38th (Welsh) Infantry Division (1)

Headquarters, 38th (Welsh) Infantry Division

<u>113th Infantry Brigade</u> (2)

Headquarters, 113th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

 15^{th} (Carmarthenshire) Bn. The Welch Regiment $2^{nd}/5^{th}$ Bn. The Welch Regiment 4^{th} Bn. The Monmouthshire Regiment

<u>114th Infantry Brigade</u> (3)

Headquarters, 114th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

5th Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry The Brecknockshire Bn. The South Wales Borderers 2nd Bn. The Herefordshire Regiment

<u>115th Infantry Brigade</u> (4)

Headquarters, 115th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

8th Bn. The Royal Welch Fusiliers 9th Bn. The Royal Welch Fusiliers 10th Bn. The Royal Welch Fusiliers

Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 38th (Welsh) Divisional Royal Artillery

- 102nd (Pembroke and Cardiganshire) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (5) (H.Q., 405th (Pembroke Yeomanry) & 406th (Pembroke Yeomanry) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)
- 132nd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (6) (H.Q., 321st (Glamorgan) & 322nd (Glamorgan) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)
- 146th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (7) (H.Q., 407th (Cardigan) & 408th (Cardigan) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

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Headquarters, 38th (Welsh) Divisional Royal Engineers 283rd Field Company, Royal Engineers (8) 284th Field Company, Royal Engineers (9) 247th (Welsh) Field Park Company, Royal Engineers (10)

38th Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

NOTES:

- The 38th (Welsh) Infantry Division was a second line Territorial Army formation raised as a duplicate to the 53rd (Welsh) Division. It was formed in 1939, assuming control of its units from 53rd Division on 18 September 1939. The division remained in the U.K. It was placed on the lower establishment on 1 December 1941, and ceased to command units in August 1944. The divisional headquarters was reorganised and redesignated as a reserve division on 1 September 1944.
- 2. This formation was a second line T.A. brigade. The 15th Bn. Welch Regiment was based at Llanelli, the 2nd/5th Bn. Welch Regiment was based at Swansea, with the 4th Bn. The Monmouthshire Regiment based at Newport. The brigade stayed with the division until it disbanded when the division became a reserve formation.
- 3. This was another second line, duplicate, T.A. brigade. The 5th Bn. K.S.L.I. was based in Ross on Wye, the Brecknockshire Battalion was based at Brecon, and the 2nd Bn. Herefords was based at Hereford. The brigade remained with the division until it was disbanded on 19th July 1944.
- 4. The third duplicate T.A. brigade in the division, the three battalions of the Royal Welch Fusiliers were all based in North Wales. The 8th Bn. was based at Wrexham, the 9th Bn. at Conway and the 10th Bn. at Newtown. The brigade remained with the division until August 1944, when it assumed the role of Force 135 for the recapture of the Channel Islands. It later became a L.o.C. Brigade in North West Europe.
- 5. This regiment was formed in 1920 by the conversion of the Pembroke Yeomanry. The H.Q. and 405th Batteries were based at Pembroke Dock, with the 406th Battery being based at Haverfordwest. The regiment remained with the division until November 1941. It was sent to North Africa with 1st Army in November 1942, converting to a medium regiment in September 1943.
- 6. The regiment was formed in May 1939 as a duplicate of the 81st Field Regiment. The H.Q. and 322nd Batteries were based at Neath, and the 321st Battery was based at Swansea. The regiment left the division in July 1942, transferring to the 78th Division.
- 7. Formed in July 1939 as a duplicate of the 105th Field Regiment. The H.Q. and 408th Batteries were based in Aberystwyth, and the 407th Battery at Cardigan. The regiment preceded its parent regiment to North Africa, arriving in September 1942. It was later converted into a medium regiment.
- 8. This field company was a second line T.A. based at Barry.
- 9. Another second line T.A. company, but based at Cardiff.
- 10. This company was a first line T.A. company and was based at Gorseinon near Swansea.

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