
25 August - 22 September | Cassino II
Liri Valley
Arezzo
Advance to Florence
Gothic Line |
| 1945 | 13 April - 21 April | Argenta Gan |

Notes: (1) Originally Force 110 formed July 1941 - redesignated Expeditionary Force 23 March 1942 and 1 Army 10 July 1942.

- (2) Temporarily formed by HQ 1 Army for operations in N Africa.
- (3) The Brigade moved to UK by air transport from Italy.

1st LONDON INFANTRY BRIGADE

| September | 1939 | A First Line | Territorial | Army Infantry | Brigade | in | the United Kingdom. |
|-------------|------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------|----|---------------------|
| oo November | 1010 | Radacimated | 107th (Londo | n) In fan twee De | ot mode | | |

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig C.R. Britten | |
|----|-----------|------|-----------------------|----------|
| 11 | July | 1941 | Brig J.C.A. Birch | |
| 21 | June | 1943 | Brig C.E.A. Firth | |
| 29 | January | 1944 | Brig J. Scott-Elliott | |
| 27 | October | 1944 | Lt-Col J. R. Cleghorn | (acting) |
| 7 | November | 1944 | Brig J. Scott-Elliott | |
| 17 | December | 1944 | Lt-Col A. T. Law | (acting) |
| 11 | January | 1945 | Brig J. Scott-Elliott | |

Units

| 8 | RF (2) | 3. 9.39 - 23. 9.4 | 4 |
|-----|-----------------------|---------------------|----|
| 9 | RF | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.4 | 5 |
| 1 | LIR | (3. 9.39 - 4.11.4 | C |
| | | (23. 9.44 - 31. 8.4 | 5 |
| 1 | Lon Inf Bde Atk Coy | 11. 5.40 - 27.11.4 | 0 |
| 167 | (Lon) Inf Bde Atk Coy | 28.11.40 - 8. 1.4 | 1 |
| 15 | RF | 9.11.40 - 13. 2.4 | 1 |
| 7 | Oxf Bucks (2) | 14. 2.41 - 23. 9.4 | 4 |
| 1 | Lon Scot | 23. 9.44 - 31. 8.4 | 60 |
| | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 1 London Division | 3. 9.39 - 27.11.40 | 56 (Lon) Inf Division 28.11.40 - 10. 2.44 |
|-------------------|---------------------|---|
| 5 US Army | 10. 2.44 - 12. 2.44 | 56 (Lon) Inf Division 12. 2.44 - 31. 8.45 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 23. 8.42 | At Sea | 23. 8.42 - 6.11.42 |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Iraq | 7.11.42 - 2. 4.43 | Palestine | 2. 4.43 - 5. 4.43 |
| Egypt | 6. 4.43 - 13. 4.43 | Libya | 13. 4.43 - 26. 4.43 |
| North Africa | 26. 4.43 - 26. 5.43 | Libya | 26. 5.43 - 5. 9.43 |
| At Sea | 6. 9.43 - 9. 9.43 | Italy | 9. 9.43 - 28. 3.44 |
| At Sea | 28. 3.44 - 5. 4.44 | Egypt | 5. 4.44 - 10. 7.44 |
| At Sea | 10. 7.44 - 17. 7.44 | Italy | 17. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 |

Battles

| 1943 | 5 May - 12 May | Tunis |
|------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| | 9 September - 18 September | Salerno |
| | 22 September - 1 October | Capture of Naples |
| | 12 October - 15 October | Volturno Crossing |
| | 5 November - 9 December | Monte Camino |
| 1944 | 17 January - 31 January | Carigliano Crossing |
| | 22 January - 22 May | Anzio |
| | 25 August - 22 September | Gothic Line |
| | 3 September - 15 September | Coriano |
| | 14 September - 21 September | Rimini Line |
| | 2 December - 13 December | Lamone Crossing |
| 1945 | 13 April - 21 April | Argenta Gap |
| | | |

1st LONDON INFANTRY BRIGADE

- $\underline{\text{Notes:}}$ (1) During April 1943 the Bde moved by road and rail from Iraq to N Africa approx 3,200 miles.
 - (2) 9 RF absorbed surplus personnel of 8 RF which was reduced to Cadre; 70xf Rucks reduced to Cadre In September 1944 owing to the shortage of reinforcements in the Mediterranean Theatre. Both Cadre 8 RF and Cadre 70xf Bucks were attached to the Bde from 23.10.44 to 28.11.44, then transferred to 188 (London) Inf Bde.

2nd INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Regular Infantry Brigade in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig C.E. Hudson | |
|----|-----------|------|----------------------|----------|
| 14 | December | 1940 | Lt-Col P. T. Pirie | (acting) |
| 17 | December | 1940 | Lt-Col E.D.B. Oxley | (acting) |
| | December | 1940 | Lt-Col P. T. Pirie | (acting) |
| 3 | January | 1941 | Brig A.A.B. Dowler | |
| 14 | November | 1941 | Lt-Col J.G. Sandie | (acting) |
| | November | 1941 | Brig E.E.J. Moore | |
| 23 | February | 1944 | Brig A.C. Gore | |
| 24 | Мал | 1944 | Brig C.E.A. Firth | |
| | October | 1944 | Brig R.N. Anderson | |
| | May | 1945 | Lt-Col G.A. Rimbault | (acting) |
| | Anmot | 1015 | Rrig R N Anderson | |

Units

| 1 Lovals | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.4 |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2 N Staffs | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.4 |
| 1 Gordons | 3. 9.39 - 7. 3.4 |
| 2 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 3. 9.39 - 28.12.4 |
| 6 Gordons | 7. 3.40 - 31. 8.4 |
| | |

Higher Formations served under

| 1 Inf Division
1 Inf Division
1 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 5. 6.45
9. 7.45 - 29. 7.45
23. 8.45 - 31. 8.45 | 9 Army
9 Army | 6. 6.45 - 8. 7.45
30. 7.45 - 22. 8.45 |
|--|--|------------------|--|
|--|--|------------------|--|

Theatres

| United Kingdom United Kingdom North Africa North Africa Italy Palestine Palestine Palestine | 3, 9,39 - 22, 9,39
2, 6,40 - 27, 2,43
9, 3,43 - 10, 6,43
15, 6,43 - 5,12,43
7,12,43 - 2, 2,45
8, 2,45 - 5, 6,45
9, 7,45 - 29, 7,45
23, 8,45 - 31, 8,45 | France & Belgium
At Sea
Panteileria
At Sea
At Sea
Syria
Syria | 23. 9.39 - 1. 6.40
28. 2.43 - 9. 3.43
11. 6.43 - 15. 6.43
5.12.43 - 7.12.43
2. 2.45 - 8. 2.45
6. 6.45 - 8. 7.45
30. 7.45 - 22. 8.45 |
|---|---|---|---|
|---|---|---|---|

Battles

25 August - 22 September Gothic Line

| 1943 | 23 April - 30 April
5 May - 12 May | Medjez Plain
Tunis |
|------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1944 | 22 January - 22 May | Anzio
Rome |



2nd LONDON INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade in the United Kingdom.

28 November 1940 Redesignated 168th (London) Infantry Brigade. (4)

1 January 1945 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in Italy.

Commander

| 25
19
3
20 | | 1939
1942
1944
1944
1944 | Brig G.M.B. Portman
Brig K.C. Davidson
Brig F.R.G. Matthews
Lt-Col O.G. Brooke
Lt-Col D.J.B. Houchin | (acting) |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 23 | October
December | 1944
1944
1944 | Lt-Col G.E. Oliver
Lt-Col G.B. Gofton-Salmond
Lt-Col A.J.B. Tarrant | (acting)
(acting)
(acting) |

Units

| 2 Lon Inf Bde Atk Coy | | 18 RF
10 R Berks
168 (Lon) Inf Bde
Sp Coy (3) | 5.11.40 - 15. 2.41
15. 2.41 - 15. 5.44
19. 5.43 - 27. 5.44 |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| 1 LIR | 4.11.40 - 23. 9.44 | 1 Welch | 17. 5.44 - 28. 9.44 |

From September 1944 the following Cadres were under command:

| 1 Welch
8 RF | 27. 9.44 - 19.10.44
(27. 9.44 - 23.10.44 | 9 KOYLI | (5.10.44 - 16.10.44 |
|-----------------|--|----------------|---|
| 7 Oxf Bucks | (28.11.44 - 17.12.44
(27. 9.44 - 23.10.44 | 14 Foresters | (23.10.44 - 31.12.44
(5.10.44 - 16.10.44 |
| 1 Buffs | (28.11.44 - 31.12.44
(5.10.44 - 16.10.44 | 42 LAA Regt RA | (23.10.44 - 31.12.44
5.10.44 - 16.10.44 |

Higher Formations served under

| 56 (Lon) Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 27.11.40
9. 4.43 - 28. 5.43
10.10.43 - 16.10.43
30. 1.44 - 31. 1.44
3. 2.44 - 15. 2.44
27. 9.44 - 5.10.44
14.10.44 - 28.11.44 | 58 (Lon) Inf Division 28.11.40 - 8. 4. 50 Inf Division 29. 5.43 - 10.10. 56 (Lon) Inf Division 17.10.43 - 30.1. 6 US Corps 1. 2.44 - 3. 2. 56 (Lon) Inf Division 16. 2.44 - 20. 9. 8 Army 5.10.44 - 14.10. | .43
.44
.44
.44 |
|-----------------------|---|--|--------------------------|
| | 17.19 44 = 21 10 44 | 10 Corps 28.11.44 - 17.12. | 44 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
Iraq
Egypt (1)
Egypt
Sicily
At Sea
At Sea | 3. 9.39 - 24. 8.42
5.11.42 - 3. 4.43
8. 4.43 - 8. 5.43
16. 6.43 - 8. 7.43
13. 7.43 - 10.10.43
29. 3.44 - 2. 4.44
11. 7.44 - 17. 7.44 | At Sea
Palestine
Palestine
At Sea
Italy
Egypt
Italy | 24. 8.42 - 5.11.42
3. 4.43 - 8. 4.43
9. 5.43 - 15. 6.43
8. 7.43 - 13. 7.43
10.10.43 - 28. 3.44
5. 4.44 - 11. 7.44 |
|--|--|---|--|
|--|--|---|--|

2nd LONDON INFANTRY BRIGADE

Battles

| 1943 | 5 November - 9 December | Monte Comino |
|------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1944 | 17 January - 31 January
22 January - 22 May | Garigliano Crossin
Anzio |
| | 25 August - 22 September | Gothic Line |
| | 3 September - 15 September | Coriano |
| | 14 September - 21 September | Rimini Line |

Notes: (1) The Bde moved by road to Egypt from Iraq in April 1943.

(2) The Bde together with the following additional Units from 56 (Lon) Inf Div came under comd and left the Division:

501 Fd Coy RE 90 Fd Regt RA 140 Fd Amb 514 Inf Bde Coy RASC

(3) Formed by GHQ MEF.

(4) On 24 September 1944 owing to lack of reinforcements in the Meditteranean Theatre the Ede ceased to be operational and Ede HQ commanded Unit Cadres until disbandment.



3rd INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Regular Infantry Brigade in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| 7 | September | 1070 | Bria II o o | |
|------|-----------|------|---------------------------|----------|
| | | | Brig H.O. Curtis | |
| 18 | December | 1939 | Lt-Col J.M.L. Grover | (acting) |
| 28 | December | 1939 | Brig T.N.F. Wilson | , |
| 19 | December | 1940 | Brig W. R. C. Penny | |
| | September | 1941 | Lt-Col R. Bryans | (acting) |
| 20 | October | 1941 | Brig H.A.E. Matthews | , |
| 24 | April | 1943 | Brig R.H. Maxwell | (temp.) |
| | | 1943 | Brig J.G. James | , |
| | | 1944 | Brig E.E. Dorman-Smith | |
| | | 1944 | Lt-Col B.W. Webb-Carter | (acting) |
| | | 1944 | Brig P. St Clair-Ford | |
| 26 | April | 1945 | Lt-Col W.H. Hulton-Harron | (acting) |
| 16 1 | May | 1945 | Brig P. St Clair-Ford | (|
| | | | | |

Units

| 1 | DWR | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31. 8.45 |
|---|-----------------|----|------|---|----------|
| 2 | Foresters | | | | 31. 8.45 |
| 1 | KSLT | | | | |
| | | 0. | 9.39 | - | 31. 8.45 |
| 3 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31.12.40 |

Higher Formations served under

| 1 Inf Division
1 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 31. 5.45
31. 7.45 - 31. 8.45 | 9 Army | 1. 6.45 - 30. 7.45 |
|----------------------------------|---|--------|--------------------|
|----------------------------------|---|--------|--------------------|

Theatre

| | Inea | tres | |
|---|---|--|--|
| United Kingdom United Kingdom N Africa N Africa Italy Palestine Palestine | 3. 9.39 - 24. 9.39
2. 6.40 - 25. 2.43
12. 3.43 - 9. 6.43
14. 6.43 - 4.12.43
7.12.43 - 17. 2.45
21. 2.45 - 31. 5.45 | France & Belgium
At Sea
Pantelleria
At Sea
At Sea
Syria | 25. 9.39 - 1. 6.40
26. 2.43 - 12. 3.43
11. 6.43 - 13. 6.43
5.12.43 - 7.12.43
18. 2.45 - 21. 2.45
1. 6.45 - 30. 7.45 |
| | | | |

Battles

| 1945 | 23 April - 30 April
5 May - 12 May | Medjez Plain
Tunis |
|------|--|------------------------------|
| 1944 | 22 January - 22 May
22 May - 4 June
25 August - 22 September | Anzio
Rome
Gothic Line |

3rd LONDON INFANTRY BRIGADE

| September | 1070 | A | Firet | Tina | Territorial | A remark | In fantry | Brigada |
|-----------|------|---|-------|------|-------------|----------|-----------|---------|
| | | | | | | | | |

| 28 November 1940 | Brigade Headquarters | redesignated | Headquarters | 71st | In fantry | Brigade | (2). |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|------|-----------|---------|------|
| | (see name wool | | | | | | |

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig H. V. Combe (1)

Units

| 1 | Rangers | 3. | 9.39 | - | 19. 1.40 |
|---|---------|----|------|---|----------|
| 2 | Rangers | 3. | 9.39 | - | 14.10.40 |
| 1 | THR | 3. | 9.39 | - | 19. 1.40 |
| 2 | THR | 3. | 9.39 | - | 15.10.40 |

Higher Formations served under

| 1 London Division | 3. 9.39 - | 6.10.39 | 2 London Division | 7.10.39 - 12. 3.40 |
|-------------------|------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------|
| London Area | 13. 3.40 - | 3.11.40 | WO Control | 3.11.40 - 27.11.40 |

Theatre

| United | Kingdom | 3. | 9.39 | - | 27.11. |
|--------|--------------|----|------|---|--------|
| | Trans Borons | | | | |

Notes: (1) Also commanded 6 (Lon) Inf Bde 15 March 1940 - 3 May 1940.

(2) On 18 November 1940 it was intended that the Bde HQ would be redesignated HQ 169 (Lon) Inf Bde but on 28 November 1940 this was changed to 71 Inf Bde

September 1939 A Regular Infantry Brigade in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| | September | | Brig J.A.H. Gammell | |
|----|-----------|------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 6 | February | 1940 | Brig E.G. Warren | |
| 28 | October | 1941 | Brig H.E.F. Smyth | |
| 23 | December | 1941 | Brig H. P. Sparks | |
| 30 | July | 1942 | Brig G.N. Wood | |
| | | 1943 | Brig K. A. T. McLennan | |
| 5 | December | 1943 | Brig W.H. Goschen | (Killed in action 7.5.44) |
| 7 | May | 1944 | Lt-Col R. P. Scott | (acting) |
| 9 | May | 1944 | Brig J.A. Theobalds | (Died of wounds 16.5.44) |
| 13 | May | 1944 | Col T. P. Saunders | (acting) |
| 8 | June | 1944 | Brig R.S. McNaught | (accing) |
| 31 | July | 1945 | Lt-Col R.J. Uniacke | (acting) |
| 10 | August | 1945 | Lt-Col A.J.J.S. McAlester | (acting) |

Units

| 1 RS | (3. 9.39 - 3.11.42 |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 0.110.11 | (3. 7.43 - 31. 8.45 |
| 2 Norfolk | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 |
| 1 Border | 3. 9.39 - 4. 5.40 |
| 4 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 3. 9.39 - 14.12.40 |
| 1/8 LF | 4. 5.40 - 31. 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| 2 Inf Division
2 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 25. 7.44
20. 9.44 - 31. 8.45 | HQ 33 Ind Corps | 26. 7.44 - 19. 9.44 |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------------------|
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------------------|

Theatres

| India 15. 4.42 - | | | France & Belgium
At Sea
Burma | 21. 9.39 - 30. 5.40
15. 4.42 - 7. 6.42
9. 4.44 - 9. 4.45 |
|------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|
|------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|

Battles

| 1940 | 23 May - 29 May | St Omer - La Bassée |
|------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1944 | 27 March - 22 June | Kohima |
| 1945 | 12/13 February - 21 March | Mandalay |

4th LONDON INFANTRY BRIGADE

| | September | 1939 | A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade duplicate of 1st London Infantry Brigade. |
|----|-----------|------|---|
| 21 | November | 1940 | Redesignated 140th (London) Infantry Brigade. |
| 31 | August | 1944 | Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom. |

Commander

| 7 | September | 1070 | Date to D. A. Davids |
|----|------------|------|---|
| 0 | pehremnet. | 1999 | Brig W. P. A. Bradshaw |
| 25 | March | 1941 | Lt-Col Sir W. R. Starkey, Bart (acting) |
| 19 | April | 1941 | Brig W. P. A. Bradshaw |
| 3 | November | 1941 | Brig J.W. Pendlebury |
| 12 | April | 1943 | Brig A. de L. Cazenove |

Units

| 11 | RF | 3. 9.39 - 10. 8.44 |
|-----|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 12 | RF | 3. 9.39 - 16. 9.43 |
| 2 | LIR | 3. 9.39 - 30.11.41 |
| 4 | Lon Inf Bde Atk Coy | 7.40 - 20.11.40 |
| 140 | (Lon) Inf Bde Atk Coy | 21.11.40 - 28.11.41 |
| 6 | Oxf Bucks | 1.12.41 - 10. 3.42 |
| 6 | RIFF | 10. 3.42 - 2.10.42 |
| 17 | RF | 2.10.42 - 10.12.42 |
| 2 | Glosters | 10.12.42 - 29. 2.44 |
| 2/4 | Essex | 17. 9.43 - 10. 8.44 |
| 11 | W Yorks | 17. 3.44 - 10. 8.44 |

Higher Formations served under

| 2 London Division | 7. | 9.39 - 20.11.40 | AT (I on | Inf | Districton | 21.11.40 - | - 14 | 0 44 |
|-----------------------|----|-----------------|----------|--------|------------|------------|------|------|
| Northumbrian District | | | 4) (DOI | , 1111 | DIVISION | 21.11.40 | 14. | 0.44 |

Theatre

United Kingdom 3.9.39 - 30.8.44



5th GUARDS BRIGADE

12 June 1945 Formed in NW Europe by redesignation and reorganization of 5th Quards Armoured Brigade.

Commander

12 June 1945 Brig N.W. Gwatkin 17 July 1945 Brig E.H. Goulburn 21 August 1945 Lt-Col C.A.M. Vandeleur (acting) 25 August 1945 Brig The Lord Tryon

Units

1 Oren Ods (12. 6.45 - 22. 6.45 2 Oren Ods (5. 6.45 - 31. 8.46 1 Coldm Ods 12. 6.45 - 31. 8.45 2 10 12. 6.45 - 31. 6.45 2 10 12. 6.45 - 31. 6.45

Higher Formation served under

Gds Division

12. 6.45 - 31. 8.45

Theatre

NW Europe

12. 6.45 - 31. 8.45

5th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Regular Infantry Brigade in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig G. I. Gartlan | | |
|----|-----------|------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 15 | August | 1940 | Lt-Col E.L. Stephenson | (acting) | |
| 19 | September | 1940 | Brig G. I. Gartlan | | |
| 26 | February | 1941 | Lt-Col E.L. Stephenson | (acting) | |
| 26 | March | 1941 | Brig C. G. Phillips | | |
| 18 | October | 1941 | Brig J. R. T. Aldous | | |
| 16 | July | 1942 | Lt-Col G.N. Wood | (acting) | |
| 30 | July | 1942 | Lt-Col C.E. Barrington | (acting) | |
| 15 | August | 1942 | Brig R. V. C. Cavendish | | |
| 30 | September | 1942 | Brig V. F. S. Hawkins | (wounded | 12.5.44) |
| 12 | May | 1944 | Col A.E. Howard | (acting) | |
| 16 | May | 1944 | Brig M.M. Alston-Roberts-West | | |
| 22 | August | 1944 | Col E.A. Howard | (acting) | |
| 28 | August | 1944 | Lt-Col A.J.J.S. McAlester | (acting) | |
| 14 | September | 1944 | Brig M.M. Alston-Roberts-West | | |
| 30 | September | 1944 | Lt-Col A.J.J.S. McAlester | (acting) | |
| 1 | October | 1944 | Brig M.M. Alston-Roberts-West | | |

Units

| 2 | Warwick | 3. | 9.39 - | 5. | 2.40 |
|---|-----------------|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 2 | Dorset | 3. | 9.39 - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 1 | Camerons | 3. | 9.39 - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 5 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 3. | 9.39 - | 14. | 12.40 |
| 7 | Worc R | 5. | 2.40 - | 31. | 8.45 |
| | | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 2 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 18. 7.44 | 23 Ind Inf Division | 19. 7.44 - 8. 8.44 |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Inf Division | 9. 8.44 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| 3. 9.39 - 23. 9.39 | France & Belgium | 24. 9.39 - 30. 5.4 |
|---------------------|---|--|
| 31. 5.40 - 10. 4.42 | At Sea | 10. 4.42 - 2. 6.4 |
| 2. 6.42 - 29. 3.44 | Burma | 30. 3.44 - 25. 4.4 |
| 26. 4.45 - 31. 8.45 | | |
| | 31. 5.40 - 10. 4.42
2. 6.42 - 29. 3.44 | 31. 5.40 - 10. 4.42 At Sea
2. 6.42 - 29. 3.44 Burma |

Battles

| 1940 | 23 May - 29 May | St Omer - La Bassé |
|------|--|---------------------------|
| 1944 | 27 March - 22 June | Kohima |
| 1945 | 12/13 February - 21 March
29 March - 30 May | Mandalay
The Irrawaddy |



5th LONDON INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade duplicate of 2nd London Infantry Brigade.

21 November 1940 Redesignated 141st (London) Infantry Brigade.

27 October 1944 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig E.R. Kewley |
| 27 July | 1940 | Brig H.A. Freeman-Attwood |
| 30 October | 1941 | Brig H.A. Freeman-Attwood |
| 18 March | 1942 | Lt-Col C.P. Warren |
| 27 March | 1942 | Brig W.G. Stokes | (wounded 13.4.42) |
| 28 July | 1944 | Lt-Col R.A.G. Murphy |
| 15 July | 1944 | Lt-Col R.A.G. Murphy | (acting) |
| 10 | September | 1944 | Brig W.G.A. Hanney |

Units

| | W SW | 3. 9.39 - 23.11.40 |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | Lon Scot | 3. 9.39 - 9. 9.44 |
| | LRB | 3. 9.39 - 8.12.40 |
| 5 | Lon Inf Bde Atk Coy | 6. 3.40 - 20.11.40 |
| | (Lon) Inf Bde Atk Coy | 21.11.40 - 28.11.41 |
| | RF | 1.12.40 - 18. 9.42 |
| | RF | 17.12.40 - 2.10.42 |
| | RIFF | 2.10.42 - 2. 5.44 |
| | BW | 18. 9.42 - 26. 9.42 |
| | BW | 27. 9.42 - 14. 9.43 |
| | BW
R Ir F | 6.11.43 - 15. 7.44 |
| 6 | K II. k | 3. 5.44 - 18 7 44 |

Higher Formations served under

Theatre

United Kingdom

3. 9.39 - 28.10.44

Note: Between April and October 1944 the Brigade was responsible for an embarkation sector in Southampton in connection with the invasion of NW Europe.

6th GUARDS BRIGADE

17 June 1945 Formed in NW Europe by redesignation and reorganization of 6th Guards Armoured Brigade.

Commander

17 June 1945 Brig W.D.C. Greenacre

Units

| 4 | Gren Gds | 17. | 6.45 - | - 31. | 8.45 |
|---|-----------|-----|--------|-------|------|
| 4 | Coldm Gds | 17. | 6.45 - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 3 | SG | 17. | 6.45 - | 31. | 8.48 |

Higher Formations served under

8 Corps 17. 6.45 - 18. 6.45 Gds Division 19. 6.45 - 31. 8.45

Theatre

NW Europe 17. 6.45 - 31. 8.45

| | September | 1939 | A Regular Infantry Brigade in the United Kingdom. |
|----|-----------|------|--|
| 1 | November | 1942 | Formed into an Independent Infantry Brigade Group for a Special Operation in the Arakan. |
| 1 | June | 1943 | Reformed as an Infantry Brigade |
| 19 | April | 1945 | Again formed into an Independent Infantry Brigade Group for Operations in South Burma. |

Commander

| 27 December | 1940
1940
1940
1940
1941
1941 | Brig N.M.S. Irwin
Lt-Col D.W. Furlong
Brig D.W. Furlong
Lt-Col S.O. Jones
Brig H.J. Hayman-Joyce
Brig H.S. Brown
Brig H.E. F. Smyth | (acting) (killed 5.9.40) (acting) |
|-----------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| 13 January
6 April | 1943
1943 | Brig R. V. C. Cavendish | (killed 6.4.43) |
| 4 October | 1943 | Brig J.D. Shapland | (wounded 28.5.44) |
| 30 May | 1944
1944 | Lt-Col L. à B. Robinson
Brig W. G. Smith | (acting) |
| | 1944
1944 | Col C. Dalby | (acting) |
| | 1944 | Brig W.G. Smith
Brig R.S. McNaught | |

Units

| 1 RWF | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 R Berks | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 |
| S DLI | (3. 9.39 - 9. 9.41 |
| 0 7-0 D1 | (19.10.41 - 31. 8.45 |
| 6 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 3. 9.39 - 14.12.40 |
| 1 E Lan R | 9 9 41 - 10 10 44 |

Between 1 November 1942 and 2 June 1943 the following additional Units formed the Group:

| RA | 99 Fd Regt | RE | 506 Fd Co | y |
|-----|------------|-----|-----------|----|
| Inf | 1 RS | Med | 6 Fd Am | ıb |
| | | | | |

From 19 April 1945 the following additional Units were in the Group:

| RE | 506 Fd Coy | <u>Inf</u> | "C" Coy 2 Manch (MG) |
|-----|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Med | 6 Fd Amb | REME | 6 Inf Bde Wksp |

Higher Formations served under

| 2 Inf Division
Eastern Army
26 Ind Inf Division
2 Inf Division
14 Army
South Burma District | 3. 9.39 - 31.10.42
15.12.42 - 13. 1.43
16. 4.43 - 21. 5.43
1. 6.43 - 18. 4.45
26. 5.45 - 29. 5.45
12. 7.45 - 31. 8.45 | Southern Army
14 Ind Inf Division
Eastern Army
26 Ind Inf Division
12 Army | 1.11.42 - 14.12.42
14. 1.43 - 16. 4.43
21. 5.43 - 2. 6.43
19. 4.45 - 26. 5.45
29. 5.45 - 12. 7.43 |
|--|--|--|---|
|--|--|--|---|

6th INFAMERY BRIGADE

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 23. 9.39 | France & Belgium | 24. 9.39 - 29. 5.40 |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 30. 5.40 - 12. 4.42 | At Sea | 12. 4.42 - 2. 6.42 |
| India | 2. 6.42 - 24.12.42 | Burma (Arakan) | 25.12.42 - 26. 5.43 |
| India | 27. 5.43 - 6. 4.44 | Burma | 7. 4.44 - 7. 4.45 |
| India | 8. 4.45 - 27. 4.45 | At Sea | 28. 4.45 - 12. 5.45 |
| Burma | 12. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 | At bea | 20: 1:10 10: 0:10 |

Battles

| 194 | 10 23 May - 29 May | St Omer - La Bassée |
|-----|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 194 | 44 27 March - 22 June | Kohima |
| 194 | 15 12/13 February - 21 Mar | ch Mandalay |

6th LONDON INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade.

4 May 1940 Brigade Headquarters disbanded.

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig R. B. S. Reford (1)

Units

1 Kensingtons (MG) 3. 9.39 - 19.11.39 2 Kensingtons (MO) 3. 9.39 - 3. 5.40 2/7 Mx (MG) 7.10.39 - 31. 3.40 1/8 Mx (MG) 7.10.39 - 25.11.39 2/8 Mx (MG) 7.10.39 - 3. 5.40

Higher Formations served under

2 London Division 3. 9.39 - 7. 3.40

London Area 8. 3.40 - 3. 5.40

Theatre

United Kingdom

3. 9.39 - 3. 5.40

Note: (1) Left the Bde on 15 March 1940. The Bde Comd of 3 (Lon) Inf Bde took command see Note on page 233.

7th INFANTRY BRIGADE (GUARDS)

September 1939 A Regular Infantry Brigade in the United Kingdom.

15 September 1941 Brigade Headquarters redesignated Headquarters Guards Support Group (see page 214); the Brigade ceased to exist.

8 December 1941 A new 7th Infantry Brigade formed (see under 37th Infantry Brigade).

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig J. A. C. Whitaker 18 August 1940 Brig A. de L. Cazenove

Units

1 Gren Gds 3. 9.39 - 14. 9.41 3. 9.39 - 14. 9.41 2 Gren Gds 1 Coldm Gds 3. 9.39 - 14. 9.41 7 Inf Bde (Gds) Atk Coy 3. 9.39 - 31.12.40

Higher Formations served under

3 Inf Division

3, 9,39 - 14, 9,41

Theatres

United Kingdom United Kingdom 3. 9.39 - 29. 9.39 1. 6.40 - 14. 9.41

France & Belgium 30. 9.39 - 31. 5.40

Battles

1940 26 May - 28 May

Ypres - Comines Canal



7th MOTOR BRIGADE

| 9 | February | 1942 | Headquarters formed in the Middle East by Headquarters 7th Support Group. The Brigade was formed as a Group. |
|----|----------|------|--|
| 24 | August | 1942 | Reorganized as a Motor Brigade and ceased to be a Group. |
| 20 | July | 1943 | Reconstituted and reorganized as 18th Lorried Infantry Brigade. |
| 5 | October | 1943 | Redesignated 18th Infantry Brigade. |
| 1 | January | 1945 | Brigade Headquarters disbanded in Italy. |

Commander

| | February
June | 1942
1942 | Brig J. M. L. Renton
Brig The Viscount Garmoyle | |
|----|------------------|--------------|--|-------------------------|
| 3 | July | 1942 | Brig T. Vaughan-Hughes | (died of wounds 3.7.42) |
| 4 | July | 1942 | Brig T. J. B. Bosville | |
| | | 1943 | Lt-Col A. Gore | (acting) |
| | May | 1943 | Brig T. J. B. Bosville | (accing) |
| | | 1943 | Lt-Col W. Heathcote-Amery | (acting) |
| | | 1943 | Brig M. D. Erskine | (douling) |
| | February | | Lt-Col G. H. G. Smith-Dorrien | (acting) |
| | February | | Brig M. D. Erskine | (accing) |
| 8 | October | 1944 | Brig A. D. McKechnie | |
| 27 | October | 1944 | Lt-Col J. S. H. Douglas (2) | (acting) |
| | | | | |

Units

| 2 KRRC (mot)
2 RB (mot)
9 KRRC (mot)
7 RB (mot) | 9. 2.42 - 18.12.42
9. 2.42 - 1. 7.43
17. 2.42 - 24. 7.42
11. 8.42 - 1. 7.43 | 1 Buffs
14 Foresters
1/4 Essex
2721 Fd Sqn RAF | 6. 7.43 - 4.10.44
19. 8.43 - 4.10.44
8.10.44 - 5.11.44 |
|--|--|---|---|
| 1 KRRC (mot)
9 KOYLI | 15. 1.43 - 22. 6.43
22. 6.43 - 4.10.44 | Regt (1)
Lovat Scouts
53 LAA Regt RA (1) | 20.10.44 - 9.11.44
24.10.44 - 18.12.44
8.10.44 - 20.10.44 |

The following additional Units formed the Group:

| RA | 1 7111 | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------------------------|-----|----|----|------|------|-----|----|
| <u>NA</u> | 4 RHA | RE | 4 | Fd | Sqn. | less | one | Th |
| ST | 550 Coy RASC | Med | | | | | | |
| | | Hed | 15 | TE | Fd A | nb | | |
| Ord | 7 Mot Pdo And Com Digg | | | | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 7 Armd Division 13 Corps 10 Armd Division 8 Army 1 Armd Division 3 Carp Division No 1 District | 9. 2.42 - 26. 1.42
1. 7.42 - 5. 7.42
12. 9.42 - 23. 9.42
17. 2.44 - 7. 3.44
17. 8.44 - 28.10.44
6.11.44 - 30.11.44
20.12.44 - 31.12.44 | 1 Armd Division 7 Armd Division 1 Armd Division 1 Armd Division 1 Inf Division 2 Polish Corps 2 Polish Corps | 26. 6.42 - 30. 6.42
5. 7.42 - 11. 9.42
23. 9.42 - 16. 2.44
8. 3.44 - 16. 8.44
29.10.44 - 5.11.44
1.12.44 - 20.12.44 |
|--|--|--|--|
|--|--|--|--|

Theatres

| Egypt
Egypt
N Africa
N Africa
Italy | 9. 2.42 - 29. 3.42
22. 6.42 - 14.11.42
13. 3.43 - 27. 5.43
24. 7.43 - 17. 2.44
20. 2.44 - 31.12.44 | Libya
Libya
Libya
At Sea | 29. 3.42 - 22. 6.42
14.11.42 - 13. 3.43
27. 5.43 - 24. 7.43
17. 2.44 - 20. 2.44 |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|

7th MOTOR BRIGADE

Battles

| 1942 | 26 May - 21 June
26 June - 30 June
1 July - 27 July
30 August - 7 September
23 October - 4 November | Gazala
Mersa Matruh
Defence of Alamein Lin
Alam el Halfa
El Alamein |
|------|---|---|
| 1943 | 21 March - 30 March
6 April - 7 April
22 April - 26 April
5 May - 12 May | Tebaga Gap
Akarit
El Kourzia
Tunis |
| 1944 | 22 January - 22 May
3 September - 15 September | Anzio
Coriano |

Notes: (1) Organized as Infantry.

(2) Ceased to command on 18 Dec 1944; from this date Bde HQ had no units under command.

September 1939 A Regular Infantry Brigade in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| | 3 September | 1939 | Brig F. H. Witts | |
|---|-------------|------|----------------------|----------|
| 2 | 21 February | 1940 | Brig C. G. Woolner | |
| | 3 November | 1940 | Lt-Col T. F. Given | (acting) |
| 2 | 7 November | 1940 | Brig G. Symes | (|
| 2 | 6 June | 1941 | Brig Hon. W. Fraser | |
| | 3 March | 1942 | Brig B. W. S. Cripps | |
| | 7 October | 1943 | Brig E. E. E. Cass | |
| 1 | 3 June | 1944 | Lt-Col M. A. Foster | (acting) |
| | 3 June | 1944 | Brig E. E. E. Cass | () |
| | 7 October | 1944 | Brig E. H. Goulburn | |
| 1 | 1 July | 1945 | Brig J. N. R. Moore | |
| | | | | |

Units

| 1 Suffolk | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.4 | 5 |
|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| 2 E Yorks | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.4 | 5 |
| 2 Glosters | 3. 9.39 - 5. 2.4 | 0 |
| 8 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 3. 9.39 - 1. 1.4 | 1 |
| 4 R Berks | 5. 2.40 - 11. 6.4 | |
| 1 S Lan R | 11. 6.40 - 31. 8.4 | 5 |

Higher Formations served under

| 72 | In | 4 | DI | | - 1 | |
|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|----|
| 0 | TII | т. | DI | V. | SI | Of |

3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45

Theatres

Battles

| 1940 | 26 May - 28 May | Ypres - Comines Cana |
|------|---|--|
| 1944 | 6 June
4 July - 8 July
18 July - 23 July
30 July - 9 August
17 September - 27 September | Normandy Landing
Caen
Bourguebus Ridge
Mont Pincon
The Nederrijn |
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March
23 March - 1 April | The Rhineland The Rhine |

9th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Regular Infantry Brigade in United Kingdom.

Commander

| | 3 September | 1939 | Brig W. Robb | |
|---|-------------|------|---|--|
| 1 | 7 June | 1940 | Brig B. G. Horrocks | |
| | 4 February | 1941 | Brig J. F. Hare | |
| 1 | 0 March | 1942 | Brig T. N. F. Wilson | |
| | 4 July | 1942 | Lt-Col P. Reid (acting) | |
| 1 | B July | 1942 | Brig J. C. Cunningham (wounded 6. 6.44) | |
| | 7 June | 1944 | Brig A. D. G. Orr | |
| | 9 August | 1944 | Brig G. D. Browne | |
| | 1 January | 1945 | Brig G. D. Renny | |
| | 1 April | 1945 | Brig W. F. H. Kempster | |

Units

| 2 Lincolns | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.4 |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 KOSB | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.4 |
| 2 RUR | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.4 |
| 9 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 5.10.39 - 1. 1.43 |

Higher Formations served under

| 3 | Inf | Division | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31. | 8.4 |
|---|-----|----------|----|------|---|-----|-----|
| | | | | | | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 -
1. 6.40 - | | France & Belgium
NW Europe | 4.10.39 - 31.
6. 6.44 - 31. | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|

Battles

| 1940 | 26 May - 28 May | Ypres - Comines Cana |
|------|--|--|
| 1944 | 6 June
4 July - 18 July
18 July - 23 July
30 July - 9 August
17 September - 27 September | Normandy Landing
Caen
Bourguebus Ridge
Mont Pincon
The Nederrijn |
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March
23 March - 1 April | The Rhineland
The Rhine |
| | | |



September 1939 A Regular Infantry Brigade mobilized in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| | September | | Brig E. | н. | Barker |
|----|-----------|------|---------|----|-------------|
| | October | | | | Clutterbuck |
| 18 | November | 1941 | Brig O. | | |
| 10 | June | 1942 | | | Hogshaw |
| | December | 1943 | | | Shoosmith |
| | March | 1945 | | | H. Kirwan |
| 7 | March | 1945 | | | Mackenzie |

Units

| 2 | Bedfs Herts | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8. | |
|-----|-----------------|-------------------|----|
| 0 | DOY Y | | |
| 6 | DCLI | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8. | 15 |
| 1 | RWK | | |
| | | 3. 9.39 - 3. 5. | 10 |
| 10 | Inf Bde Atk Cov | | |
| | | 3. 9.39 - 1. 1.4 | 11 |
| 1/6 | Surreys | | |
| 110 | Durieyo | 4. 5.40 - 31. 8 / | 5 |

Higher Formations served under

| 4 | Tn | f | D1 | 17.5 | 01 | on |
|---|----|---|----|------|----|----|

3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45

Theatres

| United Kingdom
United Kingdom
N Africa
Egypt
Italy
Greece | 3. 9.39 - 30. 9.39
1. 6.40 - 11. 3.43
25. 3.43 - 15.12.43
23.12.43 - 13. 2.44
21. 2.44 - 11.12.44
16.12.44 - 31. 8.45 | France & Belgium
At Sea
At Sea
At Sea
At Sea | 1.10,39 - 31. 5.4(
12. 3.43 - 25. 3.43
16.12.43 - 22.12.43
14. 2.44 - 20. 2.44
12.12.44 - 15.12.44 |
|--|--|--|--|
|--|--|--|--|

Battles

| 1940 | 26 May - 28 May | Ypres - Comines Can |
|------|--|---|
| 1943 | 7 April - 15 April
23 April - 30 April
5 May - 12 May | Oued Zarga
Medjez Plain
Tunis |
| 1944 | 11 May - 18 May
20 June - 30 June
4 July - 17 July
17 July - 10 August
14 September - 21 September | Cassino II
Trasimene Line
Arezzo
Advance to Florence |

11th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Regular Infantry Brigade in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig K. A. N. Anderson | |
|----|-----------|------|------------------------|-----------|
| 30 | May | 1940 | Lt-Col B. G. Horrocks | (acting) |
| 3 | June | 1940 | Brig K. A. N. Anderson | (dourne) |
| 14 | June | 1940 | Brig J. M. L. Grover | |
| 7 | January | 1941 | Lt-Col R. A. Boxshall | (acting) |
| 11 | January | 1941 | Brig V. Evelegh | (account) |
| 13 | November | 1941 | Brig G. F. Gough | |
| 18 | February | 1942 | Brig E. E. E. Cass | |
| 29 | September | 1943 | Brig R. K. Arbuthnott | |
| 10 | October | 1944 | Lt-Col J. A. Mackenzie | (acting) |
| 07 | Movember | 1044 | Price C F Marshman | , |

Units

| 2 LF | 3. 9. | .39 - | 1. 8.45 |
|--------------------|-------|-------|----------|
| 1 Surreys | 3. 9. | .39 - | 31. 8.45 |
| 1 Oxf Bucks | 3. 9. | .39 - | 29. 1.40 |
| 11 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 3. 9. | .39 - | 31.12.40 |
| 5 Northamptons | | | 31. 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| 4 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 5. 6.42 | 1 Armyr | 2 2 40 04 0 4 |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------|--------------------|
| | 0. 0.00 - 0. 0.46 | 1 Army | 6. 6.42 - 21. 6.42 |
| 78 Inf Division | 22. 6.42 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 2.10.39 | France & Belgium | 3.10.39 - 1. 6.40 |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 2. 6.40 - 15.10.42 | At Sea | 16.10.42 - 7.11.42 |
| N Africa | 8.11.42 - 22. 7.43 | At Sea | 22. 7.43 - 25. 7.43 |
| Sicily | 25. 7.43 - 21. 9.43 | Italy | 22. 9.43 - 17. 7.44 |
| At Sea | 17. 7.44 - 23. 7.44 | Egypt | 23. 7.44 - 9. 9.44 |
| At Sea | 9. 9.44 - 16. 9.44 | Italy | 16. 9.44 - 8. 5.45 |
| Austria | 8. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Battles

| 1940 | 26 May - 28 May | Ypres - Comines Canal |
|------|---|---|
| 1942 | 1 December - 10 December | Tebourba Gap |
| 1943 | 7 April - 15 April
23 April - 30 April
5 May - 12 May
29 July - 3 August
19 November - 3 December | Oued Zarga
Medjez Plain
Tunis
Adrano
The Sangro |
| 1944 | 20 January - 20 March
11 May - 18 May
18 May - 30 May
20 June - 30 June
17 July - 10 August | Cassino I
Cassino II
Liri Valley
Trasimene Line
Advance to Florence |
| 1945 | 9 April - 12 April
13 April - 21 April | The Senio |

September 1939 A Regular Infantry Brigade in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| 18 | September
October
June
December | 1939
1940
1941 | Brig J. G. W. Clark Brig J. L. I. Hawkesworth Brig D. M. W. Beak Brig R. G. W. Callaghan | |
|----|--|----------------------|--|-----------|
| | April | 1943 | Lt-Col J. M. Haycroft | (acting |
| | | 1943 | Brig R. A. Hull | (mooting, |
| | _ | 1943 | Brig G. H. E. MacMillan
Lt-Col B. J. G. Madden | |
| | June | 1943 | Lt-Col J. M. Haycroft | (acting) |
| | July | 1943 | Brig T. P. D. Scott | (acting) |
| 12 | November | 1943 | Brig F. M. Elliott | |
| 26 | | 1944 | Brig A. G. W. Heber-Percy | |
| | | | | |

Units

| _ | | | | |
|----|-----------------|---------|---------|--------|
| | RF | 7 07 | 0 - 74 | |
| 1 | S Lan R | 3. 9.3 | | |
| | BW BW | 3. 9.3 | 9 - 13 | . 6.40 |
| | | 3. 9.3 | | |
| 12 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 0. 0.0 | 4 | · 0.41 |
| | | 3. 9.3 | 9 - 3. | . 1.41 |
| | BW | 4. 3.4 | 1 - 31 | 0 45 |
| 1 | RWK | | | |
| | | 5. 9.40 | 0 - 31. | 8.45 |

·Higher Formations served under

| 4 Inf Division 3. 9.39 - 24.
4 Inf Division 4. 5.44 - 18.
8 Ind Inf Division 19. 5.44 - 21. | 5.44 78 In | f Division 18. | 4.44 = 3. 5.44
5.44 = 19. 5.44
5.44 = 31. 8.45 |
|---|------------|----------------|--|
|---|------------|----------------|--|

Theatres

| United Kingdom
United Kingdom
N Africa
Egypt
Italy
Greece | 3. 9.39 - 5.10.39
2. 6.40 - 14. 3.43
23. 3.43 - 26.12.43
2. 1.44 - 29. 2.44
6. 3.44 - 13.12.44
15.12.44 - 31. 8.45 | France & Belgium
At Sea
At Sea
At Sea
At Sea | 6.10.39 - 1. 6.40
15. 3.43 - 23. 3.43
27.12.45 - 2. 1.44
29. 2.44 - 6. 3.44
13.12.44 - 15.12.44 |
|--|---|--|---|
|--|---|--|---|

Battles

| 943 | 7 April - 15 April
23 April - 30 April
5 May - 12 May | Oued Zarga
Medjez Plain
Tunis |
|-----|---|--|
| 944 | 11 May - 18 May
18 May - 30 May
20 June - 30 June
4 July - 17 July
17 July - 10 August
14 September - 21 September | Cassino II
Liri Valley
Trasimene Line
Arezzo
Advance to Flore
Rimini Line |
| | | |

13th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Regular Infantry Brigade in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig H. B. D. Willcox | |
|----|-----------|------|-------------------------|----------|
| 14 | November | 1939 | Brig M.C. Dempsey | |
| 19 | July | 1940 | Brig D.N. Wimberley | |
| 12 | September | 1940 | Brig V.C. Russell | |
| | May | 1943 | Brig L.M. Campbell | |
| 21 | April | 1944 | Lt-Col P. St Clair-Ford | (acting) |
| 29 | April | 1944 | Brig L.M. Campbell | |
| 27 | September | 1944 | Lt-Col E.A. Hefford | (acting) |
| | October | 1944 | Brig F. R. G. Matthews | |
| | November | 1944 | Lt-Col E.A. Hefford | (acting) |
| 1 | December | 1944 | Brig W. H. Lambert | |
| 7 | August | 1945 | Lt-Col E.A. Hefford | (acting) |
| | August | 1945 | Brig R.W.M. de Winton | |
| | | | | |

Units

| 2 Cameronians | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.4 |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Innisks | (3.9.39 - 28.9.39 |
| | (30.11.39 - 14. 7.4 |
| 2 Wilts | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.4 |
| 13 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 3. 9.39 - 6. 1.4 |
| 13 Inf Bde Sp Coy | 4. 5.43 - 20. 6.4 |
| 5 Feeey | 14. 7.44 - 31. 8.4 |

Between 23 April and 19 May 1942 the following additional Units were under command for operations in Madagascar:

| RA | 91 Fd Regt | RE 252 Fd Coy |
|----|---------------------|----------------|
| ST | 13 Inf Bde Coy RASC | Med 164 Fd Amb |

Higher Formations served under

| 5 Inf Division
2 Corps
Force 121*
GHQ India
5 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 15. 9.39
29.11.39 - 29.12.39
23. 4.42 - 19. 5.42
2. 6.42 - 15. 6.42
17. 7.42 - 31. 8.45 | L of C BEF
5 Inf Division
WO Control
Bombay District | 16. 9.39 - 28.11.39
30. 9.39 - 22. 4.42
20. 5.42 - 1. 6.42
16. 6.42 - 17. 7.42 |
|--|---|---|---|
|--|---|---|---|

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 15. 9.39 | France & Belgium | 16. 9.39 - 31. 5.40 |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 1. 6.40 - 18. 3.42 | At Sea | 18. 3.42 - 6. 5.42 |
| Madagascar | 6. 5.42 - 19. 5.42 | At Sea | 20. 5.42 - 2. 6.42 |
| India | 2. 6.42 - 19. 8.42 | At Sea | 19. 8.42 - 29. 8.42 |
| Iraq | 28. 8.42 - 28. 9.42 | Persia | 29. 9.42 - 12. 2.43 |
| Syria (1) | 26. 2.43 - 10. 6.43 | Egypt | 12. 6.43 - 29. 6.43 |
| At Sea | 30. 6.43 - 10. 7.43 | Sicily | 10. 7.43 - 3. 9.43 |
| Italy | 3. 9.43 - 3. 7.44 | At Sea | 3. 7.44 - 8. 7.44 |
| Egypt | 8. 7.44 - 15. 7.44 | Palestine | 16. 7.44 - 12. 2.45 |
| At Sea | 12. 2.45 - 17. 2.45 | Italy | 17. 2.45 - 27. 2.45 |
| At Sea | 27. 2.45 - 4. 3.45 | NW Europe | 4. 3.45 - 31. 8.45 |
| At oea | 21. 2.40 I. 0.10 | IIII Danopo | |

* Madagascar.



Battles

| 194 | 0 26 May - 28 May | Ypres - Comines Cana |
|------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1948 | 9 July - 12 July
19 November - 3 December | Landing in Sicily
The Sangro |
| 1944 | 17 January - 31 January
22 January - 22 May
22 May - 4 June | Garigliano Crossing
Anzio
Rome |

Note: (1) In transit from Persia to Syria 12.2.43 - 26.2.43.

14th INFANTRY BRIGADE

| | September | 1939 | A Regular Infantry Brigade in Palestine. | |
|----|-----------|------|--|--|
| 26 | July | 1940 | Brigade disbanded in Egypt. | |
| 30 | October | 1940 | Brigade Headquarters reformed in Egypt. | |
| 6 | November | 1940 | Brigade Headquarters formed Headquarters British Troops in Crete (Creforce). (1) | |
| | September | 1943 | Reorganized in India for Long Range Penetration role. (3) | |
| 1 | November | 1944 | Redesignated 14th Air Landing Brigade. (see page 416) | |
| | | | | |

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig G. Dawes | |
|----|-----------|------|--------------------|--|
| 30 | October | 1940 | Brig O.H. Tidbury | |
| 27 | April | 1941 | Brig B. H. Chappel | |
| 2 | May | 1942 | Brig A. Gilroy | |
| 6 | November | 1943 | Brig T. Brodie | |
| | | | | |

Units

| 2 Queens | 3. 9.39 - 24. 1.40 | 2 Y & L | (17. 1.40 - 23. 7.40 |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 A & SH | (3.9.39 - 16.1.40 | | (31.10.40 - 28.10.44 |
| | (19. 5.41 - 29. 5.41 | 2 King's Own | 27. 3.40 - 25. 7.40 |
| 2 RB | 3. 9.39 - 14.10.39 | 2 BW | 31.10.40 - 31.10.44 |
| 1 Welch | (6.11.39 - 27.11.39 | 1 S Staffords | 29. 3.40 - 20. 7.40 |
| | (18. 2.41 - 14. 6.41 | 2 Leicesters | 16. 5.41 - 29. 5.41 |
| 1 Bedfs Herts | (27.11.39 - 6. 1.40 | 14 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 1. 9.41 - 30. 4.42 |
| | (14. 6.41 - 28.10.44 | 7 Leicesters | 20. 9.43 - 31.10.44 |

Higher Formations served under

| 8 Inf Division 6 Inf Division HQ BTE Creforce (Crete) HQ BTE 70 Inf Division 70 Inf Division 70 Inf Division 86 Ind Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 7. 2.40
29. 3.40 - 30. 5.40
20. 7.40 - 28. 7.40
27. 4.41 - 30. 5.41
1. 7.41 - 7. 7.41
10.10.41 - 14. 8.42
18. 13.43 - 11. 5.43
18. 3.43 - 11. 5.43
17. 5.43 - 20. 8.43 | Brit Forces P & TJ 4 Ind Inf Division GHQ MEF GHQ MEF 6 Inf Division 101 L of C Area 101 L of C Area 15 Ind Corps Fastern Army | 8. 2.40 - 28. 3.40
1. 6.40 - 20. 7.40
30.10.40 - 27. 4.41
31. 5.41 - 30. 6.41
10. 7.41 - 9:10.41
15. 8.42 - 15.10.42
21. 2.43 - 17. 3.43
12. 5.43 - 16. 5.43
21. 6.43 - 26. 6.43 |
|--|--|--|--|
| 70 Inf Division | 18. 3.43 - 11. 5.43 | 15 Ind Corps Eastern Army Special Force Special Force | 12. 5.43 - 16. 5.43 |
| 26 Ind Inf Division | 17. 5.43 - 20. 6.43 | | 21. 6.43 - 26. 6.43 |
| 70 Inf Division | 27. 6.43 - 24.10.43 | | 25.10.43 - 31. 1.44 |
| 3 Ind Inf Division | 1. 2.44 - 6. 5.44 | | 7. 5.44 - 31.10.44 |

Theatres

| Palestine | 3. 9.39 - 31. 5.40 | Egypt | 1. 6.40 - 26. 7.40 |
|-----------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Egypt | 30.10.40 - 4.11.40 | At Sea | 4.11.40 - 6.11.40 |
| Crete | 6.11.40 - 30. 5.41 | At Sea | 30. 5.41 - 1. 6.41 |
| Egypt | 1. 6.41 - 7. 7.41 | Syria | 10. 7.41 - 10.10.41 |
| Libya | 22.10.41 - 31.12.41 | Egypt | 1. 1.42 - 2. 2.42 |
| Syria - | 4. 2.42 - 22. 2.42 | Egypt | 23. 2.42 - 27. 2.42 |
| At Sea | 28. 2.42 - 8. 3.42 | India | 9. 3.42 - 9. 5.43 |
| Burma (2) | 10. 5.43 - 1. 7.43 | India | 2. 7.43 - 22. 3.44 |
| Burma | 23. 3.44 - 26. 8.44 | India | 1. 9.44 - 31.10.44 |
| | | | |

Battles

1941 20 May - 1 June Crete
8 April - 10 December Defence of Tobruk
18 November - 10 December Tobruk 1941

Notes: (1) Until 27 April 1941 when Bde HQ ceased to be HQ Creforce.

(2) During this time the Bde had under command 2 Fd Coy RE in addition.

(3) The Units in the Bde were organized into columns:

16 & 61 Columns 47 & 74 Columns 42 & 73 Columns 65 & 84 Columns 1 Bedfs Herts 7 Leicesters 2 BW 2 Y & L

15th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Regular Infantry Brigade in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig H. P.M. | Berney-Ficklin | | |
|----|-----------|------|---------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| 22 | April | 1940 | Brig H.E.F. | Smyth | (wounded | 25.4.40) |
| 25 | April | 1940 | Lt Col A.L. | Kent-Lemon | (acting) | |
| 25 | May | 1940 | Brig H. P.M. | Berney-Ficklin | | |
| 20 | June | 1940 | Lt-Col A.E. | Robinson | (acting) | |
| 22 | June | 1940 | Brig J.A.H. | Gammel1 | | |
| 23 | July | 1940 | Lt-Col A.E. | Robinson | (acting) | |
| 25 | July | 1940 | Brig H. R. N. | Greenfield | | |
| 8 | March | 1943 | Brig G.S. Ra | awstorne | | |
| 19 | August . | 1943 | Brig E.O. Ma | artin | | |
| 22 | January | 1944 | Brig J.Y. Wi | itfield . | | |
| 29 | April | 1944 | Lt-Col P. 81 | Clair-Ford | (acting) | |
| 6 | May | 1944 | Brig J.Y. W | itfield | | |
| 2 | July | 1944 | Lt-Col P. St | Clair-Ford | (acting) | |
| 13 | July | 1944 | Brig C. Huxl | Ley | | |
| 21 | June | 1945 | Brig D. R. Mc | organ | | |
| | | | | | | |

Units

| 1 | Green Howards | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
|----|-----------------|------|------|---|-----|------|
| 1 | KOYLI | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 1 | Y & L | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 15 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | .29. | 9.39 | - | 6. | 1.41 |
| 15 | Inf Bde Sp Coy | 4. | 5.43 | - | 14. | 6.44 |

Higher Formations served under

| 5 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 4.10.39 | CHQ BEF | 6.10.39 - 10.10.39 |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Corps | 11.10.39 - 29.12.39 | 5 Inf Division | 30.12.39 - 16. 4.40 |
| WO Control | 16. 4.40 - 22. 4.40 | Sickleforce (Norway) | 22. 4.40 - 6. 5.40 |
| WO Control | 6. 5.40 - 25. 5.40 | Scottish Comd | 26. 5.40 - 2. 7.40 |
| 5 Inf Division | 3. 7.40 - 28. 4.45 | 6 Airborne Division | 29. 4.45 - 1. 5.45 |
| 5 Inf Division | 1. 5.45 - 18. 5.45 | 15(8) Inf Division | 19. 5.45 - 23. 5.45 |
| 5 Inf Division | 24. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 5.10.39 | France & Belgium | 6.10.39 - 16. 4.40 |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| United Kingdom | 16. 4.40 - 22. 4.40 | At Sea | 22. 4.40 - 23. 4.40 |
| Norway | 23. 4.40 - 1. 5.40 | At Sea | 1. 5.40 - 6. 5.40 |
| United Kingdom | 6. 5.40 - 17. 3.42 | At Sea | 17. 3.42 - 19. 5.42 |
| India | 20. 5.42 - 12. 9.42 | At Sea | 12. 9.42 - 21. 9.42 |
| Iraq | 21. 9.42 - 11.11.42 | Persia - | 12.11.42 - 26. 2.43 |
| Egypt (2) | 14. 3.43 - 12. 4.43 | Syria | 14. 4.43 - 3. 6.43 |
| Egypt | 5. 6.43 - 29. 6.43 | At Sea | 29. 6.43 - 10. 7.43 |
| Sicily | 10. 7.43 - 3. 9.43 | Italy | 3. 9.43 - 19. 6.44 |
| At Sea | 19. 6.44 - 25. 6.44 | Egypt | 25. 6.44 - 6. 7.44 |
| Palestine | 6. 7.44 - 5. 8.44 | Syria | 5. 8.44 - 31. 8.44 |
| Palestine | 31. 8.44 - 1.12.44 | Syria | 1.12.44 - 8.12.44 |
| Palestine | 8.12.44 - 24. 2.45 | At Sea | 24. 2.45 - 3. 3.45 |
| NW Europe | 3. 3.45 - 31. 8.45 | | |
| | United Kingdom Norway United Kingdom India Iraq Egypt (2) Egypt Sicily At Sea Palestine Palestine Palestine | United Kingdom 16. 4.40 - 22. 4.40 Norway 23. 4.40 - 1. 5.40 United Kingdom 6. 5.40 - 17. 3.42 India 20. 5.42 - 12. 9.42 Iraq 21. 9.42 - 11.11.42 Egypt (2) 14. 3.43 - 12. 4.43 Egypt 5. 6.43 - 29. 6.43 Sicily 10. 7.43 - 3. 9.43 At Sea 19. 6.44 - 25. 6.44 Palestine 6. 7.44 - 5. 8.44 Palestine 81. 8.44 - 1.42.44 Palestine 81. 8.44 - 1.42.45 | United Kingdom 16, 4.40 - 22, 4.40 At Sea Norway 23, 4.40 - 1, 5.40 At Sea United Kingdom 6, 5.40 - 17, 3.42 At Sea India 20, 5.42 - 12, 9.42 At Sea India 21, 9.42 - 11.11, 42 Persia Egypt (2) 14, 3.43 - 12, 4.43 Syria Egypt 5, 6.43 - 29, 6.43 At Sea Sicily 10, 7.43 - 3, 9.45 Italy At Sea 19, 6.44 - 25, 6.44 Egypt Palestine 6, 7.44 - 5, 8.44 Syria Palestine 8, 12, 44 - 112, 44 Syria |



Battles

1943 9 July - 12 July Landing in Sicily
19 November - 3 December The Sangro

1944 17 January - 31 January Garigliano Crossing
22 January - 22 May Anzlo
22 May - 4 June Rome

Notes: (1) Formed by GHQ MEF.

(2) In transit by road from Persia through Iraq and Palestine 26.2.43 - 14.3.43.

16th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Regular Infantry Brigade in Palestine.

September 1943 Reorganized for Long Range Penetration role under Special Force. (2)

October 1944 Reverted to the role of an Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig C.E.N. Lomax | |
|----|-----------|------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 7 | April | 1941 | Lt-Col B. C. Haggard | (acting |
| 19 | April | 1941 | Brig C.E.N. Lomax | |
| 24 | October | 1941 | Lt-Col R. F. C. Oxley Boyle | (acting |
| 2 | December | 1941 | Brig C.E.N. Lomax | |
| 2 | June | 1942 | Lt-Col A.R. Aslett | (acting |
| 2 | July | 1942 | Brig O.L. Roberts | |
| 17 | December | 1942 | Lt-Col A.R. Aslett | (acting |
| 5 | January | 1943 | Brig R. G. Price | |
| 30 | October | 1943 | Brig B.E. Ferguson | |
| 1 | September | 1944 | Brig C.J. Wilkinson | |
| 29 | December | 1944 | Col G.M. Anderson | (acting |
| 3 | February | 1945 | Brig G.M. Anderson | |
| 1 | July | 1945 | Lt-Col A.J. Newall | (acting |

Units

| 2 Leicesters | (3. 9.39 - 12. 5.41 | 2 Queens | 24. 1.40 - 22.10.44 |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| | (30. 5.41 - 14.10.44 | 2 King's Own | (11. 6.41 - 25. 9.43 |
| 1 S Staffords | (3. 9.39 - 16.10.39 | | (15.10.44 - 28.10.44 |
| | (7. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 | 16 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 20. 9.41 - 28. 2.42 |
| 1 Welch | 3. 9.39 - 6.11.39 | 1 LF | 15.10.44 - 28.10.44 |
| 1 Foresters | 3. 9.39 - 6. 1.40 | 1 Cameronians | 23.10.44 - 8. 5.45 |
| 2 RB | 15.10.39 - 6. 1.40 | 2 DWR | 29.10.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 2 W Yorks | 16.10.39 - 5.12.39 | 1 Bedfs Herts | 29.10.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 1 Buffs | 28.12.39 - 15. 1.40 | 4 Border | 29.10.44 - 20. 2.45 |
| 1 A & SH | (17. 1.40 - 15. 5.41 | 1 Kings | 6. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 |
| | (30. 5.41 - 11. 6.41 | 1 RSF | 27. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 |

During the period 28 February 1942 to 7 February 1943 when the Brigade went to Ceylon the following additional Units were under command:

| RA | 51 Fd Regt | <u>RE</u> | 2 Fd Co |
|----|-------------|-----------|------------|
| ST | 61 Coy RASC | Med | 215 Fd Ami |

Higher Formations served under

| 8 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 8. 2.40 | Brit Forces P & TJ | 8. 2.40 - 28. 3.40 |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 6 Inf Division | 28. 3.40 - 7. 6.40 | Brit Forces P & TJ | 7. 6.40 - 6. 9.40 |
| 4 Ind Inf Division | 9. 9.40 - 14.12.40 | HQ WDF | 14.12.40 - 31.12.40 |
| 13 Corps | 1. 1.41 - 13. 2.41 | HQ BTE | 14. 2.41 - 19. 2.41 |
| 6 Inf Division | 19. 2.41 - 17. 5.41 | CHQ MEF | 18. 5.41 - 18. 6.41 |
| 6 Inf Division | 19. 6.41 - 19. 9.41 | 9 Aust Division | 21. 9.41 - 22.10.41 |
| 70 Inf Division | 22.10.41 - 26. 2.42 | GHQ MEF | 26. 2.42 - 5. 3.42 |
| WO Control | 6. 3.42 - 14. 3.42 | 34 Ind Inf Division | 15. 3.42 - 31. 1.43 |
| CHQ India | 1. 2.43 - 7. 2.43 | 70 Inf Division | 8. 2.43 - 24.10.43 |
| Special Force | 25.10.43 - 31. 1.44 | 3 Ind Inf Division | 1. 2.44 - 6. 5.44 |
| Special Force | 7. 5.44 - 31. 3.45 | Lucknow District | 1. 4.45 - 31. 8.45 |

Theatres

| Palestine
Libya
At Sea (1)
Syria
Egypt
Egypt
Ceylon | 3. 9.39 - 8. 9.40
5. 1.41 - 13. 2.41
22. 5.41 - 28. 5.41
17. 6.41 - 19. 9.41
20.12.41 - 4. 2.42
24. 2.42 - 6. 3.42
15. 3.42 - 1. 2.43 | Egypt Egypt Egypt Libya Syria At Sea | 9, 9,40 - 5, 1,41
13, 2,41 - 22, 5,41
28, 5,41 - 12, 6,41
21, 9,41 - 20,12,41
8, 2,42 - 22, 2,42
6, 3,42 - 15, 3,42 |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Burma | 27. 1.44 - 7. 5.44 | India
India | 2. 2.43 - 27. 1.44 |
| | | | |

Battles

1940 8 December - 11 December Sidi Barrani

1941 3 January - 5 January Bardia 1941 (3) 16 June - 21 June Damascus 8 April - 10 December Defence of Tobruk 18 November - 10 December Tobruk 1941

Notes: (1) For Crete but recalled to Egypt during the voyage.

(2) The Units in the Brigade between September 1943 to October 1944 were organized into Columns:

2 Queens 21 & 22 Columns 2 Leicesters 17 & 71 Columns

51/69 RA 51 & 69 Columns - under comd from

18.10.43 - 28.10.44 as Infantry. 45 & 54 Columns - under comd from 45 Recce

16.9.43 - 17.10.44 as Infantry.

(3) In reserve during this battle.

17th INFANTRY BRIGADE

3 October 1939 Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| 3 | October | 1939 | Brig R. Gurney | |
|----|---------|------|-----------------------|----------|
| 5 | October | 1939 | Brig M. G.N. Stopford | |
| 29 | January | 1941 | Brig G.W.B. Tarleton | |
| 5 | October | 1943 | Brig A.D. Ward | |
| 19 | April | 1944 | Brig J.Y. Whitfield | |
| 21 | April | 1944 | Brig A.M. Finlaison | |
| 5 | October | 1944 | Brig C.B. Fairbanks | |
| 24 | May | 1945 | Lt-Col J.L. Maxwell | (acting) |
| 10 | June | 1945 | Brig C.B. Fairbanks | |
| 8 | August | 1945 | Lt-Col J.L. Maxwell | (acting) |
| 20 | August | 1945 | Brig C.B. Fairbanks | |

Units

| 2 RSF | 4.10.39 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
|--------------------|----------|---|-----|------|
| 2 Northamptons | 5.10.39 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 2 Seaforth | 4.10.39 | - | 30. | 3.40 |
| 17 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 18.10.39 | - | 6. | 1.41 |
| 6 Seaforth | 30. 3.40 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 17 Inf Bde Sp Cov | 4. 5.43 | - | B | 8 11 |

Between 15 March 1942 and 30 June 1942 the following additional Units were under command for operations in Madagascar:

9 Fd Regt to 8.6.42 RE 38 Fd Coy ST 17 Inf Bde Coy RASC Med 141 Fd Amb

Two Secs 5 Inf Div Pro Coy

Higher Formations served under

| Aldershot Comd | 3.10.39 - 18.10.39 | CHQ BEF | 19.10.39 - 28.10.39 |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 2 Corps | 28.10.39 - 30.11.39 | 4 Inf Division | 1.12.39 - 29.12.39 |
| 5 Inf Division | 30.12.39 - 15. 3.42 | Force 121* | 15. 3.42 - 10. 6.42 |
| WO Control | 11. 6.42 - 23. 6.42 | GHQ India | 23. 6.42 - 30. 6.42 |
| 5 Inf Division | 1. 7.42 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
United Kingdom | 3.10.39 - 18.10.39
1. 6.40 - 20. 3.42 | France & Belgium
At Sea | 19.10.39 - 31. 5.40
20. 3.42 - 5. 5.42 |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|---|
| Madagascar | 5. 5.42 - 10. 6.42 | At Sea | 10. 6.42 - 22. 6.42 |
| India | 22. 6.42 - 13. 9.42 | At Sea | 13. 9.42 - 20. 9.42 |
| Iraq | 20. 9.42 - 1.10.42 | Persia | 2.10.42 - 31. 1.43 |
| Egypt | 14. 2.43 - 16. 3.43 | Syria | 18. 3.43 - 2. 6.43 |
| Egypt | 4. 6.43 - 30. 6.43 | At Sea | 30. 6.43 - 10. 7.43 |
| Sicily | 10. 7.43 - 3. 9.43 | Italy | 3. 9.43 - 4. 7.44 |
| At Sea | 4. 7.44 - 8. 7.44 | Egypt | 8. 7.44 - 13. 7.44 |
| Palestine | 14. 7.44 - 7. 8.44 | Syria | 8. 8.44 - 31.10.44 |
| Palestine | 7.12.44 | Syria | 8.12.44 - 13.12.44 |
| Palestine | 14.12.44 - 8. 2.45 | At Sea | 8. 2.45 - 16. 2.45 |
| Italy | 16. 2.45 - 3. 3.45 | At Sea | 3. 3.45 - 5. 3.45 |
| NW Europe | 5. 3.45 - 31. 8.45 | | |

* Madagascar.

Battles

| 1940 | 26 May - 28 May | Ypres - Comines Canal |
|------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1943 | 9 July - 12 July
19 November - 3 December | Landing in Sicily
The Sangro |
| 1944 | 17 January - 31 January
22 January - 22 May
22 May - 4 June | Garigliano Crossing
Anzio
Rome |

18th INFANTRY BRIGADE

| 3 September
to November | | A Begular Infantry Brigade in Egypt designated 18th Infantry Brigade and
Cairo Area; on 18 November 1939 this was changed to Cairo Sub-Area and
18th Infantry Brigade. |
|----------------------------|------|--|
| 18 May | 1940 | Headquarters 18th Infantry Brigade ceased to exist on being absorbed into Headquarters Cairo Sub-Area. |
| 20 July | 1943 | A new 18th Lorried Infantry Brigade formed. (see under 7th Motor Brigade) |

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig O.H. Tidbury

Units

| 1 Bedfs Herts | 3. 9.39 - 26.11. |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 2 HLI | 14.11.39 - 17. 3. |
| 1 Buffs | 26.11.39 - 27.12. |
| 2 SG | 19. 3.40 - 18. 5. |

Higher Formations served under

HQ BTE 3. 9.39 - 18. 5.40

Theatre

Egypt 3. 9.39 - 18. 5.40

19th INFANTRY BRIGADE

31 August 1939 A Regular Infantry Brigade in 7th Infantry Division in Palestine.

3 September 1939 The Brigade was dispersed and Brigade Headquarters became Headquarters Jerusalem Area.



20th INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE (GUARDS)

April 1940 Formed in the United Kingdom.

15 September 1941 Brigade Headquarters - redesignated HQ 5th Quards Armoured Brigade. (see page 156).

Commander

22 April 1940 Brig Sir O.W.H. Leese, Bart 10 May 1940 Brig W.F.A.L. Fox-Pitt

Units

| | IG | 22. | 4.40 | - | 13. | 9.4 |
|----|---------------------|-----|------|---|-----|-----|
| | WG | | 4.40 | | | |
| 5 | Loyals (M/C) | | 4.40 | | | |
| 20 | Indep Inf Bde (Gds) | | | | | |
| | Atk Coy | 29. | 4.40 | - | 11. | 9.4 |
| 1 | Norfolk | | 7.40 | | | |

Between July 1940 and September 1941 the following additional Units were under command:

Med 225 Lt Fd Amb

ST 20 Indep Inf Bde (Gds) Coy RASC

Higher Formations served under

| Aldershot Comd | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Aldershot Comd | 22. 4.40 - 9. 5.40 | Eastern Comd | 9. 5.40 - 11. 5.4 |
| WO Control | | Edo John Coma | 0. 0.40 - II. 0.4 |
| MO COLLELOT | 11. 5.40 - 24. 5.40 | Eastern Comd | 25. 5.40 - 1. 7.4 |
| London District | | Ede colli | 20. 0.40 - 1. 1.4 |
| | 1. 7.40 - 14 9 41 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 22. 4.40 - 21. 5.40 | France* (1) | 22. 5.40 - 23. 5.40 |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 24. 5.40 - 14. 9.41 | | 200 0010 |

Note: (1) During the period the Ede was in Boulogne the following additional Unit was attached for operations:

275 Atk Bty (less one Tp) 69 Atk Regt RA

* Boulogne

21st INFANTRY BRIGADE

24 July 1940 Brigade Headquarters formed in the Sudan.

12 October 1940 Redesignated 29 Indian Infantry Brigade, and joined the Indian Establishment.

Commander

24 July 1940 Brig J.C.O. Marriott

Units

| 2 W Yorks | 0 0 10 11 10 1 |
|------------|--------------------|
| Z W IUI'NS | 68.40 - 11.10.40 |
| 1 Essex | 6. 8.40 - 11.10.40 |
| 1 Word R | 6. 8.40 - 11.10.40 |
| | |

Higher Formations served under

Tps in the Sudan 24. 7.40 - 11.10.40

Theatre

Sudan 24. 7.40 - 11.10.40

22nd INFANTRY BRIGADE

- 3 October 1939 Formed in Egypt by redesignation of 29th Infantry Brigade. (1)
- 2 September 1940 Redesignated Headquarters Matruh Fortress and ceased to be an Infantry Brigade.

Commande

| 3 October | 1939 | Lt-Col E.G. Earle | (acting) |
|------------|------|-------------------|----------|
| 21 October | 1939 | Brig J.T. Leslie | |
| 26 July | 1940 | Brig G. Dawes | |
| 26 August | 1940 | Brig A.R. Selby | |

Units

| 2 SG | 3.10.39 - 18. 3.40 |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 1 Buffs | 3.10.39 - 25.11.39 |
| 1 Welch | 28.11.39 - 23. 7.40 |
| 2 HLT | |
| 1 S Staffords | 18. 3.40 - 21. 7.40 |
| | 21. 7.40 - 1. 9.40 |
| 1 DLI | 23. 7.40 - 1. 9.40 |
| 3 Coldm Gds | 25. 7.40 - 1. 9.40 |
| | |

Higher Formations served under

| | g | ons served under | |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|
| 7 Inf Division
HQ BTE
HQ WDF | 3.10.39 - 2.11.39
11. 3.40 - 10. 6.40
17. 6.40 - 1. 9.40 | 6 Inf Division
6 Inf Division | 3.11.39 - 11. 3.4
10. 6.40 - 17. 6.4 |
| | | | |

Theatre

| 9 - | - | 1.9.4 |
|-----|-----|-------|
| Š | 9 . | 9 - |

Note: (1) On 11 March 1940 Bde HQ assumed command of all Units in the Mersa Matruh Garrison on the departure of HQ 6 Inf Div to Palestine; and on 24 June 1940 became HQ L of C Sub-Area West in addition to its own title.

22nd GUARDS BRIGADE

| 11 | February | 1941 | Brigade Headquarters formed in Egypt with the title 22nd Infantry Brigade. |
|----|----------|------|---|
| 20 | March | 1941 | Redesignated 22nd Quards Brigade. |
| 14 | January | 1942 | Redesignated 200th Quards Brigade. |
| 6 | April | 1942 | Reorganized as 200th Quards Motor Brigade Group. |
| 25 | Мау | 1942 | Redesignated 201st Guards Motor Brigade Group. |
| 20 | June | 1942 | The Brigade was captured in Tobruk. (1) |
| 14 | August | 1942 | Brigade Headquarters reformed in Egypt with the title 201st Quards Motor Brigade. (2) |

Commander

| 11 | February | 1941 | Brig I.D. Erskine | |
|----|--|--|--|---|
| 5 | October | 1941 | Lt-Col J. Moubray | (acting) |
| 20 | October | 1941 | Brig J. C. O. Marriott | |
| 17 | June | 1942 | Brig G. F. Johnson | (POW 20.6.42) |
| 14 | August | 1942 | Brig J. A. Gascoigne | (wounded 13.11.43) |
| 13 | November | 1943 | Lt-Col W.H. Kingsmill | (acting) |
| 27 | November | 1943 | Brig R. B. R. Colvin | (wounded 4.12.43) |
| 4 | December | 1943 | | (acting) |
| 13 | December | 1943 | | (account) |
| 5 | January | 1945 | | |
| | 5
20
17
14
13
27
4
13 | 5 October
20 October
17 June
14 August
13 November
27 November
4 December
13 December | 11 February 1941
5 October 1941
20 October 1941
17 June 1942
14 August 1942
13 November 1943
4 December 1943
13 December 1943
5 January 1945 | 5 October 1941 Lt-Col J. Moubray 20 October 1941 Brig J.C. O. Marriott 17 June 1942 Brig J.F. G.F. Johnson 14 August 1942 Brig J.A. Gascolgne 13 November 1943 Lt-Col W.H. Kingsmill 27 November 1943 Lt-Col W.H. Kingsmill 4 December 1943 Lt-Col W.H. Kingsmill 13 December 1943 Brig R.B.R. Colvin |

Units

| 2 | SG | (28. 2.41 - 1.10.4 |
|----|-----------------|---------------------|
| | | (14.12.41 - 14. 6.4 |
| | DLI | 28. 2.41 - 23. 5.4 |
| 3 | Coldm Gds | 11. 3.41 - 20. 6.4 |
| 22 | Gds Bde Atk Coy | 1. 6.41 - 28. 7.4 |
| 1 | Buffs | 7. 6.41 - 21. 9.4 |
| 9 | RB | (29. 9.41 - 14.12.4 |
| | | (14. 1.42 - 4. 6.4 |

The following additional Units formed the Group between April and June 1942:

| RA | 2 | RHA | 21.4.42 - | 16.6.42 |
|--------|---|--|-----------|--------------------|
| RE | 1 | Fd Sqn | 21.4.42 - | 20.6.42 |
| ST | | Gds Mot Bde Gp (903) Coy RASC to
Gds Mot Bde Gp (903) Coy RASC from | | 24.5.42
25.5.42 |
| Med | 5 | Lt Fd Amb | | |
| Ord | | Ods Mot Bde Gp Ord Coy RAOC to
Ods Mot Bde Gp Ord Coy RAOC from | | 24.5.42
25.5.42 |
| Pro | | Gds Mot Bde Gp Pro Sec
Gds Mot Bde Gp Pro Sec Trom | | 25.5.42 |
| Postal | | Ods Mot Bde Gp Postal Unit | | 0F F 40 |

In August 1942 on being reformed the Brigade consisted of:

| 3 Coldm Gds | (25. 8.42 - 23. 6.43 | 9 RB | 1. 9.42 - 5. 9.42 |
|-------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|
| | (22. 7.43 - 12. 3.44 | 6 Gren Gds | 7,10,42 - 17,11,44 |
| | (1.4.45 - 3.8.45 | 1 IG | 13. 3.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 2 80 | 25. 8.42 - 27. 6.43 | 1 WG | 11. 4.45 - 3. 8.45 |

22nd GUARDS BRIGADE

Higher Formations served under

| HQ BTE
HQ WDF | 11. 2.41 - 16. 2.41
11. 4.41 - 5. 6.41 | | 17. 2.41 - 6. 4.4 |
|------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 8. 6.41 - 2. 7.41 | | 6. 6.41 - 8. 6.41 |
| | | | 3. 7.41 - 31. 8.41 |
| | 1. 9.41 - 12.11.41 | | 13.11.41 - 3.12.41 |
| 7 Armd Division | 4.12.41 - 13.12.41 | 13 Corps | 14.12.41 - 5. 1.42 |
| 1 Armd Division | 5. 1.42 - 14. 6.42 | 2 SA Inf Division | 15. 6.42 - 20. 6.42 |
| HQ BTE | 14. 8.42 - 31. 8.42 | | 1. 9.42 - 11. 9.42 |
| CHQ MEF | 12. 9.42 - 17. 9.42 | 9 Army | |
| 13 Corps | | 10 Armd Division | |
| 13 Corps | 1. 2.43 - 6. 2.43 | | 7. 2.43 - 25. 2.43 |
| 30 Corps | | 7 Armd Division | 1. 3.43 - 1. 4.43 |
| 2 NZ Division | 1. 4.43 - 2. 4.43 | 51 (H) Inf Division | 2. 4.43 - 11. 4.43 |
| 7 Armd Division | 11. 4.43 - 13. 4.43 | 51 (H) Inf Division | |
| 50 Inf Division | 14. 4.43 - 22. 4.43 | | 13. 4.43 - 14. 4.43 |
| | 1. 5.43 - 3. 5.43 | 56 Inf Division | 22. 4.43 - 1. 5.43 |
| | | 6 Armd Division | 3. 5.43 - 7. 5.43 |
| | 7. 5.43 - 9. 5.43 | 6 Armd Division | 9. 5.43 - 10. 6.43 |
| Tunisia District | 11. 6.43 - 22. 7.43 | 56 Inf Division | 23. 7.43 - 3. 1.44 |
| 10 Corps | 3. 1.44 - 6. 1.44 | 5 Inf Division | 6. 1.44 - 2. 3.44 |
| 88 US Division | 2. 3.44 - 8. 3.44 | HQ AAI | 8. 3.44 - 25. 3.44 |
| No 3 District | 26. 3.44 - 9. 4.44 | WO Control | 10. 4.44 - 22. 4.44 |
| London District | 23. 4.44 - 31. 8.45 | | 10. 1.11 . 22. 4.44 |
| | | | |

Theatres

| Egypt
Egypt
Egypt
N Africa
At Sea | 11. 2.41 - 30.11.41
14. 8.42 - 15. 9.42
10. 2.43 - 17. 2.43
28. 2.43 - 7. 8.43 | Libya
Syria
Libya
Libya | 30.11.41 - 20. 6.42
17. 9.42 - 7. 2.43
17. 2.43 - 28. 2.43
7. 8.43 - 5. 9.43 |
|---|---|----------------------------------|---|
| At Sea
At Sea | 5. 9.43 - 9. 9.43 | - Italy | 9. 9.43 - 10. 4.44 |
| AU Dea | 10. 4.44 - 22. 4.44 | United Kingdom | 22. 4.44 - 31. 8.45 |

Battles

| 1941 | 18 November - 10 December | Tobruk 1941 |
|------|---|---|
| 1942 | 26 May - 21 June | Gazala |
| 1943 | 6 March
16 March - 23 March
6 April - 7 April
19 April - 29 April
5 May - 12 May
9 September - 10 September
22 September - 10ctober
12 October - 15 October
12 October - 9 December | Medenine Mareth Akarit Enfidaville Tunis Salermo Capture of Naples Volturno Crossing Monte Camino |
| 1944 | 17 January - 31 January | Garigliano Crossing |

Notes: (1) 3 Coldm Gds and details of the Bde escaped to Egypt.

(2) Although this was the official title it was in fact organized as a Brigade Group until March 1944 when the additional Units were transferred to 24 Quards Brigade. The additional Units were:

 ST
 201 Ods Mot Bde (543) Coy RASC
 Med
 5 Lt Fd Amb

 Pro
 201 Ods Mot Bde Pro Sec
 REME
 201 Ods Mot Bde Wksps

(3) On arrival in the UK in April 1944 the Bde became a Training Bde for all Quards Regts in the UK.

23rd INFANTRY BRIGADE

| | September | 1939 | A Regular Infantry Brigade in Egypt known as The Canal Brigade. On |
|-----|-----------|------|--|
| | | | 20 September redesignated 23rd Infantry Brigade and Suez Canal Area. |
| 15 | August | 1940 | Redesignated Headquarters Suez Canal Sub-Area; Headquarters 23rd Infantry Brigade ceased to exist. |
| 5 | May | 1941 | Brigade Headquarters reformed in Egypt. |
| 7 | September | 1943 | Role changed to Long Range Penetration and reorganized. (3) |
| 1 . | April | 1945 | Reorganized as an Infantry Brigade. (5) |
| | | | |

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig W. T. Brooks | |
|----|-----------|------|---------------------------|----------|
| 9 | August | 1940 | Brig J.T. Leslie | |
| 9 | May | 1941 | Brig A. Galloway | |
| 4 | September | 1941 | Lt-Col R. F. Heyworth | (acting) |
| 27 | September | 1941 | Brig C.H.V. Cox | (|
| 3 | March | 1943 | Lt-Col E.W. Towsey | (acting) |
| 17 | March | 1943 | Brig P.C. Marindin | (|
| 18 | November | 1943 | Brig L.E.C.M. Perowne (4) | |
| 11 | July | 1945 | Brig R. G. Collingwood | |

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| | | 0111 40 | |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 R Sussex
1 Essex | 3. 9.39 - 14. 8.40
(3. 9.39 - 22. 1.40 | 23 Inf Bde Atk Coy (1) | (23. 9.41 - 16. 2.42 |
| 1 Hobex | | | (12. 3.42 - 30. 4.42 |
| 2 RB | (17.10.41 - 17. 6.45 | 1 Foresters | 3. 2.42 - 24. 2.42 |
| | 7. 1.40 - 18. 1.40 | 1 S Staffords | 4. 2.42 - 14. 9.43 |
| 1 DLI | (31. 1.40 - 21. 7.40 | 2 DWR | 19.10.43 - 28.10.44 |
| | (5. 6.41 - 22. 1.42 | 2 Queens | 24.10.44 - 17. 6.45 |
| 2 BW | 4. 5.40 - 1. 7.40 | 3/9 GR | |
| 1 Hamps | 2. 6.40 - 14. 8.40 | | 12.11.44 - 13. 6.45 |
| 2 HLI | | 12 N Regt | 15.11.44 - 7. 3.45 |
| | 22. 7.40 - 14. 8.40 | 3/6 GR | 27. 3.45 - 16. 6.45 |
| 1 Buffs | 16. 5.41 - 4. 6.41 | 3/4 GR | |
| 4 Border | 29. 5.41 - 28.10.44 | | 28. 3.45 - 13. 6.45 |
| 11 Bn Czechs | | 2 KOSB | 18. 8.45 - 31. 8.45 |
| II all Czechs | 30. 5.41 - 6.10.41 | 2 S Lan R | 19. 8.45 - 31. 8.45 |
| | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| HQ BTE 4 Ind Inf Division 6 Inf Division 6 Inf Division 101 L of C Area 15 Ind Corps 15 Ind Corps Special Force | 3. 9.39 - 14. 8.40
1. 6.41 - 23. 6.41
29. 6.41 - 10. 7.41
15. 7.41 - 9.10.41
16. 8.42 - 15.11.42
23. 4.43 - 5. 5.43
27. 5.43 - 13. 6.43
25.10.42 - 31. 44 | HQ BTE CHQ MEF 1 Aust Corps 70 Inf Division 70 Inf Division 28 Ind Inf Division 70 Inf Division 70 Inf Division | 5. 5.41 - 30. 5.41
24. 6.41 - 28. 6.41
10. 7.41 - 14. 7.41
10.10.41 - 15. 8.42
14.11.42 - 28. 4.43
6. 5.43 - 28. 5.48
15. 6.43 - 24.10.43 |
|---|--|---|---|
| | 25.10.43 - 31. 1.44 | 3 Ind Inf Division | 1. 2.44 - 2. 4.44 |
| 33 Ind Corps | 3. 4.44 - 10. 8.44 | Special Force | 11. 8.44 - 31. 3.45 |
| 101 L of C Area | 1. 4.45 - 31. 8.45 | | 22. 0.11 01. 0.40 |

Theatres

| Egypt
Syria | 3. 9.39 - 14. 8.40
28. 6.41 - 6.10.41 | Egypt
Libya | 5. 5.41 - 27. 6.41
12.10.41 - 21.12.41 |
|----------------|--|--------------------|---|
| Egypt | 22.12.41 - 27. 2.42 | At Sea | |
| India | 8. 3.42 - 5. 5.43 | Burma (Arakan) (2) | 27. 2.42 - 3. 3.42 |
| India | 25. 5.43 - 3. 4.44 | Burma (Arakan) (2) | 6. 5.43 - 24. 5.43 |
| India | 11. 8.44 - 31. 8.45 | Darma | 3. 4.44 - 10. 8.44 |

23rd INFANTRY BRIGADE

Battles

1941 8 April - 10 December 18 November - 10 December

Defence of Tobruk Tobruk

- Notes: (1) Owing to change over of Units and the move to India this Company was disbanded on 16 February 1942, reformed in India on 12 March 1942 and finally disbanded by 30 April 1942.
 - (2) Went to the Arakan front as a Bde Group with 12 Fd Coy RE under command from 30 April 1943 to 14 June 1943.
 - (3) The Bde was organized into Bde HQ and Columns:

2 DWR 33 & 76 Columns 1 Essex 44 & 56 Columns 4 Border 34 & 55 Columns

4 Border 34 & 55 Columns 60 RA 60 & 88 Columns - Joined as Infantry 22 October 1943 to 23 October 1944,

- (4) Left the Brigade for another appointment 30 June 1945.
- (5) In June 1945 the Units in the Brigade were posted away but Bde HQ remained in existence until 18 August 1945 when new Units joined.

24th INFANTRY BRIGADE (GUARDS)

13 February 1940 Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom.

20 November 1940 Redesignated and reorganized as an Independent Brigade Group.

30 October 1942 Redesignated and reorganized as an Independent Brigade. (2)

13 March 1944 Redesignated and reorganized as an Independent Brigade Group.

10 March 1945 Reverted to the role of an Infantry Brigade within a Division.

Commander

13 February 1940 Brig Hon W. Fraser (wounded 30.4.40) 1 May 1940 Lt-Col T.B. Trappes Lomax (acting) 1940 Lt-Col W.D. Faulkner 11 May (acting) 14 May 1940 Brig Hon W. Fraser (1) 19 February 1941 Brig F.A.M. Browning 3 November 1941 Brig W. P. A. Bradshaw 8 April 1942 Brig R.B.R. Colvin 1943 Lt-Col W.S. Stewart Browne 1943 Brig A.S.P. Murray 1 May (acting) 13 May 12 February 1944 Brig M.D. Erskine 13 March 1944 Brig A.F.L. Clive 1 November 1944 Brig M.D. Erskine

25 January 1945 Lt-Col W.L. Steele (acting)
15 February 1945 Brig M.D. Erskine
2 July 1945 Lt-Col W.L. Steele (acting)

7,August 1945 Brig M.D. Erskine

Units

| 1 SG | 1. 3.40 - 31. 8.45 | 1 Norfolk | 12. 9.41 - 10. 9.42 |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 1 IG | 1. 3.40 - 13. 3.44 | 5 Gren Gds | 5. 6.42 - 28. 3.45 |
| 2 SWB | 1. 4.40 - 10. 6.40 | 11 Word R | 11. 9.42 - 29.10.42 |
| 1 WG | 16. 6.40 - 12. 9.41 | 3 Coldm Gds | 13. 3.44 - 28. 2.45 |
| 24 Inf Bde (Gds) Atl | | 2 Coldm Gds | 10. 3.45 - 31. 8.45 |
| Соу | 1. 9.40 - 10. 2.41 | 1 Buffs | 10. 3.45 - 31. 8.45 |
| O Lionustair | 0 19 40 - 5 8 49 | | |

Between 20 November 1940 and 29 October 1942 the following additional Units formed the Group:

| | 18
285 | Fd Reg
Fd Reg
Atk Bt
Atk Bt | t | | | | | 6. 1.
14. 2.
18.12.
15. 2. | 41 -
40 - | 20. | 8.42 |
|------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----|----|-------|------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|------|-------|
| RE | 26 | Fd Coy | | | | | | 21.11. | 40 - | 29.1 | 10.42 |
| Inf | 24 | Indep
Indep
Indep | Bde | Gp | (Gds) | Reco | ce Coy | 10.12.
10. 2.
6. 6. | 41 - | 5. | 6.42 |
| ST | 24 | Indep | Bde | Gp | (Gds) | Coy | RASC | 20.11. | 40 - | 29. | 10.42 |
| Med | 137 | Fd Amb | , | | | | | 20.11. | 40 - | 29. | 10.42 |
| <u>Ord</u> | | Indep
Indep | | | | | Fd Pk
Wksp (3) | 25. 7.
28.11. | | | |
| Pro | 24 | Indep | Bde | Gp | (Gds) | Pro | Unit | 6. 6. | 41 - | 29. | 10.42 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |

* Kensingtons.

24th INPANTRY BRIGADE (GUARDS)

Between 13 March 1944 and 10 March 1945 the following additional Units formed the Group:

| RA | 23 Fd Regt | 5. 4.44 - 14. 8.44 |
|------------|--|---|
| ST | 543 Coy RASC
550 Coy RASC | 13. 3.44 - 5. 5.44
5. 5.44 - 10. 3.45 |
| Med | 5 Lt Fd Amb
228 Fd Amb
137 Fd Amb | 13. 3.44 - 21. 4.44
21. 4.44 - 14. 8.44
14. 8.44 - 10. 3.45 |
| <u>Ord</u> | 201 Gds Bde Ord Fd Pk
24 Indep Bde Gp (Gds) Ord Fd Pk | 13. 3.44 - 4.10.44
4.10.44 - 10. 3.45 |
| REME | 201 Gds Bde Wksp
24 Indep Bde Gp (Gds) Wksp | 13. 3.44 - 31. 8.44
1. 9.44 - 10. 3.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| Aldershot Command | 13. 2.40 - 1. 3.40 | Avonforce (Norway) | 2. 3.40 - 19. 4.40 |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Rupertforce (Norway) | 19. 4.40 - 13. 5.40 | NWEF (Norway) | 13. 5.40 - 10. 6.40 |
| WO Control | 11. 6.40 - 15. 6.40 | London District | 16. 6.40 - 29.10.42 |
| WO Control | 30.10.42 - 5.12.42 | 1 Inf Division | 6.12.42 - 17. 5.43 |
| 6 Armd Division | 18. 5.43 - 12. 6.43 | Tunisia District | 12. 6.43 - 30. 6.43 |
| 1 Inf Division | 30. 6.43 - 7. 3.44 | HQ AAI | 9. 3.44 - 20. 3.44 |
| 8 Corps | 20. 3.44 - 6. 4.44 | 2 Polish Corps | 7. 4.44 - 15. 4.44 |
| 10 Corps | 15. 4.44 - 20. 5.44 | 6 SA Armd Division | 20. 5.44 - 19. 2.45 |
| 8 Army | 19. 2.45 - 10. 3.45 | 58 (Lon) Inf Division | 10. 3.45 - 31. 8.45 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 13. 2.40 - 7. 4.40 | At Sea | 7. 4.40 - 15. 4.40 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Norway | 15. 4.40 - 6. 6.40 | At Sea | 6. 6.40 - 10. 6.40 |
| United Kingdom | 11. 6.40 - 27. 2.43 | At Sea | 27. 2.43 - 9. 3.43 |
| N Africa | 9. 3.43 - 4.12.43 | At Sea | 5.12.43 - 7.12.43 |
| Italy | 7.12.43 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Battles

| 1943 | 23 April - 30 April | Medjez Plain |
|------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | 5 May - 12 May | Tunis |
| 1944 | 22 January - 22 May | Anzio |
| | 11 May - 18 May | Cassino II |
| | 20 June - 30 June | Trasimene Line |
| | 4 July - 17 July | Arrezo |
| | 17 July - 10 August | Advance to Florence |
| | 25 August - 22 September | Gothic Line |
| 1945 | 13 April - 21 April | Argenta Gan |

- Notes: (1) On 15 May 1940 when returning from Mo to Harstadt (Norway) the destroyer, Somali, was damaged by enemy bombing and had to return to the UK taking the Bde Comd. On 28 May the Bde Comd arrived at Harstadt where he was pronounced unit due to wounds received on 30 April by a Medical Board and returned to the UK; on this date the Brigade was placed under command Brig C. McV. Qubbins, commander of troops in the Bodo area, until it left Norway on 6 June for the UK to refit and reform. The Bde Comd resumed command on 17 June 1940.
 - (2) Between 30 October 1942 and 6 December 1942 the Bde had the following Adm Units under command:

24th INFANTRY BRIGADE (GUARDS)

24 Indep Bde (Gds) Coy RASC 137 Fd Amb

24 Indep Bde (Gds) Ord Fd Pk RAOC 24 Indep Bde (Gds) Wksp REME

On joining 1 Inf Div on 6 December 1942 the Bde reverted to the role of an Infantry Bde and the Adm Units became part of Div Tps.

(3) This Unit became REME on 1 October 1942.

- 1 November 1939 Formed in the United Kingdom.
- 31 August 1944 Disbanded in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| 1 | November | 1939 | Brig W. H. O. Ramsden | |
|----|----------|------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1 | December | 1940 | Lt-Col A. H. Blest | (acting |
| 10 | December | 1940 | Brig W. H. O. Ramsden | (4001116 |
| 12 | December | 1940 | Lt-Col A. H. Blest | (acting |
| 2 | January | 1941 | Brig E. T. L. Gurdon | (acoting |
| 26 | March | 1941 | Brig A. H Bleet | |

Units

| 4 Buffs | (1.11.39 - 3. 5.40 |
|--------------------------------|--|
| | (2. 7.40 - 28.10.40 |
| 4 Border | (1.11.39 - 3. 5.40 |
| 1/5 Foresters | (2. 7.40 - 5. 1.41
1.11.39 - 3. 5.40 |
| 1/7 Queens | 4. 5.40 - 28. 6.40 |
| 2 Essex | 4. 5.40 - 29. 2.44 |
| 1 R Ir F
25 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 4. 5.40 - 26. 6.40 |
| 9 King's Own | 8. 7.40 - 28.11.41
27.11.40 - 1.12.42 |
| 12 S Staffords | 11.12.40 - 14.11.41 |
| 19 RF | 2. 1.42 - 24. 9.42 |
| 20 RF
11 Y & I. | 2. 1.42 - 10. 9.42 |
| 30 KOYLI | 24. 9.42 - 16.12.42
10. 9.42 - 26. 9.42 |
| 6 KOYLI | 27. 9.42 - 13.12.42 |
| 9 Norfolk | 18.12.42 - 14. 8.44 |
| 1 DCLI
7 N Staffs | 13.12.42 - 16. 7.44 |
| , it oballs | 5. 3.44 - 16. 7.44 |

Higher Formations served under

| W O Control
5 Inf Division
3 Inf Division | 1.11.39 - 17.11.39
4. 5.40 - 9. 5.40
18. 5.40 - 19. 5.40 | HQ L of C BEF
50 Division
50 Division | 18.11.39 - 3. 5.40
9. 5.40 - 18. 5.40
19. 5.40 - 21. 5.40 |
|---|--|---|---|
| 46 Inf Division
W O Control | 21. 5.40 - 26. 5.40 | 2 Inf Division | 26. 5.40 - 31. 5.40 |
| | 25. 6.40 - 20.11.40 | 50 Division
47 (Lon) Inf Division | 5. 6.40 - 24. 6.40 21.11.40 - 14. 8.44 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
United Kingdom | 1.11.39 - 17.11.39
1. 6.40 - 30. 8.44 | France & Belgium | 18.11.39 - 31. 5.40 |
|----------------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|
|----------------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|

Battles

| 1940 | 23 May - 29 | Mav | St. | Omer | _ | 1.9 | Bassée |
|------|-------------|-----|-----|------|---|-----|--------|
| | | | | | | | |

26th INFANTRY BRIGADE

| Septembe | er 1939 | A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Division duplicate of 152nd Infantry Brigade. |
|----------|---------|---|
| 7 August | 1940 | Redesignated 152nd Infantry Brigade (see page 337). |
| 6 April | 1945 | A new 26th Infantry Brigade formed in Burma by redesignation of 26th Indian Infantry Brigade. |

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig I. | K. Thomson |
|-----|-----------|------|---------|--------------|
| 6 | April | 1945 | Brig M. | B. Jennings |
| 22. | May | 1945 | Brig L. | Gwydyr-Jones |

Units

| 5 | Seaforth | 3. | 9.39 | - | 6. | 8.4 |
|---|--------------|-----|------|---|-----|-----|
| 7 | Seaforth | 3. | 9.39 | - | 6 | 8.4 |
| 5 | Camerons | 3. | 9.39 | - | 6. | 8.4 |
| 2 | Buffs | 6. | 4.45 | - | 31. | 8.4 |
| 1 | Devon | 13. | 4.45 | - | 31. | 8.4 |
| 1 | Northamptons | 19. | 4.45 | - | 31. | 8.4 |
| | | | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 9 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 6. 8.40 | 36 Inf Division | 6. 4.45 - 31. 8.45 |
|----------------|-------------------|---|--------------------|
| | | 00 ==================================== | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 6. 8.40 | Burma | 6. 4.45 - 11. 5.45 |
|----------------|---------------------|-------|--------------------|
| India | 11. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 | | |

| 945 | 1 | April | - | 6 | May | Rangoon | Road |
|-----|---|-------|---|---|-----|---------|------|



- September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 153rd Infantry Brigade.
- 7 August 1940 Redesignated 153rd Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 2
12
5
28
15 | April
April
May | 1939
1940
1940
1940
1943 | Brig G. T. Gurney Brig Hon W. Fraser Lt-Col W. D. M. Bisset Brig D. A. H. Graham Lt-Col L. M. Campbell Lt-Col W. N. Roper-Caldbeck | (acting) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------|
| | | 1943 | Brig H. Murray | (acting) |
| | | 1944
1944 | Lt-Col Hon H. C. Havell-Thurlow-Cumming-Bruce
Brig J. R. Sinclair | (acting) |

Units

| 5 BW | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 7 Gordons | 0. 0.00 - 01. 0.40 |
| | 3. 9.39 - 7.11.39 |
| 9 Gordons | |
| | 3. 9.39 - 2. 9.40 |
| 1 Gordons | 3. 8.40 - 31. 8.45 |
| 153 Inf Bde Atk Cov | 4 0 10 |
| | 1. 9.40 - 8. 1.41 |
| 5/7 Gordons | 21.10.40 - 31. 8.45 |
| | ~ 31. 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| 9 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 6. 8.44 | 7. 8.40 - 31.12.44 |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 30 Corps | 1. 1.45 - 7. 1.49 | 7. 1.45 - 31. 8.45 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
Egypt
N Africa
Sicily
United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 16. 6.42
13. 8.42 - 21.11.42
16. 2.43 - 5. 7.43
10. 7.43 - 9.11.43
27.11.43 - 3. 6.44 | At Sea
Libya
At Sea
At Sea
At Sea | 16. 6.42 - 13. 8.42
22.11.42 - 16. 2.43
5. 7.43 - 10. 7.43
9.11.43 - 27.11.43 |
|---|---|---|--|
| N W Europe | 7. 6.44 = 31 0 45 | At Sea | 3. 6.44 - 7. 6.44 |

Battles

| 1942 | 23 October - 4 November | El Alamein |
|------|---|---|
| 1943 | 6 March - 23 March
16 March - 23 March
6 April - 7 April
19 April - 29 April
5 May - 12 May
9 July - 12 July
29 July - 3 August | Medenine
Mareth
Akarit
Enfidaville
Tunis
Landing in Sicily
Adrano |
| 1944 | 18 July - 23 July
7 August - 22 August | Bourguebus Ridge
Falaise |
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March
23 March - 1 April | The Rhineland |

28th INFANTRY BRIGADE

| September 1939 | A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of | |
|----------------|---|--|
| | 154th Infantry Brigade. | |

7 August 1940 Brigade Headquarters absorbed by Headquarters 154th Infantry Brigade and Units transferred (see page 340), Brigade ceased to exist.

1 December 1943 A new 28th Infantry Brigade formed by redesignation of 2nd Gibraltar Brigade (see page 448)

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig | B. | A. | Ca | npbell | |
|---|-----------|------|------|----|----|----|---------|--------|
| 3 | July | 1940 | Brig | A. | C. | L. | Stanley | Clarke |

Units

| 7 | BW | 3. | 9.39 | - | 1. | 6.40 |
|----|--------|----|------|---|----|------|
| 10 | A & SH | 3. | 9.39 | - | 6. | 8.40 |
| 11 | A & SH | 3. | 9.39 | - | 6. | 8.40 |

Higher Formations served under

| 2 | Inf | Division | 3. | 9.39 | - | B | 8.4 |
|---|-----|----------|----|------|---|---|-----|
| | | | | | | | |

Theatre

| United | Kingdom | 3. | 9.39 | - | 6. | 8.40 |
|--------|---------|----|------|---|----|------|
| | | | | | | |

| | September | 1939 | A Regular Infantry Brigade in Egypt with the title The Cairo Brigade; on 20 September designated 29th Infantry Brigade. |
|----|-----------|------|---|
| 3 | October | 1939 | Redesignated 22nd Infantry Brigade. |
| 14 | July | 1940 | A new 29th Brigade formed in the United Kingdom as an Independent Brigade Group. |
| 15 | June | 1944 | Redesignated and reorganized as 29th Infentry Priceds |

Commander

| 14 | September
July
January | 1940 | Lt-Col E. G. Earle (acti
Brig Sir O. W. H. Leese, Bart
Brig J. M. L. Grover | ng |
|----|------------------------------|----------------------|---|----|
| 13 | October | 1941 | Brig F. W. Festing Brig H. C. Stockwell | |
| 19 | | 1945
1945
1945 | Brig G. E. R. Bastin
Lt-Col C. S. Mill
Brig J. J. McCully | |

Units

| 2 SG | 30. 9.39 - 2.10.39 |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Buffs | |
| | 30. 9.39 - 2.10.39 |
| 1 RSF | 18. 7.40 - 25. 5.45 |
| 2 RWF | |
| | 18. 7.40 - 25. 5.45 |
| 2 E Lan R | 18. 7.40 - 25. 5.45 |
| 2 S Lan R | |
| | 18. 7.40 - 16. 4.44 |
| 29 Indep Bde Gp Atk Coy | 1. 9.40 - 18. 1.41 |
| 2 Queens | |
| | 25. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 |
| 1 Essex | 25. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 |
| 1 Cameronians | |
| T OURIGI OHITAHS | 25. 5.45 = 31 9 45 |

The following additional Units formed the Group:

| RAC | "B" SS Sqn | 20. 8.42 - 1. 6.43 |
|-----|--|---|
| RA | 17 Fd Regt
204 Atk Bty
455 Indep Lt Bty | 16. 7.40 - 5. 5.41
16. 7.40 - 5. 5.41
20. 8.42 - 31. 3.43 |
| RE | 236 Fd Coy | 16. 7.40 - 25. 1.43 |
| Inf | "E" Coy 5 A & SH (MG) 29 Indep Bde Gp MG Coy* 29 Indep Bde Gp MG Coy+ 29 Indep Bde Gp Recce Coy "D" Coy 2 Manch (MG) (3) | 16. 8.40 - 11. 6.41
12. 6.41 - 31.10.41
1.11.41 - 14. 3.42
19. 1.41 - 5. 5.41
17.10.43 - 14. 6.44 |
| ST | 29 Indep Bde Gp Coy RASC | 1. 8.40 - 5. 5.41 |
| Med | 154 Fd Amb | 16. 7.40 - 25. 1.43 |
| Ord | 29 Indep Bde Gp Wksp
29 Indep Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk | 27. 4.41 - 10. 7.41
29. 4.41 - 5. 5.41 |
| Pro | 29 Indep Bde Gp Pro Sec | 18. 7.40 - 25. 1.43 |

^{*} A & SH. + NF

29th INFANTRY BRIGADE

Higher Formations served under

| HQ BTE | 3. 9.39 - 2.10.39 | WO Control | 14. 7.40 - 1. 8.40 |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 12 Corps | 2. 8.40 - 8.11.40 | West Sussex Division* | 9.11.40 - 16. 2.41 |
| 4 Corps | 17. 2.41 - 31. 3.41 | South-Eastern Comd | 1. 4.41 - 6. 5.41 |
| WO Control | 7. 5.41 - 14. 3.42 | Force: 121 | 15. 3.42 - 16.10.42 |
| WO Control | 16.10.42 - 26. 1.43 | 36 Ind Inf Division | 26. 1.43 - 31. 8.44 |
| 36 Inf Division | 1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| Egypt | 30. 9.39 - 2.10.39 | United Kingdom | 14. 7.40 - 20. 3.42 |
|--------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| At Sea | 21. 3.42 - 22. 4.42 | South Africa | 22. 4.42 - 28. 4.42 |
| At Sea | 28. 4.42 - 5. 5.42 | Madagascar | 5. 5.42 - 20. 8.42 |
| At Sea | 20. 8.42 - 26. 8.42 | East Africa | 26. 8.42 - 5. 9.42 |
| At Sea | 5. 9.42 - 10. 9.42 | Madagascar | 10. 9.42 - 16.10.42 |
| At Sea | 16.10.42 - 24.10.42 | South Africa | 24.10.42 - 8. 1.43 |
| At Sea | 8. 1.43 - 26. 1.43 | India | 26. 1.43 - 11. 2.44 |
| Burma | 12. 2.44 - 6. 8.44 | India | 7. 6.44 - 3. 8.44 |
| Burma | 3. 8.44 - 13. 5.45 | India | 13. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 |

Battles

| 1944 | 1 January - 12 June | North Arakan |
|------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1945 | 12/13 February - 21 March | Mandalay |
| | 1 April - 6 May | Rangoon Road |

Note: (1) On 15 June 1944 this Coy became part of 36 Ind Div Tps when the Bde ceased to be a Group.

* County Division

1940 Formed in the United Kingdom. 24 April 1940 Captured in Calais.

17 October 1940 A new 30th Independent Infantry Brigade (Guards) formed in the United Kingdom.

15 September 1941 Redesignated 6th Guards Armoured Brigade (see page 157).

Commander

24 April 1940 Brig C. Nicholson (POW 26.5.40) 17 October 1940 Brig A. H. S. Adair

Units

2 KRRC (Mot) 24. 4.40 - 26. 5.40 1 RB (Mot) 24. 4.40 - 26. 5.40 4 Gren Gds 17.10.40 - 14. 9.41 4 Coldm Gds 17.10.40 - 14. 9.41 3 SG 17.10.40 - 14. 9.41 30 Indep Inf Bde (Gds) Atk Coy 11.11.40 - 14. 9.41

On landing at Calais 22.5.40 the following Units came under command:

3 R Tks 229 Bty, 58 Atk Regt

Wireless Tp 2 Sp Gp Sqn 1 Armd Div 1 QVR (M/C)

1 Lt Fd Amb

26 May

Higher Formations served under

1 Armd Division 24. 4.40 - 15. 5.40 55 Inf Division 16. 5.40 - 21. 5.40 WO Control 22. 5.40 - 26. 5.40 WO Control 17.10.40 - 14. 9.41

Theatres

United Kingdom 24. 4.40 - 22. 5.40 France (Calais) 22. 5.40 - 26. 5.40 United Kingdom 17.10.40 - 14. 9.41

31st INDEPENDENT BRIGADE GROUP

17 July 1940 Formed as a Group in the United Kingdom.

10 December 1941 Redesignated and organized as 1st Airlanding Brigade Group (see page 414)

Commander

17 July 1940 Brig H. E. F. Smyth 27 October 1941 Brig G. F. Hopkinson

Units

20. 7.40 - 4.12.41

| 2 S Staffords | 17. 7.40 - 9.12.41 |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Oxf Bucks | 17. 7.40 - 9.12.43 |
| 1 RUR | 17. 7.40 - 9.12.43 |
| 1 Border | 1.12.40 - 9.12.4 |
| 31 Inden Bde Gn Atk Cov | 14. 9.40 - 1. 1.40 |

The following additional Units formed the Group:

PA 75 Fd Regt.

| IM | 223 Atk Bty | 20. 7.40 - 9.12.41 |
|-----|--|--|
| RE | 237 Fd Coy
9 Fd Coy | 20. 7.40 - 5. 8.41
8.12.41 |
| Inf | *D' Coy 5 Devon (MG)
31 Indep Bde Gp MG Coy*
31 Indep Bde Gp Recce Coy | 25. 8.40 - 13.10.40
14.10.40 - 5. 8.41
1. 1.41 - 9.12.41 |
| ST | 31 Indep Bde Gp Coy RASC
39 Mot Coach Coy RASC | 5. 8.40 - 9.12.41
17. 8.40 - 9.12.41 |
| Med | 152 Fd Amb
181 Fd Amb | 20. 7.40 - 5. 8.41
31. 7.41 - 9.12.41 |
| Ord | 31 Indep Bde Gp Wksp RAOC
31 Indep Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk | 18. 3.41 - 9.12.41
18. 3.41 - 9.12.41 |
| Pro | 31 Indep Bde Pro Sec | 20. 7.40 - 9.12.41 |

Higher Formations served under

1. 8.40 - 15. 2.41 17. 7.40 - 31. 7.40 4 Corps WO Control 16. 2.41 - 9.12.41 Western Comd

Theatre

17. 7.40 - 9.12.41 United Kingdom

* Devon



32nd INFANTRY BRIGADE (GUARDS)

1 October 1941 Formed in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| 1 | october | 1941 | Brig L. Bootle-Wilbraham | |
|----|-----------|------|----------------------------|-----------|
| | | 1942 | Brig G. L. Verney | |
| | September | 1942 | Brig J. C. O. Marriott | |
| 15 | December | 1943 | Brig G. F. Johnson | |
| 31 | December | 1944 | Lt-Col J. C. Windsor-Lewis | (acting) |
| 13 | January | 1945 | Brig G. F. Johnson | (dc chig) |
| | May | 1945 | Lt-Col J. C. Windsor-Lewis | (acting) |
| 8 | July | 1945 | Brig J. O. E. Vandeleur | (docting) |

Units

| | Gren Gds | 1. | 10.41 | - | 4. | 6.42 |
|------|----------------------|-----|-------|---|-----|------|
| | Coldm Gds | | 10.41 | | | |
| 4 1 | | 1. | 10.41 | - | 5. | 9.43 |
| 1 1 | | 4. | 6.42 | - | 22. | 3.45 |
| 3. | 16 | (5. | 9.43 | - | 21. | 2.45 |
| 2 5 | ga. | | 5.45 | | | |
| 2 1 | | | 2.45 | | | |
| | Inf Bde (Gds) Sp GP* | | 6.45 | | | |
| 02 1 | THE DOG (OUD) OF CHA | 18. | 9.43 | - | 12. | 3.44 |

Higher Formations served under

| PS 27. 6.44 - 28. 6.44 Division 8. 7.44 - 11. 7.44 Division 2.10.44 - 7.10.44 13. 2.45 - 27. 2.45 md Division 2. 3.45 - 11. 6.45 |
|--|
| 7 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 1.10.41 - 19. 6.44 | | |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| NW Europe | 25. 6.44 - 31. 8.45 | At Sea | 19. 6.44 - 25. 6.44 |

Battles

| 1944 | 25 June - 2 July
18 July - 23 July
30 July - 9 August
17 September - 27 September | The Odon
Bourguebus R
Mont Pincon
The Nederrij |
|------|--|---|
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March | The Rhineland |

* NF.

33rd INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE (GUARDS)

| 24 | 1 October | 1941 | Formed in the United Kingdom. |
|----|-----------|------|--|
| 10 | November | 1942 | Redesignated and reconstituted an Independent Brigade Group. |
| 6 | October | 1943 | Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom. |

Commander

30 October 1941 Brig J. Jefferson

Units

| 6 Coldm Gds | 30.10.41 - | 30. 9.45 |
|---------------|------------|----------|
| 3 IG | 30.10.41 - | |
| 3 WG | 30.10.41 - | |
| 11 Worc R | 5.12.42 - | 31.12.48 |
| 1 Word R | 1. 1.43 - | 4.10.43 |
| 9 Bedfs Herts | 5. 2.43 - | 4.10.48 |

The following additional Units formed the Group:

| RA | 177 Fd Regt
220 Atk Bty
80 LAA Bty | 10.11.42 - 4.10.43
10.11.42 - 30. 9.43
7.12.42 - 12. 9.43 |
|------|--|---|
| RE | 26 Fd Coy | 10.11.42 - 27. 9.43 |
| Inf | 24 Indep Recce Sqn | 10.11.42 - 9. 2.43 |
| ST | 33 Indep Bde Gp (Gds) (339) Coy RASC
33 Indep Bde Gp (Gds) (538) Coy RASC | 10.11.42 - 24. 4.43
12. 6.43 - 4.10.43 |
| REME | 33 Indep Bde Gp (Gds) Wksp | 25. 1.43 - 30. 9.43 |
| Pro | 33 Indep Bde Gp (Gds) Pro Sec | 7.12.42 - 4.10.43 |

Higher Formations served under

| London | District | 24.10.41 - | 5.10. |
|--------|----------|------------|-------|
| | | | |

Theatres

| United | Kingdom | 24.10.41 - | 5.10.4 |
|--------|---------|------------|--------|

7 October 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade (1) duplicate of 131st Infantry Brigade.

28 November 1940 Redesignated 169th (London) Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| | October | 1939 | Brig E. E. F. Baker | |
|----|-----------|------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| | April | 1940 | Lt-Col A. F. F. Young | (acting) |
| | May . | | Brig V. L. de Cordova | (acting) |
| | August | 1940 | Brig E. C. Hayes | |
| | May | 1941 | Brig R. A. G. Taylor | |
| | March | 1942 | Brig L. O. Lynne | |
| 10 | October | 1943 | Lt-Col J. Y. Whitfield | (acting) |
| 16 | October | 1943 | Brig L. O. Lynne | (injured 13.11.43) |
| | November | | Lt-Col J. Y. Whitfield | (acting) |
| | | 1943 | Brig L. O. Lynne | (Hosp 8.1.44) |
| | January | | Lt-Col J. Y. Whitfield | (acting) |
| | January | 1944 | Brig L. O. Lynne | (acting) |
| | | 1944 | Lt-Col D. C. Baynes | (acting) |
| | March | | Brig G. H. G. Smith-Dorrien | (killed 13.9.44) |
| | September | | Lt-Col C. R. Spincer | (acting) |
| | September | 1944 | Brig W. H. Stratton | (accing) |
| 26 | June | 1945 | Brig P. H. Richardson | |
| | | | | |

Units

| 2/5 Queens
2/6 Queens | 7.10.39 - 31. 8.45
(7.10.39 - 25. 3.44 |
|---|---|
| 2/7 Queens | (2. 6.44 - 31. 8.45
7.10.39 - 31. 8.45 |
| 35 Inf Bde Atk Coy
169 (Lon) Inf Bde Atk Coy | 2.10.40 - 27.11.40 28.11.40 - 7. 1.41 |

Higher Formations served under

| 12 Inf Division | 7.10.39 - 2. 7.40 | 1 I and Division | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 56 (Lon) Inf Division | 28.11.40 - 29.11.44 | 1 London Division | 2. 7.40 - 27.11.40 |
| 56 (Lon) Inf Division | | 46 Inf Division | 30.11.44 - 11.12.44 |

Theatres

| France 25. 4.40 - 7, 6.40 At Sea 24. 8.42 - 13.11,42 Palestine 27. 5.43 - 30, 3.43 Libya 7. 4.43 - 19, 4.43 Libya 27. 5.43 - 4, 9.43 Libya 9. 9.43 - 28. 3,44 Egypt 4. 4.44 - 10, 7.44 LTALY 17, 7.44 - 31, 8.45 |
|--|
| |

35th INFANTRY BRIGADE

| 1943 | 19 April - 29 April
5 May - 12 May
9 September - 18 September
22 September - 1 October
12 October - 15 October
5 November - 9 December | Enfidaville
Tunis
Salerno
Capture of Naples
Volturno Crossing
Monte Camino |
|------|---|---|
| 1944 | 17 January - 31 January
22 January - 22 May
25 August - 22 September | Garigliano Crossing
Anzio |

- Notes: (1) On 7 Oct 1939 the Bde began to function as a separate Formation prior to this the Units were administered and embodied by 44 Inf Div.
 - (2) Left by road and rail in March and April 1943 from Iraq to N Africa approx 3,200 miles.



| 7 October | 1939 | A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade (1) duplicate (132nd Infantry Brigade. |
|-----------|------|--|
| 8 June | 1940 | The Brigade was reconstituted in the United Kingdom. |
| 28 June | 1940 | Redesignated 36th Independent Infantry Brigade. |
| 22 June | 1942 | Redesignated 36th Infantry Brigade. |

Commander

| | October
July | | Brig G. R. P. Roupell
Brig A. L. Kent-Lemon | (missing 20.5.40) |
|----|-----------------|------|--|-------------------|
| 17 | December | 1942 | Brig B. Howlett | (killed 30.11.43) |
| 30 | November | 1943 | Lt-Col P. E. O. Bryan | (acting) |
| 3 | December | 1943 | Brig J. L. Spencer | (|
| 2 | May | 1944 | Brig J. G. James | (killed 16.6.44) |
| | June | | Brig C. D. Packard | |
| 20 | December | 1944 | Brig G. R. D. Musson | |
| 7 | June | 1945 | Lt-Col A. J. Odling-Smee | (acting) |
| 11 | July | 1945 | Brig G. R. D. Musson | (|

Units

| 2/6 | Surreys | 7.10.39 - 26.10.3 |
|-----|-----------------|----------------------|
| 6 | RWK | 7.10.39 - 31. 8.4 |
| 7 | RWK | 7.10.39 - 20. 8.4 |
| | Buffs | 26.10.39 - 31. 8.48 |
| 36 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 18. 8.40 - 20. 6.41 |
| 8 | A & SH | (21. 8.42 - 25.12.42 |
| | | (16. 2.43 - 27. 2.43 |
| | | (24. 3.43 - 31. 8 45 |

During the period 28 June 1940 and 22 June 1942 the following additional Units were under command:

Med 181 Fd Amb from 10.12.41

ST 36 Indep Inf Bde Coy RASC

Higher Formations served under

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 7.10.39 - 19. 4.40 | France (2) | 20. 4.40 - 20. 5.40 |
|----------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 8. 6.40 - 24.10.42 | At Sea | 24.10.42 - 11.11.42 |
| N Africa | 11.11.42 - 23. 7.43 | At Sea | 23. 7.43 - 25. 7.43 |
| Sicily | 25. 7.43 - 23. 9.43 | At Sea | 23. 9.43 - 24. 9.43 |
| Italy | 24. 9.43 - 17. 7.44 | At Sea | 17. 7.44 - 22. 7.44 |
| Egypt | 22. 7.44 - 7. 9.44 | At Sea | 7. 9.44 - 15. 9.44 |
| Italy | 15. 9.44 - 8. 5.45 | Austria | 8. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 |

36th INPANTRY BRIGADS

| 1943 | 18 January - 25 January | Bou Arada |
|------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | 7 April - 15 April | Oued Zarga |
| | 23 April - 30 April | Medjez Plain |
| | 5 May - 12 May | Tunis |
| | 29 July - 3 August | Adrano |
| | 19 November - 3 December | The Sangro |
| 1944 | 11 May - 18 May | Cassino II |
| | 18 May - 30 May | Liri Valley |
| | 20 June - 30 June | Trasimene Line |
| | 17 July - 10 August | Advance to Florence |
| 1945 | 9 April - 12 April | The Senio |
| | 13 April - 21 April | Argenta Gen |

- $\underline{\text{Notes:}}$ (1) On 7 Oct 1939 the Bde began to function as a separate formation, prior to this the Units were administered and embodied by 44 Inf Div.
 - (2) On 20 May 1940 the Brigade was over-run by the enemy, only Details escaped and returned to the UK. On 8 June 1940 was reconstituted in the UK.
 - (3) Originally Force 110 formed July 1941 redesignated Expeditionary Force 23 Mar 1942 and 1 Army 10 July 1942.

| 7 | October | 1939 | A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate o 133rd Infantry Brigade. (1) | 1 |
|--------|-----------|------|--|---|
| 9 | July | 1940 | Redesignated 37th Independent Infantry Brigade. | |
| 8 | December | 1941 | Redesignated 7th Infantry Brigade. (4) | |
|
30 | September | 1944 | Brigade reorganized as a Reserve Brigade. | |

Commander

| 7 | October | 1939 | Brig R. J. P. Wyatt (3) | |
|----|-----------|------|-------------------------|----------|
| 27 | May | 1940 | Lt-Col E. K. B. Warnop | (acting) |
| 11 | June | 1940 | Brig R. J. P. Wyatt | (|
| 14 | February | 1942 | Brig W. H. Oxley | |
| | June | 1942 | Brig B. B. Rackham | |
| 10 | August | 1944 | Col D. M. W. Beak | (acting) |
| 10 | September | 1944 | Brig D. H. Hangh | (|

Units

| 5 Buffs
6 R Sussex
7 R Sussex
2/6 Surreys (2) | 7.10.39 - 25.10.39
7.10.39 - 29. 7.44
7.10.39 - 19.11.41
(26.10.39 - 18. 5.40 | 2 SWB
7 Inf Bde Atk Coy
13 Queens | 8.12.41 - 1. 3.4
8.12.41 - 20.12.4
12. 9.44 - 31. 8.4 |
|--|--|---|---|
| 37 Indep Inf Bde | (18. 6.40 - 29. 7.44
(12. 9.44 - 31. 8.45 | 12 RF
2/4 Essex | 12. 9.44 - 30.10.4
12. 9.44 - 31. 8.49 |
| · Atk Coy | 12. 9.40 - 7.12.41 | | |

Between July 1940 and December 1941 the following additional Units were under command:

Med 182 Fd Amb

ST 37 Indep Inf Bde Coy RASC

Higher Formations served under

| 12 Inf Division | 7.10.39 - 9. 7.40 | 2 Corps | 9. 7.40 - 20. 2.41 |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 11 Corps | 21. 2.41 - 26.11.41 | 3 Inf Division | 27.11.41 - 4. 6.42 |
| 9 Armd Division | 5. 6.42 - 30. 7.44 | Essex & Suffolk | 31. 7.44 = 9. 9.44 |
| 47 Inf (Res) Division | 10. 9.44 - 31. 8.45 | District | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 7.10.39 - 21. 4.40 | France | 80 4 40 7 0 46 |
|----------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|
| United Kingdom | 9 8 40 - 74 0 45 | rrance | 22. 4.40 - 7. 6.40 |

- Notes: (1) Prior to 7 Oct 1939 the Units of the Bde were administered and embodied by 44 Inf Div; from this date the Brigade began to function as a separate formation.
 - (2) During May 1940 this Unit was separated from the Brigade.
 - (3) The Bde Comd became acting Div Comd on 20 May 1940; until 27 May 1940 the Details of the Bde were commanded by the Bde Major.
 - (4) Between 30 July and 12 Sep 1944 Bde HQ had no Inf Bns under command.

38th (IRISH) INFANTRY BRIGADE

(See under 210th Independent Infantry Brigade (Home))

39th, 40th, and 41st INFANTRY BRIGADES not formed

42nd INFANTRY BRIGADE

| 26 | July | 1943 | Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom. (1 |) |
|----|----------|------|---|---|
| 9 | November | 1943 | Redesignated Headquarters 57th Division. (2) | |
| 29 | July | 1944 | Brigade Headquarters disbanded in N Africa. (3) | |

Commander

26 July 1943 Brig P. H. Cadoux-Hudson

Units

| 30 NF | | 25. | 8.43 | - | 30. | 4.44 |
|----------|---------|-----|-------|---|-----|------|
| 30 Bedfs | B Herts | 25. | 8.43 | - | 27. | 7.44 |
| 30 DCLI | | | 8.43 | | | |
| 30 Norfe | olk | | 10.43 | | | |
| 30 Green | Howards | | 11.43 | | | |
| 31 Suffe | olk | | 11.43 | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| WO Control
N Africa District | 26.7.43 - 25.8.43
28.9.43 - 27.7.44 | AFHQ | 25.8.43 - 27.9.4 |
|---------------------------------|--|------|------------------|
| N Africa District | | Arne | 25.8.43 - 27.9. |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
N Africa | 26.7.43 - 12.8.43
25.8.43 - 27.7.44 | At Sea | 12.8.43 - 25.8.4 |
|----------------------------|--|--------|------------------|
| | | | |

- Notes: (1) This Bde was formed for Internal Security duties on L of C under AFMQ. The Unit had full complement of personnel, 80 per cent of which were below Category *A*; they were armed only with personal weapons and h
 - (2) For deception purposes. The Bde Comd was given the local rank of Major General and Units in the Brigade were designated also for deception purposes:

became 170 Inf Bde to 30.4.44

| 31 | Suffo | lk | Ħ | 171 | Inf | Bde | to | 19.6.44 | |
|----|-------|---------|---|-----|-----|-----|----|----------|--------|
| 30 | Green | Howards | | | | | | 26.12.43 | |
| 30 | Bedfs | Herts | | | | | | 26.12.43 | 27.7.4 |

(3) 57 Division ceased to exist same date.

30 NF

43rd INFANTRY BRIGADE

16 August 1943 Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom. (1)

9 November 1943 Redesignated Headquarters 40th Division. (2)

17 June 1944 The title 40th Division lapsed.

30 June 1944 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in Sicily.

Commander

19 August 1943 Brig G. H. P. Whitfield

Units

| 19. 8.43 - 27.10.4 |
|--------------------|
| 19. 8.43 - 5.11.4 |
| 19. 8.43 - 16. 6.4 |
| 26. 9.43 - 12. 4.4 |
| 26. 9.43 - 27.10.4 |
| 21.10.43 - 19. 5.4 |
| |

Higher Formations served under

| WO Control | 16. 8.43 - 23. 9.43 | AFHQ | 23. 9.43 - 30. 9.43 |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Tunis Sub-District | 1.10.43 - 5.11.43 | No. 1 District | 5.11.43 - 11. 6.44 |
| 56 Area | 11. 6.44 - 29. 6.44 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
N Africa | 16. 8.43 - 12. 9.43 | At Sea | 12. 9.43 - 23. 9.43 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| N AIF1CA | 23. 9.43 - 5.11.43 | Sicily | 5.11.43 - 29. 6.44 |

- Notes:

 (1) This Bde was formed for Internal Security duties on L of C under AFHQ. The Units had full complement of personnel, 80 per cent of which were below Category 'A'; they were armed only with personal weapons and had skeleton allotment of transport.
 - (2) For deception purposes. The Bde Comd was given the local rank of Major General and Units in the Bde were designated also for deception purposes;

30 Som LI became 119 Inf Bde to 12.4.44 30 Norfolk " 121 " " to 19.5.44 30 Dorset " 120 " " to 16.6.44

44th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 155th Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig B. C. Lake | |
|----|-----------|------|---|----------|
| 4 | November | 1939 | Lt-Col A. E. D. Anderson | (acting) |
| 21 | December | 1939 | Brig J. A. Campbell | (acting) |
| 21 | May | 1941 | Brig H. D. K. Money | |
| 29 | July | 1944 | Brig J. C. Cockburn | |
| 27 | November | 1944 | Brig Hon H. C. Havell-Thurlow-Cumming-Bruce | |
| 13 | July | 1945 | Lt-Col C. W. P. Richardson | (acting) |
| 24 | July | 1945 | Brig Hon H. C. Havell-Thurlow-Cumming-Rmuce | (acting) |

Units

| 8 RS | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 6 KOSB | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 |
| 7 KOSB | 3. 9.39 - 5.10.42 |
| 44 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 14.10.40 - 14.12.40 |
| 11 A & SH | 14.10.42 - 27.12.42 |
| 6 RSF | 28.12.42 - 31. 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| 15 (S) Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 7. 7.44 | 53 Inf Division | 8. 7.44 - 11. 7.44 |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 15 (S) Inf Division | 12. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 12. 6.44 | At Sea | 13. 6.44 - 17. 6.44 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| NW Europe | 17. 6.44 - 31. 8.45 | | 20. 0.44 - 17. 0.44 |

| 1944 | 25 June - 2 July
4 July - 18 July
30 July - 9 August
17 September - 27 September | The Odon
Caen
Mont Pincon
The Nederrijn |
|------|---|--|
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March
23 March - 1 April | The Rhineland
The Rhine |



September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 156th Infantry Brigade,

26 September 1944 Redesignated 113th Infantry Brigade.

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig D. S. Davidson 26 September 1940 Brig J. D. Russell 28 November 1943 Brig F. L. Johnston 11 August 1944 Lt-Col R. K. Spurrell (acting) 15 August 1944 Brig B. B. Rackham 30 August 1945 Brig G. P. Harding

Units

| 6 RSF | (3. 9.39 - 12.12.39 | 10 BW | 27.12.42 - 21. 7.44 |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| | (3. 7.40 - 27.12.42 | 11 A & SH | 28.12.42 - 20. 7.44 |
| 9 Cameronians | 3. 9.39 - 27.12.42 | 4 E Lan R | 23. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 10 Cameronians | 3. 9.39 - 22. 7.44 | 5 Innisks | 22. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 45 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 1. 9.40 - 14.12.40 | 5 Border | 25. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

15 (S) Inf Division 3, 9.39 - 5, 1.43 80 Inf Division 8, 1.43 - 31, 8.44 38 Inf (Res) Division 1, 9.44 - 31, 8.45

Theatre

United Kingdom 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45

46th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 157th Infantry Brigade.

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig H.J.D. Clark 20 October 1941 Brig C.M. Barber 3 August 1944 Brig R.M. Villiers 25 February 1945 Lt-Col H.C. Baker-Baker (acting) 8 March 1945 Brig R.M. Villiers

Units

| 10 HLI | 3. 9.39 - 1.11.41 | 7 Seaforths | 15.11.41 - 31. 8.45 |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 11 HLI | 3. 9.39 - 19.11.41 | 7 Camerons | 18.11.41 - 23. 3.42 |
| 2 Glas H | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 | 4 Camerons | 24. 3.42 - 16.11.42 |
| 46 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 1. 9.40 - 1. 1.41 | 10 BW | 19.11.42 - 27.12.42 |
| | | a Comeroniane | 28.12.42 - 31. 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

15 (S) Inf Division 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45

Theatres

United Kingdom 3. 9.39 - 15. 6.44 At Sea 15. 6.44 - 17. 6.44 NW Europe 17. 6.44 - 31. 8.45

Battles

1944 25 June - 2 July The Odon
4 July - 18 July Caen
20 July - 9 August Mont Pincon
17 September - 27 September The Nederrijn
1945 8 February - 10 March
28 March - 1 April The Rüneland
The Rüne



47th TO 51st INFANTRY BRIGADES not formed

52nd INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1943 Brigade Headquarters formed in India. On 18 September Brig H.A. Davies was appointed Brigade Commander.

November 1943 The Brigade concentrated at Budni, Phopal State; its role was a Training Brigade for training British Infantry reinforcements in jungle warfare. The following Units were under command:

20 RF 15.11.43 - 31. 8.45 7 S Lan R 20.11.43 - 31. 8.45 8 Y & L 1. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 1. 5.45 - 31. 8.45

1 August 1945 Brigade Headquarters redesignated Headquarters Training Group.

53rd INFANTRY BRIGADE

18 September 1939 Formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation of 163rd Infantry Brigade a First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade. (1) (see page 351).

15 February 1942 The Brigade was captured by the Japanese in Malaya. Never reformed.

Commander

18 September 1939 Brig M.D. Jephson 28 May 1940 Brig S. Collingwood 25 October 1940 Brig C.L.B. Duke

Units

5 Norfolk 18. 9.39 - 15. 2.42 e Norfolk 18. 9.39 - 15. 2.42 7 Norfolk 18. 9.39 - 11.1.29 2 Camb 1.11.39 - 15. 2.42 25 Inf Rde Atk Coy 23. 9.40 - 14.11.240

Higher Formations served under

54 Inf Division 18, 9.39 - 29, 9.39 18 Inf Division 30, 9.39 - 23.12.41 M0 Control 23.12.41 - 13. 1.42 Malaya Comd 13. 1.42 - 29. 1.42 18 Inf Division 30, 1.42 - 15. 2.42

Theatres

United Kingdom 18. 9.39 - 30.10.41 At Sea (2) 30.10.41 - 13. 1.42 Malaya 13. 1.42 - 15. 2.42

Battles

1942 14 January - 31 January Johore 8 February - 15 February Singapore Island

Notes: (1) The Bde was administered by 54 Inf Div until 18 Inf Div (duplicate Division) began to function on 30 Sep 1939.

(2) On 23 December 1941 while at sea in the Indian Ocean diverted by WO to Malaya.

47th TO 51st INFANTRY BRIGADES and Control

52nd INFANTRY BRIGADS

September 1943 Brisade Residenters formed in India. November 1943

The Brigade concentrated at Name and Tourish the following thits were under assets.

20 RF 7 S Lan R 12 Foresters 8 Y & L

1 August 1945 Brigade Readquarters recessmands Readquarters Technique

53rd INFANTRY BRIGADE

Formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation of 168rd Infantry Brigade a First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade. (1) (see page 351). The Brigade was captured by the Japanese in Malaya. Never reformed.

Commander

tember 1939 Brig M.D. Jephson 1940 Brig M.D. Jephson 1940 Brig S. Collingwood Brig C.L.B. Duke

Units

5 Norfolk 18. 9.39 - 15. 2.42 6 Norfolk 18. 9.39 - 15. 2.42 7 Norfolk 18. 9.39 - 1.11.39 1.11.39 - 15. 2.42 23. 9.40 - 14.12.40 53 Inf Bde Atk Coy

Higher Formations served under

30. 9.39 - 23.12.41 and Division 18. 9.39 - 29. 9.39 18 Inf Division 13. 1.42 - 29. 1.42 on trol 23.12.41 - 13. 1.42 Malaya Comd se Inf Division 30. 1.42 - 15. 2.42

Theatres

maited Kingdom 18. 9.39 - 30.10.41 At Sea (2) 30.10.41 - 13. 1.42 13. 1.42 - 15. 2.42 Malaya

Battles

1942 14 January - 31 January Johore 8 February - 15 February Singapore Island

(1) The Bde was administered by 54 Inf Div until 18 Inf Div (duplicate Division) began to function on 30 Sep 1939.

(2) On 23 December 1941 while at sea in the Indian Ocean diverted by WO to Malaya.

52nd INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1943 Brigade Headquarters formed in India. On 16 September Brig H.A. Davies was appointed Brigade Commander.

November 1943 The Brigade concentrated at Budni, Bhopal State; its role was a Training Brigade for training British Infantry reinforcements in jungle warfare, The following Units were under command:

20 RF 15.11.43 - 31. 8.45 7 8 Lan R 20.11.43 - 31. 8.45 12 Foresters 1. 1.44 - 31. 8.45 8 Y & L 1.5.45 - 31. 8.45

1 August 1945 Brigade Headquarters redesignated Headquarters Training Group.

53rd INFANTRY BRIGADE

18 September 1939 Formed in the United Kingdom by redesignation of 183rd Infantry Brigade a First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade. (1) (see page 351).

15 February 1942 The Brigade was captured by the Japanese in Malaya. Never reformed.

Commander

18 September 1939 Brig M.D. Jephson 28 May 1940 Brig S. Collingwood 25 October 1940 Brig C.L.B. Duke

Units

| 5 Norfolk | 18. 9.39 - 15. 2.42 |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 6 Norfolk | 18. 9.39 - 15. 2.42 |
| 7 Norfolk | 18. 9.39 - 1.11.39 |
| 2 Camb | 1.11.39 - 15. 2.42 |
| 53 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 23. 9.40 - 14.12.40 |

Higher Formations served under

| 54 Inf Division | 18. 9.39 - 29. 9.39 | 18 Inf Division | 30. 9.39 - 23.12.41 |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| WO Control | 23.12.41 - 13. 1.42 | Malaya Comd | 13. 1.42 - 29. 1.42 |
| 18 Inf Division | 30. 1.42 - 15. 2.42 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 18. 9.39 - 30.10.41 | At Sea (2) | 30.10.41 - 13. 1.4 |
|----------------|---------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Malava | 13. 1.42 - 15. 2.42 | | |

Battles

| 1942 | 14 January - 31 January | Johore |
|------|--------------------------|------------------|
| | 8 February - 15 February | Singapore Island |

Notes: (1) The Bde was administered by 54 Inf Div until 18 Inf Div (duplicate Division) began to function on 30 Sep 1939.

(2) On 23 December 1941 while at sea in the Indian Ocean diverted by WO to Malaya.

17 September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade. (1)

15 February 1942 The Brigade was captured by the Japanese in Malaya. Never reformed.

Commander

17 September 1939 Brig E.H.W. Backhouse

Units

4 Norfolk 17. 9.39 - 15. 2.42 4 Suffolk 17. 9.39 - 15. 2.42 5 Suffolk 17. 9.39 - 15. 2.42 54 Inf Bde Atk Coy 7.10.40 - 14.12.40

Higher Formations served under

54 Inf Division 17. 9.39 - 29. 9.39

18 Inf Division 30. 9.39 - 15. 2.42

Theatres

United Kingdom India Malaya 17. 9.39 - 29.10.41 At Sea 29.12.41 - 13. 1.42 At Sea 29. 1.42 - 15. 2.42

t Sea 30.10.41 - 29.12.41 t Sea 13. 1.42 - 29. 1.42

Battles

1942 8 February - 15 February Singapore Island

Note: (1) The Bde was administered by 54 Inf Div until 18 Inf Div began to function on 30 Sep 1939.

55th INFANTRY BRIGADE

18 September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade. (1)
15 February 1942 Captured by the Japanese in Malaya. Never reformed.

Commander

18 September 1939 Brig W.M. Ozanne 20 December 1940 Brig T.H. Massy-Beresford

Units

5 Bedfs Herts 18. 9.39 - 15. 2.42 1 Camb 18. 9.39 - 15. 2.42 2 Camb 18. 9.39 - 30.10.3 1/5 Roresters 8. 7.40 - 15. 2.42 55 Inf Bde Atk Coy 9.10.40 - 14.12.42

Higher Formations served under

54 Inf Division 18. 9.39 - 29. 9.39 18 Inf Division 30. 9.39 - 15. 2.42

Theatres

United Kingdom 18. 9.39 - 30.10.41 At Sea 30.10.41 - 29.12.41 India 29.12.41 - 13. 1.42 At Sea 13. 1.42 - 29. 1.42 Malaya 29. 1.42 - 15. 2.42

Battles

1942 8 February - 15 February Singapore Island

Note: (1) The Bde was administered by 54 Inf Div until 18 Inf Div began to function on 30 Sep 1939.

15 February 1944 Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom. (1)

Commander

| 27 February | 1944 | Brig E.C. Pepper | |
|-------------|------|------------------------|------------------|
| 4 July | 1944 | Brig M.S. Ekin | (killed 4.11.44) |
| 4 November | 1944 | Lt-Col M. Lewis | (acting) |
| 9 November | 1944 | Brig W. F. H. Kempster | (accing) |
| 3 December | 1944 | Lt-Col T.H. Wilsey | (acting) |
| 9 December | 1944 | Brig W. F. H. Kempster | (accing) |
| 20 January | 1945 | Lt-Col R.H.C. Bray | (acting) |
| 23 January | 1945 | Brig R.H. Senior | (GCOINE) |
| 27 January | 1945 | Lt-Col R.H.C. Bray | (acting) |
| 6 February | 1945 | Brig R.H. Senior | (accille) |
| 14 August | 1945 | Brig K. G. Exham | |

Units

| (2. 3.44 - 25. | 4.4 |
|-----------------|--|
| (14. 6.45 - 31. | 8.48 |
| 2. 3.44 - 31 | 8 4 |
| | |
| | |
| | (2. 3.44 - 25.
(14. 6.45 - 31.
2. 3.44 - 31.
2. 3.44 - 31.
28. 4.45 - 13. |

Higher Formations served under

| GHQ Home Forces
50 Inf Division
50 Inf Division
30 Corps
49 Inf Division | 15. 2.44 - 24. 2.44
4. 4.44 - 10. 6.44
12. 6.44 - 15. 6.44
17. 6.44 - 5. 8.44
20. 8.44 - 31. 8.45 | 7 Armd Division | 25. 2.44 - 3. 4.44
10. 6.44 - 12. 6.44
15. 6.44 - 17. 6.44
5. 8.44 - 19. 8.44 |
|--|---|-----------------|--|
|--|---|-----------------|--|

Theatres

| Un: | ited | Kingdom | |
|-----|------|---------|--|
| NW | Euro | ppe | |

| 2. | 44 | - | 3. | 6.44 | A. |
|----|----|---|------|------|----|
| 0 | 44 | | 77.4 | 0 10 | |

Sea 3. 6.44 - 6. 6.44

Battles

| 1944 | 6 | June | | | | |
|------|---|---------|---|---|----------|--|
| | 1 | October | - | 8 | November | |

15.

Normandy Landing The Scheldt

Note: (1) The Bde was an Army Op formation until 20 August 1944 when it became an integral part of 49 Inf Div.

57th TO 60th INFANTRY BRIGADES not formed

61st INFANTRY BRIGADE

| 21 May | 1944 | Formed in Italy as 'M' Brigade with Motor Battalions. |
|----------|------|--|
| 29 May | 1944 | Designated 61st Infantry Brigade. |
| 20 March | 1945 | Redesignated 61st Lorried Infantry Brigade, the Motor Battalions being reorganized as Infantry Battalions. |

Commanders

| 21 | Mav | 1944 | Lt-Col D. Darling | (acting) |
|----|----------|------|-------------------|----------|
| | May | 1944 | Brig A. G. Gore | (acome) |
| | | -9/- | | |
| | January | 1945 | Lt-Col R.A. Fyffe | (acting) |
| 5 | February | 1945 | Brig A.C. Gore | |

Units

| 2 | RB (Mot) | 22. | 5.44 | - | 8. | 8.45 | |
|----|----------|-----|------|---|-----|------|--|
| 7 | RB (Mot) | 22. | 5.44 | - | 22. | 7.45 | |
| 10 | RB (Mot) | 30. | 5.44 | - | 20. | 3.45 | |
| 1 | KRRC | 8. | 3.45 | - | 22. | 7.45 | |
| 1 | Welch | 29. | 6.45 | - | 31. | 8.45 | |
| 2 | Camerons | 19. | 7.45 | - | 31. | 8.45 | |
| 1 | R Sussex | 19. | 7.45 | - | 31. | 8.45 | |
| | | | | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| | nigher rormatio | ons served under | |
|--------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 8 Army | 21. 5.44 - 28. 5.44 | 6 Armd Division | 29. 5.44 - 31. 8.4 |

Theatres

| Italy | 21. 5.44 - 7. 5.45 | | | 8, 5,45 - 31, 8,45 | | |
|-------|--------------------|-----|---------|--------------------|-------|------|
| 10013 | 21. 0.44 - 7. 0 | .40 | Austria | 8. 5.45 | - 31. | 8.45 |

| 1944 | 18 May - 30 May
4 July - 17 July | Liri Valley
Arezzo |
|------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | 17 July - 10 August | Advance to Florer |
| | 25 August - 22 September | Gothic Line |
| 1945 | 13 April - 21 April | Argenta Can |

20 July 1944 Formed in Italy.

Commanders

20 July 1944 Brig M. Redmayne 19 March 1945 Lt-Col R. Delacombe 19 April 1945 Brig M. Redmayne

(acting)

Units

2 RS 1 Herts 11 LF

5. 8.44 - 31. 8.45 4. 8.44 - 31. 8.45 28. 8.44 - 28. 8.45

Higher Formations served under

1 Armd Division 1 Inf Division

20. 7.44 - 12. 8.44 19. 8.44 - 31. 8.45

8 Army

12. 8.44 - 18. 8.44

Theatres

Italy Palestine 20. 7.44 - 27. 1.45 31. 1.45 - 30. 4.45 Syria

At Sea

27. 1.45 - 30. 1.45 1. 5.45 - 31. 5.45

Battles

1944 25 August - 22 September Gothic Line

69th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 150th Infantry Brigade.

December 1944 Reorganized as a Reserve Infantry Brigade.

Commander

11 September 1939 Brig Viscount Downe 24 June 1940 Brig J.A. Barstow 27 December 1940 Lt-Col C.F.R. Brown (acting) 7 January 1941 Lt-Col M.R. Steal (acting) 9 January 1941 Brig G. W. E. G. Erskine 6 February 1942 Lt-Col F. E. A. MacDonnell (acting) 21 February 1942 Brig L.L. Hassall 26 June 1942 Brig E.C. Cooke-Collis 18 January 1944 Brig F.Y.C. Knox 29 October 1944 Brig J.M.K. Spurling 2 December 1944 Brig W.R. Cox 8 January 1945 Lt-Col C. F. Hutchinson (acting) 14 February 1945 Brig Sir A.G.B. Stanier, Bart 1 March 1945 Brig E.C. Cooke-Collis

Units

5 E Yorks 11. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 6 Green Howards 11. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 7 Green Howards 11. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 69 Inf Bde Atk Coy 1. 9.40 - 1. 1.41 69 Inf Bde Sp Coy 16. 5.43 - 31.12.43

Higher Formations served under

50 Division 11. 9.39 - 1.10.39 23 Division 2.10.39 - 29. 6.40 50 Inf Division 1. 7.40 - 31. 7.45 E & W Riding District 1. 8.45 - 31. 8.45

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 11. 9.39 - 24. 4.40 | France | 25. 4.40 - 31. 5.40 |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 1. 6.40 - 29. 5.41 | At Sea | 30. 5.41 - 20. 7.41 |
| Egypt | 21. 7.41 - 5. 8.41 | Cyprus (2) | 6. 8.41 - 4.11.41 |
| Iraq (3) | 6.12.41 - 18. 1.42 | Syria (4) | 21. 1.42 - 10. 2.42 |
| Libya | 19. 2.42 - 14. 6.42 | Egypt | 15. 6.42 - 13.12.42 |
| Libya | 14.12.42 - 8. 3.43 | N Africa | 8. 3.43 - 27. 4.43 |
| Libya | 27. 4.43 - 9. 5.43 | Egypt | 9. 5.43 - 29. 6.43 |
| At Sea | 29. 6.43 - 10. 7.43 | Sicily | 10. 7.43 - 18.10.43 |
| At Sea | 18.10.43 - 7.11.43 | United Kingdom | 7.11.43 - 3. 6.44 |
| At Sea | 3. 6.44 - 6. 6.44 | NW Europe | 6. 6.44 - 13.12.44 |
| United Kingdom | 14.12.44 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Battles

| 1940 | 25 may - 29 may | St Omer - La Bassée | |
|------|--|---|--|
| 1942 | 26 May - 21 June
26 June - 30 June
1 July - 27 July
23 October - 4 November | Gazala
Mersa Matruh
Defence of Alamein Line
El Alamein | |
| 1943 | 16 March - 23 March
6 April - 7 April
19 April - 29 April
9 July - 12 July | Mareth
Akarit
Enfidaville
Landing in Sicily | |
| 1944 | 6 June
17 September - 27 September | Normandy Landing
The Nederrijn | |

Notes: (1) The Bde was administered and embodied by 50 Div until 23 Inf Div (duplicate division) began to function on 2 October 1939.

- (2) In transit by sea and road to Iraq 5.11.41 5.12.41.
- (3) In transit to Syria by road 18.1.42 20.1.42.
- (4) In transit by road to Libya 11.2.42 18.2.42.

70th INFANTRY BRIGADE

| | September | 1939 | A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 151st Infantry Brigade. (1) |
|----|-----------|------|---|
| 27 | June | 1940 | Designated 70th Independent Infantry Brigade. |
| 16 | September | 1940 | Ceased to be an Independent Infantry Brigade. |
| 19 | October | 1944 | Disbanded in NW Europe. |

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig P. Kirkup | |
|----|-----------|------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 26 | September | 1941 | Lt-Col C. D. Marley | (acting) |
| 22 | October | 1941 | Brig P. Kirkup | (account) |
| 24 | July | 1942 | Brig P. P. King | |
| 20 | January | 1944 | Brig E. C. Cooke-Collis | |

Units

| 10 | DLI | | (3. | 9.39 | - | 11. 9.40 |
|----|------|------|-----|------|---|----------|
| | | | | | | 19.12.41 |
| | | | (9. | 1.42 | - | 18.10.44 |
| | DLI | | 3. | 9.39 | - | 18.10.44 |
| 12 | DLI | | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31. 1.40 |
| 1 | Tyne | Scot | 1. | 2.40 | - | 18.10.44 |

During the period 27 June to 17 October 1940 the following additional Unit was under command: $187 \ {\rm Fd} \ {\rm Amb}$

Higher Formations served under

| 50 Division | 3. 9.39 - 1.10.39 | 23 Division | 2.10.39 - 26. 6.40 |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Southern Comd | 27. 6.40 - 6. 8.40 | 8 Corps | 7. 8.40 - 15. 9.40 |
| WO Control | 16. 9.40 - 24.10.40 | Alabaster Force* | 25.10.40 - 9. 1.41 |
| Iceland Force | 9. 1.41 - 19.12.41 | WO Control | 20.12.41 - 24.12.41 |
| S Wales District | 25.12.41 - 31. 3.42 | Western Comd | 1. 4.42 - 17. 5.42 |
| 49 Inf Division | 18. 5.42 - 20. 8.44 | 21 Army Group | 21. 8.44 - 18.10.44 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 24. 4.40 | France | 25. 4.40 - 31. 5.40 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 1. 6.40 - 20.10.40 | At Sea | 21.10.40 - 24.10.40 |
| Iceland | 25.10.40 - 19.12.41 | At Sea | 20.12.41 - 22.12.41 |
| United Kingdom | 22.12.41 - 9. 6.44 | At Sea | 10. 6.44 - 14. 6.44 |

Battles

| 1944 | 25 June | - | 2 July | The | 04 |
|------|---------|---|--------|-----|----|
| | | | | | |

Note: (1) The Bde was administered and embodied by 50 Div when it joined 23 Div (duplicate Division) on 2 October 1939.

* Iceland.

| 28 November | 1940 | Headquarters 3 | forme
3rd I | ed in
London | the
In: | United
fantry | Kingdom
Brigade. | redesignation of (see page 233). | |
|-------------|------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 19 December | 1040 | Redect mated 5 | 71.00 | T | ande | m + T- + | | | |

12 December 1940 Redesignated 71st Independent Infantry Brigade.

14 June 1942 Ceased to be an Independent Formation.

Commander

| 28 | November | 1940 | Brig H. V. Combe | |
|----|-----------|------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 14 | June | 1942 | Brig A. S. P. Murray | |
| 11 | May | 1943 | Brig D. H. Haugh | |
| 7 | January | 1944 | Brig V. Blomfield | (wounded 21.9.44) |
| 21 | September | 1944 | Lt-Col J. H. Hare | (acting) |
| 28 | September | 1944 | Brig M. Elrington | (killed 23.4.45) |
| 23 | April | 1945 | Lt-Col J. M. Hanmer | (acting) |
| 21 | April | 1945 | Brig C I Firbank | , |

Units (1)

| F W41- 0 | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 7 King's Own | 28.11.40 - 28. 4.42 |
| 8 Y & L | 28.11.40 - 8. 5.42 |
| 9 Y & L | 28.11.40 - 8. 5.42 |
| 1 E Lan R | 14. 6.42 - 3. 8.44 |
| 1 HLI | 14. 6.42 - 17. 8.45 |
| 13 HLI | 14. 6.42 - 30. 7.42 |
| 1 Oxf Bucks | 30. 7.42 - 31. 8.45 |
| 4 RWF | 5. 8.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 1 Norfolk | 17. 8.45 - 31. 8.45 |
| | |

Higher Formations served under

| London District 1 Cdn Corps 53 Inf Division | 28.11.40 - 10.12.40
30. 4.42 - 13. 6.42
18.10.43 - 22. 6.44
29. 6.44 - 27.12.44
30.12.44 - 4. 4.45
7. 4.45 - 19. 4.45
23. 4.45 - 29. 4.45 | BTNI 42 Armd Division 1 Corps 6 Airborne Div 7 Armd Division Gds Armd Division 51(H) Inf Division | 12.12.40 - 28. 4.42
14. 6.42 - 17.10.43
23. 6.44 - 29. 6.44
27.12.44 - 30.12.44
4. 4.45 - 7. 4.45
20. 4.45 - 12. 4.45
29. 4.45 - 1. 5.45 |
|---|---|---|--|
| 53 Inf Division | 1. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 | or (n) int bivision | 29. 4.45 - 1. 5.45 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
NW Europe | 28.11.40 - 19. 6.44
25. 6.44 - 31. 8.45 | At Sea | 19. 6.44 - 25. 6.44 |
|-----------------------------|--|--------|---------------------|
| | | | |

Battles

| 1944 | 25 June - 2 July | The Odon |
|------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | 4 July - 18 July | Caen |
| | 30 July - 9 August | Mont Pincon |
| | 7 August - 22 August | Falaise |
| | 17 September - 27 September | The Nederrijn |
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March | The Rhineland |
| | 23 March - 1 April | The Rhine |
| | no maron I whill | THE KILLINE |

Note: (1) In May 1942 the Units in the Brigade were transferred to other Formations and in June 1942 new Units came under command.

72nd INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE

| Ja | nuary | 1941 | Formed | in | the | United | Kingdom | as | 72 | Independent | Infantry | Brigade. | |
|----|-------|------|--------|----|-----|--------|---------|----|----|-------------|----------|----------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1 June 1943 Headquarters redesignated Headquarters 5th Parachute Brigade. (see page 413).

28 April 1944 A new 72nd Infantry Brigade formed in India by redesignation of 72nd Indian Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 7 | January | 1941 | Brig D. H. S. Somerville | |
|----|---------|------|--------------------------|----------|
| 28 | April | 1944 | Lt-Col G. R. Stevens | (acting) |
| 29 | July | 1945 | Brig A. R. Aslett | (|

Units

| 13 | RWF | 21. | 1.41 | - | 24. | 9.42 |
|----|-------------|-----|-------|---|-----|-------|
| 6 | Innisks | 21. | 1.41 | - | 14. | 1.42 |
| 15 | S Staffords | 21. | 1.41 | - | 25. | 5.43 |
| 4 | E Lan R | 14. | 1.42 | - | 8. | 10.42 |
| 11 | Devon | 8. | 10.42 | - | 25. | 5.43 |
| 9 | Som LI | 14. | 9.42 | - | 21. | 5.43 |
| 6 | SWB | 28. | 4.44 | - | 18. | 7.45 |
| 10 | Glosters | 28. | 4.44 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 9 | R Sussex | | 4.44 | | | |
| | | | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| Northern Comd | 7. 1.41 - 16. 1.41
1. 5.42 - 14. 5.43 | NI District | 21. 1.41 - 1. 5.42 |
|---------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Dana | 1. 0.40 - 14. 0.40 | NI District | 15. 5.43 - 25. 5.43 |
| 6 Airborne Division | 26. 5.43 - 31. 5.43 | 36 Ind Inf Division | 28. 4.44 - 31. 8.44 |
| 36 Inf Division | 1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 7. 1.41 - 31. 5.43 | Burma | 28. 4.44 - 22. 5.44 |
|----------------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|
| India | 22. 5.44 - 4. 7.44 | Burma | 4. 7.44 - 16. 5.45 |
| India | 17. 5.45 = 31. 8.45 | | 1 20. 0.40 |

| 1944 | 1 January - 12 June | North Arakan |
|------|--|--------------------------|
| 1945 | 12/13 February - 21 March
1 April - 6 May | Mandalay
Rangoon Road |

73rd INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE

24 March 1941 Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom. (1)

19 May 1941 Brigade Headquarters became Headquarters Force 109.

18 June 1941 Force 109 dispersed and Brigade Headquarters reverted to the role of Headquarters of an Infantry Brigade, (2)

13 December 1942 The Brigade ceased to be operational and Headquarters remained extant until disbandment on 19 July 1943, (3)

Commander

24 March 1941 Brig W. Robb 18 June 1941 Brig J. A. Campbell 10 October 1941 Brig A. de L. Cazenove

Units

| 18 | RF | 27. | 3.41 | - | 17. 5.41 |
|----|-------------|-----|------|---|----------|
| 9 | KOSB | | | | 17. 5.41 |
| 6 | R Ir F | 3. | 4.41 | - | 17. 5.41 |
| 7 | E Yorks | 19. | 7.41 | - | 21. 9.42 |
| 6 | DCLI | 19. | 7.41 | - | 9.12.42 |
| 8 | Bedfs Herts | 19. | 7.41 | - | 11.12.42 |
| 2 | Herts | 22. | 9.42 | - | 8.12.42 |
| | | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| South Wales Area | 24. 3.41 - 12. 5.41 | WO Control |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| GHQ Home Forces | 19. 6.41 - 2. 7.41 | Devon & Cornwall |
| 8 Corps | 1.12.41 - 12.12.42 | County Division |
| | | Southarm Comd |

13. 5.41 - 18. 6.41 3. 7.41 - 30.11.41 13.12.42 - 18. 7.43

Theatre

United Kingdom

24. 3.41 - 18. 7.43

- Notes: (1) The Rms allotted to the Bde were widely dispersed in Western Command, the Bde Comd was only responsible for their training. On Bde HQ moving to Scotland on 17 May 1941 to form HQ Force 105 the Units ceased to be part of the Bde.
 - (2) This Force never became operational and after dispersion Bde HQ moved to Cornwall. On 19 July 1941 took under command the Units of 203 Inf Bde and in addition was responsible for all static Units in the County. On 20 November 1941 Cornwall Coastal Area was added to the title; thus the Bde HQ had a dual role of commanding and administering Field Porce Units for a mobile role and the Static Units for the defence of vunerable points in Cornwall.
 - (3) On 13 December 1942 Bde HQ became Cornwall Coastal Area in fact but retained the title of an Infantry Brigade until disbanded by the War Office.

74th to 112th INFANTRY BRIGADES not formed

113th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 160th Infantry Brigade, (1)

5 September 1944 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

28 September 1944 A new Brigade formed. (see under 45th Infantry Brigade)

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig L. | . A. | A. Alston |
|----|-----------|------|---------|------|-------------|
| 28 | July | 1941 | Brig D. | C. | Butterworth |
| 30 | Apr11 | 1942 | Brig N. | A. | McD. Walker |
| 22 | June | 1942 | Brig H. | V. | Combe |

Units

| 15 Welch | 3. 9.39 - 22. 7.44 |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2/5 Welch | 3. 9.39 - 29. 8.44 |
| 4 Mon | 3. 9.39 - 12.12.42 |
| 113 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 1. 9.40 - 6. 1.42 |
| 1 SWB | (12.12.42 - 30.11.43 |
| | (21. 1.44 - 29. 8.44 |

Higher Formations served under

| 19. 1.44 - 29. 0.44 WO CONTROL 50. 8.44 - 4. 9.44 | 53 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 17. 9.39 | 38 Inf Division | 18. 9.39 - 18. 1.44 |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | HQ OSDEF | 19. 1.44 - 29. 8.44 | WO Control | 30. 8.44 - 4. 9.44 |

Theatre

United Kingdom 3. 9.39 - 4. 9.44

Note: (1) The Brigade was administered and embodied by 53 Inf Div until 18 Sep 1939 when 38 Inf Division (duplicate Division) began to function as a separate Formation.

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 159th Infantry Brigade, (1)

20 July 1944 Brigade Headquarters disbanded.

1 September 1944 A new Brigade formed (see under 211th Independent Infantry Brigade (Home)).

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig T. D. Perkin 25 April 1941 Brig J. G. Frere 18 March 1943 Brig G. R. P. Roupell 2 November 1943 Brig G. R. P. Roupell 2 November 1943 Brig G. W. B. Parleton 5 April 1944 Brig G. W. B. Parlow 8 April 1944 Brig P. P. King

(acting)

Units

5 KSLI 3. 9.39 - 14. 7.44
1 Brecknock 3. 9.39 - 14. 7.44
2 Hereford 3. 9.39 - 14. 7.44
114 Inf Bde Atk Coy 10. 7.40 - 9. 1.42

Higher Formations served under

53 Inf Division 3. 9.39 - 17. 9.39 38 Inf

38 Inf Division 18. 9.39 - 19. 7.44

Theatre

United Kingdom

3. 9.39 - 19. 7.44

Note: (1) The Brigade was administered and embodied by 53 Inf Div until 18 Sep 1939 when 38 Inf Div (duplicate Division) began to function as a separate Formation.

115th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 158 Infantry Brigade. (1)

2 August 1944 Brigade Headquarters formed HQ Force 135, the Commander became the Force Commander. (2)

30 January 1945 The Brigade ceased to form part of Force 135 reverting to the role of an Infantry Brigade.

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig C. S. Price-Davies 3 October 1940 Brig A. E. Robinson 15 September 1942 Brig S. A. Forster 21 March 1943 Lt-Col J. S. Nickson (acting) 17 May 1943 Brig A. E. Snow 9 February 1945 Brig E. L. Luce

Units

| 9
10
115
13 | RWF
RWF
RWF
Inf Bde Atk Coy
RWF
Som LI | 3. 9.39 - 4. 7.44
3. 9.39 - 11.10.43
3. 9.39 - 25. 7.42
1. 9.40 - 12. 1.42
7.10.42 - 4. 7.44
24.10.43 - 4. 7.44 | 1 Cheshire
4 Morthamptons
30 R Berks
5 R Berks
3 Mon | 28. 8.44 - 3. 4.45
29. 8.44 - 31. 8.45
27. 8.44 - 15. 3.45
1. 4.45 - 31. 8.45
8. 4.45 - 31. 8.45 |
|----------------------|---|--|--|--|
|----------------------|---|--|--|--|

Higher Formations served under

| 53 Division | 3. 9.39 - 17. 9.39 | 38 Inf Division | 18. 9.39 - 3. 7.44 |
|---------------|---|---------------------|---|
| Southern Comd | 4. 7.44 - 1. 8.44 | WO Control | 2. 8.44 - 8. 2.45 |
| 21 Army Group | 9. 2.45 - 14. 2.45 | 8 Corps | 14. 2.45 - 8. 3.45 |
| 2 of C Area | 9. 3.45 - 11. 3.45 | 12 Corps | 12. 3.45 - 28. 3.45 |
| Army | 9. 3.45 = 11. 3.45
29. 3.45 = 2. 4.45
12. 6.45 = 31. 8.45 | 12 Corps
1 Corps | 12. 3.45 - 28. 3.45
3. 4.45 - 11. 6.45 |

Theatres

United Kingdom 3. 9.39 - 11. 2.45 NW Europe 12. 2.45 - 31. 8.45

Notes: (1) On 10 March 1944 the Brigade formed 'B' Marshalling Area in Southern Command for the invasion forces earmarked for NW Europe until 4 July 1944 when Bde HQ became the planning staff for the re-occupation of the Channel Islands (Force 135). The Units in the Brigade were posted away.

(2) New Units joined the Brigade.

73rd INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE

24 March 1941 Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom. (1)

19 May 1941 Brigade Headquarters became Headquarters Force 109.

18 June Force 109 dispersed and Brigade Headquarters reverted to the role of Headquarters of an Infantry Brigade. (2)

13 December 1942 The Brigade ceased to be operational and Headquarters remained extant until disbandment on 19 July 1943. (3)

Commander

24 March 1941 Brig W. Robb 18 June 1941 Brig J. A. Campbell 10 October 1941 Brig A. de L. Cazenove

Units

| 18 | RF | 27. | 3.41 | - | 17. | 5.4 |
|----|-------------|-----|------|---|-----|-----|
| 9 | KOSB | 3. | 4.41 | - | 17. | 5.4 |
| 6 | RIFF | | 4.41 | | | |
| 7 | E Yorks | | 7.41 | | | |
| 6 | DCLI | | 7.41 | | | |
| 8 | Bedfs Herts | | 7.41 | | | |
| 2 | Herts | | 9.42 | | | |
| | | | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

South Wales Area 24. 3.41 - 12. 5.41 19. 6.41 - 2. 7.41 WO Control 13. 5.41 - 18. 6.41 GHQ Home Forces Devon & Cornwall 8 Corps 1.12.41 - 12.12.42 County Division 3. 7.41 - 30.11.41 13.12.42 - 18. 7.43 Southern Comd

Theatre

United Kingdom

24. 3.41 - 18. 7.43

- Notes: (1) The Bns allotted to the Bde were widely dispersed in Western Command, the Bde Comd was only responsible for their training. On Bde HQ moving to Scotland on 17 May 1941 to form HQ Force 109 the Units ceased to be part of the Bde.
 - (2) This Force never became operational and after dispersion Bde HQ moved to Cornwall. In sorce never occame operational and after dispersion Mee HQ moved to Cornwal On 19 July 1941 took under command the Units of 203 In Ede and in addition was responsible for all static Units in the County. On 20 November 1941 Cornwall Coastal Area was added to the title; thus the Ede HQ had a dual role of commanding and administering Field Force Units for a mobile role and the Static Units for the defence of vunerable points in Cornwall.
 - (3) On 13 December 1942 Bde HQ became Cornwall Coastal Area in fact but retained the title of an Infantry Brigade until disbanded by the War Office.

74th to 112th INFANTRY BRIGADES not formed

113th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 160th Infantry Brigade. (1)

5 September 1944 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

26 September 1944 A new Brigade formed. (see under 45th Infantry Brigade)

Commander

Brig L. A. A. Alston Brig D. C. Butterworth Brig N. A. McD. Walker 3 September 1939 28 July 1941 30 April 1942 22 June 1942 Brig H. V. Combe

Units

15 Welch 3. 9.39 - 22. 7.44 2/5 Welch 3. 9.39 - 29. 8.44 3. 9.39 - 12.12.42 4 Mon 113 Inf Bde Atk Coy 1. 9.40 - 6. 1.42 (12.12.42 - 30.11.43 1 SWB

Higher Formations served under

53 Inf Division 3. 9.39 - 17. 9.39 38 Inf Division 18. 9.39 - 18. 1.44 HQ OSDEF 19. 1.44 - 29. 8.44 30. 8.44 - 4. 9.44 WO Control

Theatre

United Kingdom 3. 9.39 - 4. 9.44

Note: (1) The Brigade was administered and embodied by 53 Inf Div until 18 Sep 1939 when 38 Inf Division (duplicate Division) began to function as a separate Formation.

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 159th Infantry Brigade. (1)

20 July 1944 Brigade Headquarters disbanded.

1 September 1944 A new Brigade formed (see under 211th Independent Infantry Brigade (Home)).

Commander

r 1939 Brig T. D. Perkin 1941 Brig J. G. Frere 1943 Brig G. R. P. Roupell 1943 Brig G. Murra 1943 Brig G. W. B. Tarleton 1944 Lt-Col C. D. Barlow 1944 Brig P. P. King 3 September 1939 23 April 18 March 2 November 11 December 1943 5 April

(acting) 8 April

Units

5 KSLT 3. 9.39 - 14. 7.44 1 Brecknock 3. 9.39 - 14. 7.44 2 Hereford 3. 9.39 - 14. 7.44 114 Inf Bde Atk Coy 10. 7.40 - 9. 1.42

Higher Formations served under

53 Inf Division 3. 9.39 - 17. 9.39 38 Inf Division 18. 9.39 - 19. 7.44

Theatre

United Kingdom 3. 9.39 - 19. 7.44

Note: (1) The Brigade was administered and embodied by 53 Inf Div until 18 Sep 1939 when 88 Inf Div (duplicate Division) began to function as a separate Formation.

115th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 188 Infantry Brigade. (1)

2 August 1944 Brigade Headquarters formed HQ Force 135, the Commander became the Force Commander. (2)

30 January 1945 The Brigade ceased to form part of Force 135 reverting to the role of an Infantry Brigade.

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig C. S. Price-Davies 3 October 1940 Brig A. E. Robinson Brig S. A. Forster 15 September 1942 Lt-Col J. S. Nickson Brig A. E. Snow Brig E. L. Luce 21 March 1943 (acting) 17 May 1943 9 February 1945

Units

| 8 RWF
9 RWF
10 RWF
115 Inf Bde Atk Coy
13 RWF
9 Som LI | 3. 9.39 - 4. 7.44
3. 9.39 - 11.10.43
3. 9.39 - 25. 7.42
1. 9.40 - 12. 1.42
7.10.42 - 4. 7.44 | 1 Cheshire
4 Northamptons
30 R Berks
5 R Berks
3 Mon | 28. 8.44 - 3. 4.45
29. 8.44 - 31. 8.45
27. 8.44 - 15. 3.45
1. 4.45 - 31. 8.45
8. 4.45 - 31. 8.45 |
|---|--|--|--|
| 9 Som LI | 24.10.43 - 4. 7.44 | | 0. 4.40 - 01. 0.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| 53 Division Southern Comd 21 Army Group L of C Area 2 Army L5 L of C | 3. 9.39 - 17. 9.39
4. 7.44 - 1. 8.44
9. 2.45 - 14. 2.45
9. 3.45 - 11. 3.45
29. 3.45 - 2. 4.45 | 38 Inf Division
WO Control
8 Corps
12 Corps
1 Corps | 18. 9.39 - 3. 7.44
2. 8.44 - 8. 2.45
14. 2.45 - 8. 3.45
12. 3.45 - 28. 3.45
3. 4.45 - 11. 6.45 |
|--|---|---|--|
| | | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 11. 2.45 | MJ Funone | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| and and strate Percent | 0. 9.09 - 11. 2.45 | NW Europe | 19 9 45 - 71 0 45 |

Notes: (1) On 10 March 1944 the Brigade formed 'B' Marshalling Area in Southern Command for the invasion forces earmarked for NW Europe until 4 July 1944 when Bde HQ became the planning staff for the re-occupation of the Channel Islands (Force 135). The Units in the Brigade were posted away.

(2) New Units joined the Brigade.

116th INFANTRY BRIGADE ROYAL MARINES

4 January 1945 Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom. (1)

Commander

4 January 1945 Brig C. F. Phillips
20 March 1945 Lt-Col I. G. G. S. Bardie (acting)
25 March 1945 Brig C. F. Phillips
23 May 1945 Lt-Col T. K. Walker (acting)
29 May 1945 Brig C. F. Phillips
29 Mays 1945 Brig C. F. Phillips
20 August 1945 Brig A. F. E. Reading

Units

27 RM 15. 1.45 - 31. 8.45 28 RM 15. 1.45 - 31. 8.45 30 RM 16. 1.45 - 31. 8.45

Higher Formations served under

WO Control 4.1.45 - 19.1.45 50 Inf (Res) Division 20.1.45 - 16.2.45 21 Army Group 16.2.45 - 20.2.45 1 Corps 20.2.45 2 Army 4.5.45 - 2.4.45 2 Army 4.5.45 - 25.6.45 2 Army 4.5.45 - 25.6.45 20 Division 20.1.45 - 16.2.45 2 Army 4.5.45 - 25.6.45 20 Division 20.1.45 - 16.2.45 2.45 2 Army 4.5.45 - 25.6.45 2 Army 4.5.45 - 28.6.45 20 Division 20.1.45 - 16.2.45 2.45 2 Army 4.5.45 - 28.6.45

Theatres

United Kingdom 4. 1.45 - 18. 2.45 At Sea 18. 2.45 - 20. 2.45 NW Europe 20. 2.45 - 27. 6.45 United Kingdom 29. 6.45 - 31. 8.45

Notes: (1) The Bde HQ and Units were formed on Army WE. The following were also in the Bde:

Inf Bde Def Pl)
Inf Bde Sig Sec) RM personnel
Pro Sec)

LAD Type A (unarmd) Army personnel.

117th INFANTRY BRIGADE ROYAL MARINES

15 January 1945 Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom. (1)

Commander

15 January 1945 Brig W. I. Nonweiler

Units

31 RM 29. 1.45 - 31. 8.45 32 RM 29. 1.45 - 31. 8.45 33 RM (29. 1.45 - 29. 4.45 (18. 5.45 - 31. 8.45

Higher Formations served under

WO Control 15. 1.45 - 15. 3.45 38 Inf (Res) Division 16. 3.45 - 9. 5.45 21 Army Group (2) 10. 5.45 - 30. 6.45 Western Comd 1. 7.45 - 31. 8.45

Theatres

United Kingdom 15. 1.45 - 13. 5.45 At Sea 13. 5.45 - 14. 5.45 NW Europe 14. 5.45 - 30. 6.45 United Kingdom 1. 7.45 - 31. 8.45

Notes: (1) The Bde HQ and Units were formed on Army WE. The following were also in the Bde:

Inf Bde Def Pl)
Inf Bde Sig Sec) RM Personnel
Pro Sec

LAD Type 'A' (unarmd) Army Personnel

(2) From 18 May to 27 June 1945 the Bde was in Kiel under operational control of FOIC Kiel.

118th INFANTRY BRIGADE not formed

119th, 120th, and 121st INFANTRY BRIGADES

Formed in Sicily in 1943 for deception purposes. (See Note 2 to 43rd Infantry Brigade).

122nd, 123rd, and 124th INFANTRY BRIGADES not formed

125th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade.

1 November 1941 Converted to 10th Armoured Brigade. (see page 184).

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig G. W. Sutton 10 October 1940 Brig The O'Donovan 17 August 1941 Lt-Col J. K. Smith (acting) 6 September 1941

Brig P. E. Bowden-Smith

Units

3. 9.39 - 31.10.41 3. 9.39 - 31.10.41 3. 9.39 - 4. 5.40 31. 1.40 - 25. 1.41 4. 5.40 - 1.12.40 1.12.40 - 31.10.41 1/5 LF 1/6 LF 1/8 LF 125 Inf Bde Atk Coy 1 Border 9 LF

Higher Formations served under

42 Inf Division

3. 9.39 - 31.10.41

Theatres

United Kingdom 3. 9.39 - 14. 4.40 United Kingdom 31. 5.40 - 31.10.41

France & Belgium

15. 4.40 - 30. 5.40

126th INFANTRY BRIGADE

Sentember 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade.

1 November 1941 Converted to 11th Armoured Brigade. (see page 165).

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig G. Darwell 13 January 1940 20 September 1940 Brig E. G. Miles Brig L. Bootle-Wilbraham 22 September 1941 Brig H. L. Birks

Units

5 King's Own 3. 9.39 - 31.10.41 4 Border 5 Border 3. 9.39 - 29.10.39 3. 9.39 - 31.10.41 126 Inf Bde Atk Coy 20. 1.40 - 21. 1.41 1 E Lan R 10.11.39 - 8. 9.41 8. 9.41 - 31.10.41 5 Manch

Higher Formations served under

42 Inf Division 3. 9.39 - 29. 5.40 3. 6.40 - 31.10.41 1 Inf Division 30. 5.40 - 2. 6.40 42 Inf Division

Theatres

United Kingdom 3. 9.39 - 14. 4.40 France & Belgium 15. 4.40 - 2. 6.40 United Kingdom 3. 6.40 - 31.10.41

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1 November 1941 Brigade Headquarters redesignated Headquarters 42nd Support Group. (see page 222).

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig V. T. R. Ford | |
|----|-----------|------|-------------------------|------------|
| 16 | November | 1939 | Lt-Col G.S. Kay | (acting) |
| 24 | November | 1939 | Brig K.J. Martin | (44 07118) |
| 25 | January | 1940 | Lt-Col J.W. Pendlebury | (acting) |
| 5 | February | 1940 | Brig J. G: Smyth | (|
| 2 | April | 1941 | Brig R. C. Matthews | |
| 25 | October | 1941 | Lt-Col V.S. Laurie | (acting) |
| 28 | October | 1941 | Brig C. C. G. Nicholeon | (acount) |

Units

| 4 E Lan R | 3. 9.39 - 22.10.41 |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 5 Manch | 3. 9.39 - 8. 9.41 |
| 8 Manch | 3. 9.39 - 6. 5.40 |
| 127 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 2. 2.40 - 24. 1.41 |
| 1 HLI | 6. 5.40 - 31.10.41 |
| 2 DLI | 8. 9.41 - 19.10.41 |
| 1 E Lan R | 25.10.41 - 31.10.41 |

Higher Formations served under

| 42 Inf Division
42 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 17. 5.40
21. 5.40 - 31.10.41 | Macforce (France) | 17. 5.40 - 20. 5.40 |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------|
|------------------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------|

Theatres

| United Kingdom
United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 23. 4.40
31. 5.40 - 31.10.41 | France & Belgium | 24. 4.40 - 30. 5.40 |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|
| our oca um gaom | 01. 0.40 - 31.10.41 | | |

128th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| | September | | Brig E.D.H. Tollemache | |
|----|-----------|------|-----------------------------|---|
| 31 | October | 1939 | Brig C.H. Woodhouse | |
| 19 | April | 1940 | Lt-Col A.L. Scaife | (acting) |
| 28 | April | 1940 | Brig R. F. H. Massy-Westrop | , |
| 14 | May | 1940 | Brig F. A. M. Browning | |
| 20 | February | 1941 | Brig M. A. James | |
| 21 | May | 1943 | Lt-Col H. C. C. Newnham | (acting) |
| 10 | June | 1943 | Brig M. A. James | (|
| 20 | September | 1943 | Brig J.L. Spencer | |
| 5 | November | 1943 | Lt-Col R. Chandler | (acting) |
| 14 | November | 1943 | Brig T. P. D. Scott | (44 44118) |
| 24 | January | 1944 | Brig D. A. Kendrew | |
| 8 | December | 1944 | Lt-Col J.H.H. Robinson | (acting) |
| 28 | January | 1945 | Brig D. A. Kendrew | (acomis) |
| | | | | |

Units

| 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.4 | 5 |
|--------------------|--|
| 3. 9.39 - 9. 5.4 | 3 |
| 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.4 | 5 |
| 19. 5.40 - 20.12.4 | 1 |
| 10. 5.43 - 31. 8.4 | 5 |
| | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.4
3. 9.39 - 9. 5.4
3. 9.39 - 31. 8.4
19. 5.40 - 20.12.4
10. 5.43 - 31. 8.4 |

Higher Formations served under

| 46
46 | Inf Divisio
Inf Divisio
Inf Divisio | n 15.
n 14. | 9.39 -
8.42 -
4.43 - | 9. | 4.43
5.43 | London District
9 Corps
1 Inf Division | 4. | 6.42 -
4.43 -
5.43 - | 14. | 4.43 |
|----------|---|----------------|----------------------------|-----|--------------|--|----|----------------------------|-----|------|
| | Inf Divisio | | 5.43 - | | | 56 Inf Division | | 1.44 - | | |
| 46 | Inf Divisio | n 30. | 1.44 - | 31. | 8.45 | | | | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. | 9.39 | - | 6. | 1.43 | At Sea | 7. | 1.43 | _ | 18. | 1.4 |
|----------------|-----|------|---|-----|------|-----------|----|------|---|-----|-----|
| N Africa | 18. | 1.43 | - | 6. | 9.43 | At Sea | 6. | 9.43 | _ | 9. | 9.4 |
| Italy | 9. | 9.43 | - | 16. | 3.44 | At Sea | | 3.44 | | | |
| Egypt | 21. | 3.44 | - | 1. | 4.44 | Palestine | | 4.44 | | | |
| Syria | 15. | 5.44 | - | 17. | 6.44 | Egypt | | 6.44 | | | |
| At Sea | 27. | 6.44 | - | 3. | 7.44 | Italy | | 7.44 | | | |
| Greece | 16. | 1.45 | - | 19. | 4.45 | At Sea | | 4.45 | | | |
| Italy | 21. | 4.45 | - | 15. | 3.45 | Austria | | 3.45 | | | |

| 1943 | 7 April - 11 April
22 April - 26 April
5 May - 12 May
9 September - 18 September
22 September - 1 October
12 October - 15 October
5 November - 9 December | Fondouk El Kourzia Tunis Salerno Capture of Naples Volturno Crossing Monte Camino |
|------|---|---|
| 1944 | 17 January - 31 January
25 August - 22 September
3 September - 15 September
14 September - 21 September
2 December - 13 December | Carigliano Crossin
Gothic Line
Coriano
Rimini Line
Lamone Crossing |

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig G.E.M. Whittuck | |
|----|-----------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 13 | September | 1940 | Brig W.K.M. Leader | |
| 11 | March | 1941 | Brig G. Brunskill | |
| 11 | August | 1942 | Brig G.H.L. Mole | (died of wounds 14.11.44) |
| 14 | November | 1944 | Lt-Col E. L. Luce | (acting) |
| 15 | November | 1944 | Brig J.O.E. Vandeleur | (44 07119) |
| 29 | January | 1945 | Lt-Col E.L. Luce | (acting) |
| 30 | January | 1945 | Lt-Col N. C. E. Kenrick | (acting) |
| 15 | February | 1945 | Brig J.O.E. Vandeleur | (|
| 0 | Tanlar | 4045 | Dota II D Co- | |

Units

| 4 Som LI | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 4 Wilts | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 |
| 5 Wilts | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45 |
| 129 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 14. 5.40 - 20.12.41 |

Higher Formations served under

| 43 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.49 |
|-----------------|--------------------|

Theatres

At Sea

17. 6.44 - 23. 6.44

| | | Battles | |
|------|------------------|---------|-----|
| 1944 | 25 June - 2 July | The O | don |

3. 9.39 - 16. 6.44 23. 6.44 - 31. 8.45

United Kingdom NW Europe

| 1944 | 25 June - 2 July
4 July - 18 July
18 July - 23 July
30 July - 9 August
17 September - 27 September | The Odon
Caen
Bourguebus Ridg
Mont Pincon
The Nederrijn |
|------|--|---|
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March
23 March - 1 April | The Rhineland |

130th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig H.S. Woodhouse | |
|----|-----------|------|------------------------|----------|
| 17 | January | 1940 | Brig B. K. Young | |
| 29 | May | 1941 | Brig F. Y. C. Knox | |
| 17 | January | 1944 | Brig N.D. Leslie | |
| 13 | August | 1944 | Lt-Col B. A. Coad | (acting) |
| 17 | August | 1944 | Brig B. B. Walton | ,, |
| 7 | October | 1944 | Brig B.A. Coad | |
| 7 | January | 1945 | Lt-Col D.E.B. Talbot | (acting) |
| 18 | January | 1945 | Brig B. A. Coad | |
| 12 | February | 1945 | Lt-Col D. E. B. Talbot | (acting) |
| | February | 1945 | Brig B.A. Coad | |
| | | 1945 | Lt-Col A.E.C. Bredin | (acting) |
| 2 | August | 1945 | Brig B. A. Coad | |

Units

| 3. | 9.39 - | 31. 8.4 |
|-----|----------|---|
| 3. | 9.39 - | 31. 8.4 |
| 3. | 9.39 - | 31. 8.4 |
| 17. | 5.40 - | 20.12.4 |
| | 3.
3. | 3. 9.39 -
3. 9.39 -
3. 9.39 -
17. 5.40 - |

Higher Formations served under

| 43 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 27. 1.45 | 52 Inf Division | 28. 1.45 - 2. 2.45 |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 43 Inf Division | 2. 2.45 - 19. 4.45 | 52 Inf Division | 19. 4.45 - 22. 4.45 |
| 43 Inf Division | 22. 4.45 - 5. 5.45 | 51 (H) Inf Division | 6. 5.45 - 18. 5.45 |
| 43 Inf Division | 19. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 17. 6.44 | At Sea | 18. 6.44 - 24. 6.4 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------|
| NW Europe | 24. 6.44 - 31. 8.45 | | |

| 1944 | 25 June - 2 July
4 July - 18 July
18 July - 23 July
30 July - 9 August
17 September - 27 September | The Odon
Caen
Bourguebus Ridge
Mont Pincon
The Nederrijn |
|------|--|--|
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March
23 March - 1 April | The Rhineland
The Rhine |

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade. (1)

October 1942 The Brigade was constituted as a Lorried Infantry Brigade.

March 1944 Reverted to an Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 3 September | | | |
|---------------------------|------|--|----------|
| 9 November
17 November | | Lt-Col I.T.P. Hughes
Brig J.E. Utterson-Kelso | (acting) |
| 31 March | 1941 | Lt-Col G. V. Palmer | (acting) |
| 8 April | | Brig J.E. Utterson-Kelso | |
| 15 April | 1941 | Lt-Col G. V. Palmer | (acting) |
| 5 May | 1941 | Brig I.T.P. Hughes | |
| 20 March | 1942 | Lt-Col R.M. Burton | (acting) |
| 23 March | 1942 | Brig E.H.C. Frith | |
| 8 October | 1942 | Brig W.D. Stamer | |
| 17 November | 1942 | Lt-Col L.C. East | (acting) |
| 29 November | 1942 | Brig L. G. Whistler | |
| 14 July | 1943 | Lt-Col R.N. Thicknesse | (acting) |
| 26 July | 1943 | Brig L. G. Whistler | |
| 28 January | | Brig M.S. Ekins | |
| 2 July | | Brig E.C. Pepper | |
| 2 October | | Lt-Col J. Freeland | (acting) |
| 8 October | | Brig W.R. Cox | |
| 2 December | 1944 | Brig J.M.K. Spurling | |
| 26 January | 1945 | Lt-Col P. Brind | (acting) |
| 27 January | | Lt-Col J. Freeland | (acting) |
| 6 February | | Brig J.M.K. Spurling | |
| 16 May | 1945 | Lt-Col J. Freeland | (acting) |
| 7 June | 1945 | Brig J.M.K. Spurling | |
| | | | |

Units

| 1/5 Queens | 7,10,39 - 31, 8,45 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1/6 Queens | 7.10.39 - 3.12.44 |
| 1/7 Queens | (7.10.39 - 4. 5.40 |
| | (2. 7.41 - 3.12.44 |
| 131 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 1.12.39 - 7. 1.41 |
| 2 Buffs | 4. 5.40 - 2. 7.41 |
| 2 Devon | 1.12.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 9 DLI | 2.12.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 'C' Coy 1 Cheshire (MG) (2) | 1. 8.43 - 6. 1.44 |

Higher Formations served under

| 44 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 29.10.42 | 30 Corps | 29.10.42 - 31.10.42 |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|
| 7 Armd Division | 1.11.42 - 5.12.42 | 30 Corps | 5.12.42 - 12.12.42 |
| 7 Armd Division | 12.12.42 - 22. 3.43 | 10 Corps | 22. 3.43 - 24. 3.43 |
| 7 Armd Division | 24. 3.43 - 31. 8.45 | 10 00170 | 22. 0.40 - 24. 0.40 |

Theatre

| United Kingdom
United Kingdom
Egypt
N Africa
At Sea | 3. 9.39 - 2. 4.40
1. 6.40 - 27. 5.42
21. 7.42 - 12.11.42
15. 2.43 - 14. 9.43
20.12.43 - 5. 1.44 | France & Belgium
At Sea
Libya
Italy | 3. 4.40 - 31. 5.40
28. 5.42 - 21. 7.42
12.11.42 - 15. 2.43
15. 9.43 - 19.12.43 |
|---|---|--|---|
| At Sea | 7. 6.44 - 10. 6.44 | United Kingdom
NW Europe | 6. 1.44 - 6. 6.44
10. 6.44 - 31. 8.45 |

131st INFANTRY BRIGADE

| 1940 | 20 May - 29 May | St Omer - La Bassé |
|------|---|--|
| 1942 | 30 August - 7 September
23 October - 4 November | Alam el Halfa
El Alamein |
| 1943 | 6 March
16 March - 23 March
6 April - 7 April
19 April - 29 April
5 May - 12 May
9 September - 18 September
22 September - 1 October
12 October - 15 October | Medenine Mareth Akarit Enfidaville Tunis Salerno Capture of Naples Volturno Crossing |
| 1944 | 18 July - 23 July
17 September - 27 September | Bourguebus Ridge
The Nederrijn |
| 1945 | 23 March - 1 April | The Rhine |

- Notes: (1) Bde HQ on 1 September 1939 had become HQ Eastern Sub-Area in the UK and remained as such until 7 October 1939. The Units of the Brigades were u/c other formations temporarily until 7 October 1939 when the Bde reassembled.
 - (2) This Unit was added as the Inf Ede Sp Op Coy of the Ede vide 'Basic Organization No VII' of Armd Divs; the Ede being part of 7 Armd Div.

132nd INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade. (1)

15 January 1943 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in Egypt.

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig T.T. Waddington 8 November 1939 Brig J.S. Steele 14 February 1941 Brig C.B. Robertson 4 September 1942 Brig L.G. Whistler 26 November 1942 Lt-Col W.H. Lambert

(acting)

Units

1/8 Surreys 7.10.39 - 4.5.40
4 BWK 7.10.39 - 9.12.42
5 BWK 7.10.39 - 28.11.42
132 Inf Dde Atk Coy 1.12.39 - 15. 1.41
1 RWK 4.5.40 - 29.6.40
1/7 Queens 1.7.40 - 1.7.41
2 Buffs 2.7.41 - 1.12.41

Higher Formations served under

44 Inf Division 3. 9.39 - 13.11.42

HQ 16 Area 13.11.42 - 14. 1.43

Theatres

United Kingdom 3. United Kingdom 31. Egypt 26.

3. 9.39 - 1. 4.40 31. 5.40 - 27. 5.42 26. 7.42 - 14. 1.43 France & Belgium 2. 4.40 - 31. 5.40 At Sea 28. 5.42 - 26. 7.42

Battles

1940 23 May - 29 May

St Omer - La Bassée

1942 30 August - 7 September 23 October - 4 November Alam el Halfa El Alamein

Note: (1) On 3 September 1939 Bde HQ was HQ Central Sub-Area and remained as such until 7 October 1939 when it reverted to its normal role taking under command the original Units. The Units had been under command other Formations.

133rd INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade. (1)

October 1942 Became a Lorried Infantry Brigade.

16 January 1943 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the Middle Fast.

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig N.I. Whitty
19 June 1940 Brig E.C. Beard
6 March 1942 Lt-Col J.J. McCully (acting)
8 March 1942 Lt-Col K.C. Hooper (acting)
10 March 1942 Lt-Col L.G. Whistelr
1 April 1942 Brig A.W. Lee
24 August 1942 Lt-Col L.G. Whistelr (acting)
3 September 1942 Brig A.W. Lee

Units

| | Buffs | 7.10.39 - | - 3: | 1.12.42 |
|-----|-----------------|------------|------|---------|
| 4 | R Sussex | 3. 9.39 - | - 3: | 1.12.42 |
| 5 | R Sussex | 7.10.39 - | - 3: | 1.12.42 |
| 2 | R Sussex | 20.12.39 - | - 3: | 1.12.42 |
| 133 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 2. 1.40 - | - 8 | 3. 1.41 |
| | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 44 Inf Division
8 Armd Division
51 (H) Inf Division
HO BTE | 3. 9.39 - 8. 9.42
15. 9.42 - 28. 9.42
31.10.42 - 3.11.42 | 10 Corps
10 Armd Division
10 Armd Division | 8. 9.42 - 14. 9.42
29. 9.42 - 30.10.42
3.11.42 - 25.11.42 |
|---|--|--|---|
| HU BIE | 26.11.42 - 15. 1.43 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 8. 4.40 | France & Belgium | 9. 4.40 - 30. 5.40 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 31. 5.40 - 30. 5.42 | At Sea | 31. 5.42 - 24. 7.42 |

Battles

| 1940 | 23 May - 29 May | St Omer - La Bass |
|------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1942 | 30 August - 7 September
23 October - 4 November | Alam el Halfa
El Alamein |

Note: (1) On 2 September 1939 Bde HQ had formed HQ Western Sub-Area with 4 R Sussex until 7 October 1939 when the other Units of the Bde rejoined from other Formations.

132nd INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade. (1)

15 January 1943 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in Egypt.

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig J.T. Waddington 8 November 1939 Brig J.S. Steele 14 February 1941 Brig C.B. Robertson 4 September 1942 Brig L.G. Whistler 26 November 1942 Lt-Col W.H. Lambert

(acting)

Units

1/8 Surreys 7.10.39 - 4.5.40
4 BWK 7.10.39 - 9.12.42
5 BWK 7.10.99 - 26.11.42
1328 Inf Bde Atk Coy 1.12.39 - 15. 1.41
1 RWK 4.5.40 - 29. 6.40
1/7 Queens 1.7.40 - 1.7.41
2 Buffs 2.7.41 - 1.12.41

Higher Formations served under

44 Inf Division 3. 9.39 - 13.11.42 HQ 16 Area 13.11.42 - 14. 1.43

Theatres

United Kingdom 3. 9.39 - 1. 4.40 France & Belgium 2. 4.40 - 31. 5.40 United Kingdom 31. 5.40 - 27. 5.42 At Sea 28. 5.42 - 26. 7.42 Egypt 26. 7.42 - 14. 1.43

Battles

1940 23 May - 29 May St Omer - La Bassée

1942 30 August - 7 September Alam el Halfa
23 October - 4 November El Alamein

Note: (1) On 3 September 1939 Ede HQ was HQ Central Sub-Area and remained as such until 7 October 1939 when it reverted to its normal role taking under command the original Units. The Units had been under command other Formations.

133rd INFANTRY BRIGADE

| September | 1939 | A | First | Line | Territorial | Army | In fan try | Brigade. | (1) |
|-----------|------|---|-------|------|-------------|------|------------|----------|-----|
| | | | | | | | | | |

October 1942 Secame a Lorried Infantry Brigade.

16 January 1943 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the Middle Fast.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig N. I. Whitty | |
|----|-----------|------|-----------------------|----------|
| 19 | June | 1940 | Brig E.C. Beard | |
| 6 | March | 1942 | Lt-Col J.J. McCully | (acting) |
| | March | 1942 | Lt-Col K.C. Hooper | (acting) |
| | March | 1942 | Lt-Col L. G. Whistler | (acting) |
| 1 | April | 1942 | Brig A.W. Lee | |
| 24 | August | 1942 | Lt-Col L. G. Whistler | (acting) |
| 3 | September | 1942 | Brig A.W. Lee | |

Units

| | Buffs | 7.10.39 - | 31.12.42 |
|-----|-----------------|------------|----------|
| | R Sussex | 3. 9.39 - | 31.12.42 |
| 5 | R Sussex | 7.10.39 - | 31.12.42 |
| 2 | R Sussex | 20.12.39 - | 31.12.42 |
| 133 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 2. 1.40 - | 8. 1.41 |

Higher Formations served under

Theatres

| United Kingdom
United Kingdom
Egypt | 3. 9.39 - 8. 4.40
31. 5.40 - 30. 5.42
24. 7.42 - 15. 1.43 | France & Belgium
At Sea | 9. 4.40 - 30. 5.40
31. 5.42 - 24. 7.42 |
|---|---|----------------------------|---|
|---|---|----------------------------|---|

Battles

| 1940 | 23 May - 29 May | St Omer - La Bassé |
|------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1942 | 30 August - 7 September | Alam el Halfa |

Note: (1) On 2 September 1939 Bde HQ had formed HQ Western Sub-Area with 4 R Sussex until 7 October 1939 when the other Units of the Bde rejoined from other Formations.

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade. (1)

15 August 1944 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

1 September 1944 A new Brigade was formed by redesignation of 203rd Infantry Brigade

(see page 366).

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig W. G. Michelmore 30 October 1941 Brig W. Carden Roe

Units

| 4 | Devon | (3. 9.39 - 17. 5.40 |
|-----|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | (28.12.43 - 3. 4.44 |
| | | (10. 7.44 - 31. 7.44 |
| 6 | Devon | 3. 9.39 - 30. 7.44 |
| 8 | Devon | 3. 9.39 - 3. 1.43 |
| 134 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 19. 6.40 - 21. 1.41 |
| 1 | R Ir F | 27. 6.40 - 17.11.40 |
| 9 | Devon | 17.11.40 - 23. 9.42 |
| 9 | Dorset | 7.10.42 - 28.12.43 |
| 2 | Surreys | 3. 1.43 - 30. 7.44 |
| 5 | Som LI | 10. 7.44 - 31. 7.44 |
| 1 | DCLI | 16. 7.44 - 31. 7.44 |
| | | |

Higher Formations served under

43 Inf Division

3. 9.39 - 6. 9.39

45 Inf Division

7. 9.39 - 14. 8.44

Theatre

United Kingdom

3. 9.39 - 14. 8.44

Note: (1) The Brigade was administered by 43 Inf Division until 45 Inf Division (duplicate Division) began to function 7 September 1939.

135th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade. (1)

20 July 1944 Brigade Headquarters disbanded.

1 September 1944 A new Brigade formed by redesignation of 209th Independent Infantry Brigade. (see page 372).

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig A.L.W. Newth 20 August 1942 Brig G. McI. S. Bruce 2 September 1942 Lt-Col C.L. Firbank (acting) 14 September 1942 Lt-Col G.B. Russell (acting) 17 September 1942 Lt-Col G.B. Russell (acting) 28 September 1942 Lt-Col G.B. Russell (acting) 10 October 1942 Brig J. Vicary

Units

| 5 | Som LI | 3. | 9.39 - | 10. 7.44 |
|-----|-----------------|-----|--------|----------|
| 6 | Som LI | 3. | 9.39 - | 13. 7.44 |
| 7 | Som LI | 3. | 9.39 - | 11. 9.42 |
| 135 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 19. | 6.40 - | 21. 1.41 |
| 7 | Wilts | 12. | 9.42 - | 13. 7.44 |
| 4 | Devon | 3. | 4.44 - | 10. 7.44 |
| | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 43 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 6. 9.39 | 45 Inf Division | 7. 9.39 - 24. 5.40 |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1 Lon Division | 25. 5.40 - 10. 7.40 | 45 Inf Division | 11. 7.40 - 19. 7.44 |

Theatre

United Kingdom

3. 9.39 - 19. 7.44

Note: (1) The Bde was administered and embodied by 43 Inf Division until 45 Inf Division (duplicate Division) began to function on 7 September 1939.

| September | 1939 | A | Second Lin | e Territoria | L Army | In fantry | Brigade. | (1) | |
|-----------|------|---|------------|--------------|--------|-----------|----------|-----|--|
|-----------|------|---|------------|--------------|--------|-----------|----------|-----|--|

31 August 1944 Brigade disbanded.

1 February 1945 A new Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom. (2)

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig C.H. Gotto | |
|----|-----------|------|-------------------------|----------|
| 18 | June | 1940 | Brig R.C. Money | |
| 23 | August | 1940 | Lt-Col D.A. Bullock | (acting) |
| 27 | August | 1940 | Brig G.H.P. Whitfeld | |
| 19 | August | 1943 | Brig C.H.V. Cox | |
| 11 | December | 1943 | Brig N. MacLeod | |
| 29 | July | 1944 | Lt-Col T. V. Williams | (acting) |
| 14 | February | 1945 | Brig G. E. Younghusband | |

Units (2)

| 9 Devon | 3. 9.39 - 17.11.40 |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 4 DCLI | 3. 9.39 - 1. 8.44 |
| 5 DCLI | 3. 9.39 - 6. 9.42 |
| 136 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 19. 6.40 - 21. 1.41 |
| 1 R Ir F | 17.11.40 - 4.12.41 |
| 13 Foresters | 12.12.41 - 10. 2.42 |
| 2 KSLI | 23. 5.42 - 19. 8.42 |
| 7 RWK | 21. 8.42 - 4. 1.43 |
| 12 Hamps | 6. 9.42 - 1. 8.44 |
| 10 Surrevs | 5. 1.43 - 1. 8.44 |

Higher Formations served under

| 43 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 6. 9.39 | 45 Inf Division | 7. 9.39 - 30. 8.44 |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 45 Inf Division | 1. 2.45 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatre

| United Kingdom | (3. | 9.39 - | 30. | 8.44 |
|----------------|-----|--------|-----|------|
| | (1. | 2.45 - | 31. | 8.45 |

- $\underline{\hbox{Notes:}}$ (1) The Brigade was administered by 43 Inf Division until 45 Inf Division (the duplicate Division) began to function on 7 September 1939.
 - (2) Formed for the Reception, Selection and Training of personnel from overseas temporarily unfit through wounds and other causes. The Units of the Ede were Reception Camps and Selection and Training Battalions.

137th INFANTRY BRIGADE

| September 1939 | A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade a duplicate of | |
|----------------|--|--|
| | 147th Infantry Brigade. (1) | |

20 July 1942 Redesignated and reorganized 137th Armoured Brigade. (see page 188).

28 March 1945 A new Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom. (4)

Commander

| 3 Septemb | er 1939 | Brig J. B. Gawthorpe | |
|------------|---------|--------------------------|------------|
| 21 June | 1940 | Lt-Col E.J. Pulleyn | (acting) |
| 25 June | 1940 | Lt-Col E.H. Llewellyn | (acting) |
| 5 July | 1940 | Brig J. B. Gawthorpe | (acomb) |
| 10 August | 1940 | Brig T.D. Daly | |
| 28 October | 1941 | Lt-Col A.E.H. Sayers | (acting) |
| 3 Novembe | r 1941 | Brig T.D. Daly | (44,47119) |
| 8 April | 1942 | Brig W. G. Hewitt | |
| 3 April | 1945 | Brig L. Bootle-Wilhraham | |

Units (4)

| 2/5 W Yorks | (3. 9.39 - 13. 6.40 |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| | (19. 6.40 - 19. 7.42 |
| 2/6 DWR . | (3. 9.39 - 20. 5.40 |
| | (19. 6.40 - 19. 7.42 |
| 2/7 DWR | (3. 9.39 - 20. 5.40 |
| | (19. 6.40 - 19. 7.42 |
| 137 Inf Bde Atk Cox | 12. 7.40 - 28.11.41 |

Higher Formations served under

| 49 Inf Division
Norfolk County | 3. 9.39 - 1.10.39 | 46 Inf Division
46 Inf Division | 2.10.39 - 5. 6.41
18. 6.41 - 26. 6.41 |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Division
Norfolk County | 6. 6.41 - 18. 6.41 | 48 Inf Division | 16. 7.41 - 19. 7.42 |
| Division
45 Division | 27. 6.41 - 15. 7.41
28. 3.45 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 28. 4.40 | France (2) | 29. 4.40 - 31. 5.40 |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom (3) | 1. 6.40 - 19. 7.42 | United Kingdom | 28. 3.45 - 31. 8.48 |

| 1940 23 May - 29 May | St Omer - La Basse |
|----------------------|--------------------|
|----------------------|--------------------|

- Notes: (1) The Ede was administered and embodied by 49 Inf Division until 46 Inf Division (the duplicate Division) began to function on 2 October 1989,
 - (2) During May 1940 the Brigade was split up by enemy action during the move forward to North of the River Somme; only Ede HQ and 2/5 W Yorks arrived, the other two Units remained South of the River Somme.
 - (3) Only Bde HQ with 2/5 W Yorks arrived in the UK on 1 June 1940. From 13 June to 18 June 1940 Bde HQ personnel was attached to HQ 46 Inf Division and on 19 June 1940 the Brigade was reconstituted with the original Units.
 - (4) Formed for the Reception, Selection and Training of personnel from overseas temporarily unfit through wounds and other causes. The Units of the Ede were Reception Camps, Selection and Training Bns.

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 146th Infantry Brigade. (1)

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig E.J. Grinling | |
|----|-----------|------|---------------------|----------|
| | August | 1940 | Brig G.C. Bucknall | |
| | July | 1941 | Brig D. F. Campbell | |
| 17 | March | 1942 | Brig A. Low | |
| 26 | August | 1942 | Brig G. P. Harding | |
| 23 | March | 1944 | Lt-Col D.P. Yates | (acting) |
| 29 | May | 1944 | Brig G. P. Harding | |
| 26 | September | 1944 | Brig M.D. Erskine | |
| 27 | October | 1944 | Brig A.D. McKechnie | |
| 19 | December | 1944 | Lt-Col A.D. Miller | (acting) |
| 11 | January | 1945 | Brig A.D. McKechnie | |
| | | | | |

49 Inf Division

Units

| 6 | Lincolns | 3. | 9.39 - | 31. | 8.45 |
|-----|-----------------|------|--------|-----|------|
| 2/4 | KOYLI | (3. | 9.39 - | 16. | 5.40 |
| | | (20. | 6.40 - | 31. | 8.45 |
| | Y & L | 3. | 9.39 - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 138 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 22. | 7.40 - | 10. | 7.41 |

Higher Formations served under

| 78 Inf Division | 14. 2.43 - 14. 3.43 | 46 Inf Division | 14. 3.43 - 20. 1.44 |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 56 Inf Division | 20. 1.44 - 16. 1.44 | 48 Inf Division | 26. 1.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| | | | |

Theatres

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|----------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 26. 4.40 | France | 27. 4.40 - 2. 6.40 |
| United Kingdom | 2. 6.40 - 5. 1.43 | At Sea | 5. 1.43 - 17. 1.43 |
| N Africa | 17. 1.43 - 4. 9.43 | At Sea | 4. 9.43 - 9. 9.43 |
| Italy | 9. 9.43 - 16. 3.44 | At Sea | 16. 3.44 - 20. 3.44 |
| Egypt | 20. 3.44 - 5. 4.44 | Palestine | 6. 4.44 - 2. 6.44 |
| Syria | 3. 6.44 - 17. 6.44 | Egypt | 20. 6.44 - 27. 6.44 |
| At Sea | 27. 6.44 - 2. 7.44 | Italy | 2. 7.44 - 28. 1.45 |
| At Sea | 28. 1.45 - 31. 1.45 | Greece | 31. 1.45 - 10. 4.45 |
| At Sea | 10. 4.45 - 13. 4.45 | Italy | 13. 4.45 - 19. 4.45 |
| Austria | 19. 4.45 - 31. 8.45 | | -0. 1.10 10. 4.40 |

Battles

| 1940 2 | 3 May - 29 May | St Omer - La Bassée |
|--------|--|--|
| 2 | 2 April - 28 April
5 May - 12 May
9 September - 18 September
2 September - 1 October
2 October - 15 October
5 November - 9 December | El Kourzia
Tunis
Salerno
Capture of Naples
Volturno Crossing
Monte Camino |
| 2 | 7 January - 31 January
5 August - 22 September
3 September - 15 September
4 September - 21 September
2 December - 13 December | Garigliano Crossing
Gothic Line
Coriano
Rimini Line |

Note: (1) The Bde was administered and embodied by 49 Inf Division until 48 Inf Division (the duplicate Division) began to function on 2 October 1939.

139th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 148th Infantry Brigade. (1)

Commander

| 15 | September | 1939 | Brig H. A. F. Crewsdon | |
|----|-----------|------|---------------------------------|--------|
| 22 | May | 1940 | Brig R. C. Chichester-Constable | |
| 3 | March | 1943 | Brig B. Howlett | |
| 16 | March | 1943 | Brig R. E. H. Stott | |
| 25 | September | 1943 | Brig A.P. Block | |
| 18 | February | 1945 | | acting |
| 25 | March | 1945 | Brig A. P. Block | |
| 29 | March | 1945 | Brig A.M. Finlateon | |

Units

| | Leicesters | 15. 9.39 - 3: | 1. 8.4 |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| 2/5 | Foresters | 15. 9.39 - 28 | 3. 2.43 |
| 5 | Foresters | (1.3.43 - 1 | 1.12.44 |
| | | (10. 2.45 - 33 | 1. 8.45 |
| 9 | Foresters | 15. 9.39 - 28 | 3.12.40 |
| 139 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 17. 8.40 - 10 | 0. 7.41 |
| 16 | DLI | 28.12.40 - 31 | 8.49 |

| RA | 70 Fd Regt
229 Atk Btv | | RE 270 Fd Coy | | |
|----|---------------------------|--|---------------|-----------------------|--|
| | 879 LAA Bty | | Inf | 'C' Sqn 46 Recce Regt | |

Higher Formations served under

| 49 Inf Division Norfolk Division* WO Control 5 Corps 1 Armd Division HQ AAI Arkforce (Greece) HQ MCA | 15. 9.39 - 1.10.39
17. 7.41 - 18. 8.41
28.12.42 - 3. 1.43
18. 1.43 - 5. 2.43
15. 1.43 - 9. 5.43
30.11.44 - 2.12.44
6.12.44 - 14.12.44
17.12.44 - 18. 1.45 | 46 Inf Division 46 Inf Division 1 Army 48 Inf Division 46 Inf Division 23 Armd Bde 4 Inf Division 46 Inf Division | 2.10.39 - 17. 7.41
16. 8.41 - 22.12.42
3. 1.43 - 18. 1.43
3. 2.43 - 1. 5.43
9. 5.43 - 29.11.44
3.12.44 - 6.12.44
14.12.44 - 17.12.44
18. 1.45 - 31. 8.45 |
|--|--|---|---|
|--|--|---|---|

Thoatroe

| United Kingdom United Kingdom N Africa Italy Egypt Syria Egypt Italy At Sea | 15. 9.39 - 28. 4.40
2. 6.40 - 23.12.42
3. 1.43 - 4. 9.43
9. 9.43 - 21. 2.44
27. 2.44 - 13. 3.44
11. 5.44 - 2. 6.44
19. 6.44 - 27. 6.44
3. 7.44 - 3.12.44
13. 4.45 - 16. 4.45 | France
At Sea
At Sea
At Sea
Palestine
Palestine
At Sea
Greece | 27. 4.40 - 2. 6.40
23.12.42 - 3. 1.43
4. 9.43 - 9. 9.43
21. 2.44 - 27. 2.44
14. 3.44 - 10. 5.44
3. 6.44 - 13. 6.44
27. 6.44 - 13. 7.44
4.12.44 - 15. 4.45 |
|---|--|--|--|
| Austria | 13. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 | Italy | 16. 4.45 - 12. 5.45 |

* County Division

Battles

1940 23 May - 29 May St Omer - La Bassée El Kourzia 1943 22 April - 26 April 5 May - 12 May Tunis 9 September - 18 September Salerno 22 September - 1 October Capture of Naples 12 October - 15 October Volturno Crossing 5 November - 9 December Monte Camino 1944 25 August - 22 September Gothic Line 3 September - 15 September Coriano 14 September - 21 September Rimini Line 2 December - 13 December Lamone Cross Lamone Crossing

Note: (1) Bde HQ began to function on 15 September 1939 separately from 148 Inf Bde which had administered and embodied the Units from 3 September. The Bde remained under 49 Inf Div until 2 October 1939 when 48 Inf Div (duplicate Division) began to function,

140th (LONDON) INFANTRY BRIGADE
(See under 4th London Infantry Brigade)

and

140th INFANTRY BRIGADE
(See under 213th Independent Infantry Brigade (Home))

141st (LONDON) INFANTRY BRIGADE
(See under 5th London Infantry Brigade)

and

141st INFANTRY BRIGADE
(See under 220th Independent Infantry Brigade (Home))

142nd INFANTRY BRIGADE not formed

143rd INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade.

5 August 1944 Became a Reserve Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig J. Muirhead | |
|----|-----------|------|--------------------|----------|
| 7 | June | 1940 | Lt-Col G.H.L. Mole | (acting) |
| 19 | June | 1940 | Brig J. Muirhead | |
| 14 | November | 1941 | Lt-Col D. B. Bird | (acting) |
| 27 | December | 1941 | Brig C.D. Marley | |
| 19 | August | 1944 | Brig W. Carden Roe | |

Units

| Warwick | 3. 9.39 - 3.10.42 | |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Warwick | 3. 9.39 - 13. 7.44 | |
| Northamptons | 3. 9.39 - 29. 1.40 | |
| Inf Bde Atk Coy | 6.10.39 - 1. 4.41 | |
| Oxf Bucks | 29. 1.40 - 9.11.41 | |
| Som LI | 16.11.41 - 3. 9.42 | |
| Suffolk | 4. 9.42 - 26. 7.44 | |
| Green Howards | 13. 9.42 - 31. 8.45 | |
| W Yorks | 26. 7.44 - 23. 8.44 | |
| DWR | 28. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 | |
| Y & L | 1. 8.44 - 31. 8.45 | |
| | 23. 7.44 - 31. 7.44 | |
| W Yorks | 24. 8.44 - 31. 8.45 | |
| | Warwick Warwick Northamptons Inf Bde Atk Coy Orf Bucks Som LI Suffolk Green Howards W Yorks DWR Y & L Foresters W Yorks | Warwick 3.9.39 - 13.7.44 Northamptons 3.9.39 - 29.1.40 Inf Bde Atk Coy 6.10.39 - 1.4.41 Oxf Bucks 29.1.40 - 9.11.41 Sum LI 16.11.41 - 3.9.42 Suffolk 4.9.42 - 26.7.44 Green Howards 13.9.42 - 21.8.45 W Yorks 26.7.44 - 25.8.44 DWR 28.7.44 - 31.8.45 Y & L 1.8.44 - 31.8.45 Foresters 23.7.44 - 31.7.44 |

Higher Formations served under

| 48 Inf Division | 3. | 9.39 - 25. | 5.40 | 2 Corps | 25. | 5.40 - | 26. | 5.40 |
|-----------------------|-----|------------|------|-----------------|-----|--------|-----|------|
| 5 Inf Division | 26. | 5.40 - 31. | 5.40 | 48 Inf Division | 1. | 6.40 - | 4. | 8.45 |
| 48 Inf (Res) Division | 5. | 8.44 - 31. | 8.45 | | | | | |

Theatres

| The day of 15 day - 4 | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 11. 1.40 | France & Belgium | 12. 1.40 - 1. 6.40 |
| United Kingdom | 1. 6.40 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Battles

| 940 | 26 May - | 28 May | Ypres - | Comines | Cana |
|-----|----------|--------|---------|---------|------|
| | | | | | |

144th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade.
5 August 1944 Became a Reserve Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| | September | | Brig J.M. Hamilton | |
|----|-----------|------|-------------------------|----------|
| 10 | October | 1941 | Lt-Col J. Johnstone | (acting) |
| | October | 1941 | Brig W.L. Dibben | |
| 17 | April | 1944 | Lt-Col H.W. Stitt | (acting) |
| 8 | May | 1944 | Brig R. G. W. Callaghan | |
| 19 | March | 1945 | Brig I. Mc A. Stewart | |

Units

| 5 | Glosters | | 3. | 9.39 | - | 21. | 5.41 |
|-----|-------------|-----|------|-------|---|-----|-------|
| 7 | Worc R | | 3. | 9.39 | - | 5. | 2.40 |
| 8 | Worc R | | 3. | 9.39 | - | 9. | 7.44 |
| 144 | Inf Bde Atk | Coy | 2.: | 11.39 | - | 11. | 2.41 |
| | Warwick | | 5. | 2.40 | - | 9. | 12.40 |
| 11 | S Staffords | | 9.: | 12.40 | - | 1. | 1.43 |
| 9 | Som LI | | 20. | 5.41 | - | 13. | 9.42 |
| 31 | RUR | | 19. | 9.42 | - | 27. | 9.42 |
| 7 | RUR | | 27. | 9.42 | - | 14. | 11.43 |
| 17 | RF | | 10.: | 12.42 | - | 19. | 11.43 |
| 4 | Oxf Bucks | | 2.: | 11.43 | - | 9. | 7.44 |
| 5 | Innisks | | 19.3 | 11.43 | - | 9. | 7.44 |
| 10 | Cameronians | | 23. | 7.44 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 9 | Seaforth | | 24. | 7.44 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 10 | BW | | 22. | 7.44 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 2 | Lon Scot | | 10. | 9.44 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
| | | | | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 48 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - | 4. 8.44 | 48 Inf | (Res) Division | 5. 8.44 - 31. | 8.4 |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|--------|----------------|---------------|-----|
|-----------------|-----------|---------|--------|----------------|---------------|-----|

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 15. 1.40 | France & Belgium | 16. 1.40 - 31. 5.40 |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 1. 6.40 - 31. 8.45 | | |

| 1940 | veM oc - veM ze | St Omer - In Baccan |
|------|-----------------|---------------------|

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade.

7 November 1943 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig A.C. Hughes | |
|----|-----------|------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 16 | May | 1940 | Brig Hon N. F. Somerset | (POW 29.5.40) |
| 29 | June | 1940 | Brig The O'Donovan | |
| 13 | August | 1940 | Brig Viscount Bridgeman | |
| 27 | November | 1940 | Brig G.C. Thorne | |
| 3 | May | 1941 | Lt-Col P. P. King | (acting) |
| 7 | May | 1941 | Brig J.W.N. Haugh | |
| 11 | February | 1942 | Lt-Col P.P. King | (acting) |
| 14 | February | 1942 | Brig W. A. M. Stawell | |
| 19 | November | 1942 | Brig C. W. G. Grimley | |
| 7 | October | 1943 | Lt-Col F.L. Norris | (acting) |

Units

| 4 Oxf Bucks | 3. 9.39 - 2.11.43 |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Bucks | 3. 9.39 - 12.12.42 |
| 4 R Berks | 3. 9.39 - 5. 2.40 |
| 145 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 4.10.39 - 11. 2.41 |
| 2 Glosters | 5. 2.40 - 10.12.42 |
| 6 King's Own | 12.12.42 - 6.11.43 |
| 5 Innisks | 3. 1.43 - 6.11.43 |

Higher Formations served under

| 48 | Inf | Divi | lsi | on |
|----|-----|------|-----|----|
| | | | | |

3. 9.39 - 6.11.43

Theatres

| United | Kingdom |
|--------|---------|
| United | Kingdom |

3. 9.39 - 17. 1.40 1. 6.40 - 6.11.43 France & Belgium (1) 18. 1.40 - 29. 5.40

Battles

1940 23 May - 29 May

St Omer - La Bassée

Note: (1) The Brigade suffered heavy casualties during May 1940, the Bde Comd and the Units were surrounded and captured. Only Details of Bde HQ and Units escaped and returned to the UK on 1 June 1940 to reform.

146th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig C. G. Phillips | |
|----|-----------|------|------------------------|----------|
| 12 | April | 1940 | Lt-Col R. W. Newton | (acting) |
| 17 | April | 1940 | Brig C. G. Phillips | () |
| 10 | March | 1941 | Lt-Col C. G. Robins | (acting) |
| 31 | March | 1941 | Brig N. P. Procter | (|
| | April | 1943 | Lt-Col R. L. de Brisay | (acting) |
| | May | 1943 | Brig N. P. Procter | , |
| | January | 1944 | Brig A. Dunlop | |
| | June | 1944 | Brig J. F. Walker | |
| 6 | December | 1944 | Brig D. S. Gordon | |
| 25 | July | 1945 | Lt-Col M. B. Jenkins | (acting) |
| 3 | August | 1945 | Brig D. S. Gordon | , |

Units

| 4 Lincolns | (3. 9.39 - 19. 8.4 |
|------------|---------------------|
| | (9. 9.42 - 20.10.4 |
| | (31.10.44 - 31. 8.4 |
| 1/4 KOYLI | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.4 |
| Hallams | 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.4 |
| | |

Higher Formations served under

| 49 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 4. | 4.40 | WO Control | 5. | 4.40 - 15. 4.40 |
|-------------------|----------------|------|----------------------|-----|-----------------|
| Mauriceforce (1) | 16. 4.40 - 8. | 5.40 | WO Control | 8. | 5.40 - 10. 6.40 |
| 49 Inf Division | 11. 6.40 - 23. | 6.40 | Alabaster Force (2) | 24. | 6.40 - 9. 1.41 |
| Iceland Force (2) | 9. 1.41 - 21. | 4.42 | Brit Tps Iceland (2) | 22. | 4.42 - 20. 8.42 |
| WO Control | 20. 8.42 - 25. | 8.42 | 49 Inf Division | | 8.42 - 31. 8.45 |
| | | | | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 11. 4.40 | At Sea | 11. 4.40 - 16. 4.40 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Norway | 16. 4.40 - 3. 5.40 | At Sea | 3. 5.40 - 8. 5.40 |
| United Kingdom | 8. 5.40 - 23. 6.40 | At Sea | 23. 6.40 - 27. 6.40 |
| Iceland | 27. 6.40 - 20. 8.42 | At Sea | 20. 8.42 - 25. 8.42 |
| United Kingdom | 25. 8.42 - 6. 6.44 | At Sea | 6. 6.44 - 10. 6.44 |
| NW Europe | 10. 6.44 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Battles

| 1944 | 25 June - 2 July | The Odon |
|------|------------------------|-------------|
| | 1 October - 8 November | The Scheldt |

Notes: (1) HQ this Force formed by HQ 61 Inf Division (Norway)

(2) HQ formed by HQ 49 Inf Division.

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig L. D. Daly | |
|----|-----------|------|--------------------------|----------|
| 28 | February | 1940 | Brig G. Lammie | |
| 26 | May | 1941 | Lt-Col H. Mc L. Morrison | (acting) |
| 9 | June | 1941 | Brig K. A. T. McLennan | |
| 3 | December | 1941 | Lt-Col J. H. C. Lawlor | (acting) |
| 27 | December | 1941 | Brig E. R. Mahony | |
| 4 | July | 1944 | Brig H. Wood | |
| 25 | January | 1945 | Lt-Col F. W. Sanders | (acting) |
| 7 | February | 1945 | Brig H. Wood | |
| 19 | July | 1945 | Lt-Col D. A. D. Eykyn | (acting) |
| 12 | August | 1945 | Lt-Col A. L. Novis | (acting) |
| 19 | August | 1945 | Brig H. Wood | |
| 23 | August | 1945 | Lt-Col C. D. Hamilton | (acting) |

Units

| .42 |
|-----|
| .43 |
| .44 |
| .43 |
| .45 |
| .41 |
| .45 |
| .45 |
| |

Higher Formations served under

| 49 Inf Division Alabaster Force* | 3. 9.39 - 4. 4.40 | WO Control (1) | 5. 4.40 - 27. 6.40 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| | 27. 6.40 - 8. 1.41 | Iceland Force | 9. 1.41 - 21. 4.42 |
| 49 Inf Division | 22. 4.42 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 14. 5.40 | At Sea | 14. 5.40 - 16. 5.40 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Iceland | 17. 5.40 - 18. 4.42 | At Sea | 18. 4.42 - 26. 4.42 |
| United Kingdom | 26. 4.42 - 8. 6.44 | At Sea | 8. 6.44 - 12. 6.44 |
| MLI Funono | 10 0 11 71 0 10 | | |

Battles

| 1944 | 25 June - 2 July | The Odon |
|------|------------------------|-------------|
| | 1 October - 8 November | The Scheldt |

Note: (1) On 8 May 1940 Bde HQ became HQ Alabaster Force for the occupation of Iceland. On 27 June 1940 the Bde reverted to the role of an Inf Bde when HQ 49 Inf Div arrived in lociand and assumed the title Alabaster Force.

* Iceland

148th INFANTRY BRIGADE

| September : | 1939 | A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade. |
|---------------|------|---|
| 14 November : | 1940 | Redesignated and reorganized as an Independent Brigade Group. |
| 25 July | 1942 | Redesignated and reorganized as a Training Brigade. (1) |

Commander

| 22 | September
February
April
May | 1939
1940
1941
1941 | Brig D. M. A. Sole
Brig H. de R. Morgan
Lt-Col C. B. Callander
Brig H. B. Hibbert | (acting) |
|----|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|----------|
| 29 | May | 1942 | Brig J. K. Edwards | |

Units

| 1/5 | Leicesters | 3. 9.39 - | 24. 7.42 |
|-----|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| 1/5 | Foresters | 3. 9.39 - | |
| | Foresters | 3. 9.39 - | |
| 2 | SWB | (18.12.39 - | 1. 4.40 |
| | | (12. 6.40 - | 6.12.41 |
| 148 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 4. 8.40 - | 7. 1.41 |
| 1 | Oxf Bucks | 8 19 41 - | 90 7 49 |

The following additional Units formed the Group:

| RA | | Fd Regt
Indep Atk I | Bty | | | 11.40 | | | |
|------------|-----------------|---|------|----------|------|--|---|------------------|----------------------|
| RE | 507 | Fd Coy | | | 29. | 11.40 | - | 24. | 7.42 |
| Inf | 4
148
148 | Coy 5 Chesh
R Berks
Indep Bde 6
Indep Bde 6
Indep Bde 6 | ip M | 1G Coy* | 17.: | 12.40
12.40
1.41
1.41
6.42 | | 24.
20.
5. | 7.42
7.42
6.42 |
| ST | 148 | Indep Bde G | p c | Coy RASC | 4. | 9.40 | - | 20. | 7.42 |
| Med | 147 | Fd Amb | | | 10. | 7.41 | - | 24. | 7.42 |
| <u>Ord</u> | | Indep Bde G | | | | 8.41
8.41 | | | |
| Pro | 148 | Indep Bde G | p P | ro Unit | 1. | 1.42 | - | 24. | 7.42 |
| | | | | | | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 49 Inf Division
Norwegian Army
WO Control
Edinburgh Area
CHQ Home Forces | 3. 9.39 - 4. 4.
19. 4.40 - 25. 4.
30. 4.40 - 19. 5.
4. 6.40 - 6. 7.
27. 4.42 - 5. 6. | 40 Sickleforce (Norway)
40 Scottish Comd
40 BTNI | 26. | 4.40 - 19. 4.40
4.40 - 30. 4.40
5.40 - 4. 6.40
7.40 - 26. 4.42
6.42 - 24. 7.42 |
|--|--|--|-----|--|
|--|--|--|-----|--|

Theatres

| United Kingdom
Norway
United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 14. 4.40
18. 4.40 - 30. 4.40
6. 5.40 - 24. 7.42 | At Sea
At Sea | 14. 4.40 - 18. 4.40
30. 4.40 - 8. 5.40 |
|--|---|------------------|---|
| | 6. 5.40 - 24. 7.42 | 10 000 | 30. 4.40 - 6. 5.4 |

 $\underline{\text{Note:}}$ (1) For the pre-OCTU Training of all OCTU Candidates for all Arms of the Army in UK except RAC, AA and Pay Corps.

* Cheshire

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December 1944 Reorganized as a Reserve Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| | | | | - Communication | |
|----|-----------------------|----------------------|--|---|--|
| | September
February | 1939
1941 | Brig J. A. Churchill
Brig H. Redman | | |
| | December
January | 1941
1942 | Lt-Col C. W. Beart
Brig J. S. Nichols | (acting) | |
| 26 | June
June
July | 1942
1942 | Lt-Col M. K. Jackson
Lt-Col M. N. Dewing | (acting)
(acting) | |
| 10 | | 1942
1942
1943 | Brig J. E. S. Percy
Brig D. M. W. Beak
Brig R. H. Senior | (| |
| | June
June | 1944
1944 | Lt-Col R. P. Lidwill
Brig B. B. Walton | (wounded 6.6.44)
(acting)
(wounded 16.6.44) | |
| 17 | | 1944
1944 | Lt-Col R. P. Lidwill
Brig D. S. Gordon | (acting) | |
| ' | pecelinet. | 1944 | Brig J. F. Walker | | |

Units

| | 6 DLI | | | | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
|---|---------|-------|---------|-----|----|-------|---|-----|------|
| | 8 DLI | | | | | 9.39 | | | |
| | 9 DLI | | | | | 9.39 | | | |
| 1 | 51 Inf | Bde . | Atk Coy | | | 12.39 | | | |
| 1 | 51 Inf | Bde | Sp Coy | (1) | | 5.43 | | | |
| 1 | /7 Quee | ns | | | | 2.44 | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| Aust Division 4.11.42 - 6.11.42 30 Cor | Division 29.10.42 - 3.11.42
ps 6.11.42 - 11.11.42
Riding District 1. 8.45 - 31. 8.45 |
|--|--|
|--|--|

Theatres

| United Kingdom United Kingdom Egypt Fraq (2) Egypt V Africa Egypt Slc11y Inited Kingdom W Europe | 3. 9.39 - 31. 1.40
2. 6.40 - 21. 5.41
8. 7.41 - 24. 7.41
17.11.41 - 11. 2.42
16. 6.42 - 8.12.42
10. 3.43 - 28. 4.43
8. 5.43 - 28. 6.43
7.11.43 - 3. 6.44
6. 6.44 - 14.12.44 | France & Belgium At Sea Cyprus Libya (3) Libya Libya At Sea At Sea At Hea United Kingdom | 1. 2,40 - 1. 6,40
22. 5,41 - 8, 7,41
25, 7,41 - 3,11,41
21. 2,42 - 16, 6,42
8,12,42 - 10, 3,43
26, 4,43 - 8, 5,43
29, 6,43 - 10, 7,43
17,10,43 - 7,11,43
3, 6,44 - 6, 6,44
15,12,44 - 31, 8,45 |
|--|---|--|---|
| | | | |

150th INFANTRY BRIGADE

| September | 1939 | A | First | Line | Territorial | Army | Infantry | Brigade. | |
|-----------|------|---|-------|------|-------------|------|----------|----------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | |

1 June 1942 Captured by the Germans in Libya. The Brigade was never reformed.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig H. S. Kreyer | |
|----|-----------|------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 9 | April | 1940 | Lt-Col W. E. Bush | (acting) |
| 26 | April | 1940 | Brig C. W. Haydon | (killed 1.6.42) |

Units

| 4 | E Yorks | 3. 9.39 - 1. 6.4 | 2 |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|---|
| 4 | Green Howards | 3. 9.39 - 1. 6.4 | 2 |
| 5 | Green Howards | 3. 9.39 - 1. 6.4 | 2 |
| 150 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 8.12.39 - 1. 1.4 | 1 |

Higher Formations served under

| 50 Division | 3. 9.39 - 20. 6.41 | HQ WDF (1) | 21. 6.41 - 7. 8.41 |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| HQ BTE | 7. 8.41 - 11. 8.41 | GHQ MEF | 11. 8.41 - 14. 8.41 |
| 50 Inf Division | 14. 8.41 - 27.11.41 | GHQ MEF (2) | 27.11.41 - 21.12.41 |
| 8 Army | 22.12.41 - 21 2.42 | 50 Inf Division | 22. 2.42 - 1. 6.42 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 25. 1.40
3. 6.40 - 22. 4.41 | France & Belgium
At Sea | 26. 1.40 - 2. 6.40
23. 4.41 - 13. 6.41 |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|---|
| Egypt | 13. 6.41 - 11. 8.41 | At Sea | 11. 8.41 - 14. 8.41 |
| Cyprus | 14. 8.41 - 5.11.41 | At Sea | 5.11.41 - 8.11.41 |
| Palestine | 8.11.41 - 29.11.41 | Egypt | 29.11.41 24. 1.42 |
| Libya | 24. 1.42 - 1. 6.42 | | |

Battles

| 1940 | 26 May - 28 May | Ypres - Comines Canal |
|------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1942 | 26 May - 21 June | Gazala |

 $\underline{\underline{\text{Notes:}}}$ (1) Between June and August 1941 the Bde was detached from 50 Inf Div for operations in the Western Desert.

(2) On 27 November 1941 the Bde was formed into a Group for operations in Libya and detached from 50 Inf Division. The following additional Units formed the Group:

| RA | 72 Fd Regt | RE | 232 Fd Coy |
|-----|------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Inf | 50 Recce to GHQ MEF 22.12.41 | ST | 'B' COY RASC |
| Ord | 'B' Rep & Rec Sec RAOC | | |

Sec Ord Fd Pk RAOC

Battles

| 1940 | 26 May - 28 May | Ypres - Comines Cana |
|------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1942 | 26 May - 21 June | Gazala |
| | 26 June - 30 June | Mersa Matruh |
| | 30 August - 7 September | Alam el Halfa |
| | 23 October - 4 November | El Alamein |
| 1943 | 16 March - 23 March | Mareth |
| | 6 April - 7 April | Akarit |
| | 9 July - 12 July | Landing in Sicily |
| 1944 | 6 June | Normandy Landing |
| | 17 September - 27 September | The Nederrijn |
| | | |

Notes: (1) Formed by GHQ MEF.

- (2) In transit from Cyprus 4.11.41 17.11.41
- (3) In transit from Iraq through Egypt 12.2.42 21.2.42.

152nd INFANTRY BRIGADE

| | September | 1939 | A First Line Territorial Arm | y Infantry Brigade. |
|----|-----------|------|--|---|
| 12 | June | 1940 | Captured by the Germans in F | rance. |
| 7 | August | 1940 | A new 152nd Infantry Brigade
redesignation of 26th Infant | formed in the United Kingdom by
cry Brigade. |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | Comman | der |
| 3 | September | 1989 | Brig H. W. V. Stewart | |
| | | 1940 | Brig I. K. Thomson | |
| | September | | | |
| 17 | May | 1941 | Brig G. Murray | |
| 17 | June | 1943 | Lt-Col J. Sorel-Cameron | (acting) |
| | | 1943 | Brig G. H. A. MacMillan | (11.11.11.11.11.11.11.11.11.11.11.11.11. |
| | | 1943 | Brig J. A. Oliver | |
| | | 1943 | Brig D. H. Haugh | |
| | June | 1944 | Brig A. J. H. Cassels | |
| | | 1945 | Lt-Col D. B. Lang | (acting) |
| 14 | June | 1945 | Brig J. A. Grant-Peterkin | |
| | | | | |
| | | | Unit | s |

| 4 Seaforth
6 Seaforth
4 Camerons | 3. 9.39 - 12. 6.40
3. 9.39 - 30. 3.40 | 4/5 Seaforth
7 Seaforth | 7. 8.40 - 4. 4.41
7. 8.40 - 23. 8.40 |
|--|---|----------------------------|--|
| 152 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 3. 9.39 - 12. 6.40
(28. 1.40 - 12. 6.40
(1. 9.40 - 14.12.41 | 5 Camerons
5 Seaforth | 7. 8.40 - 31. 8.45
5. 4.41 - 31. 8.45 |
| 2 Seaforth | (30. 3.40 - 12. 6.40 | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 51 (H) Inf Division 3. 9.39 - 12. 6.40 | 51 (H) Inf Division | 7. 8.40 - 17. 7.44 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| 3 Inf Division 17. 7.44 - 29. 7.44 | 51 (H) Inf Division | 29. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
United Kingdom
Egypt
N Africa
Sicily
United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 26. 1.40
7. 8.40 - 17. 6.42
13. 8.42 - 20.11.42
21. 2.43 - 5. 7.43
10. 7.43 - 19.10.43
6.11.43 - 5. 6.44 | France & Belgium
At Sea
Libya
At Sea
At Sea
At Sea | 27. 1.40 - 12. 6.40
17. 6.42 - 12. 8.42
20.11.42 - 21. 2.43
5. 7.43 - 10. 7.43
19.10.43 - 6.11.43 |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW Europe | 8. 6.44 - 31. 8.45 | At Sea | 5. 6.44 - 8. 6.44 |

152nd INFANTRY BRIGADS

Battles

| 1942 | 30 August - 7 September
23 October - 4 November | Alam el Halfa
El Alamein |
|------|--|---|
| 1943 | 6 March
16 March - 23 March
6 April - 7 April
19 April - 29 April
5 May - 12 May
9 July - 12 July
29 July - 3 August | Medenine
Mareth
Akarit
Enfidaville
Tunis
Landing in Sicily
Adrano |
| 1944 | 18 July - 23 July
7 August - 22 August | Bourguebus Ridge
Falaise |
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March
23 March - 1 April | The Rhineland
The Rhine |

153rd INFANTRY BRIGADE

| | September | 1939 | A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade. |
|----|-----------|------|---|
| 12 | June | 1940 | Captured in France by the Germans and ceased to exist. |
| 7 | August | 1940 | A new Brigade formed (see under 27th Infantry Brigade). |

Commander

| 3 September
5 January | 1939
1940 | Brig G.
Brig G. | | Rowan-Hamilton
Burney | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------|--|

Units

| 4 | BW | 3. 9.39 - 5. 6. | 4 |
|-----|-----------------|-------------------|----|
| 5 | Gordons | 3. 9.39 - 12. 6. | 4 |
| 6 | Gordons | 3. 9.39 - 7. 3. | 4 |
| 153 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 18.11.39 - 12. 6. | 40 |
| 1 | Gordons | 7. 3.40 - 12. 6. | 40 |
| 1 | BW | 5. 6.40 - 12. 6. | 4 |
| | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 51 | (H) | Inf | Division | 3. | 9.39 | - | 12. | 6.40 |
|----|-----|-----|----------|----|------|---|-----|------|
| | | | | | | | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 29. 1.40 | France & Belgium | 30. 1.40 - 12. 6.40 |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | | | |

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7 August 1940 Reconstituted by 28th Infantry Brigade (2) (see page 275).

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig A. C. L. Stanley Clarke | |
|----|-----------|------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 3 | July | 1940 | Lt-Col G. T. Nugee | (acting) |
| 7 | August | 1940 | Brig A. C. L. Stanley Clarke | (|
| 6 | January | 1941 | Brig H. W. Houldsworth | |
| 14 | December | 1942 | Brig T. G. Rennie | (wounded 7.1.43) |
| 7 | January | 1943 | Lt-Col W. N. Roper-Calbeck | (acting) |
| 10 | January | 1943 | Brig J. E. Stirling | () |
| 13 | May | 1943 | Brig T. G. Rennie | |
| 13 | December | 1943 | Brig J. A. Oliver | |
| 15 | January | 1945 | Lt-Col J. A. Hopwood | (acting) |
| 29 | January | 1945 | Brig J. A. Oliver | (|
| | | | | |

Units

| 6 BW
7 A & SH
8 A & SH
154 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 3. 9.39 - 4. 3.40
(3. 9.39 - 6. 8.40
(1.10.42 - 31. 8.45
3. 9.39 - 5. 7.40
(18.11.39 - 28. 7.40
(1. 9.40 - 2. 1.41 | 4 BW
2 Seaforth
7/10 A & SH
11 A & SH
7 BW | 5. 6.40 - 5. 7.40
7. 8.40 - 4. 9.40
7. 8.40 - 30. 9.42
7. 8.40 - 22. 9.41
26. 9.41 - 21. 8.45 |
|---|---|--|---|
| 1 BW | (1. 9.40 - 2. 1.41
(4. 3.40 - 5. 6.40
(24.10.40 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 6 Airborne Division 17. 6.44 - 19. 6.44 | | 12. 6.40 - 15. 6.40
7. 8.40 - 17. 6.44
19. 6.44 - 24. 9.44
10.10.44 - 31. 8.45 |
|---|--|---|
|---|--|---|

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 2. 2.40 | France (1) | 3. 2.40 - 15. 6.40 |
|----------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 16. 6.40 - 15. 6.42 | At Sea | 15. 6.42 - 12. 8.42 |
| Egypt | 13. 8.42 - 25.11.42 | Libya | 26.11.42 - 22. 2.43 |
| N Africa | 22. 2.43 - 5. 7.43 | At Sea | 5. 7.43 - 10. 7.43 |
| Sicily | 10. 7.43 - 5. 9.43 | Italy | 5. 9.43 - 8. 9.43 |
| Sicily | 10. 7.43 - 5. 9.43 | Italy | |
| Sicily | 8. 9.43 - 9.11.43 | At Sea | |
| United Kingdom | 26.11.43 - 9. 6.44 | NW Europe | |

154th INFANTRY BRIGADS

Battles

| 1942 | 23 October - 4 November | El Alamein |
|------|---|---|
| 1943 | 6 March | Medenine
Mareth
Akarit
Enfidaville
Tunis
Landing in Sicily
Adrano |
| 1944 | 18 July - 23 July
7 August - 22 August | Bourguebus Ridge
Falaise |
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March
23 March - 1 April | The Rhineland |

Notes: (1) Between 9 June and 15 June 1940 the following additional Units came under command and together with the Ede was called ARKFORCE. This Force was formed for operations in France:

| RA | 17 Fd Regt
15 Fd Regt
204 Atk Bty, 15 Atk Regt | RE | 236, 237, 239 Fd Co
213 Fd Pk Coy |
|----|--|----|--------------------------------------|
| | 51 Med Regt + | | |

Inf "A' Inf Bde*
Two Coys 1 Kensingtons (MG)

+ had no guns

- * An ad hoc formation composed of personnel from Base Depots on the L of $\ensuremath{\text{C}}$ BEF.
- (2) On return to the UK Bde HQ was used during June and July 1940 for collecting details of 51 (H) Inf Dir which had escaped capture on 12 June. On 7 August 1940 the Bde absorbed 28 Inf Bde.

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Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig T. Grainger-Stewart | |
|----|-----------|------|--------------------------|----------|
| 14 | February | 1942 | Brig C. D. Moorhead | |
| 28 | July | 1942 | Lt-Col T. H. M. Murray | (acting) |
| 30 | July | 1942 | Brig G. P. Miller | |
| 27 | January | 1943 | Lt-Col J. T. Campbell | (acting) |
| 16 | February | 1943 | Brig E. Hakewill Smith | |
| 19 | November | 1943 | Lt-Col W. F. R. Turner | (acting) |
| 9 | December | 1943 | Lt-Col W. A. H. Maxwell | (acting) |
| 11 | December | 1943 | Brig J. F. S. McLaren | |
| 4 | February | 1945 | Lt-Col W. F. R. Turner | (acting) |
| 15 | February | 1945 | Lt-Col E. L. Percival | (acting) |
| 20 | February | 1945 | Brig J. F. S. McLaren | |
| 25 | June | 1945 | Lt-Col J. G. Dawson | (acting) |
| 30 | June | 1945 | Brig J. F. S. McLaren | |
| 31 | July | 1945 | Lt-Col E. L. Percival | (acting) |
| 12 | August | 1945 | Brig J. F. S. McLaren | |

Units

| 7/9 | RS | 7 | 9.39 - | . 71 | 0 15 |
|-----|-----------------|------|--------|-------|------|
| | | | | | |
| | KOSB | 3. | 9.39 . | - 31. | 8.45 |
| 5 | KOSB | (3. | 9.39 - | - 12. | 6.40 |
| | | (20. | 6.40 - | - 12. | 2.45 |
| 155 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 12. | 5.40 - | - 7. | 1.41 |
| 6 | HLI | 12. | 2.45 - | - 31. | 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| 52 Inf Division 3. 9.39 - 1.52 Inf Division 20. 1.45 - 3.52 Inf Division 20. 4.45 - 3.53 | 3. 4.45 7 | Armd Division
Armd Division | 16. 1.45 - 20. 1.45
3. 4.45 - 20. 4.45 |
|--|-----------|--------------------------------|---|
|--|-----------|--------------------------------|---|

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 12. 6.40 | France | 13. 6.40 - 17. 6.40 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| United Kingdom | 17. 6.40 - 18.10.44 | At Sea | 18.10.44 - 20.10.44 |
| NW Europe | 20 10 44 - 71 0 45 | | |

Battles

| 1944 | 1 | October - 8 November | The | Scheldt |
|------|---|--|-----|--------------------|
| 1945 | | February - 10 March
March - 1 April | | Rhineland
Rhine |

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Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig F. G. Chalmer | |
|----|-----------|------|--------------------------|----------|
| 16 | April | 1940 | Brig H. J. Simson | |
| 21 | May | 1940 | Brig J. S. N. Fitzgerald | |
| | August | | Brig I. C. Grant | |
| 3 | December | 1941 | Brig C. N. Barclay | |
| | August | 1943 | Lt-Col J. Greenshields | (acting) |
| 22 | November | 1943 | Brig C. N. Barclay | |
| 2 | April | 1945 | Brig G. D. Renny | |
| | | | | |

Units

| 4/8 | RSF. | 3. | 9.39 | - 31 | . 8.4 |
|-----|-----------------|-----|------|------|-------|
| (| Cameronians | 3. | 9.39 | - 31 | . 8.4 |
| 5 | Cameronians | | 9.39 | | |
| | Inf Bde Atk Coy | | 5.40 | | |
| 1 | Clas H | 14. | 3.45 | - 31 | . 8.4 |

Higher Formations served under

| 52 | Inf | Division | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31. | 8.48 |
|----|-----|----------|----|------|---|-----|------|

Theatres

| United Kingdom
United Kingdom
NW Europe | 3. 9.39 - 11. 6.40
17. 6.40 - 11.10.44
13.10.44 - 31. 8.45 | France
At Sea | 12. 6.40 - 16. 6.40
11.10.44 - 13.10.44 |
|---|--|------------------|--|
| | | | |

Battles

| 1944 | 1 October - 8 November | The Scheldt |
|------|---|--------------|
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March
23 March - 1 April | The Rhinelan |

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Commander

| 7 | September | 1030 | Brig N. R. Campbell |
|----|-----------|------|-----------------------------|
| | | | Brig Sir J. E. Laurie, Bart |
| | March | | Brig E. Hakewill Smith |
| 22 | March | 1942 | Brig F. L. Johnston |
| 22 | November | 1943 | Brig J. D. Russell |
| 26 | January | 1945 | Brig E. H. G. Grant |
| 24 | July | 1945 | Lt-Col R. L. C. Rose |

(acting)

Units

| 5 | HLI | (3. 9.39 - | 8. | 8. |
|-----|-----------------|-------------|-----|-----|
| | | (29.10.44 - | 31. | 8. |
| 6 | HLI | 3. 9.39 - | 12. | 2.4 |
| 1 | Glas H | (3. 9.39 - | 8. | 8.4 |
| | | (29.10.44 - | 12. | 3.4 |
| 157 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 12. 5.40 - | 7. | 1.4 |
| 5 | KOSB | 12. 2.45 - | 31. | 8.4 |
| 7 | Cameronians | 14. 3.45 - | 31. | 8.4 |
| | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 52 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 7. 6.40 | L of C, BEF | 8. 6.40 - 12. 6.40 |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 3 French Corps | 13. 6.40 - 15. 6.40 | Norman Force (France) | 15. 6.40 - 18. 6.40 |
| 52 Inf Division (1) | 19. 6.40 - 1. 9.44 | 21 Army Group | 2. 9.44 - 10. 9.44 |
| 30 Corps | 11. 9.44 - 24. 9.44 | | 24. 9.44 - 8.10.44 |
| 12 Corps | 9.10.44 - 14.10.44 | 3 Cdn Inf Division | 15.10.44 - 23.10.44 |
| 52 Inf Division | 24.10.44 - 11.12.44 | 43 Inf Division | 11.12.44 - 16.12.44 |
| 52 Inf Division | 16.12.44 - 2. 7.45 | 49 Inf Division | 3. 7.45 - 10. 8.45 |
| 52 Inf Division | 11. 8.45 - 31. 8.45 | 10 | 0. 1.10 10. 0110 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 7. 6.40 | France | 8. 6.40 - 18. 6.40 |
|----------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|
| United Kingdom | 19. 6.40 - 1. 9.44 | At Sea | 1. 9.44 - 6. 9.44 |
| NW Europe | 6. 9.44 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Battles

| 1944 | 1 October - 8 November | The Scheldt |
|------|---|----------------------------|
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March
23 March - 1 April | The Rhineland
The Rhine |

157th INFANTRY BRIGADE

| Note: | N
N
m | W Europe. W Europe in | 1944 the Bde was formed into a Group as the sea echelon to 52 Inf
this time was organized in the UK for Air Landing Operations in
These Operations never materialized and the Division moved to
October 1944 by sea when the Bde reverted to its command. In the
Bde had moved to NW Europe with the following additional Units under |
|-------|-------------|-----------------------|---|
|-------|-------------|-----------------------|---|

| RAC | 52 Recce | RA 79 Fd Regt |
|-----|---|---|
| RE | 243 Fd Pk Coy
17 Br Pl | 304 Atk Bty 54 Atk Re
354 Bty 108 LAA Regt |
| Med | 157 Fd Amb | ST 529 Inf Bde Coy RASC 76 Div Tps Coy RASC |
| Ord | 52 Fd Maint Sec
Det 52 Div Ord Fd Pk | REME 157 Bde Wksps |
| Pro | Two Secs 52 Div Pro Coy | |

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Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig E. O. Skaife | (injured 13. 9.39) |
|----|-----------|------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 21 | September | 1939 | Lt-Col W. Roberts | (acting) |
| 7 | October | 1939 | Brig J. P. Duke | |
| 19 | October | 1940 | Brig A. M. Trustram Eve | |
| 7 | March | 1941 | Brig J. A. Glegg | |
| 1 | August | 1941 | Lt-Col A. M. G. Evans | (acting) |
| 8 | August | 1941 | Brig S. O. Jones | |
| 8 | May | 1942 | Brig L. Tremellen | |
| 20 | July | 1942 | Brig R. A. Boxshall | |
| | September | | Brig S. O. Jones | |
| | August | | Brig G. B. Sugden | (killed 4. 5.45) |
| 4 | January | 1945 | Lt-Col R. K. Exham | (acting) |
| 6 | January | 1945 | Brig J. H. O. Wilsey | |
| 9 | March | 1945 | Lt-Col F. F. E. Allen | (acting) |
| 17 | March | 1945 | Lt-Col J. S. Morrison-Jones | (acting) |
| 20 | March | 1945 | Brig J. H. O. Wilsey | |
| 27 | June | 1945 | Brig G. D. Browne | |
| | | | | |

Units

| 4 | RWF | 3. | 9.39 - | 3. | 8.44 |
|-----|-----------------|------|--------|-----|------|
| 6 | RWF | 3. | 9.39 - | 3. | 8.44 |
| 7 | RWF | (3. | 9.39 - | 26. | 4.48 |
| | | (14. | 6.45 - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 158 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 3. | 7.40 - | 16. | 2.41 |
| 1 | E Lan R | 4. | 8.44 - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 1/5 | Welch | 4. | 8.44 - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 2 | SWB | 26. | 4.45 - | 13. | 6.45 |
| | | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 53 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 22.10.39 | NI District | 23.10.39 - 2. 4.40 |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 53 Inf Division | 3. 4.40 - 14. 7.44 | 15 (S) Inf Division | 14. 7.44 - 18. 7.44 |
| 53 Inf Division | 18. 7.44 - 15. 9.44 | 15 (S) Inf Division | 15. 9.44 - 19. 9.44 |
| 53 Inf Division | 19. 9.44 - 27. 9.44 | 7 Armd Division | 27. 9.44 - 29. 9.44 |
| 15 (S) Inf Division | 29. 9.44 - 3.10.44 | 51 (H) Inf Division | 3.10.44 - 19.10.44 |
| 53 Inf Division | 19.10.44 - 30. 4.45 | 15 (S) Inf Division | 30. 4.45 - 2. 5.45 |
| 53 Inf Division | 2. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 19. 6.44 | At Sea | 20. 6.44 - 23. 6.44 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| NW Europe | 23. 6.44 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Battles

| 1944 | 25 June - 2 July | The Odon |
|------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | 4 July - 18 July | Caen |
| | 30 July - 9 August | Mont Pincon |
| | 7 August - 22 August | Falaise |
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March | The Rhineland |
| | 93 March - 1 Annil | The Phine |

159th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 14
30
24
22 | September July July August June July | 1939
1941
1941
1941
1942
1944 | Brig J. G. Bruxner-Randall
Brig C. E. Hudson
Lt-Col A. D. Bryant
Brig C. B. Callander
Brig J. G. Sandie
Brig J. B. Churcher | (acting) |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|----------|
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|----------|

Units

| 4 | KSLI | 3. | 9.39 - | 31. | 8.45 |
|---|-----------------|----|--------|-----|------|
| 3 | Mon | | 9.39 - | | |
| 1 | Hereford | | 9.39 - | | |
| | Inf Bde Atk Coy | | 6.40 - | | |
| 1 | Cheshire | 6. | 4.45 - | 31. | 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| 53 Inf Division
15 (S) Inf Division
7 Armd Division | 3. 9.39 - 17.
30. 6.44 - 2.
20. 7.44 - 21. | 7.44 | 3 Inf Division | 17. 5.42 - 30. 6.44
2. 7.44 - 20. 7.44
22. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 |
|---|--|------|----------------|--|
|---|--|------|----------------|--|

Theatres

| United Kingdom 3. 9.39 - 12. 6.44
NW Europe 15. 6.44 - 31. 8.45 | At Sea | 13. 6.44 - 15. 6.44 |
|--|--------|---------------------|
|--|--------|---------------------|

Battles

| 1944 | 25 June - 2 July
4 July - 18 July
18 July - 23 July
30 July - 9 August
17 September - 27 September | The Odon
Caen
Bourguebus Ridge
Mont Pincon
Nederrijn |
|------|--|--|
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March | The Rhineland |

September 1959 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 3 September
10 May | 1940 | Brig A. E. Williams
Brig R. K. Rose |
|-----------------------|------|--|
| 17 September | | Brig E. E. Dorman-Smith |
| 22 November | 1943 | Lt-Col C. F. C. Coleman (acting) |
| 28 January | 1944 | Brig L. G. Whistler |
| 22 June | 1944 | Brig C. F. C. Coleman |
| 27 May | 1945 | Lt-Col H. B. D. Crozier (acting) |
| | 1945 | Brig C. F. C. Coleman |

Units

| 4 W | elch | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
|-------|----------------|----|------|---|-----|------|
| 1/5 W | elch | 3. | 9.39 | - | 3. | 8.44 |
| 2 M | on | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 160 I | nf Bde Atk Coy | 1. | 7.40 | - | 15. | 2.41 |
| 6 R | WF | 4. | 8.44 | - | 31. | 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| 53 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 17.12.39 | NI Distrist | 18.12.39 - 2. 4.40 |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 53 Inf Division | 3. 4.40 - 5. 4.45 | 52 Inf Division | 5. 4.45 - 8. 4.45 |
| 53 Inf Division | 8. 4.45 - 19. 4.45 | 7 Armd Division | 19. 4.45 - 24. 4.45 |
| 53 Inf Division | 24. 4.45 - 11. 5.45 | 7 Armd Division | 11. 5.45 - 30. 5.45 |
| 53 Inf Division | 30. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 | | |

| | | Theatres | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|--------|--------------------|
| United Kingdom
NW Europe | 3. 9.39 - 24.
28. 6.44 - 31. | | At Sea | 24. 6.44 - 28. 6.4 |

Battles

| 1944 | 25 June - 2 July | The Odon |
|------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | 4 July - 18 July | Caen |
| | 30 July - 9 August | Mont Pincon |
| | 7 August - 22 August | Falaise |
| | 17 September - 27 September | The Nederrijn |
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March | The Rhineland |
| | 23 March - 1 April | The Rhine |

161st INFANTRY BRIGADE

| | | " Tree bine letil cortal Army Inlantry Brigade. " |
|---|-------------|---|
| 2 | 86 November | Redesignated and reorganized as 161st Indian Infantry Brigade.
Transferred to the Indian Army. |

Commander

| . 3 | September | 1939 | Brig H. | Pa | wle | | | |
|-----|-----------|------|---------|----|-----|----|--------|--|
| 13 | November | 1939 | Brig J. | W. | I., | 8. | Hobert | |
| 25 | November | 1941 | Brig W. | | | | | |

September 1939 A First Itan Manutantia

Units

| 1/4 Essex | (3. 9.39 - 20. 7.40 | 2/5 Essex | 3. 9.39 - 15.10.41 |
|------------------------|---|---|---|
| 2/4 Essex
1/5 Essex | (4.1.41 - 25.11.41
3.9.39 - 10.9.39
(3.9.39 - 14.12.40
(13.9.41 - 15.10.41 | 5 R Berks
7 R Berks
161 Inf Bde Atk Coy | 3. 9.39 - 10. 9.39
3. 9.39 - 10. 9.39
10. 7.40 - 16. 9.40 |

Higher Formations served under

| 54 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 17.12.40 | WO Control WO Control 4 Ind Inf Division 8 Army 5 Ind Inf Division | 18.12.40 - 4. 1.41 |
|-------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| Sierra Leone Area | 4. 1.41 - 18. 6.41 | | 19. 6.41 - 27. 7.41 |
| CHQ MEF | 28. 7.41 - 6. 8.41 | | 6. 8.41 - 15. 9.41 |
| 13 Corps | 16. 9.41 - 28. 9.41 | | 28. 9.41 - 31.10.41 |
| CHQ MEF | 1.11.41 - 6.11.41 | | 7.11.41 - 25.11.41 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 17.12.40 | At Sea | 18.12.40 - 4. 1.41 |
|----------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|
| West Africa | 4. 1.41 - 18. 6.41 | At Sea | 19. 6.41 - 27 7 41 |
| Egypt | 28. 7.41 - 6.11.41 | Cyprus | 7.11.41 = 25.11.41 |

Note: (i) On 11 September 1939 a duplicate 161 Inf Bde was formed with the following Units under command:

2/4 Essex, 5 R Berks 7 R Berks

On 18 September 1939 this Brigade was redesignated 163 Infantry Brigade (see page 351).

162nd INFANTRY BRIGADE

| September | 1939 | A | First | Line | Terri torial | Army | In fan try | Brigade. | |
|-----------|------|---|-------|------|--------------|------|------------|----------|--|
|-----------|------|---|-------|------|--------------|------|------------|----------|--|

10 November 1942 Redesignated 162nd Independent Infantry Brigade.

5 September 1943 Ceased to be an Independent Infantry Brigade.

31 August 1944 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig J. Macready 27 August 1940 Brig R. B. S. Reford 14 October 1941 Brig T. G. Newbury

Units

| 1 | Herts | 3. | 9.39 - | 7. | 9.42 |
|-----|-----------------|-----|--------|-----|-------|
| 2 | Herts | 5. | 9.39 - | 17. | 9.42 |
| 6 | Bedfs Herts | 3. | 9.39 - | 20. | 8.44 |
| 162 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | | 2.40 - | | |
| 70 | Foresters | | 9.42 - | | |
| 16 | Foresters | 28. | 9.42 - | 5. | 12.42 |
| 7 | E Yorks | 22. | 9.42 - | 6. | 7.44 |
| 1 | Leicesters | 9.1 | 2.42 - | 2. | 7.44 |
| 7 | E Yorks | 22. | 9.42 - | 6. | 7.44 |

Higher Formations served under

| 54 Inf Division
54 Inf Division
12 L of C Area* | 3. 9.39 - 4.12.42
16. 8.43 - 13.12.43
19. 6.44 - 30. 8.44 | London District
L of C 21 Army Group | 5.12.42 - 15. 8.43
14.12.43 - 19. 6.44 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 01 0 21 001 | 100 0044 - 000 0044 | | |

Theatre

United Kingdom 3. 9.39 - 30. 8.44

163rd INFANTRY BRIGADE

| September 1939 | A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade. On 18th September the Brigade was redesignated 587d Infantry Brigade (see page 283); on the same date a new 1837d Infantry Brigade was formed by redesignation of 1818t (duplicate) Infantry Brigade (see page 349) - a Second Line Territorial Army formation. |
|----------------|---|
|----------------|---|

22 December 1943 Brigade dispersed and Headquarters became Headquarters 4 L of C Sub-Area, on the L of C 21 Army Group.

Commander

| | September
September | | Brig M. D. Jephson
Brig R. A. D. Moseley | |
|----|------------------------|------|---|-----------|
| 26 | August | 1942 | Brig O. M. Wales | |
| 27 | July | 1943 | Lt-Col A. L. Taffs | (acting) |
| 18 | Sentember | 10/3 | Brite O M Males | (4001118) |

Units

| | Norfolk | 3. | 9.39 - | 17. | 9.39 |
|---|-----------------|-----|---------|------|-------|
| 6 | Norfolk | 3. | 9.39 - | 17. | 9.39 |
| 7 | Norfolk | 3. | 9.39 - | 17. | 9.39 |
| | Essex | 18. | 9.39 - | 11. | 4.43 |
| | R Berks | 18. | 9.39 - | 1. : | 11.43 |
| | R Berks | 18. | 9.39 - | 16.1 | 10.42 |
| | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 1. | 2.40 - | 14. | 7.41 |
| | King's Own | 16. | 10.42 - | 11.1 | 12.42 |
| | Bucks | 12. | 12.42 - | 30. | 5.43 |
| 5 | Kings | 18. | 7.43 - | 1.1 | 1.43 |
| | | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| | | | Y . |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 54 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 13.12.43 | L of C 21 Army Group | 14.12.43 - 22.12.43 |

Theatre

| United | Kingdom | 7 | 0 30 - | . 00 | 10 | 17 |
|--------|---------|---|--------|------|----|----|

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade.

2 July 1945 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig A. T. Miller 20 April 1941 Brig P. H. Cadoux-Hudson 10 May 1943 Brig H. E. F. Smyth 11 February 1944 Brig N. P. Procter 29 July 1944 Brig N. Healeod

Units

| 9 | Kings | 3. | 9.39 - | 17. | 9.42 |
|---|-----------------|-----|--------|-----|------|
| | S Lan R | | 9.39 - | | |
| | S Lan R | 3. | 9.39 - | 8. | 9.42 |
| | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 14. | 9.40 - | 8. | 7.41 |
| | DLI | 10. | 9.42 - | 25. | 9.43 |
| | Green Howards | 20. | 9.42 - | 18. | 5.43 |
| 9 | S Lan R | 13. | 8.43 - | 12. | 7.44 |
| 9 | Buffs | 29. | 9.43 - | 25. | 7.44 |
| | Devon | 1. | 8.44 - | 18. | 6.45 |
| | Som LI | 1. | 8.44 - | 18. | 6.45 |
| 1 | DCLI | 1. | 8.44 - | 18. | 6.45 |
| | | | | | |

High Formations served under

55 Inf Division 3. 9.39 - 17. 6.45 N Midland Dist 18. 6.45 - 1. 7.45

Theatre

United Kingdom

3. 9.39 - 1. 7.45

165th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig F. Latham | |
|----|-----------|------|---------------------|----------|
| 29 | February | 1940 | Brig R. J. Brett | |
| 22 | January | 1942 | Brig H. S. Brown | |
| 29 | May | 1944 | Lt-Col C. W. Harper | (acting) |
| 2 | June | 1944 | Brig E. E. J. Moore | (acomis) |

Units

| 5 Kings | 3. | 9.39 - | 16. | 4.43 |
|---------------------|-----|--------|-----|------|
| 1 Livpl Scot | 3. | 9.39 - | 13. | 7.44 |
| 2 Livpl Scot | | 9.39 - | | |
| 165 Inf Bde Atk Coy | | 9.40 - | | |
| 10 DWR | | 9.42 - | | |
| 9 Kings | | 4.43 - | | |
| 4 BW | 26. | 7.44 - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 2 R Ir F | | 7.44 - | | |
| 5 W Yorks | | 8.44 - | | |
| | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 55 | Inf | Division | 3. | 9 | .39 - | 31. | 8.4 |
|----|-----|----------|----|---|-------|-----|-----|
| | | | | | | | |

Theatre

| Inited | Kingdom | 17 | ^ | 70 - | | |
|--------|---------|----|---|------|--|--|
| | | | | | | |

3 September 1939 A First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade in 55th Division, which on embodiment was reorganized as a Motor Division. On 4 September the Brigade was redesignated 175th Infantry Brigade and ceased to exist. (see page 355)

15 August 1944 A new 186th Infantry Brigade was formed (see 199th Infantry Brigade)

167th (LONDON) INFANTRY BRIGADE
(See under 1st London Infantry Brigade)

168th (LONDON) INFANTRY BRIGADE
(See under 2nd London Infantry Brigade)

169th (LONDON) INFANTRY BRIGADE
(See under 35th Infantry Brigade)

170th, 171st, and 172nd INFANTRY BRIGADES

Formed in 1943 in N Africa for deception purposes.

(see Note 2 to 42nd Infantry Brigade)

173rd, 174th, and 175th INFANTRY BRIGADES not formed

176th INFANTRY BRIGADE

4 September 1939 Formed by redesignation of 166th Infantry Brigade, a First Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade. (1)

26 August 1944 The Brigade was broken up in NW Europe.

19 October 1944 Brigade Headquarters placed in suspended animation.

Commander

4 September 1939 Brig J. L. Short 23 April 1942 Brig M. A. Carthew-Yorstoun 31 December 1943 Brig R. W. H. Fryer

Units

| 7 | S Staffords | 4. 9.39 - 2 | 6. 8.4 |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--------|
| 8 | N Staffs | 4. 9.39 - 1 | |
| 7 | N Staffs | 4. 9.39 - 1 | |
| | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 13. 7.40 - 3 | |
| 7 | Norfolk | 14.10.42 - 1 | |

Higher Formations served under

55 Inf Division 4. 9.39 - 14. 9.39 59 Inf Division 15. 9.39 - 26. 8.44 27. 8.44 - 18.10.44

Theatres

United Kingdom 4. 9.39 - 26. 6.44 At Sea 26. 6.44 - 29. 6.44 NM Europe 29. 6.44 - 18.10.44

Battles

1944 4 July - 18 July Caen 30 July - 9 August Mont Pincon

Note: (1) The Bde was administered by 55 Inf Div until 59 Inf Div (duplicate Division) began to function on 15 Sep 1989 as a separate formation.

4 September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of the original 168th Infantry Brigade which became 178th Infantry Brigade,

26 August 1944 The Brigade was broken up in NW Europe.

19 October 1944 Brigade Headquarters disbanded.

Commander

4 September 1939 Brig A. E. Hawkins 10 August 1942 Brig M. S. Ekins 28 January 1944 Brig M. Elrington

Units

5 S Staffords 4. 9.39 - 26. 8.44 1/6 S Staffords 4. 9.39 - 26. 8.44 2/6 S Staffords 4. 9.39 - 26. 8.44 177 Inf Bde Atk Coy 13. 7.40 - 31.12.40

Higher Formations served under

55 Inf Division 4. 9.39 - 14. 9.39 21 Army Group 27. 8.44 - 18.10.44 59 Inf Division 15. 9.39 - 26. 8.44

Theatres

United Kingdom 4. 9.39 - 24. 6.44 NW Europe 27. 6.44 - 18.10.44 At Sea . 24. 6.44 - 27. 6.44

Battles

1944 4 July - 18 July Caen 30 July - 9 August Mont Pincon

178th INFANTRY BRIGADE

This Infantry Brigade was formed in the United Kingdom on 21 April 1945 for the reception and training of personnel returned from overseas temporarily unfit from wounds and other causes. It was commanded by Brig F. A. J. E. Marshall and the Units were Reception Camps. It formed part of 45 Division. The Brigade was disbanded on 11 August 1945.

179th, 180th, and 181st INFANTRY BRIGADES not formed

182nd INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 143rd Infantry Brigade.

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig R. J. Cash
15 February 1940 Brig E. S. B. Williams
31 July 1941 Brig C. E. Hudson
27 November 1943 Brig J. S. Nichols
28 March 1945 Brig T. B. L. Churchill

Units

2/7 Warwick 3, 9.39 - 31, 8.45 9 Warwick 3, 9.39 - 25, 7.42 9 Worc R 3, 9.39 - 31, 8.45 182 Inf Bde Atk Coy 2, 9.40 - 6,10.41 1 SWB 2, 9.44 - 31, 8.45

Higher Formations served under

61 Inf Division 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45

Theatre

United Kingdom 3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45

183rd INFANTRY BRIGADE

- September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade duplicate of 144th Infantry Brigade.
- 21 July 1944 Brigade Headquarters redesignated Headquarters 184th Infantry Brigade and a new Headquarters 183rd Infantry Brigade was formed by redesignation of Headquarters the original 184th Infantry Brigade (see page 359).

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig W. R. Prescott |
|----|-----------|------|---------------------------------|
| 28 | September | 1939 | Brig T. D. Daly |
| 16 | July | 1940 | Brig G. F. Watson |
| 25 | November | 1940 | Brig C. F. Drew |
| 1 | May | 1942 | Brig J. H. C. Lawlor |
| 17 | February | 1943 | Brig Sir A. B. G. Stanier, Bart |
| 24 | February | 1944 | Brig G. Murray |
| | July | 1944 | Brig J. Vicary |
| | February | 1945 | Brig E. E. E. Cass |
| 5 | June | 1945 | Brig T. P. O'Brien Twohig |

Units (1)

| 7 | Glosters | 3. | 9.39 - | 8. | 4.44 |
|----|-----------------|-----|--------------------|-----|------|
| 10 | Worc R | (3. | 9.39 - | 8. | 4.44 |
| 4 | Northamptons | (6. | 10.44 -
11.39 - | 8. | 4.44 |
| | Inf Bde Atk Coy | | 7.44 - 9.40 - | | |
| 7 | N Staffs | 21. | 7.44 - | 31. | 8.45 |
| | Foresters | | 8.44 - | | |
| | Devon | | 6.45 - | | |
| | Som LI | | 6.45 - | | |
| 1 | DCLI | | 6.45 - | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 81 | Inf | Divis | Or |
|----|-----|-------|----|
| | | | |

3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45

Theatre

United Kingdom

3. 9.39 - 31. 8.45

Note: (1) On 9 April 1944 Bde HQ ceased to command its Units and became HQ Residue Concentration Area in connection with the invasion of Europe. On 18 July 1944 Bde HQ reverted to its normal role and new Units came under command.

184 th INFANTRY BRIGADE

| September | 1939 | A Second Line | Territorial | Army | Infantry | Brigade | duplicate | of | |
|-----------|------|---------------|-------------|------|----------|---------|-----------|----|--|
| | | | | | | | | | |

| 20 July | 1944 | Brigade Headquarters redesignated 183rd Infantry Brigade and at the |
|---------|------|---|
| | | same time a new 184th Infantry Brigade was formed by Headquarters of the original 183rd Infantry Brigade (see page 358) |

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig C. St Q. Fullbrook-Leggatt | |
|----|-----------|------|---------------------------------|----------|
| 7 | April | 1941 | Lt-Col K. P. Smith | (acting) |
| 26 | April | 1941 | Brig F. A. Hawkins | |
| 22 | June | 1944 | Brig J. Vicary | |
| 21 | July | 1944 | Brig G. Murray | |
| 1 | June | 1945 | Brig P. N. White | |

Units

| 8 | Oxf Bucks | 3. | 9.39 - | 5. | 7.44 |
|-----|-----------------|-----|--------|-----|------|
| 2 | Bucks | 3. | 9.39 - | 5. | 7.44 |
| 6 | R Berks | (3. | 9.39 - | 19. | 7.44 |
| | | (3. | 9.44 - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 184 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 2. | 9.40 - | 6. | 9.41 |
| 2 | RWK | 23. | 7.44 - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 2 | Surreys | | 8.44 - | | |
| 1 | Foresters | | 6.45 - | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 61 Inf Division | 3. 9.39 - 1. 9.44 | HQ OSDEF (1) | 3, 9,44 - 11,11,44 |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 61 Inf Division | 13.11.44 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| 0. 0.44 11.11.4 | United Kingdom
United Kingdom | 3. 9.39 - 2. 9.44
12.11.44 - 31. 8.45 | Orkneys & Shetland
Is | 3. 9.44 - 11.11,44 |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------|
|-----------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------|

Note: (1) Although under command OSDEF the Bde remained part of 61 Inf Division.

1 September 1942 Headquarters formed by redesignation of Headquarters 204th Independent Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| | September
June | 1942
1943 | Brig G. Mc I. S. Bruce
Lt-Col N. C. S. Young | (acting) |
|----|-------------------|--------------|---|----------|
| 17 | June | 1943 | Brig K. P. Smith | |
| 2 | July | 1944 | Brig E. L. Bols | |
| 11 | December | 1944 | Brig E. H. G. Grant | |
| 15 | January | 1945 | Lt-Col D. L. A. Gibbs | (acting) |
| 19 | January | 1945 | Lt-Col F. P. Barclay | (acting) |
| 20 | January | 1945 | Brig F. R. G. Matthews | |
| 7 | June | 1945 | Brig R. N. H. C. Bray | |

Units

| 2 Warwick | 9. | 9.42 - | 31. | 8.45 |
|-----------|----|--------|-----|------|
| 1 Norfolk | | 9.42 - | | |
| 2 KSLI | | 9.42 - | | |
| 1 HLI | | 8.45 - | | |

Higher Formations served under

| Durham & N Riding * | 1. 9.42 - 7. 9.42 | 79 Armd Division | 8. 9.42 - 9. 4.43 |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 9 IIII DIVISION | 10. 4.43 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 1. 9.42 - 5. 6.44 | NW Europe | 6. 6.44 - 31, 8.45 |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| | T. 0. ZV O. 44 | MM EULODE | 6. 6.44 - 31. 8.45 |

Battles

| 1944 | 6 June
4 July - 18 July | Normandy Landin |
|------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| | 18 July - 23 July | Bourguebus Ridge |
| | 30 July - 9 August | Mont Pincon |
| | 17 September - 27 September | The Nederrijn |
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March | The Rhineland |
| | 23 March - 1 April | The Rhine |

* Area HQ.

186th to 196th INFANTRY BRIGADES not formed

197th INFANTRY BRIGADE

| September 1939 | A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade duplicate of 125th Infantry Brigade. | |
|----------------|--|--|
| | 125ul illantry Brigade. | |

| August | 1944 | The Brigade was broken up by 26th August and Headquarters was redesignated |
|--------|------|--|
| | | Headquarters 197th Infantry Brigade (Battlefield Clearance). (1) |

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig S. | T. | Lucey |
|----|-----------|------|---------|------|---------|
| 2 | May | 1941 | Brig G. | A. | Pilleau |
| 16 | April | 1942 | Brig J | T.11 | ngham |

Units

| 2/5 | LF | 3. 9.39 - 26. 8. |
|-----|-----------------|-------------------|
| 2/8 | LF | 3. 9.39 - 4.10. |
| 5 | E Lan R | 3. 9.39 - 26. 8. |
| 197 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 13. 7.40 - 31.12. |
| 1/7 | Warwick | 4.10.42 - 26. 8. |
| | | |

Higher Formations served under

| 42 Inf | Division | 3. | 9.39 - | 26. | 9.39 | 66 Inf Division | 27. | 9.39 - | 22. | 6.40 |
|--------|----------|-----|--------|-----|------|-----------------|-----|--------|-----|------|
| 59 Inf | Division | 23. | 6.40 - | 26. | 8.44 | | | | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
NW Europe | 3. 9.39 - 27. 6.44
29. 6.44 - 26. 8.44 | At Sea | 27. 6.44 - 29. 6.44 |
|-----------------------------|---|--------|---------------------|
| In mar opo | NO. O.T. NO. O.T. | | |

Battles

| 1944 | 4 July - 18 July | Caen |
|------|--------------------|-----------|
| | 30 July - 9 August | Mont Pine |

Note: (1) Wef 30 August was employed on controlling and organizing the clearance of all equipment from battlefields in NW Europe. Elements of Ordnance, REME and Pioneer Corps Units were placed under command for the purpose.

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 126 Infantry Brigade. (1)

23 June 1940 Redesignated 198th Independent Infantry Brigade.

20 December 1940 Ceased to be an Independent Infantry Brigade. (2)

14 December 1943 Brigade Headquarters redesignated Headquarters 11 L of C Area 21 Army Group.

Commander

3 September 1939 Brig J. M. Rawcliffe 12 August 1941 Brig A. C. T. Evanson 10 May 1943 Brig R. K. Arbuthnot (3) 7 October 1943 Brig B. U. S. Cripps

Units

| 8 | Kings | 3. 9.39 - 4. 7.43 |
|-----|-----------------|---------------------|
| 6 | Border | 3. 9.39 - 13. 9.43 |
| 7 | Border | 3. 9.39 - 9.12.42 |
| 198 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 30. 7.40 - 14. 7.41 |
| 2 | Herts | 9-12-42 - 23. 8.43 |

During the period July 1940 to December 1940 the following additional Units were under command:

Med 205 Fd Amb

ST 198 Indep Inf Bde Coy RASC

Higher Formations served under

| 42 Inf Division WO Control | 3. 9.39 - 26. 9.39 | 66 Inf Division | 27. 9.39 - 22. 6.40 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | 23. 6.40 - 24. 6.40 | 1 London Division | 25. 6.40 - 27.11.40 |
| 56 (Lon) Inf Division | 28.11.40 - 19.12.40 | 54 Inf Division | 20.12.40 - 13.12.43 |

Theatre

United Kingdom

3. 9.39 - 13.12.43

- Notes: (1) From 3 September to 28 September 1939 the Brigade was administered and embodied by 42 inf Division until 68 inf Division the duplicate Division was ready to function. Bde Ha was completed with Staff in October 1939.
 - (2) By the end of August 1943 there were no Units under command. Bde HQ remained extant until it became HQ 11 L of C Area on 14 December 1943.
 - (3) Left the Brigade on 25 September 1943 for another appointment.

199th INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 1939 A Second Line Territorial Army Infantry Brigade, duplicate of 187th Infantry Brigade, (1)

15 August 1944 Redesignated 166th Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig L. | C. Mandleberg |
|----|-----------|------|---------|-----------------|
| 1 | May | 1941 | Brig G. | H. A. MacMillan |
| 27 | December | 1941 | Brig R. | Morton |
| 27 | April | 1942 | Brig E. | F. Hall |
| 1 | February | 1943 | Brig J. | M. L. Renton |
| 20 | September | 1943 | Brig R. | A. Boxshall |

Units

| 2/8 | LF | 3. | 9.39 | ** | 23. | 7.44 |
|-----|-----------------|------|-------|----|-----|-------|
| 6 | Manch | 3. | 9.39 | - | 27. | 5.42 |
| 7 | Manch | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31. | 10.42 |
| 199 | Inf Bde Atk Coy | 9. | 7.40 | - | 26. | 12.41 |
| 1 | Manch | 28. | 5.42 | - | 15. | 9.42 |
| 2 | Loyals | 16. | 9.42 | - | 16. | 10.44 |
| 5 | Innisks | 11.1 | 10.42 | - | 1. | 1.43 |
| 11 | S Staffords | 29.1 | 12.42 | - | 15. | 10.43 |
| 9 | Bedfs Herts | 16.1 | 10.43 | - | 13. | 7.44 |
| 1 | Livpl Scot | 14. | 7.44 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 1/4 | S Lan R | 24. | 7.44 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
| . 8 | Manch | 28.: | 11.44 | - | 31. | 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| 42 | Inf | Division | 3. | 9.39 - 26. | 9.39 | 66 | Inf Division | 27. | 9.39 - 22. | 6.40 |
|----|-----|------------|---------|------------|------|----|--------------|-----|------------|------|
| 55 | Inf | Division (| (2) 23. | 6.40 - 31. | 8.45 | | | | | |

Theatre

| United Kingdom | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31. | 8.4 |
|----------------|----|------|---|-----|-----|
| | | | | | |

- Notes: (1) The Bde was administered and embodied by 42 Inf Div until 66 Inf Div (duplicate Division) began to function as a separate formation on 27 September 1939.
 - (2) From 24 July 1944 to 28 June 1945 the Bde was in Northern Ireland under operational command of N District; 55 Inf Div had moved to England in July 1944 and the Bde rejoined in June 1945.

200th GUARDS BRIGADE

(See under 22nd Guards Brigade)

201st GUARDS MOTOR BRIGADE

(See under 22nd Guards Brigade)

201st INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE (HOME)

4 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom by No 1 Infantry Training Group. 13 December 1941 Brigade Headquarters disbanded.

Commander

4 October 1940 Brig A. E. Lawrence

Units

13 Queens 4.10.40 - 25.11.41 14 Queens 4.10.40 - 3. 6.41 4.10.40 - 5.12.41 9 Hamps 10 Hamps 4.10.40 - 25.11.41

Higher Formations served under

Aldershot Comd West Sussex County Division Yorkshire County Division

4.10.40 - 19.10.40

19. 3.41 - 30.11.41

Yorkshire Area 9.11.40 - 17. 2.41

19.10.40 - 8.11.40 21. 2.41 - 18. 3.41 E Riding Coastal Area 1.12.41 - 12.12.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

4.10.40 - 13.12.41

202nd INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE (HOME)

20 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom by No 2 Infantry Training Group.

December 1941 Brigade ceased to function operationally on 1 December; Headquarters disbanded on 22 December.

Commander

20 October 1940 Brig H. Pawle 20 May 1941 Brig G. F. Gough 11 November 1941 Lt-Col A. E. Belcher

(acting)

Units

| 11 | Kings | | 20.10.40 - | 18.11.41 |
|----|-------|---------|------------|----------|
| 12 | Kings | | 20.10.40 - | 27. 5.41 |
| 11 | Green | Howards | 20.10.40 - | 26.11.41 |
| 7 | E Lan | R | 20.10.40 - | 26.11.41 |
| 9 | Green | Howards | 14.11.41 - | 30.11.41 |

Higher Formations served under

Northumbrian Area WO Control

20.10.40 - 11. 3.41 1.12.41 - 21.12.41 Northumberland County Division

12. 3.41 - 30.11.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

20.10.40 - 21.12.41

- 11 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom by No 3 Infantry Training Group.
- 1 December 1941 Redesignated 203rd Infantry Brigade.
- 1 September 1944 Redesignated 134th Infantry Brigade.

Commander

11 October 1940 Brig G. E. M. Whittuck 16 August 1941 Brig G. H. Gilmore 1 August 1944 Brig J. H. Hogshaw

Units

| 11 W Yorks | 11.10.40 - 14. 7.41 |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 7 E Yorks | 11.10.40 - 18. 7.41 |
| 8 Bedfs Herts | 11.10.40 - 19. 6.41 |
| 6 DCLI | 11.10.40 - 30. 6.41 |
| 8 DWR | 11.10.40 - 10.11.41 |
| 12 Devon | 19. 7.41 - 8. 9.42 |
| 9 Buffs | 16. 8.41 - 23.11.41 |
| 10 Loyals | 25.11.41 - 27. 5.42 |
| 9 Essex | 23.11.41 - 17. 9.42 |
| 11 Hamps | 10. 9.42 - 23. 9.42 |
| 2 Loyals | 28. 5.42 - 15. 9.42 |
| 2 Surreys | 15. 9.42 - 3. 1.43 |
| 10 R Sussex | 18. 9.42 - 24.10.43 |
| 15 Queens | 28. 9.42 - 24.10.43 |
| 8 Devon | 4. 1.43 - 2.11.43 |
| 11 S Staffords | 16.10.43 - 14.11.44 |
| 11 Y & L | 17.11.43 - 24. 7.44 |
| 9 Seaforth | 17.11.43 - 22. 7.44 |
| 7 RUR | 15.11.43 - 31. 8.45 |
| 11 A & SH | 23. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 2/6 LF | 25. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 14 DLI | 15.11.44 - 31. 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| SW | Area |
|----|--------------|
| 77 | Inf Division |
| 45 | Division |

| 11.10.40 | - | 23. | 2.41 | |
|----------|---|-----|------|--|
| 1.12.41 | - | 31. | 8.44 | |
| 1.12.44 | - | 31 | 8 45 | |

Devon & Cornwall County Division 45 Inf Division*

24. 2.41 - 30.11.41 1. 9.44 - 30.11.44

Theatre

United Kingdom

11.10.40 - 31. 8.45

* Holding Division

204th INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE (HOME)

October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom by No 4 Infantry Training Group.

25 November 1941 Redesignated 204th Independent Infantry Brigade.

1 September 1942 Brigade Headquarters redesignated Headquarters 185th Infantry Brigade.(1) (see page 360).

Commander

12 October 1940 Brig G. McI. Bruce 21 August 1942 Lt-Col P. D. S. Palmer (acting)

Units

| 7 S Lan R | 12.10.40 - 31. 8.42 |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 8 S Lan R | 12.10.40 - 31. 5.41 |
| 12 Foresters | 12.10.40 - 31. 8.42 |
| 6 KSLI | 12.10.40 - 24.11.41 |
| 7 Leicesters | 26.11.41 - 31. 8.42 |

From 31 Mar 1942 to 31 Aug 1942 the following additional Unit was under command:

204 Indep Inf Bde Coy RASC

Higher Formations served under

N Midland Area 12.10.40 - 26. 3.41 Lincoln County Division 27. 3.41 - 24.11.41 Coastal Area 25.11.41 - 31. 8.42

Theatre

United Kingdom

12.10.40 - 31. 8.42

Note: (1) The Units were not transferred, but posted to other Formations.

10 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom by No 5 Infantry Training Group.

1 December 1941 Headquarters redesignated 36th Army Tank Brigade (see page 209).

Commander

10 October 1940 Col G. H. Wilmer 24 October 1940 Brig R. Morton (acting)

Units

7 Norfolk 10.10.40 - 5.11.41 7 Lincolns 10.10.40 - 27.11.41 7 Leicesters 10.10.40 - 25.11.42 8 N Staffs 10.10.40 - 29.11.41

Higher Formations served under

1 Inf Division Lincoln County Division 10.10.40 - 30.10.40 27. 2.41 - 25.11.41 N Midland Area WO Control 30.10.40 - 26. 2.41 26.11.41 - 30.11.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

10.10.40 - 30.11.41

206th INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE (HOME)

12 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom by amalgamation of Headquarters Lothian Sub-Area and No 8 Infantry Training Group.

December 1941 Redesignated 206th Independent Infantry Brigade.

6 October 1943 Brigade Headquarters disbanded.

Commander

12 October 1940 Brig F. G. Drew 24 May 1941 Brig R. A. Boxshall 20 July 1942 Brig L. Tremellen 10 May 1943 Brig G. F. Ellenberger

Units

| 14 DLI | 12.10.40 - 19. 9.4 |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 16 DLI | 12.10.40 - 17.12.4 |
| 17 DLI | 12.10.40 - 10. 9.4 |
| 7 NF | 12.10.40 - 17.12.40 |
| 10 S Staffords | |
| | 4.12.40 - 28. 2.42 |
| 10 Green Howards | 1. 2.41 - 19. 9.42 |
| 2/4 S Lan R | 10. 9.42 - 25. 5.43 |
| 9 Kings | 19. 9.42 - 12. 4.43 |
| 9 Buffs | 26. 9.42 - 1.10.43 |
| 2/4 Essex | 12. 4.43 - 1.10.43 |
| 11 Devon | 29. 5.43 - 8. 9.43 |
| 12 Cameronians | 20. 8.43 - 23. 9.42 |
| | |

Higher Formations served under

| Kent & Surrey Area | 00 10 TO 00 ME | 44 Inf Division
46 Inf Division
46 Inf Division | 17.12.40 - 23. 2.41
14.11.41 - 2. 7.42
20. 8.42 - 30.11.42 |
|--------------------|--------------------|---|--|
| 43 Inf Division | 1.12.42 - 19. 5.43 | H & D District | 20. 5.42 = 50.11.42 |

Theatre

United Kingdom

12.10.40 - 5.10.43

| 10 October | 1940 | Formed for service in the United Kingdom by No 7 Infantry Training Group. |
|------------|------|---|
| 7 October | 1941 | Brigade Headquarters redesignated 207th Independent Infantry Brigade. (1) |

24 January 1944 Brigade Headquarters formed Headquarters 8 Base Sub-Area. (2)

Commander

| 10 | October | 1940 | Brig A. L. Collier | |
|----|----------|------|-----------------------|-----|
| 12 | October | 1941 | Brig R. N. Stewart | |
| 14 | February | 1943 | Brig J. F. S. McLaren | |
| 6 | December | 1943 | Lt-Col J. L. Jordan | (ac |
| 31 | December | 1943 | Lt=Col W. Lilburn | (00 |

cting) (acting)

Units

| 9 DWR | 10.10.40 - 27. 8.4 |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 13 Foresters | 10.10.40 - 22. 7.4 |
| 7 KOYLI | 10.10.40 - 26. 8.4 |
| 10 Y & L | (10.10.40 - 16.11.4 |
| | |
| 8 Y & L | (17. 2.41 - 25. 8.4 |
| | 8.11.40 - 17.11.40 |
| 11 Gordons | 5.11.41 - 27. 5.42 |
| 15 A & SH | 5.11.41 - 27. 5.42 |
| 9 S Lan R | 11. 2.42 10. 8.43 |
| 2 Gordons | 28. 5.42 - 28. 7.43 |
| 2 A & SH | 28. 5.42 - 14. 7.43 |
| 7 KOSB | |
| | 15. 7.43 - 3.12.43 |
| 7 N Staffs | 29. 7.43 - 2.11.43 |
| 13 HLI | 11. 8.43 - 17. 1.44 |
| 1 SWB | 1.12.43 - 23. 1.44 |
| 15 Welch | |
| TO WOTOH | 17. 1.44 - 23. 1.44 |

Higher Formations served under

| Essex County Division : | 10.10.40 - 1.11.40
26. 2.41 - 6.10.41
18.10.41 - 23. 1.44 | 18 Inf Division
WO Control | 2.11.40 - 26. 2.41
7.10.41 - 18.10.41 |
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|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|

Theatres

| Mited | Kingdom | 10.10.40 | - | 18.10.4 |
|-------|---------|----------|---|---------|
| | | | | |

Orkney & Shetland Is 18.10.41 - 23. 1.44

Notes: (1) In August 1941 the Ens left the Ede to become RAC Units. Bde HQ had no Units under command again until 5 November 1941 after it had arrived in OSDEF.

(2) After moving to the United Kingdom from OSDEF.

208th INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE (HOME)

6 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom by No 8 Infantry Training Group. 17 October 1941 Brigade Headquarters disbanded.

Commander

6 October 1940 Brig R. N. Stewart

Sco 42 WO

Units

| 13 | Kings | 6.10.40 - | 13.10.4 |
|----|-------|------------|---------|
| 9 | LF | 6.10.40 - | |
| 10 | LF | 18.10.40 - | 14.10.4 |
| 22 | RF | 18.10.40 - | |
| 7 | Y & L | 17.12.40 - | |
| | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| ottish Comd 6.10.40 - 15.10.40 Inf Division 6.11.40 - 20. 2.41 Control 7.10.41 - 16.10.41 | 55 Inf Division 16.10.40 - Essex County Division 21. 2.41 - | |
|---|---|--|
|---|---|--|

Theatre

| United | Kingdom | 6.10.40 - | 16.10.41 |
|--------|---------|-----------|----------|

| 13 October | 1940 | Formed for | service in | the | United | Kingdom | by | No | 9 | In fan try | Training Group. |
|------------|------|------------|------------|-----|--------|---------|----|----|---|------------|-----------------|
|------------|------|------------|------------|-----|--------|---------|----|----|---|------------|-----------------|

1 December 1941 Redesignated 209th Infantry Brigade.

1 September 1944 Redesignated 135th Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 13 October | 1940 | Brig C. C. Hewitt | |
|-------------|------|-------------------------|---------|
| 21 May | 1941 | Brig G. St. G. Robinson | |
| 20 October | 1941 | Lt-Col J. N. Lamont | (acting |
| 28 October | 1941 | Brig R. C. Matthews | |
| 17 August | 1942 | Brig W. G. Hewett | |
| 10 August | 1944 | Brig N. P. Proctor | |
| 14 February | 1945 | Brig A. Gilroy | |
| | | | |

Units

| Buffs | 13.10.40 - | 7.11.41 |
|--------------|--|--|
| Buffs | 13.10.40 - | 22. 9.42 |
| Buffs | 13.10.40 - | 25,10,43 |
| Buffs | (21.10.40 - | |
| | (24.11.41 - | 25.10.43 |
| Hamps | 24. 9.42 - | 31. 8.45 |
| DLI | 25. 9.42 - | 14.11.44 |
| Welch | 20.11.43 - | 19. 9.44 |
| Northamptons | 19.11.43 - | 31. 8.45 |
| 5 Welch | 19. 9.44 - | 31. 8.45 |
| S Staffords | 15.11.44 - | 31. 8.45 |
| | Buffs Buffs Buffs Hamps DLI Welch Northamptons 5 Welch | Buffs 13.10.40 - Buffs 13.10.40 - Buffs (21.10.40 - Buffs (21.10.40 - Buffs (24.11.41 - Hamps 24.9.42 - DLI 25.9.42 - Welch 20.11.43 - Northamptons 19.11.43 - 5 Welch 19.9.44 - |

Higher Formations served under

| SW Area | 13.10.40 - 28. 2.41 | Devon & Cornwall | |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 77 Inf Division | 1.12.41 - 31. 8.44 | County Division | 28. 2.41 - 30.11.41 |
| 45 Division | 1.12.44 - 31. 8.45 | 45 Inf Division* | 1. 9.44 - 30.11.44 |

Theatre

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| United | Kingdom | 13.10.40 - | 31. | 8.45 |
|--------|---------|------------|-----|------|

* Holding Division.

210th INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE (HOME)

| 10 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom by No 10 Infantry Training | Groun | n |
|---|-------|---|
|---|-------|---|

1 December 1941 Redesignated 210th Independent Infantry Brigade.

13 January 1942 Redesignated 38th (Irish) Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| | October
November | | Brig N. V. Blacker
Brig G. W. R. Templer | |
|----|---------------------|------|---|-----------|
| | May | | Brig H. P. Spark | |
| 30 | December | 1941 | Lt-Col Sir W. R. Starkey, Bart | (acting) |
| 12 | January | 1942 | Brig The O'Donovan | (acting) |
| | July | | Brig N. Russell | |
| | February | | Brig T. P. D. Scott | |
| | January | | Lt-Col J. C. Preston | (acting) |
| 18 | February | 1945 | Brig T D D Cooks | (mootile) |

Units

| 7 Suffolk
8 Essex
9 Essex
9 RWK
8 Dorset
10 Loyals | 10.10.40 - 8.11.41
10.10.40 - 28. 2.41
10.10.40 - 28. 2.41
10.10.40 - 2. 2.41
10.10.40 - 24.11.41
2. 2.41 - 24.11.41 | 10 Som LI
2 LIR
1 R Ir F
6 Innisks
2 Innisks | 10. 2.41 - 13. 6.41
30.11.41 - 31. 8.45
12.12.41 - 31. 8.45
15. 1.42 - 5. 8.44
28. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 |
|---|---|--|--|
| 9 Essex
9 RWK
8 Dorset | 10.10.40 - 28. 2.41
10.10.40 - 28. 2.41
10.10.40 - 2. 2.41
10.10.40 - 24.11.41 | 2 LIR
1 R Ir F
6 Innisks | 30.11.41 - 31.
12.12.41 - 31.
15. 1.42 - 5. |

Higher Formations served under

| 5 Corps Dorset Division* 6 Armd Division 78 Inf Division 78 Inf Division 46 Inf Division | 10.10.40 - 28. 2.41
24. 4.41 - 24.11.41
9. 6.42 - 16. 2.43
15. 3.43 - 28. 3.43
7. 4.43 - 10. 5.45
13. 5.45 - 18. 5.45 | 3 Inf Division 1 Inf Division 'Y' Division 46 Inf Division 6 Armd Division 78 Inf Division | 28. 2.41 - 24. 4.41
25.11.41 - 7. 6.42
16. 2.43 - 15. 5.43
29. 3.43 - 6. 4.43
10. 5.45 - 13. 5.45 |
|--|--|--|---|
| | 20, 0, 20 | 78 Ini Division | 18. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
N Africa
Sicily
At Sea
At Sea
Austria | 10.10.40 - 11.11.42
22.11.42 - 26. 7.43
28. 7.43 - 25. 9.43
17. 7.44 - 22. 7.44
9. 9.44 - 15. 9.44
20. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 | At Sea
At Sea
Italy
Egypt
Italy | 11.11.42 - 22.11.42
26. 7.43 - 26. 7.43
25. 9.45 - 17. 7.44
22. 7.44 - 9. 9.44
15. 9.44 - 20. 5.45 |
|---|---|---|--|
|---|---|---|--|

Battles

| 1943 | 18 January - 25 January
7 April - 15 April
23 April - 30 April
5 May - 12 May
29 July - 3 August
19 November - 3 December | Bou Arada
Oued Zarga
Medjez Plain
Tunis
Adrano
The Sangro |
|------|--|--|
| 1944 | 11 May - 18 May
18 May - 30 May
20 June - 30 June
17 July - 10 August | Cassino II
Liri Valley
Trasimene Line
Advance to Florence |
| 1945 | 9 April - 12 April
13 April - 21 April | The Senio
Argenta Gap |

- 11 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom by No 11 Infantry Training Group.
- 1 December 1941 Redesignated 211th Infantry Brigade.
- 1 September 1944 Redesignated 114th Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 11 | October | 1940 | Brig C. H. Woodhouse |
|----|-----------|------|----------------------|
| 1 | September | 1941 | Brig T. Fairfax-Ross |
| 4 | August | 1944 | Brig P. N. White |
| 30 | May | 1945 | Lt-Col W. R. Lawton |
| 8 | June | 1945 | Brig E. E. E. Cass |
| 30 | August | 1945 | Brig J. S. Nichols |

(acting)

Units

| 11 | Devon | 11.10.40 - | 20. 9.42 |
|-----|---------|------------|----------|
| 10 | Surreys | 11.10.40 - | 2. 1.43 |
| 9 | Som LI | 11.10.40 - | 19. 5.41 |
| 14 | Warwick | 22. 6.41 - | 3.10.42 |
| 13 | Queens | 20. 9.42 - | 20. 7.44 |
| 2/6 | LF | 5.10.42 - | 25.10.43 |
| 7 | FWK | 5. 1.43 - | 20. 4.44 |
| 8 | Devon | 3.11.43 - | 23. 7.44 |
| 12 | RF | 17. 9.43 - | 21. 7.44 |
| 5 | KSLI | 20. 7.44 - | 31. 8.45 |
| 8 | Worc R | 25. 7.44 - | 31. 8.45 |
| 8 | Warwick | 22. 7.44 - | 31. 8.45 |
| 9 | RWF | 23. 7.44 - | 31. 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| SW Area | 11.10.40 - 27. 2.41 | Devon & Cornwall | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 77 Inf Division | 1.12.41 - 2. 1.43 | County Division | 28. 2.41 - 30.11.41 |
| 38 Inf (Res) Division | 1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45 | 80 Inf (Res) Division | 3. 1.43 - 31. 8.44 |

Theatre

| United | Kingdom | 3. | 9.39 - | 31. | 8.45 | |
|--------|---------|----|--------|-----|------|--|
| | | | | | | |

212th INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE (HOME)

- 7 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom by No 12 Infantry Training Group.
- 21 November 1941 Redesignated 212th Independent Infantry Brigade. (1)
- 14 November 1942 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the United Kingdom.

Commander

| 7 | October | 1940 | Brig H. | A. | R. | Auhrev |
|----|---------|------|---------|----|----|--------|
| 13 | May | 1941 | | | | Persse |
| | | | | | | |

Units

| 0.00 | |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 9 R Sussex | 7.10.40 - 14. 7.42 |
| 6 SWB | 7.10.40 - 14. 7.42 |
| 18 Welch | 7.10.40 - 28. 5.41 |
| 10 Glosters | 7.10.40 - 14. 7.42 |

Higher Formations served under

| S Wales Area
Lincoln County | 7.10.40 - 8. 2.41 | N Midland Area | 9. 2.41 - 26. 3.41 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--|
| Division
11 Corps District | 27. 3.41 - 20.11.41 | | 21.11.41 - 24. 5.42
16. 8.42 - 13.11.42 |

Theatre

| Im 1 ted | Kingdom | 7 10 | 40 - | 47 44 | 4 |
|----------|---------|------|------|-------|---|

Note: (1) On 15 July 1942 the Hms were converted to RAC Units in the Rde Area. Bde HQ became an administrative HQ on 16 Aug 1942 under GHQ Home Forces.

30 September 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom by No 13 Infantry Training Group.

18 November 1941 Redesignated 213th Infantry Brigade.

1 September 1944 Redesignated 140th Infantry Brigade.

Commander

30 September 1940 Col J. V. R. Jackson 21 October 1940 Brig E. E. F. Baker 23 July 1942 Brig E. H. L. White 24 July 1945 Brig M. A. James (acting)

Units

| 13 Warwick | 30. 9.40 - 12. 9.42 |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 11 Worc R | 30. 9.40 - 18.12.40 |
| 9 R Berks | 30. 9.40 - 16.11.43 |
| 14 S Staffords | 30, 9,40 - 13,12,42 |
| 13 S Staffords | 18.11.40 - 8.12.40 |
| 7 Norfolk | 13, 9,42 - 12,10,42 |
| 7 N Staffs | 14. 9.42 - 20.10.42 |
| 9 KOSB | 14.12.42 - 11.12.43 |
| 11 Y & L | 17.12.42 - 15.11.43 |
| 9 Seaforth | 30.11.42 - 16.11.43 |
| 1 Foresters | 15.11.43 - 23. 7.44 |
| 4 E Lan R | 15.11.43 - 23. 7.44 |
| 7 Border | 15.11.43 - 31. 3.44 |
| 5 Border | 1. 4.44 - 24. 7.44 |
| 4 Oxf Bucks | 24. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 6 R Sussex | 30. 7.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| 7 Glosters | 3. 8.44 - 31. 8.45 |
| | |

Higher Formations served under

2 Corps 30. 9.40 - 31.10.40 Norfolk County Division 24.12.40 - 17.11.41 47 Inf (Res) Division 1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45 18 Inf Division 76 Inf Division

1.11.40 - 23.12.40 18.11.41 - 31. 8.44

Theatre

United Kingdom

30. 9.40 - 31. 8.45

214th INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE (HOME)

11 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom by No 14 Infantry Training Group.

1 December 1941 Redesignated 214th Independent Infantry Brigade.

7 June 1943 Redesignated 214th Infantry Brigade.

Commander

11 October 1940 Brig J. M. Prower 25 February 1941 Brig J. O. Carpenter 15 September 1942 Brig H. Essame 16 June 1945 Lt-Col G. Taylor

16 June 1945 Lt-Col G. Taylor (acting) 22 June 1945 Brig R. E. Goodwin

Units

| 19 | RF | 11.10.40 - 1. 1.42 |
|----|-----------|---------------------|
| 20 | RF | 11.10.40 - 1. 1.42 |
| 21 | RF | 11.10.40 - 15. 7.41 |
| 6 | Oxf Bucks | 11.10.40 - 26.11.41 |
| 11 | W Yorks | 15. 7.41 - 25.11.41 |
| 11 | Hamps | 13.11.41 - 8. 9.42 |
| | Hamps | 25.11.41 - 5. 9.42 |
| 7 | Wilts | 30.11.41 - 11. 9.42 |
| 5 | DCLI | 6. 9.42 - 31. 8.45 |
| 7 | Som LI | 12. 9.42 - 31. 8.45 |
| | Som LI | 2. 6.43 - 30. 9.43 |
| | Devon | 7. 6.43 - 25. 6.43 |
| 1 | Worc R | 30. 9.43 - 31. 8.45 |
| | | |

Higher Formations served under

| Hampshire Area | 11.10.40 - 26.10.40
10.12.40 - 28. 2.41 | S Midland Area
Hampshire County | 27.10.40 - 9.12.40 |
|-----------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 47 (Lon) Inf Division | 1.12.41 - 3. 3.42 | Division | 28. 2.41 - 30.11.41 |
| H & D District | 6. 7.42 - 26. 5.43 | 5 Corps | 4. 3.42 - 6. 7.42 |
| 43 Inf Division | 5. 9.43 - 27.12.44 | WO Control | 27. 5.43 - 4. 9.43 |
| 43 Inf Division | 11. 6.45 - 31. 8.45 | 12 Corps | 27.12.44 - 11. 6.45 |

Theatres

United Kingdom NW Europe

11.10.40 - 17. 6.44 24. 6.44 - 31. 8.45

At Sea

18. 6.44 - 24. 6.44

Battles

1944 25 June - 2 July 4 July - 18 July 18 July - 23 July 30 July - 9 August 17 September - 27 September

The Odon Caen Bourguebus Ridge Mont Pincon The Nederrijn

1945 8 February - 10 March 23 March - 1 April

The Rhineland The Rhine

10 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom by No 15 Infantry Group.

22 December 1941 Brigade Headquarters disbanded.

Commander

10 October 1940 Brig. E. O. Skaife 15 February 1941 Brig. C. G. C. Balfour-Davey 28 September 1941 Brig. L. Bootle-Wilbraham 6 October 1944 Brig. J. H. Jewson

Units

7 Loyals 10.10.40 - 27.11.41 8 Loyals 10.10.40 - 27.11.41 9 Loyals 10.10.40 - 19.11.41 12 EWF (10.10.40 - 8.5.41 (24.10.41 - 21.12.41 8 EWF 9.5.41 - 31.5.41

Higher Formations served under

 West Lancs Area
 10.10.40 - 9. 2.41
 59 Inf Division
 10. 2.41 - 18. 3.41

 Durham & N Riding
 Durham & N Riding

 County Division
 17. 3.41 - 30.11.41
 Coastal Area
 1.12.41 - 21.12.41

Theatre

United Kingdom 10.10.40 - 21.12.41

216th INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE (HOME)

17 October 1940 Brigade Headquarters formed for service in the United Kingdom.

13 December 1941 Brigade Headquarters disbanded.

Commander

1 November 1940 Brig T. G. M. Battersby 1 July 1941 Brig W. Carden Roe 29 October 1941 Lt-Col H. Ross-Skinner (acting)

Units

| 12 | RS | 2.12.40 - | 21.10.4 |
|----|---------------|------------|----------|
| 13 | HLI | 2.12.40 - | 17.11.4 |
| 11 | Gordons | 2.12.40 - | 6.10.4 |
| 15 | A & SH | 2.12.40 - | 24. 2.43 |
| 9 | Gordons | 11.10.41 - | 15.11.4 |
| 7 | Seaforth | 24.10.41 - | 31.10.43 |
| 9 | Green Howards | 31.10.41 - | 14.11.43 |

Higher Formations served under

Aberdeen Area 17.10.40 - 24. 2.41 Northumbrian Area 25. 2.41 - 11. 3.41 Northumbrian County Division 12. 3.41 - 30.11.41 Northumbrian Area 25. 2.41 - 12. 12.41 Northumbrian Area 27. 2.41 - 12. 12.41 Northumbrian Area 28. 2.41 - 11. 3.41 Northumbrian Area 28. 2.41 Northumbrian A

Theatre

United Kingdom 17.10.40 - 12.12.41

20 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom.

22 December 1941 Brigade Headquarters disbanded,

Commander

20 October 1940 Brig R. E. Holmes a Court 12 March 1941 Brig E. Woodhouse

Units

| 12 | W Yorks | 20.10.40 - | 17. 8.4 |
|----|---------------|------------|---------|
| 8 | E Yorks | 20.10.40 - | 24.11.4 |
| 12 | Green Howards | 20.10.40 - | 9. 5.4 |
| 15 | DLI | 20.10.40 - | 17.11.4 |
| 12 | RWF | 9. 5.41 - | 23.10.4 |
| | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| Northumbi | rian Area | |
|-----------|-----------|--|
| Durham & | N Riding | |
| Coastal | Area | |

| 20.10.40 | - | 11. 3.41 | |
|----------|---|----------|--|
| 1.12.41 | _ | 21.12.41 | |

Durham & N Riding County Division

12. 3.41 - 30.11.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

20.10.40 - 21.12.41

218th INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE (HOME)

21 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom.

22 December 1941 Redesignated 218th Independent Brigade.

10 November 1942 Brigade disbanded.

Commander

21 October 1940 Brig D. C. Butterworth 30 July 1941 Brig T. F. Given

Units

| | KOYLI | 22.10.40 - | 6.11.41 |
|----|-------------|------------|----------|
| | Y & L | 22.10.40 - | 23. 9.42 |
| | DWR | 23.10.40 - | |
| | Foresters | 23.10.40 - | |
| 6 | King's' Own | 29.11.40 - | |
| 7 | KSLI | 29.11.41 - | |
| 11 | Glosters | 11.12.41 - | |
| 2 | Livpl Scot | 13. 9.42 - | |
| 19 | RF | 27. 9.42 - | |
| | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| Orkshire Area 21.10.40 - 18. 3.41 Riding Coastal Area 1.12.41 - 11. 7.42 orthumbrian District 29. 9.42 - 1.11.42 | Yorkshire County Division Durham & N Riding | 19. 3.41 - 30.11.4 |
|--|---|--|
| | Coastal Area
WO Control | 12. 7.42 - 28. 9.4
2.11.42 - 9.11.4 |

Theatre

| nited | Kingdom | 21.10.40 - | 9.11.4 |
|-------|---------|------------|--------|

28 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom.

1 December 1941 Redesignated 219th Independent Infantry Brigade.

11 December 1942 Brigade disbanded.

Commander

28 October 1940 Brig I. T. P. Hughes 5 May 1941 Brig H. S. Brown 9 June 1941 Brig D. C. Bullen-Smith 19 November 1941 Brig G. P. Harding 28 August 1942 Brig A. LOW

Units

| 15 | Queens | 26.10.40 - 27. 9.42 |
|----|----------|---------------------|
| 11 | Buffs | 26.10.40 - 3.11.41 |
| 11 | Surreys | 26.10.40 - 27. 5.42 |
| 10 | R Sussex | 26.10.40 - 21. 9.42 |
| 2 | Surreys | 29. 5.42 - 18. 9.42 |
| 16 | RF | 18. 9.42 - 1.12.42 |
| 9 | Essex | 18. 9.42 - 30.11.42 |
| 8 | Buffs | 27. 9.42 - 30.11.42 |

Higher Formations served under

| 45 Inf Division | 26.10.40 - 6.11.40 | 44 Inf Division | 7.11.40 - 24. 2.41 |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 43 Inf Division | 25. 2.41 - 20. 5.41 | 44 Inf Division | 21. 5.41 - 9. 2.42 |
| 43 Inf Division | 10. 2.42 - 30.11.42 | WO Control | 1.12.42 - 10.12.42 |

Theatre

United Kingdom 26.10.40 - 10.12.42

220th INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE (HOME)

1 November 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom.

18 November 1941 Redesignated 220th Infantry Brigade.

17 November 1944 Redesignated 141st Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 1 | November | 1940 | Brig C. | M. | Clode |
|----|----------|------|---------|----|-------------|
| 18 | June | 1941 | | | Ellenberger |
| 10 | May | 1943 | | | T. Evanson |
| 15 | Januany | 1045 | | | V |

Units :

| 23 | RF | 1.11.40 - | 5. 7.41 |
|-----|---------------|------------|---------|
| 9 | Norfolk | 1.11.40 - | |
| 9 | Bedfs Herts | 1.11.40 - | |
| 7 | Norfolk | 5.11.40 - | |
| 1/5 | W Yorks | 7. 9.42 - | |
| 6 | Northamp tons | 13. 9.42 - | |
| 18 | Welch | 13.12.42 - | |
| 6 | KOYLI | 16.12.42 - | |
| | W Yorks | 28. 1.43 - | |
| | RWF | 16.10.43 - | |
| 2/6 | LF | 27.10.43 - | |
| | King's Own | 19.11.43 - | |
| 8 | Suffolk | 27. 7.44 - | |
| | Dorset | 8. 8.44 - | |
| 8 | Devon | 14. 8.44 - | |
| | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| | Division
Division | 1.11.40 ·
18.11.41 · | | |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| | | | | |

Norfolk County Division 47 Inf (Res) Division

24.12.40 - 17.11.41 1. 9.44 - 31. 8.45

Theatre

United Kingdom

1.11.40 - 31. 8.45

8 November 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom.

22 December 1941 Brigade Headquarters disbanded.

Commander

8 November 1940 Brig C. H. Gotto

Units

11 Glosters 10 RWK 7 KSLI 8.11.40 - 11.12.41 8.11.40 - 11.12.41 8.11.40 - 29.11.41

Higher Formations served under

Chatham Area Yorkshire County Division 8.11.40 - 25. 2.41

2 Inf Division E Riding Coascal Area

26. 2.41 - 18. 3.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

19. 3.41 - 30.11.41

8.11.40 - 21.12.41

222nd INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE (HOME)

31 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom.

18 November 1941 Redesignated 222nd Infantry Brigade.

18 November 1943 Brigade Headquarters disbanded.

Commander

31 October 1940 Brig C. L. B. Duke 5 November 1940 Brig H St G. Schomberg 12 August 1941 Brig J. M. Rawcliffe

Units

| 8 | Lincolns | 31.10.40 - | 14.12.4 |
|----|-------------|------------|---------|
| 8 | Leicesters | 31.10.40 - | 27. 5.4 |
| 11 | RSF | 31.10.40 - | 7. 9.4 |
| 1 | Leicesters | 28. 5.42 - | 9.12.4 |
| 9 | Bedfs Herts | 7. 9.42 - | 2.10.4 |
| | E Lan R | 3.10.42 - | 14.11.4 |
| 7 | Border | 9.12.42 - | 14.11.4 |
| 16 | Foresters | 14.12.42 - | 31.12.4 |
| 1 | Foresters | 1. 1.43 - | 14.11.4 |
| | | | |

Higher Formations served under

18 Inf Division 76 Inf Division 31.10.40 - 23.12.40 18.11.41 - 17.11.43 Norfolk County Division

24.12.40 - 17.11.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

31.10.40 - 17.11.43

17 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom.

27 November 1941 Redesignated 223rd Independent Infantry Brigade.

7 November 1942 Converted to 3rd Parachute Brigade (see page 411).

Commander

18 October 1940 Brig Sir A. B. G. Stanier, Bart

Units

| 6 | Northamptons | 18.10.40 - | 13. 9.42 |
|----|--------------|------------|----------|
| 8 | Suffolks | 24.10.40 - | 4. 9.42 |
| 10 | Essex | 31.10.40 - | 6.11.42 |
| 10 | Y & L | 16.11.40 - | 21. 2.41 |
| 10 | Som LI | 4. 9.42 - | 6.11.42 |
| 13 | Warwick | 13. 9.42 - | 6.11.42 |

The following additional Unit was under command from 22.7.41:

223 Fd Amb

Higher Formations served under

| Eastern Comd | 17.10.40 - 30.10.40 | 15 (S) Inf Division | 31.10.40 - 26. 2.41 |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Essex County Division | 26. 2.41 - 22. 7.41 | 11 Corps | 22. 7.41 - 6.11.42 |

Theatre

United Kingdom 17.10.40 - 6.11.42

224th INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE (HOME)

10 October 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom.

22 December 1941 Brigade Headquarters disbanded.

Commander

24 October 1940 Brig P. Gottwaltz

Units

| 7 SWB | 10.10.40 - | 15.11.4 |
|------------|------------|---------|
| 19 Welch | 10.10.40 - | 12. 5.4 |
| 9 N Staffs | 10.10.40 - | 15.12.4 |
| 8 RUR | 1. 8.41 - | 15.12.4 |
| 8 E Yorks | 25.11.41 - | 15.12.4 |

Higher Formations served under

| S Wales Area
Durham & N Riding | 10.10.40 - 18. 2.41 | 59 Inf Division | 19. 2.41 - 11. 3.4 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| County Division | 12. 3.41 - 21.12.41 | | |

Theatre

| United | Kingdom | 10.10.40 - | 21.12.41 |
|--------|---------|------------|----------|

14 November 1940 Formed for service in the United Kingdom.

1 December 1941 Converted to 35th Army Tank Brigade (see page 208)

Commander

14 November 1940 Brig J. W. Pendlebury 17 November 1941 Lt-Col H. S. Crow

(acting)

Units

| 10 | King's Own | 14.11.40 - | 30.11.41 |
|----|------------|------------|----------|
| 14 | Kings | 14.11.40 - | 9. 2.41 |
| 9 | Border | 14.11.40 - | 17.11.41 |
| 9 | S Lan R | 14.11.40 - | 27. 5.41 |
| 12 | Kings | 28. 5.41 - | 13.11.41 |
| 15 | DLI | 19.11.41 - | 30.11.41 |
| 11 | Kings | 19.11.41 - | 30.11.41 |
| | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| Western Comd | |
|-----------------|--|
| Northumberland | |
| County Division | |

14.11.40 - 9. 2.41 12. 3.41 - 30.11.41

14.11.40 - 9. 2.41 54 Inf Division

10. 2.41 - 11. 3.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

14.11.40 - 30.11.41

226th INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE (HOME)

11 January 1941 Headquarters formed for service in the United Kingdom.

1 December 1941 Headquarters converted to Headquarters 34th Army Tank Brigade (see page 207).

Commander

11 January 1941 Brig J. C. A. Birch 27 June 1941 Brig H. S. Brown

Units

| 9 | Buffs | 27. | 1.41 - | 21. 2.4 |
|----|---------|-----|--------|-----------|
| | Devon | | | 19. 6.4 |
| 14 | Warwick | 27. | 1.41 - | 9. 6.4 |
| | Essex | 28. | 2.41 - | 30.11.4 |
| | Essex | 28. | 2.41 - | 23, 11, 4 |
| | Som LI | 14. | 6.41 - | 26. 7.4: |
| 8 | E Lan R | | | 19.11.4 |
| | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| outhern Area | 11. | 1.41 - | 28. 2.41 | |
|--------------|-----|--------|----------|--|
| ivision | 24. | 4.41 - | 22.11.41 | |

.41 - 28. 2.41 3 Inf Division

28. 2.41 - 24. 4.41

Southern Comd 23.11.41 - 30.11.41

Theatre

United Kingdom

11. 1.41 - 30.11.41

15 February 1941 Formed for service in the United Kingdom.

1 December 1941 Redesignated 227th Independent Infantry Brigade.

14 July 1943 Redesignated 227th Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 15 February
29 July | 1942 | Brig G. P. Miller
Brig J. R. Mackintosh-Walker | (killed 15.7.44) |
|------------------------|------|---|------------------|
| 16 July | 1944 | Brig E. C. Colville | |
| 15 January | 1945 | Lt-Col H. P. Mackley | (acting) |
| 29 January | 1945 | Brig E. C. Colville | |
| | 1945 | Lt-Col R. W. M. de Winton | (acting) |
| 25 June | | | (dc offie) |
| 8 July | 1945 | Brig E. C. Colville | |
| A August | 1945 | Lt-Col A. E. Green | (acting) |
| 13 August | 1945 | Brig E. C. Colville | |
| TO MUBUSO | TOTO | DITE DE OF COLUMN | |

Units

| 7 Camerons | 15. 2.41 - 13.10.41 | 2 RS | 18.11.42 - 15. 3.43 |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 9 Seaforths | 15. 2.41 - 30.11.42 | 10 HLI | 3.12.42 - 31. 8.45 |
| 12 Cameronians | 24. 2.41 - 7. 5.42 | 13 HLI | 20. 1.43 - 9. 7.43 |
| 10 BW | 4. 3.41 - 18.11.42 | 4 BW | 20. 6.43 - 9. 7.43 |
| 6 HLI | 7. 5.42 - 18. 8.42 | 2 A & SH | 15. 7.43 - 31. 8.45 |
| Lovat Scouts | 30. 9.42 - 9. 7.43 | 2 Gordons | 31. 7.43 - 31. 8.45 |
| | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| Scottish Comd | 15. 2.41 - 13. 7.43 | 15 (S) Mixed | 14. 7.43 - 10. 9.4 |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 15 (S) Inf Division | 11. 9.43 - 31. 8.45 | Division | |
| 15 (5) INT DIVISION | 11. 9.45 - 51. 8.45 | DIVISION | 14. 7.40 - 10. 6. |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 15. 2.41 - 16. 6.44 | NW Europe | 18. 6.44 - 31. 8.45 |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
|----------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|

Battles

| 1944 | 25 June - 2 July | The Odon |
|------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| | 4 July - 18 July | Caen |
| | 30 July - 9 August | Mont Pincon |
| | 17 September - 27 September | The Nederrij |
| 1945 | 8 February - 10 March | The Rhinelan |
| | 23 March - 1 April | The Rhine |

228th INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE

12 October 1942 Brigade Headquarters formed in Shetland Islands by redesignation of Headquarters Shetland Defences.

16 September 1943 Brigade Headquarters disbanded.

Commander

12 October 1942 Brig Hon W. Fraser

Units

| 2 | RS | 12.10.42 - | 17.11. | 42 |
|----|----------|------------|--------|----|
| 7 | KOSB | 12.10.42 - | 14. 7. | 43 |
| 10 | HLI | 12.10.42 - | 2.12. | 42 |
| 4 | Camerons | 18.11.42 - | 19.12. | 42 |
| 7 | N Staffs | 3.12.42 - | 28. 7. | 43 |
| 2 | Camerons | 20.12.42 - | 15. 9. | 43 |
| | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| OSDEF | 12.10.42 - | 15 | 0 |
|-------|------------|----|---|
| | | | |

Theatre

| Orkneys and Shetland | Islands | 12.10.42 - 15. 9.4 | 13 |
|----------------------|---------|--------------------|----|
|----------------------|---------|--------------------|----|

229th and 230th INFANTRY BRIGADES not formed

| September 1939 A Regular Infantry Brigade known as t | the Malta | Infantry Brigade. |
|--|-----------|-------------------|
|--|-----------|-------------------|

| 7 | August | 1940 | Redesignated | Southern | Infantry | Brigade. |
|---|--------|------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|

December 1944 Reorganized as a Reserve Infantry Brigade.

Commander

| 3 | September | 1939 | Brig L. H. Cox |
|----|-----------|------|--------------------------|
| 28 | September | 1941 | Brig The O'Donovan |
| 24 | December | 1941 | Brig K. P. Smith |
| 19 | May | 1943 | Brig R. E. Urquhart |
| 30 | September | 1943 | Brig A. D. Ward |
| 9 | October | 1943 | Brig G. W. B. Tarleton |
| 11 | December | 1943 | Brig G. Murray |
| 23 | February | 1944 | Brig Sir A. G. B. Stanie |

er, Bart 14 February 1945 Brig J. D. Russell

Units

| 2 | Devon | 3. | 9.39 | - | 30. | 11.44 | | 8 | Manch | | 20. | 5.40 | - | 6. | 8.40 |
|---|--------|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|-----|----|----------------|-----|-----|-------|---|-------|-------|
| 1 | Dorset | 3. | 9.39 | - | 31. | 8.45 | | 3 | KOMR | | 1. | 7.40 | - | 29. | 3.43 |
| 2 | RWK | 3. | 9.39 | *** | 27. | 7.41 | | 1 | Hamps | | 21. | 2.41 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 2 | R Ir F | 3. | 9.39 | - | 6. | 8.40 | | 8 | King's Own | | 2. | 8.41 | - | 12. | 5.42 |
| 1 | KOMR | 1. | 2.40 | - | 6. | 8.40 | 23. | 1 | Inf Bde Sp Coy | (2) | 4. | 5.43 | - | 31 .: | 12.43 |
| 2 | KOMR | (1. | 2.40 | *** | 6. | 8.40 | | 1, | /6 Queens | | 4.: | 12.44 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
| | | 15 | 1 4% | - | 20 | 2 12 | | | | | | | | | |

Between 1 May 1943 and 24 September 1943 the following additional Units formed the Group:

| RA | 165 | Ed 1 | Regt |
|----|-----|------|------|
| | 300 | Atk | Bty |
| | 352 | LAA | Bty |

| RE | | | Coy | | | | 5.43
8.43 | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|--|--|--|--------------|--|--|
| Med | 200 | Fd | Amb | | | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

| Malta Comd | 3. 9.39 - 29. 3.43 | GHQ MEF | 30. | 3.43 - 26. | 4.43 |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----|------------|------|
| 30 Corps | 26. 4.43 - 10. 7.43 | 51 (H) Inf Division | 10. | 7.43 - 15. | 7.43 |
| 30 Corps | 15. 7.43 - 20. 7.43 | 1 Cdn Division | 20. | 7.43 - 6. | 8.43 |
| 78 Inf Division | 6. 8.43 - 12. 8.43 | 50 Inf Division | 13. | 8.43 - 18. | 8.43 |
| 13 Corps | 18. 8.43 - 8. 9.43 | 5 Inf Division | 8. | 9.43 - 19. | 9.43 |
| 13 Corps | 19. 9.43 - 23. 9.43 | 50 Inf Division | 24. | 9.43 - 2. | 9.44 |
| Gds Armd Division | 2. 9.44 - 6. 9.44 | 50 Inf Division | 6. | 9.44 - 7. | 9.44 |
| 7 Armd Division | 7. 9.44 - 8. 9.44 | 53 Inf Division | 8. | 9.44 - 9. | 9.44 |
| 50 Inf Division | 9. 9.44 - 31. 7.45 | Northumbrian District | 1. | 8.45 - 31. | 8.45 |

231st INFANTRY BRIGADE

Theatres

| Malta Egypt Sicily Sicily United Kingdom NW Europe | 3. 9.39 - 30. 3.43
-3. 4.43 - 29. 6.45
10. 7.43 - 7. 9.43
24. 9.43 - 19.10.43
6.11.43 - 3. 6.44
8. 6. 44 - 14.24 | At Sea
At Sea
Italy
At Sea
At Sea | 30. 3.43 - 3. 4.43
29. 6.43 - 10. 7.43
8. 9.43 - 23. 9.43
19.10.43 - 6.11.43
3. 6.44 - 6. 6.44 |
|--|---|---|--|
| NW Europe | 6. 6.44 - 14.12.44 | United Kingdom | 14.12.44 - 31. 8.45 |

Battles

| 1940-42 | 11 June 1940 - 20 November 1942 | Malta |
|---------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1943 | 9 July - 12 July
29 July - 3 August | Landing in Sicily
Adrano |
| 1944 | 6 June
17 September - 27 September | Normandy Landing |

Notes: (1) On 1 May 1943 the Bde was formed into an Independent Group in the Middle East; on 24 September 1943 reverted to the organization and role of an Infantry Brigade forming part of 50 Inf Div until 31 July 1945.

(2) Formed by GHQ MEF.

232nd INFANTRY BRIGADE

7 August 1940 Formed in Malta and designated Northern Infantry Brigade.

1942 Redesignated 2nd (Malta) Infantry Brigade. 14 July

1 April 1943 Redesignated 232nd Infantry Brigade. (1)

13 November 1943 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the Middle East.

Commander

7 August 1940 Brig W. H. Oxley 14 December 1941 Brig F. A. J. E. Marshall

Units

| 8 | Manch | | 7. | 8.40 | - | 27. | 8.43 |
|---|--------|-----|------|------|---|-----|-------|
| 2 | R Ir F | | 7. | 8.40 | - | 5. | 4.43 |
| 1 | KOMR | | 7. | 8.40 | - | 20. | 3.43 |
| 2 | KOMR | | (7. | 8.40 | - | 4. | 1.43 |
| | | | (29. | 3.43 | - | 9.1 | 10.43 |
| | Buffs | | 22. | 2.41 | - | 12. | 5.42 |
| | King's | Own | | 1.43 | | | |
| 3 | KOMR | | 29. | 3.43 | - | 9.1 | 10.43 |
| | | | | | | | |

Higher Formations served under

7. 8.40 - 3.11.43 Malta Comd CHO MEF 4.11.43 - 13.11.43

Theatres

Malta 7. 8.40 - 3.11.43 11.11.43 - 13.11.43 At Sea 4.11.43 - 11.11.43 Egypt

Battles

1940-42 11 June 1940 - 20 November 1942 Malta

Note: (1) On 13 October 1943 Bde HQ had no Units under command. The Bde Comd left on this

Bde HQ moved to Egypt in November 1943.

233rd INFANTRY BRIGADE

| 27 July | 1941 | Formed in Malta and designated Central Infantry Brigade. (1) | |
|---------|------|--|--|
| 14 July | 1942 | Redesignated 3rd (Malta) Infantry Brigade. | |
| 1 April | 1943 | Redesignated 233rd Infantry Brigade. | |

Commander

| 27 Jul
20 Nov | yember 19 | g I. de la Bere
Col V. S. Clarke | (injured (acting) | 20.11.1941) |
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| | cember 19 | g. I. de la Bere | (accing) | |

Units

| 11 | LF | 27. | 7.41 | - | 20. | 5.4 |
|----|---------------|------|-------|---|-----|-------|
| 1 | Cheshire (MG) | 27. | 7.41 | - | 22. | 1.4 |
| 2 | RWK | 27. | 7.41 | - | 10. | 4.4 |
| 1 | DLI | 27. | 1.42 | - | 12. | 5.4 |
| 4 | Buffs | 11. | 4.43 | - | 5. | 9.4 |
| 1 | KOMR | 11. | 6.43 | - | 31. | 8.4 |
| 10 | KOMR | 4. | 5.42 | - | 5. | 10.43 |
| | King's Own | 11.: | 10.43 | - | 3. | 11.43 |
| | KOMR | 10. | 10.43 | - | 31. | 8.48 |
| 3 | KOMR | 10.1 | 10.43 | - | 12. | 4.45 |
| 30 | NF | 14. | 5.44 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
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Higher Formations served under

| Malta | Comd | | | 27. | 7.41 | - | 31. | 8.4 |
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| Malta | 27. | 7.41 | - | 31. | 8.4 |
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Battles

| 1940-42 | 11 | June | 1940 - | 20 | November | 1942 | Malta |
|---------|----|------|--------|----|----------|------|-------|
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Note: (1) Bde HQ was formed by HQ *D* Inf Bde which had come out from United Kingdom

13 May 1942 Formed in Malta and designated Western Infantry Brigade.

14 July 1942 Redesignated 4th (Malta) Infantry Brigade.

1 April 1943 Redesignated 234th Infantry Brigade. (1)

16 November 1943 The Brigade was captured by the Germans. (2)

16 January 1944 Brigade Headquarters disbanded in the Middle East.

Commander

13 May 1942 Brig F. G. R. Brittorous 5 November 1943 Brig R. Tilney

Units

| Buffs | (13. 5.42 | - | 10. 4.43 |
|---------------|---|--|---|
| | (26,10,43 | - | 16.11.43 |
| King's Own | 13. 5.42 | - | 7. 1.43 |
| DLI | 14. 5.42 | - | 9. 9.43 |
| Cheshire (MG) | 23. 1.43 | - | 5. 4.43 |
| KOMR | 29. 3.43 | - | 10. 6.43 |
| RIFF | 6. 4.43 | - | 16.11.43 |
| RWK | 11. 4.43 | - | 16.11.43 |
| King's Own | 24.10.43 | - | 16.11.43 |
| | Buffs King's Own DLI Cheshire (MG) KOMR R Ir F RWK King's Own | (28.10.43 King's Own 13. 5.42 DLI 14. 5.42 Cheshire (MG) 23. 1.43 KOMR 29. 3.43 R Ir F 6. 4.43 RWK 11. 4.43 Cheshire (MG) Cheshi | (26.10.43 - King's Own 15. 6.42 - DLI 14. 5.42 - Cheshire (MG) 23. 1.43 - KOMR 29. 3.43 - R Ir F 6. 4.43 - RWK 11. 4.43 - |

Higher Formations served under

| Malta Comd | 13. 5.42 - 11. 6.43 | CHQ MEF | 11. 6.43 - 23. 8.43 |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 10 Ind Division | 24. 8.43 - 15. 9.43 | Force 292 | 16. 9.43 - 1.11.43 |
| HQ Aegean | 1.11.43 - 16.11.43 | GHQ MEF | 17.11.43 - 15. 1.44 |

Theatres

| Malta | 13. 5.42 - 11. 6.43 | At Sea | 11. 6.43 - 19. 6.43 |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Egypt | 19. 6.43 - 23. 8.43 | Palestine | 24. 8.43 - 19. 9.43 |
| Aegean Islands | 20. 9.43 - 16.11.43 | Egypt | 17.11.43 - 15. 1.44 |

Battles

1940-42 11 June 1940 - 20 November 1942 Malta

Notes: (1) In September 1943 came under command Force 292 for the defence of the Dodecanese Islands. On 1 November 1943 Bde HQ integrated with HQ Leros Island under the Bde Comd.

(2) Details of Bde HQ and Units escaped to Egypt.

235th to 300th INFANTRY BRIGADES not formed

301st INFANTRY BRIGADE

15 January 1945 Formed in the United Kingdom.

Commander

26 January 1945 Brig J. Vicary

Units (1)

| 616 | Regt | RA | 15. | 1.45 | - | 31. | 8.4 |
|-----|------|----|-----|------|---|-----|-----|
| 617 | Regt | RA | 15. | 1.45 | - | 31. | 8.4 |
| 619 | Regt | RA | 15. | 1.45 | - | 31. | 8.4 |

Higher Formations served under

| | 5.45 | |
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| D | | |

Theatres

| 15. 1.45 = 14. 5.45 NW Europe 15. 5.45 = 31. 8 | United Kingdom | 15. 1.45 - 14. 5.45 | NW Europe | | | 15. 5.45 - 31. 8. |
|--|----------------|---------------------|-----------|--|--|-------------------|
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Note: (1) The Units were formed by 508, 521 Coast Regts RA respectively.

302nd INFANTRY BRIGADE

15 January 1945 Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom.
7 March 1945 Brigade Headquarters disbanded.

Note: There were no Units posted to this Bde. No Commander was appointed.

303rd INFANTRY BRIGADE

22 January 1945 Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom by conversion of Headquarters 27th Anti-Aircraft Brigade.

Commander

22 January 1945 Brig H. G. Smith

Units (1)

| 632 | Regt | RA | 22. | 1.45 | - | 31. | 8.4 |
|-----|------|----|-----|------|---|-----|-----|
| 634 | Regt | RA | 22. | 1.45 | - | 31. | 8.4 |
| 635 | Regt | RA | 22. | 1.45 | - | 31. | 9.4 |

Higher Formations served under

| 2 AA Group | 22. 1.45 - 31. 3.45 | 61 Inf Division | 1. 4.45 - 22. 5.45 |
|--------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------|
| WO Control
BLFN | 23. 5.45 - 9. 6.45
24. 8.45 - 31. 8.45 | Norway Comd | 9. 6.45 - 24. 8.45 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom
Norway | 22. 1.45 - 5. 6.45
9. 6.45 - 31. 8.45 | At Sea | 5. 6.45 - 9. 6.41 |
|--------------------------|--|--------|-------------------|
| mor may | 9. 0.40 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Note: (1) 632, 634 and 635 Regts RA formed by 33, 36 and 38 SL Regts RA.

22 January 1945 Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom by conversion of Headquarters 38th Anti-Aircraft Brigade.

Commander

22 January 1945 Brig C. A. H. Chadwick 24 May 1945 Brig F. W. Sandars

Units (1)

630 Regt RA 21. 1.45 - 31. 8.45 637 Regt RA 22. 1.45 - 30. 5.45 638 Regt RA 22. 1.45 - 31. 8.45

Higher Formations served under

2 AA Group 22. 1.45 - 31. 3.45 55 Inf Division 1. 4.45 - 24. 5.45 WO Control 25. 5.45 - 7. 8.45 Norway Comd 7. 8.45 - 24. 8.45 ELFN 24. 8.45 - 21. 8.45

Theatres

United Kingdom 22. 1.45 - 30. 5.45 At Sea 30. 5.45 - 7. 6.45 Norway 7. 6.45 - 31. 8.45

Note: (1) Formed by 28, 50 and 53 SL Regts RA respectively.

30.5th INFANTRY BRIGADE

22 January 1945 Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom by conversion of Headquarters 49th Anti-Aircraft Brigade.

Commander

22 January 1945 Brig R. C. Foot 4 July 1945 Brig M. A. Carthew

Units (1)

622 Regt RA 27. 1.45 - 31. 8.45 624 Regt RA 26. 1.45 - 31. 8.45 639 Regt RA 22. 1.45 - 31. 8.45

Higher Formations served under

2 AA Group 22. 1.45 - 31. 3.45 55 Inf Division 1. 4.45 - 17. 4.45 21 Army Group 18. 4.45 - 25. 4.45 2 Army 26. 4.45 - 30. 5.45 30 Corps 31. 5.45 - 16. 6.45 30 Corps District 17. 6.45 - 31. 8.45

Theatres

United Kingdom 22, 1.45 - 19, 4.45 NW Europe 20, 4.45 - 31, 8.45

Note: (1) Formed by 117 and 82 LAA Regts and 64 SL Regt RA respectively.

22 January 1945 Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom by conversion of Headquarters 55th Anti-Aircraft Brigade.

Commander

22 January 1945 Brig W. R. Harvey

Units (1)

| 623 | Regt | RA | 27. | 1.45 - | 10. | 3.45 |
|-----|------|----|-----|--------|-----|------|
| 628 | Regt | RA | 28. | 1.45 - | 8. | 5.45 |
| 636 | Regt | RA | 22. | 1.45 - | 8. | 5.45 |
| 626 | Regt | RA | 11. | 3.45 - | 7. | 5.45 |
| 601 | Regt | RA | 8. | 5.45 - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 608 | Regt | RA | 8. | 5.45 - | 31. | 8.45 |
| 612 | Regt | RA | 8. | 5.45 - | 31. | 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| 2 AA Group | 22. 1.45 - 31. 3.45 | Southern Comd | 1. 4.45 - 3. 5.45 |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 21 Army Group | 4. 5.45 - 7. 5.45 | L of C 21 Army Group | 8. 5.45 - 2. 6.45 |
| 51 Inf Division | 2. 6.45 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 99 1 | 1.45 - | R | 5.45 | NW Europe | 7 | 5.45 - | 71 0 4 |
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| ourced viugaom | 22. | 1.45 - | 6. | 5.45 | NW Europe | 7. | 5.45 - | 31.8.4 |

Note: (1) 623, 628 and 636 Regts RA formed by 67 and 128 LAA Regts and 48 SL Regt RA respectively.

307th INFANTRY BRIGADE

22 January 1945 Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom by conversion of Headquarters 59th Anti-Aircraft Brigade.

Commander

| 22 | January | 1945 | Brig | H. | H. | V. Christ: |
|----|---------|------|------|----|----|------------|
| 1 | March | 1945 | | | | Allison |
| 26 | May | 1945 | Brig | L. | K. | Lockhart |

Units (1)

| 626 Regt RA
631 Regt RA | 23. | 1.45 | - | 10. | 5.45
5.45
5.45 |
|----------------------------|-----|------|---|-----|----------------------|
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Higher Formations served under

| 2 AA Group | 22. 1.45 - 31. 3.45 | Southern Comd | 1. 4.45 - 22. 4.45 |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 21 Army Group | 23. 4.45 - 25. 5.45 | HQ SHAEF | 26. 5.45 - 31. 8.45 |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | . 22. | 1.45 - 22. | 4.45 | NW Europe | 23. | 4.45 - | 31. | 8.45 |
|----------------|-------|------------|------|-----------|-----|--------|-----|------|
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Note: (1) 625, 626 and 631 Regts RA were formed by 95 and 97 LAA Regts and 29 SL Regt RA respectively.

22 January 1945 Brigade Headquarters formed in the United Kingdom by conversion of Headquarters 61st Anti-Aircraft Brigade.

Commander

| 22 January | 1945 | Brig R. R. B. Hilton | (injured 1.6.45) |
|------------|------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1 June | 1945 | Lt-Col J. D. Ferguson | (acting) |
| 6 July | 1945 | Lt-Col C. B. Venn | (acting) |
| 12 July | 1945 | Brig F. Stephens | |

Units (1)

| 627 | Regt | RA | 28. | 1.45 | - | 31. | 8.45 |
|-----|------|----|-----|------|---|-----|------|
| 629 | Regt | RA | 24. | 1.45 | - | 4. | 5.45 |
| 633 | Regt | RA | 22. | 1.45 | - | 4. | 5.45 |
| 629 | Regt | RA | 8. | 6.45 | - | 31. | 8.45 |

Higher Formations served under

| 4 AA Group | 22. 1.45 - 31. 3.45 | 38 Inf (Res) Division | 1. 4.45 - 28 4.45 |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 21 Army Group | 27. 4.45 - 3. 5.45 | | 4. 5.45 - 22. 5.45 |
| 1 Cdn Corps | 23. 5.45 - 7. 6.45 | | 7. 6.45 - 12. 6.45 |
| 53 Inf Division | 12. 6.45 - 31. 8.45 | | |

Theatres

| United Kingdom | 22. 1.45 - 28. 4.45 | NW Europe | 29. 4.45 - 31. 8.45 |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|

Note: (1) 627, 629 and 633 Regts RA formed by 98 and 133 LAA Regts and 34 SL Regt respectively.

