

52nd (Lowland) Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Divisional Headquarters, 52nd (Lowland) Infantry Division
Headquarters Defence & Employment Platoon
9th Field Security Section, Intelligence Corps

155th Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 155th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

7th/9th (Highlanders) Bn. The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)

4th (The Border) Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers

5th (Dumfriesshire) Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers ⁽²⁾

156th Infantry Brigade

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4th/5th Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers

6th (Lanarkshire) Bn. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

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5th (City of Glasgow) Bn. The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment)

6th (City of Glasgow) Bn. The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment) ⁽²⁾

1st Bn. The Glasgow Highlanders ⁽³⁾

Divisional Troops

52nd Reconnaissance Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps ⁽⁴⁾

7th Bn. The Manchester Regiment ⁽⁵⁾

Headquarters, 52nd (Lowland) Divisional Royal Artillery
79th (Lowland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
80th (Lowland – City of Glasgow) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
186th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (6)
54th (The Queen's Own Royal Glasgow Yeomanry) Anti-Tank Regiment,
Royal Artillery
108th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery (7)

Headquarters, 52nd (Lowland) Divisional Royal Engineers
202nd (East Lancashire) Field Company, Royal Engineers
241st (Lowland) Field Company, Royal Engineers
554th Field Company, Royal Engineers
243rd (Lowland) Field Park Company, Royal Engineers
17th Bridging Platoon, Royal Engineers (8)

52nd (Lowland) Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 52nd (Lowland) Divisional Royal Army Service Corps
528th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
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79th Divisional Troops Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 52nd (Lowland) Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps
156th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
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17th Field Dressing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps
18th Field Dressing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps
32nd Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

Headquarters, 52nd (Lowland) Divisional Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
155th Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
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52nd (Lowland) Divisional Ordnance Field Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps
35th Mobile Laundry and Bath Unit, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

52nd (Lowland) Divisional Postal Unit, Royal Engineers

52nd (Lowland) Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

NOTES:

1. This division was a first line Territorial Army formation that was based in Scottish Command. It was deployed to France in June 1940, after the evacuation of the main British Expeditionary Force from Dunkirk, but it did not stay in France long before itself being evacuated. The Division remained in the U.K. until it landed in North-West Europe on 15 October 1944. Having been trained for airlanding operations, it joined 21st Army Group from H.Q. Airborne Troops. It fought, however, in the conventional ground role during the campaign. Major General (Acting) Edmund HAKEWILL-SMITH, C.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*, commanded the Division throughout the campaign. The first action the division fought in was the battle for the Scheldt from 15 October 1944 until 6 November 1944, during which it was under command of II Canadian Corps. It then served with each of the four British corps in the theatre. In the Battle for the Rhineland (Reichswald) between 8 February 1945 and 10 March 1945, and the crossing of the River Rhine between 23 March and 1 April 1945. On the cessation of hostilities, the Division came under command of I Corps District. In March 1947, the division returned to the United Kingdom where it was disbanded. Only the 155th Brigade survived as an independent brigade group within the Territorial Army on its reconstitution in 1947.
2. In early 1945, concerns were raised about the reinforcements in 21st Army Group, and in consequence, the decision was taken to ensure there were not two or more battalions from the same regiment in any one brigade. As a result, these battalions exchanged brigades on 12 February 1945.
3. Under the same policy described above, these battalions exchanged brigades on 13 March 1945.
4. The reconnaissance regiment for the division was originally formed on 8 April 1941 as the 52nd Reconnaissance Battalion, The Reconnaissance Corps. It was redesignated at the 52nd Regiment, Reconnaissance Corps on 6 June 1942. It became part of the Royal Armoured Corps, being redesignated on 1 January 1944.
5. This battalion joined the division on 7 June 1943, initially in the role of support battalion. It became the divisional machine gun battalion on 191 March 1944.
6. This regiment was formed in December 1942. It immediately joined the division and remained with it throughout the rest of the war.
7. Formed in January 1942 by the conversion of the 9th Battalion, The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment). This regiment joined the Division on 12 March 1942, remaining with the division during the whole campaign.
8. The bridging platoon joined the division on 1 October 1942.

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