

## 15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division <sup>(1)</sup>

Divisional Headquarters, 15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division  
Headquarters Defence & Employment Platoon

### 44<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade <sup>(2)</sup>

Headquarters, 44<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

8<sup>th</sup> (Lothians and Peebleshire) Bn. The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)

6<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers <sup>(3)</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> (The Border) Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers

### 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade <sup>(4)</sup>

Headquarters, 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

9<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Glasgow Highlanders

7<sup>th</sup> (Morayshire) Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's)

### 227<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade <sup>(5)</sup>

Headquarters, 227<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

10<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Gordon Highlanders

### Divisional Troops

15<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps <sup>(6)</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) <sup>(7)</sup>

Headquarters, 15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Divisional Royal Artillery

131<sup>st</sup> (Lowland – City of Glasgow) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

181<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(8)</sup>

190<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(9)</sup>

97<sup>th</sup> Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(10)</sup>

119<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(11)</sup>

Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Divisional Royal Engineers

20<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers (12)

278<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers

279<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers

1624<sup>th</sup> Field Park Company, Royal Engineers (13)

26<sup>th</sup> Bridging Platoon, Royal Engineers (14)

15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps

153<sup>rd</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

193<sup>rd</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

194<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

22<sup>nd</sup> Field Dressing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps

23<sup>rd</sup> Field Dressing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps

40<sup>th</sup> Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

Headquarters, 15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Divisional Royal Army Service Corps

283<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

284<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

399<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

62<sup>nd</sup> Divisional Troops Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Divisional Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

44<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Workshop, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Workshop, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

227<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Workshop, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Divisional Ordnance Field Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Divisional Postal Unit, Royal Engineers

15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

## NOTES:

1. Originally formed in 1939 as the duplicate of the 52<sup>nd</sup> (Lowland) Infantry Division, this division had remained in the United Kingdom since formation. It had been placed on lower establishment in November 1941, but was placed on higher establishment and re-organised as a mixed division in March 1943. The armoured brigade left the division in September 1943, it reverting to a traditional infantry division establishment. The division arrived in Normandy on 14 June 1944 (D + 8). It was involved in the battle for The Odon between 25 June and 2 July 1944, under the command of XII Corps. It then fought in the battle for Caen between 4 and 18 July 1944, and the battle for Mont Pincon between 30 July and 9 August 1944. It crossed the River Seine at St. Pierre de Vouvray at the head of XII Corps on 29 August. The Division, still under XII Corps, was involved in the battle of the Nederrijn (Operation Market Garden) between 17 and 27 September 1944. In January 1945, it transferred to XXX Corps, and took part in the battle for the Rhineland between 8 February and 10 March 1945. The Division, now under command of XII Corps, was one of the two British Divisions to lead the crossing of the River Rhine. The assault units launched their attack at 02.00 hours on 24 March 1945. It transferred to VIII Corps for the final advance into Germany. In early 1947, the division returned to the United Kingdom, and was disbanded. As a second line T.A. formation, it was not reformed as part of the reconstituted Territorial Army.
2. This was one of the original brigades in the division when it was formed in 1939. This brigade and all the constituent battalions were disbanded in 1947. The 8<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Royal Scots and 6<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Border Regiment were original battalions from the formation of the brigade.
3. This battalion transferred into this brigade from the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade on 28 December 1942.
4. This was also one of the original brigades. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Glasgow Highlanders was the only original battalion to remain with the brigade throughout the war. The 9<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Cameronians transferred in from the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade on 28 December 1942, and the 7<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders transferred in on 15 November 1941 from 216<sup>th</sup> Independent Infantry Brigade (Home).
5. This brigade was formed on 15 February 1941 for service in the United Kingdom. The 10<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Highland Light Infantry transferred to this brigade from 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade on 3 December 1942. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Gordon Highlanders joined this brigade on 31 July 1943. The original 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion had been captured at Singapore in February 1942, so the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion was redesignated on 28 May 1942 as the replacement 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders was formed on 5 May 1942 by the redesignation of the 15<sup>th</sup> Bn. of the regiment. This was due to the capture of the original 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion by the Japanese in Singapore on 15 February 1942. It remained with the brigade throughout the war.
6. Formed in January 1941, as the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Reconnaissance Corps, the regiment was designated as shown on 1 January 1944.
7. This battalion was the divisional machine gun unit, originally joining the division as the support battalion on 1 October 1943. It was designated as the machine gun battalion on 18 March 1944. The battalion had been formed in 1939 as the 2<sup>nd</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, but was redesignated on 28 May 1942 following the capture of the original 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in Hong Kong in December 1941.

8. This regiment was formed in March 1942 by the conversion of the 6<sup>th</sup> Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry. It joined this division on 7 November 1942.
9. This unit was formed in December 1942 by personnel from 9<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division. It joined this division on 29 March 1943.
10. This regiment had been formed in July 1942 with batteries transferred from the 63<sup>rd</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> Anti-Tank Regiments. It joined this division in August 1942. It left in December 1944 to be disbanded. It was replaced by:  
102<sup>nd</sup> (Northumberland Hussars) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery  
This regiment transferred in from 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division on 5 December 1944.
11. This unit was formed in February 1942 by the conversion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. It joined this division on 18 May 1943.
12. This field company joined the division on 26 March 1943 when it was raised to the higher establishment.
13. The field park company joined the division on 14 January 1943.
14. The bridging platoon joined the division on 1 October 1943.

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