

12th (Eastern) Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 12th (Eastern) Infantry Division

35th Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 35th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd/5th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

2nd/6th (Bermondsey) Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

2nd/7th (Southwark) Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

36th Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 36th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd/6th Bn. The East Surrey Regiment ⁽⁴⁾

6th Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment

7th Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment

37th Infantry Brigade ⁽⁵⁾

Headquarters, 37th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

5th Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) ⁽⁴⁾

6th Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment

7th (Cinque Ports) Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment

Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 12th (Eastern) Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery

113th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁶⁾

(H.Q., 227th (Hove) & 228th (Worthing) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

114th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁷⁾

(H.Q., 231st (Bexhill) & 232nd (Hailsham) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

118th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁸⁾

(H.Q., 259th (23rd London) & 260th (24th London) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

67th Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁹⁾

(H.Q., 265th, 266th, 267th & 268th Anti-Tank Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Headquarters, 12th (Eastern) Infantry Divisional Royal Engineers

262nd Field Company, Royal Engineers (10)

263rd Field Company, Royal Engineers (10)

264th Field Company, Royal Engineers (10)

265th Field Company, Royal Engineers (10)

12th (Eastern) Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

NOTES:

1. This formation was a second line Territorial Army division, formed as a mirror image duplicate of the 44th (Home Counties) Infantry Division. Between 3 September and 7 October 1939, the units in this division were administered and embodied by their parent units in 44th Division. It was initially under the Eastern Command but, transferred to War Office control on 18 April 1940. On 22 April 1940, the division arrived in France to join the British Expeditionary Force for training and labour duties. The divisional artillery, most of the divisional signals and some administrative units remained behind in the United Kingdom. The division suffered heavy casualties in France, and following evacuation from Dunkirk, it disbanded on 10 July 1940.
2. A second line brigade formed as the duplicate of the 131st Infantry Brigade. The 2nd/5th Bn. Queen's Royal Regiment was based at Woking, with the 2nd/6th and 2nd/7th Battalions based alongside their parent units at Bermondsey and Walworth in South East London. The brigade later served with the 56th (London) Infantry Division.
3. This brigade was the duplicate of the 132nd Brigade. The 2nd/6th Bn. East Surreys was based at Richmond in Surrey, the 6th Bn. QORWK was based at St. Mary's Cray and the 7th Bn. QORWK at Dartford. The brigade later joined the 78th Infantry Division.
4. On 25 October 1939, the 2nd/6th East Surrey Regiment transferred from 36th Brigade to 37th Brigade, with the 5th Bn The Buffs transferring from the 37th Brigade to the 36th Brigade.
5. This was a second line Territorial Army Brigade, comprising three second line (or duplicate) Territorial battalions. The 5th Buffs was based at Canterbury, the 6th Bn. Sussex Regiment at Worthing and, the 7th Bn. at Brighton. The brigade remained in the U.K. being redesignated as the 7th Infantry Brigade.
6. This regiment was formed in May 1939 as the duplicate of the 57th Field Regiment. The H.Q. Battery was based at Shoreham, with the 227th Battery being based at Hove and the 228th Battery at Worthing. The regiment did not travel to France with the division as it was not adequately trained or equipped. In July 1940, it joined the 1st London Division, later becoming the 56th (London) Infantry Division, with which it served throughout the rest of war in the Middle East and Italy. It was entitled (Home Counties) in February 1942.
7. This regiment was formed in May 1939 as the duplicate of the 58th Field Regiment. The H.Q. and 231st Batteries were based at Bexhill, with the 232nd Battery being based at Hailsham. The regiment transferred to the 2nd London Division in July 1940. In May 1942 it arrived in India, where it joined the 20th Indian Infantry Division. It was entitled (Sussex) in February 1942.
8. This regiment was formed in June 1939 as the duplicate of the 65th Field Regiment. The H.Q. and 259th Batteries were based at Plumstead, London SE 18, with the 260th Battery being based at Lee Green. In June 1940, it joined the 18th Infantry Division, with which it went to Malaya where it was captured on the 15th February 1942. It was entitled (8th London) in February 1942 shortly before its capture.
9. Formed in 1939 as the duplicate of the 57th (East Surrey) Anti-Tank Regiment, the entire regiment was based at Sutton. On 1 July 1940, it transferred to the 1st London Division (later to become the 56th (London) Division, and stayed with that Division throughout its campaign in Italy. It appears that the regiment was not entitled in line with its parent regiment.
10. The Headquarters Royal Engineers, plus the 263rd Field Company and 265th Field Park Company were based at Eastbourne. The 262nd Field Company was based in Hastings and the 264th Field Company in Lewes. All were second line duplicate units formed in 1939. After the division disbanded, they became Army Troops Companies, with the 262nd & 263rd Field Companies serving with the 2nd Army in the invasion of Normandy.

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