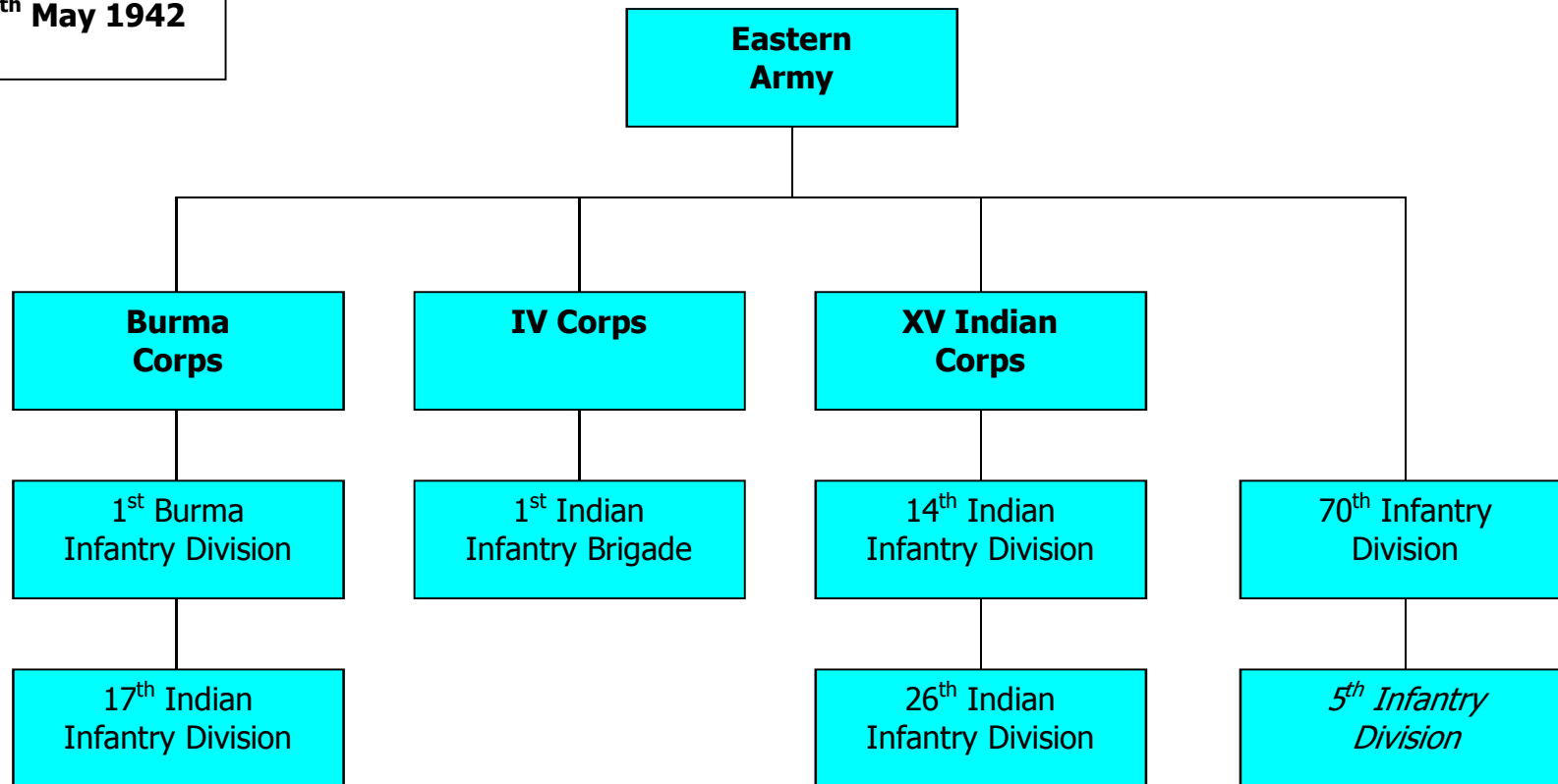


20th May 1942

On this date, Burma Corps crossed the border into India and was dissolved. The two divisions then came under command of IV Corps, but were not fit for combat. IV Corps was located in Assam and guarded the 500 miles of the frontier between India and Burma. XV Indian Corps had recently formed and both its constituent divisions were still forming and equipping. It was responsible for the defence of Bengal and the Arakan, which was about 500 miles of land borders and coastline. The 70th Infantry Division was based at Ranchi, with one brigade in Ceylon. The 70th Infantry Division was the only reserve to defend India until the arrival of the 5th Infantry Division in late May 1942