1st Polish Armoured Division (1)

Headquarters, 1st Polish Armoured Division

10th Polish Armoured Brigade

Headquarters, 10th Polish Armoured Brigade & Signal Section

1st Polish Armoured Regiment
2nd Polish Armoured Regiment
24th Uhlans (Lancers)

10th Polish Dragoons (2)

3rd Polish Rifle Brigade

Headquarters, 3rd Polish Rifle Brigade

Podhalanski Rifle Battalion
8th Polish Rifle Battalion
9th Polish Rifle Battalion

Divisional Troops

1st Polish Forward Tank Delivery Squadron

10th Polish Mounted Rifle Regiment (3)

1st Polish Heavy Machine Gun Squadron

Headquarters, 1st Polish Armoured Divisional Artillery

1st Polish Field Regiment
2nd Polish Field Regiment
1st Polish Anti-Tank Regiment
1st Polish Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

1st Polish Armoured Division Troops Engineers
(H.Q., 10th Polish Engineer Company, 11th Polish Engineer Company, Field Park Company & Bridging Platoon)

1st Polish Armoured Divisional Signals
Headquarters, 1st Polish Armoured Divisional Service Troops
10th Polish Supply Company, Armoured Brigade
3rd Polish Supply Company, Rifle Brigade
11th Polish Supply Company, Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 1st Polish Armoured Divisional Medical Services
10th Polish Light Field Ambulance
11th Polish Field Ambulance
1st Polish Field Dressing Station
1st Polish Field Hygiene Platoon

10th Polish Armoured Cavalry Brigade Workshop Company
3rd Polish Rifle Brigade Workshop Company

1st Polish Armoured Division Ordnance Field Park

1st Polish Armoured Division Quarter-Master Section
1st Polish Armoured Division Chaplain Service Section
1st Polish Armoured Division Provost Squadron
1st Polish Armoured Division Traffic Control Squadron
1st Polish Armoured Division Field Security Section
8th Polish Court Martial Section
1st Polish Armoured Division Paymaster Section
1st Polish Armoured Division Field Post Section
NOTES:

1. The 1st Polish Armoured Division was formed on 26 February 1942 from Polish troops in The United Kingdom. On formation, it comprised the 10th Armoured Cavalry Brigade, and the 16th 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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