Organization of British Armored Divisions
Structure and Divisional Elemental Assignments
By Division
1939-1945

Part One: The following section provides the internal structure of the British armored division and how it changed each time its structure was changed.

Note: The support units, such as supply and transport, medical, etc. as well as the equipment are only indicated in the years they changed and should be assumed to be identical the listing immediately prior to the reorganization being reviewed.

May 1939 - Organization No. I

Armored Division Headquarters Company, with
  3 Light Cruiser Tanks
  5 Heavy Cruiser Tanks

Light Armored Brigade
  Headquarters Company, with
  6 Light Cruiser Tanks
  4 Heavy Cruiser Tanks
  3 Light Armored Regiments, each with
   36 Light Tanks
   22 Light Cruiser Tanks

Heavy Armored Brigade
  Headquarters Company, with
  6 Light Cruiser Tanks
  4 Heavy Cruiser Tanks
  3 Heavy Armored Regiments or Battalions RTR, each with
   26 Light Cruiser Tanks
   8 Close Support Cruiser Tanks
   15 Heavy Cruiser Tanks
  3 Light Aid Detachment

Special Group
  Headquarters Company
  Royal Horse Artillery Regiment
  Light AA, Anti-Tank Regiment
  Light Aid Detachment
  2 Motorized Battalions
  Royal Engineer Field Squadron
  Royal Engineer Field Park Troop

Signals
  Divisional Signals Detachment
  Light Aide Detachment

Supply & Transport
  Light Armored Brigade Company
  Heavy Armored Brigade Company
  Special Group Company
  Armored Division Troops Company

Medical
  2 Armored Division Field Ambulances
  Armored Division Field Hygiene Section

Ordnance
  Armored Division Workshop
Other

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April 1940 – Organization No. II

Armored Division Headquarters Company
Armored Division Employment Platoon
Armored Division Section Intelligence Corps
Field Security Section
  3 Light Cruiser Tanks
  5 Heavy Cruiser Tanks
2 Armored Brigades
Headquarters Company, with
  6 Light Cruiser Tanks
  4 Heavy Cruiser Tanks
3 Armored Regiments, each with
  52 Cruiser Tanks
3 Light Aid Detachments
Special Group Headquarters
Royal Horse Artillery Regiment
  1 Light Aid Detachment
Light AA, Anti-Tank Regiment
  1 Light Aid Detachment
  2 Motorized Battalions
    2 Light Aid Detachment
Divisional Royal Engineers
  Headquarters Company
  Royal Engineer Field Squadron
  Royal Engineer Field Park Troop
Signals
  Armored Division Signals
  1 Light Aid Detachment
Supply & Transport
  Armored Brigade Company
  Special Group Company
  Armored Division Troops Company
Medical
  2 Armored Division Field Ambulances
  Armored Division Field Hygiene Section
Ordnance
  Armored Division Workshop
  Military Laundry Decontamination Unit
Other
  Armored Division Provost Company
  Armored Divisional Postal Unit
  Mobile Bath Company
Equipment
  Bicycles 1
  Motorcycles
    Solo 631
    Sidecar 18
  Cars, misc. 162
  Scout Cars 125
  Carriers, misc. 88
  Trucks
    8 cwt 86
    15 cwt 507
  Vans, 12cwt 9
  Lorries
    1 ton 21
    30 cwt 330
    3 ton 450
  Armored Cmd Vehicles 7
  Ambulances 28
  Dragons 24
  Tractors, misc 57
  2pdr anti-tank 24
  40mm AA 24
  Tanks
    Light 2
    Cruiser 304
    Close Support 36
  Pistols 5,072
Rifles 4,839
Anti-tank rifles .55 254
Light MG's 475
Besa 7.92mm MG's 680
2" mortars 364
25pdr guns 16
2pdr guns 328
3" howitzers 36
40mm AA guns 24

October 1940 - Organization No. III
Armored Division Headquarters Company, with
   Armored Division Employment Platoon
   Armored Division Section Intelligece Corps
   Field Security Section
      3 Light Cruiser Tanks
      5 Heavy Cruiser Tanks
1 Armored Car Regiment
2 Armored Brigades
   Headquarters Company, with
      6 Light Cruiser Tanks
      4 Heavy Cruiser Tanks
3 Armored Regiments, each with
      52 Cruiser Tanks
3 Light Aide Detachments
1 Motorized Battalion
1 Light Aide Detachment
Special Group
   Headquarters Company
   Royal Horse Artillery Regiment
   Anti-Tank Regiment
   Light AA Regiment
   Infantry Battalion (carried in trucks)
Divisional Royal Engineers
   Headquarters Company
   2 Royal Engineer Field Squadrons
   Royal Engineer Field Park Troop
Signals
   Armored Division Signals
   1 Light Aid Detachment
Supply & Transport
   Armored Brigade Company
   Special Group Company
   Armored Division Troops Company
Medical
   2 Armored Division Field Ambulances
   Armored Division Field Hygiene Section
Ordnance
   Armored Division Workshop
   Military Laundry Decontamination Unit
Other
   Armored Division Provost Copany
   Armored Divisional Postal Unit
   Mobile Bath Company
February 1942 - Organization No. IV

Armored Division Headquarters Company, with
- Armored Division Employment Platoon
- Armored Division Section Intelligence Corps
- Field Security Section

1 Armored Car Regiment
- 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "A" (armored)

1 Armored Brigade Group
- Headquarters Company, with
- 3 Armored Regiments
- 3 Light Aid Detachments, Type "C" (armored)
- 1 Motorized Battalion
- 1 Armored Artillery Section
- 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B" (armored)
- 1 Armored Car Regiment
- 1 Light Aid Detachment

Light AA Battery
- 1 Light Aid Detachment

Royal Engineer Troop Field Squadron

1 Motorized Brigade Group
- 3 Motorized Battalions
- 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "A" (non-armored)

Royal Horse Artillery or Field Artillery Regiment, with
- 3 25pdr Batteries
- 1 Anti-Tank Battery, with
  - 16 2pdr or 6pdr guns
- 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B" (armored)

Royal Engineer Field Squadron
(less one troop)

Administrative Units

Royal Artillery
- 1 Field Artillery Regiment
- 1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B" (armored)

Royal Engineers
- Headquarters Company
- Royal Engineer Field Park Troop
- Light Aid Detachment, Type "B"

Signals
- Armored Division Signals
- 1 Light Aid Detachment

Supply & Transport
- Armored Brigade Company
- Infantry Brigade Company
- Armored Division Troops Company

Medical
- 1 Light Field Ambulance
- 1 Field Ambulance
- 1 Field Dressing Station
- Light Field Hygiene Section

Ordnance
- Armored Brigade Ordnance Company
- Infantry Brigade Ordnance Company

Other
- Armored Division Provost Company
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May 1942 - Organization No. V

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  8 Cruiser Tanks
  2 AA Tanks
1 Armored Car Regiment

Armored Brigade

  Headquarters Company, with
  8 Sherman Tanks
3 Armored Regiments, each with
  52 Sherman Tanks
4 AA Tanks
1 Motorized Battalion
Infantry Brigade (motorized or trucked)
   Headquarters Company
   3 Infantry Brigades
Artillery Brigade
   Headquarters Company
   3 Royal Horse or Field Artillery Regiments
   1 Anti-Tank Regiment
   1 AA Regiment
Royal Engineer Group
   Headquarters Company
   2 Royal Engineer Field Squadrons
   1 Royal Engineer Field Park Squadron

April 1943 - Organization No. VI
   Armored Division headquarters Company, with
      8 Cruiser Tanks
      2 AA Tanks
   1 Armored Reconnaissance Regiment, with
      31 Cruiser Tanks
      12 Close Support Tanks
      8 AA Tanks
   1 Armored Brigade
      Brigade Headquarters, with
      10 Cruiser Tanks
      3 Armored Regiments, each with
      55 Cruiser Tanks
      6 Close Support Tanks
      8 AA Tanks
   1 Motorized Battalion
   1 Infantry Brigade
      Brigade Headquarters Company
      3 Infantry Battalions
      Infantry Support Group
   1 Artillery Brigade
      Brigade Headquarters Company
      1 Royal Horse or Field Artillery Regiment (towed)
      1 Field Artillery Regiment (self propelled)
      1 Anti-Tank Regiment
      1 AA Regiment
Engineer Group
   Headquarters Company
   2 Royal Engineer Field Squadrons
   1 Royal Engineer Field Park Squadron

March 1944 - Organization No. VII
   Armored Division headquarters Company, with
      Armored Division Employment Platoon
      Light Aid Detachment, Type "B" (non-armored)
Armored Division Field Security Section
  8 Cruiser Tanks
  2 AA Tanks
1 Armored Reconnaissance Regiment (Type B), with
  40 Cruiser Tanks
  6 Close Support Tanks
  30 Light Tanks
  5 AA Tanks
1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "A" (armored)
1 Armored Brigade
  Brigade Headquarters, with
  10 Cruiser Tanks
  8 OP Tanks
3 Armored Regiments, each with
  55 Cruiser Tanks
  6 Close Support Tanks
  11 Light Tanks
  6 AA Tanks
3 Light Aid Detachments, Type "C"
1 Motorized Battalion
1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B" (armored)
1 Infantry Brigade
  Brigade Headquarters Company
  3 Infantry Battalions
  3 Light Aid Detachment, Type "A" (non-armored)
  Infantry Support Group
1 Artillery Brigade
  Brigade Headquarters Company
  1 Royal Horse Artillery Regiment (towed)
  1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B" (armored)
  1 Anti-Tank Regiment
    2 Towed Batteries
    2 Self Propelled Batteries
  1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "D"
  1 Field Artillery Regiment (self propelled)
  1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "D"
  1 AA Regiment
  1 AA Regiment Workshop. Type "A"
Engineer Group
  Headquarters Company
  2 Royal Engineer Field Squadrons
  1 Royal Engineer Bridging Troop
  1 Royal Engineer Field Park Squadron
  1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B"
Signals
  Armored Division Signals
  1 Light Aid Detachment, Type "B"
Supply & Transport
  Armored Brigade Company
  Infantry Brigade Company
  Armored Division Troops Company
  Armored Division Transport Company
Medical
  1 Light Field Ambulance
  1 Field Ambulance
1 Field Dressing Station
Light Field Hygiene Section
Ordnance
Armored Brigade Ordnance Company
Other
Armored Division Provost Company
Armored Divisional Postal Unit
Equipment
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Cars, misc. 390
Scout Cars 87
Armored Cars 3
Light Reconnaissance 10
Carriers, misc. 261
Trucks, 15 cwt 789
Lorries, 3 ton 1,309
Armored Cmd Vehicles 19
Armored Recovery Veh 14
Ambulances 36
Tractors, misc. 130
Tanks
   Cruiser 246
   AA 27
   Light 63
   OP 27
   Bridge layer 3
Trailers 219
Pistols 2,324
Rifles 6,689
Sten guns 6,204
LMG, Bren guns 1,376
HMG, Vickers Mk I 22
2" mortars 132
3" mortars 24
4.2" mortars 4
PIATs 302
25mm Guns 87
40mm Guns 36
40mm Guns, Self Prop. 18
25pdr guns, Field 24
25pdr guns, Self Prop. 24 (Sextons)
6pdr guns, Anti-tank 30
17pdr guns, Anti-tank 24
17pdr guns, M.10 AT 24

May 1945 - Organization No. VIII
Armored Division headquarters Company, with
  7 Cruiser or Infantry Tanks
  2 AA Tanks
1 Armored Regiment, with
  55 Cruiser Tanks
  6 Close Support Tanks
  11 Light Tanks
  6 AA Tanks
1 Armored Brigade  
  Brigade Headquarters, with  
    7 Cruiser Tanks  
    8 OP Tanks  
    2 AA Tanks  
  3 Armored Regiments, each with  
    55 Cruiser Tanks  
    6 Close Support Tanks  
    11 Light Tanks  
    6 AA Tanks  
  1 Motorized Battalion  
1 Infantry Brigade  
  Brigade Headquarters Company  
  3 Infantry Battalions  
  Infantry Support Group  
1 Independent Machine Gun Company  
1 Artillery Brigade  
  Brigade Headquarters Company  
  1 Royal Horse Artillery Regiment (towed)  
  1 Anti-Tank Regiment  
  1 Field Artillery Regiment (self propelled)  
  1 AA Regiment  
1 Motorized Battalion  
1 Infantry Brigade  
  Brigade Headquarters Company  
  3 Infantry Battalions  
  Infantry Support Group  
1 Independent Machine Gun Company  
1 Artillery Brigade  
  Brigade Headquarters Company  
  1 Royal Horse Artillery Regiment (towed)  
  1 Anti-Tank Regiment  
  1 Field Artillery Regiment (self propelled)  
  1 AA Regiment  

Note: The organization number in Roman numerals is cross referenced with each individual divisional to indicate the date that each formation change was effective.

Part Two: Assignment of divisional elements by division and dates of assignment.

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75th 6/1/45-6/11/45

Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment
94th 6/1/42-5/29/45

Independent Machine Gun Company
1st Independent MG Company 3/24/44-6/11/45

Brigades
5th Guards Armored Brigade 9/15/41-6/11/45
6th Guards Armored Brigade 9/17/41-3/1/43
Guards Special Group 9/16/41-5/31/42
32nd Guards Infantry Brigade 6/1/42-6/11/45

1st Armored Division

Divisional Troops
Royal Armored Car Regiments
12th Lancers 11/1/40-5/12/42
Royals 9/13/42-4/6/44
4th Hussars 5/12/42-9/13/42

Royal Artillery Regiments
2nd 8/24/42-9/26/44
4th 9/21/42-10/25/43
11th 8/24/42-9/26/44

Anti-Tank Regiments
76th 9/22/42-3/31/44
60th 4/1/44-9/26/44

Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment
42nd 9/26/42-10/5/44

Royal Engineer Field Squadrons
1st 2/1/40-2/4/42
7th 10/23/40-3/19/42
627th 1/10/42-8/20/44

Field Park Squadron
1st 7/3/40-8/25/44
631st 8/26/44-9/29/44

Field Park Troop
1st 8/1/40-7/2/40

Bridging Troop
27th 10/18/43-8/25/44

Signals
1st Armored Division 9/3/39-12/17/44

Brigades
2nd Light Armored Brigade 9/3/39-4/13/40
1st Heavy Armored Brigade 9/3/39-4/13/40
2nd Armored Brigade 4/14/40-9/25/44
3rd Armored Brigade 4/14/40-10/4/40
22nd Armored Brigade 10/14/40-11/7/41
1st Special Group 9/3/39-2/11/42
200th Guards Brigade Group 2/12/42-2/5/42
201st Guards Brigade Group 5/21/42-6/14/42
7th Motorized Brigade 9/23/42-7/19/43
10th Lorried Infantry Brigade  7/20/43-2/16/44
18th Infantry Brigade          5/10/43-2/16/44
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| 22nd Heavy Armored Brigade |
| 1/15/40-4/13/40           |

| 1st Armored Brigade |
| 4/14/40-2/27/41     |

| 22nd Armored Brigade |
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| 3rd Armored brigade |
| 10/5/40-1/31/41    |

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## 3rd, 4th & 5th Armored Divisions

- Not formed.
6th Armored Division

Divisional Troops

Royal Armored Car Regiments
- 1st Derbyshire Yeomanry 22/10/40-8/31/45

Royal Horse Artillery Regiments
- 12th 6/1/42-8/31-45

Field Artillery Regiments
- 152nd 6/15/42-8/31/45

Anti-Tank Regiments
- 72nd 6/1/42-8/31/45

Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment
- 51st 6/1/42-11/3/44

Royal Engineer Field Squadrons
- 5th 11/19/40-3/6/44
- 8th 12/15/40-8/31/45
- 625th 3/7/44-8/31/45

Field Park Squadron
- 144th 22/19/40-8/31/45

Bridging Troop
- 6th 12/25/43-8/21/45

Signals
- 6th Armored Division 9/12/40-8/31-45

Infantry:
- "B" Heavy Special Group 12/19/44-2/11/45
- 1st Heavy Special Company 2/12/45-8/31/45

Brigades
- 26th Armored Brigade 1/16/40-4/23/42
- 26th Armored Brigade 11/9/40-8/31/45
- 6th Special Group 11/1/40-5/31/42
- 38th (Irish) Infantry Brigade 6/9/42-2/16/43
- 1st Infantry Brigade (Guards) 3/24/43-5/29/44
- 61st Infantry Brigade 5/29/44-8/31/45

Date | Organization
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Organized | No. III
6/1/42 | No. V
7/24/43 | No. VII
12/19/44 | No. VIII, the Heavy Special Group took the place of the infantry machinegun company.

7th Armored Division

Divisional Troops

Royal Armored Car Regiments
- 11th Hussars 4/10/40-11/3/43
- 8th Hussars 12/16/43-8/31/45

Royal Horse Artillery Regiments
- 1st 8/14/42-9/13/42
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Note: For the six months (7/5/42-12/31/42 this unit operated in Egypt, it never operated as a complete formation.

### 9th Armored Division

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Notes: The 27th Armored Brigade ceased to form an integral part of the division on 6/12/42, but remained attached until 8/10/42. The 7th Infantry Brigade came under command on 6/5/42 and became part of the divisional organization on 6/12/42.

**10th Armored Division**

**Divisional Troops**

**Royal Armored Car Regiments**
- 1st Household Cavalry Regiment 10/9/41-3/13/42
- 2nd Derbyshire Yoemanry Royals 9/22/42-10/31/42
- 7th Hussars 11/5/43-4/25/44

**Royal Horse Artillery Regiments**
- 1st 9/13/42-5/27/43
- 14th 6/3/43-11/8/43
- 104th 9/27/42-5/3/44

**Field Artillery Regiments**
- 98th 9/19/42-12/29/42

**Anti-Tank Regiments**
- 84th 9/13/42-5/20/44

**Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment**
- 53rd 9/2/42-11/2/42
- 101st 10/11/43-4/30/44

**Royal Engineer Field Squadrons**
- 2nd 11/21/41-6/10/43
- 3rd 9/22/42-5/15/44
- 622nd 6/11/43-5/31/44

**Field Park Troop**
- 141st 11/20/41-4/1/44

**Bridging Troop**
- 6th 11/20/43-4/1/44
Signals

10th Armored Division  8/1/41-6/14/44

Brigades

8th Armored Brigade  8/1/41-2/16/42
3/27/42-6/30/42
7/17/42-11/21/42

9th Armored Brigade  10/9/41-3/25/42
11/4/42-5/27/43

7th Armored Brigade  6/3/43-4/11/44

23rd Armored Brigade  6/1/44-6/14/44

7th Motorized Brigade  9/12/42-9/23-42

133rd Lorried Infantry Brigade  9/29/42-11/25/42

201st Guards Motorized Brigade  1/9/43-2/1/43

Date  Organization
8/1/41  No. II, No support group and only 1 armored brigade until 10/9/41.
8/30/42  No. VI

Note: The 10th Indian Motorized Brigade Group was attached from 3/27/42 to 6/30/42 and the 161st Indian Motorized Brigade Group was attached from 6/30/42-7/11/42.

11th Armored Division

Divisional Troops

Royal Armored Car Regiments
27th Lancers  3/10/41-3/25/43
2nd Northamptonshire Yeomanry  3/25/43-8/17/44
15/19th Hussars  8/17/44-8/31-45

Royal Engineer Field Squadrons
12th  3/16/41-1/1/43
13th  3/16/41-8/31/45
612th  1/1/43-8/31/45

Field Park Troop
147th  3/16/41-8/31-45

Bridging Troop
10th  10/1/43-8/31-45

Signals

11th Armored Division  3/9/41-8/31/45

Royal Horse Artillery Regiments
13th  6/1/42-8/31-45

Field Artillery Regiments
151st  6/1/42-8/31-45

Anti-Tank Regiments
75th  6/1/42-6/2/45
65th  6/2/45-8/31-45

Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment
58th  6/1/42-8/31/45

Independent Machine Gun Company
2nd  3/16/44-8/31-45

Brigades

29th Armored Brigade  3/9/41-8/31/45
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12th to 41st Armored Divisions
Not formed.

42nd Armored Division

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43rd to 78th Armored Divisions
Not formed

79th Armored Division

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### Field Park Troop

| 508th | 9/10/42-2/12/43 |

### Signals

- 79th Armored Division: 4/7/43-8/31/45

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### Anti-Tank Regiments

| 55th | 9/12/42-4/12/43 |

### Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

| 119th | 9/10/42-4/12/43 |

### Brigades

- 27th Armored Brigade: 9/8/42-4/13/43
- 185th Infantry Brigade: 9/8/42-4/12/43

#### 79th Armored Division (April 1943 to August 1945)

### Divisional Troops

#### Royal Armored Car Regiments

- 43rd Royal Tank Regiment: 8/6/43-5/14/44
- Staffordshire Yeomanry: 9/17/44-4/17/45
- 11th Royal Tanks: 10/2/44-11/1/44
- 1st Fife and Forfar Yeomanry: 10/7/44-11/1/44

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### Field Park Ssquadron

| 149th | 9/19/43-9/28/43 |

### Assault Park Squadron

| 8/29/43-5/9/44 |

### Brigades

- 35th Tank Brigade: 4/10/43-4/26/44
- 27th Armored Brigade: 4/14/43-10/8/43
- 30th Armored Brigade: 10/17/43-6/19/45
- 1st Assault Brigade, RE: 11/26/43-5/9/44
- 1st Tank Brigade: 11/17/45-4/22/45
- 1st Assault Brigade & Assault Pk Sqn: 5/10/44-1/16/45
- 31st Tank Brigade: 9/4/44-2/1/45
- 33rd Armored Brigade: 1/18/45-4/3/45
- 31st Armored Brigade: 4/24/45-8/21/45
- 1st Armored Engineer Brigade: 4/23/45-6/26/45

### Date Organization

- August 1942: No. V
- January 1943: No. VII
Note: The role of the division was to carry out the development of all specialized armor, and techniques, and for advising on its use. The armored regiments were equipped with specialized armor on joining the division. Each brigade was equipped with one type of specialized armor on a basic organization and the Brigade HQ commanded and administered its units in the normal way. In battle units were allotted to a formation and a brigade HQ acted as the "parent" to the mixed units while the brigade command was the adviser to the formation concerned. The division was under the direct command of the 21st Army Group, portions being placed in support of armies for a specific operation or series of operations.


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