

# British XXX Corps Operation MARKET-GARDEN 17 September 1944



**XXX Corps**  
DUTCH-BELGIUM BORDER  
17 September 1944

## ANNEX A: Task Organization to Operation GARDEN

### XXX Corps

LtGen Brian G. HORROCKS

**Guards Armoured Division**

Brig Allan H. S. ADAIR

**43rd Wessex Division**

MajGen G. I. THOMAS

**50th Northumberland Division**

MajGen D. A. H. GRAHAM

**8th Armoured Brigade**

Brig Erroll G. PRIOR-PALMER

**Princess Irene (Royal Netherlands) Brigade** Col Albert “Steve” de Ruyter von STEVENICK

### Royal Artillery

64th Medium Regiment R.A.

73rd AT Regiment R.A.

27th LAA Regiment R.A.

### 11th Hussars



*Sherman tanks of British XXX Corps advance across the bridge at Nijmegen during MARKET-GARDEN.*

# Guards Armoured Division Operation MARKET-GARDEN 17 September 1944



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## **Guards Armoured Division**

Brig Allan H. S. ADAIR  
Promoted MajGen ADAIR on 21 Sep 1944

### **5th Guards Armoured Brigade**

2nd Bn, Grenadier Guards (Armor)  
1st Bn, Grenadier Guards (Mot)

LtCol Edward H. GOULBURN

2nd Bn, Irish Guards (Armor)  
+ 3rd Bn, Irish Guards, 32nd Guards Brigade (Mot)

LtCol Giles VANDELEUR  
LtCol J. O. E. "Joe" VANDELEUR

### **32nd Guards Infantry Brigade**

Brig G. F. JOHNSON

+ 1st Bn, Coldstream Guards, 5th Guards Brigade (Armor)  
5th Bn, Coldstream Guards (Mot)

2nd Bn, Welsh Guards (Armor)  
1st Bn, Welsh Guards (Mot)

### **Royal Artillery**

55th Field Regiment RA  
153rd Field Regiment RA  
21st AT Regiment RA  
94th LAA Regiment + 1st Independent MG Company

### **Royal Engineers**

14th Field Squadron  
615th Field Squadron  
148th Field Park Squadron

## **+ 2nd Household Cavalry Regiment RAC**

*XXX Corps Commander, LtGen Horrocks, ordered the Guards Armoured Division to form tank-infantry Battle Groups by pairing each Tank Battalion with an Infantry Battalion. The Division formed a Grenadier Battle Group, an Irish, a Coldstream, and a Welsh Battle Group. Since all Guards regiments were drawn from the same socially well-connected families, the regiments agreed to work with one another. This would not have been the case with battalions of more recent history or 'common' backgrounds. All-arms coordination in the British Army was difficult to achieve, even in wartime, due to the insularity of territorial regiments, branch prejudices, 300-year-old traditions, and even differing social standings of the officers in a unit. Battalions ordered to fight with a Brigade they believed was beneath their pedigree were known to object by official letter to London.*

# **43rd Wessex Division**

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#### **43rd Wessex Division**

MajGen G.I. THOMAS

##### **129th Infantry Brigade**

4th Bn, Somerset Light Infantry  
4th Bn, Wiltshire Regiment  
5th Bn, Wiltshire Regiment

##### **130th Infantry Brigade**

7th Bn, Royal Hampshire Regiment  
4th Bn, Dorsetshire Regiment  
5th Bn, Dorsetshire Regiment

Brig Ben WALTON

LtCol Gerald TILLY  
LtCol Aubrey COAD

##### **214th Infantry Brigade**

7th Bn, Somerset Light Infantry  
1st Bn, Worcestershire Regiment  
5th Bn, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry

Brig Hubert ESSAME

LtCol George TAYLOR

##### **Royal Artillery**

94th Field Regiment R.A.  
112th Field Regiment R.A.  
179th Field Regiment R.A.  
59th AT Regiment R.A.  
110th LAA Regiment R.A.

##### **Royal Engineers**

204th, 260th, 553rd Field Companies R.E.  
207th Field Park Coy R.E.

##### **43rd Reconnaissance Regiment RAC**

LtCol Lane FOX

##### **8th Bn, The Middlesex Regiment (MG)**

**Division HQ:** RCS, REME, RAOC, RASC, RAMC, Division Provost Company

# **50th Northumberland Division Operation MARKET-GARDEN 17 September 1944**



**50th Northumbrian Division**  
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## **50th Northumbrian Division**

MajGen D.A.H. GRAHAM

### **69th Infantry Brigade**

Brig F.Y.C. KNOX

5th Bn, The East Yorkshire Regiment (Duke of York's Own)  
6th Bn, The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's)  
7th Bn, The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's)

### **151st Infantry Brigade**

Brig R.H. SENIOR

6th Bn, The Durham Light Infantry  
8th Bn, The Durham Light Infantry  
9th Bn, The Durham Light Infantry

### **231st Infantry Brigade**

Brig Sir A.B.G. STANIER, Bart

2nd Bn, The Devonshire Regiment  
1st Bn, The Hampshire Regiment  
1st Bn, The Dorsetshire Regiment

### **2nd Bn, The Cheshire Regiment (MG)**

### **61st Reconnaissance Regiment RAC**

LtCol Sir W.M. MOUNT, Bart

### **Royal Artillery**

74th Field Regiment RA  
90th Field Regiment RA (357th, 358th, 465th Btrys) (SP)  
124th Field Regiment RA

102nd Anti-Tank Regiment (99th, 107th, 288th, 289th Btrys) ((12) 17-pounders per Btry)  
25th LAA Regiment (82nd Btry)

### **Royal Engineers**

233rd, 295th 505th Field Companies RE  
235th Field Park Coy RE

**Division HQ:** RCS, REME, RAOC, RASC, RAMC, Division Provost Company

# **8th Armoured Brigade Operation MARKET-GARDEN 17 September 1944**

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Brig Erroll G. PRIOR-PALMER

**4th / 7th Royal Dragoon Guards**

**The Nottinghamshire Yeomandry (Sherwood Rangers)**

**13th / 18th Royal Hussars**

**12th Bn (Queen's Westministers), The King's Royal Rifle Corps (Motor Bn)**

**147th Field Regiment R.A.**



*A Sherman tank of 8th Armoured  
Brigade advances through France prior  
to MARKET-GARDEN.*

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