

51st (Highland) Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 51st (Highland) Infantry Division
Divisional Headquarters Defence & Employment Platoon
xx Field Security Section, Intelligence Corps

152nd Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 152nd Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's)

5th (Sutherland and Caithness) Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders
(Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's)

5th Bn. The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders

153rd Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 153rd Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

5th (Angus and Dundee) Bn. The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)

1st Bn. The Gordon Highlanders

5th/7th Bn. The Gordon Highlanders

154th Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 154th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st Bn. The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)

7th (Fife) Bn. The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)

7th Bn. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's)

Divisional Troops

2nd Derbyshire Yeomanry

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

Headquarters, 51st (Highland) Divisional Royal Army Service Corps
126th (Highland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
127th (Highland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
128th (Highland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
61st Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery
40th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery

Headquarters, 51st (Highland) Divisional Royal Army Service Corps
274th Field Company, Royal Engineers
275th Field Company, Royal Engineers
276th Field Company, Royal Engineers
239th (City of Aberdeen) Field Park Company, Royal Engineers
16th Bridging Platoon, Royal Engineers

51st (Highland) Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 51st (Highland) Divisional Royal Army Service Corps
525th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
526th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
527th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
458th Divisional Troops Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 51st (Highland) Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps
174th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
175th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
176th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
5th Field Dressing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps
6th Field Dressing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps

51st (Highland) Divisional Ordnance Field Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Headquarters, 51st (Highland) Divisional Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
152nd Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
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51st (Highland) Divisional Postal Unit, Royal Engineers

51st (Highland) Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

NOTES:

1. The 51st (Highland) Infantry Division was originally a first line Territorial Army formation which was mobilized and deployed to France in January 1940. The bulk of the division was captured at St. Valery on 12 June 1940. It was reconstituted by the redesignation of its second-line formation, the 9th (Scottish) Infantry Division, in August 1940. The division was sent to Egypt in August 1942, and fought in Egypt, Libya, Tunisia and Sicily before leaving for the U.K. On arrival back in the U.K., the Division came under command of I Corps. Elements of the division landed on D-Day, with the headquarters arriving in Normandy on 7 June 1944 (D+1). The division was commanded by Major General D. C. BULLEN-SMITH, but he was replaced by Major General T. G. RENNIE on 26 July 1944. The division crossed the River Seine on 30 August 1944 and was directed to St. Valery which it captured on 1 September 1944. The Division then turned back to join the 49th Infantry Division at Le Havre on 4 September. The assault on Le Havre by I Corps commenced on 101 September, with port being captured on 12 September. It transferred to II Canadian Corps on 25 November 1944. The division came under command of XXX Corps on 7 January 1945, prior to the Battle for the Reichswald and the crossing of the River Rhine. The General Officer Commanding, Major General RENNIE was killed on 24 March 1945, and he was replaced by Major General G. H. A. MacMILLAN. Following the surrender of the German Army on 8 May 1945, the division remained in Germany as part of XXX Corps of the British Army of the Rhine. In May 1947, the Territorial Army divisions in B.A.O.R. returned to the United Kingdom and were reformed as T.A. divisions in the U.K. on the reconstitution of the Territorial Army on 1 January 1947. The 51st (Highland) Division was reconstituted jointly with the 52nd (Lowland) Division as the 51st/52nd Division.

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