

6th AIRBORNE DIVISION ORDER OF BATTLE 17th AUGUST 1944

OPERATION PADDLE – THE PURSUIT OF WITHDRAWING GERMAN FORCES



Note 1. Arrived in Normandy from England 7 Aug 1944.

Note 2. The Dutch and Belgian Independent Groups were formed in the United Kingdom in 1941 from a nucleus of evacuated military personnel and volunteers. Although designated as brigades, the units were small as the recruiting base was limited. The intention was for these formations to be combined-arms 'cadre-armies' of infantry, armour, artillery and engineers., thus enabling rapid expansion to full brigade strength once the recruiting areas had been liberated.

6th AIRBORNE DIVISION'S MOTTO "GO TO IT"