



# U.S. 3rd Armored Division

December, 1944

32nd  
Tank  
Regiment

Recon  
Company

1 3	1 SCOUT	2 1	2 C(l)	2 10	3 3	A M-8	5 15
x 3		x 3		x 2			

Tank  
Battalion  
x 3

5 5	A M-5	5 11	11 A	8 M-4/75	14 A	10 M-4/76	14 H	10 M-4/105	3 3	M M-21	12 10	2 1	C(l)	2*	18
x 3		x 4		x 2		x 1		x 1		x 1		x 1			

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36th  
Armored  
Infantry  
Regiment

Armored  
Infantry  
Battalion  
x 3

4 10	1 ARMORED	2* 1	2 4	1 M-6	2* 1	9 2	A 57mm	5 0	3 3	M M-21	12 10	5 5	H M-8 HMC	8 11	2 1	C(l)	2*	18	2 3	C(l)	2 10
x 9		x 3		x 3		x 1		x 1		x 1		x 1		x 1		x 15					

54th  
Armored  
Artillery  
Battalion

40 (H)	32
7	8
M-7 Priest	
x 3	

67th  
Armored  
Artillery  
Battalion

40 (H)	32
7	8
M-7 Priest	
x 3	

391st  
Armored  
Artillery  
Battalion

40 (H)	32
7	8
M-7 Priest	
x 3	

23rd  
Armored  
Engineers  
Battalion

1 6	1 1	0 32	- Tank Bridge	0 0	2 3	C(l) M-3	2 10	0 1	C Truck	0 14
x 9		x 1		x 3		x 7				

83rd  
Armored  
Recon  
Battalion

1 I 2 3 SCOUT 1	3 A 5 3 M-8 15	5 A 5 5 M-5 11	5 H 8 5 M-8 HMC 11	2 C(I) 2* 1 M-8 Jeep 18
x 12	x 8	x 3	x 1	x 12

486th  
Anti-Aircraft  
Battalion  
(attached)

6 H 12 3 M-15 10	8 I 4 3 M-16 10
x 4	x 4

Co. A  
738th Tank  
Battalion  
(attached)

9 A 8 8 Sherman Flail 8
x 3

643rd  
Tank  
Destroyer  
Battalion  
(attached)

14 A 10 4 M-18 12	2 C(I) 2* 1 M-8 Jeep 18	2 I 4 3 M-20 15	3 A 5 3 M-8 15
x 9	x 3	x 3	x 1

attached  
December  
22-26

The "Spearhead" division was one of the '42 organization armored divisions which escaped the reorganization and therefore contained more tanks than the other tank divisions. The 3rd Armored had just been heavily engaged in the battle for Aachen and was still fighting in the north when the German offensive began. It was sent south and supported the 82nd Airborne, helping stop the German thrusts to the north. The 3rd then helped take Houffalize to reunite the First and Third Armies.

These "heavy" divisions were usually organized with two very powerful combat commands (CCA and CCB). CCR was usually just a small force and was never equal to CCA and CCB. At the bulge CCR initially consisted of the following force:

11 A 8 9 M-4/75 8
x 3

5 A 5 5 M-5 11
x 6

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x 12	x 8	x 3	x 1	x 12

4 I 2* 10 ARMORED 1	2 I 2* 4 M-6 1	9 A 5 57 mm 0	3 M 12 3 M-21 10	5 H 8 5 M-8 HMC 11	2 C(I) 2* 1 M-8 Jeep 18	2 C(I) 2 3 M-3 10
x 9	x 3	x 3	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 15

1 I 1 6	1 C(I) 2 1 M-3 10	0 C 0 1 Truck 14
x 3	x 1	x 2