

## 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Division <sup>(1)</sup>

Divisional Headquarters, 56<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division  
Headquarters Defence & Employment Platoon

### 167<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 167<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

8<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> City of London) Bn. The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)

9<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> City of London) Bn. The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)

7<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry <sup>(2)</sup>

### 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade <sup>(3)</sup>

Headquarters, 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The London Irish Rifles

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The London Scottish

10<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte of Wales's)

### 169<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade <sup>(4)</sup>

Headquarters, 169<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

2<sup>nd</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> (Bermondsey) Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

2<sup>nd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> (Southwark) Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

### Divisional Troops

*44<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Reconnaissance Corps* <sup>(5)</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Cheshire Regiment <sup>(6)</sup>

Headquarters, 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery & Signal Section

64<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup> London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

90<sup>th</sup> (City of London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(7)</sup>

113<sup>th</sup> (Home Counties) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(8)</sup>

67<sup>th</sup> Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(9)</sup>

100<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(10)</sup>

Headquarters, 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Divisional Royal Engineers & Signal Section  
220<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> London) Field Company, Royal Engineers  
221<sup>st</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> London) Field Company, Royal Engineers  
501<sup>st</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers (11)  
563<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Company, Royal Engineers

56<sup>th</sup> (London) Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Divisional Royal Army Service Corps  
513<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps  
514<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps  
515<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps  
491<sup>st</sup> Divisional Troops Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps  
167<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps  
168<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps  
214<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps  
*51<sup>st</sup> Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps (12)*  
*25<sup>th</sup> Anti-Malarial Control Unit, Royal Army Medical Corps (12)*  
*77<sup>th</sup> Anti-Malarial Control Unit, Royal Army Medical Corps (12)*

56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Divisional Field Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Headquarters, 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Divisional Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers  
167<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers  
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56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Divisional Field Cash Office, Royal Army Pay Corps

56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Divisional Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

## NOTES:

1. The division was a pre-war, first-line, Territorial Army formation. It left the United Kingdom on 25 August 1942 and arrived in Iraq on 4 November 1942. It came under command of the XXI Indian Corps in Iraq. The division remained in Iraq under command of this corps until it left for Egypt on 19 March 1943. The division covered the journey by road to reach Egypt, where it arrived on 19 April 1943, and it then travelled on to join X Corps in Tunisia, a total of about 2,300 miles.
2. This was a war raised battalion, which joined this brigade on 14 February 1941 in the United Kingdom. (This battalion may have been formed by the redesignation of the 15<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Royal Fusiliers).
3. This brigade was detached from the division with effect from 9 April 1943. It travelled to Egypt, going on to serve in Palestine, Egypt and Sicily. The brigade was used to reinforce the 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, which had lost a brigade in the Western Desert in 1942. The brigade rejoined this division on 17 October 1943 in Italy.
4. This brigade had been formed as the 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade as part of the 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, which is why it comprised three Territorial Army battalions of The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey). That division disbanded after the withdrawal from France, with this brigade joining this division on 2 July 1940. It was then redesignated as the 169<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade with effect from 28 November 1940. The brigade continued to serve with this division for the duration of the Second World War.
5. The 56<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Reconnaissance Corps remained behind in the United Kingdom when the division sailed for Iraq. This regiment did not join the division until 8 March 1943, just before it left Iraq for Egypt. It is probable the regiment waited in Egypt for the division to join it and did not serve in Iraq.
6. This battalion was a machine gun battalion, which joined the division in Iraq on 12 January 1943 having transferred from the 44<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.
7. This field regiment was usually allocated in support of the 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade. As such, it left the command of this division on 18 March 1943 to serve with that brigade.
8. Originally under the command of the 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, this regiment transferred to this division on 9 July 1940.
9. This regiment was formed in 1939 as a duplicate of the 57<sup>th</sup> (East Surrey) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery. It joined this division from the 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division on 1 July 1940, and remained with this division until the end of the war.
10. Formed in December 1941, this regiment was born from the reorganisation and redesignation of the 18<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). The newly formed regiment was under the command of Home Forces until joining the division on 3 February 1942.
11. This field company left on 18 March 1943 to serve with 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade on its travels. It rejoined this division on 13 October 1943.
12. It is not known when these units came under command of this formation, but it is believed it was before or during its period in Iraq.

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