

**British Parachute Brigades
1940-1945**

1st Parachute Brigade

9/5/41 - Brigade HQ formed in UK.

Assigned Units

1st Parachute Battalion	9/15/41-5/30/45 7/31/45-8/31/45
2nd Parachute Battalion	9/30/41-8/5/45 7/31/45-8/31/45
3rd Parachute Battalion	10/1/41-5/8/45
4th Parachute Battalion	1/1/42-7/31/42
"B" Coy, 13th Parachute Battalion	5/10/45-5/16/45
17th Parachute Battalion	8/14/45-8/31/45

Others assigned from 9/23/42-5/6/43

1st Parachute Squadron, RE
16th Parachute field Ambulance
J Section, 2nd Coy, Airborne Division Signals

Assigned 5/10/45 to 7/18/45

Royals Armored Car Regiment
2nd Kings Royal Rifle Corps

2nd Parachute Brigade

7/17/42 - Brigade HQ formed in UK.

Assigned Units

4th Parachute Battalion	8/1/42-8/31/45
5th (S) Parachute Battalion	8/1/42-8/31/45
6 (RW) Parachute Battalion	8/1/42-8/31/45

Others Assigned from 11/17/42-8/31/45

300th Anti-Tank Battery	12/8/43-12/26/43
300th Airlanding Anti-Tank Battery	12/27/43-8/31/45
64th Field Battery	6/23/44-12/3/44
"A" Airlanding Battery	12/4/44-2/4/45
64th Airlanding Battery	2/5/45-6/25/45
2nd Parachute Squadron, RE	11/17/43-8/31/45
2nd Independent Parachute Brigade Group Signals	11/17/43-8/31/45
1st Independent Glider Parachute Squadron, AAC	11/20/42-8/31/45
23rd Independent Parachute Platoon	11/17/43-8/31/45
2nd Independent Parachute Brigade Group Company, RASC	11/18/43-6/30/44
"T" Company, Independent Parachute Brigade Group, RASC	7/1/44-7/27/44
751st Parachute Brigade Company, RASC	7/28/44-8/31/45
127th Parachute Field Ambulance	11/17/43-8/31/45
2nd Independent Parachute Brigade Group, REME	11/20/43-8/31/45
2nd Independent Parachute Brigade Group, Provost Section	1/17/43-8/31/45

3rd Parachute Brigade

11/7/42 - Brigade HQ formed in the UK by the conversion of the 223rd Independent Infantry Brigade.

Assigned Units

7th (Light Infantry) Parachute Battalion	11/7/42-8/8/43
8th (Midland Counties) Parachute Battalion	11/7/42-8/31/45
9th (Home Counties) Parachute Battalion	12/5/42-8/31/45
1st Canadian Parachute Battalion	8/11/43-8/31/45
3rd Parachute Battalion	8/7/45-8/31/45

4th Parachute Brigade

12/1/42 - Brigade HQ formed in the Middle East and completed in January 1943.

12/10/44 - Brigade HQ disbanded in UK.

Assigned Units

10th Parachute Battalion	2/23/43-9/30/44
156th Parachute Battalion	2/14/43-9/30/44
11th Parachute Battalion	4/30/43-5/20/43
	1/7/44-9/30/44

5th Parachute Brigade

6/1/43 - Brigade HQ formed in UK by the redesignation of HQ 72nd Independent Infantry Brigade.

7/45 - Formed into Parachute Brigade group.

Assigned Units

12th Parachute Battalion	6/1/43-8/31/45
13th Parachute Battalion	6/1/43-8/31/45
7th (Light Infantry) Parachute Battalion	8/9/43-8/31/45

Attached from 7/20/45

4th Airlanding Anti-Tank Battery
3rd Airborne Squadron, RE
Det. 286th Field Park Squadron, RE
22nd Independent Parachute Company, AAC
Parachute Platoon, 716th Light Composite Company, RASC
225th Parachute Field Ambulance

1st Airlanding Brigade

12/10/41- Formed in UK as 1st Airlanding Brigade Group by redesignated and reorganization of 31st Independent Brigade Group.

3/10/43 - Redesignated 1st Airlanding brigade.

Assigned Units

1st Border	12/10/41-8/31/45
2nd South Staffordshire	12/10/41-8/31/45
2nd Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry	12/10/41-5/15/43
1st Royal Ulster Rifles	12/10/41-5/15/43
7th Kings Own Scottish Borderers	12/10/43-8/31/45
458th Light Battery	12/10/41-7/26/42
1st Airlanding Light Battery	7/27/42-9/27/42

223rd Anti-Tank Battery	12/10/41-6/17/42
1st Airlanding Anti-Tank Battery	6/18/42-9/27/42
9th Field Company, RE	12/10/41-6/18/42
1st Airlanding Reconnaissance Coy	12/10/41-4/23/42
1st Airlanding Reconnaissance Sqn	4/24/42-12/30/42
1st Airlanding Brigade Group Coy, RASC	12/10/41-4/30/42
181st Field Ambulance	12/10/41-3/30/42
1st Airlanding Brigade Group	
Provost Group	12/10/41-6/5/42

6th Airlanding Brigade

5/6/43 - Brigade HQ formed in UK.

Assigned Units

2nd Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire	
Light Infantry	6/15/43-8/31/45
1st Royal Ulster Rifles	6/15/43-8/31/45
12th Devonshire	7/30/43-8/31/45

14th Airlanding Brigade

11/1/44 - Brigade HQ formed in India by redesignation of HQ
14th Infantry Brigade

Assigned Units

2nd King's Own Royal Regiment	11/1/44-2/12/45
2nd Black Watch	11/1/44-8/31/45

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