

## II Polish Corps <sup>(1)</sup>

12<sup>th</sup> Podolskich Lancers Regiment  
7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Regiment

7<sup>th</sup> Polish Anti-Tank Regiment  
8<sup>th</sup> Polish Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment  
7<sup>th</sup> Polish Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment  
1<sup>st</sup> Artillery Survey Regiment  
663<sup>rd</sup> Artillery Observation Squadron

### II Polish Corps Artillery Group

9<sup>th</sup> Polish Medium Regiment  
10<sup>th</sup> Polish Medium Regiment  
11<sup>th</sup> Polish Medium Regiment  
12<sup>th</sup> Polish Medium Regiment  
13<sup>th</sup> Polish Medium Regiment

### Engineers Group

7<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Polish Engineers  
8<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Polish Engineers  
9<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Polish Engineers  
7<sup>th</sup> Field Park Company, Polish Engineers

### 14<sup>th</sup> Wielkopolska Armoured Brigade

3<sup>rd</sup> Slaskich Lancers Regiment  
10<sup>th</sup> Hussars Regiment  
15<sup>th</sup> Poznanski Lancers Regiment

14<sup>th</sup> Wysuniety Armoured Replacement Squadron

14<sup>th</sup> Wielkopolska Engineers Company

14<sup>th</sup> Wielkopolska Signals Squadron

## NOTES:

1. The history of the II Polish Corps is one of great fortitude and resilience. In 1939, when their country was invaded by Germany, towards the end of that campaign, the Soviet Union occupied the eastern third of Poland. About one and half million people were deported by the Soviet authorities from their occupied sector of Poland. Included in this total were a large number of former soldiers from the Polish Army. Initially, they found themselves incarcerated, but in 1941, following the German invasion of the Soviet Union, STALIN agreed to release some one-hundred and fifteen thousand men and their dependents to the British authorities. The men travelled from the Soviet Union into Persia and Iraq, from where they moved to Palestine and Syria where they concentrated and began forming the new regiments, brigades and divisions. The Corps moved to Italy to fight through that campaign from Monte Cassino to the final armistice, without much rest. After the end of hostilities, the men of the corps were given the option to return to Poland, now under communist rule, or move to the United Kingdom. The majority opted to move to the U.K., where they were enlisted into the Polish Resettlement Corps and steadily integrated into British society.

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