

## 8<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division <sup>(1)</sup>

Headquarters, 8<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division & Divisional Defence Platoon

### 17<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade

17<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade Headquarters, Defence Platoon & Signal Section

17<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade Light Aid Detachment, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) <sup>(2)</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> (Prince of Wales's Own)(Sikhs) Bn. 12<sup>th</sup> Frontier Force Regiment

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 5<sup>th</sup> Royal Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Force)

### 19<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade

19<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade Headquarters, Defence Platoon & Signal Section

19<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade Light Aid Detachment, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

5<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Essex Regiment <sup>(3)</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. 8<sup>th</sup> Punjab Regiment

6<sup>th</sup> (Royal Scinde) Bn. 13<sup>th</sup> Frontier Force Rifles

### 21<sup>st</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade

21<sup>st</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade Headquarters, Defence Platoon & Signal Section

21<sup>st</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade Light Aid Detachment, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

5<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment <sup>(4)</sup>

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. 15<sup>th</sup> Punjab Regiment

### Divisional Troops

6<sup>th</sup> Duke of Connaught's Own Lancers (Watson's Horse)

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

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Jaipur Infantry, Indian State Forces <sup>(6)</sup>

Headquarters, 8<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery

3<sup>rd</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (7)

52<sup>nd</sup> (Manchester) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (7)

53<sup>rd</sup> (Bolton) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (7)

26<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery (8)

(H.Q., 106<sup>th</sup>, 112<sup>th</sup> & 250<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Batteries, Royal Artillery)

4<sup>th</sup> (Mahratta) Anti-Tank Regiment, Indian Artillery

Headquarters, 8<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Divisional Sappers & Miners

7<sup>th</sup> Field Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

66<sup>th</sup> Field Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

69<sup>th</sup> Field Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

47<sup>th</sup> Field Park Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

8<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Signals, Indian Signal Corps

Headquarters, 8<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Divisional Royal Indian Army Service Corps

8<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Troops Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

17<sup>th</sup> Indian Brigade Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

19<sup>th</sup> Indian Brigade Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

21<sup>st</sup> Indian Brigade Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 8<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Divisional Indian Army Medical Corps

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

31<sup>st</sup> Indian Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps

33<sup>rd</sup> Indian Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps

20<sup>th</sup> Indian Field Hygiene Section, Indian Army Medical Corps

Headquarters, 8<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Divisional Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

8<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Recovery Company, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

120<sup>th</sup> Indian Mobile Workshops, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

121<sup>st</sup> Indian Mobile Workshops, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

122<sup>nd</sup> Indian Mobile Workshops, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

8<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Gun Repair Section, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

8<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Ordnance Field Park, Indian Army Ordnance Corps

8<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Postal Section, Indian General Service Corps

8<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police (India)

## NOTES:

1. The division arrived in Italy from Syria via Egypt on 24 September 1943. The advance party arrived at Taranto on 3 September, with the main body arriving on 19 September. On 19 October 1943, the division entered the line at Larino under command of V Corps and on two days later, it fought its first action in the crossing of the River Biferno. The 8<sup>th</sup> Indian Division was engaged throughout the rest of the Italian campaign. Following the armistice in Europe, the division embarked for India from Taranto on 25 and 26 June 1945. The British battalions and artillery regiments did not go to India and returned to the United Kingdom.
2. This battalion left the division on 18 June 1945 to return to the United Kingdom, having joined the brigade on 15 December 1941.
3. This battalion left the brigade on 3 March 1944, passing under command H.Q. XIII Corps. It was replaced by:  
1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's)  
This battalion transferred in from 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, and left the division on 6 June 1945 to return to the U.K.
4. This battalion left the division on 5 June 1945 to return to the U.K.
5. This battalion was the divisional machine gun battalion. It has been designated in some books as: 5<sup>th</sup> Royal Mahratta Machine Gun Battalion.
6. This Indian States Forces battalion joined this division in April 1944 and fought with it during battles for the Gothic Line. It was attached to the 19<sup>th</sup> Brigade between September and October 1944, the 17<sup>th</sup> Brigade between December 1944 and April 1945 and the 21<sup>st</sup> Brigade between April and June 1945. At other times, it was under divisional command. It remained with the division until the end of the campaign, when it is believed to have returned to India.
7. These regiments left the division in June 1945 to return to the U.K.
8. This regiment was formed in August 1939 in the U.K. It left there in October 1941, moving to 9<sup>th</sup> Army in Palestine. In July 1943, it moved to North Africa to join the 20<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Brigade. Shortly afterwards, on 6 August 1943, it came under command of the 8<sup>th</sup> Indian Division. It travelled with the division to Italy, landing at Taranto on 24 September 1943. The regiment left the division on 4 November 1944, passing to command of 2<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Aircraft Brigade in Italy. However, the regiment remained in support of this division until 6 January 1945, when it reverted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Aircraft Brigade for all purposes.

## SOURCES:

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