

82nd (West Africa) Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 82nd (West Africa) Infantry Division & Employment Platoon

1st (West Africa) Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 1st (West Africa) Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st Bn. The Nigeria Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force

2nd Bn. The Nigeria Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force

3rd Bn. The Nigeria Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force

5th (West Africa) Auxiliary Group, Royal West African Frontier Force ⁽³⁾

2nd (West Africa) Infantry Brigade ⁽⁴⁾

Headquarters, 2nd (West Africa) Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st Bn. The Gold Coast Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force

2nd Bn. The Gold Coast Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force

3rd Bn. The Gold Coast Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force

6th (West Africa) Auxiliary Group (The Gold Coast Regiment), R.W.A.F.F. ⁽³⁾

4th (West Africa) Infantry Brigade ⁽⁵⁾

Headquarters, 4th (West Africa) Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

5th Bn. The Nigeria Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force

9th Bn. The Nigeria Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force

10th Bn. The Nigeria Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force

2nd (West Africa) Auxiliary Group (The Nigeria Regiment), R.W.A.F.F. ⁽³⁾

Divisional Troops

82nd (West Africa) Reconnaissance Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force ⁽⁶⁾

7th (West Africa) Auxiliary Group, Royal West African Frontier Force ⁽⁷⁾

Headquarters, 82nd (West Africa) Divisional West African Artillery

102nd Light Regiment, West African Artillery ⁽⁸⁾

2nd Light Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment, West African Artillery ⁽⁹⁾

42nd Mortar Regiment, West African Artillery ⁽¹⁰⁾

Headquarters, 82nd (West Africa) Divisional West African Engineers

1st Field Company, West African Engineers (11)

2nd Field Company, West African Engineers (11)

4th Field Company, West African Engineers (11)

9th Field Park Company, West African Engineers (12)

82nd (West Africa) Divisional Signals, West African Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 82nd (West Africa) Divisional West African Army Service Corps

825th Divisional Transport Company, West African Army Service Corps

836th Divisional Transport Company, West African Army Service Corps

1784th Composite Platoon, West African Army Service Corps

1785th Composite Platoon, West African Army Service Corps

1786th Composite Platoon, West African Army Service Corps

1787th Composite Platoon, West African Army Service Corps

26th Field Butchery Section, West African Army Service Corps

29th Field Butchery Section, West African Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 82nd (West Africa) Divisional West African Army Medical Corps

1st (West Africa) Field Ambulance, West African Army Medical Corps

2nd (West Africa) Field Ambulance, West African Army Medical Corps

4th (West Africa) Field Ambulance, West African Army Medical Corps

82nd (West Africa) Field Hygiene Section, West African Army Medical Corps

Headquarters, 82nd (West Africa) Divisional West African Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

1003rd Mobile Workshops, West African Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

1004th Mobile Workshops, West African Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

1005th Mobile Workshops, West African Electrical & Electrical Engineers

1016th Light Aid Detachment, West African Electrical & Electrical Engineers

1017th Light Aid Detachment, West African Electrical & Electrical Engineers

1018th Light Aid Detachment, West African Electrical & Electrical Engineers

1019th Light Aid Detachment, West African Electrical & Electrical Engineers

1020th Light Aid Detachment, West African Electrical & Electrical Engineers

1021st Light Aid Detachment, West African Electrical & Electrical Engineers

1022nd Light Aid Detachment, West African Electrical & Electrical Engineers

82nd (West Africa) Divisional Postal Unit

119th Field Cash Office, West African Army Pay Corps

81st Field Security Section

276th Divisional Provost Company

NOTES:

1. The division was formed in Nigeria on 1 August 1943 with the reorganisation of the two African divisions into two separate West African and one East African divisions. It was under command of G.H.Q. West Africa on formation. It left West Africa on 28 May 1944, arriving in India on 10 July 1944. Initially, the division was organized with three brigade groups, but was reorganised on a standard divisional establishment in October 1944. On arrival, it came under command of G.H.Q. India, transferring to 14th Army control on 1 November. The division entered Burma on 9 November, and joined XV Indian Corps on 10 November. The division advanced down the Kalapanzin River, and captured Myohaung. It continued in the Arakan until the end of April 1944. It left the command of XV Indian Corps on 30 April 1945, but remained in Burma under command of H.Q. A.L.F.S.E.A.. It remained in Burma, as part of Burma Command until May 1946, when the division disbanded with personnel returning to the United Kingdom or West Africa.
2. This brigade had been formed on 3 October 1939 by the redesignation of the Regimental Headquarters, The Nigeria Regiment. The organised as a brigade group until August 1944. Each of the three battalions comprised four rifle companies and a headquarter company. The brigade had little motor transport and did not use mules as British and Indian divisions did. The brigade used Unarmed Soldiers as bearers or porters to allow the division a wide range of movement across difficult country.
3. The two West African divisions were the only formations in the British Army to employ Unarmed Soldiers as porter or bearers. Each brigade was allocated an Auxiliary Group, which was commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel and consisted of three companies, one for each battalion in the brigade. Each Auxiliary Group comprised fourteen European officers and non-commissioned officers, one-hundred and twenty-three armed soldiers and six-hundred and thirty unarmed solders (porters).
4. This formation was organised as a brigade group until August 1944.
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6. This unit joined the division on 1 August 1944 as a reconnaissance regiment.
7. This unit joined this division on 15 November 1944.
8. On 1 July 1944, this unit joined the division.
9. The regiment was redesignated on 12 October 1944 to become:
22nd Anti-Tank Regiment, West African Artillery
10. This unit joined the division on 1 August 1944.
11. This unit joined the division on 1 November 1943.
12. This unit joined this division in August 1944.

SOURCES:

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