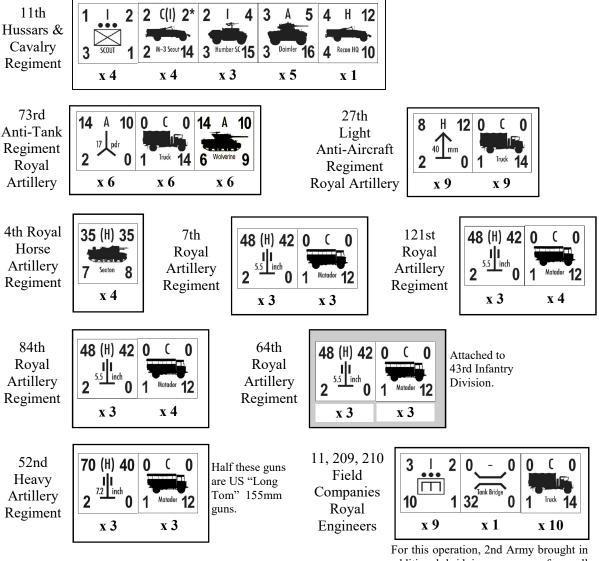
## **British XXX Corps Troops**

## September, 1944



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.