

## 1<sup>st</sup> London Division (1)

Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> London Division

### 1<sup>st</sup> London Infantry Brigade (2)

Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> London Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

8<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> City of London) Bn. The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)

9<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> City of London) Bn. The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The London Irish Rifles

### 2<sup>nd</sup> London Infantry Brigade (3)

Headquarters, 2<sup>nd</sup> London Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Queen's Westminsters

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The London Scottish

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The London Rifle Brigade

### 3<sup>rd</sup> London Infantry Brigade (4)

Headquarters, 3<sup>rd</sup> London Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Rangers

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Rangers

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Tower Hamlet Rifles

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Tower Hamlet Rifles

### Divisional Troops

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Queen Victoria's Rifles (5)

Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> London Divisional Royal Artillery

64<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup> London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (6)

(H.Q., 253<sup>rd</sup> (18<sup>th</sup> London) & 254<sup>th</sup> (19<sup>th</sup> London) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

90<sup>th</sup> (City of London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (7)

(H.Q., 357<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> City of London) & 358<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> City of London) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> London Divisional Royal Engineers  
220<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> London) Field Company, Royal Engineers (8)  
223<sup>rd</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> London) Field Company, Royal Engineers (8)

1<sup>st</sup> London Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals (9)

## NOTES:

1. This formation was a first line Territorial Army Division, with its headquarters based at Finsbury Barracks, City Road, London EC1. It was formed in 1908 with the inception of the Territorial Force. In 1916, it was redesignated as the 56<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> London) Division. When the Territorial Army was reconstituted in 1920, the division was reformed as the 56<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> London) Division. The 47<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> London) Division was disbanded in 1936, leading to some changes in the establishment of this division. The remaining T.A. formation in London District was retitled simply as The London Division. It was reorganized as a motor division in 1938 remaining in the United Kingdom during 1939 and 1940. On 18 November 1940, it was redesignated as:  
**56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Division**  
The division left the U.K. on 25 August 1942 bound for Iraq. It later served in Tunisia and throughout the Italian campaign.
2. This was a first line Territorial Army brigade. The headquarters of the brigade was based at the R.H.Q. of the Grenadier Guards at Birdcage Walk. The three battalions were all first line T.A. battalions. The 8<sup>th</sup> Bn. Royal Fusiliers were based at Fusilier Hall, Handel Street, St. Pancras, the 9<sup>th</sup> Bn. Royal Fusiliers at Balham High Road in South London, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. London Irish Rifles (whose parent regiment was the Royal Ulster Rifles) at the Duke of York's Headquarters in Chelsea Barracks. On 28 November 1940, the brigade was redesignated as the:  
**167<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Brigade**
3. Another first line Territorial Army brigade, the headquarters of this formation were located at Finsbury Barracks. The battalions were all first line battalions. The 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. London Rifle Brigade, whose parent regiment was The Rifle Brigade, were based at 130, Bunhill Row, London EC1 (Moorgate). The 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. London Scottish were based at 101, Grosvenor Road, London SW1, their parent regiment being The Gordon Highlanders. The 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Queen's Westminsters were based at Queen's Hall, 58, Buckingham Gate, Westminster SW1, their parent regiment being The King's Royal Rifle Corps. On 28 November 1940, the brigade was redesignated as the:  
**168<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Brigade**
4. This formation was a first line Territorial Army brigade. It was under command of this division until 6 October 1939, when it transferred to the 2<sup>nd</sup> London Division. The 1<sup>st</sup> Rangers and 1<sup>st</sup> Tower Hamlet Rifles were first line Territorial Army battalions, based at Tottenham Court Road and in Bow respectively. The second battalions of each regiment were duplicate battalions formed upon the expansion of the T.A.. On 9 January 1940, the first battalions of the Rangers and Tower Hamlet Rifles were posted away.
5. This battalion was the divisional motor cycle battalion. It left the division on 21 May 1940 to join the 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade in Calais, where it was captured on 26 May.
6. Formed in 1916 as the 7<sup>th</sup> London Brigade, R.F.A., this regiment was first line T.A. unit. The Headquarters and 253<sup>rd</sup> Batteries were based at Fulham, with the 254<sup>th</sup> Battery being based at Shepherd's Bush. It served with the division throughout the war.
7. This regiment was formed in 1916 as the 1<sup>st</sup> London Brigade, R.F.A. and was a first line T.A. unit. All three batteries were based at Bloomsbury, London WC1. It stayed with the division until 18 March 1943, when it transferred to the 50<sup>th</sup> Division.
8. The Headquarters Royal Engineers and the two units under the command of this division were based at The Duke of York's H.Q., Chelsea.
9. The divisional signals were based at 20, Atkins Road, Clapham Park.

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