

## 1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division <sup>(1)</sup>

Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division

### 10<sup>th</sup> Polish Armoured Brigade

Headquarters, 10<sup>th</sup> Polish Armoured Brigade & Signal Section

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Regiment

2<sup>nd</sup> Polish Armoured Regiment

24<sup>th</sup> Uhlans (Lancers)

10<sup>th</sup> Polish Dragoons <sup>(2)</sup>

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Polish Rifle Brigade

Headquarters, 3<sup>rd</sup> Polish Rifle Brigade

Podhalanski Rifle Battalion

8<sup>th</sup> Polish Rifle Battalion

9<sup>th</sup> Polish Rifle Battalion

### Divisional Troops

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Forward Tank Delivery Squadron

10<sup>th</sup> Polish Mounted Rifle Regiment <sup>(3)</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Heavy Machine Gun Squadron

Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Divisional Artillery

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Field Regiment

2<sup>nd</sup> Polish Field Regiment

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Anti-Tank Regiment

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division Troops Engineers

(H.Q., 10<sup>th</sup> Polish Engineer Company, 11<sup>th</sup> Polish Engineer Company, Field Park Company & Bridging Platoon)

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Divisional Signals

Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Divisional Service Troops

10<sup>th</sup> Polish Supply Company, Armoured Brigade

3<sup>rd</sup> Polish Supply Company, Rifle Brigade

11<sup>th</sup> Polish Supply Company, Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Divisional Medical Services

10<sup>th</sup> Polish Light Field Ambulance

11<sup>th</sup> Polish Field Ambulance

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Field Dressing Station

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Field Hygiene Platoon

10<sup>th</sup> Polish Armoured Cavalry Brigade Workshop Company

3<sup>rd</sup> Polish Rifle Brigade Workshop Company

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division Ordnance Field Park

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division Quarter-Master Section

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division Chaplain Service Section

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division Provost Squadron

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division Traffic Control Squadron

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division Field Security Section

8<sup>th</sup> Polish Court Martial Section

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division Paymaster Section

1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division Field Post Section

## NOTES:

1. The 1<sup>st</sup> Polish Armoured Division was formed on 26 February 1942 from Polish troops in The United Kingdom. On formation, it comprised the 10<sup>th</sup> Armoured Cavalry Brigade, and the 16<sup>th</sup> Tank Brigade, but in October 1943, it re-organised in line with existing British armoured divisions (as above). The division landed in Normandy on 30 July 1944, and came under command of II Canadian Corps. It fought in battle of the Falaise Gap, being engaged in closing the noose around the German formation trapped in the 'pocket'. On occasions, elements of the division were cut off, but they fought tenaciously and helped close it finally. Following the breakout, the division advanced towards the River Somme, but on their arrival on 1 September found that there was no bridgehead, so had to fight their way over the river. A Class 40 bridge was completed on 3 September, and the Poles pushed on towards Arras. They were then held up by determined German resistance. On 24 September 1944, the division came under command of I Corps. It fought in the rest of the campaign, and at the end of the war, captured the German port of Wilhelmshaven.
2. This regiment was the armoured brigade's motorised infantry battalion.
3. This regiment was the divisional armoured reconnaissance regiment.

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