

3rd Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 3rd Infantry Division & Employment Platoon

7th Infantry Brigade (Guards) ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 7th Infantry Brigade (Guards) & Signal Section

1st Bn. Grenadier Guards

2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards

1st Bn. Coldstream Guards

7th Infantry Brigade (Guards) Anti-Tank Company

8th Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 8th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st Bn. The Suffolk Regiment

2nd Bn. The East Yorkshire Regiment (The Duke of York's Own)

2nd Bn. The Gloucestershire Regiment ⁽⁴⁾

8th Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Company

9th Infantry Brigade ⁽⁵⁾

Headquarters, 9th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Lincolnshire Regiment

1st Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers

2nd Bn. The Royal Ulster Rifles

9th Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Company

Divisional Troops

15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars ⁽⁶⁾

2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) ⁽⁷⁾

Headquarters, 3rd Divisional Royal Artillery (8)
7th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (9)
(H.Q., 9th/17th & 16th/43rd Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)
23rd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (10)
(H.Q., 60th/100th & 89th/90th Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)
33rd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (11)
(H.Q., 109th/114th & 101st/113th Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)
20th Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery (12)
(H.Q., 41st, 45th, 67th & 99th Anti-Tank Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Headquarters, 3rd Divisional Royal Engineers
246th (Welsh) Field Company, Royal Engineers (13)
248th (East Anglia) Field Company, Royal Engineers (14)
253rd (West Lancashire) Field Company, Royal Engineers (15)
15th Field Park Company, Royal Engineers (16)

3rd Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals (17)

Headquarters, 3rd Infantry Divisional Royal Army Service Corps (18)
3rd Infantry Divisional Ammunition Company, Royal Army Service Corps
3rd Infantry Divisional Petrol Company, Royal Army Service Corps
3rd Infantry Divisional Supply Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 3rd Infantry Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps
7th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
8th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
9th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
3rd Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

xx Mobile Bath Unit, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

3rd Infantry Divisional Field Cash Office, Royal Army Pay Corps

3rd Infantry Divisional Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

No. 3 Company, Corps of Military Police

NOTES:

1. A pre-war Regular Army division, with its headquarters at Bulford in Wiltshire and based in Southern Command. The division was sent to France, arriving on 30 September 1939, where it came under the command of II Corps. After evacuation from Dunkirk, the division remained in the U.K. until landing in Normandy on D-Day, 6 June 1944. It served throughout the campaign in North West Europe.
2. A Regular Army brigade, with its headquarters located at Pirbright. Both battalions of the Grenadier Guards and the Anti-Tank Company were also based at Pirbright, with the 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards being based at Chelsea Barracks, London. Later, in September 1941, this brigade was redesignated as Headquarters Guards Support Group, coming under command of the Guards Armoured Division.
3. A Regular Army formation, with the brigade headquarters at Crownhill in Plymouth. The 1st Bn. Suffolks were based in Devonport (possibly Raglan Barracks), with the 2nd East Yorkshires and 2nd Gloucesters based in the City of Plymouth. The anti-tank company was also based in Plymouth.
4. This battalion transferred to 145th Infantry Brigade, 48th Infantry Division on 5th February 1940 in exchange for a Territorial battalion, namely the:
4th Bn. The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte of Wales's)
5. A pre war Regular Army brigade, with its headquarters based at Portsmouth. The 1st Bn. K.O.S.B. was also based in Portsmouth, as was the Anti-Tank Company. The 1st Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment was based at Portland in Dorset, and the 2nd Bn. The Royal Ulster Rifles being based at Parkhurst on the Isle of Wight.
6. This regiment was under command of the division in the role of reconnaissance regiment. It left the command of the division on 31 March 1940, but remained attached it throughout the battle for France.
7. This battalion was the divisional machine gun battalion, and was based at New Barracks, Gosport in Hampshire. It was a Regular Army unit and remained with the division for the duration of the war.
8. The Commander Royal Artillery was based at Bulford, along with the divisional headquarters.
9. A Regular Army regiment, formed in 1900 as the 47th Brigade, R.F.A.. It was based at Catterick Camp in North Yorkshire, some distance from the divisional headquarters. The regiment remained with the division throughout the war.
10. A pre-war Regular Army regiment, originally formed in 1900 as the 23rd Brigade, R.F.A.. It was based in Exeter. The regiment went with the division to France, but was transferred to the 51st Division on 5 March 1940, being captured with the bulk of the 51st Division in June 1940. It was later reformed and went on to serve in Italy. It was replaced in the division by a Territorial Army unit from 51st Division, namely the:
76th (Highland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
11. A pre-war Regular Army regiment, formed in 1936, which was based at Larkhill. This Regiment served with the Division throughout the war.
12. A Regular Army regiment, formed in 1938 from the 20th Field Brigade, Royal Artillery. It was also based in Catterick Camp and served with the division throughout the war.
13. A first line Territorial Army unit, this company was based in Cardiff and was attached to this division. It continued to serve with the division for the duration of the war.

14. A first line Territorial Army company that was based in Bedford. The company left the division on 2 November 1939, transferring to the 1st Infantry Division in exchange for a Regular Army field company, namely the:
17th Field Company, Royal Engineers
15. This first line Territorial Army company was based in St. Helens, Lancashire. This company remained with the division throughout the war.
16. A regular pre-war company, which was based at Bulford and remained with the division for the duration of the war.
17. The Divisional Signals were based at Bulford.
18. On the outbreak of the Second World War, when the division mobilized, the three companies of the Royal Army Service Corps allocated to the division formed an Ammunition Company, Petrol Company and Supply Company. In this division, the 23rd Company, R.A.S.C. formed the Ammunition Company, the 47th Company, R.A.S.C. formed the Petrol Company and the 48th Company formed the Supply Column. The fourth R.A.S.C. company was not added to the divisional establishment until June 1942, when the organisation was changed to three infantry brigade companies, and one divisional troops company.

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