

59th (Staffordshire) Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Divisional Headquarters, 3rd Infantry Division
Headquarters Defence & Employment Platoon
26th Field Security Section, Intelligence Corps

176th Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 176th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

7th Bn. The South Staffordshire Regiment
6th Bn. The North Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's)
7th Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment

177th Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 177th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

5th Bn. The South Staffordshire Regiment
1st/6th Bn. The South Staffordshire Regiment
2nd/6th Bn. The South Staffordshire Regiment

197th Infantry Brigade ⁽⁴⁾

Headquarters, 197th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

2nd/5th Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers
5th Bn. The East Lancashire Regiment
1st/7th Bn. The Royal Warwickshire Regiment

Divisional Troops

59th Reconnaissance Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps ⁽⁵⁾

7th Bn. The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers ⁽⁶⁾

Headquarters, 59th (Staffordshire) Divisional Royal Artillery
61st (North Midland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (7)
110th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (8)
116th (North Midland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (8)
68th Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery (9)
68th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery (10)

Headquarters, 59th (Staffordshire) Divisional Royal Engineers
257th Field Company, Royal Engineers (11)
509th Field Company, Royal Engineers (12)
510th Field Company, Royal Engineers (12)
511th Field Park Company, Royal Engineers (12)
24th Bridging Platoon, Royal Engineers (13)

59th (Staffordshire) Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 59th (Staffordshire) Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps
28th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
300th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
301st Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
557th Divisional Troops Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 59th (Staffordshire) Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps
203rd Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
210th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
211th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
27th Field Dressing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps
28th Field Dressing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps

Headquarters, 59th (Staffordshire) Divisional Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
176th Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
177th Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
197th Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

59th (Staffordshire) Divisional Ordnance Field Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

59th (Staffordshire) Divisional Postal Unit, Royal Engineers

59th (Staffordshire) Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

NOTES:

1. The 59th (Staffordshire) Infantry Division landed in Normandy from the U.K. on 27 June 1944. This was the first operation the division had been involved in since the outbreak of war. It had been formed in 1939 as a second-line (or duplicate) of the 55th (West Lancashire) Infantry Division. Major General (Acting) Lewis Owen LYNE, D.S.O., *p.s.c.* commanded this Division until it was disbanded. The division fought at Caen between 4 July and 18 July; and at Mount Pincon between 30 July and 9 August 1944. On 19 October 1944, due to the heavy casualties sustained by the 2nd Army in Normandy, and the lack of reinforcements, it was disbanded as it was the junior division in the 2nd Army. The divisional headquarters was placed in suspended animation. Being a second-line Territorial Army division, it was not reformed after the war.
2. A first line T.A. brigade. The 7th Bn. South Staffordshires and 6th Bn. North Staffordshires were original battalions in the brigade. The 7th Bn. Royal Norfolks was a second line T.A. battalion that joined the brigade in October 1942. The three battalions were disbanded upon the demise of the brigade.
3. This brigade was part of the division from its formation, with no change in units. When the division disbanded, the brigade disbanded with the units broken up to provide drafts for other battalions in the 2nd Army.
4. This brigade was a second line Territorial Army formation, formed as a duplicate of the 125th Brigade in 42nd Division. The brigade was part of the 66th Division until 22 June 1940, when it transferred to the 59th Division. The 2nd/5th Lancashire Fusiliers and 5th Bn. East Lancashires were original battalions in the brigade. The 1st/7th Royal Warwickshire joined the brigade in October 1942 from 143rd Brigade.
5. The reconnaissance battalion had joined the division on 27 January 1941. It became a reconnaissance regiment on 6 June 1942, and then part of the Royal Armoured Corps on 1 January 1944. It disbanded with the end of the division.
6. This battalion was the divisional machine gun unit, having joined the division on 18 November 1941.
7. The regiment left the division when it was disbanded in October 1944. It then came under command of 2nd Army. In December 1944, the Regiment was redesignated:
61st Super Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery
8. Both regiments came under command of 2nd Army when the division was disbanded in October 1944. In January 1945, they were placed in suspended animation. The 110th Field Regiment had joined the division on 10 July 1940, having transferred from the 66th Division.
9. The regiment had joined the division on 1 July 1940 from 46th Infantry Division. It replaced the 66th Anti-Tank Regiment which was posted to the 55th Division. It was placed in suspended animation when the division disbanded in October 1944.
10. The regiment had been formed in December 1940 and joined the division on 19 April 1943. It was disbanded in October 1944 when the division was broken up.
11. This company was a T.A. company based in Manchester. It joined this division on 23 June 1940.
12. These companies transferred into this division from the 55th Division between 30 December 1939 and 2 March 1940.
13. The bridging platoon joined the division on 1 October 1943.

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