

# British Army Follow-on Divisions

## Operation OVERLORD: 6 June 1944



1. **On D-Day**, four divisions of I Corps, and one division of XXX Corps assaulted the Normandy beaches:

<b>I Corps</b>	SWORD Beach and JUNO Beach	LtGen J.T. CROCKER
<b>3rd London Infantry Division</b> (REIN)		MajGen Thomas G. RENNIE
<b>3rd Canadian Infantry Division</b> (REIN)		MajGen R.F.L. KELLER
<b>6th Airborne Division</b>		MajGen Richard N. “Windy” GALE
<b>51st Highland Infantry Division</b>		MajGen D. Charles BULLEN-SMITH
<b>XXX Corps</b>	GOLD Beach	LtGen G.C. BUCKNALL
<b>50th Northumbrian Infantry Division</b> (REIN)		MajGen D.A.H. GRAHAM

2. **After D-Day**, British XXX Corps landed the **7th Armoured Division** and the **49th West Riding Division**.

3. **During June and July**, **VIII Corps**, **XII Corps**, and Canadian **II Corps** became operational. More than a dozen additional Divisions and multiple separate Brigades landed across the Normandy beaches.

<b>VIII Corps</b>		LtGen Richard N. O’CONNOR
<b>15th Scottish Division</b>		MajGen G.H.A. MacMILLAN
<b>11th Armoured Division</b>		MajGen G.P.B. “Pip” ROBERTS
<b>Guards Armoured Division</b>		MajGen A.H.S. ADAIR
<b>XII Corps</b>		LtGen N. M. RITCHIE
<b>43rd Wessex Division</b>		MajGen G.I. THOMAS
<b>53rd Welsh Infantry Division</b>		MajGen R. K. ROSS
<b>59th Staffordshire Division</b>		MajGen L. O. LYNE
<b>II Canadian Corps</b>		LtGen G. G. SIMONDS
<b>2nd Canadian Division</b>		MajGen C. FOULKES
<b>4th Canadian Armoured Division</b>		MajGen G. KITCHING

4. **Canadian First Army** was activated on 23 July 1944, under LtGen H. D. G. CRERAR. All Canadian formations, plus the attached British **52nd Lowland Division**, were assigned to Canadian First Army.

ANNEX A: Task Organization to Operation OVERLORD

**Guards Armoured Division**

MajGen A.H.S. ADAIR

**5th Guards Armoured Brigade**

2nd Bn, Grenadier Guards (Arm)  
1st Bn, Coldstream Guards (Arm)  
2nd Bn, Irish Guards (Arm)  
1st Bn, Grenadier Guards (Mot)

**32nd Guards Brigade**

5th Bn, Coldstream Guards  
3rd Bn, Irish Guards  
1st Bn, Welsh Guards

**Royal Artillery**

55th Field Regiment, RA  
153rd Field Regiment, RA  
21st AT  
94th LAA

**Royal Engineers**

14th Field Squadron  
615th Field Squadron

**2nd Bn, Welsh Guards Armoured Reconnaissance Bn**

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**2nd Canadian Division**  
ENGLAND  
1 June 1944

ANNEX A: Task Organization to Operations OVERLORD

**2nd Canadian Division**

MajGen C. FOULKES

**4th Infantry Brigade**

The Royal Regiment of Canada  
The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry  
The Essex Scottish Regiment

**5th Infantry Brigade**

The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada  
Le Regiment de la Maisonneuve  
The Calgary Highlanders

**6th Infantry Brigade**

Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal  
The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada  
The South Saskatchewan Regiment

LtCol F. A. CLIFT

**Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA)**

4th Field Regiment RCA  
5th Field Regiment RCA  
6th Field Regiment RCA  
2nd AT Regiment RCA  
3rd LAA Regiment RCA

**8th Reconnaissance Regiment (14th Canadian Hussars)**

**Toronto Scottish**

**Royal Canadian Engineers**

2nd Canadian Field Company  
7th Canadian Field Company  
11th Canadian Field Company

Division HQ, Signals

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**4th Canadian Armoured Division**

MajGen G. KITCHING (to 21 Aug 44), MajGen H. W. FOSTER (from 22 Aug 44)

**4th Armoured Brigade**

21st Armoured Regiment (The Governor General's Foot Guards)  
22nd Armoured Regiment (The Canadian Grenadier Guards)  
28th Armoured Regiment (The British Columbia Regiment)  
The Lake Superior Regiment (Motor)

LtCol Don G. WORTHINGTON

**10th Infantry Brigade**

The Lincoln and Welland Regiment  
The Algonquin Regiment  
The Algyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (Princess Louise's)

LtCol HAY

**Royal Canadian Artillery**

15th Field Regiment RCA  
23rd Field Regiment RCA  
5th AT Regiment RCA  
8th LAA Regiment RCA

**29th Reconnaissance Regiment (The South Alberta Regiment)**

**New Brunswick Rangers**

**4th Canadian Armoured Engineers**

8th Canadian Field Squadron  
9th Canadian Field Squadron

Division HQ

4th Canadian Armoured Signals

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**7th Armoured Division**

FELIXTOWE

Landed on GOLD Beach after D-Day

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**7th Armoured Division**

MajGen G.W.E.J. "Bobby" ERSKINE

**22nd Armoured Brigade**

Brig Robert "Looney" HINDE

4th Bn, County of London Yeomanry  
1st Bn, RTR  
5th Bn, RTR  
5th Bn, Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards  
1st Bn, The Rifle Brigade (Mot)

LtCol Lord Arthur CRANLEY  
LtCol CARVER

**131st "Queens" Brigade**

1/5th Bn, Queens Royal Regiment  
1/6th Bn, Queens Royal Regiment  
1/7th Bn, Queens Royal Regiment  
65th AT Bn, RA (2 Coys)

**Royal Artillery**

3rd Bn, Royal Horse Artillery  
5th Bn, Royal Horse Artillery  
15th LAA Regiment

**Royal Engineers**

4th Field Squadron  
621st Field Squadron

**8th Bn, King's Royal Irish Hussars Mech Recon**

**11th Armoured Division**  
ENGLAND  
Landed in France 13 June 1944

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**11th Armoured Division**

MajGen G.P.B. "Pip" ROBERTS

**29th Armoured Brigade**

23rd Hussars  
2nd Bn, Fife and Fofar Yeomandry  
3rd Bn, RTR  
8th Bn, The Rifle Brigade (Mot)

**159th Armored Brigade**

3rd Bn, Monmouthshire  
4th Bn, King's Shropshire Light Infantry  
1st Bn, Herefordshire Regiment

**Royal Artillery**

13th Regt RHA  
151st Field Regiment, RA  
75th AT  
58th LAA Regiment

**Royal Engineers**

13th Field Squadron  
612th Field Squadron

**15th / 19th King's Royal Hussars** (from 17 Aug 44)

**2nd Northhamptonshire Yeomandry** (to 17 Aug 44)

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**43rd Wessex Infantry Division**  
ENGLAND  
Landed in France 24 June 1944

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**43rd Wessex Infantry Division**

MajGen G.I. THOMAS

**129th Infantry Brigade**

4th Somerset Light Infantry  
4th Wiltshire Regiment  
5th Wiltshire Regiment

**130th Infantry Brigade**

7th Royal Hampshire Regiment  
4th Dorsetshire Regiment  
5th Dorsetshire Regiment

**214th Infantry Brigade**

7th Somerset Light Infantry  
1st Worcestershire Regiment  
5th Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry

**Royal Artillery**

94th Field Regiment  
112th Field Regiment  
179th Field Regiment  
59th AT Regiment  
110th LAA Regiment

**Royal Engineers**

204th, 260th, 553rd Field Companies  
Field Park Coy

**43rd Reconnaissance Regiment RAC**

**8th Middlesex MG Bn**

**15th Scottish Division**  
SOUTHAMPTON  
Landed in France 14 June 1944

ANNEX A: Task Organization to Operation OVERLORD

**15th Scottish Division**

MajGen G.H.A. MacMILLAN

**44th Lowland Infantry Brigade**

Brig H. Douglas K. MONEY

8th Bn, The Royal Scots  
6th Bn, The Royal Scots Fusiliers  
6th Bn, The King's Own Scottish Borderers

LtCol R. DELACOMBE  
LtCol C.R. BUCHANAN  
LtCol J.G. SHILLINGTON

REME and RAOC Workshops  
278th Field Coy RE  
193rd Field Ambulance RAMC  
62nd Coy RASC

Maj BROOME  
LtCol F.W.A. WARREN

**46th Highland Infantry Brigade**

Brig C.M. "Tiny" BARBER

9th Bn, The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)  
2nd Bn, The Glasgow Highlanders  
7th Bn, The Seaforth Highlanders

LtCol R.M. VILLIERS  
LtCol P.U. CAMPBELL  
LtCol E.H.G. GRANT

REME and RAOC Workshops  
279th Field Coy RE  
194th Field Ambulance RAMC  
283rd Coy RASC

Maj COPPLE  
Maj WOOD  
LtCol B.B. MACFARLANE

**227th Highland Infantry Brigade**

Brig J. R. "Ronnie" MACKINTOSH-WALKER

10th Bn, The Highland Light Infantry  
2nd Bn, The Gordon Highlanders  
2nd Bn, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

LtCol J.D.S. YOUNG  
LtCol E.C. COLVILLE  
LtCol J.W. TWEEDIE

REME and RAOC Workshops  
20th Field Coy RE  
153rd Field Ambulance RAMC  
399th Coy RASC

Maj GILLINGTON  
LtCol D. CAMPBELL

**Royal Artillery**

CRA Brig R. "Bosun" HILTON

131st Field Regiment, RA  
181st Field Regiment, RA  
190th Field Regiment, RA

LtCol J.M. HAILEY  
LtCol A.C.E. DEVEREUX  
LtCol R.J. STREATFIELD

97th AT Regiment  
119th LAA Regiment

LtCol K.L. BEDDINGTON  
LtCol J.F. YOUNG

**Royal Engineers**

CRE LtCol R.K. "Jock" MILLAR

624th Field Park Coy

**1st Bn, The Middlesex Regiment MG Bn**

LtCol J.P. HALL

**15th Scottish Reconnaissance Regiment RAC**

LtCol J.A. GRANT-PETERKIN

**15th Division HQ**

Provost Coy, Postal  
RCS 15th Division Signals  
RASC  
284th Coy  
RAMC  
22nd Field Dressing Station  
23rd Field Dressing Station  
40th Field Hygiene Section  
REME  
RAOC 15th Ordnance Field Park

LtCol Frank C. SEELEY  
CRASC LtCol K.M. "Ken" WHITWORTH

Maj A.M. GEORGE  
Maj I.B. REES-ROBERTS  
Maj P.J.H. CLARKE  
CREME LtCol R.H.H. GARDINER  
LtCol F.W.S. WALKER

ANNEX A: Task Organization to Operation OVERLORD

**49th West Riding Infantry Division**

MajGen E.H. BARKER

**146th Infantry Brigade**

4th Bn, Lincolnshire Regiment  
1st/4th King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry  
The Hallamshire Battalion of the Yorks and Lancaster Regiment

**147th Infantry Brigade**

11th Bn, Royal Scots Fusiliers  
6th Bn, Duke of Wellington's Regiment  
7th Bn, Duke of Wellington's Regiment

**70th Infantry Brigade**

1st Bn, Tyneside Scottish  
10th Bn, Durham Light Infantry  
11th Bn, Durham Light Infantry

**Royal Artillery**

69th Field Regiment  
143rd Field Regiment  
185th Field Regiment  
55th AT Regiment Suffolk Yeomanry  
89th LAA Regiment

**Royal Engineers:** 294th, 756th, 757th Field Companies

**49th Reconnaissance Regiment RAC**

**2nd Bn, Kensington MG Bn**

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**52nd Lowland Infantry Division**  
ENGLAND  
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**52nd Lowland Infantry Division**

MajGen E. Hakewill SMITH

**155th Infantry Brigade**

7/9th Bn, The Royal Scots  
4th Bn, King's Own Scottish Borderers  
5th Bn, King's Own Scottish Borderers  
REME and RAOC Workshops

**156th Infantry Brigade**

4/5th Bn, Royal Scots Fusiliers  
6th Bn, Cameronians  
7th Bn, Cameronians  
REME and RAOC Workshops

**157th Infantry Brigade**

5th Bn, Highland Light Infantry  
6th Bn, Highland Light Infantry  
1st Bn, Glasgow Highlanders  
REME and RAOC Workshops

**Royal Artillery**

79th Field Regiment, RA  
80th Field Regiment, RA  
186th Field Regiment, RA  
54th AT Regiment  
108th LAA Regiment

**Royal Engineers:** 241st, 554th, 202nd Field Coy

243rd Field Park Coy  
17th Bridging Platoon

**52nd Reconnaissance Regiment**

**7th Bn, Manchester Regiment MG Bn**

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**53rd Welsh Infantry Division**

MajGen R. K. ROSS

**71st Infantry Brigade**

1st Bn, The East Lancashire Regiment (to 3 Aug 44)  
1st Bn, The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry  
1st Bn, The Highland Light Infantry  
4th Bn, The Royal Welch Fusiliers (from 5 Aug 44)

REME and RAOC Workshops

**158th Infantry Brigade**

4th Bn, The Royal Welch Fusiliers (to 3 Aug 44)  
6th Bn, The Royal Welch Fusiliers (to 3 Aug 44)  
1st Bn, The East Lancashire Regiment (from 4 Aug 44)  
1/5th Bn, The Welsh Regiment (from 4 Aug 44)

REME and RAOC Workshops

**160th Infantry Brigade**

2nd Bn, The Monmouthshire Regiment  
4th Bn, The Welch Regiment  
1/5th Bn, The Welch Regiment (to 3 Aug 44)  
6th Bn, The Royal Welch Fusiliers (from 4 Aug 44)

REME and RAOC Workshops

**Royal Artillery**

81st Field Regiment, RA  
83rd Field Regiment, RA  
133rd Field Regiment, RA

AT Regiment  
116th LAA Regiment

**Royal Engineers**

244th Field Company  
282nd Field Company  
555th Field Company  
Field Park Coy

**53rd Reconnaissance Regiment RAC**

**1st Bn, The Manchester Regiment MG Bn**

Division HQ  
RCS 53rd Division Signals  
RAOC  
REME  
RAMC  
RASC

ANNEX A: Task Organization to Operation OVERLORD

**59th Staffordshire Infantry Division**

MajGen L. O. LYNE

**176th Infantry Brigade** (to 26 Aug 44)

7th Bn, The Royal Norfolk Regiment  
7th Bn, The South Staffordshire Regiment  
6th Bn, The South Staffordshire Regiment

REME and RAOC Workshops

**177th Infantry Brigade** (to 26 Aug 44)

5th Bn, The South Staffordshire Regiment  
1/6th Bn, The South Staffordshire Regiment  
2/6th Bn, The South Staffordshire Regiment

REME and RAOC Workshops

**197th Infantry Brigade**

1/7th Bn, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment  
2/5th Bn, The Lancashire Fusiliers  
5th Bn, The East Lancashire Regiment

REME and RAOC Workshops

**Royal Artillery**

61st Field Regiment, RA (to 31 Aug 44)  
110th Field Regiment, RA (to 31 Aug 44)  
116th Field Regiment, RA (to 31 Aug 44)

68th AT Regiment (to 26 Aug 44)  
68th LAA Regiment (to 22 Aug 44)

**Royal Engineers**

509th Field Company  
510th Field Company  
257th Field Company  
Field Park Coy

**59th Reconnaissance Regiment RAC** (to 31 Aug 44)

**7th Bn, The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers MG Bn** (to 24 Aug 44)

Division HQ  
RCS 59th Division Signals  
RAOC  
REME  
RAMC  
RASC

*The British 59th Staffordshire Division was disbanded on 18 August 1944 to provide desperately-needed infantry replacements to other British divisions.*