

2nd (Cadre) Polish Armoured Grenadier Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 2nd (Cadre) Polish Armoured Grenadier Division

16th (Cadre) Polish Armoured Brigade

Headquarters, 16th (Cadre) Polish Armoured Brigade

3rd Polish Tank Regiment

5th Polish Tank Regiment

14th Polish Lancers Regiment

16th Polish Dragoons Regiment

1st (Cadre) Polish Grenadier Brigade

Headquarters, 1st (Cadre) Polish Grenadier Brigade

1st Polish Grenadier Battalion

2nd Polish Grenadier Battalion

Divisional Troops

2nd Polish Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment

3rd Polish Field Artillery Regiment (Motorised)

2nd Polish Anti-Tank Regiment

2nd Polish Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

1st Polish Field Company

NOTES:

1. The 16th Tank Brigade was formed in February 1942 as part of the 1st Polish Armoured Division. At this period, the establishment of British armoured divisions comprised two armoured brigades, and the Polish armoured division was raised to the British establishment. In May 1942, the establishment of armoured divisions changed to one armoured brigade, so the 16th Tank Brigade separated from the 1st Polish Armoured Division, and formed the cadre for the 2nd Polish Armoured Grenadier Division. In February 1945, the recruitment of captured German Army soldiers who originated from Poland allowed the expansion of the Polish formations under British command. The 2nd Polish Armoured Grenadier Division was expanded to form the 4th Polish Infantry Division, with the 16th Tank Brigade becoming the 16th Independent Polish Armoured Brigade. As such, it was not deployed operationally until after the cessation of hostilities, when it was sent to Germany under command of the I Polish Corps.

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