

61st Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 61st Infantry Division & Employment Platoon

182nd Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 182nd Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd/7th Bn. The Royal Warwickshire Regiment

9th Bn. The Royal Warwickshire Regiment

9th Bn. The Worcestershire Regiment

183rd Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 183rd Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

7th Bn. The Gloucestershire Regiment

10th Bn. The Worcestershire Regiment

4th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment ⁽⁴⁾

184th Infantry Brigade ⁽⁵⁾

Headquarters, 184th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

5th Bn. The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

2nd Buckinghamshire Bn. The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

6th Bn. The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte of Wales's)

Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 61st Divisional Royal Artillery

119th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁶⁾

(H.Q., 267th (Worcester) & 268th (Worcester) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

120th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁷⁾

(H.Q., 270th (Warwick) & 272nd (Warwick) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

145th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁸⁾

(H.Q., 395th (Berkshire Yeomanry) & 396th (Berkshire Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery)

63rd Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁹⁾

(H.Q., 249th, 250th, 251st & 252nd Anti-Tank Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Headquarters, 61st Divisional Royal Engineers

266th Field Company, Royal Engineers (10)

267th Field Company, Royal Engineers (10)

268th Field Company, Royal Engineers (10)

269th Field Park Company, Royal Engineers (10)

61st Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals (11)

Headquarters, 61st Infantry Divisional Royal Army Service Corps (12)

61st Infantry Divisional Ammunition Company, Royal Army Service Corps

61st Infantry Divisional Petrol Company, Royal Army Service Corps

61st Infantry Divisional Supply Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 61st Infantry Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps

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

61st Infantry Divisional Field Cash Office, Royal Army Pay Corps

61st Infantry Divisional Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

No. xx Company, Corps of Military Police (17)

NOTES:

1. A second line Territorial Army division, formed as the duplicate of the 48th (South Midland) Division. Major General Robert John COLLINS, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., *p.s.c.*, a retired officer recalled to Active Service, assumed command of the new division on its formation with effect from 1 September 1939, but on 29 November 1939, he was replaced by Major General (Acting) Adrian CARTON de WIART, V.C., D.S.O.. Major General COLLINS was posted to become the Commandant of the Staff College in place of Major General PAGET. The division remained in the U.K. throughout the war although in April 1940, the divisional commander and staff formed the Headquarters 'Maurice Force' which was sent to Norway. In June 1940, it was sent to Northern Ireland to come under of the Northern Ireland District. It left the province in February 1943 to return to the mainland, where it came under command of XI Corps District and then in May 1943, II Corps District. In October 1943, it came under South Eastern Command, and transferred to Eastern Command when the South Eastern Command was disbanded in November 1944. It was re-organised as a light division in August 1945, in preparation for deployment in the Far East, however, the Japanese surrender meant this was not necessary, and the division was disbanded. It was not reformed post-war.
2. A second line T.A. brigade, duplicate of 143rd Brigade, which was commanded by Temporary Brigadier Reginald John CASH, M.C., T.D., with effect from 24 August 1939. The 2nd/7th Bn. Warwicks based at Nuneaton and the 9th Bn. Warwicks based in Birmingham were both duplicate battalions. The 9th Bn. Worcesters, a second line T.A. battalion based at Oldbury, should have been under command of 183rd Brigade, but appears to have come under this brigade prior to September 1939 instead of a battalion from the Northamptonshire Regiment. This battalion remained with the brigade throughout the war. On 15 February 1940, Brigadier E. S. B. WILLIAMS replaced Brigadier CASH as Commanding Officer of the brigade. This brigade remained with this division throughout the war, albeit with a change of units in 1944.
3. This brigade was a second line T.A. brigade. Brigadier (Temporary) William Ralph PRESCOTT, M.C.** commanded the brigade until 28 September 1939, when Brigadier T. D. DALY assumed command. On 3 September 1939, the brigade comprised two duplicate battalions, the 7th Gloucesters based at Stroud and the 10th Worcesters at Evesham. The third battalion of this brigade, the 9th Worcesters, came under the command of 182nd Brigade. On 6 November 1939, the 4th Bn. Northhamptons (a first line T.A. battalion based at Northampton) joined the brigade. This brigade also remained with the division for the duration of the war, again with a significant change of units in 1944.
4. At the outbreak of the war, this first line T.A. battalion was under command of South Midland Area and was based at Northampton. It joined this brigade on 6th November 1939 (see above).
5. This was another second line T.A. brigade. Brigadier C. St. Q. FULLBROOK-LEGGATT commanded this brigade until April 1941. The 5th Bn. Oxs and Bucks was based at Oxford. The 2nd Buckinghamshire Bn. was based at Slough, with the 6th Royal Berkshires being based at Reading. It remained with the division throughout the war, again with a change of units in 1944.
6. This regiment was formed in June 1939 as a duplicate of the 67th Field Regiment. The H.Q. and 268th Batteries were based at Dudley, with the 267th Battery being based at Easemore, Redditch. The regiment served with the division throughout the war. It was entitled (South Midland) in February 1942.

7. This regiment was formed in July 1939 as a duplicate of the 68th Field Regiment. The H.Q. and 270th Batteries were based in Birmingham, with the 272nd Battery being based at Rugby. The regiment served with the division in the U.K. until June 1944, when it transferred to the 48th Reserve Division also in the U.K. It was entitled (South Midland) in February 1942.
8. This regiment was the third duplicate regiment in the division. Formed in June 1939, it was the second line regiment of the 99th (Buckinghamshire & Berkshire Yeomanry) Field Regiment. The H.Q. and 396th Batteries were based at Newbury, and the 395th Battery was based at Windsor. The regiment was entitled in the same way as its parent regiment in February 1942. The regiment stayed in the U.K. with the division until January 1945, when it sailed for India to see the end of the war in the Far East.
9. Formed in 1939, this regiment was the duplicate of the 53rd (Worcestershire and Oxfordshire Yeomanry) Anti-Tank Regiment. All the five batteries were based in Oxford. The regiment remained in the U.K. until September 1944 when it went to North West Europe with 2nd Army. This regiment took the designation of the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars Yeomanry in February 1942, with its parent regiment becoming the Worcestershire Hussars Yeomanry.
10. The H.Q. Royal Engineers was based at Olton, Birmingham with both field companies. In late 1939 and early 1940, the 268th Field Company and 269th Field Park Company (both also based at Olton) joined the division.
11. The divisional signals are believed to have been based alongside its parent unit in Birmingham.
12. It is not known which companies formed the three divisional supply units.

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