

5th Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 5th Infantry Division
Divisional Headquarters Defence & Employment Platoon
xx Field Security Section, Intelligence Corps

13th Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 13th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)
2nd Bn. The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers ⁽²⁾
2nd Bn. The Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's Own)

15th Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 15th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st Bn. The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment)
1st Bn. The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
1st Bn. The York and Lancaster Regiment

17th Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 17th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers
2nd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment
6th (Morayshire) Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's)

Divisional Troops

5th Regiment, Reconnaissance Corps ⁽³⁾

7th Bn. The Cheshire Regiment ⁽⁴⁾

Headquarters, 5th Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery
91st (4th London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
92nd (5th London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
156th (Lanarkshire Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
52nd (6th London) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery
18th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery

Headquarters, 5th Infantry Divisional Royal Engineers
38th Field Company, Royal Engineers
245th (Welsh) Field Company, Royal Engineers
252nd (West Lancashire) Field Company, Royal Engineers
254th (West Lancashire) Field Park Company, Royal Engineers

5th Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 5th Infantry Divisional Royal Army Service Corps (5)
19th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
34th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
51st Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
xx Divisional Troops Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 5th Infantry Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps
141st (County of London) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
158th (Welsh) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
164th (West Lancashire) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
24th Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

xx Mobile Bath Unit, Royal Army Ordnance Corps (7)

5th Infantry Divisional Field Cash Office, Royal Army Pay Corps

5th Infantry Divisional Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

5th Infantry Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

NOTES:

1. The 5th Infantry Division was a pre-war Regular Army formation, which was based at Catterick Camp in Northern Command. It was not up to the full infantry divisional establishment. The division had arrived in France in December 1939 with only two brigades. It was brought up to establishment and joined II Corps, and later III Corps. The division fought at the battle of the Ypres – Comines Canal between 26 and 28 May 1940 whilst under the command of II Corps. The division was evacuated from Dunkirk in Late May 1940. On its return to the United Kingdom, the division was re-equipped before the 13th and 17th Brigades were detached for the invasion of Madagascar in April 1942. The rest of the division went to India, where the units were reunited in August 1942. The division was only in India for a short period, leaving on 20 August 1942 to travel by sea to Iraq. On arrival on 28 August 1942, it came under command of III Corps in Iraq, later moving to Persia. It left on 31 January 1943 to travel by land through Syria to Egypt, where it joined XIII Corps in preparation for the landing in Sicily on 10 July 1943. It fought throughout the campaign, moving to Italy on 3 September 1943 under the command of XIII Corps. It transferred to X Corps and took part in the battle for the River Sangro between 19 November and 3 December 1943. The following month, on 17 January 1944, the division launched a crossing of the River Garigliano. Casualties were heavy as the division battled until 31 January to secure a salient in the German Line. It was withdrawn from the mainland and landed in the Anzio beach-head on 12 March 1944, under the command of U.S. VI Corps. It fought through the battle for Anzio and onto the battle for Rome. The division was withdrawn from the line and left for Egypt on 3 July 1944. It did not stay in Egypt long, moving into Palestine in late July 1944. In March 1945, it arrived in North West Europe becoming part of the British Army of the Rhine, under the command of XXX Corps. The division disbanded in January 1948.
2. This battalion left the Brigade on the 14th July 1944. It temporarily came under the command of Middle East Forces, before merging with the 6th Bn. The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in 36th (Irish) Infantry Brigade, 78th Infantry Division. The new merged battalion adopted the designation of the 2nd Battalion. The battalion was replaced by:
5th Bn. The Essex Regiment
This battalion transferred in from XIII Corps Troops having left the 19th Indian Infantry Brigade on 3 March 1944.
3. With the absorption of the Reconnaissance Corps by the Royal Armoured Corps on 1 January 1944, the designation of this regiment changed to:
5th Reconnaissance Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps
4. The battalion was the divisional machine gun battalion.
5. The number of the Divisional Troops Company is not currently known.
6. The number of the Mobile Laundry & Bath Unit is not currently known.

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