

1st Airborne Division

Divisional Commander

Major General (Acting) Robert Elliot URQUHART, D.S.O.*, H.L.I., *p.s.c.*

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Captain (War Substantive) Graham Chatfield ROBERTS, Para R.

General Staff Officer (Grade I) – (G.S.O. I)

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) Charles Baillie MacKENZIE, Camerons

General Staff Officer (Grade II) (Operations) – (G.S.O. II)

Major (Temporary) Owen Frank NEWTON-DUNN, Wilts R., *p.s.c.*

General Staff Officer (Grade II) (Air) – (G.S.O. II)

Major (Temporary) David John MADDEN, R.A.

General Staff Officer (Grade II) (Intelligence) – (G.S.O. II)

Major (Temporary) Hugh Pownall MAGUIRE, R.U.R.

Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-Master General – (A.A. & Q.M.G.)

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) Philip Henry Herbert Hulton PRESTON, S.Lancs.R.

Deputy Assistant Adjutant General – (D.A.A.G.)

Major (Temporary) Lawrence Kent HARDMAN, R.A., T.A.

Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General – (D.A.Q.M.G.)

Major (Temporary) Ernest Rupert HODGES, R.A.S.C.

Commander, Royal Artillery – (C.R.A.)

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) Robert Guy LODER-SYMONDS, D.S.O.*, M.C., R.A.¹

Staff Officer, Royal Artillery

Major (Temporary) Philip Thomas TOWER, M.B.E., R.A.

¹ Promoted Acting Brigadier and Acting Colonel on 29 September 1944

Commander, Royal Engineers – (C.R.E.)

Lieutenant Colonel (War Substantive) Edmund Charles Wolf MYERS, C.B.E., D.S.O., R.E.

Staff Officer (Adjutant), Royal Engineers

Captain (Temporary) Michael Douglas GREEN, R.E.

Commander, Royal Signals – (C.R.Sigs)

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) Geoffrey Vaughan STEPHENSON, R. Sigs., *p.s.c.*

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Major(Temporary) Anthony John DEANE-DRUMMOND, R. Sigs.

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Assistant Director of Medical Services – (A.D.M.S.)

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Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services – (D.A.D.M.S.)

Major (Temporary) Joseph Esmond MILLER, M.C., M.R.C.S., R.A.M.C.

Assistant Director of Ordnance Services – (A.D.O.S.)

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) Gerald Aubrey MOBBS, R.A.O.C.

Commander, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers – (C.R.E.M.E.)

Captain (Acting) Alfred Francis EWENS, R.E.M.E.

Divisional Chaplain

Major (Temporary) The Reverend Albert William Harrison HARLOW, Chaplain to the Forces 3rd Class

Assistant Provost Marshal

Major (Temporary) Oliver Peter HAIG, Recon Corps

1st Parachute Brigade**Commanding Officer**

Brigadier (Temporary) Gerald William LATHBURY, D.S.O., M.B.E., Oxs & Bucks L.I., *p.s.c.*

Brigade Major

Major (Temporary) James Anthony HIBBERT, R.A.

Deputy Assistant Adjutant & Quarter-Master-General

Major (Temporary) Cecil Dustin BYNG-MADDICK, R.A.S.C.

1st Bn. The Parachute Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) David Theodor DOBIE, Para R., T.A.

2nd Bn. The Parachute Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) John Dutton FROST, D.S.O., Cameronians.

3rd Bn. The Parachute Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) John Anthony Colson FITCH, Manch R.

1st Parachute Reconnaissance Squadron

Major (Temporary) Charles Frederick Howard GOUGH, M.C., Reconn Corps

3rd Airlanding Battery, Royal Artillery

Major (Acting) Dennis Stewart MUNFORD, R.A.

1st Airlanding Anti-Tank Battery, Royal Artillery

Major William Frank ARNOLD, R.A., T.A.

1st Parachute Squadron, Royal Engineers

Major (Temporary) Douglas Campbell MURRAY, M.C., R.A.

16th Parachute Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) Eric TOWNSEND, M.C., R.A.M.C.

4th Parachute Brigade**Commanding Officer**

Brigadier (Temporary) John Winthrop HACKETT, M.C., 8th Hussars

Brigade Major

Major (Temporary) Charles Neville Bruce DAWSON, R. Berks R.

10th The Parachute Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) Kenneth Bowes Inman SMYTH, O.B.E., S.W.B.

11th Bn. The Parachute Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) George Harris LEA, Lanc Fus.

156th Bn. The Parachute Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) Sir William Richard de Bacquencourt des VOEUX, Gren G.

2nd Airlanding Battery, Royal Artillery

Major (Temporary) James Edward Fryer LINTON, R.A.

2nd Airlanding Anti-Tank Battery, Royal Artillery

Major (Temporary) Annesley Freeman HAYNES, R.A.

4th Parachute Squadron, Royal Engineers

Major (Temporary) Aeneas John Martin PERKINS, B.A., R.E.

16th Parachute Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) William Carson ALFORD, R.A.M.C., T.A.

1st Airlanding Brigade**Commanding Officer**

Brigadier (Temporary) Philip Hugh Whitby HICKS, D.S.O.*, M.C.

Deputy Commanding Officer

Colonel Hilario Nelson BARLOW, O.B.E., Som L.I.

Brigade Major

Major (Temporary) Charles Anthony Howell Bruce BLAKE, R.U.R.

1st Bn. The Border Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) Thomas HADDEN, Border R.

7th Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) Robert PAYTON-REID, K.O.S.B.

2nd Bn. The South Staffordshire Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) William Dennis Hessing McCARDIE, S.Staffs, T.A.

1st Airlanding Battery, Royal Artillery

Captain (Temporary) John Waine WALKER, R.A.

181st Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) Arthur Trevor MARRABLE, R.A.M.C.

Divisional Troops**1st Light Regiment, Royal Artillery**

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) William Francis Kynaston THOMPSON, M.B.E., R.A.

1st Forward Observation Unit, Royal Artillery

Major (Temporary) D. R. WIGHT-BOYCOTT, R.A.

9th Field Company, Royal Engineers

Major (Temporary) Jack Chisholm WINCHESTER, R.E.

21st Independent Parachute Company

Major (Temporary) Bernard Alexander WILSON, Para. R., (Lieutenant, Reserve of Officers)

No. 1 Wing, Glider Pilot Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) Ian Arthur MURRAY, Glider Pilot R.

No. 2 Wing, Glider Pilot Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) John William PLACE, Glider Pilot R., (Lieutenant, Reserve of Officers)

250th Airborne Light Composite Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Major (Temporary) David Graham CLARKE, R.A.S.C.

1st Airborne Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police

Captain (Temporary) William Buchanan GRAY, King's Own

NOTES:

1. The Parachute Regiment was formed on 22 June 1940. In the beginning of the life of the new regiment, officers were transferred from other regiments and corps to join the parachute forces. Officers who joined the Parachute Regiment during the Second World War received Emergency Commissions in the Regular Army in the rank of Second Lieutenant. Pre-war Regular Army officers were attached to the Parachute Regiment, but remained with their own regiments on the Army List. Pre-war members of the Territorial Army, including Lieutenant Colonels PEARSON and DOBIE, received Territorial Army commissions in the Parachute Regiment. There were four officers of the Parachute Regiment in October 1944 in the Regular Army, including Major B. A. WILSON, but all were in the Reserve of Officers. There were nine officers in the Supplementary Reserve, including Brigadier James HILL.
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SOURCES:

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