

1st Polish Independent Parachute Brigade Group (1)

Headquarters, 1st Polish Independent Parachute Brigade Group

1st Polish Parachute Infantry Battalion

2nd Polish Parachute Infantry Battalion

3rd Polish Parachute Infantry Battalion

1st Polish Airborne Anti-Tank Battery

1st Polish Airborne Light Artillery Battery

1st Polish Airborne Engineer Company

1st Polish Parachute Medical Company

1st Polish Airborne Signals Company

NOTES:

1. This brigade was formed in Scotland on 23 September 1941 as The Polish Parachute Brigade, under the command of Colonel SOSABOWSKI, who was promoted Major General on 15 June 1944. In May 1942, the brigade was redesignated as an independent brigade group. The brigade came under command of the I British Airborne Corps circa April 1944. On 21 September 1944, the brigade was dropped south of the River Rhine near to Arnhem to support the 1st Airborne Division during Operation Market Garden. Elements of the brigade were ferried over the river, but were evacuated with the remains of the 1st Airborne Division. The brigade returned to the United Kingdom on 11 October 1944. Following the cessation of hostilities, it was sent to Germany on 8 May 1945, and came under command of the 1st Polish Armoured Division. The brigade disbanded in the Osnabruck area on 19 May 1945.

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