

7th Armoured Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 7th Armoured Division

22nd Armoured Brigade

Headquarters, 22nd Armoured Brigade & Signal Section

1st Royal Tank Regiment

5th Royal Tank Regiment

4th County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters)

1st Bn. The Rifle Brigade (Prince Consorts Own)

131st Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 131st Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st/5th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

1st/6th (Bermondsey) Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

1st/7th (Southwark) Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

Divisional Troops

11th Hussars (Prince Albert's Own) ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 7th Armoured Divisional Royal Artillery

3rd Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery

5th Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery

146th (Pembroke & Cardiganshire) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽³⁾

65th Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery

15th (Isle of Man) Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery

Headquarters, 7th Armoured Divisional Royal Engineers

4th Field Squadron, Royal Engineers

621st Field Squadron, Royal Engineers ⁽⁴⁾

143rd Field Park Squadron, Royal Engineers

7th Armoured Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 7th Armoured Divisional Royal Army Service Corps (5)
No. 67 Armoured Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
No. 507 Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
No. 58 Divisional Troops Company, Royal Army Service Corps
No. 287 General Transport Company, Royal Army Service Corps
No. 5 Company, Royal Army Service Corps
No. 432 Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 7th Armoured Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps
2nd Light Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
131st Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
70th Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps
21st Mobile Casualty Clearing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps
3rd Field Surgical Unit, Royal Army Medical Corps
7th Field Transfusion Unit, Royal Army Medical Corps
132nd Mobile Dental Unit, Army Dental Corps
135th Mobile Dental Unit, Army Dental Corps

7th Armoured Divisional Ordnance Field Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Headquarters, 7th Armoured Divisional Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
22nd Armoured Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
131st Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
15th Light Anti-Aircraft Workshop, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

7th Armoured Divisional Postal Unit, Royal Engineers

7th Armoured Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

NOTES:

1. This was a pre-war Regular Army formation based in Egypt originally known as 'The Mobile Division' and then renamed as 'The Armoured Division (Egypt)'. On 16 February 1940, it was redesignated as the 7th Armoured Division. It took part in most of the battles in the Western Desert from Operation Compass in December 1940 to El Alamein in October 1942. It then took part in the advance across Libya and into Tunisia with 8th Army, culminating with the capture of Tunis under command of 1st Army. Following the surrender of the German forces in North Africa, the division returned to Libya to join X Corps and prepare for the invasion at Salerno. It landed at Salerno on 15 September 1943 under the command of Major General G. W. E. J. ERSKINE and was involved in the capture of Naples between 22 September and 1 October 1943. The division was also involved in the battle of the Volturno Crossing between 12 and 15 October, being withdrawn from X Corps on 13 November 1943. It left Italy to travel to the United Kingdom on 20 December 1943 to join the 21st Army Group for the invasion of France.
2. This regiment left the division on 3 November 1943. It was not replaced until 16 December 1943.
3. This regiment left the division on 6 November 1943 to convert to a Medium Regiment, later serving in North West Europe.
4. The 21st Field Squadron was redesignated as the 621st Field Squadron on 14 August 1943.
5. In the Divisional History, the Order of Battle shows six Companies of the R.A.S.C., without specifying their roles. Four of them served with the 7th Armoured Division throughout the Italian Campaign, and in North-West Europe, so are assumed to have fulfilled the same role throughout this period. It is believed that No. 5 Company and No. 432 Company were additional units added to the Divisional Order of Battle during its time in Italy.

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