

5th Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Divisional Headquarters, 3rd Infantry Division
Headquarters Defence & Employment Platoon
xx Field Security Section, Intelligence Corps

13th Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 13th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

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2nd Bn. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

2nd Bn. The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

2nd Bn. The Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's)

15th Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 15th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

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

Headquarters, 17th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

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 Reconnaissance Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps

7th Bn. The Cheshire Regiment ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 5th Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery
91st (4th London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
92nd (5th London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (3)
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
18th Bridging Platoon, Royal Engineers

5th Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 5th Infantry Divisional Royal Army Service Corps
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

3rd Divisional Ordnance Field Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps
xx Mobile Bath Unit, Royal Army Ordnance Corps (10)

Headquarters, 5th Infantry Divisional Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
13th Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
15th Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
17th Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

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 the most travelled British formation during the Second World War. A pre-war Regular Army formation, it was based in Catterick at the outbreak of war. Understrength, it was deployed to France as part of the B.E.F., where it was brought up to establishment. Elements of the division were deployed to Norway during April 1940. Following evacuation from Dunkirk, it reformed in the U.K., and was then sent to India in March 1942. Again, elements of the division were detached to take part in the invasion of Madagascar. From India, the division was sent to Iraq, arriving in August 1942. On leaving Iraq in January 1943, the division was sent via Syria and Egypt to the Mediterranean, seeing active service in both the Sicilian and Italian campaigns. The division left Italy for Egypt on 3 July 1944. It did not stay in Egypt long, moving into Palestine in late July 1944. On 2 March 1945, it arrived in North West Europe, coming under command of 21st Army Group. It transferred to 2nd Army control on 14 April 1945, and a couple of days later, on 17 April it came under command of VIII Corps. After the cessation of hostilities on 5 May, the division was under command of XVIII U.S. Airborne Corps between 182 May and 23 May 1945, reverting to VIII Corps on 241 May. On 13 June, the division transferred to XXX Corps, which on 17 June became XXX Corps District. The division disbanded in Germany in January 1948.
2. The battalion was the divisional machine gun battalion.
3. This regiment left the division on 28 June 1945, transferring to the Guards Division. It was not replaced in this division's order of battle.

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