

11th (East Africa) Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 11th (East Africa) Infantry Division & Signal Section

21st (East Africa) Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 21st (E. A.) Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

2nd (Nyasaland) Bn. The King's African Rifles

4th (Uganda) Bn. The King's African Rifles

1st Bn. The Northern Rhodesia Regiment

25th (East Africa) Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 25th (E. A.) Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

11th (Kenya) Bn. The King's African Rifles

26th (Tanganyika Territory) Bn. The King's African Rifles

34th (Uganda) Bn. The King's African Rifles

26th (East Africa) Infantry Brigade ⁽⁴⁾

Headquarters, 26th (E. A.) Infantry Brigade, Signal Section & Light Aid Detachment

22nd (Nyasaland) Bn. The King's African Rifles

36th (Tanganyika Territory) Bn. The King's African Rifles ⁽⁵⁾

44th (Uganda) Bn. The King's African Rifles

Divisional Troops

5th (Kenya) Bn. The King's African Rifles ⁽⁶⁾

13th (Nyasaland) Bn. The King's African Rifles ⁽⁷⁾

11th (East Africa) Division Independent Company ⁽⁸⁾

Headquarters, 11th (East Africa) Infantry Divisional East Africa Artillery ⁽⁹⁾

301st (East Africa) Field Regiment, East Africa Artillery ⁽¹⁰⁾

302nd (East Africa) Field Regiment, East Africa Artillery

(H.Q., 55th (East Africa), 59th (East Africa) & 60th (East Africa) Field Batteries, East Africa Artillery)

303rd (East Africa) Field Regiment, East Africa Artillery ⁽¹¹⁾

(H.Q., 53rd (East Africa), 54th (East Africa) & 58th (East Africa) Field Batteries, East Africa Artillery)

304th (East Africa) Light Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment, East Africa Artillery (12)
(H.Q. 203rd (East Africa) & 204th (East Africa) Light Anti-Aircraft Batteries, and 101st (East Africa) & 102nd (East Africa) Anti-Tank Batteries, East Africa Artillery)

Headquarters, 11th (East Africa) Divisional East African Engineers
54th (East Africa) Field Company, East African Engineers
58th (East Africa) Field Company, East African Engineers
64th (East Africa) Field Company, East African Engineers
62nd (East Africa) Field Park Company, East African Engineers
93rd (East Africa) Bridging Platoon, East African Engineers (13)

11th (East Africa) Divisional Signals, East African Corps of Signals

Headquarters, 11th (East Africa) Divisional E. A. Army Service Corps
1st Infantry Brigade Company, East African Army Service Corps
2nd Infantry Brigade Company, East African Army Service Corps
3rd Infantry Brigade Company, East African Army Service Corps
11th (East Africa) Divisional Troops Company, East African Army Service Corps

Headquarters, 11th (East Africa) Divisional East African Army Medical Corps
2nd (Zanzibar) Field Ambulance, East African Army Medical Corps
6th (Uganda) Field Ambulance, East African Army Medical Corps
10th Field Ambulance, East African Army Medical Corps
71st Field Hygiene Section, East African Army Medical Corps
60th Field Dressing Station, East African Army Medical Corps
61st Field Dressing Station, East African Army Medical Corps
10th (Belgian Congo) Casualty Clearing Station (14)

Headquarters, 11th (East Africa) Divisional East African Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
1st Infantry Brigade Workshop, East African Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
2nd Infantry Brigade Workshop, East African Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
3rd Infantry Brigade Workshop, East African Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
11th (East Africa) Divisional Troops Workshop, E. A. E. M. E.

11th (East Africa) Divisional Postal Unit

11th (East Africa) Divisional Provost Unit

5th Field Security Section

11th (East Africa) Division Salvage Unit

NOTES:

1. The division was formed in East Africa on 16 February 1943. Major General (Temporary) Charles Christopher FOWKES, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.* assumed command of the division on 20 April 1943, having previously commanded the 12th (African) Infantry Division in East Africa. He was to remain in command of this division throughout the campaign in Ceylon and Burma. It was not until May 1943 that the divisional headquarters assumed control of all its units, except for the 21st (East Africa) Infantry Brigade Group that was already based in Ceylon. The rest of the division arrived in Ceylon in June 1943. It came under Ceylon Army Command on 28 June 1943. On 31 May 1944, it came under command of Headquarters, South East Asia Command, and left Ceylon bound for Burma. The divisional headquarters opened in Burma on 8 June 1944, under command of 14th Army. It was deployed in Burma and came under the command of XXXIII Corps at Imphal on 23 July 1944. It advanced down the Kabaw valley during the offensive of 1944, to reach the Irrawaddy River and secured crossings on the opposite bank. The division was withdrawn from the front line in December 1944, transferring from XXXIII Corps to 14th Army control on 21 December 1944. It remained in Burma under command of Headquarters, Lines of Communication, Allied Land Forces South-East Asia from 25 January 1945 until 9 April 1945 on its return to India. Major General (Acting) Eric Carden Robert MANSERGH, O.B.E., M.C., y, R.A., assumed command of the division on 5 January 1945, Brigadier J. F. McNAB (see below) having officiated as the G.O.C. between 30 December 1944 and 5 January 1945. Major General MANSERGH transferred to command of the 5th Indian Infantry Division on 21 February 1945.
2. This Brigade had been formed with effect from 3 September 1939 in East Africa. It saw action in the East Africa Campaign, capturing Italian East Africa in 1941 and 1942. The Brigade was stationed in East Africa between 1 January 1942 and 9 March 1942, after which it sailed for Ceylon. It arrived on the island on 22 March 1942, under the command of Brigadier (Acting) Alan MacDougall RITCHIE, D.S.O., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The Brigade came under the command of the 34th Indian Infantry Division on its arrival on Ceylon. Brigadier RITCHIE left the Brigade on 16 June 1943, and he was not officially replaced until the appointment of Brigadier (Temporary) William Alfred DIMOLINE, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., on 10 August 1943. His wife became ill in Nairobi, and so he relinquished command of the Brigade on 30 October 1943. Lieutenant Colonel H. P. L. GLASS and Lieutenant Colonel P. E. D. WATSON officiated in his absence. On 8 January 1944, Brigadier (Temporary) John Francis MacNAB assumed command of the Brigade, and he remained in command throughout the campaign in Burma. He was awarded the D.S.O. for his leadership of the Brigade in Burma.
3. This Brigade was formed in East Africa on 11 October 1940. It served with the 1st (South African) Division in the East African Campaign. It came under the command of this Division on 17 May 1943, under Brigadier (Acting) James Brindley BETTINGTON, D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c. He was replaced by Brigadier (Temporary) Nigel Campbell HENDRIKS who transferred from the command of the 22nd (East Africa) Infantry Brigade with effect from 13 May 1944. Shortly afterwards, the Brigade left Ceylon for India and Burma. On 7 December 1944, Brigadier (Acting) Gerald Hilary CREE, C.B.E., D.S.O., was promoted from being the commanding officer of the 2nd Bn. The West Yorkshire Regiment, to command the Brigade.

4. This Brigade was formed in East Africa on 4 January 1941. It came under command of the Division on 17 May 1943. In this period, Brigadier (Temporary) Robert Charles Beckett ANDERSON, D.S.O., M.C.*, was the command officer of the Brigade. He was replaced on 13 May 1944 by Brigadier (Temporary) Vivian Kendall Hood CHANNER. In turn, he left the Brigade on 4 November 1943, with Brigadier (Acting) Arthur Patrick WALSH, 5th M.L.I., assuming command on 18 November 1944. He remained in command until 9 April 1945.

5. The battalion left the brigade on 11 November 1944 after sustaining heavy casualties, becoming the divisional headquarters defence battalion. It was replaced by:
13th (Nyasaland) Bn. The King's African Rifles

6. The unit was the divisional reconnaissance battalion, joining on 25 August 1944.

7. The unit was the divisional headquarters defence battalion. It left the division moving to 26th Brigade on 8 November 1944. It was replaced by:
36th (Tanganyika Territory) Bn. The King's African Rifles
which transferred from 26th Brigade (see 2 above).

8. This unit was a machine gun company, which joined the division on 2 January 1945.

9. Brigadier (Acting) John Victor Dykes RADFORD, M.C., was the Commander Royal Artillery of the Division throughout its time in Ceylon, India, and Burma.

10. The third field regiment in the division was the 301st Field Regiment, comprising the Independent East Africa Field Battery, 57th (East Africa) and 62nd (East Africa) Field Batteries. However, the ship on which most of the regiment was on board en-route to Ceylon (the HMT Khedive Ismail) was sunk by a Japanese submarine on 12 February 1944. The regiment lost most of its personnel and was not reformed, the survivors being absorbed into other regiments. The 301st Field Regiment was replaced in the division's order of battle by the:
306th Field Regiment, East Africa Artillery
(H.Q., 63rd (East Africa), 64th (East Africa) & 65th (East Africa) Field Batteries, E.A.A.)
The 306th Field Regiment joined the division on 7 October 1944.

11. The regiment was redesignated between 1 January 1945 and 18 July 1945 as:
303rd (East Africa) Light Regiment, East Africa Artillery
It exchanged its 25-pounder guns for 3.7" howitzers, but converted back to a field regiment in July 1945. It amalgamated with the 302nd Field Regiment post August 1945.

12. This was a combined light anti-aircraft and anti-tank regiment until 25 August 1944. It then reorganised as an anti-tank regiment, losing the two light anti-aircraft batteries, and gaining the 103rd (East Africa) Anti-Tank Battery. It was redesignated as the:
304th (East Africa) Anti-Tank Regiment, East Africa Artillery

13. The bridging platoon joined the division on 8 October 1944.

14. A medical unit from the Belgian Congo was attached to this division while it saw active service in Burma. It had served previously with British forces in Madagascar, having been formed in 1943. The unit had twenty white, and three-hundred and fifty black personnel, and a small detachment of the Force Publique for defence duties.

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10th (Belgian Congo) Casualty Clearing Station

NOTES:

1. The division arrived in India on 7 April 1945, and came under command of G.H.Q. India. It was located first at Dimapur, but then moved to Chas. By May 1945, the division had moved to Ranchi. It began serious training in anticipation of being deployed in southern Burma to cross the Rivers Salween and Sittang, but the surrender of Japan on 15 August 1945 led to those plans being shelved. Repatriation to East Africa commenced in mid-1945, based on seniority. The 28th (East Africa) Brigade was disbanded first, on 1 June 1945, with some of the units being redistributed to the 11th Division. With the end of hostilities, the division began to run down. There was some frustration with the delays, but all East African troops had left Burma by May 1946, and the division was disbanded.
2. This battalion left the brigade and the division on 9 April 1945. It is believed the battalion was disbanded. It was replaced by the:
13th (Nyasaland) Bn. The King's African Rifles
This battalion transferred in from 26th Brigade.
3. The battalion left this brigade on 2 April 1945 to transfer to 25th Brigade. It was not replaced until 21 May 1945, when the following battalion joined the brigade:
46th (Tanganyika Territory) Bn. The King's African Rifles
This battalion transferred in from 28th Brigade.
4. This unit was the divisional reconnaissance battalion.
5. This unit was the divisional headquarter defence battalion.
6. This company was the division's machine gun company. On 26 June 1945, the following battalion joined the division, initially in addition to the machine gun company, but as from 8 July 1945 replacing it:
31st (Nyasaland) Bn. The King's African Rifles
7. This field regiment was converted into a light regiment on 1 January 1945, reverting to a field regiment on 18 July 1945.

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