



British 43rd Infantry Division

December, 1944

129th
Infantry
Brigade

Infantry
Battalion
x 3

2 6 RIFLE	1 2*	0 C 0	1 Truck	14	3 M 8	9 A 5	2 C(l) 2*	2 Bren	10
x 12		x 12			x 1		x 2		x 3
1 6 RIFLE	1 2*	2 C(l) 2	2 M-3	10	2 Bren	10			
x 1		x 1			x 2				

Infantry Battalions
are 4th Battalion of
the Somerset Light
Infantry and 4th and
5th Battalions of the
Wiltshire Regiment.

130th
Infantry
Brigade

Infantry
Battalion
x 3

2 6 RIFLE	1 2*	0 C 0	1 Truck	14	3 M 8	9 A 5	2 C(l) 2*	2 Bren	10
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x 1		x 1			x 2				

Infantry Battalions
are 7th Battalion of
the Hampshire Regi-
ment and 4th and
5th Battalions of the
Dorsetshire Regi-
ment.

214th
Infantry
Brigade

Infantry
Battalion
x 3

2 6 RIFLE	1 2*	0 C 0	1 Truck	14	3 M 8	9 A 5	2 C(l) 2*	2 Bren	10
x 12		x 12			x 1		x 2		x 3
1 6 RIFLE	1 2*	2 C(l) 2	2 M-3	10	2 Bren	10			
x 1		x 1			x 2				

Infantry Battalions
are 7th Battalion of
the Somerset Light
Infantry, the 1st Bat-
talion of the Worces-
tershire Regiment
and the 5th Battalion
of the Duke of Corn-
wall's Light Infantry.

94th
Field
Regiment
Royal
Artillery

35 (H) 35	0 C 0
2 25 pdr	1 Matador 12
x 4	x 4

112th
Field
Regiment
Royal
Artillery

35 (H) 35	0 C 0
2 25 pdr	1 Matador 12
x 4	x 4

179th
Field
Regiment
Royal
Artillery

35 (H) 35	0 C 0
2 25 pdr	1 Matador 12
x 4	x 4

204, 260, 553
Field
Companies
Royal
Engineers

3 10	2 1	0 32	0 Tank Bridge	0 0	0 C 0	1 Truck	14
x 9		x 1				x 10	

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8th
Machine Gun
Battalion
Middlesex
Regiment

2	I	2*	10	M	17	2	I	2*
4		1	2		0	2		10
x 9			x 4			x 13		

59th
Anti-Tank
Regiment
Royal
Artillery

9	A	5	14	A	10	0	C	0	14	A	10
2		0	2		0	1		14	6		9
x 6			x 3			x 9			x 3		

43rd
Reconnaissance
Regiment
Royal
Armoured
Corps

2	I	2*	3	M	8	9	A	5	2	C(I)	2*	2	I	2*	3	A	5
6		1	3		1	2		0	2		10	2		10	3		16
x 3			x 1			x 2			x 6			x 9			x 3		

110th
Light
Anti-Aircraft
Regiment
Royal
Artillery

8	H	12	0	C	0	8	I	4
2		0	1		14	3		10
x 6			x 6			x 3		

The 43rd “Wessex” Infantry had been in action since shortly after the landings at Normandy and had played a major role in Market-Garden in September. At the end of the operation, the 4th “Dorsets” Battalion made a successful crossing of the Rhine to act as a diversion while the remnants of the 1st Airborne were withdrawn. Unfortunately, when the Wessex Division withdrew, many of the 4th Dorsets were themselves left behind and captured.

In the Ardennes Campaign, the 43rd was moved up to the Meuse as a reserve and never saw action as the Germans never got that far.