

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

Headquarters, 20<sup>th</sup> Indian Division

### 32<sup>nd</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 32<sup>nd</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment

9<sup>th</sup> Bn. 14<sup>th</sup> Punjab Regiment

3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. 8<sup>th</sup> Gurkha Rifles

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

Headquarters, 80<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Devonshire Regiment

9<sup>th</sup> Bn. 12<sup>th</sup> Frontier Force Regiment

3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. 1<sup>st</sup> King George V's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Malaun Regiment)

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

Headquarters, 100<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

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

14<sup>th</sup> Bn. 13<sup>th</sup> Frontier Force Rifles

4<sup>th</sup> Bn. 10<sup>th</sup> Gurkha Rifles

### Divisional Troops

4<sup>th</sup> Bn. 3<sup>rd</sup> Madras Regiment (2)

Headquarters, 20<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Royal Artillery

9<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

(H.Q., 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>/76<sup>th</sup> Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

114<sup>th</sup> (Sussex) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

(H.Q., 231<sup>st</sup> (Bexhill), 232<sup>nd</sup> (Hailsham) & 479<sup>th</sup> Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

55<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery

(H.Q., 203<sup>rd</sup> & 290<sup>th</sup> Anti-Tank Batteries and 165<sup>th</sup> & 524<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Batteries, Royal Artillery)

23<sup>rd</sup> Indian Mountain Regiment, Indian Artillery

(H.Q., 3<sup>rd</sup> (Peshawar), 8<sup>th</sup> (Lahore), 17<sup>th</sup> (Nowshera) & 31<sup>st</sup> Jammu and Kashmir Mountain Batteries, Indian Artillery)

Headquarters, 20<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Sappers and Miners

92<sup>nd</sup> Field Company, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners

422<sup>nd</sup> Field Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners

481<sup>st</sup> Field Company, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners

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

9<sup>th</sup> Indian Bridging Platoon, Sappers and Miners

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

Headquarters, 20<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Royal Indian Army Service Corps

37<sup>th</sup> Indian Composite Issue Section, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

38<sup>th</sup> Indian Composite Issue Section, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

39<sup>th</sup> Indian Composite Issue Section, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

45<sup>th</sup> Indian Composite Issue Section, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

100<sup>th</sup> Indian General Purpose Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

102<sup>nd</sup> Indian General Purpose Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

127<sup>th</sup> Indian General Purpose Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

628<sup>th</sup> Indian Supply Section, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

38<sup>th</sup> Bakery Section, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

3<sup>rd</sup> Indian Field Ambulance Troop, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

14<sup>th</sup> Indian Mule Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

30<sup>th</sup> Indian Mule Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

43<sup>rd</sup> Indian Mule Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

52<sup>nd</sup> Indian Mule Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

55<sup>th</sup> Indian Mule Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Indian Army Medical Corps

42<sup>nd</sup> Indian Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps

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

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

20<sup>th</sup> Indian Anti-Malaria Unit, Indian Army Medical Corps

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

13<sup>th</sup> Indian Mobile Veterinary Section, Indian Army Veterinary Corps

Headquarters, 20<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers  
63<sup>rd</sup> Indian Mobile Workshops Section, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers  
64<sup>th</sup> Indian Mobile Workshops Section, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers  
20<sup>th</sup> Indian Recovery Company, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

76<sup>th</sup> Indian Field Post Office, Indian General Service Corps  
120<sup>th</sup> Indian Field Post Office, Indian General Service Corps  
122<sup>nd</sup> Indian Field Post Office, Indian General Service Corps  
123<sup>rd</sup> Indian Field Post Office, Indian General Service Corps

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

604<sup>th</sup> Indian Field Security Section, Intelligence Corps (India)

## NOTES:

1. The 20<sup>th</sup> Indian Division was raised at Bangalore on 1 April 1942. It was employed initially in the south of India, protecting the area against the possibility of invasion by the Japanese. It then was moved to Ceylon. The division was moved into Assam and the Imphal area in September 1943 under command of IV Corps. This is the order of battle of the division on 1 August 1944 and is believed to have been the order of battle throughout the fighting for Imphal.
2. This battalion was the divisional headquarters battalion. It left the division on post August 1944 transferring to 268<sup>th</sup> Brigade. It was replaced by:  
4<sup>th</sup> Bn. 17<sup>th</sup> Dogra Regiment  
which transferred in to the division.

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9<sup>th</sup> Bn. 14<sup>th</sup> Punjab Regiment  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. 8<sup>th</sup> Gurkha Rifles

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

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Devonshire Regiment (3)  
9<sup>th</sup> Bn. 12<sup>th</sup> Frontier Force Regiment  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. 1<sup>st</sup> King George V's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Malaun Regiment)

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Border Regiment (4)  
14<sup>th</sup> Bn. 13<sup>th</sup> Frontier Force Rifles  
4<sup>th</sup> Bn. 10<sup>th</sup> Gurkha Rifles

### Divisional Troops

4<sup>th</sup> Bn. 17<sup>th</sup> Dogra Regiment (5)  
Machine Gun Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Jat Regiment (6)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. 8<sup>th</sup> Punjab Regiment (7)

9<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery  
114<sup>th</sup> (Sussex) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery  
55<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery (8)  
23<sup>rd</sup> Indian Mountain Regiment, Indian Artillery

92<sup>nd</sup> Field Company, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners  
422<sup>nd</sup> Field Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners  
481<sup>st</sup> Field Company, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners  
309<sup>th</sup> Field Park Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners (9)  
322<sup>nd</sup> Field Park Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners (9)

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

42<sup>nd</sup> Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps

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

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

## NOTES:

1. This is the abbreviated order of battle for the division during the early part of the 1945 campaign in Burma. It came under command of XXXIII Indian Corps and advanced down the Irrawaddy valley during March and April 1945.
2. This battalion left the brigade on 19 April 1945 to come under command 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. It was replaced by:
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 1<sup>st</sup> King George V's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Malaun Regiment)
4. In turn, this battalion transferred to 100<sup>th</sup> Indian Brigade in August 1945, to be replaced by: 4<sup>th</sup> Bn. 2<sup>nd</sup> King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles)
5. This battalion left the brigade on 8 April 1945, transferring to 36<sup>th</sup> British Division. It was replaced by:  
1<sup>st</sup> (Russell's) Bn. 19<sup>th</sup> Hyderabad Regiment  
This battalion transferred in from 36<sup>th</sup> Division.
6. The battalion left the brigade and transferred to 36<sup>th</sup> British Division on 10 April 1945. It was replaced by:  
1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 1<sup>st</sup> King George V's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Malaun Regiment)
7. This unit was the divisional headquarters defence battalion. It joined this division on 15 August 1944, remaining with the formation until 3 August 1945. It then transferred to the 80<sup>th</sup> Indian Brigade in exchange for the 9<sup>th</sup> Bn. 12<sup>th</sup> Frontier Force Regiment.
3. This battalion was a machine gun battalion that joined the division from Corps Troops IV Corps in February 1944.
4. This battalion transferred into the division from 26<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 36<sup>th</sup> Division in April 1945.
5. This regiment was formed in August 1943 from the 55<sup>th</sup> (Devon) Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery, and batteries from the 56<sup>th</sup> (King's Own) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery. The regiment joined the division in India in August 1943 and served until September 1944. In that month, the light anti-aircraft batteries were disbanded and the regiment redesignated to become:  
111<sup>th</sup> (Devon) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery  
(165<sup>th</sup>, 203<sup>rd</sup> & 290<sup>th</sup> Anti-Tank Batteries)  
This was because there already was a 55<sup>th</sup> Anti-Tank Regiment serving with the 49<sup>th</sup> Division in North West Europe. This regiment remained with the division until June 1945. The regiment disbanded in July 1945.
6. Both field park companies are shown on the order of battle for the division. It is not confirmed whether both companies were on the division's order of battle at the same time or if one replaced the other. The 322<sup>nd</sup> Field Park Company is shown on the order of battle for XXXIII Corps for 1 August 1944.

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