

1st Canadian Infantry Division (1)

Headquarters, 1st Canadian Infantry Division
Divisional Headquarters Defence & Employment Platoon

1st Canadian Infantry Brigade (2)

Headquarters, 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

The Royal Canadian Regiment
The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment
The 48th Highlanders of Canada

2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade (3)

Headquarters, 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada
The Loyal Edmonton Regiment

3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade (4)

Headquarters, 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

Le Royal 22e Regiment
The Carleton and York Regiment
The West Nova Scotia Regiment

Divisional Troops

4th Reconnaissance Regiment (Princess Louise's Dragoon Guards) (5)

The Saskatoon Light Infantry (6)

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Divisional Royal Canadian Artillery (7)

1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery
2nd Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery
3rd Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery
1st Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery
2nd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Divisional Royal Canadian Engineers

1st Field Company, Royal Canadian Engineers

3rd Field Company, Royal Canadian Engineers

4th Field Company, Royal Canadian Engineers

2nd Field Park Company, Royal Canadian Engineers

1st Bridging Platoon, Royal Canadian Engineers

1st Canadian Divisional Signals, Royal Canadian Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Divisional Royal Canadian Army Service Corps

1st Canadian Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps

2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps

3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps

1st Canadian Infantry Divisional Troops Company, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Divisional Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps

4th Field Ambulance, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps

5th Field Ambulance, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps

9th Field Ambulance, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps

1st Field Dressing Station, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps

2nd Field Dressing Station, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps

2nd Field Hygiene Section, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps

Headquarters, 1st Infantry Divisional Royal Canadian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

1st Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop, Royal Canadian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop, Royal Canadian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop, Royal Canadian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

1st Canadian Divisional Troops Workshop, Royal Canadian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

1st Canadian Infantry Divisional Ordnance Field Park, Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps

1st Mobile Laundry and Bath Unit, Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps

1st Canadian Infantry Divisional Postal Unit, Canadian Postal Corps

1st Field Cash Office, Royal Canadian Army Pay Corps

1st Provost Company, (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) Canadian Provost Corps

1st Field Security Section, Canadian Intelligence Corps

NOTES:

1. Pre-war, The Canadian Army consisted of the Permanent Forces and the Non-Permanent Active Militia. On mobilisation at the outbreak of war, both became part of the Canadian Active Service Force. The 1st Infantry Division was activated on 1 September 1939. The 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade was raised in Ontario. It embarked for the United Kingdom on 17 December 1939, and arrived at Greenock on 25 December 1939. The 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade was raised in Western Canada. It embarked for the United Kingdom on 22 December 1939, and arrived at Greenock on 30 December. The 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade was raised in Quebec and the Maritimes. It was the first brigade to reach the United Kingdom on 17 December. On arrival in the U.K., it was concentrated in the Aldershot area. Following the evacuation of the bulk of the B.E.F. from Dunkirk, the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade was sent to France in June 1940, but was withdrawn soon after landing. The division remained in the U.K. until sailing for Sicily, where it landed on 10 July 1943. Major General SALMON was the General Officer Commanding the Division, until he died in an air crash near R.A.F. Chivenor in North Devon on 29 April 1943. Major General G. G. SIMONDS, C.B.E., D.S.O., assumed command of the Division upon the death of Major General SALMON, and led the Division throughout the Sicily campaign. It moved into Italy in September 1943. Major General SIMONDS was promoted to command a Corps so Major General C. VOKES, C.B.E., D.S.O., assumed command on 1 November 1943. Finally, Major General H. W. FOSTER, C.B.E., D.S.O., was promoted to command the Division on 1 December 1944, and he remained in command until 15 September 1945 when the formation was disbanded in Germany. In March 1945, the division together with the rest of the I Canadian Corps transferred from Italy to North West Europe in order to bring all the Canadian formations together in one theatre of operations. The division disbanded in Holland on 15 September 1945.
2. Brigadier H. D. GRAHAM commanded this brigade from 15 January until 17 December 1943, i.e., during the campaign in Sicily and first operations in Italy. On 18 December 1943, Brigadier D. C. SPRY, D.S.O. replaced him, remaining as brigade commander until 12 July 1944. Brigadier J. A. CALDER then commanded the brigade from 13 July until 8 December 1944, when Brigadier J. D. B. SMITH, C.B.E., D.S.O., assumed command. He relinquished command on 2 June 1945, when the brigade disbanded.
3. During its period of active service, this brigade had four commanders. Brigadier C. YOKES, D.S.O. commanded the formation from 24 June 1942 until 31 October 1943, to be followed by Brigadier B. M. HOFFMEISTER, D.S.O. until 19 March 1944. Brigadier T. G. GIBSON replaced Brigadier HOFFMEISTER, with effect from 13 April 1944, and he remained in command until 6 October 1944. The final commanding officer was Brigadier M. P. BOGERT, D.S.O., O.B.E., who was in command from 7 October 1944 until 4 June 1945.
4. Brigadier M. H. S. PENHALE commanded this Brigade from 8 April 1943 until 11 October of that year. Brigadier T. G. GIBSON assumed command on 12 October 1943 and remained in command until 12 April 1944. Brigadier J. P. E. BERNATCHEZ, D.S.O., O.B.E., was the last commanding officer of the Brigade from 13 April 1944 until 2 June 1945.
5. This was the division's reconnaissance regiment, but in October 1944, it was converted into an infantry role and came under command of the new 12th Brigade of the 5th Armoured Division. Its place as this division's reconnaissance regiment was taken by:
1st Canadian Armoured Car Regiment (Royal Canadian Dragoons)
Formerly, this was the armoured car regiment of I Canadian Corps.
6. This unit was the divisional machine gun battalion.

7. Brigadier A. B. MATTHEWS, D.S.O. was the Commander Royal Artillery of the 1st Canadian Infantry Division from 15 January 1943 until 3 March 1944. Brigadier W. S. ZIEGLER, D.S.O., E.D., succeeded him and remained in post until 23 August 1945.

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