

43rd (Wessex) Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 43rd (Wessex) Infantry Division
Headquarters Defence & Employment Platoon
xx Field Security Section, Intelligence Corps

129th Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 129th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

4th Bn. The Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's)
4th Bn. The Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's)
5th Bn. The Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's)

130th Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 130th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment
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7th Bn. The Hampshire Regiment
4th Bn. The Dorsetshire Regiment
5th Bn. The Dorsetshire Regiment

214th Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 214th 8th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

7th Bn. The Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's)
1st Bn. The Worcestershire Regiment
5th Bn. The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry

Divisional Troops

43rd Reconnaissance Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps ⁽³⁾

8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) ⁽⁴⁾

Headquarters, 43rd (Wessex) Divisional Royal Artillery
94th (Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
112th (Wessex) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
179th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁵⁾
59th (Duke of Connaught's – Hampshire) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery

110th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery (6)

Headquarters, 43rd (Wessex) Divisional Royal Engineers

204th (Wessex) Field Company, Royal Engineers

260th Field Company, Royal Engineers

553rd Field Company, Royal Engineers (7)

207th (Wessex) Field Park Company, Royal Engineers

13th Bridging Platoon, Royal Engineers (8)

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 43rd (Wessex) Divisional Royal Army Service Corps

54th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

504th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

505th Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

506th Divisional Troops Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 43rd (Wessex) Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps

129th (Wessex) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

130th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

213th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

14th Field Dressing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps

15th Field Dressing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps

38th Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

Headquarters, 43rd (Wessex) Divisional Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

129th Infantry Brigade Workshop, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

130th Infantry Brigade Workshop, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

214th Infantry Brigade Workshop, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Ordnance Field Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

306th Mobile Laundry and Bath Unit, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Postal Unit, Royal Engineers

43rd (Wessex) Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

54th Field Cash Office, Royal Army Pay Corps

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260th Field Company, Royal Engineers
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130th Infantry Brigade

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4th Bn. The Dorsetshire Regiment
5th Bn. The Dorsetshire Regiment

112th (Wessex) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
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553rd Field Company, Royal Engineers
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NOTES:

1. A first-line Territorial Army formation embodied in the U.K. in September 1939. The division served in the U.K. until the invasion of N.W. Europe. The divisional commander throughout the campaign was Major General G. I. THOMAS. The division arrived in Normandy on 24 June 1944 under command of XXX Corps. It fought with distinction in Normandy, in particular in the battle for Hill 112 and on Mount Pincon between 30 July and 9 August 1944. On 2 September 1944, the division transferred to VIII Corps, returning to XXX Corps on 15 September in preparation for Operation Market Garden, the battle of the Nederrijn. The division remained with XXX Corps until 13 December 1944 when it moved to XII Corps. It returned to XXX Corps on 31 January 1945 in order to participate in the clearing of the Reichswald and the advance through the Rhineland in February and March 1945. During this battle, the division transferred to II Canadian Corps from 21 February until 12 March 1945. The division remained with XXX Corps for the rest of the war. It returned to the United Kingdom in 1947 and reformed as a Territorial Army infantry division post-war.
2. This brigade replaced the 128th Brigade after the short-lived experiment with the division on a mixed establishment. The brigade had been formed on 11 October 1940, as an Independent Infantry Brigade (Home). Various units served with the brigade until the formation settled with the battalions shown above. The 7th Bn. Somerset L.I. was a second line T.A. battalion based at Bridgwater, which had started the war in 135th Brigade, 45th Division. The 1st Bn. Worcesters was a pre-war regular battalion. It had begun the war in the Sudan. From there it served throughout the Middle East, until captured by the Axis Forces at Tobruk on 22 June 1941 whilst serving with the 5th Indian Division. The battalion was reconstituted in the U.K., joining this brigade on 30 September 1943. The 5th Bn. D.C.L.I. was a second line T.A. battalion, based in St. Austell. It had started the war in the 136th infantry Brigade, 45th Infantry Division, joining this brigade on 6 September 1942.
3. This regiment had commenced the war as the 5th Bn. Gloucestershire Regiment, a first-line T.A. battalion stationed at Gloucester. The battalion had converted to the reconnaissance role whilst serving with the 48th Division. On 20 November 1941, it transferred to the 43rd Division. It went through several changes in title in line with all the reconnaissance units until this title was adopted on 1 January 1944.
4. As the divisional machine gun battalion, this unit had commenced the war as the 1st/8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, a first line T.A. battalion based at Hounslow. The battalion joined the division on 18 November 1941. With the disbanding of the 2nd/8th Bn., the 1st/8th was redesignated as the 8th Bn. on 1 October 1943.
5. This regiment replaced the 141st Field Regiment on 9 June 1942. It had been formed in March 1942 by the conversion of the 12th Bn. The Worcestershire Regiment.
6. The light anti-aircraft regiment joined the division on 231 March 1942. It had been formed in January 1942 by the conversion of the 7th Bn. The Dorsetshire Regiment.
7. The third field company joined the division on 13 January 1940.
8. The bridging platoon joined the division on 1 October 1943.
9. This is the Order of Battle for the division during mobile operations.

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