

48th Infantry (Reserve) Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 48th Infantry (Reserve) Division

143rd Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 143rd Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

8th Bn. The Royal Warwickshire Regiment ⁽³⁾

8th Bn. The Suffolk Regiment ⁽⁴⁾

11th Bn. The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales Own Yorkshire Regiment)

144th Infantry Brigade ⁽⁵⁾

Headquarters, 144th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

8th Bn. The Worcestershire Regiment ⁽⁶⁾

4th Bn. The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry ⁽⁷⁾

5th Bn. The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers ⁽⁸⁾

Divisional Troops ⁽⁹⁾

180th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽¹⁰⁾

96th Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽¹¹⁾

226th (South Midland) Field Company, Royal Engineers

48th Reserve Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

NOTES:

1. The division was a first line Territorial Army formation. It was deployed to France on 5 January 1940 to join I Corps. Following evacuation from Dunkirk on 31 May 1940, the division came under Western Command. It came under Southern Command between 2 July and 6 August 1940, before joining VIII Corps on 7 August 1940. It transferred to I Corps District on 14 November 1941. On 1 November 1942, it came under command of H.Q. East Riding & Lincolnshire District. The division was placed on the lower establishment and redesignated as a reserve division on 20 December 1942, coming under command of G.H.Q. Home Forces but located in Northern Command. The change of role to a training and reserve division continued through 1943. The third brigade in the division, the 145th Infantry Brigade was disbanded on 7 November 1943, and was not replaced. The reserve divisions were reorganised in July and August 1944.
2. This brigade was a first line T.A. brigade. The brigade was redesignated as a reserve infantry brigade on 5 August 1944 (see next page). The existing units were posted away, with the exception of the 11th Bn. The Green Howards. Three other battalions were posted in so the brigade became responsible for the continuation training and draft finding for the Yorkshire infantry regiments.
3. This battalion was the only original unit left in the brigade from the outbreak of war in September 1939. It transferred to the 114th Infantry Brigade on 22 July 1944, to continue its training role within the 38th Infantry (Reserve) Division.
4. This battalion does not appear on the order of battle after it left the brigade on 26 July 1944, so it is assumed it was disbanded on or about this date.
5. This formation was a first line T.A. brigade. It was redesignated as a reserve infantry brigade on 5 August 1944. The existing units were posted away, in July 1944, with three Scottish battalions replacing them during the same month, the brigade taking on the continuation training and drafting role for Scottish infantry regiments.
6. This battalion was the only original unit left in the brigade from the outbreak of war in September 1939. It transferred to the 114th Infantry Brigade on 22 July 1944, to continue its training role within the 38th Infantry (Reserve) Division.
7. This battalion transferred to the 140th Infantry Brigade, 47th Infantry (Reserve) Division on 24 July 1944 and continued its training role.
8. As with the above battalions, this battalion continued its training and draft finding role, transferring to 113th Infantry Brigade, 38th Infantry (Reserve) Division.
9. The divisional troops were reduced during 1943 down the level required by the lower establishment.
10. This regiment was formed in March 1942, by the conversion of the 8th Bn. The North Staffordshire Regiment. It joined this division on 26 December 1942, becoming the only artillery regiment in the division from March 1943. The regiment left the division on 31 August 1944, to be disbanded. It was replaced on 1 September 1944 by:
120th (South Midland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
This regiment transferred in from the 61st Infantry Division.
11. Formed in July 1942 from a battery of the 67th Anti-Tank Regiment, this regiment joined the division on 5 September 1942.

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11th Bn. The West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own)

11th Bn. The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales Own Yorkshire Regiment)

10th Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)

11th Bn. The York and Lancaster Regiment

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10th Bn. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

10th Bn. The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)

9th Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's)

2nd Bn. The London Scottish ⁽⁴⁾

Divisional Troops

120th (South Midland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

96th Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery

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48th Reserve Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

NOTES:

1. This is the order of battle for the division from 1 September 1944 as the reorganisation as a reserve formation settled down. It continued in the role of training and draft finding under command of G.H.Q. Home Forces but based in Northern Command responsible for Northern and Scottish Command regiments. It remained in existence until the reserve formations were disbanded in May 1946. The division was not reformed when the Territorial Army was reconstituted in April 1947.
2. Reorganised as an infantry (reserve) brigade in July 1944, the brigade was responsible for the infantry continuation training for the Yorkshire regiments.
3. Again reorganised as an infantry (reserve) brigade in July 1944, the formation was responsible for the infantry continuation training for the Scottish regiments.
4. This battalion, whose parent regiment was The Gordon Highlanders, joined the brigade on 10 September 1944.
5. On 10 April 1945, the following regiment joined the division:
168th Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery
It had been originally formed in December 1941 as the 168th Field Regiment, being converted into a medium regiment in November 1943. It left this division on 29 June 1945, converting into a light regiment and being transferred to the 61st Infantry Division.
6. Another medium regiment joined the division on 9 July 1945, this being:
12th Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery
This regiment had been formed in January 1943, serving with Home Forces until joining this division.
7. On 30 May 1945, another field company joined the division, namely:
792nd Field Company, Royal Engineers

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