

# British XXX Corps Troops

September, 1944

11th  
Hussars &  
Cavalry  
Regiment

1 SCOUT 3	1 2	2 C(I) 2* M-3 Scout 14	2 I 4 Humber SC 15	3 A 5 Daimler 16	4 H 12 Recon HQ 10
x 4		x 4	x 3	x 5	x 1

73rd  
Anti-Tank  
Regiment  
Royal  
Artillery

14 A 10 17 pdr 2	0 C 0 Truck 1	14 A 10 Wolverine 6
x 6	x 6	x 6

27th  
Light  
Anti-Aircraft  
Regiment  
Royal Artillery

8 H 12 40 mm 2	0 C 0 Truck 1
x 9	x 9

4th Royal  
Horse  
Artillery  
Regiment

35 (H) 35 Sexton 7	8
x 4	

7th  
Royal  
Artillery  
Regiment

48 (H) 42 5.5 inch 2	0 C 0 Matador 1
x 3	x 3

121st  
Royal  
Artillery  
Regiment

48 (H) 42 5.5 inch 2	0 C 0 Matador 1
x 3	x 4

84th  
Royal  
Artillery  
Regiment

48 (H) 42 5.5 inch 2	0 C 0 Matador 1
x 3	x 4

64th  
Royal  
Artillery  
Regiment

48 (H) 42 5.5 inch 2	0 C 0 Matador 1
x 3	x 3

Attached to  
43rd Infantry  
Division.

52nd  
Heavy  
Artillery  
Regiment

70 (H) 40 7.2 inch 2	0 C 0 Matador 1
x 3	x 3

Half these guns  
are US "Long  
Tom" 155mm  
guns.

11, 209, 210  
Field  
Companies  
Royal  
Engineers

3 I 2 10	0 - 0 Tank Bridge 1	0 C 0 Truck 1
x 9	x 1	x 10

For this operation, 2nd Army brought in additional bridging resources from all over. This bridge unit can be considered to be instantly replaced if used.

XXX Corps was given the job of breaking through the German front line, fighting through to Eindhoven, and linking up with the 101st Airborne there on Day 1. They were then to rush north along the roads and bridges seized and controlled by the 3 allied airborne divisions. The plan was for the 3 divisions and 2 brigades of the corps to travel 56 miles to Arnhem in 2 to 4 days and to establish a perimeter around the city. This would enable additional forces to push north and east into Germany's industrial heartland. The Guards Armoured Division was chosen to lead the way with the 43rd Wessex Infantry Division following close behind, moving forward to rebuild bridges as necessary. The 50th Infantry Division and the two brigades would follow up in reserve.

Most of the artillery on this page, as well as all the divisional artillery in XXX Corps was used in the giant opening barrage to pound the German defenders at the beginning of the battle.