

44th (Home Counties) Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 44th (Home Counties) Infantry Division & Employment Platoon

131st Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 131st Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) (2)

1st/5th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

1st/6th (Bermondsey) Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

131st Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Company

132nd Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 132nd Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment (3)

4th Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment

5th Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment

132nd Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Company

133rd Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 133rd Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment (4)

4th Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment

5th Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment

133rd Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Company

Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery

57th (Home Counties) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

58th (Sussex) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

65th (8th London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

57th (East Surrey) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery

Headquarters, 44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery,
11th Field Company, Royal Engineers
209th (Sussex) Field Company, Royal Engineers
210th (Sussex) Field Company, Royal Engineers
211th (Sussex) Field Park Company, Royal Engineers

44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Royal Army Service Corps

44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Ammunition Company,
Royal Army Service Corps

44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Petrol Company, Royal Army Service Corps

44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Supply Column, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps

131st (Home Counties) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

132nd (Home Counties) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

133rd (Home Counties) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

14th Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

11th Mobile Bath Unit, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Field Cash Office, Royal Army Pay Corps

44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

44th (Home Counties) Infantry Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

Attached from G.H.Q. Troops

1st/8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) (5)

NOTES:

1. The 44th Infantry Division arrived in France on 1 April 1940. It was allocated to III Corps and moved to the front line with the British Expeditionary Force (B.E.F.) took up positions along the line of the River Escaut. The division was deployed on the extreme left of the B.E.F., with the Belgian Army on its left. The 133rd Infantry Brigade was held in reserve with the other two in the front line. It fought at the battles of St. Omer and La Bassee between 23 and 29 May 1940. It was evacuated from Dunkirk on 31 May 1940. It then remained in the U.K. until it left for Egypt on 29 May 1942. It was involved in the two battles of El Alamein, but was broken up and disbanded shortly afterwards in November 1942.
2. This battalion had been stationed at Pembroke Dock when war was declared on 3 September 1939. It joined this brigade on 4 May 1940, replacing the 1st/7th Bn. The Queen's Regiment which transferred to the 25th Brigade, which was then under command of the 5th Division.
3. This battalion transferred into this brigade on 4 May 1940 from 10th Brigade, 4th Division, in exchange with 1st/6th East Surrey Regiment which transferred to 10th Brigade.
4. This A First Line Territorial Army battalion, based at the Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow, Middlesex. It was converted into a machine gun battalion in 1938 and at first allocated to the 1st London Division. It deployed to France as the machine gun battalion of the 44th (Home Counties) Infantry Division, although it came under command of G.H.Q. Troops on arrival in France. In practice, the battalion remained attached to the 44th Infantry Division for the duration of the campaign.
5. On the outbreak of the Second World War, when the division mobilized, the three companies of the Royal Army Service Corps allocated to the division formed an Ammunition Company, Petrol Company and Supply Company. In this division, the 507th Company, R.A.S.C. formed the Ammunition Company, the 508th Company, R.A.S.C. formed the Petrol Company and the 509th Company formed the Supply Column. The fourth R.A.S.C. company was not added to the divisional establishment until June 1942, when the organisation was changed to three infantry brigade companies, and one divisional troops company.
6. In 1940, each infantry division was allocated one Mobile Bath Unit from the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, but the field park and workshop units were Corps Troops.

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