

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:

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

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

2nd Canadian Division
ENGLAND
1 June 1944

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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

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)

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

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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

52nd Lowland Infantry Division
ENGLAND
1 June 1944

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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.