

Boulogne Garrison

20th Guards Brigade (1)

Headquarters, 20th Guards Brigade & Signal Company

1st Bn. Irish Guards

2nd Bn. Welsh Guards

20th Guards Brigade Anti-Tank Company

275th Anti-Tank Battery, 69th Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery (2)

7th Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment (3)

262nd Field Company, Royal Engineers (3)

Headquarters 21st Infanterie Division (4)

NOTES:

1. This brigade was raised in April 1940 under the command of Brigadier Oliver LEESE. It comprised two battalions from the Brigade of Guards, and the 5th Bn. The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire). On 10 May 1940, Brigadier (Temporary) William Augustus Fitzgerald Lane FIX-PITT, M.V.O., M.C., replaced Brigadier LEESE who was appointed to the headquarters of the British Expeditionary Force. The brigade landed at Boulogne on 22 May 1940 without the 5th Bn. The Loyal Regiment which remained in the United Kingdom. The brigade fought in Boulogne for twenty-four hours before it was evacuated on 23 May 1940. Back in the U.K., the brigade remained an independent infantry brigade until 15 September 1941 when it converted into an armoured formation.
2. This anti-tank battery was attached for the deployment to Boulogne.
3. These two units were part of the 12th (Eastern) Infantry Division, a second-line Territorial Army formation sent to France for labour and training duties. The 7th Q.O.R.W.K. was under command of the 36th Infantry Brigade and made its way north to Boulogne when the division was dispersed due to the German advance through northern France. The field company was on a reduced establishment and comprised about one-hundred men.
4. The headquarters of this French infantry division and some elements of that formation fought in Boulogne.

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