

# British 53rd Infantry Division

December, 1944

71st  
Infantry  
Brigade

Infantry  
Battalion  
x 3

2 6	! 2* RIFLE	0 C 0 1 Truck	3 M 8 76 mm	9 A 5 6 pdr	2 C(l) 2* 2 Bren
x 12		x 12	x 1	x 2	x 3
1 6	! 1 1	2 C(l) 2 3 M-3	2   2* 2 Bren	10	10
x 1		x 1	x 2		

Infantry Battalions are the 1st Battalion of the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, the 1st Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry, and the 4th Battalion of the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

158th  
Infantry  
Brigade

Infantry  
Battalion  
x 3

2 6	! 2* RIFLE	0 C 0 1 Truck	3 M 8 76 mm	9 A 5 6 pdr	2 C(l) 2* 2 Bren
x 12		x 12	x 1	x 2	x 3
1 6	! 1 1	2 C(l) 2 3 M-3	2   2* 2 Bren	10	10
x 1		x 1	x 2		

Infantry Battalions are the 7th Battalion of the Royal Welch Regiment, the 1st/5th Battalion of the Welch Regiment, and the 1st Battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment.

160th  
Infantry  
Brigade

Infantry  
Battalion  
x 3

2 6	! 2* RIFLE	0 C 0 1 Truck	3 M 8 76 mm	9 A 5 6 pdr	2 C(l) 2* 2 Bren
x 12		x 12	x 1	x 2	x 3
1 6	! 1 1	2 C(l) 2 3 M-3	2   2* 2 Bren	10	10
x 1		x 1	x 2		

Infantry Battalions are the 2nd Battalion of the Monmouthshire Regiment, the 1st/5th Battalion of the Welch Regiment, and the 6th Battalion of the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

81st  
Field  
Regiment  
Royal  
Artillery

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

83rd  
Field  
Regiment  
Royal  
Artillery

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

133rd  
Field  
Regiment  
Royal  
Artillery




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

244, 282, 555  
Field  
Companies  
Royal  
Engineers




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

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1st  
Machine Gun  
Battalion  
Manchester  
Regiment

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

71st  
Anti-Tank  
Regiment  
Royal  
Artillery

9 A 5	14 A 10	0 C 0
 6 pdr	 17 pdr	 Truck
2 0	2 0	1 14
x 6	x 6	x 12

53rd  
Regiment  
Reconnaissance  
Corps

2 I 2*	3 M 8	9 A 5	2 C(l) 2*	2 I 2*	3 A 5
 RIFLE	 76 mm	 6 pdr	 Bren	 Bren	 Daimler
6 1	3 1	2 0	2 10	2 10	3 16
x 3	x 1	x 2	x 6	x 9	x 3

The 53rd "Welsh" Division had served as a home defense division until the Normandy invasion, where it landed in late June and saw heavy fighting. In the Ardennes Campaign, the Welshmen were sent across the Meuse to help engage the German spearheads during the January counteroffensive. In that fight, the 53rd fought a sharp battle against the 116th Panzer, which counterattacked it several times, but finally recaptured La Roche on January 11 before withdrawing back to Holland.