

# 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division (1)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The North Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's)

6<sup>th</sup> (Banffshire) Bn. The Gordon Highlanders

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment)

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry

## 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Guards) (2)

5<sup>th</sup> Bn. Grenadier Guards

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Scots Guards

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Irish Guards

## Divisional Troops

1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, The Reconnaissance Corps (3)

(4)

2<sup>nd</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

19<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

67<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

81<sup>st</sup> Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery (4)

90<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery (5)

23<sup>rd</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers

238<sup>th</sup> (County of Renfrewshire) Field Company, Royal Engineers

248<sup>th</sup> (East Anglia) Field Company, Royal Engineers

6<sup>th</sup> Field Park Company, Royal Engineers

1<sup>st</sup> Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

1. The division was a pre war Regular Army division. It served in France & Belgium under command of I Corps, being evacuated from Dunkirk. It had been re-organised as a Mixed Division in 1942, but had returned to a standard infantry division establishment in December 1942. It arrived in North Africa on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 1943. The division initially came under command of 1<sup>st</sup> Army, transferring to V Corps on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1943, and took part in the battle for Medjez Plain between the 23<sup>rd</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> April 1943. It then took part in the final battle for Tunis between the 5<sup>th</sup> May and 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943. The division transferred to IX Corps on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, remaining with that Corps until the 3<sup>rd</sup> June. It came under command of AFHQ between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June for the capture of the Italian island of Pantelleria. The division landed on Pantelleria on the 11<sup>th</sup> June, and left on the 14<sup>th</sup> June to return to Tunisia. On the 17<sup>th</sup> June, it came under command of Tunisia District. It later served in Italy and Palestine.
2. This Brigade had been formed in the United Kingdom on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1940, as an independent infantry brigade. It came under command of this division on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 1942, whilst the division was based in the U.K..
3. This regiment was formed in January 1941, as the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Reconnaissance Corps, coming under the command of the division on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 1941. Its designation was changed on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1942 from a battalion to a regiment.
4. During this period, the division did not have a machine gun or support battalion allocated to it. The 4<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Cheshire Regiment had left on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1942, and the 2<sup>nd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Middlesex Regiment did not join until the 17<sup>th</sup> August 1943.
5. The original anti-tank regiment allocated to this division, the 21<sup>st</sup>, left the division on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 1941. It was replaced by this regiment, which had been formed in September 1941 with batteries from the 21<sup>st</sup>, 59<sup>th</sup>, 62<sup>nd</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> Anti-Tank Regiments. It joined this division on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1941.
6. This regiment was formed in November 1941 by the conversion of the 7<sup>th</sup> Bn. The South Wales Borderers. It joined this division on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 1942.