

44th (Home Counties) Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 44th (Home Counties) Infantry Division & Employment Platoon

131st Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

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) ⁽³⁾

131st Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Company

132nd Infantry Brigade ⁽⁴⁾

Headquarters, 132nd Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) ⁽⁵⁾

4th Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment

5th Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment

132nd Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Company

133rd Infantry Brigade ⁽⁶⁾

Headquarters, 133rd Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment

4th Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment

5th (Cinque Ports) Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment

133rd Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Company

Divisional Troops

44th Regiment, Reconnaissance Corps ⁽⁷⁾

6th Bn. The Cheshire Regiment ⁽⁸⁾

Headquarters, 44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery
57th (Home Counties) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (9)
58th (Sussex) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (10)
65th (8th London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (11)
57th (East Surrey) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery
30th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery

Headquarters, 44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Royal Engineers
11th Field Company, Royal Engineers
209th (Sussex) Field Company, Royal Engineers
210th (Sussex) Field Company, Royal Engineers
211th (Sussex) Field Park Company, Royal Engineers

44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Royal Army Service Corps (12)
507th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
508th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps
509th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps
131st (Home Counties) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
132nd (Home Counties) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
133rd (Home Counties) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
xx Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

xx Mobile Bath Unit, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Field Cash Office, Royal Army Pay Corps

44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

NOTES:

1. Having fought in France, the division was evacuated from Dunkirk on 31 May 1940. It then remained in the U.K. until it left for Egypt on 29 May 1942. It arrived in Egypt on 24 July 1942 and initially came under the command of GHQ Middle East Forces. On 15 August 1942, it came under the command of XIII Corps. The division fought at the battles of Alam el Halfa between 30 August and 7 September 1942, and in the battle of El Alamein between 23 October and 4 November 1942. On 1 December 1942, the division reverted to the command of G.H.Q. M.E.F., to be broken up and disbanded on 31 January 1943.
2. This brigade transferred to the command of the 7th Armoured Division on 1 November 1942. It continued to serve with the 7th Armoured Division throughout the rest of the campaign in North Africa. It then served in Sicily and North West Europe.
3. This battalion had returned to this brigade on 2 July 1941 from 132nd Brigade. It replaced the 2nd Bn. The Buffs which transferred to 132nd Brigade.
4. This brigade disbanded on 15 January 1943. The 2nd Bn. The Buffs left the brigade on the 1st December 1942 transferring to the 26th Indian Infantry Brigade then stationed in Palestine as part of the 6th Indian Division. The battalion remained with the brigade when it returned to India in August 1944. The brigade then joined the 36th Division, and fought with that formation in Burma. The 4th Bn. Q.O.R.W.K. came under the command of 161st Indian Infantry Brigade on 9 December 1942. That brigade came under the command of the 5th Indian Division in Iraq. The battalion returned to Indian with the division. The battalion became famous for its defence of Kohima (the only battalion to be awarded that battle honour) and fought with the 161st Brigade until June 1945. The 5th Bn. Q.O.R.W.K. joined the 21st Indian Infantry Brigade, 8th Indian Division on 26 November 1942. The battalion fought with the division throughout the campaign in Italy.
5. This battalion had joined the brigade on 2 July 1941 replacing the 1st/7th Queen's Royal Regiment, which transferred back to 131st Brigade. The 1st/7th Queen's had joined this brigade on 1 July 1940 from 25th Brigade replacing the 1st Q.O.R.W.K. which had transferred to 12th Infantry Brigade, 4th Division.
6. This brigade was disbanded on 16 January 1943. The 2nd Bn. Royal Sussex transferred to the 24th Indian Infantry Brigade, 6th Indian Division, then stationed in Iraq. It remained with that brigade until July 1945, when it transferred to Persia Area Command. The 4th Bn was virtually destroyed during the battle of El Alamein, therefore, the 4th and 5th Battalions, Royal Sussex amalgamated to become the 4th/5th Bn. Royal Sussex Regiment. This battalion came under the command of the 27th Indian Infantry Brigade, 6th Indian Division in Iraq.
7. Formed on 8 January 1941 as the 44th Bn, Reconnaissance Corps. On 24 November 1942, this regiment left the division. On 8 March 1943, it came under command of the 56th (London) Infantry Division in Tunisia.
8. The machine gun battalion left the division on 24 November 1942. It also joined the 56th (London) Infantry Division in Tunisia.
9. When the division disbanded, the regiment came under command of 8th Army. It continued to serve with 8th Army throughout the campaign in Italy.
10. On 26 November 1942, this regiment came under command of 8th Army. It served in Italy, being redesignated in December 1943 as the:
84th Medium Regiment.

11. Initially, this regiment transferred to the 50th Infantry Division in November 1942, however, in April 1943, it transferred to the 56th (London) Infantry Division in Tunisia.
12. In June 1942, an additional R.A.S.C. company was allocated to infantry divisions as a Divisional Troops Company. It is not known whether this occurred in this formation before it was disbanded.

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