

## 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)

1<sup>st</sup> (Wellesley's) Bn. 6<sup>th</sup> Rajputana Rifles (3)

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 9<sup>th</sup> Gurkha Rifles

### 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<sup>th</sup> (Bhopal) Bn. 16<sup>th</sup> Punjab Regiment (5)

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

### 11<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade (6)

*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 (7)*

*4<sup>th</sup> (Outram's) Bn. 6<sup>th</sup> Rajputana Rifles (8)*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. 7<sup>th</sup> Gurkha Rifles (9)*

### Divisional Troops

21<sup>st</sup> King George V's Own Horse (Central India Horse) (9)

Machine Gun Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Rajputana Rifles (10)

Headquarters, 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Divisional Royal Artillery

1<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

(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

(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)

31<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

(H.Q., 105<sup>th</sup>, 116<sup>th</sup> & 118<sup>th</sup> Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

149<sup>th</sup> (Lancashire Yeomanry) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery (12)

(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

(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

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

4<sup>th</sup> Indian Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police (India)

290<sup>th</sup> 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 Infantry Division had served in the Middle East since the outbreak of the Second World War. It took a key role at the beginning of Operation 'Compass' in December 1940, and was then transferred to the Sudan where it took part in the invasion of Eritrea. It then returned to Egypt and Libya, fighting in Operation 'Battleaxe' and Operation 'Crusader'. The 11<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade was captured at Tobruk. The 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Division had been dispersed after the Battle of El Alamein, but was concentrated and moved forward to the Mareth Line in March 1943. At this time, the division only had two brigades under command as the 11<sup>th</sup> Brigade had not been replaced in the divisional Order of Battle by this time. It was ordered to force the Hallouf Pass. Overnight the 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> March 1943, 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade launched their attack. The pass was opened against severe opposition. The Axis forces retreated to Wadi Akarit. On 1<sup>st</sup> April, both brigades of 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Division concentrated in the Gabes area. On 5<sup>th</sup> April, the division advanced against heavy opposition into the hills, and went on to attack Djebel Garci on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1943. The mountain was found to be held in great strength and the attack bogged down. On the night of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> April, 153<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade relieved the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade which was withdrawn into a holding role. On 30<sup>th</sup> April, the division was transferred to the First Army and IX Corps. On the 5<sup>th</sup> May, the assault commenced on the Medjez-el-Bab gap. 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade stormed Bou Huaker. The line broke against the weight of the Allied advance. The division was then engaged in rounding up the Axis forces, with the 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Sussex capturing the commander of Axis troops, General Von Arnim. 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943 was the final curtain for the Axis Forces as they surrendered and all resistance ceased. The End in Africa.

## SOURCES:

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