



U.S. 7th Armored Division

December, 1944

17th
Tank
Battalion

5 A 5 11	11 A 8 9	14 A 10 10	14 H 10 9	3 M 12 10	2 C(I) 2* 18
x 3	x 5	x 3	x 1	x 1	x 1

31st
Tank
Battalion

5 A 5 11	11 A 8 9	14 A 10 10	14 H 10 9	3 M 12 10	2 C(I) 2* 18
x 3	x 5	x 3	x 1	x 1	x 1

40th
Tank
Battalion

5 A 5 11	11 A 8 9	14 A 10 10	14 H 10 9	3 M 12 10	2 C(I) 2* 18
x 3	x 5	x 3	x 1	x 1	x 1

23rd
Armored
Infantry
Battalion

4 I 2* 10	2 I 2* 4	9 A 5 2	3 M 12 10	5 H 8 11	2 C(I) 2* 18	2 C(I) 2 10
x 9	x 3	x 3	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 15

38th
Armored
Infantry
Battalion

4 I 2* 10	2 I 2* 4	9 A 5 2	3 M 12 10	5 H 8 11	2 C(I) 2* 18	2 C(I) 2 10
x 9	x 3	x 3	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 15

48th
Armored
Infantry
Battalion

4 I 2* 10	2 I 2* 4	9 A 5 2	3 M 12 10	5 H 8 11	2 C(I) 2* 18	2 C(I) 2 10
x 9	x 3	x 3	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 15

434th
Armored
Artillery
Battalion

40 (H) 32 7	8
x 3	

440th
Armored
Artillery
Battalion

40 (H) 32 7	8
x 3	

489th
Armored
Artillery
Battalion

40 (H) 32 7	8
x 3	

33rd
Armored
Engineers
Battalion

1 I 1 6	0 - 0 32	2 C(I) 2 10	0 C 0 1
x 9	x 1	x 3	x 7

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87th
Cavalry
Recon
Squadron

1 I 2 3 SCOUT 1	3 A 5 3 M-8 15	5 A 5 5 M-5 11	5 H 8 5 M-8 HMC 11	2 C(l) 2* 1 M-8 Jeep 18
x 12	x 8	x 3	x 1	x 12

203rd
Anti-Aircraft
Battalion
(attached)

6 H 12 3 M-15 10	8 I 4 3 M-16 10
x 4	x 4

814th
Tank
Destroyer
Battalion
(attached)

15 A 12 6 M-36 9	2 C(l) 2* 1 M-8 Jeep 18	2 I 4 3 M-20 15	3 A 5 3 M-8 15
x 9	x 3	x 3	x 1

820th
Tank
Destroyer
Battalion
(attached)

12 A 10 2 76 mm 0	2 C(l) 2 3 M-3 10	2 C(l) 2* 1 M-8 Jeep 18	2 I 4 3 M-20 15
x 9	x 9	x 2	x 1

attached on December
25th from the 106th
Infantry Division

The "Lucky Seventh" Armored Division was in reserve north of Aachen when the German offensive started. The division was alerted on the 16th by General Bradley and was ready to move in only two hours. The division was sent to St. Vith and CCR missed bumping into Kampfgruppe Peiper on the way by only minutes as both groups passed through the same intersections unaware of each other's presence. The division arrived in St. Vith late in the day on the 17th and then held the town for almost a week before finally withdrawing under threat of encirclement. A month later, the 7th Armored recaptured St. Vith as part of the American counteroffensive to eliminate the "bulge".