

**British Parachute Forces Dropped on Arnhem
Operation Market Garden
17 September 1944**

HQ 1st Airborne Division

GOC	Major General R.E.Urquhart
ADC	Captain G.C>Roberts
GSO 1 (Ops)	Lt. Colonel C.B.Mackenzie
GSO 2 (Ops)	Major O.F.Newton-Dunn
GSO 2 (Air)	Major D.J.Madden
GSO 2 (Int)	Major H.P.Maquire
AA & QMG	Lt. Colonel P.H.H.H.Preston
DAAG	Major L.K.Hardman
DAQMG	Major E.R.Hodges

HQ Royal Artillery

CAR	Lt. Colonel R.G.Loder-Symonds
BMRA	Major P.T.Tower

HQ Royal Engineers:

CRE	Lt. Colonel E.C.W.Myers
Adjnt RE	Captain M.D.Green

Divisional Signals:

OC Div Sigs	Lt. Colonel T.C.V.Stephenson
2 i/c	Major A.J.Deane-Drummon

HQ Royal Army Service Corps:

CRASC	Lt. Colonel M.St. J. Packe
2 i/c	Major D.G.Clark

Medical Services:

ADMS	Colonel G.M.Warrack
DADMS	Major J.E.Moiller

RAOC:

ADOS	Lt. Colonel G.A.Mobbs
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REME

Adj REME	Captain F.W.Ewens
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RACHD

SCF	Major A.W.H.Harlow
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Provost

APM	Major O.P.Haig
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1st Para Brigade:

Comander	Brigadier G.W.Lathbury
BM	Major J.A.Hibbert
DAA&QMG	Major C.D.Byng-Maddick
1st Parachute Battalion:	Lt. Colonel D.Dobie
2nd Parachute Battalion:	Lt. Colonel J.D. Forst
3rd Parachute Battalion:	Lt. Colonel J.A.C.Fitch

Recon Sqn (less 1 troop):
3 A/L Lt Btry, RA:
1 A/L Anti-Tank Btry, RA:
1st Para Sqn, RE
16th Para Field Ambulance:
Det. RASC

Major C.F.H.Gough
Major D.S.Mumford
Major W.F.Arnold
Major D.C.Murray
Lt. Colonel E.Townsend

4th Para Brigade:

Commander
BM
156th Parachute Battalion
10th Parachute Battalion
11th Parachute Battalion
2 A/L Lt Btry, RA:
2 A/L Anti-Tank Btry, RA:
4th Para Sqn, RE
133rd Para Field Ambulance:
Det. RASC

Brigadier J.W.Hackett
Major C.W.B.Dawson
Lt. Colonel W.R. de B.des Voeux
Lt. Colonel K.B.I.Smythe
Lt. Colonel G.H.Lea
Major J.E.F.Linton
Major A.F.Haynes
Major A.E.J.M.Perkins
Lt. Colonel W.C. Alford

1st Airlanding Brigade:

Command
Deputy Commander
BM
1st Border Battalion
7th King's Own Scottish
Borders
2nd South Staffords
12 A/L Light Battery, RA
181st Field Ambulance

Brigadier P.H.W.Hicks
Colonel H.N.Barlow
Major C.A.H.B.Blake
Lt. Colonel T.Hadden

Lt. Colonel R.Payton-Reid
Lt. Colonel W.D.H.McCardie
Major A.F.Norman-Walker
Lt. Colonel A.T.Marrable

Divisional Troops:

1st Light Regiment, RA
No. 1 FOU
9th Field Company, RE
21st Independent Para Coy
250th Light Company, RASC
Det/93rd Company, RASC
Det/Ordnance Field Park
Det/REME Workshops
89th Field Security Section
Division Provost Company
No. 1 Wing, GP Regiment
No. 2 Wing, GP Regiment

Lt. Colonel W.F.K.Thompson
Major R.Wright-Boycott
Major J.C.Winchester
Major B.A.Wilson

Captain J.E.Killick
Captain W.R.Gray
Lt. Colonel I.A.Murray
Lt. Colonel J.W.Place

Seaborne Tail

OC
Division HQ
1st Para Brigade
2nd Para Brigade
Airlanding Brigade
Reconnaissance Squadron
RASC
Light Regiment

Major R.D.Sellon
Captain J.B.Coventry
Major J.A.Jessop[
Major J.C.H.Eyles
Major W.E.Balmer
Captain R.J.Clark
Major J.R.Halls
Captain A.J.A.Hanhart

The seaborne tail contained approximately 1,000 vehicles, which contained equipment and stores that could not be taken in by air. It was planned that it should join up with the division so that it could continue in a ground role after a junction had been made with the 2nd Army.

Glider Allotment by Lift

	1st Lift	2nd Lift	3rd Lift
Divisional HQ	10	19	-
Reconnaissance Sqdn	22	-	-
Light Regiment	57	33	-
1st Anti-Tank Btry	21	-	-
2nd Anti-Tank Btry	-	27	-
17th Parachute Battery	3/8*	3/8	-
9th Field Company, RE	16	6	-
1st Para Brigade	20/3	20	-
4th Para Brigade	-	40/3	-
HQ 1st Air Landing Brigade	10	-	-
Airlanding Battalion	56/1	6-	-
Airlanding Battalion	56/1	6	-
Airlanding Battalion	22	40/1	-
181st Air Landing Field Ambulance	7	5	-
21st Independent Para Company	-	1	-
Administration	7	33/3	-
Polish Parachute Brigade	-	34	35
Corps HQ	38	-	-
Unallotted	-	2	-

* If two numbers are present, the second is the number of Hamilcars, the first is other gliders.

Polish Brigade

- Airborne Signal Company
- Airborne Engineer Company
- Airborne Medical Company
- Airborne Anti-Tank Squadron
 - 1 HQ battery (1 6pdr gun)
 - 3 Batteries (5 6pdr gun each)
- Airborne Light Artillery Battery
 - 2 Pack Howitzer Sections (4 75mm pack howitzers each)
- 3 Airborne Battalions
 - Headquarters Company
 - Mortar Platoon
 - Anti-Tank Platoon
 - 3 Parachute Companies

Allocation of Parachute Aircraft

1st Lift, 1st Para Brigade

Ser-	Airfield	Brigade	1st Bn	2nd Bn	3rd Bn	1st Para Sqn, RE	16th Field Ambul	21st Para Coy
1	Fairford	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
2	Folkingham	-	-	34	34	-	2	-
3	Barkeston Heath	9	34	-	-	9	4	-

4th Brig

Advance Division

		Recon	Party	HQ	RASC
1	Fairford	-	-	-	-
2	Folkingham	-	-	-	2
3	Barkeston Heath	8	4	5	-

2nd Lift, 4th Para Brigade:

Ser-	Airfield	Brigade	156th Bn	10th Bn	11th Bn	4th Para Sqn, RE	133rd Field Ambul	RASC
4	Saltby	-	33	-	33	-	-	2
5	Cottesmore	8	-	33	-	9	4	2

3rd Lift, 1st Polish Brigade:

6	Spanhoe	1st Polish Brigade	54 aircraft
7	Cottesmore	1st Polish Brigade	60 aircraft

Urquhart, Arnhem, London, 1965

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