

7th Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 7th Infantry Division

29th Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 29th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. Scots Guards

1st Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment)

Divisional Troops

1st Bn. The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers ⁽³⁾

1st Bn. The Hampshire Regiment ⁽⁴⁾

31st Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁵⁾

'P' Battery, 3rd Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery ⁽⁵⁾

54th Field Company, Royal Engineers ⁽⁶⁾

56th Field Company, Royal Engineers ⁽⁶⁾

7th Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

NOTES:

1. This was a pre-war Regular Army formation, which had been based in Jerusalem, Palestine. The divisional headquarters opened on 29 September 1938, with the appointment of Major General Richard Nugent O'CONNOR, D.S.O.*, M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*, as the divisional commander, and Military Governor of Jerusalem. The divisional headquarters closed in Jerusalem on 31 August 1939, giving up command of its troops there, and moved to Cairo. On 7 September 1939, the divisional headquarters opened in Mersa Matruh, taking command of the troops in that area, with the exception of those under command of the Armoured Division (Egypt) On 3 November 1939, the division was redesignated as:
6th Infantry Division
The division returned to Palestine on 13 March 1940, taking command of formations already based in Palestine. It disbanded on 17 June 1940, on moving back to Egypt, where it was redesignated Headquarters, Western Desert Force. The division reformed on 17 February 1941 in Egypt.
2. This was a pre-war Regular Army brigade known as The Cairo Brigade. It was redesignated as the 29th Infantry Brigade on the 20th September 1939, again being redesignated to become the 22nd Infantry Brigade on the 3rd October 1939. On the 2nd September 1940, the brigade was again redesignated as Headquarters, Matruh Fortress, and it ceased to be an infantry brigade.
3. This battalion was equipped as a machine gun battalion. In April 1940, it was attached to the 4th Indian Infantry Division for Operation Compass. It left that division in December 1940.
4. This battalion was deployed on lines of communication duties.
5. Both artillery units were attached from Royal Artillery Group, Middle East. 'P' Battery 3 R.H.A. was an anti-tank battery.
6. Both field companies were transferred to Egypt in early 1939. They were replaced by:
2nd Field Company, Royal Engineers

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