

British 8th Armoured Brigade

September, 1944

13/18th
Hussars
Armoured
Regiment

5 A 5	9 A 8	2 I 4
 M-5 11	 Sherman UKa 8	 Humber SC 15
x 2	x 15	x 1

Nottinghamshire
Yeomanry
Armoured
Regiment

5 A 5	9 A 8	14 A 10	2 I 4
 M-5 11	 Sherman UKa 8	 Firefly 8	 Humber SC 15
x 2	x 13	x 1	x 1

Also known as the Sherwood Rangers. This regiment proceeded to Grave, where it assisted the 82nd Airborne in keeping the corridor open.

4th/7th
Royal
Dragoons
Armoured
Regiment

5 A 5	9 A 8	14 A 10	2 I 4
 M-5 11	 Sherman UKa 8	 Firefly 8	 Humber SC 15
x 2	x 13	x 1	x 1

12th King's
Royal Rifle
Corps Motor
Battalion

2 I 2*	2 C(I) 2	2 I 2*	9 A 5	3 M 8	2 C(I) 2*	2 I 2*
 RIFLE 1	 M-3 10	 M-6 1	 6 pdr 0	 76 mm 1	 Bren 10	 Bren 10
x 9	x 9	x 2	x 3	x 1	x 6	x 2

147th
Field
Regiment
Royal
Artillery

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

Beginning life as a cavalry brigade in Palestine, the 8th Armoured Brigade was formed in August of 1941 and became the tank component of the newly created 10th Armoured Division (also converted from a cavalry unit). While with the 10th Armored, the brigade participated in several key battles in North Africa, including the decisive battle at El Alamein. When the North Africa campaign moved on, eventually all the way to Tunisia, most of the 10th Armoured Division stayed behind to garrison Egypt. The 8th Brigade was however separated from the 10th Armoured and became an independent unit. The brigade continued to operate as such in Tunisia but was frequently attached to various Infantry units. The Brigade was eventually transferred back to England and trained for D-Day, landing as the tank support for the 50th Infantry Division on June 6. After advancing across France, the brigade again assisted the 50th in the Albert Canal crossing just before Market-Garden.

In Market-Garden, the 8th Brigade shadowed the Guards Armoured Division and participated in the actions north of Nijmegen. The brigade continued to serve until the end of the war in Germany and supported a number of different commands during this time.