

1st Infantry Division (1)

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Division & Employment Platoon

1st Infantry Brigade (Guards) (2)

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Brigade (Guards) & Signal Section

3rd Bn. Grenadier Guards

2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards

2nd Bn. The Hampshire Regiment

1st Infantry Brigade (Guards) Anti-Tank Company (3)

2nd Infantry Brigade (4)

Headquarters, 2nd Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st Bn. The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)

2nd Bn. The North Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's)

6th (Banffshire) Bn. The Gordon Highlanders

2nd Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Company (3)

3rd Infantry Brigade (5)

Headquarters, 3rd Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)

2nd Bn. The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment)

1st Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry

3rd Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Company (3)

Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery, (6)

2nd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

19th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

67th (South Midland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

21st Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Divisional Royal Engineers
23rd Field Company, Royal Engineers
238th (County of Renfrewshire) Field Company, Royal Engineers
248th (East Anglia) Field Company, Royal Engineers
6th Field Park Company, Royal Engineers

1st Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Divisional Royal Army Service Corps, (7)
1st Infantry Divisional Ammunition Company, Royal Army Service Corps
1st Infantry Divisional Petrol Company, Royal Army Service Corps
1st Infantry Divisional Supply Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps
1st Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
2nd Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
3rd Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
1st Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

xx Mobile Bath Unit, Royal Army Ordnance Corps (8)

1st Infantry Divisional Field Cash Office, Royal Army Pay Corps

1st Infantry Divisional Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

No. 1 Company, Corps of Military Police (9)

Attached from G.H.Q. Troops (10)

13th/18th Royal Hussars

Attached from I Corps Troops

2nd Bn. The Cheshire Regiment (11)

4th (City of Aberdeen) Bn. The Gordon Highlanders (12)

NOTES:

1. The division was a pre-war Regular Army formation stationed at Aldershot, where its headquarters were located. The division mobilized at the outbreak of war, under the command of Major General H. R. L. G. ALEXANDER; see:
<http://www.britishmilitaryhistory.co.uk/documents.php?aid=10&nid=2&start=0>
The division arrived in France on 20th September 1939, still under the command of Major General H. R. L. G. ALEXANDER. This is the order of battle for the division on the 10th May 1940, the date the German invasion of France and the Low Countries commenced. The division was under the command of I Corps, until the 19th May 1940 when it transferred to II Corps. The division withdrew back from the Dyle Line to the that of the River Escaut, transferring to II Corps. On the River Escaut, the division was deployed with I Corps on the right and the 3rd Infantry Division on the left. All three brigades were deployed in the front line, leaving no reserve. On the 24th May, the division reverted to the command of I Corps. The division was evacuated from Dunkirk on the 2nd June 1940. Following evacuation from Dunkirk, the division remained in the United Kingdom, being converted to a mixed division in June 1942. In November 1942, it reverted to a standard infantry division establishment. The division arrived in North Africa in March 1943, serving in the Tunisian campaign; see:
<http://www.britishmilitaryhistory.co.uk/documents.php?aid=56&nid=7&start=0>
After Tunisia, the division captured the island of Pantelleria in the Mediterranean. It was one of the assault divisions in the landings at Anzio in January 1944, continuing to serve in Italy for the next twelve months; see:
<http://www.britishmilitaryhistory.co.uk/documents.php?aid=65&nid=9&start=0>
In February 1945, it moved to Palestine, where it was stationed at the end of the war.
2. A pre-war Regular Army brigade, Brigadier M. B. BECKWITH-SMITH commanded this formation throughout the campaign in France and Belgium. He later assumed command of the 18th Infantry Division and died as a prisoner of war in the Far East.
3. When each Regular Army mobilized in September 1939, each brigade was required to form an anti-tank company. The 1st Infantry Brigade (Guards) did so with effect from the 1st September 1939. Most appear to have done so by requiring each of the three battalions in that brigade to provide one platoon. A Major usually commanded the company, with a second-in-command. The company consisted of three platoons, each commanded by a subaltern. Each platoon had two gun detachments, equipped with Hotchkiss 25 mm anti-tank guns.
4. This formation was another pre-war Regular Army brigade. Brigadier C. E. HUDSON commanded this brigade throughout this campaign until the 14th December 1940.
5. The third brigade in this division was also a pre-war Regular Army formation. Brigadier T. N. F. WILSON assumed command of this brigade on the 28th December 1939 and remained in post until the 18th December 1940.
6. The Commander Royal Artillery for this division during the 1940 campaign in France and Belgium was Brigadier C. W. P. PERCEVAL.

7. On the outbreak of the Second World War, when the division mobilized, the three companies of the Royal Army Service Corps allocated to the division formed an Ammunition Company, Petrol Company and Supply Company. For this division, the 7th, 40th and 42nd Companies, Royal Army Service Corps, formed these three units. Prior to the 10th May, the divisional Royal Army Service Corps reorganised into 7th, 40th and 42nd Infantry Brigade Companies, with each unit responsible for the supply of ammunition, petrol and general supply to a allocated infantry brigade. A new Divisional Troops Company was formed at the same time to supply those units not under brigade command.
8. The division was allocated a mobile bath unit. Each unit had a numeric designation, but it is not known which specific unit served with this division.
9. At some time in late 1939 or early 1940, this unit was redesignated as the 1st Infantry Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police.
10. This cavalry regiment, equipped with light tanks, carriers and scout cars, was attached from G.H.Q. Troops as the divisional reconnaissance regiment.
11. Attached from I Corps Troops, this machine gun battalion, served with this division for the duration of the campaign.
12. This machine gun battalion was attached to the division from G.H.Q. Troops when it deployed along the Escaut Line in Belgium.

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