U.S. 3rd Armored Division



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The "Spearhead" division was one of the '42 organization armored divisions which escaped the reorganization and therefore contained more tanks than the other tank divisions. The 3rd Armored had just been heavily engaged in the battle for Aachen and was still fighting in the north when the German offensive began. It was sent south and supported the 82nd Airborne, helping stop the German thrusts to the north. The 3rd then helped take Houffalize to reunite the First and Third Armies.

These "heavy" divisions were usually organized with two very powerful combat commands (CCA and CCB). CCR was usually just a small force and was never equal to CCA and CCB. At the bulge CCR initially consisted of the following force:

