

12th Indian Infantry Brigade (1)

Headquarters, 12th Indian Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's)

5th Bn. 2nd Punjab Regiment

4th Bn. 19th Hyderabad Regiment

122nd (West Riding) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (2)

(H.Q., 278th, & 280th Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

15th Field Company, Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners

NOTES:

1. The 12th Indian Infantry Brigade was detached from 4th Indian Infantry Division in India arriving in Singapore in circa September 1939. It became the reserve brigade for Malaya Command, being stationed in Singapore. Brigadier (Temporary) Archibald Charles Melvill PARIS, M.C., *p.s.c.*, an officer in British Army formerly of the Oxfordshire and Buckingham Light Infantry, commanded the brigade from 27 October 1939. When the Japanese attacked Malaya in December 1941, the brigade was moved forward onto the Malayan mainland. On 23 December 1941, Brigadier PARIS was promoted to command of the 11th Indian Division, with Lieutenant Colonel Ian MacAlister STEWART, O.B.E., M.C. (13th Laird of Achnacore, Argyllshire), the commanding officer of the 2nd Bn. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, assuming command of the brigade with promotion to the rank of Acting Brigadier. The formation suffered badly in the campaign, and the survivors were captured with the fall of Singapore on 15 February 1942.
2. This regiment was a second line T.A. regiment, based in Halifax and Otley, which was formed in May 1939. It arrived in Malaya from the United Kingdom on 12 March 1941 and was allocated to Malaya Command. It was not titled until February 1942.

44th Indian Infantry Brigade (1)

Headquarters, 44th Indian Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

6th Bn. 1st Punjab Regiment

7th Bn. 8th Punjab Regiment

6th Bn. 14th Punjab Regiment

45th Indian Infantry Brigade (1)

Headquarters, 45th Indian Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

7th Bn. 6th Rajputana Rifles

4th Bn. 9th Jat Regiment

5th Bn. 18th Royal Garhwal Rifles

NOTES:

- Both brigades were part of the 17th Indian Division, formed in India in March 1941. The brigades were formed between March and June 1941 with newly raised war service battalions. The division was dispatched to Burma in January 1942, but both above brigades were diverted to Singapore. They arrived in January 1942, and, were deployed in Singapore and southern Malaya. The two brigades fared badly in the battle for Johore, with the 45th Indian Brigade destroyed as an effective formation. The remnants of that formation and the 44th Indian Brigade surrendered on 15 February 1942.

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