British 6th Airborne Division





In September of 1944, the 6th Airborne Division was in England recuperating from the heavy casualties it had suffered during the D-Day drop and the heavy fighting afterwards and missed the Market-Garden drop. When the Ardennes Campaign began in December, the 6th (like the U.S. Airborne divisions) was rushed in to the area to assist. The 6th advanced over the Meuse and fought shoulder to shoulder with the Welshman of the 53rd Infantry. In early January, supported by the 29th Armored Brigade, the 6th fought the Panzer Lehr Division at Bures, with heavy casualties on both sides. The division was withdrawn from the campaign on January 16 as the U.S. 1st and Third Armies linked up and took over the counteroffensive in that area.