



The 43rd "Wessex" Infantry had been in action since shortly after the landings at Normandy and had played a major role in Market-Garden in September. At the end of the operation, the 4th "Dorsets" Battalion made a successful crossing of the Rhine to act as a diversion while the remnants of the 1st Airborne were withdrawn. Unfortunately, when the Wessex Division withdrew, many of the 4th Dorsets were themselves left behind and captured.

In the Ardennes Campaign, the 43rd was moved up to the Meuse as a reserve and never saw action as the Germans never got that far.