

## Brinjap Division <sup>(1)</sup>

### 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade <sup>(2)</sup>

Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Dorsetshire Regiment

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Royal Welch Fusiliers

5<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers

5<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

### 268<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade <sup>(3)</sup>

Headquarters, 268<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

5<sup>th</sup> Bn. 1<sup>st</sup> Punjab Regiment <sup>(4)</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 5<sup>th</sup> Mahratta Light Infantry <sup>(5)</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. 5<sup>th</sup> Royal Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Force) <sup>(6)</sup>

429<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners <sup>(7)</sup>

9<sup>th</sup> Indian Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps

### Divisional Troops

7<sup>th</sup> Light Cavalry

30<sup>th</sup> Field Battery, Royal Artillery

16<sup>th</sup> Indian Field Battery, Royal Indian Artillery

21<sup>st</sup> Field Park Company, Royal Engineers

## NOTES:

1. The Division was formed as the British and Indian component of the Post-War British Commonwealth occupation forces in Japan. It began assembling in the middle of July 1945, at Nasik in India when it was known as Force 152. Following the surrender of the Japanese on 15 August 1945, the Division prepared to travel to Japan. The Divisional H.Q. was established on 1 November 1945, under the command of Major General D. T. COWAN, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., when it officially became designated as Brinjab. The Division arrived in Singapore on 16 March 1946 and, in Hong Kong on 22 March 1946. The units arrived at Kure in Japan during March and April 1946. The British Brigade was withdrawn to Malaya in early 1947, so the Division became the 268<sup>th</sup> Indian Brigade Group.
2. This Brigade joined the Division from the 2<sup>nd</sup> British Division.
3. The Brigade commenced concentrating at Nasik in the middle of July 1945, under the command of Brigadier K. S. THIMAYYA, D.S.O.. He was later succeeded by Brigadier S. M. SHRINAGESH in January 1947. The units in the Brigade were chosen to represent the cross section of Indian personnel who had fought through the war. The Brigade became a Brigade Group with the withdrawal of the British Brigade in early 1947. The 268<sup>th</sup> Brigade itself left Japan between July and October 1947. The first unit to leave was the 2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Gurkhas, with the last Indian soldier leaving Japan on 25 October 1947.
4. This battalion joined the Brigade from the 26<sup>th</sup> Indian Division, having served with distinction in the Arakan and at the capture of Rangoon.
5. This battalion joined the Brigade from the 8<sup>th</sup> Indian Division, which had been fighting in the Italian campaign.
6. This battalion was the Gurkha representative, and was known as the Triple VC battalion as it headed the list of honours and awards in the Indian Army.
7. This Field Company had served with the Brigade throughout the Burma campaign.

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