

26th Indian Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

4th Indian Infantry Brigade

8th Bn. 8th Punjab Regiment
6th Bn. 11th Sikh Regiment
3rd Bn. 9th Gurkha Rifles

36th Indian Infantry Brigade

1st Bn. The North Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's)
8th Bn. 13th Frontier Force Rifles
5th Bn. 16th Punjab Regiment

71st Indian Infantry Brigade

1st Bn. The Lincolnshire Regiment
7th Bn. 15th Punjab Regiment
9th Bn. 15th Punjab Regiment

Divisional Troops

Machine Gun Battalion, 12th Frontier Force Regiment

160th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
(H.Q., 584th, 585th & 586th Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

28th Field Company, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners
72nd Field Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners
98th Field Company, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners
328th Field Park Company, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners

26th Indian Divisional Signals, Indian Signal Corps

1st Indian Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps
46th Indian Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps
48th Indian Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps

NOTES:

1. The 26th Indian Division was formed in the Calcutta area March 1942. It was deployed to the Arakan under command of XV Corps in February 1943. It was deployed to the Arakan in March 1943 as the campaign there became bogged down. This is the order of battle for the division in February 1943.

SOURCES:

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36th Indian Infantry Brigade

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5th Bn. 16th Punjab Regiment

71st Indian Infantry Brigade

1st Bn. The Lincolnshire Regiment
10th Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers (2)
9th Bn. 15th Punjab Regiment

Divisional Troops

2nd Bn. 8th Punjab Regiment
Machine Gun Battalion. 9th Jat Regiment

160th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (3)
(H.Q., 584th, 585th & 586th Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

23rd Indian Mountain Regiment, Indian Artillery (4)
(H.Q., 3rd (Peshwar), 8th (Lahore), 17th (Nowshera) Mountain Batteries, Indian Artillery)

44th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery (4)
(H.Q., 75th, 91st & 239th Light Anti-Aircraft Batteries, Royal Artillery)

28th Field Company, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners
72nd Field Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners
98th Field Company, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners
328th Field Park Company, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners
The Sirmoor Field Company, Indian State Forces

26th Indian Divisional Signals, Indian Signal Corps

NOTES:

1. This is the order of battle of the division on 23rd April 1943. The Headquarters of 26th Division had assumed command of the troops in the Arakan region on 4th April 1943 from 14th Division.
2. On the 7th May 1943, this battalion transferred to
3. This regiment was formed in Quetta, India in October 1941. It joined the division in Calcutta from the 14th Division on the 6th April 1942. The regiment moved to the Arakan with the division on 20th April 1943.
4. These two regiments were on the order of battle for the 14th Division. It is believed they were attached to the 26th Division when the Headquarters of the 14th Division left the Arakan in April 1943. Both left the 26th Division immediately following the end of the First Arakan Campaign.

Other Units Under Command 26th Division

6th Infantry Brigade Group (1)

1st Bn. The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) (2)

1st Bn. The Royal Welch Fusiliers

1st Bn. The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte of Wales's)

2nd Bn. The Durham Light Infantry (3)

99th (Royal Buckinghamshire Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery
(H.Q., 393rd, 472nd Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

506th Field Company, Royal Engineers

6th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

55th Indian Infantry Brigade

2nd Bn. 1st Punjab Regiment

6th Bn. 11th Sikh Regiment

1st Bn. 15th Punjab Regiment

'Mayforce'

1st Bn. 17th Dogra Regiment

4th Bn. The Burma Regiment

'C' Sqn. 146th Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps

1st Tripura Rifles Battalion, Indian State Forces

NOTES:

1. The 6th Infantry Brigade was part of the 2nd British Infantry Division. It was detached from the 2nd Infantry Division on 31st October 1942. It was organised as a Brigade Group as shown above. The Brigade came under the command of 14th Indian Division on 14th January 1943. It transferred to the command of 26th Indian Division on 16th April 1943, leaving the Division on 21st May 1943 to return to its parent formation.
2. This battalion was under the command of the brigade group from the 4th Infantry Brigade, to which it returned when the brigade returned to the 2nd Infantry Division.
3. This brigade transferred from 14th Division to be under command 26th Division.

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