

43rd (Wessex) Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 43rd (Wessex) Infantry Division & Employment Platoon

128th Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 128th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st/4th Bn. The Hampshire Regiment

2nd/4th Bn. The Hampshire Regiment

5th Bn. The Hampshire Regiment

129th Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 129th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

4th Bn. The Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's)

4th Bn. The Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's)

5th Bn. The Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's)

130th Infantry Brigade ⁽⁴⁾

Headquarters, 130th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

7th Bn. The Hampshire Regiment

4th Bn. The Dorsetshire Regiment

5th Bn. The Dorsetshire Regiment

Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 43rd (Wessex) Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery

94th (Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁵⁾

(H.Q., 218th (Bournemouth) & 224th (Dorset) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

112th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁶⁾

(H.Q., 217th (Wiltshire) & 220th (Wiltshire) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

141st Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁷⁾

(H.Q., 375th (Dorset Yeomanry) & 376th (Dorset Yeomanry) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

59th (Duke of Connaught's – Hampshire) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁸⁾

(H.Q., 233rd, 234th, 235th & 236th Anti-Tank Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Headquarters, 43rd (Wessex) Infantry Divisional Royal Engineers

204th (Wessex) Field Company, Royal Engineers (9)

260th Field Company, Royal Engineers (10)

553rd *Field Company, Royal Engineers* (11)

207th (Wessex) Field Park Company, Royal Engineers (9)

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals (12)

Headquarters, 43rd (Wessex) Infantry Divisional Royal Army Service Corps (13)

43rd (Wessex) Infantry Divisional Ammunition Company, Royal Army Service Corps

43rd (Wessex) Infantry Divisional Petrol Company, Royal Army Service Corps

43rd (Wessex) Infantry Divisional Supply Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 43rd (Wessex) Infantry Divisional Royal Army Medical Corp

xx Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

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xx Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

xx Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

xx Mobile Bath Unit, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

43rd (Wessex) Infantry Divisional Field Cash Office, Royal Army Pay Corps

43rd (Wessex) Infantry Divisional Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

NOTES:

1. This was a first-line Territorial Army division, with its headquarters based at Salisbury. The division remained in Southern Command until 22 May 1940, when it moved to Eastern Command. It joined IV Corps on 19 June 1940, but on 6 November 1940, it transferred to XII Corps. It was to remain under command of this corps until landing in Normandy on 24 June 1944, and was destined to fight throughout the campaign in North-West Europe.
2. This brigade was a first-line Territorial Army brigade, based at Southampton. The 4th Bn. Hampshires was a first-line battalion, which duplicated to form the 1st/4th and 2nd/4th Battalions. The 1st/4th Battalion was based at Winchester and the 2nd/4th Battalion at Southampton. The 5th Bn. was also a first-line battalion (then known as the 5th/7th Bn.) which was also based at Southampton. The brigade left the division when it converted into a mixed division on 6 June 1942. After a short period, the brigade joined 46th Division, with which it fought in the Middle East, Italy and Greece.
3. This brigade was a first-line Territorial Army brigade, with its headquarters based at Bath. The 4th Bn. Somerset L.I. was a first-line battalion based at Bath. The 4th Bn. Wiltshires was a first-line battalion based at Trowbridge, the 5th Bn. being a second-line (duplicate) battalion also based at Trowbridge.
4. The brigade was again a first-line Territorial Army brigade, its headquarters being based at Exeter. The 7th Bn. Hampshires was a second-line battalion based at Bournemouth. The 4th Bn. Dorsets was a first-line battalion based at Dorchester, with the 5th Bn. being a duplicate battalion being based at Poole.
5. The regiment was formed in 1921 by the conversion of the Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry. The Headquarters and 224th Batteries were based at Dorchester, with the 218th Battery being based at Bournemouth. The regiment remained with the division throughout the war.
6. The regiment was formed in July 1939 as a duplicate of the 55th (Wessex) Field Regiment. All three batteries were based at Swindon. The regiment stayed with the division throughout the war. It was entitled (Wessex) in February 1942.
7. Formed in 1939 as a duplicate of the 94th Field Regiment, this regiment had its Headquarters and 376th Batteries based in Sherborne, Dorset, and the 375th Battery based at Shaftsbury. The regiment was entitled (Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry) in February 1942. In June 1942, it transferred from the 43rd Division to the 9th Armoured Division. Later it served with the 55th Division and 61st Division, both being based in the U.K..
8. The 6th (Duke of Connaught's – Hampshire) Bn. The Hampshire Regiment was converted into an anti-tank regiment in 1938 and redesignated as the 59th Anti-Tank Regiment. All five batteries were based at Portsmouth. It stayed with the division throughout the war.
9. Both of these two Royal Engineers units were first-line Territorial Army companies based in Bath. The 207th Field Park Company was only raised in 1938 or 1939. Both were destined to serve with this division throughout the war.
10. A second-line Territorial Army company based in Chippenham, Wiltshire. It also served with this division throughout the war.
11. This war-raised company joined the division on 13 January 1940. It remained with this division throughout the war.
12. The divisional signals were based in Exeter.
13. Which R.A.S.C. companies that formed the three divisional supply companies is not known.

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