

Burma Command ⁽¹⁾

The Rangoon Brigade Area ⁽²⁾

1st Bn. The King's Royal Rifle Corps ⁽³⁾

1st Bn. The Burma Rifles

Other Troops in the Command – Maymyo

2nd Bn. The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry ⁽³⁾

2nd Bn. The Burma Rifles ⁽⁴⁾

3rd Bn. The Burma Rifles ⁽⁵⁾

4th Bn. The Burma Rifles ⁽⁵⁾

10th Mountain Battery, Royal Artillery ⁽⁶⁾

13th Field Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners ⁽⁷⁾

10th (D.S.) Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps ⁽⁸⁾

11th (Animal Transport) Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps ⁽⁸⁾

5th Company, Indian Hospital Corps ⁽⁹⁾

NOTES:

1. In April 1937, Burma became a semi-autonomous country and the Burma Independent District became Burma Command, reporting to the Colonial Office. Most of the Indian units were withdrawn from Burma, leaving just two British Army infantry battalions on internal security duties. The 20th Burma Rifles separated from the Indian Army becoming The Burma Rifles, with two Regular battalions, both of which were based in Burma. The Indian field company remained in order to train a newly raised Burman field company.
2. As its name suggests, this formation was a static garrison brigade to command the units deployed in and around Rangoon, the capital of Burma. The main purpose of these units was internal security in support of the civil administration. The headquarters of the brigade and its constituent units were all based at Mingaladon, a military cantonment situated about half an hour's drive from the city. Mingaladon was also the location of an R.A.F. airfield.
3. The Army List states that the two resident British Army battalions exchanged stations by April 1938. By September 1939, the 2nd Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. had returned to Maymyo.
4. This battalion was stationed at Mandalay.
5. These two battalions were stationed at Maymyo. The 4th Battalion was previously the 10th (or Depot) Battalion.
6. This battery was based at Maymyo. By April 1938, this battery had been replaced by the 2nd (Derajat) Mountain Battery.
7. The Indian field company was based at Maymyo, and was in the process of raising and training a Burma field company.
8. Both the two companies of the Royal Indian Army Service Corps were stationed at Maymyo.
9. The Indian General Hospital and this company were both located in Rangoon.

SOURCES: