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A CONCISE HISTORY OF:

XXI INDIAN CORPS (HISTORY & PERSONNEL)

A short history of Middle East Command, a higher level formation of the British Army in existence from 1939 until 1967. In addition, known details of the key appointments held between 1939 and 1950 are included.

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XXI Indian Corps

This Corps was formed at Kermanshah in Persia (Iran) on 6 June 1942 as part of the build-up of Allied Forces in Persia and Iraq. The Corps had under command the:

- 56th Infantry Division;
- 8th Indian Infantry Division.

The Corps H.Q. moved to Hamadan and then to Suleman Beg. With the threat of German invasion from the Caucasus, the Corps disbanded on 24 August 1943.

Corps Commander6th June 1942 – 24th August 1943

Lieutenant General Ashton Gerald Oswald Mosely MAYNE, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

Brigadier General Staff – (B.G.S.)1942 – August 1943

Brigadier (Acting) Frank Hollamby SKINNER, O.B.E., Indian Army

Deputy Adjutant and Quarter-Master-General – (D.A. & Q.M.G.)16 September 1943 – 25 October 1942

Brigadier (Acting) Francis Wynne WEBB, R.A.

1 January 1943 – 6 April 1943

Brigadier (Acting) Francis Wynne WEBB, R.A.

1943 – 1943

Brigadier Frank Hollamby SKINNER

Corps Commander, Royal Artillery – (C.C.R.A.)1942 – 1943

Brigadier

Chief Engineer – (C.Eng.)June 1942 – August 1943

Brigadier Leslie Innes JACQUES

Chief Signal Officer – (C.S.O.)1942 – 1943

Brigadier/Colonel

Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport – (D.D.S.T.)1942 – 1943**Deputy Director of Medical Services – (D.D.M.S.)**29th November 1942 – 24th August 1943

Brigadier (Acting) William Kealty CAMPBELL, D.S.O., M.B.E., M.C.*, M.B.

Deputy Director of Ordnance Services – (D.D.O.S.)1942 – 1943

Brigadier/Colonel

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