

1st Infantry Division (1)

Divisional Headquarters, 1st Infantry Division & Employment Platoon
1st Infantry Divisional Field Security Section, Intelligence Corps

2nd Infantry Brigade (2)

Headquarters, 2nd Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

1st Bn. The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)

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

6th (Banffshire) Bn. The Gordon Highlanders (3)

3rd Infantry Brigade (4)

Headquarters, 3rd Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

1st Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding) (5)

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

1st Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry (5)

66th Infantry Brigade (6)

Headquarters, 66th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

2nd Bn. The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)

1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment

11th Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers (7)

Divisional Troops

1st Reconnaissance Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps (8)

2nd/7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) (9)

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery

2nd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

19th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

67th (South Midland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

81st Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery (10)

90th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery (11)

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 Bridging Platoon, Royal Engineers

1st Infantry Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Divisional Royal Army Service Corps
7th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
40th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
42nd Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
xx Divisional Troops 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
xx Field Dressing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps
xx Field Dressing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps
1st Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

1st Infantry Divisional Field Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Divisional Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
2nd Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
3rd Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
66th Infantry Brigade (Guards) Workshops, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

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

1st Infantry Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

1st Infantry Divisional Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

NOTES:

1. This is the Order of Battle for the division from mid-August 1944 until the end of the Second World War. Having fought at Anzio from January 1944 until May 1944 under the command of the U.S. VI Corps, the division returned to British command on 1 July 1944 when it came under the command of V Corps. It then rested and refitted prior to further operational deployments. Major General C. F. LOEWEN assumed command on 24 July 1944, replacing Major General PENNY, and he remained in command until the end of the war. The division was involved in the battle for the Gothic Line between 25 August and 22 September 1944. It left Italy on 27 January 1945 to transfer to Palestine, where it arrived on 2 February. It then moved into Syria and Lebanon. In July 1945, it moved back into Palestine. At this time, it was the only formation deployed in Palestine and Trans-Jordan. The division transferred to Egypt in December 1945, being replaced by the 3rd Infantry Division, which transferred in from Egypt. In April 1946, the 1st Infantry Division returned to Palestine and the 3rd Infantry Division returned to Egypt. The division remained on active service in the Middle East until returning to the U.K. in 1955.
2. As one of the original brigades within the division, this formation remained with the division throughout this period. By September 1947, with the rapid change-over of units following the official end of the Second World War there were several changes in establishment (see next order of battle). Brigadier (Acting) Richard Neville ANDERSON, D.S.O.*, commanded this brigade, apart from being absent from the brigade between 22 May and 18 August 1945, for the rest of the war. ANDERSON served in Palestine until 1948.
3. This battalion, being a Territorial Army unit, was reduced to a cadre in September 1946 and returned to the UK. It reformed as a T.A. unit in early 1947.
4. Brigadier (Acting) Peter St. CLAIR-FORD, D.S.O.*, assumed command on 26 August 1944 and apart from a couple of weeks in May 1945, he remained in command for the rest of the war.
5. These battalions left the division in December 1945.
6. This was a new brigade formed on 20 July 1944 in Italy under the command of Brigadier (Acting) Martin REDMAYNE, who remained in command for the rest of the war (apart from one month's leave in May and April 1945). An officer in the Territorial Army, Brigadier REDMAYNE was thirty-three years of age when he assumed command of the brigade, having been promoted from command of the 14th Bn. The Sherwood Foresters. The brigade comprised one Regular Army battalion, the 2nd Royal Scots, one Territorial Army battalion (the 1st Hertfords) and one war raised battalion (the 11th Lancashire Fusiliers). The 2nd Royal Scots had been stationed in Hong Kong at the outbreak of the war, and were captured with the fall of that colony on 25 December 1941. The war raised 12th Battalion, then stationed in Scotland, was redesignated the new 2nd Battalion in May 1942. In April 1943 the battalion moved to Gibraltar from where it joined the new brigade. The 1st Hertfords were also based in Gibraltar prior to joining the brigade, and the 11th Lancashire Fusiliers transferred in from Malta. This brigade served with the 1st Armoured Division for a month following formation, joining this division on 19th August 1944 prior to the Gothic Line battles. It stayed until the end of the war. This brigade disbanded circa September 1946.

It was replaced by the

1st Infantry Brigade (Guards)

3rd Bn. Grenadier Guards

3rd Bn. Coldstream Guards

1st Bn. Welsh Guards

This brigade had started the war under command of this division, but had transferred to the 78th Infantry Division and then the 6th Armoured Division. It had finished the war serving in Austria. It left the 6th Armoured Division and moved to Palestine, where it came under command of the 1st Infantry Division.

7. This battalion disbanded by December 1945, being replaced by the:
1st/6th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)
8. The reconnaissance regiment disbanded in June 1946 with the dissolution of the Reconnaissance Corps. It was replaced by the 4th/7th Dragoon Guards.
9. This unit was the machine gun battalion for the division. It was a Territorial Army unit, and as such, it was reduced to a cadre and returned to the United Kingdom in September 1946. With the reconstitution of the Territorial Army post-war, this unit did not reform. No replacement machine gun battalion was allocated to formations post-war, their functions assumed by the support companies of the infantry battalions.
10. In April 1945, this regiment left the division to be disbanded. It was replaced by:
93rd (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery
This regiment transferred in from V Corps Troops in Italy.
11. This regiment left the division on 7 November 1944 to the command of A.F.H.Q., before being disbanded in January 1945. It was replaced by:
11th (City of London) Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery
This regiment in turn left the division on 17 January 1945 passing to command of 2nd Anti-Aircraft Brigade in Italy. It was replaced in the division on 22 March 1945 by:
1st Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery

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1st Infantry Divisional Field Security Section, Intelligence Corps

1st Guards Brigade (2)

Headquarters, 1st Guards Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

1st Bn. Grenadier Guards
1st Bn. Coldstream Guards
1st Bn. Irish Guards

2nd Infantry Brigade (3)

Headquarters, 2nd Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

1st Bn. The Suffolk Regiment
2nd Bn. The Royal Warwickshire Regiment
1st Bn. The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment)

3rd Infantry Brigade (4)

Headquarters, 3rd Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

2nd Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment
2nd Bn. The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's)
1st Bn. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's)

Divisional Troops

4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards (5)

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery, (7)
1st Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery
6th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
41st Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
12th Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Divisional Royal Engineers
22nd Field Engineer Regiment, Royal Engineers (3)

1st Infantry Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Divisional Royal Army Service Corps

1st Guards Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

2nd Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

3rd Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

xx Divisional Troops Company, Royal Army Service Corps

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1st Infantry Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

1st Infantry Divisional Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

NOTES:

1. This is the order of battle for the division in April 1948, two months prior its departure from Palestine bound for Egypt. In June 1948, with the end of the British Mandate in Palestine, the division left Palestine to travel overland to the Canal Zone in Egypt. It ended up serving in the Middle East until returning to the United Kingdom in 1955.
2. By this date, all the artillery units in this division had changed. The Territorial Army regiments had returned to the United Kingdom to be disbanded. Post-war, no light anti-aircraft regiment was allocated to the three remaining divisional formations.
3. Post-war, the establishment of three field sections and one field park section was consolidated into one Engineer Regiment.
4. In 1946, the remaining divisional signals units were redesignated as Divisional Signal Regiments.

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