

5th Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 5th Infantry Division

13th Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 13th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

2nd Bn. The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

2nd Bn. The Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's)

15th Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 15th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st Bn. The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment)

1st Bn. The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

1st Bn. The York and Lancaster Regiment

Divisional Troops

55th Field Company, Royal Engineers

5th Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

NOTES:

1. The 5th Infantry Division was a pre-war Regular Army formation based at Catterick Camp in North Yorkshire. It had been originally formed in 1906 and following service in The Great War, it was deployed to Ireland. As a result of creation of the Irish Free State, the division was disbanded in 1922. It was reformed in 1929 as a reserve division stationed at Catterick in the United Kingdom. All the units in the division were also stationed at Catterick Camp. The formation was under establishment. With the outbreak of war, the two brigades moved to France as independent brigades in early October 1939. The divisional headquarters travelled to France on 19 December 1939. The division reformed in France, being complete by 30 December 1939.

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17th Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 17th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers

2nd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment

2nd Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's) ⁽⁴⁾

Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 5th Divisional Royal Artillery

9th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁵⁾

(H.Q., 19th/28th & 20th/26th Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

91st (4th London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁶⁾

(H.Q., 361st (5th London) & 363rd (7th London) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

92nd (5th London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁷⁾

(H.Q., 365th (9th London) & 368th (12th London) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

52nd (6th London) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁸⁾

(H.Q., 205th (13th London), 206th (14th London), 207th (15th London) & 208th (16th London) Anti-Tank Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Headquarters, 5th Divisional Royal Artillery

38th Field Company, Royal Engineers (10)

245th (Welsh) Field Company, Royal Engineers (9)

252nd (West Lancashire) Field Company, Royal Engineers (9)

254th (West Lancashire) Field Park Company, Royal Engineers (9)

5th Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

NOTES:

1. The 5th Infantry Division arrived in France on 19 December 1939. The formation was brought up to strength as a standard infantry division establishment during December 1939. This was completed by 30 December 1939. The division came under command of III Corps.
2. This brigade was removed from the command of the division and sent to Norway, via the U.K. It left the division on 16 April 1940. It returned to the command of the division on 3 July 1940, following its return to the United Kingdom.
3. This brigade was formed in the United Kingdom on 3 October 1939. The 2nd Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers joined the Brigade from Edinburgh, where they had been part of Scottish Command. The 2nd Bn. Northamptonshire Regiment joined the Brigade from Ballykinler in Northern Ireland District, and the 2nd Bn. Seaforth Highlanders had joined from Glasgow, also under Scottish Command.
4. The battalion left the brigade on 30 March 1940 transferring to 152nd Infantry Brigade, 51st Infantry Division. It was replaced on the same date by:
6th (Morayshire) Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's)
This battalion transferred in from 152nd (Lowland) Infantry Brigade.
5. This unit was a pre-war Regular Army regiment, which was based in the Southern Command at Bulford. It joined the division on 28 December 1939. It left on 7 April 1942 joining the 17th Infantry Brigade in the invasion of Madagascar. It remained in Madagascar, moving to India and leaving the 17th Infantry Brigade which returned to the command of this division. The regiment later joined the 20th Indian Infantry Division with which it fought in Burma.
6. This was a Territorial Army unit that was under command of London District before joining this division on 28 December 1939. It stayed with this division for the duration of the war.
7. As with its sister regiment, this unit joined the division from London District on 28 December 1939. Again, it stayed with the division for the duration of the war.
8. Formed in 1938 from the 63rd (6th London) Field Regiment, this unit also came from London District to join the division on 28 December 1939. It served with this formation throughout the war.
9. The Royal Engineers units joined the division on 29 December 1939, when it appears the 55th Field Company ceased to be under command of the division. The 245th Field Company transferred from 53rd (Welsh) Division, with the 252nd Field Company and 254th Field Park Company joining from the West Lancashire Area.
10. The third field company which joined the division on 29 December 1939 was the 506th Field Company from the Northumbrian Area. However, one month later the 506th Field Company transferred to the 2nd Division to be replaced by the 38th Field Company which transferred in from 2nd Division.

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