

## 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division <sup>(1)</sup>

Divisional Headquarters, 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division  
Headquarters Defence & Employment Platoon  
xx Field Security Section, Intelligence Corps

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

Headquarters, 128<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Hampshire Regiment  
1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Hampshire Regiment  
5<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Hampshire Regiment

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

Headquarters, 138<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

6<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Lincolnshire Regiment  
2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Bn. The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry  
6<sup>th</sup> Bn. The York and Lancaster Regiment

### 139<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade <sup>(2)</sup>

Headquarters, 139<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Leicestershire Regiment  
5<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment)  
16<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Durham Light Infantry

### Divisional Troops

46<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Reconnaissance Corps

9<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Manchester Regiment <sup>(3)</sup>

Headquarters, 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery  
70<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery  
71<sup>st</sup> (West Riding) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery  
172<sup>nd</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery  
58<sup>th</sup> (Duke of Wellington's) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery

Headquarters, 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisional Royal Engineers  
270<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers  
271<sup>st</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers  
272<sup>nd</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers  
273<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Company, Royal Engineers  
201<sup>st</sup> Bridging Platoon, Royal Engineers

46<sup>th</sup> Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisional Royal Army Service Corps  
519<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps  
520<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps  
570<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps  
521<sup>st</sup> Divisional Troops Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps  
183<sup>rd</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps  
184<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps  
185<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps  
15<sup>th</sup> Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

Headquarters, 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisional Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers  
128<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers  
138<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers  
139<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers  
46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisional Troops Workshop, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisional Ordnance Field Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps  
60<sup>th</sup> Mobile Laundry & Bath Unit, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisional Field Cash Office, Royal Army Pay Corps

46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisional Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

## NOTES:

1. The division was a second line Territorial Army formation, which was formed in 1939 as a duplicate of the 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Infantry Division. The 46<sup>th</sup> (North Midland) Division, one of the fourteen divisions that comprised the Territorial Force in 1908, was disbanded in 1936. The reformed formation did not (at least officially) use the title 'North Midland' or 'North Midland and West Riding' Division as appears in some texts. It was deployed to France in April 1940 on training and labour duties, at that time being poorly equipped and ill-trained. It suffered heavy casualties during the German invasion of France, being evacuated from Dunkirk on 2 June 1940. It remained in the U.K. re-equipping and refitting until leaving for North Africa on 6 January 1943. It landed on 17 January and came under command of 1<sup>st</sup> Army. It fought in the Tunisian campaign under command of V Corps and IX Corps. It transferred to X Corps in July 1943, and landed with the corps at Salerno in Italy on 9 September 1943. The division fought in the battles for the capture of Naples between 22 September and 1 October, the Volturno Crossing between 12 and 15 October, and the capture of Monte Camino between 5 and 9 November 1943, all under command of X Corps. It left X Corps command on 10 March 1944, and left Italy on 16 March 1944 bound for Egypt. It moved to Palestine in April 1944 and then back to Egypt in June. The division returned to Italy on 3 July 1944 and joined V Corps on 10 August. It fought in the Gothic Line battles between the 25 August and 22 September, including the battle for Coriano between 3 and 15 September, and the Rimini Line between 14 and 21 September. It transferred to X Corps on 12 December during the Lamone Crossing. As the Greek civil war erupted in late 1944, the division released a brigade for service in Greece (see below). As the situation deteriorated, the rest of the division was sent to Greece in January 1945. It was transferred to Greece on 14 January. The division returned to Italy on 11 April 1945, and rejoined V Corps on 5 May 1945. It remained with that corps until at least August 1945, moving with the corps to Austria on 12 May. It was disbanded in 1946, and being a second line formation, it was not reformed when the Territorial Army was reconstituted in 1947.
2. This brigade was detached from the division on 29 November 1944 in Italy, and it transferred to the command of Allied Armies in Italy. On 3 December 1944, it came under command of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Armoured Brigade, and then on 6 December this changed to 'ArkForce'. The brigade landed at Piraeus, and it fought in the battle for Athens. On 4 December, the brigade formed 'Block Force' and came under command of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, and then on 17 December, Headquarters, Military Command Athens. It reverted to the command of the division on 18 January 1945 as the rest of the formation landed in Greece.
3. This unit was the divisional machine gun battalion.

## SOURCES:

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