

29th Independent Infantry Brigade Group (1)

Headquarters, 29th Independent Infantry Brigade Group & Signal Section

1st Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers

2nd Bn. The Royal Welch Fusiliers

2nd Bn. The East Lancashire Regiment

2nd Bn. The South Lancashire Regiment

455th Independent Light Battery, Royal Artillery

145th Independent Light Anti-Aircraft Troop, Royal Artillery

154th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery, Royal Artillery

236th (City of Aberdeen) Field Company, Royal Engineers

29th Independent Brigade Group Company, Royal Army Service Corps

154th (Highland) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

29th Independent Brigade Group Provost Section, Corps of Military Police

NOTES:

1. This brigade was formed on 14 July 1940 with four battalions that had returned to the United Kingdom from India at the beginning of the Second World War. The brigade was posted to the embryonic Force 121 as the British Expeditionary Force for deployments overseas on combined operations. It joined Force 121 on 15 March 1942. It sailed from Greenock on 28 April 1942 bound for Madagascar, via Freetown, and Durban. It landed at Diego Suarez on 5 May 1942, the first amphibious landing by British Forces since the landings on the Dardanelles in 1916. Having secured Diego Suarez within forty-eight hours, the brigade handed over to the 22nd (East Africa) Infantry Brigade, and sailed for South Africa on 20 August 1942. The brigade then reorganised and loaded on ships to land at Majunga on the west coast on 10 September 1942. Having secured a bridgehead, the 22nd (East Africa) Infantry Brigade landed and passed through to drive into the interior and capture the capital of the island.

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