

Welsh Area

Regular Depots in the Area

The Royal Welch Fusiliers	– Wrexham
The Welch Regiment	– Cardiff
The South Wales Borderers	– Brecon
The King's Shropshire Light Infantry	– Shrewsbury

Regular Troops in the Area

2nd Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) (1)

Militia in the Area

Territorial Army Troops in the Area

The Shropshire Yeomanry (2)

70th Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery (3)
(H.Q., 277th, 278th, 279th & 280th Anti-Tank Batteries, Royal Artillery)

61st (Caernarvon and Denbigh Yeomanry) Medium Regiment,
Royal Artillery (4)
(H.Q., 242nd (Caernarvon) & 243rd (Denbigh) Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)

69th Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery (5)
(H.Q., 241st (Caernarvon) & 244th (Denbigh) Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)

246th (Welsh) Field Company, Royal Engineers (6)

NOTES:

1. This battalion was based at Pembroke Dock. It was deployed to France, joining the 131st Infantry Brigade on the 4th May 1940.
2. Based in Shrewsbury, this regiment was converted in February 1940 into an artillery role, becoming the:
75th (Shropshire Yeomanry) Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery.
The regiment served in the U.K. until leaving for the Middle East in March 1943. It fought in North Africa under command of the 8th Army, moving to Italy in September 1943, where it fought for the rest of the war.
In April 1940, the regiment formed a duplicate regiment, namely the:
76th (Shropshire Yeomanry) Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery
Again, this regiment ended the war in Italy, having served in Iraq from February 1943 to May 1943, and then Palestine. It moved to Italy in April 1944.
3. This regiment was formed in 1939 as the duplicate of the 60th (Royal Welch Fusiliers) Anti-Tank Regiment. All five batteries were based in Mold. The regiment was allocated to the 38th Infantry Division, formally joining that division in October 1939. It continued to serve with that division, based in the U.K., until the end of the war.
4. This regiment was formerly the 61st (Caernarvon and Denbigh (Yeomanry) Medium Brigade, R.G.A.. Headquarters and 243rd Batteries were based in Colwyn Bay, with the 242nd battery being based in Llandudno. It started the war under the command of Home Forces, but went to France with the B.E.F. in October 1939. After evacuation from Dunkirk, the regiment remained in the U.K. until landing in Normandy with the 8th Army Group, Royal Artillery. The regiment fought throughout the campaign in North West Europe until the end of the war.
5. In 1939, the 61st Medium Regiment formed a duplicate regiment, known as the 69th Medium Regiment. Headquarters and 241st Batteries were based in Bangor, with the 244th Battery being based in Wrexham. The regiment deployed to France from September 1939 until evacuated in May 1940. In December 1942, it joined the 8th Army in North Africa, later serving in Palestine and Italy. The regiment transferred to North West Europe in April 1945, where it served until the end of the war.

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