

## 1<sup>st</sup> Burma Infantry Division <sup>(1)</sup>

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Burma Infantry Brigade <sup>(2)</sup>

Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Burma Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry <sup>(3)</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Burma Rifles

3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. The Burma Rifles

5<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Burma Rifles

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Burma Infantry Brigade <sup>(4)</sup>

Headquarters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Burma Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Burma Rifles <sup>(5)</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Burma Rifles <sup>(6)</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Burma Rifles <sup>(7)</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> (Frontier Force) Bn. The Burma Rifles <sup>(8)</sup>

### 13<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade <sup>(9)</sup>

Headquarters, 13<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

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

2<sup>nd</sup> (Prince Albert Victor's Own) Bn. 7<sup>th</sup> Rajput Regiment

1<sup>st</sup> (Royal) Bn. 18<sup>th</sup> Royal Garhwal Rifles

### Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Burma Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery <sup>(10)</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> (Derajat) Indian Mountain Battery, Indian Artillery <sup>(10)</sup>

12<sup>th</sup> (Poonch) Indian Mountain Battery, Indian Artillery <sup>(10)</sup>

23<sup>rd</sup> Mountain Battery, Indian Artillery <sup>(10)</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> Field Battery, Burma Auxiliary Force

Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Burma Infantry Divisional Sappers and Miners <sup>(11)</sup>

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

1<sup>st</sup> Burma Divisional Signals

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

9<sup>th</sup> Supply Issue Section, Burma Auxiliary Force

10<sup>th</sup> Supply Issue Section, Burma Auxiliary Force

1<sup>st</sup> (Burma) General Purpose Transport Company, Burma Auxiliary Force

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

2<sup>nd</sup> (Burma) Mule Company, Burma Auxiliary Force

2<sup>nd</sup> Mobile Veterinary Section, Indian Army Veterinary Corps

57<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, Indian Medical Service

1<sup>st</sup> Field Ambulance, Burma Auxiliary Force

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7<sup>th</sup> Mobile Workshop Company, Indian Army Ordnance Corps

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1<sup>st</sup> Burma Divisional Provost Company

1<sup>st</sup> (Burma) Field Post Office, Indian General Service Corps

1<sup>st</sup> Burma Field Security Section, Burma Auxiliary Force

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4<sup>th</sup> Burma Field Security Section, Burma Auxiliary Force

## NOTES:

1. The division was formed in July 1941 in Burma. Initially, it had no supporting arms or services. The divisional headquarters was located at Toungoo, with Major General (Acting) James Bruce SCOTT, M.C., Indian Army, assuming command on 1 July 1941. Major General SCOTT commanded the division throughout the demanding Burma Campaign in 1942, probably the longest retreat ever undertaken by the British Army. This is the order of battle when the division was formed.
2. The brigade was formed on 1 July 1941 from units based in the Maymyo area. It was initially known as The Maymyo Infantry Brigade. It was then deployed to the Shan States where the main threat from the Japanese was perceived to be. Brigadier (Acting) Gerald Alexander Leith FARWELL, M.C., 15 Punjab R., commanded the Brigade from its formation through the entire Burma Campaign of 1942. On 20 June 1942, now safely in India, the formation was redesignated as the 106<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade and given a training role.
3. The battalion was deployed from southern Shan States to the Sittang area on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1942, coming under command 17<sup>th</sup> Division.
4. The brigade was formed on 1 July 1941 by the redesignation of the Tenasserim Area, which had command of various units in the Moulmein area of southern Burma. Brigadier (Acting) Arthur John Henry BOURKE, 8 Punjab R., commanded the Brigade from 1 July 1941, having assumed command of the Tenasserim Area on 6 March 1941. When formed, this Brigade came under command of 1<sup>st</sup> Burma Division, but it transferred to 17<sup>th</sup> Indian Division in January 1942 when that formation assumed command of the southern areas of Burma.
5. This battalion was located at Mergui.
6. The battalion was located at Moulmein.
7. The battalion was based at Tavoy.
8. This battalion joined brigade in December 1941 and was based at Moulmein.
9. This brigade arrived in Burma from India in April 1941, where it had been part of the 7<sup>th</sup> Indian Division, which had been formed in October 1940. Brigadier (Acting) Alfred Cyril CURTIS, M.C.\*, 11 Sikh R., assumed command of the Brigade upon its formation, and he remained in command throughout the 1942 campaign in Burma. The 13<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade came under command of 1<sup>st</sup> Burma Division with effect from 1 July 1941 when that division was formed. It was deployed to the Shan States. On its return to India, this formation became a training brigade within the division.
10. These two batteries, plus the 23<sup>rd</sup> Battery, constituted the 27<sup>th</sup> Indian Mountain Regiment. The Commanding Officer of the 27<sup>th</sup> Mountain Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel W. G. CONSTABLE, R.A., officiated as the Commander Royal Artillery for the division during the campaign.
11. The Commander of the Divisional Sappers and Miners was Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) Dennis Charles Tarrant SWAN, R.E., who assumed that role on 17 November 1941 having arrived from the U.K., and he saw the formation through the campaign.

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FF3 Burma Frontier Force

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### Divisional Troops

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers <sup>(6)</sup>

FF1 Burma Frontier Force

FF5 Burma Frontier Force

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

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NOTES:

1. This is the order of battle for the division during the battle for Yenangyaung, between 13 and 18 April 1942.

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NOTES:

1. This is the order of battle of the division at the end of April 1942. It went north to rest and refit at Mount Popa following the battle of Yenangyaung. Following withdrawal from Burma, the division sent to Shillong to refit. On 26 June 1942, the division was redesignated:  
39<sup>th</sup> Indian Light Infantry Division  
The division then took on a role training troops for jungle warfare.
2. With the conclusion of the campaign, the brigade was redesignated:  
106<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade  
which came under the under command of 39<sup>th</sup> Division in a jungle warfare training role.
3. This battalion transferred to 2<sup>nd</sup> Burma Brigade in March 1942. It was replaced by:  
5<sup>th</sup> Bn. 1<sup>st</sup> Punjab Regiment
4. On 12 February 1942, the brigade passed to Lines of Communications Troops with the units under command being:  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. The Burma Rifles  
7<sup>th</sup> (Burma Police) Bn. The Burma Rifles  
6<sup>th</sup> Bn. had ceased to exist, other units, namely 4<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Frontier Force Regiment and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Bn. Burma Rifles remained in Sittang area under command 17<sup>th</sup> Division.  
On 28 February 1942, brigade again came under command of 1<sup>st</sup> Burma Division with the following units under command:  
4<sup>th</sup> Bn. 12<sup>th</sup> Frontier Force Regiment  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Burma Rifles  
7<sup>th</sup> (Burma Police) Bn. The Burma Rifles  
8<sup>th</sup> (Frontier Force) Bn. The Burma Rifles  
Following withdrawal to India, the brigade was redesignated as:  
113<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade  
as part of the 39<sup>th</sup> Division (see above).
5. Transferred to 1<sup>st</sup> Burma Brigade in March 1942. It was replaced by:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Burma Rifles
6. The battalion arrived in Burma from India on 9 March 1942. It came under command of 1<sup>st</sup> Burma Division on 30 March 1942. Then it came under command of 13<sup>th</sup> Indian Brigade on 6 April 1942.

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