

23rd Armoured Brigade (1)

40th Royal Tank Regiment (2)

46th Royal Tank Regiment (3)

50th Royal Tank Regiment (2)

463rd Battery, 104th Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery

1238th Field Company, Royal Engineers

331st Company, Royal Army Service Corps

150th Light Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

NOTES:

1. This brigade was formed in 1939 as the 23rd Army Tank Brigade. It comprised two Territorial Army units of the Royal Tank Regiment. The brigade headquarters were based at the Drill Hall, Score Lane, Liverpool. The 40th R.T.R. was formed by the conversion in November 1938 of the 7th Bn. The King's Regiment (Liverpool). This unit was based in the City of Liverpool and in Bootle. The 46th R.T.R. was formed in April 1939 by the duplication of the 40th R.T.R., and was also based in Liverpool. In April 1939, the 44th R.T.R. formed a duplicate regiment, which was entitled the 50th R.T.R.. This regiment was also based in Bristol. It joined the 23rd Army Tank Brigade (later redesignated as the 23rd Armoured Brigade). On 19 August 1944, the brigade headquarters was designated Force 140 and received an increase in staff. By the end of August, the brigade was organised and equipped as an infantry brigade group for operations in Greece. On 2 September 1944, Force 140 was redesignated as 'ArkForce', with the brigade commander becoming the force commander with a separate staff. The brigade landed in Greece on 16 October 1944. On 19 October 1944, the brigade reverted to its normal title. It remained in Greece until at least September 1945.
2. These regiments were reorganised as infantry battalions for operations in Greece. They were re-equipped with Sherman tanks in January 1945.
3. This regiment was reorganised with one squadron of armoured cars and two squadrons as infantry. In January 1945, the regiment was re-equipped with Sherman tanks and resumed its usual role.

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