

# BRITISH FORCES IN NORMANDY

## 6<sup>TH</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION

**PARACHUTE COMPANY** (page 22) The elite paras of 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division dropped on the flank of the D-Day landings to destroy coastal guns overlooking the landings, and to capture the vital Orne bridges.

**AIRLANDING COMPANY** (page 26) The airlanding battalions landed on the afternoon of D-Day, reinforcing the paras. The airlanding battalions held the Orne bridgehead until the breakout in August.

**AIRBORNE ARMoured RECCE SQUADRON** (page 32) The 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Armoured Recce Regiment was both the division's eyes and ears and, with its Tetrarch light tanks, its mobile punch.

## 1 AND 4 SPECIAL SERVICE BRIGADES

**COMMANDO** (pages 44 and 45) The commandos landed on D-Day to destroy strongpoints and link up with the paras and the Americans, then joined the 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division holding the Orne bridgehead.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> DIVISION 'MONTY'S IRONSIDES' 50<sup>TH</sup> (NORTHUMBRIAN) DIVISION 3<sup>RD</sup> CANADIAN INFANTRY DIVISION

**ASSAULT COMPANY** (page 61) Two British and one Canadian assault divisions hit the Normandy beaches on D-Day supported by amphibious tanks and specialist armour. Having penetrated the German Atlantic Wall, they fought their way inland, hedge by hedge, village by village.

## 15<sup>TH</sup> (SCOTTISH) DIVISION 50<sup>TH</sup> (NORTHUMBRIAN) DIVISION 51<sup>ST</sup> (HIGHLAND) DIVISION 3<sup>RD</sup> CANADIAN INFANTRY DIVISION

**RIFLE COMPANY** (page 142) More British and Canadian divisions landed in Normandy over the following weeks. Lavishly supported by armour and artillery, and even Kangaroo armoured personnel carriers, they defeated the best of the German Army.

**RECCE SQUADRON** (page 150) The infantry division's recce regiment is its eyes and ears. Their armoured cars and scout carriers probe enemy positions, backed by the full might of the division should they get into trouble.

## GUARDS ARMoured DIVISION

## 7<sup>TH</sup> ARMoured DIVISION

## 11<sup>TH</sup> ARMoured DIVISION

## 4 ARMoured BRIGADE

## 4<sup>TH</sup> CANADIAN ARMoured DIVISION

**DESERT RATS ARMoured SQUADRON** (page 80)  
**ARMoured SQUADRON** (page 90) The core of the armoured divisions are their armoured squadrons equipped with versatile Sherman and Cromwell tanks backed by Fireflies with their powerful 17 pdr guns.

## ARMoured RECCE SQUADRON (page 82)

## CANADIAN ARMoured RECCE SQUADRON

(page 96) Using fast Cromwell tanks (and the ubiquitous Sherman tank in the case of the Canadians), the armoured recce lead the division's advance.

**MOTOR COMPANY** (page 100) The riflemen of the motor company are mounted in half-tracks so they can keep up with the fast-moving tanks. Their task is to clear troublesome infantry from villages and woods.

**LORRIED RIFLE COMPANY** (page 104) The lorried rifle companies hold what the tanks take against German counterattacks, providing the tanks with a firm base to prepare for their next advance.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY REGT

## 11<sup>TH</sup> HUSSARS

## INNS OF COURT YEOMANRY

## 12<sup>TH</sup> MANITOBA DRAGOONS

## ARMoured CAR SQUADRON (page 112)

The armoured cars operated ahead of or on the flanks of armoured attacks, seeking enemy weaknesses.

## SECOND ARMY TANK BRIGADE

## 6 GUARDS TANK BRIGADE

**TANK SQUADRON** (page 124) The heavy Churchill heavy tanks were designed to support the infantry in crushing the German frontline.

## 4<sup>TH</sup>/7<sup>TH</sup> ROYAL DRAGOONS

## SHERWOOD RANGERS YEOMANRY

## 2 CANADIAN ARMoured BRIGADE

## INDEPENDENT ARMoured SQUADRON

(page 128) The independent armoured regiments in their amphibious Sherman DD tanks landed ahead of the infantry on D-Day, then fought inland with them.



# US FORCES IN NORMANDY

## 82<sup>ND</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION 101<sup>ST</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION



### PARACHUTE RIFLE COMPANY (page 182)

Your paratroopers of the 82<sup>nd</sup> 'All American' or the 101<sup>st</sup> 'Screaming Eagles' Airborne Divisions are to land ahead of the D-Day landings. With these elite troops you should have no problem capturing the vital links between the beaches, preventing German reserves from breaking through to the beaches. Your troops are tough and well-prepared for their mission, as they are the Army's best of the best!

**GLIDER RIFLE COMPANY** (page 186) Your riflemen of the glider companies fly into combat in rickety Waco gliders to reinforce the paratroopers. Your gliders allow you to deploy a lot more heavy equipment, such as anti-tank guns and artillery, making them a formidable defensive force.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION 4<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION 29<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION



**ASSAULT COMPANY** (page 208) It's time to take the fight to Hitler. Your infantry battalion has been reorganised into specialist assault companies equipped with demolitions, flame-throwers, mortars, and light machine-guns to bust through the Atlantic Wall. As soon as your landing craft's ramp is lowered, you and your men will assault the beach and push inland, destroying any German fortification in the way!

## 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> RANGER BATTALIONS



**RANGER BATTALION** (page 218 and 219) Rangers, lead the way! The motto of the Rangers was earned on Omaha Beach, and your men have not forgotten it since. Trained by the British commandoes, they fearlessly climb impossible heights and knock out tough fortifications in the name of victory.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION 2<sup>ND</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION 4<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION 29<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION



**RIFLE COMPANY** (page 262) Taking the lessons learned from the beaches, these 'doughboys' of the Rifle Company will be essential to victory. Through their efforts the front line will move without fail toward Berlin. Follow the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisions east after the breakout from Normandy, or head west with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> to reduce the Brest pocket.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ARMORED DIVISION 3<sup>RD</sup> ARMORED DIVISION 4<sup>TH</sup> ARMORED DIVISION 6<sup>TH</sup> ARMORED DIVISION



**MEDIUM TANK COMPANY** (page 232) The M4 Sherman is the backbone of the armoured division. Using these reliable tanks, you will spearhead the breakout from the Normandy beaches and on to Paris in Operation Cobra.

**LIGHT TANK COMPANY** (page 236) Unlike its British counterpart, the US Army still relies on M5A1 Stuart light tank companies to exploit gaps in the enemy line. As a Light Tank Company commander, you will need a lot of bravado and cunning, but the reward is often worth it as you sweep around the enemy and capture the objectives before they can respond.

**ARMORED RIFLE COMPANY** (page 238) The armoured riflemen, or 'armored doughs', follow the tank companies during the spearhead attacks in their half-tracks, smashing enemy strongpoints with their extremely well-equipped platoons.

**ARMORED RECON COMPANY** (page 244) The Armored Recon Company is the eyes and ears of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Divisions. Your armoured cars will search for enemy ambushes and detect gaps in the enemy line to protect the spearhead attack.

**CAVALRY RECON TROOP** (page 246) The Cavalry Recon Troops provide the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Armored Divisions with their intel. Your armoured cars will keep an eye on the enemy so the tanks can safely advance.

## TANK DESTROYER COMPANY



**TANK DESTROYER COMPANY** (page 276) Tank destroyer units were among the first ashore in Normandy to support the infantry divisions. Your tank destroyers are equipped with hard-hitting guns and special tank-killing doctrine to help blunt and destroy enemy counterattacks.

## TASK FORCE A



**TASK FORCE A** (page 284) Task Force A has been put together from cavalry, tank destroyer, engineer, and infantry units to scout in front of the spearhead and operate deep behind enemy lines to secure important bridges and cause havoc. Your task force is an army unto itself, with its own artillery, engineers, tanks, and reconnaissance. Now get out there and cause some trouble!