

1st Infantry Division (1)

1st Infantry Brigade (Guards) (2)

3rd Bn. Grenadier Guards

2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards

2nd Bn. The Hampshire Regiment

1st Infantry Brigade (Guards) Anti-Tank Company

2nd Infantry Brigade (3)

1st Bn. The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)

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

1st Bn. The Gordon Highlanders (4)

2nd Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Company

3rd Infantry Brigade (5)

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

Divisional Troops

13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) (6)

2nd Bn. The Cheshire Regiment (7)

2nd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (8)

(H.Q., 35th, 42nd, 53rd & 87th Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

19th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (9)

(H.Q., 29th/97th & 39th/96th Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

24th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (10)

(H.Q., 22nd/56th & 50th/70th Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

21st Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery (11)

(H.Q., 'Q', 'Y', 'Z' & 'BB' Anti-Tank Batteries, Royal Artillery)

17th Field Company, Royal Engineers (12)

23rd Field Company, Royal Engineers (13)

26th Field Company, Royal Engineers (14)

6th Field Park Company, Royal Engineers (15)

1st Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals (16)

1. The 1st Division was a Regular Army formation which dates back to 1809 and the raising of a division for service in the Peninsular War. The headquarters were based at Aldershot. Following the outbreak of war, the division mobilised, arriving in France on 20th September 1939 as part of the BEF. It came under the command of I Corps. 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, later serving in Pantelleria and Italy. In February 1945, it moved to Palestine, where it was stationed at the end of the war.
2. A Regular Army brigade based at Aldershot with all the constituent units also based in Aldershot. This brigade left the division in June 1941, later serving with the 78th Infantry Division and 6th Armoured Division in Tunisia and Italy.
3. A Regular Army brigade, with all the constituent units being based in Aldershot.
4. On arrival in France, the policy of the B.E.F. was to integrate some Territorial Army battalions into the Regular Army formations. As a consequence, this battalion left the brigade on 7th March 1940 transferring to 153rd Infantry Brigade, 51st Infantry Division. It was replaced by a sister Territorial Army battalion that transferred in from 153rd Infantry Brigade on the same date. This battalion was the:
6th (Banffshire) Bn. The Gordon Highlanders
5. A pre-war Regular Army brigade, which was stationed at Bordon in Hampshire.
6. This was a cavalry regiment that was under command of the division in the reconnaissance role. It was stationed at Shorncliffe in Kent. Officially, the regiment left the division on 31st March 1940, but it remained attached from G.H.Q. Troops.
7. This was a machine gun battalion stationed at Bordon. It was not formally under command of the division, but was permanently attached from the outbreak of war until it returned to the U.K. from Dunkirk in June 1940.
8. This was a pre-war regular regiment, formed in 1900 as the 2nd Brigade, R.F.A.. It was stationed at Bordon, and reorganised into a two battery basis in late September 1939. It remained under command of this division for the duration of the war.
9. A pre-war regular regiment, originally formed in 1900 as the 19th Brigade, R.F.A.. It was stationed at Bordon and remained with the division throughout the war.
10. The unit was a pre-war regular regiment stationed at Aldershot. It left the division on 31st January 1940 transferring to the 48th Infantry Division, under the policy described above. It was replaced on the same date by:
67th (South Midland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
a Territorial Army regiment which transferred in from 48th Infantry Division.
11. A pre-war regular regiment formed in 1938 from the 21st Field Brigade, Royal Artillery. The regiment was stationed at Aldershot. It left the division in October 1941.
12. The company, based at Aldershot, left the division on 2nd November 1939 transferring to 3rd Infantry Division. It was replaced by:
248th (East Anglia) Field Company, Royal Engineers
which was a T.A. company that transferred in from the 3rd Infantry Division, to which it was attached from the 54th (East Anglia) Infantry Division.
13. A pre-war regular field company, based at Aldershot, which remained with the division throughout the war.
14. This company, also based at Aldershot, left the division on 28th February 1940 transferring to 51st Infantry Division. It was replaced by:
238th (County of Renfrewshire) Field Company, Royal Engineers
which was a T.A. company which transferred in from 51st Infantry Division.

15. A pre-war regular company, based at Aldershot.

16. The divisional signals was based at Aldershot.