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A short history of General Headquarters India Command between 1938 and 1947, and details of the key appointments held in G.H.Q. India during that period.

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A Concise Biography of Lieutenant General Sir William H. G. BAKER

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Headquarters Staff of the Army in India

Headquarters of the Army in India was a pre-war command covering the entire country of British India.

The headquarters consisted of four branches:

- General Staff Branch,
- Adjutant General's Branch,
- Quarter-Master-General's Branch,
- Master-General of the Ordnance Branch,
- Engineer-in-Chief's Branch.

The Commander-in-Chief was a General in the Indian Army. This was usually a four-year posting. The C-in-C had a staff of five, an Assistant Military Secretary (Personal) (Lieutenant Colonel), three Aides-de-Camp (one Major and three Captains) and a personal surgeon (Major). At the beginning of the Second World War, the headquarters was redesignated as the General Headquarters (G.H.Q.), India Command. This was so that

Adjutant-General's Branch

The Adjutant-General's Branch was also headed by a Lieutenant General. The Branch was responsible for all aspects of personnel management for the British Indian Army, i.e., the Army's Human Resources Department. It controlled recruitment to the Army of officers and men, and defined policies in respect of the soldiers' pay, pensions, leave and dismissal. It was also responsible for maintaining the morale and discipline of the rapidly expanding Indian Army and included the Judge Advocate General and his staff. There were other miscellaneous units within the Branch, including the administration of medical services, prisoners of war and the Chaplain Service.

The Adjutant-General had a Deputy, who at the outbreak of the Second World War was a Major General who also headed the Directorate of Organization. On 14 May 1941, these posts were divided with another Major General being posted into the Branch. By 1945, there were two Deputy Adjutant General's posts within the Branch.

At the outbreak of the Second World War there were four Directorates in the Adjutant-General's Branch, namely:

- Directorate of Organization,
- Directorate of Personnel Services, Pay and Pensions,
- Directorate of Medical Services,
- Judge Advocate-General's Section.

In September 1939, the Branch comprised forty-one officers and one-hundred and seventy-three clerks. By October 1945, this had grown to five-hundred and fifty-three officers and about two-thousand clerks. The increase in senior officers within the Branch is illustrated below:

	1939	1945
Lieutenant Generals	1	2
Major Generals	2	5
Brigadiers	1	23
Colonels	7	20
Lieutenant Colonels	0	79

In late 1941 and during 1942, five new Directorates were established, and about the same time, the Directorate of Personnel Pay and Pensions was divided to form two separate Directorates. This meant by April 1943, the Directorates in the Branch and the rank of their Director were as follows:

- Directorate of Coordination (Lieutenant Colonel),
- Directorate of Organization (Brigadier),
- Directorate of Personal Services (Brigadier),
- Directorate of Prisoners of War (Colonel),
- Directorate of Recruiting (Brigadier),
- Directorate of Pay and Pensions (Colonel),
- Directorate of Medical Services (Local Lieutenant General),
- Directorate of Welfare and Education (Major General),
- Directorate of Selection of Personnel (Colonel),
- Judge Advocate-General's Section (Brigadier).

In June 1944, another new Directorate was formed; the Directorate of Manpower Planning, which was headed by a Major General. In addition, in April 1945, the Directorate of Welfare and Education was split to form a new Directorate of Welfare under a Lieutenant General, and the Directorate of Education being headed by a Brigadier. This was the situation by the end of the war in August 1945, and the Branch slowly contracted as the country moved to partition.

Directorate of Co-ordination

At the beginning of the war, a Co-ordination Section existed within the Organisation Directorate of the Branch. As the war progressed and the Army expanded, the work of co-ordinating the activities of the various directorates and sections within the Branch assumed greater importance and complexity. In March 1940, the section was expanded into the Co-ordination Directorate under an Assistant Adjutant General, a Colonel's appointment. There were four sections within the Directorate, namely:

- A.G. (Co-ordination) – General Co-ordination and Conference,
- A.G. 1 (a) – Questions relating to Miscellaneous Units,
- A.G. 1 (b) – Terms and Conditions of Service of Units, Mobilisation, Peace and War Establishments, Council and Assembly Questions,
- A.G. 1 (c) – Distribution of Telegrams and Planning.

In August 1940, a statistical section was added, which in June 1942 was divided into A.G. (Stats) and A.G. (Manpower), both sections within the Co-ordination Directorate. In April 1943, an additional Assistant Adjutant General was appointed to be in charge of establishments. The A.G. (Manpower) Section was divided into two sections at this time. With the formation of South-East Asia Command in November 1943, further changes were required in the Co-ordination Directorate. The role of Assistant Adjutant General (Establishments) was abolished, and the statistics and manpower sections were removed to form a separate Directorate. This left the Directorate with only three sections, as A.G. (C), A.G. (Misc) and A.G. (Distribution), with the former A.G. 1 (b) abolished. During this period, the head of the Directorate was a Lieutenant Colonel's post.

A major reorganisation took place in July and August 1944, when a new appointment of Colonel (A.G. Co-ord) was created and the morale unit expanded. The Directorate then comprised three sections, each under a Lieutenant Colonel. These were:

- Co-ordination 1,
- Co-ordination 2,
- Morale.

In July 1944, there were four Deputy Assistant Adjutant-Generals, and three Staff Captains, two of which were women. Co-ordination 1 Section was responsible for the planning of and preparation of memorandum for the various conferences now held across the Branch, and for collating information and the Orders of Battle for the Indian Army. Co-ordination 2 dealt with the Indian States Forces, War Diaries, and questions in the Legislative Assembly and Council of States. The Morale Section was concerned with the publication and propaganda for both the British and Indian troops serving in India.

In January 1945, this had reduced to just five officers, two Assistant Adjutant-Generals, two Deputy Assistant Adjutant-Generals, and one female Staff Captain. In October 1945, the Directorate had seven officers. These included the Director (Colonel), with two Assistant Adjutant Generals (with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel) and one Deputy Assistant Adjutant General (Major) as the Section Heads. There were two Staff Captains, one of whom was female, and an Officer Supervisor from the Indian Army Corps of Clerks (I.A.C.C.).

Directorate of Organisation

At the beginning of the war, the Organisation Directorate of the Branch comprised seven sections. These were:

- A.G. 1 – Co-ordination,
- A.G. 2 – Recruiting,
- A.G. 3 – Cavalry and Infantry,
- A.G. 4 – Artillery, Engineers, Signals and R.A.I.S.C.,
- A.G. 5 – Mobilisation,
- A.G. 6 – Ordnance Personnel,
- A.G. 7 – Auxiliary Force (India) and Indian Territorial Force.

The Director of Organisation, who held the rank of Major General, was also the Deputy Adjutant General of the Branch. Within a few weeks of the outbreak of the Second World War, the Directorate had to reorganise itself to cope with the work required for raising additional miscellaneous unit for the expansion of the Indian Army. The Indian Territorial Force was embodied within the Indian Army in December 1939, leading to the creation of a new section. The massive growth of ancillary services such as the R.A.I.S.C., and the formation of new corps, required further expansion of the Directorate. Section A.G. 6 was added in October 1941 with the transfer of the organisation of I.A.O.C. personnel from the Master General of the Ordnance Branch. By the end of 1943, the Directorate was administering the R.A.O.C., R.E.M.E., I.A.O.C. and I.E.M.E. personnel based in India.

In August 1944, the Directorate was reorganised with essentially a section for each corps or branch of the Indian Army, with a central co-ordinating section called Org 1 (a). All the sections were now titled as Org instead of A.G.. The whole Directorate was operating the Hollerith Card Index to record details of over 2,500,000 personnel. The Directorate comprised the Director (Brigadier), eight Assistant Adjutant-Generals (Lieutenant Colonels), one Chief Commander from the Women's Army Corps, thirteen Deputy Assistant Adjutant-Generals (Majors and Senior Commanders), and twenty Staff Captains (Captains and Junior Commanders).

On 1 January 1945, the Directorate assumed responsibility for the administration of all officers up to and including the rank of Lieutenant Colonel from the Military Secretary's Branch, other than those officers holding staff appointments. The Directorate ended the war with nineteen sections, with fifty-five sub-sections.

In January 1945, the Directorate comprised:

- 1 Director – Brigadier,
- 3 Deputy Directors – Colonels,
- 9 Assistant Adjutant Generals – Lieutenant Colonels,
- 18 Deputy Assistant Adjutant Generals – Majors and Captains,
- 22 Staff Captains – Captains and Lieutenants.

By October 1945, the Directorate had grown considerably, and was now headed by a Major General, with Major General C. B. LEWIS officiating for Major General GLOVER who was on extended leave away from India. There were four Deputy Directors, each holding the rank of Colonel, although some sources state that one of them was in fact a Temporary Brigadier. In addition, the Directorate had:

- 21 Assistant Adjutant Generals (Lieutenant Colonels),
- 46 Deputy Assistant Adjutant Generals (Major),
- 75 Staff Captains (Captains)

Directorate of Recruiting

Before the Second World War, no officer recruitment, and only a little technical recruitment, was carried out by the Adjutant General's Branch. The onset of war brought about an immediate expansion in recruitment of all types of personnel, and the original section, A.G. 2, within the Directorate of Organisation, was divided into three sections, one for officers, one for technical staff and the third for non-technical personnel. In November 1939, a Director of Recruitment was in place with a Deputy Director and four other officers underneath him.

In May 1940, a significant increase in workload came with the introduction of the National Service Act for Europeans living in India. In addition, there was an influx of officers from the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, the extension of granting Emergency Commissions to Indian officers, and the recruitment of technicians through a variety of training schemes. In October 1940, the staff at G.H.Q. involved with recruiting were:

- Assistant Adjutant General (A.G. 2) – Colonel,
- Deputy Assistant Adjutant General (A.G. 2 (a)) – Major,
- Deputy Assistant Adjutant General (A.G. 2(b)) – Major,
- Deputy Assistant Adjutant General (A.G. 2(c) and (d)) – Major,
 - A.G. 2(c),
 - A.G. 2(d).

A.G. 2(a) was responsible for the recruitment of all non-technical personnel, and the organisation and control of all the recruiting staff used for this purpose. A.G. 2(b) dealt with the recruitment of technical recruitment, and the field organisation to achieve this. It also was responsible for the recruitment of Anglo-Indians into special sections of the R.A.O.C. and R.A.M.C.. A.G. 2(c) dealt with Indian civilian candidates for commissions, and A.G. 2(d) handled British and colonial candidates for commissions.

In June 1941, A.G. 2 was split from the Directorate of Organisation into its own Directorate, under a Brigadier as Director of Recruiting. Five months later, a major reorganisation made the Directorate a tri-service unit responsible for recruitment into all three of the Indian Armed Forces. Inter-services competition for recruits was done away with and greater co-ordination achieved.

This Directorate expanded through 1942 and 1943, with non-technical recruiting rising to 40,000 per month by May 1942. A Publicity and Propaganda Section was added to the Directorate in that month.

Additional personnel joined the Directorate in 1943 due to a special recruiting drive for the Royal Indian Air Force with the decision to post Indian Air Force personnel to R.A.F. squadrons and bases. In March 1943, the scope of the Directorate increased again when it assumed responsibility for recruitment into the Women's Auxiliary Corps (India), with a female officer from that Corps joining as a Staff Captain.

In addition, in March 1943, a Lieutenant Colonel was posted into the Directorate with the role as Inspector of Recruiting to assist the Director when he visited units across India. Another Lieutenant Colonel was added as Deputy Director of Recruiting. In June 1944, a scheme was devised for six touring teams of recruiting officers to contact potential officers and their guardians or relatives in all major towns. This was the last significant reorganisation during the war. There were five sections in the Directorate of Recruiting, namely:

- Rtg 1 – Establishment returns and statements, and general non-technical recruiting (Lieutenant Colonel as Assistant Adjutant General),
- Rtg 2 – Technical personnel and officers (Lieutenant Colonel as Assistant Adjutant General),
 - NOTE: Rtg 1 and 2 were under a Deputy Director of Recruiting (Army),
- Rtg 3 – Royal Indian Navy recruitment (Lieutenant Commander as Deputy Director of Recruiting (Navy)),
- Rtg 4 – Royal Indian Air Force (Group Captain as Deputy Director of Recruiting (Air)).
- Rtg 5 – Inspector of Recruiting (Colonel).

In October 1945, the Directorate comprised the Director, three Deputy Directors for the Army, Navy and Air Force, and a Colonel as the Inspector of Recruiting. There were two Army Assistant Adjutant Generals with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and eight Deputy Assistant Adjutant Generals (D.A.A.G.). Two of the D.A.A.G. officers were Squadron Leaders in the Air Force, and one was a female Senior Commander from the W.A.C. (I). The other five were all Army officers.

There were fifteen Staff Captains, with four from the Navy, including one female and one Indian officer, three were from the Air Force, including one Indian, and eight from the Army, including one female.

Directorate of Manpower Planning

During the first two years of the war, there was no co-ordination between the demand and supply of personnel for the Indian Army as a whole. It was only in August 1941 that provision was made in the Adjutant General's Branch for reviewing officer strengths and placing forward anticipated demand for officers, phased quarterly, to the Secretary of State and the War Office.

In October 1941, the demand for officers was co-ordinated with the shipping available to transport them to India. As the Indian Army expanded, and the volume of work increased, it became necessary to form a separate section, A.G. (Manpower) in January 1942. In August 1942, it was decided to transfer the duties of British Manpower Accounting to the A.G. (Manpower). The need for detailed personnel statistics led to the transfer of British Manpower Accounting from A.G. (Manpower) to A.G. (Statistics). Towards the end of 1943, both sections were placed under an Assistant Adjutant General.

Finally, a Directorate of Manpower Planning and Statistics was formed in February 1944. The intention was to centralise all aspects of manpower under one authority in order to maintain a constant review of the manpower situation in officers, other ranks and women. It was the function of the Directorate to ensure the most economical use of personnel, and the correct estimation and placing of demands for raising new units, reorganisation, and to reduce wastage of personnel.

In April 1944, a Director of Manpower Planning with the rank of Major General was introduced and the scope of the Directorate extended to cover recruiting and demobilisation in addition to its normal functions. By July 1944, there were three distinct sections, with an officer of the rank of Colonel as his Deputy Director. Each section was headed by a Lieutenant Colonel. M.P. 1 was responsible for co-ordination and general policy, the supply of officers from the U.K. and from the Officers' Training Schools. It also dealt with the supply of British and Indian other ranks by recruitment in India or by drafts from the U.K.. M.P. 2 dealt with all questions regarding officers' visual record cards and the preparation and maintenance of the Hollerith cards about them. M.P. 3 (Stats) was for collecting and maintaining figures of the strength of the Army, recruiting and wastage, and other statistical data.

In October 1945, the strength of the Directorate was one Major General as the Director, and a Colonel as the Deputy Director. There were three Assistant Adjutant Generals, one each as head of the three sections, six Deputy Assistant Adjutant Generals (Majors) and three Staff Captains (Captains). There was an office supervisor from the Indian Army Corps of Clerks, and a Personal Secretary to the Director.

Directorate of Selection of Personnel

In the early years of the Second World War, new methods were evolved in the U.K. for testing and selecting personnel for the armed forces. The key was seen to be able to place 'square pegs in square holes'. These new methods reached India in early 1943, and in consequence, a new Directorate for the Selection of Personnel was formed in the Adjutant-General's Branch with effect from 13 July 1943.

This new Directorate undertook all officer selection for the British service, the British Indian Army, the Royal Indian Navy, the Royal Indian Air Force and the Women's Auxiliary Corps (India). The formation of this new Directorate was quickly seen to be having a positive impact on recruitment, so its role was increased to include Indian other ranks and for civilian clerks employed by the Army.

By July 1944, there were four sections, each headed by an Assistant Adjutant-General. These were:

- S.P.1 – Controlled policy and organisation of the Directorate,
- S.P.2 – Selection of officers,
- S.P.3 – Selection of officers for technical roles,
- S.P.4 – Selection of other ranks.

Directorate of Personal Services

Personal Services was one of the major Directorates in the Adjutant General's Branch pre-war. It comprised six sections:

- A.G.8 – Discipline,
- A.G.9 – Honours, awards, and policy regarding promotion,
- A.G.10 – Pay,
- A.G.11 – Ceremonial events and duties,
- A.G.13 – Accounts,
- A.G.14 – Pensions.

With the outbreak of the Second World War, and the increase in size of the British Indian Army, the size of the Directorate grew significantly. To keep the size of the Directorate manageable, Pay and Pensions were separated into their own Sub-Directorate in May 1941. The Directorate also became responsible for some 40,000 Italian prisoners of war that had reached India by August 1941. To manage these men, a new Prisoners of War Directorate was formed in January 1942. In August 1942, a new Chaplaincy Directorate was formed, and a Deputy Chaplain-General appointed to come under the Director of Personal Services. Until June 1942, the Director of Personal Services was also the Provost Marshal in India, but in July 1943, a trained provost officer was appointed, and a new section established. As the workload increased, a Deputy Director of Personal Services was authorised with effect from April 1944.

By July 1944, the Directorate of Personal Services had three separate sections, each headed by a Lieutenant Colonel graded as an Assistant Adjutant-General. These sections were:

- P.S.1 – Discipline and general legal advice,
- P.S.2 – Honours and awards, ceremonials, births, marriage, and deaths within the Army,
- P.S.3 – Discipline of officers and other ranks.

In addition, there was also an Inspector of Military Prisons and Detention Barracks.

Directorate of Pay and Pensions

These responsibilities lay with the Directorate of Personal Services, Pay and Pensions at the start of the war. In May 1941, it became a separate Directorate.

Adjutant-General's Branch

Adjutant General

1936 – October 1937

Lieutenant General Sir John Edward Spenser BRIND

14 October 1937 – 14 May 1941

Lieutenant General Sir Roger Cochrane WILSON, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

15 May 1941 – 14 October 1941

General Arthur Brodie HAIG, C.B., M.C.*, Indian Army, *i.d.c., p.s.c.*

24 October 1941 – 10 March 1944

[Lieutenant General \(Acting\) William Henry Goldney BAKER, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., Indian Army, *i.d.c., p.s.c.*](#)

11 March 1944 – 15 March 1946

Lieutenant General (Acting) Ralph Bouverie DEEDES, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

15 March 1946 – 15 August 1947 (Partition)

Lieutenant General (Acting) Reginald Arthur SAVORY, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

Deputy Adjutant General (1)

10 July 1940 (separated from Director of Organization) – 23 October 1941

[Major General \(Acting\) William Henry Goldney BAKER, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., Indian Army, *i.d.c., p.s.c.*](#)

24 October 1941 – 25 November 1943

Major General (Acting) Cecil Wotton TOOVEY, C.B.E., M.C.*, Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

1 May 1944 – 4 September 1946

Major General (Acting) Victor John Eric WESTROPP, C.B.E., British Service, *p.s.c.*

Deputy Adjutant General (2)

22 February 1942 – October 1942

Major General G. O. De R. CHANNER, C.B.E., M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

4 October 1942 – October 1944

Major General Douglas Ashton Lofft WADE, O.B.E., M.C., B.A., A.M.I.E.E. *British Service*

4 October 1944 – March 1946 (To Armed Forces Pay Committee)

Major General (Acting) John Bernard DALISON, O.B.E., 1 Punjab R., *p.s.c.*

27 November 1945 – 15 August 1947 (Became sole Deputy Adjutant-General w.e.f. 5 September 1946)

Major General (Acting) James Balfour MacDONALD, D.S.O., O.B.E., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

Director of Demobilization (Graded as Assistant Adjutant-General)

28 October 1942 – 1944

Major General Sir C. B. Dashwood STRETTELL, K.C.I.E., C.B., Indian Reserve of Regular Officers (I.R.R.O.)

Special Appointment (Later Director of Demobilization)

1 October 1943 – 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Herbert HANNA, O.B.E., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

Directorate of Co-ordination

Assistant Adjutant-General

9 August 1940 – 22 February 1942

Colonel (Acting) Douglas BEANLAND, O.B.E., 14 Punjab R., *p.s.c.*

20 April 1942 – 1944

Lieutenant Colonel J. R. JAMES, 10 Baluch R., *p.s.c.*

10 July 1943 – 1944

Lieutenant Colonel A. G. CAMPBELL, 8 Punjab R.

1 December 1943 – 1944

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) R. A. SHEBBEARE, I.A.C.

Director of Coordination

14 May 1945 – 1946/7

Colonel (Acting) F. H. COTTERILL, M.B.E., 5 Mahratta L.I.

Assistant Adjutant Generals

20 November 1943 – 1945/6

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) F. SPENCER, M.B.E., E.C.

20 February 1944 – 1945/6

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) R. W. SHEPHERD, Border R., T.A., *j.s.c.*

Deputy Assistant Adjutant General

1 April 1945 – 1945/6

Major (Temporary) H. F. COLLIER, M.B.E., I.A.C.C.

Staff Captains

16 April 1945 – 1945/6

Captain (Temporary) J. M. A. EDMONDSON, R.W. Fus, E.C.

26 May 1945 – 1945/6

Junior Commander (Acting) F. M. HARRISON, W.A.C. (I)

Officer Supervisor

2 January 1945 – 1945/6

Lieutenant (Assistant Commissary) R. J. CAIN, I.A.C.C., E.C.

Directorate of Organization

Deputy Adjutant General and Director of Organization

7 April 1938 – 9 July 1940

Major General Nigel Maitland WILSON, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

10 July 1940 – 13 May 1941

Major General (Acting) William Henry Goldney BAKER, D.S.O., O.B.E., Indian Army *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

Director of Organization

14 May 1941 – 29 April 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) Lancelot Cecil Torbock GRAHAM, M.C. Indian Army *p.s.c.*

24 November 1941 – 28 April 1942

Brigadier (Acting) Frederick John ALFIERI, Indian Army

29 April 1942 – 5 April 1943

Brigadier (Acting) Jesse Pevensey DUKE, D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

24 December 1942 – 19 October 1944

Brigadier (Acting) Arthur Francis Gordon FORBES, M.C., I.A.C.

20 October 1944 – 1946/7

Major General (Acting) Malcolm GLOVER, O.B.E., *p.s.c.*

16 July 1945 – 23 September 1945 (officiating while Major General GLOVER on extended leave ex-India)

Major General (Acting) Charles Benjamin LEWIS, O.B.E., 8. G.R., *p.s.c.*

Assistant Adjutant-General

16 January 1939 – 23 January 1941

Colonel Clifton Edward Rawdon ALBAN, D.S.O.** , British Service, *p.s.c.*

27 April 1939 – 2 May 1940

Colonel Cecil Wotton TOOVEY, M.C.*

3 May 1940 – 10 July 1941 (To Director of Recruiting)

Colonel Douglas Henry CURRIE, M.C., D.C.M., 19 Lcra

15 January 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) N. H. PRENDERGAST, D.S.O., M.V.O., Ret Indian Army

24 January 1941 – 23 June 1941

Colonel (Temporary) Francis Robert Roy BUCHER, M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

18 June 1941 – 23 November 1941 (Officiating Director of Organisation)

Colonel Frederick John ALFIERI, R.I.A.S.C.

3 July 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) G. E. MILEHOUSE, Gloster R., *p.s.c.*

15 August 1941 – 28 February 1942

Colonel (Temporary) William Edward Harper TALBOT, 14 Punjab R.

26 November 1941 – 28 April 1942

Colonel Jesse Pevensey DUKE, D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

16 January 1942 – 1943

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) W. S. BARROLL, (S.U.L.), Indian Army

6 March 1942 – 1943

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) E. ROSS-MAGENTY, 5 Mahratta L.I.

14 April 1942 – 1943

Colonel R. B. LESLIE, M.C.

29 April 1942 – 1943

Lieutenant Colonel J. R. JAMES, 10 Baluch R., *p.s.c.*

Deputy Directors of Organization

1 April 1944 – 1945 (Left by October 1945)

Colonel (Acting) W. T. STEPHENSON, R.A.C., *p.s.c.*

4 September 1944 – 1945/6

Colonel (Acting) W. G. SHACKLOCK, R.A., *p.s.c.*

14 January 1945 – 1946 (See above – officiating Director of Organisation)

Colonel (Acting) Charles Benjamin LEWIS, O.B.E., 8 G.R., *p.s.c.*¹

15 May 1945 – 1946

Colonel (Acting) L. A. SPENCER, O.B.E., 19th Lrs

16 July 1945 – 1946

Colonel (Acting) Ronald GORDON, O.B.E., 11 Sikh R., *p.s.c.*²

16 July 1945 – 1946/7

Colonel (Acting) R. D. B. DUPUIS, Reserve of Officers

¹ Promoted Acting Brigadier in post on 14 May 1945.

² The Indian Army List for October 1945 shows him holding the rank of Acting Brigadier.

Directorate of Recruiting

Director of Recruiting

11 July 1941 – 29 February 1944

Brigadier (Acting) Douglas Henry CURRIE, C.B.E., M.C., D.C.M., 19 Ltrs

1 March 1944 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Temporary) Geoffrey George Coulson BULL, D.S.O., O.B.E., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

Deputy Director of Recruiting¹

1 April 1943 – 11 November 1946

Colonel (Temporary) Noel HUGH-JONES, M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

Inspector of Recruiting

1 April 1943 – 1945/6

Colonel (Local) N. L. MITCHELL-CARRUTHERS, I.R.R.O., *p.s.c.*

Deputy Director of Recruiting (Navy)

8 March 1944 – 1945/6

Lieutenant Commander M. B. HALL, R.I.N.

Deputy Director of Recruiting (Air)

27 March 1943 – 7 March 1944

Group Captain (Temporary) E. C. LEWIS, R.A.F., *p.s.a.*

8 March 1944 – 1945/6

Group Captain I. A. CRITCHLEY, R.A.F.

¹ By October 1945, HUGH-JONES is shown as a Colonel, but the British Army List shows him as Temporary Brigadier.

Directorate of Manpower Planning

Director of Manpower Planning

8 June 1944 – 1946/7

Major General (Acting) Thomas SCOTT, *p.s.c.*

Deputy Director of Manpower Planning

1 April 1944 – 7 September 1945

Colonel (Acting) J. R. JAMES, 10 Baluch R, *p.s.c.*

8 September 1945 – 1946/7

Colonel (Acting) G. T. WHEELER, D.S.O., *p.s.c.*

Assistant Adjutant Generals

13 May 1944 – 1945/6

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) E. G. LEWIS, A.B.R.O.

15 July 1944 – 1945/6

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) R. H. CARRUTHERS, Genl List

9 July 1945 – 1945/6

Lieutenant Colonel (Commissary) J. WORRALL, I.A.C.C.

Directorate of The Selection of Personnel

Director of Selection of Personnel

4th March 1943 – 20th October 1945

Colonel (Temporary) Frederick Hubert VINDEN, Suffolk R, *p.s.c.*¹

21st October 1945 – 1946/7

Major General (Temporary) F. M. MOORE.

¹ Promoted Acting Brigadier on the 12th August 1943 and Temporary Brigadier on the 5th February 1944. Awarded the C.I.E. on the 14th June 1945.

Directorate of Personal Services, Pay and Pensions

Director of Personal Services, Pay and Pensions

17 April 1938 – June 1941

Brigadier (Temporary) Allen Leigh JOHNSTON, O.B.E., Indian Army *p.s.c.*

Assistant Adjutant-Generals

19 February 1938 – 1941

Colonel C. W. SANDERS, Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

1939

Colonel D. E. WHITWORTH

17 October 1940 – 10 June 1942 (To Director of Pay and Pensions)

Colonel (Acting) Lionel Arthur STUART, M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

Directorate of Personal Services

Director of Personal Services

17th June 1941 – 23rd December 1941

Brigadier (Acting) Lawrence Vincent Clare HAWKES, Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

24th December 1941 – April 1943

Brigadier (Acting) Arthur Francis Gordon FORBES, M.C., I.A.C.

6th April 1943 – 1946

Brigadier (Acting) Gilbert Leslie MOLD, 15 Punjab R.¹

Assistant Adjutant-Generals

17th October 1940 – 10th June 1942

Colonel (Acting) Lionel Arthur STUART, M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

15th January 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Temporary) N. H. PRENDERGAST, D.S.O., M.V.O. *Retired Pay*²

4th July 1941 – 5th April 1943

Colonel (Acting) Gilbert Leslie MOLD, 15 Punjab R.

DIRECTORATE OF PERSONAL SERVICES (PROVOST MARSHAL)³

¹ Awarded the C.I.E. on 1 January 1946. Retired September 1946.

² Was Assistant Adjutant-General in the Directorate from 15 January 1941 on promotion to Acting Colonel.

³ This new post was authorised on the Establishment with effect from 27 February 1943.

Directorate of Pay and Pensions

Director of Pay and Pensions

11 June 1942 – 2 February 1944

Colonel Lionel Arthur STUART, M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*¹

3rd February 1944 – 1945

Brigadier (Acting) R. M. WILSON, Camerons

5th September 1945 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Temporary) J. J. L. MacKIRDY, *p.s.c.*

Directorate of Prisoners of War

Director of Prisoners of War

30th December 1941 – 4th January 1943

Colonel (Temporary) Thomas Henry BOSS, O.B.E., M.C., 5 Mahratta L.I.

5th January 1943 – 1946

Brigadier (Acting) H. G. A. PEARSON, I.R.R.O., *p.s.c.*

DIRECTORATE OF AMENITIES FOR THE TROOPS

Assistant Adjutant-General

9th January 1941 – 1943

Colonel T. A. A. WILSON, C.B., I.R.R.O.

¹ Promoted Acting Brigadier on 11 December 1942. Awarded the C.I.E. on 8 June 1944 after relinquishing appointment.

Directorate of Indian Medical Services, Government of India

Director-General Indian Medical Services

?? – 3rd October 1943

Lieutenant General Sir Gordon Gray JOLLY, K.C.I.E., K.H.P., Indian Medical Service

4th October 1943 – 28th July 1945

Lieutenant General (Local) James Bennett HANCE, C.I.E., O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.S. (Ed.), Indian Medical Service

29th July 1945 – 15th August 1947

Lieutenant General Sir Robert HAY, K.C.I.E.,

Deputy Director-General Indian Medical Services

1942 – 1943

Colonel Sir James Bennett HANCE, C.I.E., O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.S. (Ed.), Indian Medical Service

Directorate of Medical Services

Director of Medical Services

20th August 1937 – 10th March 1940 (Died in Service)

Major General George Grant TABUTEAU, D.S.O., K.H.S.

12th March 1940 – 11th July 1941

Major General William Haywood HAMILTON, C.B., C.I.E., C.B.E., D.S.O., F.R.C.S., Indian Medical Service, K.H.P.

12th July 1941 – 30th May 1943

Major General Archibald Campbell MUNRO, M.D, Indian Medical Service, K.H.P.

1st June 1943 – 1946

Lieutenant General (Local) Gordon WILSON, C.B.E., M.C., M.B. K.H.S.

25th March 1946 – 1947

Lieutenant General (Local) Treffry Owen THOMPSON, C.B., C.B.E., M.D., D.P.H.

Deputy Director Medical Services

1938 – 1940

Colonel A. A. C. McNEILL

8th August 1940 – 26th April 1941

Colonel C. D. K. SEAVER, V.H.S.

27th April 1941 – 31st May 1943

Colonel Henry Charles Deans RANKIN, O.B.E., M.B., V.H.S.¹

1st June 1943 – 1945

Brigadier (Acting) J. S. FULTON, O.B.E., M.C., Retired Pay (Reserve of Officers)

15th April 1945 – 1946

Brigadier (Acting) D. MacD. FRASER, C.I.E., M.B., Indian Medical Service.

16th October 1945 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Temporary) R. D. CAMERON, O.B.E., M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C.

Deputy Director Medical Services (Administration)

27th January 1943 – 16th April 1944

Brigadier (Acting) Jacob William VAN REENAN, O.B.E., M.B., F.C.R.S.(Ed), Indian Medical Service.

17th April 1944 – 4th March 1945

Brigadier (Acting) David Vincent O'MALLEY, O.B.E., M.B.

¹ Promoted Temporary Brigadier in post on 14 May 1942.

Deputy Director of Hygiene and Pathology

6th April 1939 – May 1941

Colonel Treffry Owen THOMPSON, M.D.

7th May 1941 – 1946/7

Colonel (Acting) F. HARRIS, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C.

Director of Malariology

12th January 1942 – 1945

Brigadier (Local 05/08/44) Monowar Khan AFRIDI, O.B.E., M.B., Indian Medical Service

Consultant Surgeon

11th April 1942 – 1946

Brigadier (Local) Grant MASSIE, M.S., F.C.R.S., R.A.M.C.

Consultant Physician

23rd April 1942 – 1946

Brigadier (Local) H. L. MARRIOTT, M.D., F.R.C.P., R.A.M.C.

Consultant Psychiatrist

21st October 1942 – 1946

Brigadier (Local) E. A. BENNETT, M.D. R.A.M.C.

Consultant Neurologist

13th April 1943 – 1945

Brigadier (Local) D. McALPINE, M.D., F.R.C.P., R.A.M.C.

Consultant Anaesthetist

26th August 1944 – 1946

Brigadier (Local) H. K. ASHWORTH, M.B., R.A.M.C. (T.A.)

Deputy Director of Dental Services

1938 – 1939/40

Colonel A. V. MILES,

Directorate-General of Welfare

Director of Welfare and Education¹

1st August 1942 – 28th February 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Harold Victor LEWIS, C.B., C.I.E., D.S.O., M.C. Unattached List Indian Army, *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

Deputy Director of Welfare and Education

17th November 1942 – 29th February 1944

Colonel G. M. B. PORTMAN, T.D., T.A.

Director General, Welfare, Education and Resettlement.

1st March 1944 – April 1945

Major General Harold Victor LEWIS, C.B., C.I.E., D.S.O., M.C. Unattached List Indian Army, *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

Welfare-General

15th April 1945 – 1946/7

Lieutenant General Sir Noel M. De La Poer BERESFORD-PEIRSE, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., *p.s.c.*

Deputy Welfare-General

26th April 1945 – 1946/7

Major General (Temporary) J. G. ELLIOTT, *p.s.c.*

Advisor to Director-General on Indian Affairs

1st December 1941 – 1945

Colonel (Acting 01/03/44) F. L. BRAYNE, C.S.I. C.I.E., Indian Army

¹ LEWIS retired in the rank of Major General on the 1st August 1942 and was immediately re-employed in the Indian Regular Reserve of Officers (I.R.R.O.) in the rank of Acting Brigadier (Colonel). On the 27th January 1943, he was appointed the first Director of Welfare and Education at G.H.Q. India. On the 1st February 1943, he was promoted Temporary Brigadier (with a short break between 29th December 1943 and 6th January 1944. On the 1st March 1944, the post was upgraded as shown.

DIRECTORATE OF WELFARE**Director of Welfare**

1st March 1944 – 10th September 1945

Brigadier (Acting) G. M. B. PORTMAN, T.D., T.A.

11th September 1945 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Temporary) G. B. J. KELLIE, M.C., R.A., *p.s.c.*

Assistant Director of Welfare

7th April 1943 – 1946

Colonel N. G. R. COATS, O.B.E., Unattached List, Indian Army

DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION

Director of Education

1st March 1944 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Acting) J. R. BIRCHALL, O.B.E., T.A., A.E.C.

Deputy Director of Education

1st March 1944 – 1945

Colonel (Acting) J. J. HARPER, M.B.E., A.E.C.

10th March 1944 – 1946

Colonel (Acting) J. WILLATT, M.B.E., M.C., A.E.C.

25th March 1944 – 1945

Colonel (Acting) E. C. PRIESTLEY, O.B.E., M.A., A.E.C.

12th August 1945 – 1946/7

Colonel (Temporary) J. C. WOOD, A.E.C.

Director of Services Kinomatography

28th May 1944 – 1946

Brigadier (Acting) I. R. GROVE, O.B.E., R.A.O.C.

18th September 1945 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Temporary) J. N. SODEN, *p.s.c.*

DIRECTORATE OF RESETTLEMENT**Director of Resettlement**

1st March 1944 – 5th September 1944

Brigadier (Acting) T. C. COTTON, A.I.R.O.

6th September 1944 – 1946

Brigadier (Temporary) Joseph Harold WILKINSON, R. Lrs, *p.s.c.*

1946 – 1947

Brigadier (Temporary) John Parke FULLERTON, D.S.O., Indian Army

Deputy Director of Resettlement

13th January 1945 – 1946/7

Colonel (Acting) F. S. MAXWELL, 1 Punjab R., *p.s.c.*

Directorate of Demobilization

Director of Demobilization

1st October 1943 – 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) H. HANNA, O.B.E., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

17th March 1945 – August 1947

Brigadier (Temporary) Geoffrey PIGOT, M.C.*, Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

JUDGE-ADVOCATE'S SECTION**Judge Advocate-General**

22nd August 1938 – 1st January 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) William Horatio HAPPELL.¹

2nd January 1944 – 1947

Brigadier Humpry BULLOCK

¹ Awarded the C.I.E. on 1 January 1943.

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Director of Public Relations

7th May 1942 – 1945

Brigadier (Acting) I. S. JEHU, Indian Army

16th December 1944 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Local) D. YOUNG, M.C., Indian Army

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