

50th (Northumbrian) Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Divisional Headquarters, 50th (Northumbrian) Infantry Division
Headquarters Defence & Employment Platoon

69th Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 167th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

5th Bn. The East Yorkshire Regiment (The Duke of York's Own)

6th Bn. The Green Howards, (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment)

7th Bn. The Green Howards, (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment)

151st Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 167th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

6th Bn. The Durham Light Infantry

8th Bn. The Durham Light Infantry

9th Bn. The Durham Light Infantry

168th (London) Infantry Brigade ⁽⁴⁾

Headquarters, 168th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

10th Bn. The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte's of Wales)

1st Bn. The London Irish Rifles

1st Bn. The London Scottish

Divisional Troops

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2nd Bn. The Cheshire Regiment ⁽⁶⁾

Headquarters, 50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Royal Artillery ⁽⁷⁾

74th (Northumbrian) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

90th (City of London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁸⁾

124th (Northumbrian) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

102nd (Northumberland Hussars) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery

25th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery

Headquarters, 50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Royal Engineers
233rd (Northumbrian) Field Company, Royal Engineers
501st Field Company, Royal Engineers (9)
505th Field Company, Royal Engineers
235th (Northumbrian) Field Park Company, Royal Engineers

50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Royal Army Service Corps
346th Company, Royal Army Service Corps
508th Company, Royal Army Service Corps
522nd Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps (10)
149th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
150th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
186th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
200th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
22nd Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps
47th Field Dressing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps
48th Field Dressing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps

50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Field Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Headquarters, 50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
69th Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
151st Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
168th Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Field Cash Office, Royal Army Pay Corps

50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

NOTES:

1. The 50th Infantry Division was a Territorial Army formation, which had left the United Kingdom on 23 April 1941. It moved via Cyprus to Iraq, arriving on 21 November 1941. It left Iraq on 12 January 1942, moving via Syria to Egypt. During the battle of Gazala in June 1942, the 150th Infantry Brigade was destroyed and the majority of its personnel captured. The remainder of the division was involved in the rest of the campaign in the Western Desert and Tunisia. It landed in Sicily as one of the assault formations on 9 July 1943 under command of XIII Corps, and fought throughout the campaign. Major General (Acting) Sidney Chevalier KIRKMAN, C.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*, commanded the division during the Sicily campaign. The sea was running high at the time of the landings, which caused some difficulties, with some units finding themselves in the wrong place. Fortunately, resistance was light, with 151st Infantry Brigade taking the town of Avola by 09.00 hours. Once the 51st (Highland) Infantry Division relieved the 50th Division, this formation pushed on through the foothills to Lentini, on the southern edge of the plain of Catania. The vital Primosole bridge was relinquished during a counter attack, having been secured by airborne forces. Heavy fighting with units from a German Parachute Division took place over the 15 and 16 July, with the advance not being able to continue until 17 July. The division found the southern approaches to Catania strongly defended, and was placed on the defensive, while XXX Corps fought its way around towards Adrano. The division resumed the advance on 4 August, and reached Messina on 17 August. After the Sicily campaign, the 231st Infantry Brigade replaced the 168th Infantry Brigade (which reverted to the 56th Infantry Division), and the division prepared to return to the U.K.. The division left Sicily for the United Kingdom on 19 October 1943
2. Brigadier (Temporary) Edward Cunliffe COOKE-COLLIS, D.S.O., commanded this brigade during the Sicily campaign.
3. Brigadier (Temporary) Ronald Henry SENIOR, D.S.O.*, .T.D. commanded this brigade during the Sicily campaign.
4. This brigade was transferred from 56th (London) Infantry Division to this division on 27 April 1943, as the third infantry brigade. It was under command of this division during the campaign in Sicily, but returned to the command of the 56th (London) Infantry on 10 October 1943. Brigadier (Temporary) Kenneth Chisholm DAVIDSON, M.C. commanded the brigade during the Sicily campaign.
5. There was no reconnaissance regiment allocated to the division during the Sicily campaign.
6. The battalion was the divisional machine gun battalion.
7. The Commander Royal Artillery was Brigadier (Acting) Cyril Henry NORTON, O.B.E., *p.s.c.*
8. This regiment joined the division on 27 April 1943 with the 168th Infantry Brigade. It remained with the division even when the 168th Infantry Brigade returned to the 56th Infantry Division. It eventually left this division on 30 November 1944.
9. This field company also joined on 27 April 1943 with the 168th Infantry Brigade. It left this division with the 168th Infantry Brigade on 10 October 1943.
10. There were only three Field Ambulances serving with the division during the Sicily campaign, but it is not known which three of the four shown were deployed to Sicily with the formation.

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