

34th Indian Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 34th Indian Division

98th Indian Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 98th Indian Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

8th Bn. 12th Frontier Force Regiment

9th Bn. 13th Frontier Force Rifles

8th Bn. 14th Punjab Regiment

98th Indian Brigade Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

98th Indian Brigade Workshop Section, Indian Army Ordnance Corps

73rd Field Post Office, Indian General Service Corps

99th Indian Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 99th Indian Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

9th Bn. 8th Punjab Regiment

6th Bn. 15th Punjab Regiment

6th Bn. 16th Punjab Regiment

99th Indian Brigade Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

99th Indian Brigade Workshop Section, Indian Army Ordnance Corps

74th Field Post Office, Indian General Service Corps

100th Indian Infantry Brigade ⁽⁴⁾

Headquarters, 100th Indian Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

9th Bn. 12th Frontier Force Regiment

14th Bn. 13th Frontier Force Rifles

9th Bn. 14th Punjab Regiment

100th Indian Brigade Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

100th Indian Brigade Workshop Section, Indian Army Ordnance Corps

76th Field Post Office, Indian General Service Corps

Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 34th Indian Divisional Royal Artillery

51st Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

(H.Q., 19th, 20th & 28th/76th Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

3rd Indian Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery

(H.Q., 203rd & 290th Anti-Tank Batteries and 165th & 524th Light Anti-Aircraft Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Headquarters, 34th Indian Divisional Sappers and Miners

67th Field Company, King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners

309th Field Park Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners

20th Indian Divisional Signals, Indian Signal Corps

Headquarters, 34th Indian Divisional Royal Indian Army Service Corps

34th Indian Divisional Headquarters Transport Section, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

40th Indian General Purpose Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

63rd Indian General Purpose Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

126th Indian General Purpose Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

46th Animal Transport (Mule) Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 34th Indian Divisional Indian Army Medical Corps

62nd Indian Field Ambulance, Indian Army Medical Corps

24th Indian Field Hygiene Section, Indian Army Medical Corps

13th Indian Mobile Veterinary Section, Indian Army Veterinary Corps

Headquarters, 34th Indian Divisional Indian Army Ordnance Corps

34th Indian Divisional Workshops Company, Indian Army Ordnance Corps

55th Indian Mobile Workshops Company, Indian Army Ordnance Corps

97th Indian Mobile Workshops Company, Indian Army Ordnance Corps

20th Indian Divisional Recovery Company, Indian Army Ordnance Corps

Indian Field Post Office 'EXPO Kandy', Indian General Service Corps

34th Indian Divisional Provost Unit, Corps of Military Police (India)

34th Indian Divisional Field Security Section, Intelligence Corps (India)

NOTES:

1. The 34th Indian Infantry Division was raised at Jhansi in October 1941, under the command of Major General Roland Debenham INSKIP, C.B., C.I.E., D.S.O., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.* It was initially intended that the formation would be deployed to the Middle East, as Japan had not yet entered the Second World War. Ceylon came under India Command with effect from 22 November 1941, and then Japan entered the war by invading Malaya, the U.S. administered Philippines, and the Netherland East Indies on 7 December 1941. The British control of Ceylon was essential to their control of the Indian Ocean, so the 34th Indian Division was transferred to the island in January 1942. It was based in and around the Royal Navy base at Trincomalee on the east coast of Ceylon, where any invasion was likely to take place. The division disbanded in June 1943, with several elements transferring to the 20th Indian Infantry Division when it left for deployment in North-East India and Burma.
2. This Brigade was formed at Jhansi in April 1941, as one of the constituent brigades of the 34th Indian Division. Brigadier W. J. CROCKER commanded the Brigade from its raising until December 1943. Brigadier C. I. JERRARD, C.B.E., was promoted from command of the 8th Bn. 13th Frontier Force Rifles in December 1943 to succeed him. The Brigade formally came under command of the division in October 1941, and it, and in September 1941, it was based in Delhi. The Brigade was not sent to Ceylon, but instead, in March 1942 it was sent to Ranipet, about eighty miles west of Madras, where it came under command of the 19th Indian Infantry Division. It served with this formation throughout the Burma campaign of 1944 – 1945.
3. This Brigade was also formed in April 1941, and following its initial training, it came under command of this division in October 1941. It went to Ceylon with the division in January 1942, under the command of Brigadier C. W. PALIN, M.C.. On 23 May 1942, he was replaced by Brigadier A. J. H. ROSS, M.C., who remained in command until 4 August 1944. When the division was disbanded, this Brigade became an independent brigade, and it stayed on the island of Ceylon until August 1944. It then transferred to India where it joined the 17th Indian Division in October, and it played a major role in the battle for Meiktila in late February 1945.
4. Also formed in April 1941, this Brigade also joined the 34th Indian Division in October 1941. It went to Ceylon in January 1942 with the division, under the command of Brigadier F. M. MOORE, C.S.I., C.I.E.. In August 1942, he was replaced by Brigadier W. A. L. JAMES, D.S.O. When the division was disbanded in June 1943, this Brigade came under command of the 20th Indian Division, which was also then based on the island of Ceylon, and it returned to India with that division. It later fought at the Shenam Pass and Imphal with the 20th Indian Division, and also went to Saigon with the formation in October 1945.

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