



22nd Armored Brigade






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8th
Hussars
Divisional
Armoured Recce
Regiment

9 A 8  8 Cromwell 12	13 H 10  8 Cromwell CS 12	14 A 10  6 Challenger 9	10 H 10  5 Crusader AA 9	2 I 4  3 Humber SC 15
x 7	x 1	x 3	x 1	x 2





5th
Royal Horse
Artillery
Regiment

35 (H) 35  7 Sexton 8
x 4




3rd
Royal Horse
Artillery
Regiment

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





65th
Anti-Tank
Regiment

14 A 10  2 17 pdr 0	2 C(l) 2  3 M-3 10	14 A 10  6 Wolverine 9	16 A 10  6 Achilles 9
x 4	x 4	x 3	x 2




C co, 1st Btn
Royal
Northumberland
Fusiliers

2 I 2*  4 M-6 1	10 M 17  2 107 mm 0	2 C(l) 2*  2 Bren 10
x 4	x 1	x 5

4th, 621st
Field
Engineer
Squadrons

3 I 2  10 Tank Bridge 1	0 - 0  32 Tank Bridge 0	0 C 0  1 Truck 14	2 I 4  3 Humber SC 15
x 6	x 1	x 7	x 3

5th
Light
Anti-
Aircraft
Regiment

8 H 12  2 40 mm 0	0 C 0  1 Truck 14	8 H 12  1 Morris C9B AA 12
x 6	x 6	x 3

Formed in Egypt in 1938 from a collection of various battalions, it became known as the Mobile Division. In 1939, it was renamed the Armored Division and its mission was to protect Egypt from a possible Italian invasion. In 1940, the division gained its official designation as the 7th Armored Division, although it only contained a fraction of the tanks a real division was supposed to have. From the time of the Italian invasion in September of 1940 until May of 1943, the 7th was a constant participant in the North African theater, being restocked with a succession of new types of tanks along the way.

Not used in Sicily, the 7th landed at Salerno in September of 1943 and was heavily engaged, but was withdrawn back to England after just 3 months to prepare for the Normandy Campaign. After landing in France in late June, the division saw heavy action in Normandy, followed by the advance across France and Belgium. Criticism of its performance in Normandy led to changes in command with almost 100 officers being replaced. In fairness, the division was probably suffering from combat fatigue, after having seen so much action so far in the war. In Market-Garden, the division was part of XII Corps, covering the left flank of the XXX Corps advance. The division ended the war fighting around Hamburg, in northern Germany.