# 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (1)

Divisional Headquarters, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Headquarters Defence & Employment Platoon 6<sup>th</sup> Field Security Section, Intelligence Corps

## 10th Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry 1<sup>st</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Bn. The East Surrey Regiment

# 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade

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Headquarters, 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment
2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)
6<sup>th</sup> (Perthshire) Bn. The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)

## 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (2)

Headquarters, 28th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Hampshire Regiment (3) 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's) 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The King's Regiment (Liverpool)

### **Divisional Troops**

4<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps (4)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (5)

Headquarters, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery 22<sup>nd</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery 30<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery 77<sup>th</sup> (Highland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery 14<sup>th</sup> Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery 91<sup>st</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery (6)

Headquarters, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Divisional Royal Engineers 7<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers 59<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers 225<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Field Company, Royal Engineers 18<sup>th</sup> Field Park Company, Royal Engineers 3<sup>rd</sup> Bridging Platoon, Royal Engineers

4<sup>th</sup> Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisional Royal Army Service Corps 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps 44<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps 509<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps 473<sup>rd</sup> Divisional Troops Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisional Royal Army Medical Corps 10<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps 12<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps 159<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps 4<sup>th</sup> Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps 43<sup>rd</sup> Anti-Malaria Control Unit, Royal Army Medical Corps

Headquarters, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisional Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

4<sup>th</sup> Divisional Ordnance Field Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

4<sup>th</sup> Divisional Postal Unit, Royal Engineers

4<sup>th</sup> Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

### **NOTES:**

- 1. The division was deployed from Egypt and arrived in Italy on 21 February 1944. It took part in the second battle for Cassino between 11 and 18 May 1944, under the command of XIII Corps. It participated in the battle for the Trasimere Line between 20 and 30 June 1944, the advance to Arezzo between 41 and 17 July 1944, and the advance to Florence between 17 July and 10 August. On 11 August 1944, the division transferred to V Corps, and then to I Canadian Corps on 71 September 1944, for the battle of the Rimini Line which commenced on 142 September. The battle concluded on 21 September and the division returned to V Corps on 11 October 1944. The division left for Greece on 12 December 1944, arriving a day later. It remained in Greece until the end of the war and was disbanded there in March 1947.
- 2. This brigade had been formed on 24 April 1941 as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gibraltar Brigade. On 1 December 1943, it was redesignated as the 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade. It left Gibraltar on 15 December 1943 to move to Egypt. On arrival there on 24 December 1943, the brigade came under command of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.
- 3. This battalion was a second line Territorial Army unit, which was based in Southampton. It had been under command of the 128<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, 43<sup>rd</sup> (Wessex) Infantry Division from its formation until August 1942 when it transferred to the 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. The battalion fought with the brigade in Tunisia, but left on 9 May 1943, when it transferred to Army Troops. It then trained as a beach group for the invasion of Sicily. It was allocated to the 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Infantry Division for the landings on 9 July 1943. On 24 March 1944, the battalion moved to Italy where it joined the 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, replacing the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's), which had transferred to corps troops before the division left Egypt.
- 4. The reconnaissance regiment became part of the Royal Armoured Corps on 1 January 1944, when it redesignated as shown above.
- 5. This unit was the role machine gun battalion but was redesignated as a support battalion on 10 March 1944. On 6 August 1944, it reverted to its original role as a machine gun battalion.
- 6. The regiment left the division on 6 November 1944 whilst it was still in Italy. It was disbanded and was not replaced.

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