

Burma Corps ⁽¹⁾

Corps Troops

1st Bn. The Gloucestershire Regiment ⁽²⁾

12th Bn. The Burma Rifles ⁽³⁾

1st Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Burma Auxiliary Force

3rd Indian Light Anti-Aircraft Battery

8th Indian Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery

8th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery, Royal Artillery

5th Field Battery, Burma Auxiliary Force

Rangoon Coastal Defence Battery, Burma Auxiliary Force

1st Field Company, Burma Sappers and Miners

17th Artizan Works Company, Indian Engineers

18th Artizan Works Company, Indian Engineers

6th Pioneer Battalion, Indian Engineers

I Burma Corps Signals

212th Line Construction Section, 'M' Line of Communication Signals

Special Service Detachment No. 1 (Commando)

59th General Purpose Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

47th Mule Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

4th Field Ambulance Troop, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

1st Local Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

22nd Motor Ambulance Section, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

115th Supply Personnel Section, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

1st Supply Personnel Section, Burma Army Service Corps

18th Supply Personnel Section, Burma Army Service Corps

Lower Burma Supply Section, Burma Army Service Corps

112th Bakery Independent Sub-Section, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

114th Bakery Independent Sub-Section, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

115th Bakery Independent Sub-Section, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

1st Bakery Independent Sub-Section, Burma Army Service Corps

Lower Burma Bakery Section, Burma Army Service Corps

Lower Burma Butchery Section, Burma Army Service Corps

1st Butchery Independent Sub-Section, Burma Army Service Corps

1st Rail Head Supply Detachment, Burma Army Service Corps
2nd P.O.L. Section, Burma Army Service Corps

1st Burma Field Ambulance, Burma Army Medical Corps
1st Burma Field Hygiene Section, Burma Army Medical Corps
7th Anti-Malarial Unit (Indian), Indian Medical Service
2nd Burma Depot Medical Stores, Burma Army Medical Corps

85th Field Post Office, Royal Engineers
Mess Units
Advanced Base Stationery Depot (Burma)

NOTES:

1. I Burma Corps was formed 13 March 1942, under Lieutenant General 'Bill' SLIM, to take command of the:

- 1st Burma Infantry Division,
- 17th Indian Infantry Division,
- 7th Armoured Brigade.

The corps came under the command of the Army in Burma, led by General Sir Harold ALEXANDER. He had arrived in Burma some eight days previously to replace Lieutenant General HUTTON. It was agreed for Chinese forces to enter Burma to assist in the defence of the country against the Japanese, so it was necessary to have a corps level formation to command and control the British formations deployed in Burma, separate to the command structure for the Chinese forces. I Burma Corps maintained command of the three British formations in Burma throughout the retreat from the Japanese advance. The Corps and its constituent units entered India and or about the 20th May 1942. It was decided to retain some elements of the former Army in Burma, but the Headquarters I Burma Corps disbanded with effect from 15 June 1942.

2. This battalion was deployed in Rangoon area until 1 March 1942. It then fought its way northward with 7th Armoured Brigade when Rangoon was abandoned. The battalion arrived in Kohima area on 13 May 1942. It came under the command of 63rd Indian Brigade, 17th Indian Division, on 1 June 1942.
3. This was a garrison battalion deployed in Rangoon. It left with 1st Bn. Glosters as above.

SOURCES: