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
   - **3rd London Infantry Division** (REIN)
     - LtGen J.T. CROCKER
     - 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
   - **50th Northumbrian Infantry Division** (REIN)
     - LtGen G.C. BUCKNALL
     - 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.
Guards Armoured Division

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

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

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
ANNEX A: Task Organization to Operations OVERLORD

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
Brig Robert “Looney” HINDE
LtCol Lord Arthur CRANLEY
LtCol CARVER

22nd Armoured Brigade
- 4th Bn, County of London Yeomanry
- 1st Bn, RTR
- 5th Bn, RTR
- 5th Bn, Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards
- 1st Bn, The Rifle Brigade (Mot)

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
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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 Northamptonshire Yeomandry (to 17 Aug 44)

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
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15th Scottish Division

MajGen G.H.A. MacMILLAN

14th Lowland Infantry Brigade

MajGen H.D. A. MacMILLAN

LtCol R. DELACOMBE

LtCol C.R. BUCHANAN

LtCol J.G. SHILLINGTON

46th Highland Infantry Brigade

Brig C.M. “Tiny” BARBER

LtCol R.M. VILLIERS

LtCol P.U. CAMPBELL

LtCol E.H.G. GRANT

227th Highland Infantry Brigade

Brig J. R. “Ronnie” MACKINTOSH-WALKER

LtCol J.D.S. YOUNG

LtCol E.C. COLVILLE

LtCol J.W. TWEEDIE

Royal Artillery

CRA Brig R. “Bosun” HILTON

LtCol J.M. HAILEY

LtCol A.C.E. DEVEREUX

LtCol R.J. STREATFIELD

Royal Engineers

CRE LtCol R.K. “Jock” MILLAR

624th Field Park Coy

LtCol J.P. HALL

LtCol J.A. GRANT-PETERKIN

1st Bn, The Middlesex Regiment MG Bn

15th Scottish Reconnaissance Regiment RAC

Provost Coy, Postal

RCS 15th Division Signals

RASC

284th Coy

RAOC 15th Ordnance Field Park

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49th West Riding Infantry Division

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

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 Welsh 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
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59th Staffordshire Infantry Division

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.