



15th (Scottish) Division Infantry Recce

Formed in February 1943 at Felton, Northumberland from the 15th, 45th and 54th Independent Reconnaissance Squadrons (see the 54th Reconnaissance Regiment).

A welding of Scot and Cockney the regiment was made up to full strength through intakes from Infantry and RAC Training Centres and the Royal West Kents.



Fought in the invasion of Normandy and throughout the campaign in North-West Europe and generally equipped with Humber armoured car Morris light recce cars and Carriers.

However on the 31st July 1944 B Squadron of the 2nd Regiment of the Household Cavalry was temporarily transferred to the control of the 15th Scottish Division. And were required to reconnoitre for gaps in the enemy to the south of the Normandy bridgehead.

The squadron consisted of four armoured cars and four dingo's split into two troops.

This was the first and last time that a HCR squadron was ever to work under the control of an infantry division. It proved to be an unsatisfactory form of cooperation. For the different tempo's of armoured car and the infantryman could not be fitted into the same sector of the battle. Armoured cars are wasted if used as 'tanks', nor are they suitable for use as static pill boxes.

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