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

# Headquarters, 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

<u>137<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade</u> (2)

Headquarters, 137<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

 $2^{nd}/5^{th}$  Bn. The West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own)  $2^{nd}/6^{th}$  Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)  $2^{nd}/7^{th}$  Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)

<u>138<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade</u> (3)

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

<u>139<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade</u> (4)

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

2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Leicestershire Regiment

2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment) 9<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment)

### **Divisional Troops**

Headquarters, 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery

121<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (5)

(H.Q., 275<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> West Riding) & 276<sup>th</sup> (11<sup>th</sup> West Riding) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery) 122<sup>nd</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (6)

(H.Q., 278<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> West Riding) & 280<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup> West Riding) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery) 123<sup>rd</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (7)

(H.Q., 283<sup>rd</sup> (9<sup>th</sup> West Riding) & 284<sup>th</sup> (12<sup>th</sup> West Riding) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery) 68<sup>th</sup> Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery (8)

(H.Q., 269<sup>th</sup>, 270<sup>th</sup>, 271<sup>st</sup> & 272<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Tank Batteries, Royal Artillery)

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Headquarters, 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisional Royal Engineers 270<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers (9) 271<sup>st</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers (9) 272<sup>nd</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers (9) 273<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Company, Royal Engineers (9)

46<sup>th</sup> Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals (10)

### NOTES:

- 1. The North Midland Division was originally formed in 1908 as part of the Territorial Force. It was numbered in 1916 as the 46<sup>th</sup> (North Midland) Division. When the Territorial Army was reconstituted in 1920, this division was reformed as a first line T.A. formation. It was disbanded in 1936 when several infantry units were converted into anti-aircraft roles. When the 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Infantry Division created a duplicate division in April 1939, this assumed the title of the 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. It was embodied by its parent division, until the headquarters 46<sup>th</sup> Division assumed command on 2 October 1939. Officially, it appears the division did not adopt a title, but some documents give this formation the title of 'North Midland and West Riding' Division. The division remained in the United Kingdom until being deployed to France on 24 April 1940. It was sent for training and labour duties, therefore, all the artillery units plus the bulk of the division moved to Scottish Command to rest and refit. On 6 January 1941 it joined II Corps, moving to XII Corps on 14 November 1941. On 24 August 1942 the division came under command of 1<sup>st</sup> Army as part of the expeditionary force, and landed in North Africa on 17 January 1943. It later served in Italy and Greece.
- 2. This was a second line Territorial Army brigade. The 2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Bn. West Yorkshire Regiment was based in Leeds, the 2<sup>nd</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> D.W.R. at Keighley, and the 2<sup>nd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Bn. D.W.R. at Huddersfield.
- This was a second line T.A. brigade comprising three second line battalions. The 6<sup>th</sup> Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment was based at Grantham, the 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. was based at Wakefield and, the 6<sup>th</sup> Bn. York and Lancaster Regiment was based at Sheffield.
- 4. This was another second line brigade. The three battalions were based at Leicester (2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment), Derby (2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sherwood Foresters) and Newark (9<sup>th</sup> Sherwood Foresters).
- 5. The regiment was a second line T.A. unit formed in April 1939 as a duplicate of the 69<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment. The H.Q. and 275<sup>th</sup> Batteries were based in Leeds, with the 276<sup>th</sup> Battery based at Ilkley. The regiment was not titled (West Riding) until February 1942.
- 6. This regiment was another second line T.A. unit formed in May 1939, as a duplicate of the 70<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment. The H.Q. and 278<sup>th</sup> Batteries were based at Halifax, and the 280<sup>th</sup> Battery was based at Otley. The regiment was not titled (West Riding) until shortly before the regiment was captured in Singapore in February 1942.
- The regiment was the third, second line T.A. unit in the division, again formed in May 1939 as a duplicate of the 71<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment. The Headquarters and 283<sup>rd</sup> Batteries were based in Sheffield, with the 284<sup>th</sup> Battery being based in Rotherham.
- 8. A T.A. regiment that was the duplicate of the 58<sup>th</sup> (D.W.R.) Anti-Tank Regiment. It was formed in 1939, with all five batteries being based in Bridlington.
- 9. The four Royal Engineer units were duplicate units formed in Sheffield from the first line units in 49<sup>th</sup> Division.
- 10. The divisional signals were based in Leeds with the first line signals unit of the 49<sup>th</sup> Division.

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