









British 29th Armored Brigade

December, 1944





23rd
Hussars
Armoured
Regiment

5 A 5	9 A 8	14 A 10	2 I 4
 M-5 11	 Sherman UK 8	 Firefly 8	 Humber SC 15
x 1	x 6	x 6	x 1








3rd
Royal
Tank
Regiment

5 A 5	9 A 8	14 A 10	2 I 4
 M-5 11	 Sherman UK 8	 Firefly 8	 Humber SC 15
x 1	x 6	x 6	x 1




2nd Fife &
Forfar
Yeomanry
Armoured
Regiment

5 A 5	9 A 8	14 A 10	2 I 4
 M-5 11	 Sherman UK 8	 Firefly 8	 Humber SC 15
x 1	x 6	x 6	x 1

8th
Motor Rifle
Battalion

2 I 2*	2 C(l) 2	2 I 2*	9 A 5	3 M 8	2 C(l) 2*	2 I 2*
 RIFLE 6	 M-3 10	 M-6 4	 6 pdr 2	 76 mm 3	 Bren 2	 Bren 2
x 9	x 9	x 2	x 3	x 1	x 6	x 2

Machine
Gun
Company

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

The 29th Armored Brigade normally served as the tank element of the 11th Armored Division but operated during this campaign independent of the division. When the Ardennes Offensive started on December 16, the tankers of the 29th had just turned all their tanks in to the replacement depot and were awaiting brand new Comet tanks to replace them, followed by a couple months of rest and training. They were in fact going to be the first unit to receive them. When the attack started, they received orders to go get their Shermans back and put them in running order as soon as possible. The brigade then moved to the Meuse River, where the 23rd Hussars and the 2nd Fife & Forfar Yeomanry guarded the crossings at Givet and Namur. The 3rd Royal Tank Regiment was sent across the river, where they supported the U.S. 2nd Armored Division's attack on the 2nd Panzer near Celles. The 3rd RTR landed a crushing blow on the 2nd Panzer Recon Battalion at Foy-Notre-Dame as part of that action. In mid-January, the Brigade was pulled back out of the area and the 29th was finally able to receive their new tanks (and their rest).