



British 51st Infantry Division

December, 1944

152nd
Infantry
Brigade

Infantry
Battalion
x 3

2 6 RIFLE	1 3 SCOUT	0 1 Truck	3 76 mm	9 6 pdr	2 2 Bren
2* 2	1 2	0 0 C 0	8 1	5 0	2* 10
x 12	x 1	x 13	x 1	x 2	x 3
1 6 M-3	2 3 M-3	2 2 Bren	2* 10		
x 1	x 1	x 2			

Infantry Battalions are the 2nd and 5th Battalions of the Seaforth Highlanders and the 5th Battalion of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

153rd
Infantry
Brigade

Infantry
Battalion
x 3

2 6 RIFLE	1 3 SCOUT	0 1 Truck	3 76 mm	9 6 pdr	2 2 Bren
2* 2	1 2	0 0 C 0	8 1	5 0	2* 10
x 12	x 1	x 13	x 1	x 2	x 3
1 6 M-3	2 3 M-3	2 2 Bren	2* 10		
x 1	x 1	x 2			

Infantry Battalions are the 5th Battalion of the Black Watch and the 1st and 5/7th Battalions of the Gordon Highlanders.

154th
Infantry
Brigade

Infantry
Battalion
x 3

2 6 RIFLE	1 3 SCOUT	0 1 Truck	3 76 mm	9 6 pdr	2 2 Bren
2* 2	1 2	0 0 C 0	8 1	5 0	2* 10
x 12	x 1	x 13	x 1	x 2	x 3
1 6 M-3	2 3 M-3	2 2 Bren	2* 10		
x 1	x 1	x 2			

Infantry Battalions are the 1st and 7th Battalions of the Black Watch and the 7th Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

126th
Field
Regiment
Royal
Artillery

35 (H) 35	0 C 0
2 25 pdr	1 Matador
0	12
x 4	x 4

127th
Field
Regiment
Royal
Artillery

35 (H) 35	0 C 0
2 25 pdr	1 Matador
0	12
x 4	x 4

128th
Field
Regiment
Royal
Artillery

35 (H) 35	0 C 0
2 25 pdr	1 Matador
0	12
x 4	x 4

274, 275, 276
Field
Companies
Royal
Engineers

3 10 M-3	2 1 Tank Bridge	0 0 Truck
0 32	0	0 C 0
1	1	14
x 9	x 1	x 10

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1/7
Machine Gun
Battalion
Middlesex
Regiment

2	I	2*	10	M	17	2	I	2*
4		1	2	107 mm	0	2		10
x 9			x 4			x 13		

61st
Anti-Tank
Regiment
Royal
Artillery

9	A	5	14	A	10	0	C	0
2		0	2		0	1		14
x 6			x 6			x 12		

2nd
Derbyshire
Yeomanry
Armoured
Car
Regiment

2	I	2*	2	C(I)	2	3	M	8	9	A	5	2	C(I)	2*	2	I	2*	2	I	4	3	A	5
6		1	3		10	3	76 mm	1	2		0	2		10	2		10	3		15	3		16
x 3			x 3			x 1			x 3			x 4			x 3			x 3			x 3		

The 51st "Highland" Infantry Division had been mostly destroyed in the campaign in France but had been reborn and fought in North Africa and Sicily before landing in Normandy on June 7. The Highlanders spent October of 1944 engaged in the Battle of the Scheldt, a mostly Canadian operation to clear the approaches to Antwerp. The 51st was used to defend the Meuse during the Bulge Campaign, where they did not see any action. If the German plan had worked better, these British divisions would have played a critical role in defending the Meuse River bridges from the advancing panzers.