

56th (London) Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Divisional Headquarters, 56th Infantry Division
Headquarters Defence & Employment Platoon
35th Field Security Section, Intelligence Corps

167th Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 167th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

8th (1st City of London) Bn. The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)
9th (2nd City of London) Bn. The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)
7th Bn. The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

168th Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 168th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

1st Bn. The London Irish Rifles
1st Bn. The London Scottish
10th Bn. The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte of Wales's)

169th Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 169th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

2nd/5th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)
2nd/6th (Bermondsey) Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)
2nd/7th (Southwark) Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

201st (Guards) Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 201st (Guards) Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

6th Bn. Grenadier Guards
3rd Bn. Coldstream Guards
2nd Bn. Scots Guards

Divisional Troops

44th Regiment, Reconnaissance Corps ⁽⁴⁾

6th Bn. The Cheshire Regiment (5)

Headquarters, 56th (London) Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery & Signal Section

64th (7th London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

65th (8th London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (6)

113th (Home Counties) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

67th Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery

100th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery

Headquarters, 56th (London) Infantry Divisional Royal Engineers & Signal Section

42nd Field Company, Royal Engineers (7)

220th (2nd London) Field Company, Royal Engineers

221st (2nd London) Field Company, Royal Engineers

501st Field Company, Royal Engineers (8)

563rd Field Park Company, Royal Engineers

56th (London) Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 56th (London) Infantry Divisional Royal Army Service Corps

513th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

515th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

543rd Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

491st Divisional Troops Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 56th (London) Infantry Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps

167th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

214th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

5th Light Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

51st Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

25th Anti-Malarial Control Unit, Royal Army Medical Corps

77th Anti-Malarial Control Unit, Royal Army Medical Corps

56th (London) Infantry Divisional Field Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Headquarters, 56th (London) Infantry Divisional Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

167th Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

169th Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

201st Infantry Brigade (Guards) Workshops, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

56th (London) Infantry Divisional Field Cash Office, Royal Army Pay Corps

56th (London) Infantry Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

56th (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 the 25th August 1942 and arrived in Iraq on 4th 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 19th March 1943. The division covered the journey by road to reach Egypt, where it arrived on 19th April 1943, and it then travelled on to join X Corps in Tunisia, a total of about 2,300 miles.
2. This brigade was detached from the division with effect from the 9th April 1943. It travelled to Egypt, going on to serve in Palestine, Egypt and Sicily. The brigade was used to reinforce the 50th Infantry Division, which had lost a brigade in the Western Desert in 1942. The brigade rejoined this division on the 17th October 1943 in Italy.
3. This brigade had been formed as the 35th Infantry Brigade as part of the 12th 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 the 2nd July 1940. It was then redesignated as the 169th Infantry Brigade with effect from the 28th November 1940. The brigade continued to serve with this division for the duration of the Second World War.
4. The 56th Regiment, Reconnaissance Corps remained behind in the United Kingdom when the division sailed for Iraq. This regiment did not join the division until 8th 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.
5. This battalion was a machine gun battalion, which joined the division in Iraq on 12th January 1943 having transferred from the 44th Infantry Division.
6. This field regiment was usually allocated in support of the 168th Infantry Brigade. As such, it left the command of this division on the 18th March 1943 to serve with that brigade.
7. Originally under the command of the 12th Infantry Division, this regiment transferred to this division on the 9th July 1940.
8. This regiment was formed in 1939 as a duplicate of the 57th (East Surrey) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery. It joined this division from the 12th Infantry Division on the 1st July 1940, and remained with this division until the end of the war.
9. Formed in December 1941, this regiment was born from the reorganisation and redesignation of the 18th Bn. The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). The newly formed regiment was under the command of Home Forces until joining the division on the 3rd February 1942.
10. This field company left on the 18th March 1943 to serve with 168th Infantry Brigade on its travels. It rejoined this division on the 13th October 1943.

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