

5th Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 5th Infantry Division & Employment Platoon

13th Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 13th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

2nd Bn. The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

2nd Bn. The Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's Own)

13th Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Company

17th Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 17th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers

2nd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment

6th (Morayshire) Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's)

17th Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Company

25th Infantry Brigade ⁽⁴⁾

Headquarters, 25th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

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

2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment

1st Bn. The Royal Irish Fusiliers

Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 5th Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery ⁽⁵⁾

9th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

91st (4th London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

92nd (5th London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

52nd (6th London) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery

Headquarters, 5th Infantry Divisional Royal Engineers
38th Field Company, Royal Engineers (6)
245th (Welsh) Field Company, Royal Engineers
252nd (West Lancashire) Field Company, Royal Engineers
254th (West Lancashire) Field Park Company, Royal Engineers

5th Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 5th Infantry Divisional Royal Army Service Corps (8)
5th Infantry Divisional Ammunition Company, Royal Army Service Corps
5th Infantry Divisional Petrol Company, Royal Army Service Corps
5th Infantry Divisional Supply Column, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 5th Infantry Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps (9)
141st (County of London) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
158th (Welsh) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
164th (West Lancashire) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
24th Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

9th Mobile Bath Unit, Royal Army Ordnance Corps (10)

5th Infantry Divisional Field Cash Office, Royal Army Pay Corps

5th Infantry Divisional Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

5th Infantry Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

Attached from III Corps Troops

1st/9th Bn. The Manchester Regiment (7)

NOTES:

1. The 5th Infantry Division was a pre-war Regular Army formation, which was based at Catterick Camp in Northern Command but not up to the full infantry divisional establishment. The 13th, 15th and 17th Infantry Brigades were dispatched to France in September 1939 as independent infantry brigades. The divisional headquarters arrived in France on 19 December under the command of Major General Harold Edmund FRANKLYN, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*, and by 30 December, the division had reformed as a formation. It joined II Corps with effect from 23 December 1939, but transferred to III Corps on 8 April 1940. The War Office warned the divisional commander to prepare for potential operations in Finland and Norway, in the end, only the 15th Infantry Brigade was detached to Norway on 16 April 1940. The division was under command of G.H.Q. B.E.F. between 1 and 9 May 1940. The 15th Infantry Brigade rejoined the division on 3 July 1940 after the division had returned to the United Kingdom. The 25th Infantry Brigade was attached to this division with effect from 3 May 1940 to replace the 15th Infantry Brigade, but it transferred to the 50th Infantry Division on 9 May. With the German invasion of the Low Countries, the division came under command of III Corps on 10 April and advanced into Belgium. On 15 May, the division transferred to the command of I Corps. Four days later on 19 May, it was detached to come under G.H.Q. B.E.F. with the 50th Infantry Division to form 'Frank Force' in order to defend the Arras area following the German Army breakthrough of Allied lines. On 26 May, it was sent north again to join II Corps along the line of the Ypres – Comines Canal. The division fell back with II Corps to be evacuated from Dunkirk on 31 May 1940. On its return to the United Kingdom, the division re-equipped before the 13th and 17th Brigades were detached for the invasion of Madagascar in April 1942. The rest of the division went to India, where the units were reunited in August 1942. The division was only in India for a short period, leaving on 20 August 1942 to travel by sea to Iraq to counter the threat of a German invasion through the Caucasus Mountains. From Iraq, the division moved to Syria to join XIII Corps for the invasion of Sicily. From Sicily, the division moved onto the Italian mainland. Finally, the 'Globe Trotters' as the division called itself moved to North West Europe in early 1945 to finish the war in Germany. Although few men served with this division for the duration of the war, those that did were the most travelled servicemen in the British Army.
2. One of the Regular Army pre-war brigades in this division, Brigadier H. B. D. WILLCOX commanded this brigade until Brigadier (Acting) Miles Christopher DEMPSEY, M.C., *p.s.c.* assumed command of 14 November 1939. Brigadier DEMPSEY retained command throughout the 1940 campaign in France and Belgium, handing over to Brigadier D. N. WIMBERLEY back in the U.K. on 19 July 1940. Brigadier DEMPSEY later rose to the command of 2nd Army in North West Europe.
3. Another pre-war Regular Army brigade, Brigadier (Acting) Montagu George North STOPFORD, M.C., *p.s.c.*, commanded this formation from 5 October 1939 until 28 January 1941. STOPFORD later commanded XXXIII Indian Corps in the 1944 and 1945 campaigns in Burma.

4. This brigade was formed in the United Kingdom on 1 November 1939 with the intention of being deployed on Lines of Communication duties with the B.E.F.. Brigadier (Temporary) William Havelock Chaplin RAMSDEN, M.C., commanded the brigade. At this time, it comprised three Territorial Army units, the 4th Bn. The Buffs, 4th Bn. The Border Regiment and 1st/5th Bn. The Sherwood Foresters. The brigade moved to France, arriving on 18 November 1939. On 3 May 1940, the brigade headquarters came under command of the 5th Infantry Division to replace the 15th Infantry Brigade, which had been deployed to Norway. The brigade ceased to command the three battalions formerly under its jurisdiction, and took command of the three battalions shown above. It is not known if this brigade had formed an anti-tank company as the other brigades in the B.E.F. had done. The brigade transferred to the 50th Infantry Division on 9 May 1940, and then transferred to the 46th Infantry Division on 21 May 1940. Finally, it came under command of the 2nd Infantry Division on 26 May 1940. After it was evacuated from Dunkirk, it joined the 47th (London) Infantry Division in the United Kingdom.
5. The Commander Royal Artillery for this division during this period was Brigadier (Acting) John Redmond BARRY, D.S.O., *p.s.c.*.
6. This field company replaced the 506th Field Company on 29 January 1940 transferring from the 2nd Infantry Division. This field company was due to be detached to be sent to Norway with the 15th Infantry Division, but another field company was dispatched instead.
7. 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 80th Company, R.A.S.C. formed the Ammunition Company, the 69th Company, R.A.S.C. formed the Petrol Company and the 2nd 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.
8. As the division did not have any medical units allocated pre-war, when it mobilised it gained three Territorial Army field ambulances under command of the Assistant Director of Medical Services for the division. A field hygiene section also joined on mobilisation.
9. In 1940, each infantry division was allocated one Mobile Bath Unit from the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, but the field park and workshop units were Corps Troops.
10. A Territorial Army unit, this battalion was attached from Corps Troops as the divisional machine gun battalion during the campaign in France and Belgium.

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