

Meerut District  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Indian Infantry Division) <sup>(1)</sup>

H.Q. King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

4<sup>th</sup> Field Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

6<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

8<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

No. 31 Field Troop, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

No. 35 Field Troop, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

43<sup>rd</sup> Divisional H.Q. Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

Training Battalion, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

7<sup>th</sup> (Dehra Dun) Infantry Brigade <sup>(2)</sup>

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. 9<sup>th</sup> Gurkha Rifles

8<sup>th</sup> (Bareilly) Infantry Brigade <sup>(3)</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

10<sup>th</sup> Bn. 4<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Regiment (*Regimental Centre*)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. 18<sup>th</sup> Royal Garhwal Rifles – *Lansdowne*

10<sup>th</sup> Bn. 18<sup>th</sup> Royal Garhwal Rifles (*Regimental Centre*) – *Lansdowne*

11<sup>th</sup> Bn. 18<sup>th</sup> Royal Garhwal Rifles (*Indian Territorial Force*) – *Lansdowne*

NOTES

- 1.
2. This brigade was redesignated on 22 September 1939 to become the 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade. It was commanded by Brigadier S. A. H. Hungerford, M.C.
3. A peacetime brigade, which was under the command of Brigadier (Temporary) George Burton HENDERSON, C.I.E., Indian Army, *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*, who died in August 1940. The brigade had been a training and garrison formation, but it was mobilised in October 1940 and redesignated as the 22<sup>nd</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade. Command of the brigade was assumed by Brigadier A. W. E. Painter on the death of Brigadier Henderson.
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9<sup>th</sup> (Jhansi) Infantry Brigade (1)

15<sup>th</sup> Lancers

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) (2)

3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. 1<sup>st</sup> Punjab Regiment (2)

4<sup>th</sup> (Outrams) Bn. 6<sup>th</sup> Rajputana Rifles (2)

11<sup>th</sup> (Gurgaon) Bn. 14<sup>th</sup> Punjab Regiment (*Indian Territorial Force*)

3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. 15<sup>th</sup> Punjab Regiment (3)

25<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (4)

(H.Q., 12<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> & 58<sup>th</sup> Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

3<sup>rd</sup> (Meerut) Cavalry Brigade

18<sup>th</sup> King Edward VII's Own Cavalry

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

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regiment

10<sup>th</sup> Bn. 2<sup>nd</sup> Punjab Regiment (*Regimental Centre*)

11<sup>th</sup> Bn. 9<sup>th</sup> Jat Regiment (*Indian Territorial Force*)

11<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Indian Divisional Signals, Indian Signal Corps

NOTES:

1. In September 1939, this brigade was redesignated as the 5<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade. It came under command of the 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division and moved to Egypt with the Divisional Headquarters, arriving on 4 October 1939.
2. These three Regular Army battalions from the British and Indian Armies came under command of the 5<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade, and they travelled with the Brigade to the Middle East.
3. This Regular Indian Army battalion moved in September 1939 to Bareilly, and then in November it moved to Poona. In June 1940, it came under command of the 7<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade and travelled to the Middle East to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division. However, the battalion was detached at Aden, where it formed the garrison there until May 1942.

## Lucknow District <sup>(1)</sup>

### 6<sup>th</sup> (Lucknow) Infantry Brigade <sup>(2)</sup>

20<sup>th</sup> Lancers <sup>(3)</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers <sup>(4)</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte of Wales's) <sup>(5)</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. 2<sup>nd</sup> Punjab Regiment

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 8<sup>th</sup> Punjab Regiment

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. 10<sup>th</sup> Baluch Regiment

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 3<sup>rd</sup> Queen Alexandra's Own Gurkha Rifles

8<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

### Allahabad Brigade Area

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The South Staffordshire Regiment

10<sup>th</sup> Bn. 7<sup>th</sup> Rajput Regiment (*Regimental Centre*)

11<sup>th</sup> Bn. 7<sup>th</sup> Rajput Regiment (*Indian Territorial Force*)

3<sup>rd</sup> (Rattray's) Bn. 11<sup>th</sup> Sikh Regiment

### Delhi (Independent) Brigade Area

6<sup>th</sup> Duke of Connaught's Own Lancers (Watson's Horse)

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Royal Norfolk Regiment – *Delhi and Delhi Fort*

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Welch Regiment – *Agra*

11<sup>th</sup> Bn. 6<sup>th</sup> Rajputana Rifles (*Indian Territorial Force*) – *Agra*

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. 16<sup>th</sup> Punjab Regiment

10<sup>th</sup> Bn. 19<sup>th</sup> Hyderabad Regiment (*Regimental Centre*) – *Agra*

6<sup>th</sup> Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery

## NOTES:

1. This district was part of Eastern Command, but in October 1942, it transferred to the newly created Central Command. In June 1946, Central Command was disbanded so the District reverted to Eastern Command, being retitled as The United Provinces Area. In 1944, the District Commander was Major General A. V. Hammond, C.B., D.S.O..
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Deccan District  
(4<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division) <sup>(1)</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> (Napier's) Bn. 6<sup>th</sup> Rajputana Rifles

6<sup>th</sup> (Royal Scinde) Bn. 13<sup>th</sup> Frontier Force Rifles

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

10<sup>th</sup> (Jubbulpore) Infantry Brigade <sup>(2)</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 2<sup>nd</sup> Punjab Regiment

1<sup>st</sup> (Queen Victoria's Own Light Infantry) Bn. 7<sup>th</sup> Rajput Regiment

4<sup>th</sup> (Secunderabad) Cavalry Brigade

14<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> King's Hussars

7<sup>th</sup> Light Cavalry

Prince Albert Victor's Own Cavalry (11<sup>th</sup> Frontier Force)

3<sup>rd</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Brigade Signal Troop, Indian Signal Corps

NOTES:

1. This District also formed the headquarters for the 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Division, which was planned as the Indian Army's first formation for overseas deployment. The District was commanded by Major General L. M. HEATH, C.B., C.I.E., D.S.O., M.C. The District also formed the Headquarters of the 5<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division. On 11 April 1942, Southern Command was re-designated as Southern Army. The Deccan District became 106 Line of Communications Area in October 1942, with its Headquarters at Bolarum. In May 1944, it became the 172 (Secunderabad) Sub Area under command of 110 L o C Area based at Poona. Northern Command was reconstituted in November 1945, with 172 Sub Area becoming the Secunderabad Sub Area. A new Deccan Area was formed from the Headquarters of 165 Sub Area based at Deolali.
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Poona (Independent) Brigade Area (1)

The Royal Tank Regiment Depot

The Poona Horse (17<sup>th</sup> Queen Victoria's Own Cavalry) (2)

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's) (3)

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The North Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's) (4)

10<sup>th</sup> Bn. 5<sup>th</sup> Mahratta Light Infantry (*Regimental Centre*) (5) – Belgaum

11<sup>th</sup> Bn. 5<sup>th</sup> Mahratta Light Infantry (*Indian Territorial Force*) (6) – Belgaum

4<sup>th</sup> (Bhopal) Bn. 16<sup>th</sup> Punjab Regiment (7)

H.Q. Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners

Training Battalion, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners

17<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners

20<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners

21<sup>st</sup> Field Company, Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners

NOTES:

1. The Poona Brigade was designated as an Independent Brigade under command of the Southern Command. In June 1940, it formed the 7<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade, which departed to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division in the Middle East. In 1942, the Brigade was re-designated as 166<sup>th</sup> Sub Area, under command of the 107 Lines of Communication Area based in Bombay. In May 1944, it was re-designated as the 110 Lines of Communication Area with three Sub Areas under command.
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5. The Regimental Centre for the 5<sup>th</sup> Mahratta Light Infantry was located at Belgaum
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7. This Regular Indian Army battalion, it came under command of the 7<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Brigade on 21 September 1940. The Brigade left Bombay on 24 September 1940 bound for Egypt.

## Bombay District

The Governor General's Bodyguard, Bombay

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The South Lancashire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Volunteers)  
– *Bombay and Deolali*

11<sup>th</sup> Bn. 4<sup>th</sup> Bombay Grenadiers (Indian Territorial Force) – *Ajmer*

3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. 5<sup>th</sup> Mahratta Light Infantry – *Bombay and Deolali*

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

1<sup>st</sup> (Russell's) Bn. 19<sup>th</sup> Hyderabad Regiment – *Ahemdabad*

### Mhow Brigade Area

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Lincolnshire Regiment – *Nisarabad*

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Suffolk Regiment – *Mhow*

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own) – *Nisarabad*

10<sup>th</sup> Bn. 6<sup>th</sup> Rajputana Rifles (*Regimental Centre*) – *Nisarabad*

6<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

28<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

## Madras District

### Bangalore

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's)

11<sup>th</sup> Bn. 3<sup>rd</sup> Madras Regiment (*Indian Territorial Force*)

'A' Indian Field Regiment, Indian Artillery

(H.Q., 1<sup>st</sup> (Madras) & 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Batteries, Indian Artillery)

### H.Q. Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners

Training Battalion Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners

No.32 Field Troop Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners

11<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners

12<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners

14<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners

16<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners

44<sup>th</sup> Divisional H.Q. Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners

### Madras

The Governor General's Bodyguard, Madras

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. 13<sup>th</sup> Frontier Force Rifles

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers – *Wellington*

### Cannanore

12<sup>th</sup> (Malabar) Bn. 3<sup>rd</sup> Madras Regiment (*Indian Territorial Force*)

13<sup>th</sup> (Malabar) Bn. 3<sup>rd</sup> Madras Regiment (*Indian Territorial Force*)

5<sup>th</sup> Bn. 7<sup>th</sup> Rajput Regiment

### Mercara, Coorg

14<sup>th</sup> (Coorg) Bn. 3<sup>rd</sup> Madras Regiment (*Indian Territorial Force*)