

**British XV Corps
Burma Theater
January-July 1944**

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant General A.F.P.Christison

Corps Troops:

Armored Group: Colonel S.H.Perse

25th Dragoons
401st Field Squadron, I.E. (1 troop)
3/4th Bombay Grenadiers (motorized) (1 co)
Det. 254th Bridging Troop, I.E.
81st (West African) Reconnaissance Regiment
3rd Gwalior Lancers, ISF (less one horsed wing)

Artillery: Brigadier L. Harris

6th Medium Regiment, RA
8th (Belfast) Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, RA
3th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, RA
5th Maharatta Anti-Tank Regiment

Engineers: Brigadier L.I.Jacques

73rd Field Company, IE
483rd Field Company, IE
Malerkotla Field Company, IE
408th Field Park Company, IE
853rd Bridging Company, IE
11th Bridging Section, IE
23rd Battalion, IE
24th Battalion, IE

Signals:

XV Corps Signals

Infantry:

12th Frontier Force Regiment Machinegun Battalion
79th Indian Infantry Company

Commandos: Brigadier W.I.Nonweiler, RM

3rd Special Service Brigade
5 Commando
44 Royal Marine Commando

5th Indian Infantry Division: Major General H.R.Briggs¹

Artillery: Brigadier E.C.R.Mansergh

4th Field Regiment, RA
28th Jungle Field Regiment, RA
56th Light Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment, RA
24th Indian Mountain Regiment

Engineers:

2nd Field Company, IE
20th Field Company, IE
74th Field Company, IE
44th Field Park Company, IE
1st Bridging Section, IE

Signals:

¹ Major General G.C.Evans after 7/1/44. Division reassigned to IV Corps on 19 March.

5th Indian Divisional Signals
Divisional HQ Infantry Battalion:
3/2nd Punjab Regiment
9th Indian Infantry Brigade Brigadier G.C.Evans²
2nd West Yorkshire Regiment
3/9th Jat Regiment
3/14th Punjab Regiment
123rd Infantry Brigade: Brigadier T.J.Winterton³
2nd Suffolk Regiment
2/1st Punjab Regiment
3/14th Dogra Regiment
161st Indian Infantry Brigade: Brigadier D.F.W.Warren⁴
4th Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment
1/1st Punjab Regiment
4/7th Rajput Regiment
Medical:
10th Indian Field Ambulance
45th Indian Field Ambulance
75th Indian Field Ambulance

7th Indian Infantry Division: Major General F.W.Messervy⁵

Divisional Reconnaissance:
Horsed Wing of 3rd Gwalior Lancers, ISF
Artillery: Brigadier A.F.Hely
136th Field Regiment, RA
139th Jungle Field Regiment, RA
24th Light Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment, RA
25th Indian Mountain Regiment
Engineers:
62nd Field Company, I.E.
77th Field Company, I.E.
421st Field Company, I.E.
303rd Field Park Company, I.E.
17th Bridging Section, IE
Signals:
7th Indian Divisional Signals
Divisional HQ Infantry Battalion:
1/11th Sikh Regiment⁶
33rd Indian Infantry Brigade: Brigadier F.J.Loftus-Tottenham
1st Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surry)
4/15th Punjab Regiment
4/1st Gurkha Rifles

² Brigadier J.A.Salomons from 2/25/44.

³ Brigadier G.C.Evans from 2/25/44, Brigadier E.J.Denholm-Young from 7/1/44.

⁴ Assigned to XXXIII Corps.

⁵ Assigned to XXXIII Corps on 15 May.

⁶ Replaced by 7/2nd Punjab Regiment.

89th Indian Infantry Brigade: Brigadier W.A.Crowther⁷
2nd Kings Own Scottish Borderers
7/2nd Punjab Regiment (later 1/11th Sikh Regiment)
4/8th Gurkha Rifles

114th Indian Infantry Brigade: Brigadier J.R.Roberts⁸
1st Somerset Light Infantry
4/14th Punjab Regiment
4/5th Royal Gurkha Rifles

Medical:

44th Indian Field Ambulance
54th Indian Field Ambulance
66th Indian Field Ambulance

25th Indian Infantry Division: Major General H.L.Davies⁹

Artillery: Brigadier R.O'Carroll-Scott
8th Field Regiment, RA
27th Jungle Field Regiment, RA
5th Indian Field Regiment, RA
7th Indian Light Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment

Engineers:

63rd Field Company, I.E.
93rd Field Company, I.E.
425th Field Company, I.E.
16th Bridging Section, I.E.

Signals:

25th Indian Divisional Signals

Divisional HQ Infantry Battalion:

8/19th Hyderabad Regiment

51st Indian Infantry Brigade: Brigadier T.H.Angus

8th York and Lancaster Regiment
17/5th Mahratta Light Infantry
16/10th Baluch Regiment

53rd Indian Infantry Brigade: Brigadier G.A.P.Coldstream

9th York and Lancaster Regiment
2/2nd Punjab Regiment
4/18th Royal Garhwal Rifles

74th Indian Infantry Brigade: Brigadier J.E.Hirst

6th Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry
14/10th Baluch Regiment
3/2nd Gurkha Rifles

Medical:

55th Indian Field Ambulance
58th Indian Field Ambulance
61st Indian Field Ambulance

26th Indian Infantry Division: Major General C.E.N.Lomax¹⁰

⁷ To XXXIII Corps between 5 and 9 April.

⁸ Brigadier H.W.Dinwiddie from 6/23/44.

⁹ Relieved the 5th Indian Infantry Division in March 1944.

¹⁰ 26th Indian Infantry Division was originally designated as the 14th Army Reserve. It

Artillery: Brigadier C.J.G.Dalton
160th Jungle Field Regiment, RA
30th Indian Mountain Regiment
7th Indian Field Regiment
1st Indian Light Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment

Engineers:
28th Field Company, RE
72nd Field Company, RE
98th Field Company, RE
7th Bridging Section, RE

Signals:
26th Indian Divisional Signals

Divisional HQ Infantry Battalion:

5/9th Jat Regiment

4th Indian Infantry Brigade: Brigadier A.W.Lowther

1st Wiltshire Regiment
2/13th Frontier Force Rifles
2/7th Rajput Regiment

36th Indian Infantry Brigade: Brigadier L.G.Thomas

8/13th Frontier Force Rifles
5/16th Punjab Regiment
1/8th Gurkha Rifles

71st Indian Infantry Brigade: Brigadier G.G.C.Bull¹¹

1st Lincolnshire Regiment
5/1st Punjab Regiment
1/18th Royal Garhwal Rifles

Medical

1st Indian Field Ambulance
46th Indian Field Ambulance
48th Indian Field Ambulance

36th Indian Infantry Division:Major General F.W.Festing

Armor:

"C" Squadron, 149th Regiment, RAC

Artillery: Brigadier C.E.Barrington

130th Assault Field Regiment, RA
178th Assault Field Regiment, RA
122nd Light Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment

Engineers:

324th Field Park Company, I.E.
12th Bridging Section, I.E.
15th Battalion, I.E. (2 cos)
99th Field Company, I.E. (1 section)

Signals:

36th Indian Divisional Signals

Divisional HQ Infantry:

2nd Manchester Machinegun Battalion (1 co)

Medical:

22nd Casualty Clearing Station

relieved the 7th Indian Infantry Division in March 1944.

¹¹ Brigadier R.C.Cotterell-Hill from 1/28/44.

29th Infantry Brigade Group: Brigadier H.C.Stockwell
236th Field Company, RE
29th Infantry Brigade signals
1st Royal Scots Fusiliers
2nd Royal Welch Fusiliers
2nd East Lancashire Regiment
2nd South Lancashire Regiment
154th Field Ambulance

72nd Indian Infantry Brigade Group: Brigadier A.R.Aslett
30th Field Company, IE
72nd Indian Infantry Brigade Signals
6th South Wales Borderers
10th Gloucestershire Regiment
9th Royal Sussex Regiment
69th Indian Field Ambulance

81st West African Division: Major General C.G.Woolner

Artillery:

1st (West African) Light Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment
3rd Independent (West African) Light Battery
4th Independent (West African) Light Battery
6th Independent (West African) Light Battery

Engineers:

5th (West African) Field Company
6th (West African) Field Company
8th (West African) Field Park Company

Signals:

81st (West African) Divisional Signals

5th West African Infantry Brigade: Brigadier N.H.Collins

5th Gold Coast Regiment
7th Gold Coast Regiment
8th Gold Coast Regiment

6th West African Infantry Brigade: Brigadier J.W.A.Hayes¹²

4th Nigerian Regiment
1st Gambia Regiment
1st Sierra Leone Regiment

Divisional Reconnaissance:

11th (East African) Divisional Scout Battalion

Auxiliary Porter Groups:

1st (West African) Auxiliary Group
3rd (West African) Auxiliary Group
4th (West African) Auxiliary Group

Medical:

5th (West African) Field Ambulance
6th (West African) Field Ambulance

404th Line of Communication Area: Brigadier T.R>Henry

Artillery:

13th Anti-Aircraft Brigade, RA

¹² Brigadier R.N.Cartwright from 3/26/44.

Infantry:

1st Bihar Regiment
7/16th Punjab Regiment¹³
2nd Baroda Regiment, ISF
1st Tripura Rifles, ISF

Kirby, Stanley, Woodburn, The War Against Japan, London, Her Majesty's Stationary Office, 1961.

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¹³ Attached to 81st (West African) Division from December 1943 to June 1944.