

## 44<sup>th</sup> (Home Counties) Infantry Division <sup>(1)</sup>

Headquarters, 44<sup>th</sup> (Home Counties) Infantry Division

### 131<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade <sup>(2)</sup>

Headquarters, 131<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

1<sup>st</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> (Bermondsey) Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> (Southwark) Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

### 132<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade <sup>(3)</sup>

Headquarters, 131<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1<sup>st</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Bn. The East Surrey Regiment

4<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment

5<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment

### 133<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade <sup>(4)</sup>

Headquarters, 131<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

4<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment)

4<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment

5<sup>th</sup> (Cinque Ports) Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment

### Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 44<sup>th</sup> (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery

57<sup>th</sup> (Home Counties) Field Regiment <sup>(5)</sup>

(H.Q., 225<sup>th</sup> (Brighton) & 226<sup>th</sup> (Brighton) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

58<sup>th</sup> (Sussex) Field Regiment <sup>(6)</sup>

(H.Q., 229<sup>th</sup> (Eastbourne) & 230<sup>th</sup> (Hastings) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

65<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup> London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(7)</sup>

(H.Q., 257<sup>th</sup> (21<sup>st</sup> London) & 258<sup>th</sup> (22<sup>nd</sup> London) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

57<sup>th</sup> (East Surrey) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(8)</sup>

(H.Q., 225<sup>th</sup>, 226<sup>th</sup>, 227<sup>th</sup> & 228<sup>th</sup> Anti-Tank Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Headquarters, 44<sup>th</sup> (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Royal Engineers

208<sup>th</sup> (Sussex) Field Company, Royal Artillery (9)

209<sup>th</sup> (Sussex) Field Company, Royal Artillery (10)

210<sup>th</sup> (Sussex) Field Company, Royal Artillery (11)

211<sup>th</sup> (Sussex) Field Park Company, Royal Artillery (12)

44<sup>th</sup> (Home Counties) Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals (13)

## NOTES:

1. This formation was a first line Territorial Army Division, with its headquarters based at the Royal Artillery Barracks, Woolwich, London. The division was sent to France, where it arrived on 1 April 1940.
2. A first line Territorial Army brigade, with its headquarters based at Burwood House, 16, Caxton Street, London SW1. The three battalions were all from the Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey), the 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion being based at Guildford, the 1<sup>st</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion at Bermondsey, London SE16, and the 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion at Southwark.
3. A first line Territorial Army brigade, with its headquarters at 66, Victoria Street, London. The 1<sup>st</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment was based at Surbiton, the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment at Tonbridge and the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the same regiment being based at Bromley.
4. This brigade was another first line T.A. brigade, with its headquarters located at the Drill Hall, Victoria Road, Tunbridge Wells. The 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Buffs was based at Canterbury, the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment at Horsham, and the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion at Hastings.
5. This regiment was originally formed in 1916 as the 1<sup>st</sup> Home Counties Brigade, R.F.A.. All three batteries were based in Brighton. It served with the Division until it was broken up in November 1942 when it went on to serve in 8<sup>th</sup> Army in North Africa and Italy.
6. Another regiment formed in 1916, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Home Counties Brigade, this regiment had the Headquarters Battery and 229<sup>th</sup> Battery based at Eastbourne, and the 230<sup>th</sup> Battery at Hastings. This regiment again served with the division until it was broken up. The regiment converted into a Medium Regiment in December 1943.
7. Again originally formed in 1916, this regiment was then known as the 8<sup>th</sup> London Brigade, R.F.A.. Its Headquarters Battery and 257<sup>th</sup> Battery were based in Lee Green, London; with the 258<sup>th</sup> Battery being based in Plumstead, London SE18. Following the break up of the Division, this regiment was appropriately transferred to the 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Division.
8. This regiment was formed in 1938 by the conversion of the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment. All four batteries were based at Wimbledon. The regiment served with the Division until the division's disbandment, when it transferred to the command of 8<sup>th</sup> Army.
9. A first line Territorial Army (T.A.) company, which was based at Eastbourne.
10. A first line T.A. company, which together with the Headquarters, Royal Engineers, was based at Brighton.
11. A first line T.A. company, based at Seaford.
12. A first line T.A. company, based at Worthing.
13. The Divisional Signals was based at The Drill Hall, Stamford Brook Road, Ravenscourt Park, West London.

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