

























5th Guards Armoured Brigade

Grenadier Guards Battlegroup











2nd Armored Battalion Grenadier Guards	5 A 5 9 A 8 14 A 10 2 I 4
	 M-5 11  Sherman UK 8  Firefly 8  Humber SC 15
	x 2            x 8            x 4            x 2
1st Motor Rifle Battalion Grenadier Guards	2 I 2* 2 C(I) 2 2 I 2* 1 I 2 3 M 8 9 A 5 2 C(I) 2* 2 I 2*
	 RIFLE 1  M-3 10  M-6 1  SCOUT 1  76 mm 1  6 pdr 0  Bren 10  Bren 10
	x 9            x 9            x 2            x 1            x 1            x 2            x 6            x 2

Irish Guards Battlegroup













2nd Armored Battalion Irish Guards	5 A 5 9 A 8 14 A 10 2 I 4
	 M-5 11  Sherman UK 8  Firefly 8  Humber SC 15
	x 2            x 8            x 4            x 2
3rd Irish Guards Infantry Battalion	2 I 2* 1 I 1 3 M 8 9 A 5 0 C 0 2 I 2*
	 RIFLE 1  1  76 mm 1  6 pdr 0  Truck 14  Bren 10
	x 9            x 1            x 1            x 2            x 13            x 2

## 32nd Guards Armoured Brigade






### Coldstream Guards Battlegroup

1st Armored Battalion Coldstream Guards	5 A 5	9 A 8	14 A 10	2 I 4		
	 5 M-5 11	 8 Sherman UK 8	 9 Firefly 8	 3 Humber SC 15		
	x 2	x 8	x 4	x 2		
5th Coldstream Guards Infantry Battalion	2 I 2*	1 I 1	3 M 8	9 A 5	0 C 0	2 I 2*
	 6 RIFLE 1	 6 1	 3 76 mm 1	 2 6 pdr 0	 1 Truck 14	 2 Bren 10
	x 12	x 1	x 1	x 2	x 16	x 2

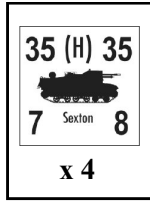
### Welsh Guards Battlegroup

2nd Armored Battalion Welsh Guards Armored Reece Regiment	5 A 5	9 A 8	13 H 10	14 A 10	14 A 10	2 I 4
	 5 M-5 11	 8 Cromwell 12	 8 Cromwell CS 12	 6 Challenger 9	 9 Firefly 8	 3 Humber SC 15
	x 2	x 7	x 1	x 1	x 2	x 2
1st Welsh Guards Infantry Battalion	2 I 2*	1 I 1	3 M 8	9 A 5	0 C 0	2 I 2*
	 6 RIFLE 1	 6 1	 3 76 mm 1	 2 6 pdr 0	 1 Truck 14	 2 Bren 10
	x 9	x 1	x 1	x 2	x 13	x 2

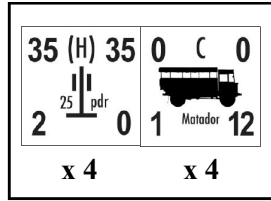
2nd Household  
Cavalry Regiment  
Divisional  
Armored Car  
Regiment

2 I 2*	2 C(l) 2	2 I 4	3 A 5	7 A 5
 6 RIFLE 1	 3 M-3 10	 3 Humber SC 15	 3 Daimler 16	 5 AEC 6 pdr 16
x 4	x 4	x 7	x 8	x 1

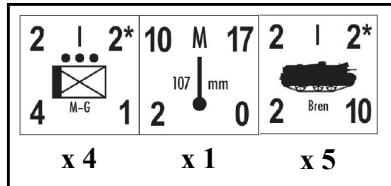
153rd  
Field  
Artillery  
Regiment



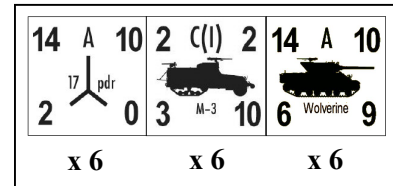
55th  
Field  
Artillery  
Regiment



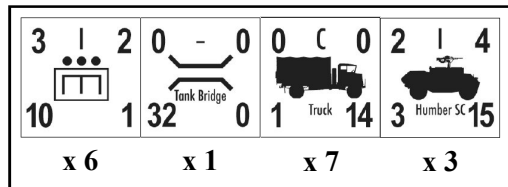
2nd  
Independent  
Machine Gun  
Company



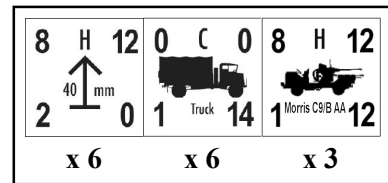
21st  
Anti-Tank  
Regimental  
Battle Group



14th, 615th  
Field  
Engineer  
Squadrons



94th  
Light  
Anti-  
Aircraft  
Regiment



The Guards Armoured Division was created in June of 1941 from some of the most prestigious regiments in British Army history. The new division spent 3 years training and was not deployed overseas until it landed in Normandy on June 13, 1944. The Guards quickly achieved veteran status as they were heavily involved in the fighting in Normandy and beyond. At Market Garden, the division was chosen to lead the ground advance as part of XXX Corps, with their Grenadier Guards as the tip of the spear.

The division was officially organized as a brigade of 3 tank battalions and an armored infantry battalion and an infantry brigade of 3 motorized battalions. The Guards, however, preferred an organization of 4 battlegroups, each consisting of a tank battalion and an infantry battalion, with the Armored Reece regiment serving as the 4th tank battalion.

The first step of the plan was to advance 14 miles to Eindhoven by the end of the first day but, despite massive air and artillery support, a late afternoon start left the division 7 miles short when it halted at nightfall at Valkenswaard. On day 2, the division made contact at Eindhoven with the 101st Airborne but was only able to advance another 5 miles that day as the bridge south of Son across the Wilhelmina Canal had been blown by the Germans and the alternate bridge at Best was still held by the Germans. British and Canadian engineers (assisted by German POW's) working through the night erected a Bailey bridge over the canal, ready for crossing at daybreak. On Day 3, the Guards made much better progress, advancing swiftly across a series of bridges taken and held by the Americans, and were able to push their leading elements into the outskirts of Nijmegen by the end of the day, covering more than 30 miles.

On Day 4, they assisted the 82nd Airborne in securing the southern end of Nijmegen and provided fire support for the heroic and successful river assault by paratroopers of the 504th Regiment, which secured both the railroad bridge and the main road bridge. The Guards were unable to advance any further that day, however, as they badly needed resupply and more infantry support and their division was widely scattered across several locations. On Day 5 the Guards found that advancing on the exposed road flanked by marshy ground was too costly after losing a number of tanks to German anti-tank fire and yielded the advance to the Tommies of the 43rd Infantry Division.