

1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Armoured Brigade (1)

Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Armoured Brigade and Signal Section

11<sup>th</sup> Armoured Regiment (Ontario Regiment)

12<sup>th</sup> Armoured Regiment (Three Rivers Regiment/Le Regiment de Trois-Rivieres)

14<sup>th</sup> Armoured Regiment (Calgary Regiment)

2<sup>nd</sup> Light Field Ambulance, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps

1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Brigade Company, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps

1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Brigade Ordnance Field Park, Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps

1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Brigade Workshop, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

3<sup>rd</sup> Provost Section, Canadian Provost Corps

## NOTES:

1. This brigade was formed in Canada in February 1941 as the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Tank Brigade. All three of the constituent regiments were part of the six militia regiments designated as the first tank regiments in the Canadian Army on 15 December 1936. The Ontario Regiment and the Three Rivers Regiment mobilised on 1 September 1939. The brigade transferred to the United Kingdom in July 1941, where it was equipped with Matilda Mark II tanks. The Calgary Regiment was deployed at Dieppe on 19 August 1942. The brigade sailed from the United Kingdom direct to Sicily where it arrived on 13 July 1943 to join XIII Corps. Only the Three Rivers Regiment fought in Sicily in support of the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Infantry Division, the brigade headquarters and the other two regiments landing at Syracuse at the end of the campaign. It was whilst the brigade was in Sicily that it was re-equipped with Sherman tanks and redesignated as an armoured brigade, with the tank regiments becoming armoured regiments. On 3 September 1943, the brigade crossed the Straits of Messina, the Ontario Regiment being detached to support the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. The brigade fought alongside the other Canadian formations throughout the Italian campaign until moving to North West Europe in March 1945.

## SOURCES:

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