# 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division (1)

Headquarters, 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division & Divisional Defence Platoon

# 5<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade

5<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade Headquarters, Defence Platoon & Signal Section 5<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade Light Aid Detachment, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Essex Regiment (2)

3<sup>rd</sup> (Queen Mary's Own) Bn. 10<sup>th</sup> Baluch Regiment

1st Bn. 9th Gurkha Rifles

5<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade Reconnaissance Squadron (3)

## 7<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade

7<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade Headquarters, Defence Platoon & Signal Section 7<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade Light Aid Detachment, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment (4)

2<sup>nd</sup> (Royal) (Ludhiana Sikhs) Bn. 11<sup>th</sup> Sikh Regiment

1st Bn. 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles)

7<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade Reconnaissance Squadron (3)

# 11th Indian Infantry Brigade

11<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade Headquarters, Defence Platoon & Signal Section 11<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade Light Aid Detachment, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders (5)

3<sup>rd</sup> (Royal) (Sikhs) Bn. 12<sup>th</sup> Frontier Force Regiment

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. 7<sup>th</sup> Gurkha Rifles

11<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade Reconnaissance Squadron (3)

# **Divisional Troops**

21st King George V's Own Horse (Central India Horse) (6)

Machine Gun Battalion, 6th Rajputana Rifles (7)

Headquarters, 4th Indian Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery

1<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (8)

(H.Q., 11<sup>th</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup> & 80<sup>th</sup> Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

11<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (8)

(H.Q., 78<sup>th</sup>/84<sup>th</sup>, 83<sup>rd</sup>/85<sup>th</sup> & 187<sup>th</sup> Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

31st Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (8)

(H.Q.,  $105^{th}$ ,  $116^{th}$  &  $118^{th}$  Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

149<sup>th</sup> (Lancashire Yeomanry) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery (8)

(H.Q., 320<sup>th</sup>, 432<sup>nd</sup> & 433<sup>rd</sup> Anti-Tank Batteries and 513<sup>th</sup> 4.2" Mortar Battery, Royal Artillery)

57<sup>th</sup> (King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry) Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery (9) (H.Q., 169<sup>th</sup>, 170<sup>th</sup> & 171<sup>st</sup> Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Headquarters, 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Divisional Royal Engineers 4<sup>th</sup> Field Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners 12<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners 21<sup>st</sup> Field Company, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners 11<sup>th</sup> Field Park Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners 5<sup>th</sup> Bridging Platoon, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

4<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Divisional Signals, Indian Signal Corps

Headquarters, 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Divisional Royal Indian Army Service Corps 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Troops Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps 5<sup>th</sup> Indian Brigade Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps 7<sup>th</sup> Indian Brigade Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps 11<sup>th</sup> Indian Brigade Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps 220<sup>th</sup> Detail Issue Depot, Royal Indian Army Service Corps 18<sup>th</sup> Motor Ambulance Section, Royal Indian Army Service Corps 177<sup>th</sup> General Troops Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Divisional Indian Army Medical Corps 17<sup>th</sup> Indian Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps 26<sup>th</sup> Indian Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps 32<sup>nd</sup> Indian Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps 15<sup>th</sup> Indian Field Hygiene Section, Indian Army Medical Corps 'D' (British) Dental Unit, Army Dental Corps 156<sup>th</sup> (British) Mobile Dental Unit, Army Dental Corps 12<sup>th</sup> Indian Dental Unit, Indian Army Dental Corps 26<sup>th</sup> Anti-Malaria Control Unit, Indian Army Medical Corps 2<sup>nd</sup> Indian Casualty Clearing Station, Indian Army Medical Corps

### [4 INDIAN INFANTRY DIVISION (1944)]

Headquarters, 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Divisional Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Recovery Company, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers 117<sup>th</sup> Indian Mobile Workshops, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers 118<sup>th</sup> Indian Mobile Workshops, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers 119<sup>th</sup> Indian Mobile Workshops, Indian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

57<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Workshops Section, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers 1<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment Light Aid Detachment, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers 11<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment Light Aid Detachment, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers 31<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment Light Aid Detachment, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers 149<sup>th</sup> Anti-Tank Regiment Light Aid Detachment, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

4<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Ordnance Field Park, Indian Army Ordnance Corps 13<sup>th</sup> Mobile Cinema Unit, Indian Army Ordnance Corps

4<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Postal Section, Indian General Service Corps 13<sup>th</sup> Field Post Office, Indian General Service Corps 17<sup>th</sup> Field Post Office, Indian General Service Corps 24<sup>th</sup> Field Post Office, Indian General Service Corps

4th Indian Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police (India)

290th Field Security Section, Intelligence Corps (India)

8<sup>th</sup> Camouflage Training Unit Detachment, Allied Air Photographic Interpretation Unit

#### NOTES:

- 1. The 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Division arrived in Italy from North Africa on 7 December 1943. At this time, Major General (Temporary) Francis Ivan Simms TUKER, O.B.E., p.s.c, Indian Army, commanded the division. In mid-December 1943, it moved to the Potenza area of Italy. On 9 January 1944, the division came under the command of XIII Corps, and moved into the line at Orsogna to relieve the New Zealand Division. In February 1944, it was transferred to the New Zealand Corps and deployed at Cassino. The division concentrated there by 6 February, with the 7th Brigade relieving the Americans on 14 February at Cassino. The opening attack took place on 16 February 1944. The second battle commenced on 15 March 1944. At the commencement of the battle, Major General TUKER was taken ill, with the Commander Royal Artillery, Brigadier H. K. DIMOLINE being promoted to the rank of Acting Major General to assume command. Major General (Acting) Arthur Wilmot Wadeson HOLWORTHY, M.C., Indian Army, was transferred from command of the 6<sup>th</sup> Indian Division in Persia and Iraq to assume command of the formation in March 1944. The division was withdrawn from Cassino during 25/26 March 1944. It was sent back to the Orsogna front. The division was engaged in operations there and along the line of retreat of the Germans forces. In July 1944, the division was involved in the operation in central Italy and the Gothic line battles from August to October. The division was relieved from the Gothic line in early October 1944. Instead of the anticipated period of rest and refit, it was sent forthwith to Greece due to the deteriorating situation there. 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade went to Macedonia arriving there on 12 November 1944. 5th Brigade went to Athens landing there on 17 November 1944, and the 11th Brigade went to the Peloponnese also arriving on 17 November. Having secured the southern areas against the ELAS guerrillas, in March 1945, the division concentrated in northern Greece. In January 1946, its job done, the division sailed from Greece bound for India and home.
- 2. This battalion left the division in January 1946 to return to the U.K.
- 3. As the Central India Horse had left the division in February 1942 and had not been replaced, in July 1943, the divisional commander formed three brigade reconnaissance squadrons from within the division's own resources. These squadrons still shown on the Divisional Order of Battle in February 1944, but it is not confirmed if they served in Greece as the Central India Horse had returned to divisional command in February 1944.
- 4. This battalion left the brigade on 8 July 1945. It was replaced by: 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment) In turn, the 2<sup>nd</sup> H.L.I. left the brigade in January 1946.
- 5. The battalion left the division in July 1945. It was replaced by:

#### The Lovat Scouts

This regiment was trained in mountain warfare in Canada and was deployed to Palestine before joining the 10<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division. It joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Division in July 1945, and it left in January 1946.

- 6. This unit was the divisional reconnaissance regiment, which rejoined the division in February 1944 from Iraq, where it had been deployed on internal security duties.
- 7. This unit was the divisional machine gun battalion.
- 8. These regiments left the division in January 1946 to return to the United Kingdom.
- 9. This regiment left the division in August 1945 and was not replaced.

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