









British 33rd Armored Brigade

December, 1944





1st
Northamptonshire
Yeomanry
Armoured
Regiment

5 A 5	9 A 8	14 A 10	2 I 4
			
5 M-5 11	8 Sherman UKa 8	9 Firefly 8	3 Humber SC 15
x 2	x 6	x 6	x 2

144th Royal
Armoured Corps
Armoured
Regiment

5 A 5	9 A 8	14 A 10	2 I 4
			
5 M-5 11	8 Sherman UKa 8	9 Firefly 8	3 Humber SC 15
x 2	x 6	x 6	x 2

1st East Riding
Yeomanry
Armoured
Regiment

5 A 5	9 A 8	14 A 10	2 I 4
			
5 M-5 11	8 Sherman UKa 8	9 Firefly 8	3 Humber SC 15
x 2	x 6	x 6	x 2

The 33rd Armored Brigade was an independent formation of tanks which was formed just before D-Day. It was intended mainly to support the infantry formations when needed. Because of this, the 33rd rarely operated as a single brigade with regiments usually separated and supporting infantry attacks somewhere. The brigade was moved up to the Meuse to help guard the river line and did not see action. If the German spearheads had approached closely to the Meuse, it is possible that these armored brigades would have been ordered to cross and counterattack the forward German elements before they could get their entire strength brought up.