

# British Infantry Divisions during the Second World War

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

### Regular Army Division

1930	United Kingdom		PDF
1937	United Kingdom		PDF
1939	United Kingdom		PDF
1940	France & Belgium		PDF
1943	Mediterranean	Tunisia	PDF
1944	Mediterranean	Italy	PDF
1945	Middle East	Palestine	
1946 – 1947	Middle East	Palestine	

## 1<sup>st</sup> London Division

### First Line Territorial Army Division, formed in 1908

1930	United Kingdom
1937	United Kingdom
1939	United Kingdom
1939 – 1940	United Kingdom

**18<sup>th</sup> November 1940 – Redesignated as the 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Division**

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

### Regular Army Division

1930	United Kingdom		PDF
1937	United Kingdom		PDF
1939	United Kingdom		PDF
1940	Europe	France & Belgium	PDF
1942 – 1944	India		
1944 – 1945	Far East	Burma	PDF
1945 – 1946	India		
<b>1946 – Division disbanded in India.</b>			

## 2<sup>nd</sup> London Division

### First Line Territorial Army Division, formed in 1908

1930	United Kingdom		PDF
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**1936 – Division disbanded in the U.K.**

**1939 – Division reformed in the U.K. as duplicate of 1<sup>st</sup> London Division**

1939 – 1940	United Kingdom		PDF
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**18<sup>th</sup> November 1940 – Redesignated as the 47<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Division**

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

### Regular Army Division

1930	United Kingdom		PDF
1937	United Kingdom		PDF
1939	United Kingdom		PDF
1940	France & Belgium		PDF
1940 – 1944	United Kingdom		
1944 – 1945	Europe	North West Europe	PDF
1945 – 1946	Middle East	Egypt and Palestine	

## 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

### Regular Army Division

1930	United Kingdom		PDF
1937	United Kingdom		PDF
1939	United Kingdom		PDF
1940	France & Belgium		PDF
1940 – 1943	United Kingdom		
1943	Tunisia		PDF
1943 – 1944	Egypt		
1944	Italy		PDF
1944 – 1946	Greece		PDF
<b>1946 – Division disbanded in Greece</b>			

## 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

### Regular Army Division

1930	United Kingdom		PDF
1937	United Kingdom		PDF
1939	United Kingdom		PDF
1940	France		PDF
1942	India		
1942	Middle East	Iraq	PDF
1943	Mediterranean	Sicily	PDF
1944-45	Mediterranean	Italy	PDF
1945	Europe	North West Europe	PDF
1945 – 1948	Germany		
<b>1948 – Division disbanded in Germany</b>			

## 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Regular Army Division –

Formed 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1939 by redesignation of 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

1940 Egypt PDF

17<sup>th</sup> June 1940 Division redesignated H.Q. Western Desert Force

17<sup>th</sup> February 1941 Division reformed in Egypt.

1941 Syria PDF

1941 Egypt & Libya

10<sup>th</sup> October 1941 Redesignated as 70<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

1941 Libya (Tobruk) PDF

1941 – 1942 Egypt

1942 Syria

1942 Egypt

1942 – 1943 India PDF

25<sup>th</sup> October 1943 – Division absorbed by H.Q. Special Force and disbanded

## 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Regular Army Division – Formed in Palestine in 1938

1937 Palestine PDF

1939 Egypt

On 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1939 redesignated as 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

## 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Regular Army Division – Formed in Palestine in 1938

1939 Palestine PDF

Disbanded 28<sup>th</sup> February 1940

## 9<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division

Second Line Territorial Army Division – Duplicate of 51<sup>st</sup> Division

1939 United Kingdom PDF

7<sup>th</sup> August 1940 – Redesignated 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Infantry Division

## 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 12<sup>th</sup> (Eastern) Infantry Division

**Second Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1939 as duplicate of 44<sup>th</sup> Division**

1939	United Kingdom	PDF
1940	France	PDF

**11<sup>th</sup> July 1940 – Division disbanded in the U.K.**

## 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division

**Second Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1939 as duplicate of 52<sup>nd</sup> Division**

1939 – 1944	United Kingdom	PDF
1944 – 1945	Europe	North West Europe PDF
1945 – 1946	Germany	

**1947 – Disbanded in the U.K. and not reformed.**

## 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

**Second Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1939 as duplicate of 54<sup>th</sup> Division**

1939	United Kingdom	PDF
1941 – 1942	Far East	Malaya PDF

**15<sup>th</sup> February 1942 – Captured at Singapore**

## 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 20<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 23<sup>rd</sup> (Northumbrian) Infantry Division

Second Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1939 as duplicate of 50<sup>th</sup> Division

1939	United Kingdom		PDF
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1940	Europe	France & Belgium	PDF
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30<sup>th</sup> June 1940 – Disbanded in the United Kingdom

## 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 31<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

War Raised

**1<sup>st</sup> September 1944** – Formed by the redesignation of the 36<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division

1944 – 1945                      Burma

1945 – 1946                      India

**1946** – Disbanded in India

## 37<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 38<sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Infantry Division

Second Line Territorial Army Division – Duplicate of the 53<sup>rd</sup> (Welsh) Division

Assumed command of units on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 1939

1939 – 1944                      United Kingdom                      PDF

**1<sup>st</sup> September 1944**      Redesignated as the 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division

1944 – 1945                      United Kingdom                      PDF

**1945** – Disbanded in the United Kingdom

## 39<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 40<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

9<sup>th</sup> November 1943 – Headquarters formed by redesignation of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade for deception purposes.

17<sup>th</sup> June 1944 – Division ceased to exist.

## 41<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 42<sup>nd</sup> (East Lancashire) Infantry Division

**First Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1908**

1930 – 1938	United Kingdom	PDF
1939	United Kingdom	PDF
1940	France & Belgium	PDF
1940 – 1941	United Kingdom	

**1<sup>st</sup> November 1941 – Converted into the 42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division**

## 43<sup>rd</sup> (Wessex) Infantry Division

**First Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1908**

1930 – 1938	United Kingdom	PDF
1939	United Kingdom	PDF
1939 – 1944	United Kingdom	
1944 – 1945	North West Europe	PDF
1945 – 1946	Germany	

**1946 – Disbanded in Germany but reformed in April 1947 as T.A. formation.**

## 44<sup>th</sup> (Home Counties) Infantry Division

**First Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1908**

1930 – 1938	United Kingdom	PDF
1939	United Kingdom	PDF
1940	France & Belgium	PDF
1940 – 1942	United Kingdom	
1942 – 1943	Egypt	PDF

**31<sup>st</sup> January 1943 – Disbanded in Egypt.**

## 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

**Second Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1939 as duplicate of 43<sup>rd</sup> Division**

1939 – 1944 United Kingdom

**1<sup>st</sup> September 1944 Division redesignated as 45<sup>th</sup> (Holding) Division**

1944 United Kingdom

**1<sup>st</sup> December 1944 Division redesignated as 45<sup>th</sup> Division**

1944 – 1945 United Kingdom

**1945 – Disbanded in the United Kingdom**

## 46<sup>th</sup> (North Midland) Infantry Division

### First Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1908

1930 – 1936	United Kingdom	PDF
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Division disbanded in 1936

## 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

### Second Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1939 as duplicate of 49<sup>th</sup> Division

1939 – 1940	United Kingdom	PDF
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1940	France & Belgium	PDF
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1940 – 1943	United Kingdom	
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1943	Tunisia	PDF
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1943 – 1944	Italy	PDF
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1944	Egypt	
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1944	Palestine	
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1944	Egypt	
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1944 – 1945	Italy	PDF
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1945	Greece	PDF
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1945	Italy	
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1945 – 1946	Austria	
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1946/47 – Disbanded in Austria, not reformed.

## 47<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> London) Infantry Division

### First Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1908

1939 – 1944	United Kingdom	
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### 1<sup>st</sup> September 1944 – Redesignated as 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division

1944 – 1945	United Kingdom	
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1945 – Disbanded in the U.K, not reformed.

## 48<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Infantry Division

### First Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1908

1930-38	United Kingdom	
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1939	United Kingdom	
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1940	France & Belgium	
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1940 – 1942	United Kingdom	
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### 20<sup>th</sup> December 1942 – Redesignated as 48<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division

1942 – 1945	United Kingdom	
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1945 – Disbanded in the U.K., not reformed.



## 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Infantry Division

### First Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1908

1930 – 1936	United Kingdom	PDF
1937 – 1938	United Kingdom	PDF
1939	United Kingdom	PDF
1940	Norway	
1940	United Kingdom	
1940 – 1942	Iceland	
1943 – 1944	United Kingdom	
1944 – 1945	North West Europe	PDF

**1947 – Reformed in the U.K. as an Armoured Division as part of the Territorial Army**

## 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Infantry Division

### First Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1908

1930 – 1938	United Kingdom	PDF	
1939	United Kingdom	PDF	
1940	France & Belgium	PDF	
1940 – 1941	United Kingdom		
1941	Middle East	Egypt	PDF
1941	Middle East	Cyprus	
1941 – 1942	Middle East	Iraq	PDF
1942 – 1943	Middle East	Libya and Egypt	PDF
1943	Middle East	Tunisia	PDF
1943	Middle East	Sicily	PDF
1943 – 1944	United Kingdom		
1944	North West Europe	PDF	
1944 – 1945	United Kingdom	PDF	

**1947 – Reformed in the United Kingdom as part of the Territorial Army**

## 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Infantry Division

### First Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1908

1930-38	United Kingdom	PDF	
1939	United Kingdom	PDF	
1940	France & Belgium	PDF	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June 1940 – Division, less the 154<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, captured at St. Valery</b>			
<b>7<sup>th</sup> August 1940 – Division reformed by re-designation of 9<sup>th</sup> (Highland) Infantry Division</b>			
1940-42	United Kingdom		
1942-43	Middle East	Egypt and Libya	PDF
1943	Middle East	Tunisia	PDF
1943	Middle East	Sicily	PDF
1943 – 1944	United Kingdom		
1944 – 1945	North West Europe	PDF	

**1947 – Reformed in the United Kingdom as part of the Territorial Army**

## 52<sup>nd</sup> (Lowland) Infantry Division

### First Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1908

1930-38	United Kingdom	PDF
1939	United Kingdom	PDF
1940	France	PDF
1940-44	United Kingdom	
1944-45	North West Europe	PDF

**1947 – Reformed in the United Kingdom as part of the Territorial Army**

## 53<sup>rd</sup> (Welsh) Infantry Division

### First Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1908

1930-38	United Kingdom	PDF
1939-44	United Kingdom	PDF
1944-45	North West Europe	PDF

**1947 – Reformed in the United Kingdom as part of the Territorial Army**

## 54<sup>th</sup> (East Anglian) Infantry Division

### First Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1908

1930-39	United Kingdom
1939 – 1943	United Kingdom

**14<sup>th</sup> December 1943 – Disbanded to form L.o.C. for 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group**

## 55<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Infantry Division

### First Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1908

1930 – 1939	United Kingdom	PDF
1939 – 1945	United Kingdom	PDF

**1947 – Disbanded in the U.K.. Not reformed.**

## 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Division

**First Line Territorial Army Division, formed in 1908 as 1<sup>st</sup> London Division**

1930 United Kingdom

1937 United Kingdom

1939 United Kingdom

1939 – 1940 United Kingdom

**18<sup>th</sup> November 1940 – Redesignated as the 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Division**

1940 – 1942 United Kingdom

1942 – 1943 Iraq

1943 Egypt In Transit

1943 Libya In Transit

1943 Tunisia

1943 Libya

1943 – 1944 Italy

1944 Egypt

1944 – 1947 Italy

**1947 – Division disbanded in Italy**

**1947 – Division reformed as an Armoured Division in the Territorial Army**

## 57<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

**War Raised formation for deception purposes.**

9<sup>th</sup> November 1943 Division formed in North Africa for deception purposes

1943 – 1944 North Africa

**29<sup>th</sup> July 1944 – Division ceased to exist.**

## 58<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not Formed

## 59<sup>th</sup> (Staffordshire) Infantry Division

**Second Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1939**

**15<sup>th</sup> September 1939 Formed in the U.K. as duplicate of 55<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.**

1939 – 1944 United Kingdom PDF

1944 North-West Europe Normandy PDF

**19<sup>th</sup> October 1944 – Disbanded in France**

## 60<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not formed

## 61<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division

**Second Line Territorial Army Division – Formed 1939**

1939 – 1945

United Kingdom

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**1946 – Disbanded in the U.K.**

## 62<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division

Not formed

## 63<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division

Not formed

## 64<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not formed

## 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not formed

## 66<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

**Second Line Territorial Army Division – Raised w.e.f. 27<sup>th</sup> September 1939**

**Duplicate of 42<sup>nd</sup> (East Lancashire) Infantry Division**

1939 – 1940

United Kingdom

**Disbanded in the U.K. w.e.f. 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1940**

## 67<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not formed

## 68<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not formed

## 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not formed

## 70<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Regular Army Division – Formed 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1939 as 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division by redesignation of 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

1940 Egypt PDF

**17<sup>th</sup> June 1940** Division redesignated H.Q. Western Desert Force

**17<sup>th</sup> February 1941** Division reformed in Egypt.

1941 Syria PDF

1941 Egypt & Libya

**10<sup>th</sup> October 1941** Redesignated as 70<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

1941 Libya (Tobruk) PDF

1941 – 1942 Egypt

1942 Syria

1942 Egypt

1942 – 1943 India PDF

**25<sup>th</sup> October 1943** – Division absorbed by H.Q. Special Force and disbanded

## 71<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division

Not formed

## 72<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division

Not formed

## 73<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division

Not formed

## 74<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not formed

## 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Not formed

## 76<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Formed in the U.K. by redesignation of the Norfolk County Division

**16<sup>th</sup> November 1941** Formed

1941 – 1942 United Kingdom

**20<sup>th</sup> December 1942** – Redesignated as 76<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division

1942 – 1944 United Kingdom PDF

**1<sup>st</sup> September 1944** – Disbanded in the U.K.

## 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Formed in the U.K. by redesignation of the Devon and Cornwall County Division

**1<sup>st</sup> December 1941** Formed

1941 – 1942 United Kingdom

**20<sup>th</sup> December 1942 – Redesignated as 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division**

1942 – 1943 United Kingdom

**1<sup>st</sup> December 1943 – Redesignated as 77<sup>th</sup> Holding Division**

1943 – 1944 United Kingdom PDF

**1<sup>st</sup> September 1944 – Disbanded in the U.K.**

## 78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

War Raised formation raised in the U.K.

**25<sup>th</sup> May 1942** Formed

1942 United Kingdom

1942 – 1943 Tunisia PDF

1943 Sicily PDF

1943 – 1944 Italy PDF

1944 Egypt

1944 – 1945 Italy PDF

1945 – 1946 Austria

**1946 – Division disbanded in Austria**

## 80<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division

War Raised formation raised in the U.K.

**1<sup>st</sup> January 1943** Formed

1943 – 1944 United Kingdom

**1<sup>st</sup> September 1944 – Division disbanded in the U.K.**