

British 50th Infantry Division

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The 50th "Northumbrian" Division was another veteran of the BEF and the evacuation at Dunkirk. Sent to North Africa in April of 1942, it saw serious action at Gazala. Since the Division was understrength for this battle (having lost a brigade at Gazala), the 2nd Free French Brigade and the 1st Greek Brigade Group were both attached. The 50th was deployed toward the southern end of the Allied line and supported the attack by the 44th Infantry and 7th Armored. Later the division was shifted north to help support Operation Supercharge. The 50th continued to serve throughout the war, landing on Gold Beach and participating in Operation Market-Garden.