

6th Airborne Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 6th Airborne Division & Employment Platoon

2nd Parachute Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 2nd Parachute Brigade & Signal Section

4th (Wessex) Bn. The Parachute Regiment

5th (Scottish) Bn. The Parachute Regiment

6th (Royal Welch) Bn. The Parachute Regiment

3rd Parachute Brigade

Headquarters, 3rd Parachute Brigade & Signal Section

3rd Bn. The Parachute Regiment

8th (Midland Counties) Bn. The Parachute Regiment

9th (Home Counties) Bn. The Parachute Regiment

6th Airlanding Brigade

Headquarters, 6th Airlanding Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

1st Bn. The Royal Ulster Rifles

1st Bn. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's)

Divisional Troops

6th Airborne Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps

21st Independent Parachute Company, The Parachute Regiment

Headquarters, 6th Airborne Divisional Royal Artillery

53rd (Worcestershire Yeomanry) Airlanding Light Regiment, Royal Artillery

2nd Airlanding Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery

2nd Forward Observation Unit (Airborne), Royal Artillery

Headquarters, 6th Airborne Divisional Royal Engineers

1st Parachute Squadron, Royal Engineers

9th Parachute Squadron, Royal Engineers

286th Airborne Field Park Company, Royal Engineers

6th Airborne Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

21st Independent Parachute Company Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 6th Airborne Divisional Royal Army Service Corps

63rd Composite Company (Airborne), Royal Army Service Corps

398th Composite Company (Airborne), Royal Army Service Corps

716th Company (Airborne Light), Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 6th Airborne Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps

127th Parachute Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

224th Parachute Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

195th Airlanding Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

74th Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

6th Airborne Divisional Ordnance Field Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

6th Airborne Divisional Workshop, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

6th Airborne Divisional Battle School

6th Airborne Divisional Training School

6th Airborne Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

317th Field Security Section (Airborne), Intelligence Corps

16th Field Cash Office (Light), Royal Army Pay Corps

6th Airborne Divisional Air Photographic Interpretation Section

2nd Mobile Photographic Enlargement Section

6th Airborne Divisional Postal Unit, Royal Engineers

NOTES:

1. Following the end of the war in both Europe and South East Asia, the 6th Airborne Division was allocated to the Imperial Strategic Reserve. It was sent to Palestine between 15 September and 6 November 1945, not for internal security duties, but because Palestine was central in the British Empire, and had good airfields in the south of the country. Inevitably, it did get drawn in to the increasing violence between the Jewish and Arab communities, and the escalating attacks against British interests and armed forces stationed in Palestine.
2. This brigade joined the division from its role as an Independent Parachute Brigade on 29 August 1945. Its three battalions were all war raised battalions of the Parachute Regiment. The 4th Bn. had been formed on 1 January 1942 from the first batch of parachute volunteers. It was later entitled (Wessex) as each of the battalions took on a regional title (except for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions). The 5th Bn. was formed by the conversion of the 7th Bn. Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and the 6th Bn. by the conversion of the 10th Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers. The brigade had served in the Mediterranean theatre during the war, including Southern France, Italy and Greece. It arrived back in the U.K. on 25 June 1945 and replaced the 5th Parachute Brigade, which was sent to South East Asia.

6th Airborne Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 2nd Parachute Brigade & Signal Section

1st Parachute Brigade ⁽²⁾

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1st Bn. The Parachute Regiment

2nd Bn. The Parachute Regiment

7th Bn. The Parachute Regiment

2nd Parachute Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 2nd Parachute Brigade & Signal Section

4th Bn. The Parachute Regiment

5th Bn. The Parachute Regiment

6th Bn. The Parachute Regiment

3rd Parachute Brigade

Headquarters, 2nd Parachute Brigade & Signal Section

3rd Bn. The Parachute Regiment

8th Bn. The Parachute Regiment

9th Bn. The Parachute Regiment

Divisional Troops

3rd The King's Own Hussars

Headquarters, 6th Airborne Divisional Royal Artillery

53rd (Worcestershire Yeomanry) Airlanding Light Regiment, Royal Artillery

2nd Airlanding Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery

2nd Forward Observation Unit (Airborne), Royal Artillery

Headquarters, 6th Airborne Divisional Royal Engineers

1st Airborne Squadron, Royal Engineers

3rd Airborne Squadron, Royal Engineers

9th Airborne Squadron, Royal Engineers

249th Airborne Park Squadron, Royal Engineers

6th Airborne Divisional Signal Regiment, Royal Corps of Signals

Number 1 Wing, Glider Pilot Regiment Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 6th Airborne Divisional Royal Army Service Corps

63rd Composite Company (Airborne), Royal Army Service Corps

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Headquarters, 6th Airborne Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps

127th Parachute Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

224th Parachute Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

195th Airlanding Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

74th Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

6th Airborne Divisional Ordnance Field Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

6th Airborne Divisional Workshop, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

6th Airborne Divisional Battle School

6th Airborne Divisional Training School

6th Airborne Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

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16th Field Cash Office (Light), Royal Army Pay Corps

6th Airborne Divisional Air Photographic Interpretation Section

2nd Mobile Photographic Enlargement Section

6th Airborne Divisional Postal Unit, Royal Engineers

NOTES:

1. Following the end of the war in both Europe and South East Asia, the 6th Airborne Division was allocated to the Imperial Strategic Reserve. The division occupied southern Palestine, and became involved in internal security operations, such as cordon and search tasks.
2. The 1st Parachute Brigade joined the division in Palestine in April 1946, replacing the 6th Airlanding Brigade. The airlanding brigade was redesignated as the 31st Independent Infantry Brigade on 15 April 1946, and became an independent formation in Palestine until it was disbanded in November 1946.
3. The 2nd Parachute Brigade sailed from Haifa on 24 January 1947 bound for the United Kingdom. After a period stationed in the U.K., the brigade moved to the British Army of the Rhine. The formation sailed as a Brigade Group, taking with it the following units:
 - 'B' Squadron, The King's Own Hussars
 - 211th Battery, 53rd (Worcestershire Yeomanry) Airlanding Light Regiment, R.A.
 - 300th Battery, 2nd Airlanding Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery
 - No. 1 Section, 2nd Forward Observer Unit, Royal Artillery
 - 3rd Airborne Squadron, Royal Engineers
 - 'K' Troop, 6th Airborne Divisional Signal Regiment, Royal Corps of Signals
 - Detachment, 249th Airborne Park Squadron, Royal Engineers
 - 63rd Composite Company (Airborne), Royal Army Service Corps
 - 127th Parachute Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps
 - One Section, 6th Airborne Divisional Ordnance Field Park, R.A.O.C.
 - One Section, 6th Airborne Divisional Workshops, R.E.M.E.
 - One Airlanding Light Aid Detachment, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
 - One Section, 6th Airborne Divisional Provost Company, Royal Military Police

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