

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

Headquarters, 25<sup>th</sup> Indian Division

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

Headquarters, 51<sup>st</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade and Signal Section

8<sup>th</sup> Bn. The York and Lancaster Regiment (2)

17<sup>th</sup> Bn. 5<sup>th</sup> Mahratta Light Infantry (3)

16<sup>th</sup> Bn. 10<sup>th</sup> Baluch Regiment

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2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. 2<sup>nd</sup> Punjab Regiment (4)

4<sup>th</sup> Bn. 18<sup>th</sup> Royal Garhwal Rifles

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3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. 2<sup>nd</sup> King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles)

### Divisional Troops

Jodhpur Sardar Risala (5)

(6)

8<sup>th</sup> Bn. 19<sup>th</sup> Hyderabad Regiment (7)

Headquarters, 25<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Royal Artillery

8<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (8)

(H.Q., 'V', 'X', & 'Y' Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

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

(H.Q., 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 37<sup>th</sup>/47<sup>th</sup> Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

*115<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery*

5<sup>th</sup> Indian Field Regiment, Indian Artillery (9)

(H.Q., 11<sup>th</sup> Indian, 12<sup>th</sup> Indian & 13<sup>th</sup> Indian Field Batteries, Indian Artillery)

7<sup>th</sup> Indian Anti-Tank Regiment, Indian Artillery (10)

(H.Q., 25<sup>th</sup> Indian, 26<sup>th</sup> Indian, 27<sup>th</sup> Indian & 28<sup>th</sup> Indian Anti-Tank Batteries, Indian Artillery)

Headquarters, 25<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Sappers and Miners

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

93<sup>rd</sup> Field Company, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners

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

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

16<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Bridging Platoon, Indian Engineers

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

Headquarters, 25<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Royal Indian Army Service Corps

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

81<sup>st</sup> Indian General Purpose Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

101<sup>st</sup> Indian General Purpose Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

33<sup>rd</sup> Indian Composite Issue Section, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

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

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

Headquarters, 25<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Indian Army Medical Corps

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

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

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

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

Headquarters, 25<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

76<sup>th</sup> Indian Mobile Workshop Company, Indian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

77<sup>th</sup> Indian Mobile Workshop Company, Indian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

78<sup>th</sup> Indian Mobile Workshop Company, Indian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

25<sup>th</sup> Indian Recovery Company, Indian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

75<sup>th</sup> Indian Field Post Office, Indian General Service Corps

126<sup>th</sup> Indian Field Post Office, Indian General Service Corps

127<sup>th</sup> Indian Field Post Office, Indian General Service Corps

128<sup>th</sup> Indian Field Post Office, Indian General Service Corps

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

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

NOTES:

1. The division was formed in southern India in August 1942. In February 1944, the division was deployed to the Arakan, under the command of XV Corps. This is the order of battle for the division in March 1944.
2. This battalion left the brigade and division on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1944 transferring to Calcutta. It was replaced by :-  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. 2<sup>nd</sup> Punjab Regiment**  
which transferred from 53<sup>rd</sup> Brigade.
3. In March 1944, these battalions exchanged roles, with the 17<sup>th</sup> Bn. 5<sup>th</sup> Mahratta Light Infantry becoming the divisional headquarters battalion and the 8<sup>th</sup> Bn. 19<sup>th</sup> Hyderabad Regiment joining 51<sup>st</sup> Brigade.
4. In September 1944, this battalion transferred to the 51<sup>st</sup> Brigade. It was replaced in this brigade by the 17<sup>th</sup> Bn. 5<sup>th</sup> Mahratta Light Infantry which transferred into the brigade from its role as divisional headquarters regiment.
5. This Indian State Forces unit was the divisional reconnaissance regiment.
6. In April 1944, the division gained a machine gun battalion, when the:  
**Machine Gun Bn. 12<sup>th</sup> Frontier Force Regiment**  
came under command of the division. It remained with the division until October 1944.
7. This unit joined the division as headquarters defence battalion in September 1943. In March 1944, the battalion transferred to 51<sup>st</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade, exchanging roles with the 17<sup>th</sup> Bn. 5<sup>th</sup> Mahratta Light Infantry. In September 1944, 17<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> M.L.I. transferred to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade. It was replaced as the divisional battalion by:  
**7<sup>th</sup> Bn. 16<sup>th</sup> Punjab Regiment**
8. The regiment joined this division on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1943, transferring from the 70<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division when that formation was converted into the Long Range Penetration Role. It was equipped as a jungle field regiment and designated as such until July 1944.
9. This regiment was raised on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1942 and joined this division by October 1943. It left in September 1944 transferring to 14<sup>th</sup> Army. It was replaced in the Division by:  
**33<sup>rd</sup> Indian Mountain Regiment, Indian Artillery**  
This was a newly raised mountain regiment, which was formed on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1944. The regiment remained with the division throughout 1945 and into 1946.
10. The regiment was equipped as a joint light anti-aircraft and anti-tank regiment, before reverting to being anti-tank only circa September 1944.

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16<sup>th</sup> Bn. 6<sup>th</sup> Rajputana Rifles (5)

8<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (6) + (8)

(H.Q., 578<sup>th</sup>, 579<sup>th</sup> & 580<sup>th</sup> Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

27<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (7) + (8)

(H.Q., 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 37<sup>th</sup>/47<sup>th</sup> Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

33<sup>rd</sup> Indian Mountain Regiment, Indian Artillery (9)

(H.Q., 19<sup>th</sup> (Maymyo), 34<sup>th</sup> & 35<sup>th</sup> Mountain Batteries, Indian Artillery)

7<sup>th</sup> Indian Anti-Tank Regiment, Indian Artillery (10)

(H.Q., 9<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Indian Anti-Tank Batteries, Indian Artillery)

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## NOTES:

1. The division was withdrawn from front line operational duties in March 1945 and returned to Aykab to rest and refit. It was one of the formations designated to form part of XXXIV Corps for Operation Zipper, the reconquest of Malaya. The division landed in Malaya and remained in the country as part of the Allied Forces in Malaya. The division disbanded in February and March 1946.
2. This battalion left the brigade and division on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 1945, transferring to 150<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade. It was replaced in the brigade by the 1<sup>st</sup> Kumaon Rifles, 19<sup>th</sup> Hyderabad Regiment, which transferred in from Agra having served most of the war in Iraq and Persia.
3. This battalion left the brigade and division on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1945, passing to the command of 163 Sub-Area as G.H.Q. Troops. It was replaced by the:-  
9<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment,  
which transferred in from 72<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. The 9<sup>th</sup> Bn. Royal Sussex Regiment disbanded in March 1946.
4. This battalion joined the division in March 1945. It was organised and equipped as the divisional machine gun battalion, and is incorrectly shown in some texts as the Machine Gun Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Madras Regiment. It left the division in February 1946.
5. This battalion joined the division in March 1945. It is believed it was given the role of divisional headquarters defence battalion. It too left the division in March 1946.
6. This regiment was transferred to the command of 26<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division for the recapture of Rangoon on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 1945. Following the successful reoccupation of Rangoon, the regiment sailed back to India, arriving at Bangalore on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 1945. It joined the 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1945.
7. This regiment left the command of the division on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1945, passing to the command of 26<sup>th</sup> Indian Division. It went with the 26<sup>th</sup> Indian Division to Rangoon, and on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 1945, it came under the command of 12<sup>th</sup> Army Troops in Burma.
8. Both these regiments were provisionally allocated to the 25<sup>th</sup> Indian Division for Operation Zipper. Neither returned to the division following their 'loan' to the 26<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division for the operation to recapture Rangoon. It appears they were not directly replaced in the division. Another field regiment joined the division on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1945, namely the:-  
145<sup>th</sup> (Berkshire Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery  
which transferred in from 26<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division. In addition, it is known the 30<sup>th</sup> Indian Mountain Regiment came under command of the division in early 1946 whilst it was still stationed in Malaya.
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