

## British Troops in Palestine <sup>(1)</sup>

### 1<sup>st</sup> Army Tank Brigade <sup>(2)</sup>

Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Army Tank Brigade & Signal Section

8<sup>th</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

11<sup>th</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

42<sup>nd</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

44<sup>th</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

### Arab Legion

2<sup>nd</sup> Mechanised Regiment, The Arab Legion

3<sup>rd</sup> Mechanised Regiment, The Arab Legion

### Unbrigaded Troops

4<sup>th</sup> Bn. 11<sup>th</sup> Sikh Regiment

4<sup>th</sup> Gwailor Infantry

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Royal Yugoslav Guards

## NOTES:

1. With the formation of the 9<sup>th</sup> Army, Palestine became a district reporting to G.H.Q. Middle East, with a Major General in command. The role of British Troops in Palestine reverted to being training base, and where formations could rest and refit. A few battalions were deployed on internal security duties, but during the war, tensions between the Arab and Jewish populations were significantly reduced. This is the order of battle for 14 February 1943.
2. This brigade moved to Palestine from Egypt on 25 October 1942, to rest and recuperate. Brigadier (Temporary) Thomas Reginald PRICE, D.S.O., M.C.\* commanded the brigade at this time. On 31 January 1944, the brigade moved to Egypt prior to embarkation for the U.K.. It arrived in the U.K. on 22 April 1944, and joined the 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division on 7 May 1944. It landed in Normandy on 10 August 1944, but in October and November 1944, it was dismembered to provide reinforcements for other British armoured units in North-West Europe. The Brigade Headquarters was placed in suspended animation on 18 November 1944.

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