

5th Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 5th Infantry Division

13th Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 13th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers

1st Bn. The Border Regiment

2nd Bn. The Royal Ulster Rifles

14th Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 14th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Lincolnshire Regiment

2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment

1st Bn. The Cameron Highlanders

15th Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 15th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st Bn. The York and Lancaster Regiment

Divisional Troops

15th/19th Hussars ⁽⁴⁾

1st Bn. The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) ⁽⁵⁾

2nd Bn. The Cheshire Regiment ⁽⁶⁾

2nd Bn. The Manchester Regiment ⁽⁷⁾

55th (Field) Company, Royal Engineers ⁽⁸⁾

5th Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals ⁽⁹⁾

34th Company, Royal Army Service Corps ⁽¹⁰⁾

51st Company, Royal Army Service Corps ⁽¹⁰⁾

NOTES:

1. The origins of the 5th Infantry Division date back to the Peninsula War in 1805. A pre-war Regular Army formation, it was based at Catterick Camp, with the divisional commander acting as Commander Catterick Area. This division ended up as the most travelled British formation during the Second World War. Under strength, it was deployed to France as part of the B.E.F., where it was brought up to establishment. Elements of the division were deployed to Norway during April 1940. Following evacuation from Dunkirk, it reformed in the U.K., and was then sent to India in March 1942. Again, elements of the division were detached to take part in the invasion of Madagascar. From India, the division was sent to Iraq, arriving in August 1942. On leaving Iraq in January 1943, the division was sent via Syria and Egypt to the Mediterranean, seeing active service in both the Sicilian and Italian campaigns. The division left Italy for Egypt on 3rd July 1944. It did not stay in Egypt long, moving into Palestine in late July 1944. In March 1945, it arrived in North West Europe, coming under command of 21st Army Group. The division disbanded in Germany in January 1948.
2. Both of these brigades and all constituent battalions were based in Catterick Camp.
3. This brigade, under strength in June 1937, was based in York, with its one battalion under command.
4. This regiment was the divisional reconnaissance unit, and was based in York.
5. This unit was a machine gun battalion based at Catterick Camp and was administered by the 13th Infantry Brigade.
6. This unit was a machine gun battalion also based at Catterick Camp and was administered by the 14th Infantry Brigade.
7. This machine gun battalion was based at Strensall, near York, and was administered by the 15th Infantry Brigade.
8. There was only one field company allocated to the division at this time, the 55th Company being based at Catterick Camp.
9. The divisional signals were based at Scarborough.
10. The two R.A.S.C. companies were both based at Catterick Camp.

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