

2<sup>nd</sup> Parachute Brigade (1)

4<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Parachute Regiment

5<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Bn. The Parachute Regiment

6<sup>th</sup> (Royal Welch) Bn. The Parachute Regiment

'A' Airlanding Light Battery, Royal Artillery

300<sup>th</sup> Airlanding Anti-Tank Battery, Royal Artillery

2<sup>nd</sup> Parachute Squadron, Royal Engineers

2<sup>nd</sup> Independent Parachute Brigade Group Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

1<sup>st</sup> Independent Glider Pilot Squadron, The Glider Pilot Regiment

23<sup>rd</sup> Independent Parachute Platoon, The Parachute Regiment

751<sup>st</sup> Parachute Brigade Company, Royal Army Service Corps

127<sup>th</sup> Parachute Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

2<sup>nd</sup> Independent Parachute Brigade Group Workshops,  
Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

2<sup>nd</sup> Independent Parachute Brigade Group Provost Section,  
Corps of Military Police

NOTES:

1. This brigade was formed on 17 July 1942 in the United Kingdom as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. The brigade was deployed to Tunisia in April 1943, serving there until the surrender of the German Army in Tunisia in May. It was deployed to Italy in September 1943, the 6<sup>th</sup> Bn. Parachute Regiment suffering heavy casualties with the sinking of H.M.S. Abdiel in Taranto harbour. The brigade served in Italy until 15 August 1944, when it left for Southern France under command of the 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army. It returned to Italy on 29 August. On 18 September 1944, the brigade group came under command of III Corps, which was called Force 140 for operations in Greece. The brigade landed in Greece on 14 October 1944 having flown in from Italy. It served under command of III Corps until 4 December 1944, when 'Arkforce' assumed command of the brigade. The brigade group left Greece by sea on 28 January 1945 to return to Italy.

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