Allied Land Forces, SEAC September 1944 - May 1945

HQ SEAC (Kandy)

Supreme Allied Commander: Admiral Lord Loius Mountbatten

Deputy: (a) Lt Gen J.W.Stilwell, US Army

(b) Lt Gen R.A.Wheeler, US Army

(from November 1944)

Chief of Staff: (a) Lt Gen Sir Henry Pownall

(b) Lt Gen F.A.M.Browning

(from Dec 1944)

Principal Administrative

Officer: Lt Gen R.A.Wheeler, US Army

C-in-C Eastern Fleet: Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser

(to Nov 1944)

Flag Officer Force 'W' Rear Admiral H.C.S.Martin

11th Army Group (ALFSEA from Nov 1944)

C-in-C: (a) General Sir George Gifford

(b) Lt Gen Sir Oliver Leese

Air Command, South East Asia

Allied Air C-in-C: (a) Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Peirse

(b) Air Chief Marshal Sir Guy Garrod

(Nov 1944-Feb 1945)

(c) Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park

Commander, Eastern

Air Command: Maj Gen G.E.Stratemeyer, USAAF

HQ 14th Army

Commander: Lt General Sir William Slim

Deputy Adjutant

& Quartermaster General: Maj Gen A.H.J.Snelling

Army Troops

Armour:

8th KGV's Own Light Cavalry

11th Cavalry (PAVO) (Armoured Cars)

6th AFV Maint Troop

2nd Indian Tank Delivery Sqn

Artillery - detached to Corps as needed:

18th (Self-Propelled) Field Regiment, RA

134th Medium Regiment, RA

52nd Heavy AA Regiment

69th Light AA Regiment, RA

2nd Indian Field Regiment

2nd Indian Light AA Regiment

5th Mahratta Anti-Tank Regiment

656th Air OP Squadron, RAF

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Engineers:
      4 Artisan Companies
      2 Bridging Companies, IE
      3 Bridging Platoons, IE
      3 Engineer Battalions, IE
      4 Field Companies, IE
      HQ Forward Airfield Engineers, IE
      1 Airfield Engineer Battalion, IE
      2 Field Companies, IE
      1 Mechanical Equipment Platoon, IE
      3 Works Sects, IE
      1 Quarrying Company, IE
Infantry:
      1/3rd Madras Regiment
      1st Assam Rifles
      4th Assam Rifles
      Chin Hills Battalion
      25th Gurkha Rifles
     Western Chin Levies
      Lushai Scouts
RASC/RIASC:
      590th Company, RASC (Tank Transporter):
      Elephant Company, RIASC
      387th Divisional Troops Company, RASC (DUKWs)
      127th GPT Company, RIASC
      Four Animal Transport Companies RIASC
      5th Indian Field Ambulance
Divisions of 14th Army
[Note: these could be, and were, shifted from 4th Corps to 33rd Corps as the battle
situation demanded]
2nd Division
      Divisional Recce Regiment:
            2nd Recce Regiment, RAC
     Artillery:
            10th Field Regiment, RA
            16th Field Regiment, RA
            99th Field Regiment, RA
            100th Anti-Tank Regiment (Gordon Highlanders)
      Engineers:
            5th Field Company, RE
            208th Field Company, RE
            506th Field Company, RE
            21st Field Park Company, RE
      Signals:
            2nd Divisional Signals
      Divisional Machine Gun Battalion:
            2nd Manchester Infantry
      4th Infantry Brigade:
            1st Royal Scots
            2nd Royal Norfolk,
            1/8th Lancanshire Fusiliers
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5th Infantry Brigade:
            7th Worcestershire
            2nd Dorsetshire
            1st QO Cameron Highlanders
      6th Infantry Brigade:
            1st Royal Welch Fusiliers
            1st Royal Berkshire
            2nd Durham Light Infantry
5th Indian Division
      Artillery:
            4th Field Regiment, RA
            28th Field Regiment, RA
            56th Anti-Tank Regiment, RA
            24th Indian Mountain Regiment
      Engineers:
            2nd Field Company, IE
            20th Field Company, IE
            74th Field Company, IE
      Signals:
            5th Indian Divisional Signals
      Divisional HQ Infantry:
            3/9th Jat Regiment (recce battalion)
            7/14th Punjab (HQ battalion)<sup>1</sup>
            17th Dogras (Machine Gun battalion)
      9th Indian Infantry Brigade:
            2nd West Yorks
            3/2nd Punjab
            4th Jamnu & Kashmir (replaced Mar 1945 by 1st Burma)
      123rd Indian Infantry Brigade:
            2nd Suffolk (replaced in Mar 1945 by 7th York & Lancaster)
            2/1st Punjab
            1/17th Dogras
      161st Indian Infantry Brigade:
            4th Queen's Own Royal West Kent
            1/1st Punjab
            4/7th Rajput
7th <u>Indian</u> <u>Divisi</u>on
     Artillery:
            136th Field Regiment, RA
            139th Field Regiment, RA
            24th Anti-Tank Regiment, RA
            25th Indian Mountain Regiment
      Engineers:
            62nd Field Company, IE
            77th Field Company, IE
            421st Field Company, IE
            331st Field Park Company, IE
      Signals:
            7th Indian Division Signals
      Divisional HQ Infantry:
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¹ 7/14th Punjab was replaced in March 1945 by an Indian States unit, the 4th Jamnu & Kashmir.

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13th Frontier Force Rifles (machine guns)
            2nd Baroda Infantry (ISF) (HQ Battalion)
      33rd Indian Infantry Brigade:
            4/15th Punjab
            4/1st Gurkha Rifles
            1st Burma (until April 1945)
      89th Indian Infantry Brigade:
            2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers
            1/11th Sikhs
            4/6th Gurkha Rifles
      114th Indian Infantry Brigade:
            2nd South Lancanshires
            4/14th Punjab
            4/5th Royal Gurkha Rifles
11th East African Division
     Artillery:
            302nd (East African) Field Regiment
            303rd (East African) Field Regiment
            304th (EA) AA/Anti-Tank Regiment
      Engineers:
            45th (East African) Field Company
            58th (East African) Field Company
            64th (East African) Field Company
            62nd (East African) Field Park Company
      Signals:
            11th (East African) Divisional Signals
      Divisional HQ Infantry:
            5th King's Own African Rifles (Recce Battalion)
            13th King's African Rifles (HQ Battalion)
      21st (East African) Infantry Brigade:
            2nd King's African Rifles
            4th King's African Rifles
            1st Northern Rhodesian Regiment
     26th (East African) Infantry Brigade:
            22ndKing's African Rifles
            36th King's African Rifles
            44th King's African Rifles
7th Indian Division
     Artillery:
            129th Field Regiment, RA
            1st Indian Field Regiment
            21st Indian Mountain Regiment
            2nd Anti-Tank Regiment, RA
      Engineers:
            6th Field Company, IE
            70th Field Company, IE
            414th Field Park Company, IE
            Tehri Garwhal Company (ISF)
      Signals:
            17th Indian Division Signals
      Divisional HQ Infantry:
            6/7th Rajputs (HQ Battalion) (replaced Apr 1945 by 6/15th
                  Punjab)
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7/2nd Punjab (Recce Battalion)

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6/9th Jats (Recce Battalion) (replaced Apr 1945 by 6/7th
                  Punjab)
            9/13th Frontier Force Rifles (Machine Guns)
      48th Indian Infantry Brigade:
            1st West Yorkshires
            4/12th Frontier Force Regiment
            1/7 Gurkha Rifles
      63rd Indian Infantry Brigade:
            9th Border
            7/10th Baluch
            1/110th Gurkha Rifles
      99th Indian Infantry Brigade:
            6/15th Punjab (replaced in Apr 1945 by 1st East Yorkshire)
            1st Sikh Light Infantry
            1/3rd Gurkha Rifles
19th Indian Infantry Division
      Artillery:
            115th Field Regiment, RA
            33rd Anti-Tank Regiment, RA
            4th Indian Regiment
      Engineers:
            29th Field Copmany, IE
            64th Field Copmany, IE
            65th Field Copmany, IE
            327th Field Park Company, IE
      Signals:
            19th Indian Division Signals
      Divisional HQ Infantry:
            1/15 Punjab (HQ Battalion)
            11th Sikh Machine Gun Battalion
            1st Assam Regiment (Recce Battalion)
      62nd Indian Infantry Brigade:
            2nd Welch
            3/6th Rajputana Rifles
            4/6th Gurkhan Rifles
      64th Indian Infantry Brigade:
            2nd Worcesters
            5/10th Baluch
            1/6th Gurkha Rifles
      98th Indian Infantry Brigade:
            2nd Royal Berkshire
            8/12th Frontier Force Regiment
            4/4th Gurkha Rifles
20th Indian Infantry Division: 2
      Artillery:
            9th Field Regiment, RA
            114th Field Regiment, RA
            11th Anti-Tank Regiment, RA
            23rd Indian Mountain Regiment
      Engineers:
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For a week in April 1945, 20 Indian Division's three British battalions exchanged with 1/1st Gurkha Rifles, 1/19th Hyderabad and 2/8th Punjab from 36th Division.

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92nd Field Company, IE
            422nd Field Company, IE
            481st Field Company, IE
            332nd Field Park Company, IE
      Divisional HQ Infantry:
            4/2nd Gurkha Rifles (reconnaissance battalion from Mar 1045)
            4/17th Dogras (HQ Battalion)
            9th Jat Regiment (Machine Guns)
      32nd Indian Infantry Brigade:
            1st Northhamptons
            9/14th Punjab
            3/8th Gurkha Rifles
     80th Indian Infantry Brigade:
            1st Devons
            9/12th Frontier Force Regiment
            3/1st Gurkha Rifles
      100th Indian Infantry Brigade:
            2nd Borders
            14/13th Frontier Force Rifles
            4/10th Gurkha Rifles
36th Division:
      Artillery:
            130th Field Regiment, RA
            178th Field Regiment, RA
            122nd Anti-Tank Regiment, RA
            3rd Meteorological Detachment, RA
            32nd Indian Mountain Regiment
      Engineers:
            15th Engineer Battalion, IE
            30th Field Company, IE
            58th Field Company, IE
            236th Field Company, IE
            10th Bridging Platoon, IE
            12th Bridging Platoon, IE
            324th Field Park Company, IE
      Signals:
            36th Divisional Signals
      Divisional HQ Infantry:
            'D' Company 2nd Manchesters (Machine Guns)
            88th Indian Infantry Company (Divisional HQ Company)
      29th Indian Infantry Brigade:
            2nd East Lancanshire
            1st Royal Scots Fusiliers
            2nd Royal Welch Fusilier
            2nd Royal Welch Fusiliers
      26th Indian Infantry Brigade:
            2nd Buffs
            1/19th Hyderabad Regiment
            2/8th Punjab (replaced Mar 1945 by 1/1st Gurkha Rifles)
      72nd Indian Infantry Brigade:
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This division was serving under Northern Combat Area Command until April 1945.

10th Glousters 9th Royal Sussex 6th South Wales Borderers

<u>Independent Infantry Brigades</u>

268th Indian Infantry Brigade:

4/3rd Madras

1st Chamar

Mahendra Dal (Nepalese)

Luashai Brigade:

1st Royal Jats

1st Bihar

Chin Hills Battalion (Replaced in December 1944 by 7/14 Punjab)

1st Assam Rifles (minus two companies)

28th East African Brigade:

7th King's African Rifles

46th King's African Rifles

71st King's African Rifles

63rd (East African) Field Company (Engineers)

15th Corps (Arakan)

Armour:

50th Indian Tank Brigade

146 Regiment, RAC

19th Lancers

45th Cavalry

2/4th Bombay Grenadiers

37th Field Squadron, IE

1st Independent Bridging Troop, RAC

3rd Independent Delivery Squadron, IAC

Artillery:

6th Medium Regiment, RA

8th (Belfast) Heavy AA Regiment, RA

36th Light AA Regiment, RA

2nd Survey Regiment, RA

'C' Flight, 656 Air OP Sqn, RAF

Engineers:

16th Engineer Battalion, IE

17th Engineer Battalion, IE

20th Engineer Battalion, IE

73rd Field Company, IE

483rd Field Company, IE

Malerkotla Field Company (ISF)

403rd Field Park Company, IE

855th Bridging Company, IE

Signals:

15th Indian Corps Signals

Infantry:

79th Indian Infantry Company

22nd East African Brigade:

1st King's African Rifles

3rd Northern Rhodesia Regiment

1st Royal African Regiment

59th (East African) Field Company (Engineers)

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Commandos:
           3rd Commando Brigade:
                  1st Commando
                  15th Commando
                  42nd Royal Marine Commando
                  45th Royal Marine Commando
25th Indian Division
      Artillery:
            8th
            27th Field Regiment, RA
            33rd Indian Mountain Regiment
            33rd Indian Mountain Regiment
            7th Indian Anti-Tank
      Engineers:
            63rd Field Company, IE
            93rd Field Company, IE
            425th Field Company, IE
            16th Bridging Section, IE
      Signals:
            25th Indian Divisional Signals
      Divisional HQ Infantry:
            9th York & Lancaster Regiment (HQ Battalion)
            12th Frontier Force Regiment (Machine Guns)
      51st Indian Infantry Brigade:
            16/10th Baluch Regiment
            8/19th Hyderabad Regiment
            2/2nd Punjab Regiment
      53rd Indian Infantry Brigade:
            17/5th Mahratta Regiment
            7/16th Punjab Regiment
            4/18th Royal Garwhal Rifles
      74th Indian Infantry Brigade:
            6th Oxford & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry
            14/10th Baluch Regiment
            3/2nd K E O Gurkha Rifles
26th Indian Division
      Artillery:
            160th Field Regiment, RA
            7th Indian Field Regiment
            30th Indian Mountain Regiment
            1st Indian Anti-Tank Regiment
      Engineers:
            28th Field Company, IE
            72nd Field Company, IE
            98th Field Company, IE
            328th Field Park Company, IE
            7th Bridging Platoon, IE
      Signals:
            26th Indian Divisional Signals
      Divisional HQ Infantry:
            5/9th Jat Regiment
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4th Indian Infantry Brigade: 2nd Green Howards

2/13th Frontier Force Rifles 2/7th Rajput Regiment 36th Indian Infantry Brigade: 8/13th Frontier Force Rifles 1/8th Gurkha Rifles 2nd Ajmer Regiment (Indian State Forces) 71st Indian Infantry Brigade: 1st Lincolnshire Regiment 5/1st Punjab Regiment 1/8th Royal Garwhal Rifles 81st West African Division: Artillery: 21st (WA) Anti-Tank Regiment 41st (WA) Mortar Regiment 101st (WA) Light Regiment Engineers: 3rd(WA) Field Company 5th (WA) Field Company 6th (WA) Field Company 8th (WA) Field Park Company Signals: 81st (WA) Divisional Signals Divisional Recce Battalion: 81st (WA) Recce Battalion 5th (WA) Infantry Brigade: 5th Battalion 7th Battalion 8th Battalion Gold Coast Regiment 6th (WA) Infantry Brigade:4 1st Gambia Regiment 4th Nigeria Regiment 1st Sierra Leone Regiment 82nd West African Division Artillery: 22nd (WA) Anti-Tank Regiment 42nd (WA) Mortar Regiment 102nd (WA) Light Regiment Engineers: 1st (WA) Field Company 2nd (WA) Field Company 4th (WA) Field Company 9th (WA) Field Park Company Signals: 82nd (WA) Divisional Signals Recce: 82nd (WA) Recce Battalion 1st (WA) Brigade: 1st Battalion, Nigeria Regiment

For the third brigade of 81 (WA) Division, see under Special Force.

2nd Battalion, Nigeria Regiment

3rd Battalion, Nigeria Regiment

2nd (WA) Brigade:

1stBattalion, Gold Coast Regiment 2nd Battalion, Gold Coast Regiment 3rd Battalion, Gold Coast Regiment

4th (WA) Brigade:

5th Battalion, Nigeria Regiment 9th Battalion, Nigeria Regiment 10th Battalion, Nigeria Regiment

Northern Combat Area Command (US/Chinese)

Mars Task Force:

612th (US) Field Artillery Pack Battalion

475th (US) Infantry Regiment 124th (US) Cavalry Regiment

1st (Chinese) Army:

Commander General Sun Li - Jen:

New 30th Division - Tang Shou-chih

New 38th Division - Li Hung

6th (Chinese) Army:5

Commander: General Liao Yueh - shang: 22nd Division - Shan Yu-feng 50th Division - Pan Yu-kun

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In 1949 Gen Li threw his lot in with Chiang Kai - shek and went to Taipei. Gen. Liao joined with Mao Tse Tung and became one of his senior generals.