

49th (West Riding) Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 49th (West Riding) Infantry Division

146th Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 146th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

4th Bn. The Lincolnshire Regiment

1st/4th Bn. The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

The Hallamshire Bn. The York and Lancaster Regiment

147th Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 147th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st/5th Bn. The West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own)

1st/6th Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)

1st/7th Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)

148th Infantry Brigade ⁽⁴⁾

Headquarters, 148th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st/5th Bn. The Leicestershire Regiment

1st/5th Bn. The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment) ⁽⁵⁾

8th Bn. The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment)

Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 49th (West Riding) Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery

69th (West Riding) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁶⁾

(H.Q., 273rd (1st West Riding) & 274th (2nd (West Riding) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

70th (West Riding) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁷⁾

(H.Q., 277th (4th West Riding) & 279th (6th West Riding) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

71st (West Riding) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁸⁾

(H.Q., 281st (7th West Riding) & 282nd (8th West Riding) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

58th (Duke of Wellington's) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁹⁾

(H.Q., 229th, 230th, 231st & 232nd Anti-Tank Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Headquarters, 49th (West Riding) Infantry Divisional Royal Engineers

228th (West Riding) Field Company, Royal Engineers (10)

229th (West Riding) Field Company, Royal Engineers (10)

230th (West Riding) Field Company, Royal Engineers (10)

231st (West Riding) Field Park Company, Royal Engineers (10)

49th (West Riding) Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals (11)

NOTES:

1. This formation was a first line Territorial Army division, with its headquarters based at Clifton in York. The division had absorbed elements of the 46th (North Midland) Infantry Division when it disbanded in 1936. The Division was required to provide units for the campaign in Norway. The Divisional Headquarters was designated Headquarters 'AvonForce' on 5 April 1940, and sailed for Norway. The Divisional Troops remained in the U.K.. On the return of the divisional headquarters from Norway, it was designated Headquarters Alabaster Force and sailed for Iceland. The formation returned from Iceland in April 1942, and was reconstituted as an infantry division. It later served in North West Europe.
2. A first line Territorial Army brigade, with its headquarters based in Doncaster. The 4th Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment was based at Lincoln, the 1st/4th K.O.Y.L.I. was based at Wakefield, and the Hallamshire Battalion (the 4th Bn.) was based in Sheffield. The brigade sailed for Norway on 11 April 1940, where it formed 'Mauriceforce'. It fought in Norway between 16 April and 3 May 1940. On its return from Norway, the brigade sailed for Iceland, where it stayed for two years. On its return, it again formed part of this division, and had no change of units throughout the war.
3. A first line Territorial Army brigade, with its headquarters based in Rastrick. The 1st/5th West Yorkshire Regiment was based in York, with the 1st/6th Duke of Wellington's Regiment being based at Skipton, and the 1st/7th Battalion at Milnsbridge. This brigade did not go to Norway, but sailed for Iceland on 17 May 1940. It returned from Iceland with the divisional headquarters in April 1942, remaining with the division for the rest of the war.
4. A first line Territorial Army brigade, whose headquarters were based at Nottingham. The 1st/5th Leicestershire Regiment was based at Loughborough, the 1st/5th Sherwood Foresters at Derby, and the 8th Bn. at Newark. The brigade was sent to Norway, where the 2nd S.W.B. were deployed to Narvik (see below), whilst the other two battalions formed 'Sickleforce'. Ill trained and under equipped, the brigade suffered badly in Norway. The remnants were withdrawn back to the U.K., and the brigade left the division when the rest went to Iceland, remaining in the U.K.. In 1942, it was reorganized as a training brigade in the U.K..
5. The 1st/5th Bn. The Sherwood Foresters left the brigade on 29 October 1939, transferring to the 18th Infantry Division. It was replaced by the:
2nd Bn. The South Wales Borderers
This Regular Army battalion transferred in from Londonderry.
6. The was a first line Territorial Army (T.A.) regiment, which had originally been formed in 1916. The H.Q. and 273rd Batteries were based in Leeds, with the 274th Battery being located at Bramley. The regiment remained with the division throughout the war.
7. Another first line T.A. regiment formed in 1916. All three batteries were based in Bradford. The regiment left the division in April 1940, when the divisional headquarters sailed for Iceland. In February 1943, the regiment joined the 46th Infantry Division, and served with that formation in North Africa and Italy.
8. A first line T.A. regiment formed in 1916. All three batteries were based in Sheffield. This regiment transferred to 46th Infantry Division in July 1940, and remained with that division for the rest of the year.
9. The regiment was formed in 1938 by the conversion of the 4th Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding). All the five batteries were based in Halifax. This regiment transferred to the 46th Infantry Division in June 1940, and served with the division in North Africa and Italy.

10. The four engineer companies under command of this Division were first line T.A. companies that were based in Sheffield.
11. The divisional signals were based in Leeds.

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