

**German Forces
Battle of Arnheim
13-29 September 1944**

Kampfgruppe "Wather" Neerpelt Bridgehead 13-17 September 1944

Von Hoffman Infantry Regiment (3 battalions)
SS Heinke Regiment
 SS Infantry Battalion Segler
 SS Infantry Battalion Richter
SS Roestler Jagdpanzer Company (15 Jagdpanzer IV/70(V))
10th SS Motorized Artillery Battery (105mm Wespe)
1/,2/,3/6th (Von Heydte) Fallschirmjäger Regiment
4 (Heavy Weapons)/6th (Von Heydte) Parachute Regiment
6th Luftwaffe Penal Battalion (4 rifle coys)

LXXXVIII Corps (operations against US 101st Airborne Division Sector of Corridor 17-20 September):

59th Infantry Division (1000 Infantry)
 1 Infantry Regiment (+ 20mm flak guns) Arrived evening 17 Sep
 1 Infantry Regiment (no heavy weapons) Arrived 18 Sep
Potential Remaining: 18 anti-tank guns
 1 Artillery Battalion (30 105mm & 150mm guns)
 159th Engineer Battalion (less detachments)
 159th Feldersatz Battalion
18th Flak Brigade
 424th Flak Battalion (20mm canons) (in Brest 17 September)
 Kampfgruppe "Köppel" Eindhoven (17/18 September)
Hertzogenbosch Fallschirmjäger Training & Replacement Regiment
 (reinforced)
 Ewald Fallschirmjäger Battalion (in St. Oedenrode 18 September)
 Fallschirmjäger March Battalion (in Veghet 18 September)
"Jungwirth" Fallschirmjäger Regiment
 2 Fallschirmjäger March Battalions
 1036th Grenadier Regiment
 Kampfgruppe "Rink" (in Best 18 September)
 723rd Grenadier Regiment (19/20 September)
107th Armored Brigade "von Maltzhan" (Raids on Son)
 Armored Battalion (Pz V "Panthers")
 Panzer Grenadier Company
 Armored Engineer Company
 Self Propelled Panzerjäger Company

Corps "Feldt" and Operations against the US 82nd Airborne Division 17-19 September

Feldt Corps
 406th Division "Scherborning"
 Landeschützen Training Battalion I/6 (5 Companies)
 Landeschützen Training Battalion II/6 (4 Companies)
 Landeschützen Training Battalion III/6 (5 Companies)
 3rd Co., 406th Recruit Training Battalion
 Landeschützen Battalion B (5 Companies)
 Landeschützen Battalion 254 (3 Companies)
Wehrkriese VI Division

Jülich NCO School Battalion (less detachments) (17/18 September)
3 Luftwaffe Fortress Battalions (17/18 September)
39th Training & Replacement Battalion
Luftwaffe Replacement & Training "Stomach & Ear" Formation
(no heavy weapons, arrived 17/18 September)
Battalion (3 batteries of Soviet 152mm guns) (arrived 17/18
September)

Formed for attack on 18 September from elements of the above
Corps "Feldt". The remainder stayed in the defensive lines.

Kampfgruppe Stargaard (less than 1 bn strength)
Kampfgruppe Fürstenberg (less than 1 bn strength)
Kampfgruppe Greshick (less than 1 bn strength)
Kampfgruppe Göbel (less than 1 bn strength)
Halftrack Platoon (5 halftracks with 20mm guns)
total of about 3,400 men, some mortars and artillery

Nijmegen Defense Force 17-20 September:

Kampfgruppe Henke
HQ "Henke" Fallschirmjäger Training Regiment (17 Sep)
6 Ersatz Battalion (3 coys) (from Wehrkreis V1) (17 Sep)
Herman Göring Company "Runge" (already present)
NCO School Company (less det) (already present)
Railway Guards/Police Reservists (2 cos) (already present)
Flak Battery (88mm & 20mm guns, dispersed) (already present)

Reinforcements from 10th SS "Frundsberg" Kampfgruppe

Kampfgruppe Reinhold 10th SS
SS Battalion Euling (in Hunnerpark 18 September)
10th SS Pioneer Battalion (reinforced with part of SS
Ersatz Detachment) (in Valkhoff on 18 September)
10th SS Panzer Regiment Reinhold (operating as infantry)
(no tanks) (in Lent on 18/19 September)
10th SS Flak Battalion (1 coy) (in Pannerden on 18 September)
Panzerjäger Platoon (4 Jagdpanzer IV/70(V)) (in Hunnerpark
on 18/19 September)
Schwappacher SS Artillery Training & Replacement Regiment V
(Oosterhout & Nijmegen on 17 September)

Kampfgruppe 9th SS Division, Arnheim Area 17 September 1944)

19th SS Panzergrenadier Regiment (Zutphen)
2 Battalions (in trucks) (no heavy weapons)
20th SS Panzergrenadier Regiment (in Rehden)
2 Battalions (in trucks) (no heavy weapons)
2/9th SS Panzer Regiment
2nd (Panther) Battalion (no tanks, north of Arnheim)
9th SS Reconnaissance Battalion (400 men, 30 armored
vehicles - halftracks & armored cars) (in Hoenderlo)
16th SS Training Battalion "Krafft"
4 Battalions (north of Arnheim)
9th SS Artillery Regiment
2 Battalion (no guns) (in Dieren)
9th SS Flak Detachment (4 20mm guns) (in Dieren)
9th SS Panzerjäger Battalion (120 men, no heavy weapons)
(southwest of Apeldoorn)
9th SS Flak Battalion
9th SS Pioneer Battalion ((50 men) (in Brummen)

9th SS Armored Signal Battalion (2 companies)
9th SS Divisional (Einheiten) Support Units (in Velp & Apeldoorn)

Total Strength around 3,000 men

Von Tettau Division: (17-18 September 1944)

SS Infantry Battalion "Krafft" (transferred to Kampfgruppe
Spinder by midnight)
6/14 Naval Manning Battalion
184th Artillery Regiment (1 bn) (no guns, acting as infantry)
3rd SS Wach Battalion "Helle" (6 companies)
SS Lippert NCO Training School "Arnheim" Regiment
SS "Schulz" Battalion
SS "Mattusch" Battalion (Waal line, later reinforced with
some elements of 10th and 14th SS Manning Bns)
SS "Oelkers" Battalion (Waal line)

Units promised by High Command Netherlands at 0400 18 September

SS Kampfgruppe "Eberwein" (battalion sized)
Kampfgruppe "Knoche" (Regt'l HQ & 2nd Bn, 26th Security
Regiment)
184th Flak Battalion
Kampfgruppe 3rd Holland Airfield Area (battalion sized)
224th Panzer Company (17 tanks, mostly French Char Bis 1
and Renaults)

Herman Göring Training and Replacement Regiment (1 bn)

Units in attack by dawn of 18 September

Helle Infantry Battalion
184th Flak Battalion (in reserve)
SS Kampfgruppe "Eberwein" (battalion sized)
Fliegerhorst Battalion
SS Schulz (with Lippert)
SS Lippert Regimental HQ
10th Naval Manning Battalion plus elements of 10/14th
Naval Manning Battalion

Kampfgruppe "Spindler" of 9th SS Division (17-25 September):

17 September

9th Panzer Artillery (2 SP cos) (around 120 men) (5:00 p.m. at
Dieren)
SS Kampfgruppe Möller (60-100 engineers as infantry (in
Brummen in afternoon)
SS Krafft (4 cos, some heavy weapons, 440 strong) (NW edge
of Arnheim at midnight)
1 Company (quick reaction "Alarm" troops, and Reichsarbeitsdienst
troops - total around 100 men) (in Arnheim)

18 September

SS Kampfgruppe "von Allwoerden" (120 men, 2 SP and towed
anti-tank guns) (south of Apeldoorn)
SS Kampfgruppe "Harder" (2 companies of tank crews &
3rd company of logistic troops working as infantry)
(Arnheim with Krafft)
19th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment (arrived Zutphen early morning)
20th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment (arrived Zutphen early
morning)

- 19 September
 - 280th Sturmgeschütz Battalion (10 StuG III)
- 21 September
 - 9th SS Reconnaissance Battalion (1 coy, survivors of Graebner attack)
- 22 September
 - Lehr Pioneer Battalion "Glogau" (elements of a company)
- 24 September
 - 506th Heavy Panzer Battalion (1 co) (15 Tiger II tanks)
- 25 September Regrouping
 - 19th & 20th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment (2 bns strong)
 - 9th SS Panzer Artillery Regiment (2 bns)
 - 9th SS Flak Battalion
 - 506th Heavy Panzer Battalion (15 Tiger II tanks)
 - SS Engineer Battalion "Möller" & "Glogau"

Attack Forces, Arnheim Bridge, 18-21 September

From the east

- Kampfgruppe "Brinkman" 10th SS Reconnaissance Bn (17 Sept in Arnheim)
- "Mielke" Panzer Company, from Training & Replacement Regiment VI "Bielefeld" (8 Pz III and IV)
- Stadtkommandant "Arnheim" (platoon sized bridge guard) (in situ)
- 2 Panzer Companies (Tigers & Kingtigers - arrived 18-21 Sept)

From the north

- Kampfgruppe Knaust Training & Replacement Battalion "Bocholt" (arrived Arnheim 0400 on 18 September)
- 3rd Co, 21st Panzer Grenadier Regiment (10th SS) (2000 on 17 Sept)
- 21st Panzer Grenadier Regiment (remainder) (19 September)
- 2 Flak Companies (88mm & 20mm guns) (18-19 September)
- Kampfgruppe Euling (lead company group, present only 17-18 September)
- 3 Companies (various reinforcements affiliated with Knaust or Brinkmann, Reichsarbeitsdienst and "March" units formed from personnel on leave that were gathered up) (arrived 18-21 September)

From the south

- Kampfgruppe Graebner (22 armed recon vehicles reduced to 2 weak companies after 18 September) (arrived 18-21 September)

Buildup of Kampfgruppe 10th SS for defense of Nijmegen and Betuwe "the Island" south of Arnheim, 18-21 September

Nijmegen Defense Force

- 10th SS Pioneer Company Baumgaertel (crossed Pannerden ferry early AM on 18 September)
- Euling Panzer Battalion (22nd Panzer Grenadier Regiment) (crossed Pannerden ferry early AM on 18 September)
- Kampfgruppe "Reinhold" (tank crews serving as infantry) (crossed Pannerden ferry early PM on 18 September)

Defense of Betuwe after fall of Nijmegen 1900 on 0 September)

- 10th SS Panzer Regiment (16 tanks)
- Kampfgruppe Hartung (reservists (weak infantry battalion))
- 22nd SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment (1½ battalions)
- HQ 10th SS Kampfgruppe

HQ (forward) of II SS Corps
Reinforcements for defensive line north of Nijmegen
21st SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment (1½ battalions) (crossed
21 September)
10th SS Artillery Regiment (Heavy Battery Flieren)
Ferry Forces
Brandt & Munski Pioneer Company (18 September)
10th Flak Battalion (1 co) (20 September)
Kampfgruppe Knaust (departed Arnheim at noon, arrives Elst by
1600 on 20 September)
Panzer Company (mixed Pz IV, StuG III & possibly Tigers) (21
September)
Remnants of Schwappacher SS Training & Replacement Regiment V
(present from 17-21 September)

Von Tettau Division (19-20 September)

North to East (axis "Amsterdamsweb" Ede-Arnheim Road)
Knoche Infantry Regiment (less detachments)
1/26th Infantry Regiment (1 bn)
2/26th Infantry Regiment (1 coy)
Panzer Detachment (3 tanks)
4th Btry/668th Flak Battalion
668th Flak Battalion (1 platoon of 37mm flak guns)
Zaiser Fliegerhorst Battalion (unknown number of flak guns)
Center (Axis Ede-Arnheim Railway- Wolfheze)
Eberwein SS Battalion (infantry)
Zaubzer Fliegerhorse Battalion (infantry)
South (Axis Wageningen-Heelsum-Oosterbeek)
SS Regiment "Lippert"
SS "Schulz" Infantry Battalion (later Mattusch & Oelkers)
10th Naval Manning Battalion & elements of 6/14th Naval
Manning Battalion
"Herman Göring" Training and Replacement Battalion
Kampfgruppe 347th Infantry Division (battalion sized) (in
reserve)

North

SS Kampfgruppe Krafft (regimental sized)
SS Infantry Battalion Krafft (infantry battalion) (left)
642nd Naval Regiment (right)
Marine Cadre Regiment (center)
10th Co, 3rd Police Regiment (in reserve)

Korps "Feldt" (20 September) II Fallschirmjäger Corps/406th Division "Spoiling"
Attack Nijmegen Heights 20 September)

Kampfgruppe Becker (regimental sized)
Remnants of 5th, 8th & 9th Fallschirmjäger Regiments (approx.
3 battalions in strength)
Flak Company (88mm & 20mm guns)
"von Furestenberg" Panzer Company (halftracks with guns)
"Isphording" Infantry Battalion (3 coys)
Kampfgruppe Greschick (regimental sized)
3 Battalions of untrained conscripts
1 Flak Company (6 20mm guns)
1 Flak Company (8 20mm guns)
Kampfgruppe Hermann
Remnants of 5th Fallschirmjäger Division (3 battalions)

Flak Company (1 88mm & 3 20mm guns)
Battery, 6th Fallschirmjäger Artillery Regiment
Reinforcements in late afternoon
Kampfgruppe "Molzer" Pioneer Battalion
Kampfgruppe "Budde" Fallschirmjäger Battalion
Kampfgruppe "Lewin"

Remnants of 406th Infantry Division holding the line.

Attacks Mounted on the Airborne Corridor 22-26 September

Attack on Veghel (22-23 September)

From the east

Kampfgruppe "Walther"

16th Grenadier Regiment (less detachments)

SS Infantry Battalion "Richter"

3 Infantry Companies

Panzer Company (6 Pz V Panthers)

Hoefer Infantry Company

Panzerjäger Platoon (3 Panzerjägers)

107th Panzer Brigade "von Maltzahn"

107th Panzer Battalion

107th Panzer Grenadier Battalion

Armored Pioneer Company (in halftracks)

Reinforcements delayed until 23 September

"Kerutt" Fallschirmjäger Battalion

SS Infantry Company "Segler"

SS "Roestel" Panzerjäger Company (12-15 panzerjägers)

From the west

Kampfgruppe "Huber" (regimental sized)

2 Infantry Battalions (less detachments)

Light Artillery Battalion (105mm howitzers)

559th Panzerjäger Company (4 Jagdpanthers)

Flank & Rear Protection

"Zedlitz" Infantry Battalion (less dets)

"Bloch" S'Hertogenbosch Fallschirmjäger Battalion (less detachments)

6th "von der Heydte" Fallschirmjäger Regiment

3 Fallschirmjäger Battalions (heavy weapons present)

1/II "Finzel" Fallschirmjäger Battalion

Attack on Koevering (24-26 September)

Kampfgruppe "Jungwirth"

Jungwirth Fallschirmjäger Battalion

supported by 6th Von der Heydte Fallschirmjäger Regiment

"Bloch" Fallschirmjäger Training Battalion

559th Panzerjäger Battalion (remnants - about a company in strength)

German Forces in Reduction of the Oosterbeek Cauldron 20-26 September

KAMPFGRUPPE VON TETTAU (placed under command of II SS Panzer Corps
on 20 September)

Front (West of Oosterbeek Perimeter

SS Colonel Lippert" of NCO School Arnheim
SS Infantry Battalion "Eberwein"
SS Infantry Battalion "Helle" (incorporated into "Eberwein")
SS Infantry Battalion "Schulz" (later "Oelkers"
Worowski Infantry Battalion "Herman Göring"
224th Panzer Company (approximately 8 tanks)

Rear Area Security:

Kampfgruppe "Haenisch" (Regimental sized)
2nd Fliegerhorst (Major Liebsch) (battalion sized)
1409 Coastal Fortress Battalion
"Knoche" Infantry Regiment
10th Naval Manning Battalion
26th Security Regiment (1 bn plus attachments)
Colonel Shenning (3 infantry battalions, less detachments)
30th Fortress Machine Gun Battalion
3rd Fliegerhorst Merkens Battalion
SS "Moll" Infantry Company
4th Bn/688th Flak Regiment
1st Fliegerhorst (2 coys)

KAMPFGRUPPE "HOHENSTAUFEN" 9th SS Panzer Division
Headquarters, 9th SS Panzer Division
9th SS Panzer Division Support Units
SS Infantry Battalion "Allwoerden"
3 Infantry Companies including some naval troops
SS Kampfgruppe Spindler (regimental sized)
19th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment (2 cos)
20th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment (2 cos)
9th SS Panzer Artillery Regiment (2 cos)
Flak Battery (7 20mm guns)
"Moeller" Pioneer Battalion (less detachments)
SS Infantry Battalion "Harder"
3 Infantry Companies including some naval troops
SS Training Battalion "Krafft"
4 Companies including some police
9th SS Reconnaissance Battalion
1 Coy - 10 armored cars
1 Coy - 14 half tracks
1 Coy - 15 halftracks with 37mm guns
"Bruhns" Infantry Battalion (8 companies, partly motorized
& some Luftwaffe troops)
"Weber" Luftwaffe Infantry Company
1/,2/9th SS Medical Companies
2 Naval Infantry Companies
3 Companies Reichsarbeitsdienst

FLAK BRIGADE "SWOBODA"

"Ladewig" Flak Battalion (88mm guns)
3 Coys (4 88mm guns ea)
1 Coy (8 20mm guns)
"Neuman Flak Battalion (88mm guns)
3 Coys (4 88mm guns ea)
1 Coy (8 20mm guns)
19th Flak Battalion (88mm guns)
1 Coy (3 88mm guns)
1 Coy (2 88mm guns)
1 Coy (6 37mm guns)
Kruger Flak Company
1 Coy (4 88mm guns)
1 Coy (5 20mm guns)
102nd SS Flak Company
1 Coy (8 20mm guns)
1 Coy (2 37mm guns)

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