

23rd Indian Infantry Division (1)

1st Indian Infantry Brigade (2)

1st Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's)

7th Bn. 14th Punjab Regiment (3)

1st Patiala Infantry (Rajindra Sikhs), Indian State Forces

1st Bn. The Assam Regiment (4)

37th Indian Infantry Brigade

3rd Bn. 3rd Queen Alexandra's Own Gurkha Rifles

3rd Bn. 5th Royal Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Force)

3rd Bn. 10th Gurkha Rifles

49th Indian Infantry Brigade

4th Bn. 5th Mahratta Light Infantry

5th (Napier's) Bn. 6th Rajputana Rifles

2nd (Berar) Bn. 19th Hyderabad Regiment (5)

Divisional Troops

The Shere Regiment (6)

The Kali Badahur Regiment (6)

158th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (7)

3rd Indian Field Regiment, Indian Artillery

28th Indian Mountain Regiment, Indian Artillery

2nd Indian Anti-Tank Regiment, Indian Artillery (8)

68th Field Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

71st Field Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

91st Field Company, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners

323rd Field Park Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners

23rd Indian Divisional Signals, Indian Signal Corps

24th Indian Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps

47th Indian Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps

49th Indian Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps

NOTES:

1. The division was formed on 1st January 1942 at Jhansi in India. In March, the embryo formation moved to Ranchi where the majority of the units joined it. In May 1942, the division was transferred to Assam where it deployed in the Manipur Road area. The division was moved back to India in August 1944. This is the order of battle for this period.
2. The brigade was sent from India to Assam prior to the division. When the divisional headquarters arrived in the area, this brigade was brought under command.
3. This battalion joined this brigade in February 1942, transferring from the Nowshera Brigade. It remained under command of the 1st Indian Brigade and then the 23rd Indian Division until September 1942, when it transferred to IV Corps Troops.
4. This battalion came under command of the brigade on the 4th April 1942, and apart from a period from 1st March to August 1943, it remained under command in the Kohima area until the garrison there assumed command in March 1944. The battalion was replaced in the division by:
1st Bn. 16th Punjab Regiment
5. This battalion was withdrawn from the brigade and sent to rest and refit following heavy casualties from disease. It was replaced by:
6th Bn. 5th Mahratta Light Infantry
6. These regiments were part of the Napalese Army, and came under command of the division from March 1944 until September 1944.
7. In October 1942, the regiment reorganised as a jungle field regiment. It later reverted to a standard field regiment organisation.
179th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
which transferred in from 36th Division.
8. In October 1943, the regiment reorganised as a light anti-aircraft/anti-tank regiment. It reverted to an anti-tank only role in line with other similar regiments circa October 1944.

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