

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

Headquarters, 17<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division & Employment Platoon

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

Headquarters, 48<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

9<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Border Regiment

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

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 7<sup>th</sup> Gurkha Rifles

### 63<sup>rd</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 63<sup>rd</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 3<sup>rd</sup> Queen Alexandra's Own Gurkha Rifles

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 4<sup>th</sup> Prince of Wales's Own Gurkha Rifles

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 10<sup>th</sup> Gurkha Rifles

### Divisional Troops

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) <sup>(2)</sup>

7<sup>th</sup> Bn. 10<sup>th</sup> Baluch Regiment <sup>(3)</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Bn. 12<sup>th</sup> Frontier Force Regiment <sup>(4)</sup>

Headquarters, 17<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery

129<sup>th</sup> (Lowland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

21<sup>st</sup> Indian Mountain Regiment, Indian Artillery

29<sup>th</sup> Indian Mountain Regiment, Indian Artillery

82<sup>nd</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft & Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(5)</sup>

Headquarters, 17<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Divisional Sappers & Miners

60<sup>th</sup> Light Field Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners

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

Tehri Garwhal Field Company, Indian State Forces <sup>(6)</sup>

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

17<sup>th</sup> Indian Light Divisional Signals, Indian Signal Corps

Headquarters, 17<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Divisional Indian Army Medical Corps

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

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

10<sup>th</sup> Mobile Surgical Unit, Indian Army Medical Corps

NOTES:

1. During this period, this formation was organised as a light division. This is the establishment of the division during the 1944 campaigns in Assam. The division was stationed at Tiddim at the beginning of 1944, and it had to fight its way up the Tiddim road back into the Imphal plain. The division remained in the line as part of IV Corps until September 1944 when it was withdrawn to Ranchi to rest and refit.
2. This battalion had the role as the divisional support battalion.
3. This unit had the role of divisional reconnaissance battalion.
4. This unit had the role of divisional headquarters defence battalion.
5. This regiment formed in November 1942 with batteries from:
  - 24<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery
  - 82<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery.In October 1944, the regiment was again reorganised and redesignated as:
  - 82<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery
6. This
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7<sup>th</sup> Bn. 10<sup>th</sup> Baluch Regiment

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 10<sup>th</sup> Gurkha Rifles

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

Headquarters, 99<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

6<sup>th</sup> Bn. 15<sup>th</sup> Punjab Regiment <sup>(2)</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Sikh Light Infantry

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 3<sup>rd</sup> Queen Alexandra's Own Gurkha Rifles

### Divisional Troops

6<sup>th</sup> Bn. 7<sup>th</sup> Rajput Regiment <sup>(3)</sup>

9<sup>th</sup> Bn. 13<sup>th</sup> Frontier Force Rifles <sup>(4)</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Bn. 9<sup>th</sup> Jat Regiment <sup>(5)</sup>

Headquarters, 17<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Royal Artillery

129<sup>th</sup> (Lowland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

1<sup>st</sup> Indian Field Regiment, Indian Artillery

21<sup>st</sup> Indian Mountain Regiment, Indian Artillery

82<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(6)</sup>

Headquarters, 17<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Sappers and Miners  
60<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners  
70<sup>th</sup> Field Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners  
Tehri Garwhal Field Company, Indian State Forces (7)  
414<sup>th</sup> Field Park Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

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

Headquarters, 17<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Royal Indian Army Service Corps  
902<sup>nd</sup> General Purpose Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps  
906<sup>th</sup> General Purpose Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps  
42<sup>nd</sup> Animal Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps  
50<sup>th</sup> Gwailor Pony Company, Indian State Forces

Headquarters, 17<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Indian Army Medical Corps  
23<sup>rd</sup> Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps  
37<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps  
50<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps  
22<sup>nd</sup> Field Hygiene Section, Indian Army Medical Corps

1<sup>st</sup> Workshops, Indian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers  
59<sup>th</sup> Workshops, Indian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers  
123<sup>rd</sup> Workshops, Indian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers  
17<sup>th</sup> Recovery Company, Indian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

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

NOTES:

1. The 17<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division was sent to Ranchi to rest and refit following the 1944 campaigns. It was reorganised in a three brigade formation, and re-entered Burma in February 1945 as part of IV Corps, and was the division that took part in the key thrust to Meiktila that cut off the main Japanese Army in central Burma. The Division fought throughout the rest of the 1945 campaign in Burma.
2. This battalion left the brigade whilst at Meiktila transferring to become the divisional reconnaissance battalion. It was replaced on 15 April 1945 by:  
**1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The East Yorkshire Regiment (Duke of Yorks Own)**  
The 1<sup>st</sup> East Yorks remained with the brigade until the end of the war.
3. This battalion was the divisional reconnaissance battalion.
4. This battalion was the divisional machine gun battalion. It joined the division whilst it was resting and refitting in late 1944/early 1945.
5. This battalion was the divisional headquarters unit. It left the division in April 1945 and was replaced by:  
**6<sup>th</sup> Bn. 15<sup>th</sup> Punjab Regiment**  
This battalion transferred in from 99<sup>th</sup> Brigade.
6. The regiment left the division in June 1945, to disband on 28 June 1945. It was replaced by:  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Indian Anti-Tank Regiment, Indian Artillery**
- 7.