



1st Infantry Reconnaissance Regiment

Formed in January 1941, from the Hampshire Regiment.

Fought in Tunisia, in the Anzio landing and subsequently the Anzio beachhead, in the advance to the Gothic Line and in the mountain warfare which followed in the winter of 1944

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2nd Infantry Recce

Formed April 1941, mainly from the 6th Loyals, a territorial motor-cycle battalion.

Sailed for the Far East in early 1942. Fought at Kohima, the Imphal and heading the advance on Mandalay.



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Daimler scout car F207179 of the 2nd Division Reconnaissance Battalion
(The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire))



3rd Infantry Recce - Northumberland Fusiliers

The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers was one of England's premier county regiments and can trace its ancestry back to the year 1674.

When first raised it was part of the Dutch Service and known as the Irish Regiment, or Viscount Clare's Regiment. Until 1751, like most other regiments, it was known successively by the names of the colonels who commanded them at the time.

The regiment was transferred to the British Service in 1689. From 5 June 1685 its order of precedence was the 5th Regiment of the Line.



It was not until 1 July 1751 that it was designated by that number as the "5th Regiment of Foot" when the system of naming regiments after their Colonels was dropped.

As a fusilier regiment, it wears a hackle, which in this case is red over white. This distinction was originally a white plume which His Majesty's Fifth Regiment of Foot had taken from the head dress of fallen French troops at St. Lucia in December 1778. The Fifth Regiment of Foot became His Majesty's Fifth (Northumberland) Regiment of Foot with the county affiliations of 1782. In 1829 King George IV ordered the white plume to be worn by all infantry regiments, and in order not to take away from the Fifth (Northumberland) Regiment of Foot's battle honor, their plume was distinguished by being made red over white. This came from the legend that the men of the Fifth (Northumberland) Regiment of Foot having dipped the white plumes in the blood of the French at St. Lucia.

On 4 May 1836 it became a fusilier regiment and was redesigned as the 5th (Northumberland Fusiliers) Regiment of Foot. With the Cardwell reforms of 1881, the regiment was linked with the county on 1 July 1881, as the Northumberland Fusiliers with the general loss of numbering.

Regular battalions continued for many years afterwards to refer to themselves as the "Fifth Fusiliers" unofficially. On 3 June 1935, the regiment was given the prefix "Royal". With the British Army reforms of the late 1960s forming large regiments, it was merged with other regiments and became the 1st Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers on St George's Day, 23 April 1968.

To this day, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers continues to wear some of the insignia of the four county regiments from which it was formed and to honor their traditions and carry their battle honours.

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion

3rd Infantry Division - Existing division at the start of the war, headquartered in Bulford. Served in France from 9.39 until 6.40,

The Third Division was the first British division to land at Sword Beach on D-Day and fought through the Battle of Normandy, the Netherlands and later the invasion of Germany. For the campaign in Normandy

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Daimler scout cars of 4th Northumberland Fusiliers cross open country near Fontaine
20 March 1940.



4th Infantry Reconnaissance Regiment

Formed January 1941, mainly from the Anti-Tank Companies of the 10th, 11th and 12th Infantry Brigades.

Fought in the breakthrough to Tunis, and chased the enemy round Cape Bon.

Fought from March to November 1944, in Italy and was then sent to help deal with the civil disturbances in Greece

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5th Infantry Reconnaissance Regiment

Formed February 1941, from the 3rd Battalion Tower Hamlet Rifles (London Rifle Brigade).



Sailed for India in March 1942. The regiment served in Persia and Syria before arriving at an early part of the Sicilian campaign. The first unit of the Corps into Italy. Left Italy in June 1944 and then came up from the south of France. Taking part in the last drive into Germany after the Rhine crossing.

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Description. The crew of an Daimler armoured car of the 5 Infantry Reconnaissance Division inspect a young Germans identification papers.

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