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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 History of the General Staff Branch, Headquarters the Army in India

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Headquarters, the Army in India

The General Staff Branch

Headquarters of the Army in India was a pre-war command covering the entire country of British India. The headquarters consisted of five branches:

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

At the beginning of the Second World War, the headquarters was redesignated as the General Headquarters (G.H.Q.), India Command. The General Staff (G.S.) Branch was seen the foremost of the branches at General Headquarters. Its purpose was to direct the army in battle to attain the political objective set by the government. In order to achieve this purpose, the functions of the G.S. Branch was to collect and analyse data (intelligence) about the enemy and their intentions, and then to prepare plans for the conduct of operations based upon the intelligence picture.

The Branch was responsible for determining the establishment and composition of types of units across the Indian Army. In addition, the G.S. Branch was responsible for training in terms of designing training material and courses to meet the needs of the Army, and also in delivering and quality assuring the training delivery.

The General Staff (G.S.) Branch was headed by a Lieutenant General or General, and at the outbreak of war comprised three Directorates, namely:

- Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence,
- Directorate of Staff Duties,
- Directorate of Military Training.

There were five specialist, technical advisers, namely:

- Major General, Cavalry,
- Major General, Artillery,
- Signal Officer-in-Chief,
- Inspector of Physical Training,
- Inspector of the Army Education Corps.

The G.S. Branch also comprised the office of the Indian States Forces Military Adviser-in-Chief.

One of the three Directorates would be headed by a Major General, who also acted as the Deputy Chief of the General Staff. The other two Directorates were headed by Temporary Brigadiers. At the outbreak of the Second World War in September 1939, the G. S. Branch had fifty-two Army officers, four civilian officers and one-hundred and forty-eight clerks on its strength.

The Directorate of Military Training also grew during the war, which included the appointment of two Inspectors of Infantry, and then the formation of a new Directorate of Infantry. Lastly, new Directorates were formed in mid-1943 for Army-Air Liaison, Combined Operations and Research. This meant by the beginning of 1945, the G.S. Branch comprised:

- Directorate of Military Operations (Brigadier),
- Directorate of Military Intelligence (Major General),
- Directorate of Weapons and Equipment (Brigadier),
- Directorate of Staff Duties (Major General),
- Directorate of Artillery (Major General),
- Directorate of Armoured Fighting Vehicles (Major General),
- Directorate of Signals (Major General),
- Directorate of Military Training (Major General),
- Directorate of Infantry (Major General),
- Indian States Forces Military Adviser-in-Chief (Major General),
- Directorate of Air (Brigadier),
- Directorate of Combined Operations (Brigadier),
- Directorate of Research (Brigadier).

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.

Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence

At the outbreak of the war, the Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence was one combined directorate. This directorate had two sections concerned with Military Operations, namely:

- M.O. 1 – Plans for operations for external defence against invasion,
- M.O. 2 – Plans for internal security.

In May 1940, the post of Director of Military Operations and Intelligence was upgraded to a Major General's appointment, and a new post created of Deputy Director of Military Operations as a Brigadier's appointment. A further expansion of Directorate came in April 1941, in response to the increased threat of air attack on India, and the requirement for planning for a military operation in Iraq (and later Persia). The two new sections were:

- M.O. 3 – Air Defence,
- M.O. 4 – Iraq and Middle East.

At the same time, the post of Director was upgraded to a Major General's appointment

Directorate of Military Operations

The two elements of the directorate were separated with effect from 15 August 1941, with a separate Directorate of Military Operations. The size and composition of the directorate fluctuated in direct relation to the nature of the operations in Burma. In December 1941, responsibility for military operations in Burma passed to G.H.Q. India, so a new section (M.O. 5) was formed to deal with Burma. In January 1942, control of Iraq and Persia passed to Middle East Command, and for Burma to A.B.D.A. Command; so in consequence, Sections M.O. 4 and M.O. 5 were abolished.

Only two months later, A.B.D.A. Command disbanded, so responsibility for Burma returned to G.H.Q. India, and the M.O. 5 section reconstituted. The Japanese conquest of Burma posed a real and severe risk to eastern India, and this directorate grew to develop the plans to meet this threat. Two new deputy directors were appointed in early 1942 to cope with the increased workload. In May 1942, the Directorate was organised as follows:

- Director of Military Operations – Major General,
- Deputy Director of Military Operations (Plans) – Brigadier,
 - General (Joint Planning) – Lieutenant Colonel,
 - General (Plans) – Lieutenant Colonel,
- M.O. 5 (Burma and Eastern India) – Lieutenant Colonel,
- M.O. 6 (Southern India and Ceylon) – Lieutenant Colonel,
- Deputy Director of Military Operations (Internal) – Brigadier,
 - M.O. 1 (N. W. Frontier) – Lieutenant Colonel,
 - M.O. 2 (Internal Security) – Lieutenant Colonel,
- Deputy Director of Military Operations (Air Defence) – Brigadier,
 - M.O. 3 (Air Defence) – Lieutenant Colonel.

In April 1943, the directorate was reorganised again. The new structure was:

- Director of Military Operations – Major General,
- M.O. 1 (Coordination) – Lieutenant Colonel,
- Deputy Director of Military Operations (P) – Brigadier,
 - Executive Planning – Lieutenant Colonel,
 - Forward Planning – Lieutenant Colonel,
- Deputy Director of Military Operations (A) – Brigadier,
 - M.O. 2 (Internal Security) – Lieutenant Colonel,
 - M.O. 4 (N. W. Frontier) – Lieutenant Colonel,

- Deputy Director of Military Operations (B)
 - M.O. 5 (Burma and Eastern India) – Brigadier,
 - M.O. 6 (Southern India and Ceylon) – Lieutenant Colonel,
 - M.O. 7 (Civil Affairs in Burma) – Lieutenant Colonel.

The responsibility for the conduct of operations on the North West Frontier moved from M.O. 1 to M.O. 4, with M.O. 1 taking an overall coordination role. A new section M.O. 7 was set up to prepare for civil affairs operations in Burma. The Forward Planning staff undertook preparation of inter-service appreciations and papers, whilst the Executive Planning staff worked on behalf of the Chiefs of Staff.

The major change for this directorate occurred in November 1943 with the establishment of South East Asia Command (S.E.A.C.). This command assumed all responsibility for planning operations in Burma and Ceylon, so the functions of D.D.M.O. (Plans) and D.D.M.O. (B) transferred to S.E.A.C.. In total, two Brigadiers, eight Lieutenant Colonels, eight Majors and five Captains transferred to S.E.A.C.

This left the directorate with just two sections, M.O. 1 (reverting to its original role of the North West Frontier) and M.O. 2 (Internal Security). In October 1944, a second Deputy Chief of the General Staff was appointed, so the post of Director of Military Operations was reduced to a Brigadier's appointment, and the Deputy Director's post was abolished.

Directorate of Military Intelligence

On 15 August 1941, the Directorate of Military Operations and Intelligence split into two separate Directorates, with a new Director of Military Intelligence appointed. The directorate comprised seven sections:

- M.I. 1 – Intelligence Organisation,
- M.I. 2 – Intelligence about the N. W. Frontier and Afghanistan,
- M.I. 3 – Intelligence about countries other than N. W. Frontier and Afghanistan,
- M.I. 4(a) – Secret Documents,
- M.I. 4(b) – Maps,
- M.I. 6 – Special Intelligence Matters,
- M.I. 7 – Intelligence about internal factors in India.

Early in the Second World War, two additional sections were added, titled as M.I. 8 and M.I. 9. By the end of 1942, the Directorate of Military Intelligence had grown to:

- 2 x Deputy Directors of Military Intelligence,
- 8 x General Staff Officers 1st Grade,
- 19 x General Staff Officers 2nd Grade,
- 28 x General Staff Officers 3rd Grade,
- 36 x Intelligence Officers,
- 13 x Cipher Officers,
- 1 x Chief Censor.

The formation of South East Asia Command in November 1943 added new requirements on the Directorate of Intelligence. The directorate established a close working relationship with S.E.A.C.. The Director of Intelligence at G.H.Q. India acted as the Deputy Director of Intelligence for S.E.A.C., and in effect the two directorates at G.H.Q. and S.E.A.C. functioned as one, combined intelligence organisation. On 1 May 1944, a new Inter-Services Security Agency was formed, combining elements from all three services. In addition, the Director of Civil and Services Censorship and Signal Intelligence both came within this directorate.

The appointment of Director of Military Intelligence was redesignated as the Director of Intelligence, India, and became a tri-service organisation. The Directorate also established a close working relationship with the Counter Intelligence Corps of the U.S. forces.

In July 1944, the Directorate was headed by the Director of Military Intelligence (India) (D.M.I. (I)), a Major General. He had a Personal Assistant who held the rank of Captain. The D.M.I. (I) was directly responsible for the Signal Intelligence Directorate at the H.Q., South East Asia Command, the Directorate of Civil and Services Censorship, and the Directorate of Security. The personnel staffing the Joint Intelligence Committee also reported directly to the D.M.I. (I).

There were three Deputy Directors of Military Intelligence (D.D.M.I.), usually Brigadiers. The D.D.M.I. (L) was responsible for operational intelligence which covered forward areas and the line of communication back into India. It also covered Internal Security, and even more so after the serious uprising in 1942. This element of the Directorate was also responsible for providing the staff work to administer 'Z' Force operating in Burma.

The D.D.M.I. (O. & P.W.) was responsible for the G.S.I (b) that dealt with the security work in formations and units within the Indian Army. It also covered G.S.I. (e) which comprised seven officers working on interrogation of enemy prisoners of war, not that there were that many, and in any case, the Indian Army was short of Japanese speakers to translate. G.S.I. (x) also came under this D.D.M.I., with this unit being responsible for the administration of intelligence, records and Secret Service files. The Commandant of the Intelligence Corps (India) also came under D.D.M.I. (O. & P.W.). The largest element of this part of the Directorate was the 'E' Group, that covered escape and evasion. It comprised a Colonel, three G.S.O. 1, eight G.S.O.2, and four G.S.O. III officers, plus twenty-eight intelligence officers, one Subadar and two Jemadars. There was also a Major and three Captains from the Royal Army Medical Corps in this unit.

The third Deputy Director, D.D.M.I. (S) was responsible for signals security, censorship and the press. From early 1944, the work of this element of the Directorate was separated into discreet units, but still under the D.M.I. (I). The Censorship Control Department was established on 1 May 1944 under a Director of Civil and Services Censorship, a Brigadier's appointment. Also on 1 May 1944, the Inter-Services Security Directorate was established under a Brigadier who was the Director of Security. On 22 December 1944, a Directorate of Signal Intelligence was set up, under a specialist Brigadier who had come out from the U.K. to head up this new directorate.

In October 1945, the Directorate of Military Intelligence comprised:

- 3 x Deputy Directors of Military Intelligence,
- 2 x Assistant Directors of Military Intelligence,
- 13 x General Staff Officers, 1st Grade,
- 33 x General Staff Officers, 2nd Grade,
- 30 x General Staff Officers, 3rd Grade,
- 2 x Intelligence Officers, Lieutenant Colonel,
- 11 x Intelligence Officers, Major,
- 74 x Intelligence Officers, Captain,
- 31 x Intelligence Officers, Junior Commanders, Women's Army Corps (India),
- 10 x Intelligence Officers, Lieutenant.

In November 1945, the directorate began to contract, with the Director's post reverting to that of a Brigadier's appointment.

Directorate of Staff Duties

The Directorate of Staff Duties also expanded during the war, and three deputy directors were appointed. It was concerned with non-operational war plans, orders of battle (allocating formations and units for particular forces and theatres of war), war organisation and liaison with the R.A.F.. Separate Directorates were formed in mid-1943 for Artillery, Armoured Fighting Vehicles and Signals to remove the staff duties responsibilities for those arms and corps from the main Directorate.

In April 1944, the Directorate comprised:

- Three Deputy Directors of Staff Duties,
- Thirteen General Staff Officers, 1st Grade (Lieutenant Colonels and Colonels),
- Sixteen General Staff Officers 2nd Grade (Majors),
- Fifteen General Staff Officers 3rd Grade (Captains).

In addition, there was a Chief Inspector of Camouflage & Technical Advisor the Government of India, who held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Two Majors, who held the appointments of Inspectors of Camouflage, assisted him in the work of the unit.

Directorate of Royal Artillery

In September 1939, the functions of this department were part of the Directorate of Staff Duties, where a Major General held the appointment of Director of Staff Duties, and Major General Royal Artillery. At the beginning of the Second World War, this appointment was held by Major General William Philip Jopp AKERMAN, D.S.O.*, M.C., a career Regular officer in the Royal Artillery, who has served in Mesopotamia during the First World War. He retired on 5 July 1942.

A Deputy Director, in the rank of Brigadier, was appointed on 18 January 1942, who carried over into the new Directorate when that was formed. As the workload increased during the war, a separate Directorate of Royal Artillery was established with the appointment of Major General (Acting) W. H. B. MIRRLISS, D.S.O., M.C. with effect from 28 March 1943. This Directorate oversaw all the issues related to the artillery within the British Indian Army, most of which were British artillery regiments serving in India. The only pre-war artillery regiments of the British Indian Army were the Mountain Regiments, of which there were ten, but during the war, regiments of Indian Artillery were raised. Between May 1942 and February 1943, there was a Deputy Director for Anti-Aircraft, but this post appears to have lapsed in early 1943.

In April 1944, the Directorate comprised:

- Director (Major General),
- Deputy Director (Brigadier),
- Four General Staff Officers 1st Grade (Lieutenant Colonels),
- Eight General Staff Officers 2nd Grade (Majors),
- Five General Staff Officers 3rd Grade (Captains).

Not surprisingly, all bar one officer were members of the Royal Artillery, the exception being from the Indian Army Department.

Directorate of Signals

This Directorate was another 'spin-off' from the Directorate of Staff Duties, necessitated by the expansion of the British Indian Army, and the increasing use of technology and developments in operational research requirements.

The first Director of Signals was Major General (Acting) R. E. VYVYAN, C.B.E., M.C., who was appointed with effect from 15 January 1942. VYVYAN was a career officerIn April 1944, underneath the Director of Signals were:

- Deputy Director of Signals, (Brigadier),
- Deputy Director of Signals, (Colonel),
- Chief Signal Officer (Training), (Colonel),
- Chief Signal Officer (Air Formation Signals), (Colonel),
- Deputy Chief Signal Officer (Air Formation Signals), (Lieutenant Colonel),
- Three General Staff Officers 1st Grade, (Lieutenant Colonels),
- Ten General Staff Officers 2nd Grade, (Majors),
- Ten General Staff Officers 3rd Grade, (Major, Captains and Lieutenant).

As would be expected, practically all the officers serving in the Directorate were male British officers who were members of the Royal Corps of Signals, although there was one Indian officer and one female officer from the Women's Army Corps.

Inspectorate of Armoured Fighting Vehicles

Prior to the Second World War, the British Indian Army had Cavalry regiments, some of which were equipped with armoured cars for use on the North-West Frontier, but no tanks. The few light tanks used in India, were those used by the small number of units of the Royal Tank Corps deployed in the country. These companies were again used mainly on the North-West Frontier.

The Second World War changed the position, as the British Indian Army was required to raise armoured units, although a shortage of tanks across the British Empire meant that some units were given armoured cars and trucks instead, hence the deployment of Cavalry units as a Motor Brigade in the Western Desert in 1941.

At the outbreak of the Second World War, a Major General (Cavalry) was included in the General Staff as a technical adviser. Early in 1940, the adviser's appointment was reduced to that of a Brigadier, and in September 1940, the Brigadier (Cavalry) (Temporary Brigadier T. W. CORBETT) was transferred to command the 1st Indian Armoured Division. The vacancy was not filled, and the G.O.C. 1st Indian Armoured Division continued to function as the Cavalry Adviser until April 1941.

In April 1941, a new section was added to the Staff Duties Directorate under a Deputy Director (Brigadier), which soon assumed responsibility for the specialised training of armoured troops from the Directorate of Military Training. Brigadier (Temporary) John Alan Lyde CAUNTER, C.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*, was appointed in May 1941, and continued in post until August 1943. In 1942, the establishment of the section was increased by two more General Staff Officers, 1st Grade, and the new task of General Staff Co-ordination with the Master General of the Ordnance Branch on technical matters concerning armoured vehicles was taken over by the Section in the Staff Duties Directorate.

In November 1942, the Deputy Director Armoured Troops was redesignated Director, Armoured Fighting Vehicles, and a new Directorate was formed as a separate entity. Duties within the new Directorate were reorganised. The sections were:

- A.F.V. 1 – Organisation of all armoured units, location statements, Orders of Battle and War Equipment Tables,
- A.F.V. 2 – General training, liaison with the Military Training Directorate, organisation of the Fighting Vehicles School, training pamphlets and material,
- A.F.V. 3 – Records of all officers of the R.A.C. and I.A.C., postings, exchanges and transfers in liaison with the Military Secretary's Branch,
- A.F.V. 4 – Technical matters, trials of new tanks, modifications, and co-ordination with the Master General of the Ordnance Branch.

In April 1943, the head of the Directorate was upgraded to that of Major General, with the appointment of Major General (Temporary) Frank Walter MESSERVY, C.B., D.S.O., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*. He was replaced in August 1943 by a British Army officer, Major General (Temporary) Charles Henry GAIRDNER, C.B.E., *p.s.c.*, and in December 1944, it reverted to an Indian Army officer.

In April 1944, the Directorate comprised:

- Deputy Director of Armoured Fighting Vehicles, (Brigadier),
- Five General Staff Officers 1st Grade, (Lieutenant Colonels),
- Six General Staff Officers 2nd Grade, (Majors),
- Two General Staff Officers 3rd Grade, (Captains).

In August 1944, the Directorate was organised as follows:

- A.F.V. 1
 - G.S.O. I
 - G.S.O. II
 - 2 x G.S.O. III
 - 1 x G.S.O. II – A.F.V. Signals
- A.F.V. 2
 - G.S.O. I
 - G.S.O. II
 - G.S.O. III
- A.F.V. 3
 - G.S.O. I
 - G.S.O. II
 - G.S.O. III (W.A.C. (I))
- A.F.V. 4
 - G.S.O. I
 - G.S.O. II
 - G.S.O. III (W.A.C. (I))
 - 3 x Majors – Inspection Staff

Shortly after the end of hostilities, in September 1945 the Directorate was reconstituted as the Armoured Corps Inspectorate, and the functions assumed from other Directorates were returned to them, therefore, A.F.V. 2 went to the Directorate of Military Training, A.F.V. 3 went to the Adjutant-General's Branch, and A.F.V. 4 returned to the Branch of the Master General of the Ordnance. This left the Inspectorate with only a Major General, Armoured Corps, a Brigadier as his Deputy, and only five officers running the former A.F.V. 1 section.

Directorate of Army – Air Liaison

In June 1942, a new section was created in the Staff Duties Directorate under a Deputy Director Air. This replaced the former arrangements where a Royal Air Force Liaison Officer was attached to the Military Training Directorate. Around December 1942, this was expanded to become a separate Directorate in the General Staff Branch under a Director, who held the rank of Brigadier.

The Directorate was organised as follows:

- Air 1
 - G.S.O. I (Lieutenant Colonel)
 - G.S.O. II
 - G.S.O. III
 - G.S.O. III (W.A.C. (I) – Air Co-ordination)
- Air 2 (a)
 - G.S.O. II
 - G.S.O. III
- Air 2 (b)
 - G.S.O. II
 - G.S.O. III
- Air 3
 - G.S.O. I
- Air 3 (a)
 - G.S.O. II
 - G.S.O. III
- Air 3 (b)
 - G.S.O. II

Section Air 1 was responsible for organisational training, courses, Air-Co-operation on the North-West Frontier, Air smoke and gas requirements, air/ground recognition, air/artillery training and operations, photographic interpretation, and training material. Air 2 (a) was responsible looked after the organisation of airborne forces in India, establishments, policy, liaison with Air Command in S.E.A. Command, intelligence, policy, and planning in respect of air issues. Air 2 (b) prepared the scales for Army and R.A.F. equipment, liaison with other Branches in respect of air equipment and orders. Air 3 (a) was responsible for Army Air Transport Formations, and issues in respect of airfields. Lastly, Air 3 (b) had maintenance, dropping equipment, and depots.

Directorate of Military Training

At the outbreak of the Second World War, the Directorate of Military Training comprised three sections, the Adviser in Languages, and the Secretary, Board of Examiners.

In addition, there was a training team of:

- Two General Staff Officers 1st Grade, (Lieutenant Colonels);
- Six General Staff Officers 2nd Grade, (Majors).

Directorate of Combined Operations

Planning Syndicate

Research Directorate

Post War Contraction and Partition

At the end of the Second World War, in November 1945 the number of officers based at G.H.Q. India was:

- Lieutenant Generals = 8
- Major Generals = 30
- Brigadiers = 83
- Colonels = 102
- Others = 2,375

With the end of hostilities, the political pressure was raised to rapidly reduce the number of personnel at G.H.Q.. There were already some vacancies as with the introduction of 'Python' leave for British Army who had served more than three years, eight months in the Far East, there was a shortage of suitably trained and experienced staff officers. In the period from August 1945 to November 1945, three Brigadier's posts had already been abolished, and by the end of the year, further reductions planned were:

- Major Generals = 2
- Brigadiers = 15
- Colonels = 20
- Others = 729

G.H.Q. India remained in existence until 15 August 1947, when it was disbanded upon the partition of India and Pakistan. A new Headquarters, Pakistan Army was formed by Northern Command, and a new Headquarters of the Indian Army took over the headquarters in Delhi. A Supreme Commander of British Forces in India and Pakistan was retained for a short period of time under Field Marshal AUCHINLECK to transfer responsibilities to the new armies and to organise the withdrawal of British Army units and British former officers and men of the British Indian Army.

The office of Supreme Commander closed on 1 December 1947 upon the formal retirement of Field Marshal AUCHINLECK. Major General L. G. WHISTLER had been appointed the General Officer Commanding British Troops in India in 1947, and remained in command until the very last British unit, the 1st Bn. The Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's) left on 28 February 1948. The 2nd Bn. The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) was the last British Army unit to leave Pakistan on 26 February 1948. Some British officers remained in senior positions in both the Indian and Pakistani Armies until well into the 1950's.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH

Chief of the General Staff

10th May 1934 – 11th October 1937

Lieutenant General Sir William H. BARTHOLOMEW, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel Commandant of the Royal Artillery, *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*¹

12th October 1937 – 29th June 1939

Lieutenant General Sir Ivo L. B. VESEY, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O.

30th June 1939 – 9th May 1941

Lieutenant General Eric de BURGH, C.B., D.S.O. O.B.E., Indian Army, *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*²

10th May 1941 – 27th December 1941

Lieutenant General (Acting) Thomas Jacomb HUTTON, C.B., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

14th February 1942 – 5th April 1944

Lieutenant General (Acting) Edwin Logie MORRIS, C.B., O.B.E., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*³

6th April 1944 – 23rd January 1946

Lieutenant General (Temporary) John George Des Reaux SWAYNE, C.B., C.B.E., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

24th January 1946 – 15th August 1947

Lieutenant General (Temporary) Sir Arthur Francis SMITH, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

¹ Promoted General on 19 February 1937.

² Promoted General on 6 June 1940 and created K.C.B. on 1 July 1941 (after retirement).

³ Created K.C.B. and knighted on 1 January 1944.

Deputy Chief of the General Staff

1st September 1936 – 17th July 1938

Major General Claude John Eyre AUCHINLECK, C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., O.B.E., Indian Army, *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*¹

18th July 1938 – 22nd May 1940

Major General Francis Poitier NOSWORTHY, C.B., D.S.O.*, M.C.*, *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*²

20th July 1940 – 9th May 1941

Lieutenant General (Acting) Thomas Jacomb HUTTON, C.B., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

10th May 1941 – 28th December 1941

Major General George Noble MOLESWORTH, C.S.I., Indian Army, *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

29th December 1941 – 18th April 1943

Lieutenant General (Acting) George Noble MOLESWORTH, C.S.I., Indian Army *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

19th April 1943 – 7th May 1944

Major General (Temporary) William Corson HOLDEN, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

8th May 1944 – 14th April 1945

Major General Rob McGregor MacDonald LOCKHART, C.B., C.I.E., M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

Deputy Chief of the General Staff (Additional)

17th June 1942 – 25th May 1943

Major General (Acting) Thomas John Willoughby WINTERTON, O.B.E., *p.s.c.*³

21st November 1942 – June 1943

Major-General Stanley Woodburn KIRBY, C.I.E., O.B.E., M.C.* *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

12th April 1943 (1st May 1943 Army List) – 19th December 1943

Major General Roland RICHARDSON, M.C., *p.s.c.*

¹ Also Director of Staff Duties.

² Also Director of Staff Duties until 31st December 1938.

³ Awarded the C.B.E. on the 28th October 1942.

Deputy Chief of the General Staff (A)

19th October 1944 – 29th August 1946

Major General John Geoffrey BRUCE, D.S.O., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

3rd May 1946 - 1947

Major General (Temporary) N. V. WATSON, C.B., D.S.O., *p.s.c.*

October 1946 – 1947

Major General Thomas SCOTT, C.B., *p.s.c.*

Deputy Chief of the General Staff (B)

8th May 1944 – 14th April 1945

Major General Rob McGregor MacDonald LOCKHART, C.B., C.I.E., M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

15th April 1945 – 1st April 1947 (To Staff College)

Major General (Temporary) Henry Lowrie DAVIES, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

4th April 1947 – September 1947 (From Staff College)

Major General Stephen Fenimore IRWIN, C.B., C.B.E.

September 1947 – 1948

Major General Gerald BRUNSKILL, C.B., M.C.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE

Director of Military Operations and Intelligence

1937

Temporary Brigadier A. G. O. M. MAYNE, D.S.O.

17th September 1938 – 16th May 1940

Brigadier (Temporary) George Noble MOLESWORTH, Indian Army, *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

17th May 1940 – 16th April 1941

Major General George Noble MOLESWORTH, Indian Army *i.s.c.*, *p.s.c.*¹

17th April 1941 – 14th August 1941

Major General (Acting) Geoffry Allen Percival SCOONES, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

Deputy Director of Military Operations and Intelligence

3rd October 1936 – 16th September 1938

Colonel George Noble MOLESWORTH, Indian Army, *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

17th September 1938 – 1940

Colonel G. B. HENDERSON,

Deputy Director of Military Operations

17th May 1940 – 16th April 1941

Brigadier (Acting) Geoffry Allen Percival SCOONES, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

10th May 1941 – 14th August 1941

Brigadier (Acting 01/11/40) John Geoffrey BRUCE, D.S.O., M.C., Indian Army, *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

¹ Also held appointment as Deputy Chief of the General Staff.

Deputy Director of Military Intelligence

20th November 1940 – 28th January 1941

Colonel (Acting) William Edward Harper TALBOT, 14th Punjab R., *p.s.c.*

Director of Military Intelligence

29th January 1941 – 14th August 1941

Colonel (Acting) William Edward Harper TALBOT, 14th Punjab R., *p.s.c.*

General Staff Officer 1st Grade

1939 - 1940

Colonel G. A. P. SCOONES,

Directorate of Military Operations

Director of Military Operations

15th August 1941 – 8th April 1942

Major General (Acting) Geoffrey Allen Percival SCOONES, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

9th April 1942 – 1st March 1943

Major General (Acting) Coles Alexander OSBORNE, Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

1st March 1943 – September 1944

Major General (Acting) Aubertin Walter Sothern MALLABY, O.B.E., 2 Punjab R., *p.s.c.*

19th October 1944 – March 1945

Brigadier (Acting) A. J. H. ROSS, M.C., *p.s.c.*

24th March 1945 – 1946

Brigadier (Acting) Roderick William McLEOD, R.A. *p.s.c.*

18th February 1947 – 14th May 1947

Brigadier (Temporary) Walter David Alexander LENTAIGNE, C.B.E., D.S.O., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

1947 – 1948

Brigadier John Conrad SAUNDERS-JACOBS, C.B.E., D.S.O.

Deputy Director of Military Operations

15th August 1941 – 1st March 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) John Geoffrey BRUCE, D.S.O., M.C., Indian Army, *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

Deputy Director of Military Operations (Air Defence)

7th May 1942 (New Post) – 22nd September 1942 (Post Transferred to Staff Duties)

Brigadier (Temporary) Alexander Lancaster PEMBERTON, M.C., *p.s.c.*

Deputy Director of Military Operations (Plans)

5th March 1942 (New Post) – 15th July 1943

Brigadier (Acting) George Bingham STILL, I.A.C., *p.s.c.*

6th May 1943 – October 1944 (Transferred to S.E.A.C.)

Brigadier (Local) Edwyn Harland Wolstenholme COBB, R.E., *p.s.c.*¹

Deputy Director of Military Operations (A)

23rd September 1942 – 9th July 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Theodore Edward Dudley KELLY, R.A., *p.s.c.*

October 1944

Post Abolished.

Deputy Director of Military Operations (B)

20th March 1942 – 20th December 1943

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

1st July 1943 – 4th April 1944

Brigadier (Acting) Victor Raymond Walker CRAWFORD, M.C., R.A., *p.s.c.*

5th April 1944 – October 1944 (Transferred to S.E.A.C.)

Brigadier (Acting) George Francis BUNBURY, O.B.E., Special Unemployed List, Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

¹ Actual appointment as Brigadier General Staff (Plans). Promoted Acting Brigadier on the 16th July 1943 and Temporary Brigadier on 16 January 1944.

Reorganization Committee**Chairman**

20th November 1944 – 1946

Lieutenant General (Temporary). H. B. D. WILLCOX, K.C.I.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

Members

31st October 1944 – 1946

Brigadier (Acting) William Gordon Starkey THOMPSON, O.B.E., 5 R.G.R., *p.s.c.*

1st November 1944 – November 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Kodandera Madappa CARIAPPA, O.B.E., 7. Rajput R., *p.s.c.*

3rd November 1944 – 1946

Brigadier (Acting) J. E. POWELL, R. War.R, *p.s.c.*

Directorate of Military Intelligence

Director of Military Intelligence

15 August 1941 – 20 November 1942

Brigadier (Acting) Walter Joseph CAWTHORN, C.B.E., 16th Punjab R., *p.s.c.*

21 November 1942 – 30 April 1944

Major General (Acting) Walter Joseph CAWTHORN, C.B.E., 16 Punjab R., *p.s.c.*¹

Director of Intelligence (India)

1 May 1944 – 2 March 1945

Major General (Temporary) Walter Joseph CAWTHORN, C.B.E., 16 Punjab R., *p.s.c.*

3 March 1945 – 9 October 1945

Major General (Acting) Augustus Klingner FERGUSON, C.B.E., Leicester R.,

10th October 1945 – 1947

Brigadier (Temporary) Brian Palliser Teigue O'BRIEN, O.B.E., M.C.*, *p.s.c.*

Deputy Director of Military Intelligence

9th May 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) J. M. B. STEER, Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

12th June 1941 – 18th December 1942

Lieutenant Colonel Brian Palliser Teigue O'BRIEN, M.C.*, 4 G.R., *p.s.c.*

19th December 1942 – 30th April 1944 (Transferred to Inter-Services Security)

Brigadier (Acting) Ross Cosens HOWMAN, O.B.E., 8 Punjab R, *p.s.c.*

19th December 1942 – 19th December 1944

Brigadier (Acting) Brian Palliser Teigue O'BRIEN, O.B.E., M.C.*, 4 G.R., *p.s.c.*

1st September 1943 – 2nd March 1945 (Promoted to Director)

Brigadier (Temporary) Augustus Klingner FERGUSON, Leics R.

1 September 1943 – 1945/6

Colonel (Temporary) L. CAMPBELL, R.I.A.S.C.

1st May 1944 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Acting) Thomas Walker BOYCE, O.B.E., M.C., M.M., 14th Punjab R.²

20th December 1944 – 1946

Brigadier (Acting) W. H. G. BEARD, O.B.E., 2 Punjab R., *p.s.c.*

3rd June 1945 – 1946

¹ Awarded the C.I.E. as Acting Major General on 2 June 1943.

² Was formerly an Assistant Director of Military Intelligence, from 5 January 1943, in the rank of Local Colonel.

Colonel (Acting) S. W. WOOD, 7 Rajput R.

Commandant, Intelligence Corps (India)

1 September 1943 – 1945/6

Colonel (Temporary) J. CAMPBELL, R.A.I.S.C.

British Army Aid Group – Commandant

3 March 1944 – 1945/6

Colonel (Temporary) L. T. RIDE, C.B.E., E.C.

Assistant Director of Military Intelligence

28th January 1944 – 1945

Brigadier (Acting 03/11/44) J. E. POWELL, R.War.R. (Local Colonel 28/01/44)

Secretary, Intelligence Secretariat

3 November 1943 – 1944/45

Colonel (Temporary) Leslie Harding COCKRAM, Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

Censorship Control Department

Director of Civil and Services Censorship

1 May 1944 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Acting) William Herbert Horatio LINDQUIST, O.B.E., M.C., 1 G.R. (S.U.L.)

Deputy Director

20 September 1944 – 1945/6

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) N. STANDISH, A.I.R.O.

Vice-Chairman Joint Signal Intelligence Board

22nd March 1944 – 1945

Brigadier (Acting) A. L. HARRIS, M.C.

Signal Intelligence Directorate

Director of Signal Intelligence

22 December 1944 – 1946

Brigadier (Temporary) Cyril Vernon Lechmere LYCETT, O.B.E., B.A.

Deputy Director

7 February 1945 – 1945/6

Colonel (Temporary) H. K. TIPPPETT, 9 G.R.

Inter Services Security Directorate

Director of Security

1st May 1944 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Temporary) Ross Cosens HOWMAN, C.I.E., O.B.E., 8 Punjab R., *p.s.c.*

Director of Survey

22nd January 1944 – 1945

Brigadier E. A. GLENNIE C.I.E., D.S.O. *British Service.*

DIRECTORATE OF STAFF DUTIES

Director of Staff Duties

18th July 1938 – 31st December 1938

Major General Francis Poitier NOSWORTHY,

1st January 1939 – 19th December 1939

Brigadier (Temporary) Henry Hampden RICH

20th December 1939 – 14th December 1941

Brigadier (Temporary) Rob McGregor MacDonald LOCKHART, M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

21st September 1941 – 12th October 1941

Brigadier Stanley Woodburn KIRBY, C.I.E., O.B.E., M.C.* , *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

13th October 1941 – 20th November 1942 (Acting M Gen 13/03/40?)

Major-General (Temporary) Stanley Woodburn KIRBY, C.I.E., O.B.E., M.C.* , *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

21st November 1942 – 2nd April 1944

[Major General \(Acting\) Frederick Whitmore BURCH, M.C., 18 R. Garh Rif¹](#)

3rd April 1944 – 2nd May 1946

Major General (Acting) Norman Vyvyan WATSON, O.B.E., *p.s.c.*

3rd May 1946 – 1947

Major General (Acting) Bertram TEMPLE, O.B.E., M.C.* , *p.s.c.*

Deputy Director of Staff Duties

21st December 1939 – 14th March 1941

Lieutenant Colonel Roland RICHARDSON, M.C., 13 F.F.Rif., *p.s.c.*²

15th March 1941 – 14th May 1942

Brigadier (Acting) Lancelot Lawrence THWAYTES, 20th Lancers, *p.s.c.*³

8th December 1941 – 20th November 1942

[Brigadier \(Acting\) Frederick Whitmore BURCH, M.C., 18th R.Garh.Rif.](#)

23rd October 1942 – 1943/4

Brigadier (Acting) H. L. C. ROBERTSON, O.B.E., 15th Punjab Regt, *p.s.c.*

21st December 1942 – 1943/4

Brigadier (Acting 16/08/42) Claude Morgan HUTCHINGS, O.B.E., 6th Raj Rif, *p.s.c.*

3rd June 1943 – 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) F. E. C. HUGHES, Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

¹ Awarded the C.I.E. on 1 January 1944 in the New Year's Honours List.

² Promoted to the rank of Colonel on 1 April 1940 whilst in post.

³ Assumed post on 15 March in the rank of Colonel, promoted Acting Brigadier on 28 April.

28th August 1943 – 1945 (1)

Brigadier (Acting) R. L. GOODE, O.B.E., 13th F. F. Rif.

25th October 1943 – 1944/45

Brigadier (Temporary) Edward Hadrill CLAYTON, C.B.E., R.A., *p.s.c.*, *p.a.c.*¹

3rd April 1944 – 1945 (2)

Brigadier (Acting) Walter Johnston ARMSTRONG, M.B.E., 13 F.F.Rif., *p.s.c.*

16th September 1944 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Acting) Arthur John Millard WILTON, 5 Mahratta L.I., *p.s.c.*

19th October 1944 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Temporary) J. STEPHENSON, O.B.E., 8 Punjab R., *p.s.c.*

5th January 1946 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Acting) W. H. RAY, O.B.E., R.E., *p.s.c.*

Director of Staff Duties Artillery (and Major General Royal Artillery)

29th August 1939 – 5th July 1942

Major General William Philip Jopp AKERMAN, D.S.O.* , M.C.

Deputy Director of Staff Duties Artillery

18th January 1942 – 28th March 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) Alexander Lancaster PEMBERTON, M.C., *p.s.c.*

Deputy Director Staff Duties Anti-Aircraft

10th May 1942 – February 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) Arthur John Rupert Marshall LESLIE, O.B.E.

Deputy Director of Staff Duties Armoured Troops

25th May 1941 – August 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) John Alan Lyde CAUNTER, C.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*

Director of Staff Duties Signals and Signal Officer-in-Chief²

17th February 1938 – 1941

Brigadier (Temporary) E. N. F. HITCHINS, D.S.O., M.C.

¹ Shown in the April 1944 Army List, as Deputy Director of Staff Duties, but redesignated as Director of Weapons

² By 1944, this post had become the Director of Signals within the newly formed Directorate of Signals.

Directorate of Artillery

Director of Artillery

28th March 1942 – 15th May 1946

Major General (Acting) William Henry Buchanan MIRRLEES, D.S.O., M.C.

16th May 1946 – 15th August 1947

Major General Meade Edward DENNIS, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

Deputy Director of Artillery

28th March 1942 – 19th October 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Alexander Lancaster PEMBERTON, M.C., *p.s.c.*

20th October 1944 – 4th October 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Donald William BANNISTER, R.A.

5th October 1945 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Acting) L. A. HARRIS, D.S.O., M.C., R.A.

Directorate of Armoured Fighting Vehicles

Director of Armoured Fighting Vehicles

4 April 1943 – 30 July 1943

[Major General \(Temporary\) Frank Walter MESSERVY, C.B., D.S.O., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*](#)

15th August 1943 – 20th December 1944

Major General (Temporary) Charles Henry GAIRDNER, C.B.E., *p.s.c.*

21 December 1944 – 1946/7

[Major General Robert Harley WORDSWORTH, C.B., C.B.E., Indian Army](#)

Deputy Director of Armoured Fighting Vehicles

10th May 1943 – 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Richard Hugh Rossister CUMMING, I.A.C., *p.s.c.*

10th April 1945 – 1946

Brigadier (Temporary) Gerald CARR-WHITE, O.B.E., *p.s.c.*

DIRECTORATE OF SIGNALS

Director of Signals

15th January 1942 – 22nd May 1945

Major General (Acting) Ralph Ernest VYVYAN, M.B.E., M.C.

23rd May 1945 – 11th July 1946

Major General (Temporary) Colwyn Henry Hughes VULLIAMY, C.B., D.S.O., *p.s.c.*

12th July 1946 – 1947

Deputy Director of Staff Duties Signals¹

28th April 1941 – 14th January 1942

Brigadier (Acting 18/01/41) Ralph Ernest VYVYAN, M.B.E., M.C.

Deputy Director of Signals

30 April 1942 – 7 June 1945

Brigadier (Acting) William Tuxford HOWE, O.B.E.

8th June 1945 – 1946

Brigadier (Temporary) H. D. BEADON, O.B.E., M.C.

Chief Signal Officer (Colonel Training)

20th November 1942 – 1944

Colonel (Acting) C. L. MORGAN, R. Signals

Deputy Director of Signals (Colonel)

12th December 1942 – 1944

Colonel (Acting 17/09/42) Charles Henry Irwin AKEHURST, R. Signals, *p.s.c.*

Chief Signal Officer (Air Formation Signals)

12th December 1942 – 1944

Colonel (Acting) B. S. WATKINS, R. Signals, *p.s.c.*

¹ In April 1942, this post was titled the Deputy Director of Signals.

DIRECTORATE OF WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT

Director of Weapons and Equipment

25th October 1943 – 2nd July 1946

Brigadier (Temporary) Edward Hadrill CLAYTON, C.B.E., R.A., *p.s.c.*, *p.a.c.*¹

Deputy Director of Weapons and Equipment

24th April 1944 – 31st January 1946

Colonel (Acting) P. T. CLARKE, O.B.E., Special Unemployed List, Indian Army

1st February 1946 – 1946/7

Colonel (Acting) M. C. FRYE, O.B.E., *p.s.c.*

¹ CLAYTON was promoted in post on the 12th June 1945.

DIRECTORATE OF ARMY-AIR LIAISON¹

Director of Air

20th June 1942 – 1944

Brigadier (Acting 24/08/43) J. STEPHENSON, O.B.E., *p.s.c.*

15th December 1943 – 1946

Brigadier (Acting 24/08/43) O. L. JONES, *p.s.c.*

1946 – 1947

Colonel (Temporary) Tom Hardy ANGUS, D.S.O., 11 Sikh R., *p.s.c.*

Deputy Director of Air

8 March 1944 – November 1944

Colonel (Acting) John Anthony DAWSON, E. Yorks. R.

21st January 1945 – 1946

Colonel (Acting) G.N.C. SMITH, R.A., *p.s.c.*

¹ By early 1945, this had been redesignated the Directorate of Air.

Directorate of Military Training

Director of Military Training

10th May 1938 – 17th September 1940

Brigadier (Temporary) Eric Edward DORMAN-SMITH, M.C., *p.s.c.*

18th September 1940 – 30th September 1941

Brigadier (Acting) Francis Ivan Simms TUKER, O.B.E., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

1st October 1941 – 14th December 1941

Brigadier (Temporary) David Tennant COWAN, M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

15th December 1941 – 7th March 1942

Major General (Acting) Wilfrid Lewis LLOYD, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

8th March 1942 – 31st March 1943

Major General (Acting) James Gordon ELLIOTT, 1 Punjab R., *p.s.c.*

1st April 1943 – November 1944

Major General (Acting) Edward Temple Light GURDON, C.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*

8th November 1944 – October 1946

Major General (Acting) Donald Roland Edwin Rowan BATEMAN, D.S.O. *, O.B.E., *p.s.c.*

October 1946 – 15th August 1947

Major General (Temporary) Douglas Cyril HAWTHORN, C.B., D.S.O., 1 Punjab R., *p.s.c.*

Deputy Director of Military Training

1939 – 1940

Colonel G. A. PIM,

1930 – 1940

Colonel T. H. DARWELL,

18th September 1940 – February 1941

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting 15/07/40) Coles Alexander OSBORNE, *p.s.c.*

18th February 1941 – 30th September 1941

Brigadier (Acting) David Tennant COWAN, M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

15th December 1941 – 1st March 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) David Tennant COWAN, M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

5 February 1942 – 25 September 1942

Brigadier (Acting) Joseph Harold WILKINSON, I.A.C., *p.s.c.*

26 September 1942 – 18 October 1943

Brigadier (Acting) John Steventon BALLANTINE, I.A.C., *p.s.c.*

20th July 1943 – 1944

Colonel Charles Edwin Laurence HARRIS, *p.s.c.*

1943 – 1944

Brigadier John Robert BIRCHALL,

19 October 1943 - 1944

Brigadier (Acting) Hugh. Erskine WINTHROP, 11 Sikh R., *p.s.c.*

11th November 1944 – 1946

Brigadier (Temporary) Tom Hardy ANGUS, D.S.O., 11 Sikh R., *p.s.c.*

6th March 1945 – 1946

Brigadier (Temporary) Richard Arabin Armine WIMBERLEY, *p.s.c.*

7th June 1946 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Acting) H. P. CAVENDISH, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.E.

13th June 1945 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Acting) H. S. WOODS, O.B.E.

28th January 1946 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Temporary) David Alexander Laurence MacKENZIE, C.B.E., D.S.O.*, 12 F.F.R., *p.s.c.*

Inspectors of Infantry

28th March 1943 – 1944

Major General J. B. SCOTT, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Indian Army

20th June 1943 – 1944

Major General R. A. SAVORY, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c*

DIRECTORATE OF INFANTRY

Director of Infantry

By late 1944 – 1945

Major General R. A. SAVORY, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Indian Army, *p.s.c*

20th August 1945 – 18th June 1946

Major General (Acting) B. H. CHAPPEL, D.S.O., *p.s.c.*

19th June 1946 – 15th August 1947

Major General (Acting) Cuthbert Harold Boyd RODHAM, D.S.O.*, O.B.E., M.C., 18th R. Gar R.

Deputy Director of Infantry

23rd October 1943 – 1946

Brigadier (Acting) Norman George GANE, M.C., 6 Raj Rif, *p.s.c.*

19th June 1946 – 1946/7

Colonel (Temporary) A. BOYES-COOPER, O.B.E., *p.s.c.*

Inspector of Training Centres

1944 – 20th September 1944

Major General R. D. INSKIP, C.B., C.I.E., D.S.O., M.C.

INDIAN STATES FORCES MILITARY ADVISER-IN-CHIEF

Indian States Forces Military Adviser in Chief

16th April 1939 – 26th April 1942

Major General Frederick GWATKIN, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Indian Army

27th April 1942 – 11th March 1943

Lieutenant General (Local) Sir Frederick GWATKIN, Kt, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Indian Army

12th March 1943 – May 1946

Major General Charles Offley HARVEY, C.B., C.B.E., C.V.O. M.C.*, Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

May 1946 – 15th August 1947

Major General (Temporary) Francis Malcolm MOORE, Indian Army¹

Deputy Military Adviser in Chief

27th July 1942 – 1946/7

Brigadier H. D. H. Y. NEPEAN, D.S.O. I.R.R.O.

21st September 1944 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Local) R. D. INSKIP, C.B., C.I.E., D.S.O., M.C., I.R.R.O.,

¹ Awarded the C.I.E. on 13 June 1946.

DIRECTORATE OF COMBINED OPERATIONS

Director of Combined Operations

17th October 1943 – 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) A. SKEEN, R Berks R.

DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH

Director of Research

7th July 1943 – 1944

SOURCES: