

50th (Northumbrian) Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 50th (Northumbrian) Infantry Division & Employment Platoon

25th Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 25th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment

1st Bn. The Royal Irish Fusiliers

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

150th Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 150th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

4th Bn. The East Yorkshire Regiment (Duke of York's Own)

4th Bn. The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment)

5th Bn. The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment)

151st Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 151st Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

6th Bn. The Durham Light Infantry

8th Bn. The Durham Light Infantry

9th Bn. The Durham Light Infantry

Divisional Troops

4th Bn. The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers ⁽⁴⁾

Headquarters, 50th (Northumbrian) Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery

72nd (Northumbrian) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

74th (Northumbrian) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

65th Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁵⁾

Headquarters, 50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Royal Engineers

232nd (Northumbrian) Field Company, Royal Engineers

505th Field Company, Royal Engineers

235th (Northumbrian) Field Park Company, Royal Engineers

50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 50th (Northumbrian) Infantry Divisional Royal Army Service Corps (6)

50th (Northumbrian) Infantry Divisional Ammunition Company, Royal Army Service Corps

50th (Northumbrian) Infantry Divisional Petrol Company, Royal Army Service Corps

50th (Northumbrian) Infantry Divisional Supply Column, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 50th (Northumbrian) Infantry Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps

149th (Northumbrian) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

150th (Northumbrian) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

183rd Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps (7)

22nd Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

xx Mobile Bath Unit, Royal Army Ordnance Corps (8)

50th (Northumbrian) Infantry Divisional Field Cash Office, Royal Army Pay Corps

50th (Northumbrian) Infantry Divisional Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

50th (Northumbrian) Infantry Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

Attached from II Corps Troops

NOTES:

1. The division was a Territorial Army formation, which at the outbreak of war, was organised as a motor division with two brigades. It arrived in France on 20 January 1940 and was placed under the command of the B.E.F.. The division was retained as a G.H.Q. Reserve until 29 March 1940, when it came under the command of II Corps. Following the German invasion, it came under the command of the B.E.F. again, and then III Corps for a day before returning to the command of II Corps. On 19 May 1940, the division was ordered to concentrate on the Vimy Ridge north of Arras. The division fought in the battle for the Ypres – Comines Canal between 26 and 28 May. The division was evacuated from Dunkirk on 1 June 1940, returning to the United Kingdom.
2. This brigade had been formed in the United Kingdom on 1 November 1939. It then comprised of the following battalions, the 4th Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment), the 4th (Westmorland) Bn. The Border Regiment and the 1st/5th Bn. The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment). The 4th Buffs were transferred from 133rd Infantry Brigade in 44th Infantry Division, the 4th Bn. Borders from 126th Brigade in 42nd Division, and 1st/5th Sherwood Foresters from 148th Brigade in 49th Division. The brigade arrived in France on 18 November 1939, and was allocated to Lines of Communication duties. On 4 May 1940, the three above battalions left the command of the brigade to be replaced by the three battalions shown on the order of battle. It is presumed the three battalions which joined the brigade were already in France on L.o.C. duties. The brigade was placed under the command of 5th Division from 4 to 9 May 1940, from which it transferred to the 50th Division. On 18 and 19 May, the brigade was attached to 3rd Division, then returning to the 50th Division. It left again on 21 May to the 46th Division, and then on 26 May 1940, it joined 2nd Division. The brigade was evacuated from Dunkirk on 31 May 1940. On return to the U.K., the brigade joined the 2nd London division, with which it remained until the end of the war.
3. This was a Territorial Army brigade, also known as the York and Durham Brigade. Brigadier (Temporary) Hubert Stanley KREYER, D.S.O., O.B.E., a Regular Army officer, commanded the brigade from the 21st January 1939 until 9 April 1940. Lieutenant Colonel BUSH officiated until 26 April 1940, when Brigadier C. W. HAYDON assumed command.
4. This unit was the divisional motor cycle battalion allocated for the reconnaissance role.
5. This regiment had joined the division on 20 November 1939, transferring from the 18th Infantry Division.
6. 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 522nd Company, R.A.S.C. formed the Ammunition Company, the 523rd Company, R.A.S.C. formed the Petrol Company and the 524th 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.
7. This Field Ambulance was attached from the 46th Infantry Division.
8. 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.

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