# 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Infantry Division (1)

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

5<sup>th</sup> Bn. The East Yorkshire Regiment (The Duke of York's Own)

6<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Green Howards

(Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment)

7<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Green Howards

(Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment)

### 151<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade

6<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Durham Light Infantry

8<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Durham Light Infantry

9<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Durham Light Infantry (2)

## 231st Infantry Brigade

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Devonshire Regiment (3)

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Dorsetshire Regiment

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Hampshire Regiment

### **Divisional Troops**

61st Reconnaissance Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps (4)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Cheshire Regiment

74<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (5)

90<sup>th</sup> (City of London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (6)

124<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (7)

102<sup>nd</sup> (Northumbrian Hussars) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery

25<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery

233<sup>rd</sup> (Northumbrian) Field Company, Royal Engineers

295<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers

505<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers

235<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Field Park Company, Royal Engineers

15<sup>th</sup> Bridging Platoon, Royal Engineers

50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

346<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

508<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

522<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

524<sup>th</sup> Divisional Troops Company, Royal Army Service Corps

149<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

186<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

200<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

47<sup>th</sup> Field Dressing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps

48<sup>th</sup> Field Dressing Station, Royal Army Medical Corps

22<sup>nd</sup> Field Hygiene Section, Royal Army Medical Corps

69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers 151st Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers 231st Infantry Brigade Workshops, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

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

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

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

#### NOTES:

- 1. This division was a former Territorial Army formation, and was well travelled. It had fought in France in 1940, and then moved to Egypt in August 1941. It had then been based in Cyprus, Iraq, back to Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, and Sicily before returning to the U.K.. The division landed in Normandy as one of the assault formations on D-Day on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944 under command of XXX Corps. The divisional commander was Major General D. A. H. GRAHAM. The division fought throughout Normandy, and later in Operation Market Garden, the battle for the Nederrijn. In the latter stages of that battle, the division transferred to XIII Corps on the 26<sup>th</sup> September. As infantry reinforcements became more problematical, the decision was taken for this division to return to the U.K. and assume the role as a reserve formation. It left North West Europe on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1944, arriving back in the United Kingdom two days later. Elements of the division sent to Norway in August 1945.
- 2. This battalion transferred from this brigade to 131st Infantry Brigade, 7th Armoured Division on November 1944. It was replaced in this brigade by: 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) which transferred in from 131st Infantry Brigade on the same date.
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- 4. As this division had no reconnaissance regiment allocated on its return from Sicily, this regiment joined the division on 24<sup>th</sup> January 1944, transferring from the 61<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division.
- 5. When the division returned to the U.K. this regiment transferred to 49<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and remained in North West Europe.
- 6. When the division returned to the U.K., this regiment came under command of 2<sup>nd</sup> Army Troops and remained in N.W. Europe until the end of the war.
- 7. This regiment returned to the U.K. with the division but then came under command of Home Forces until June 1945, and then 55<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

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