

2nd Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 2nd Division, Defence and Employment Platoon

4th Infantry Brigade

Headquarters 4th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Defence Platoon

1st Bn. The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)

2nd Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment

1st/8th Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers ⁽²⁾

5th Infantry Brigade

Headquarters 5th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Defence Platoon

7th Bn. The Worcestershire Regiment

2nd Bn. The Dorsetshire Regiment ⁽³⁾

1st Bn. The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders

6th Infantry Brigade

Headquarters 6th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Defence Platoon

1st Bn. The Royal Welch Fusiliers

1st Bn. The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte of Wales's)

2nd Bn. The Durham Light Infantry

Divisional Troops

2nd (Loyal) Reconnaissance Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps

143rd Special Service Company ⁽²⁾

2nd Bn. The Manchester Regiment ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 2nd Divisional Royal Artillery

10th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

(H.Q., 30th, 46th & 51/54th Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

16th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

(H.Q., 27th, 34th, & 72nd/86th Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

99th (Buckinghamshire Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

(H.Q., 393rd, 394th & 472nd Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

100th (Gordon Highlanders) Light Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery (4)

(H.Q., 169th & 170th Anti-Tank Batteries and 401st & 572nd Light Anti-Aircraft Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Headquarters, 2nd Divisional Royal Engineers

5th Field Company, Royal Engineers

208th (Sussex) Field Company, Royal Engineers

506th Field Company, Royal Engineers

21st Field Park Company, Royal Engineers

2nd Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 2nd Divisional Royal Army Service Corps

8th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

24th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

29th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

387th Divisional Troops Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 2nd Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps

4th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

5th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

6th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

2nd Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

44th Anti-Malaria Unit, Royal Army Medical Corps

Headquarters, 2nd Divisional Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

4th Brigade Workshop, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

5th Brigade Workshop, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

6th Brigade Workshop, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

2nd Divisional Troops Workshop, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

131st Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

132nd Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

133rd Field Post Office, Royal Engineers

2nd Divisional Postal Unit, Royal Engineers

2nd Divisional Provost Unit, Corps of Military Police

1st Field Security Section, Intelligence Corps

NOTES:

1. The 2nd Infantry Division was a pre-war Regular Army formation, which at the outbreak of war was stationed at Aldershot in the U.K. On 21 September 1939, the division arrived in France and Belgium as part of the B.E.F. Following its evacuation on 1 June 1940, it reformed in the U.K. On 15 April 1942, the division sailed from the U.K., arriving in India on 7 June 1942. It came under command of Southern Army. The 6th Brigade was detached for the 1st Arakan campaign in 1943, which resulted in a failure of the British intentions. In early 1944, the Japanese launched an offensive called U-Go, with the intention of destroying the British forces on the Imphal plain. The 2nd Infantry Division was moved to Assam, with advanced elements moving by air, and was sent forward piecemeal commencing on 27 March 1944 to raise the siege of Kohima. It fought throughout the campaign of 1944 and 1945 under XXXIII Corps, in particular being involved in the crossing of the Irrawaddy River and the capture of Mandalay. The division was withdrawn to India on 12 April 1945. The division transferred to the command of H.Q. Allied Land Forces South East Asia on that date, moving back to the Southern Army on 7 June 1945. The 5th Brigade left the division in October 1945 (following reorganisation) to become part of the Brinjak Division within the Allied Occupation Force of Japan. The 6th Brigade (again reorganised) sailed to Singapore in December 1945. The division was disbanded in India in October 1946.
2. On arrival at Kohima on 19 April, this battalion was placed under command of the 5th Infantry Brigade in lieu of the Dorsets who were then serving with the 6th Infantry Brigade. It returned to its parent brigade on 5 June 1944.
3. As this battalion arrived in the locality of Kohima, it found itself split with one company serving with 4th Brigade, one remaining with 5th Brigade and two attached to 6th Brigade. With effect from 19 April 1944 until the end of the Battle of Kohima, this battalion fought under command of the 6th Infantry Brigade. It rejoined the 5th Infantry Brigade on 5 June 1944.
4. The division formed this company from within its own resources for amphibious reconnaissance tasks. When the division was deployed to Kohima, it was retained as a commando and pathfinding unit.
5. This unit was the divisional machine gun battalion.
6. The regiment was formed in December 1943 by the combination of some batteries from the following two regiments:
100th (Gordon Highlanders) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery
122nd (Royal Warwickshire) Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery
In December 1944, the regiment dropped its L.A.A. role and reverted to its original role and title as:
100th (Gordon Highlanders) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery

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