

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.

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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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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



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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

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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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