

**PAIFORCE order of battle of 15th September 1942**

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## 10th Indian Motor Brigade

Brigade Commander: BG H. Redman

- The Central India Horse (21st King George V's Own Horse)
- Skinner's Horse (1st Duke of York's Own)
- 5 (Vaughan's)/13th Frontier Force Rifles
- 402nd Field Squadron, Royal Bombay Sappers & Miners, IE
- 10th Motor Brigade Signals Squadron
- 10th Motor Brigade Troops Transport Company, RIASC
- 10th Motor Brigade Ordnance Company, IAOC
- 5th Light Field Ambulance, IMC
- 114th Field Post Office

## 5th Indian Division

Divisional Commander: MG H.R. Briggs, CBE, DSO

Commander Royal Artillery: BG E.C. Mansergh, OBE, MC

Commander, Indian Engineers: LTC A.H.G. Napier, OBE, RE

Headquarters: Baghdad, Iraq

## Units:

## 9th Indian Infantry Brigade

Brigade Commander: BG W.H. Langram, MC

Headquarters: Iraq

- 2nd West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales' Own)
- 3/9th Jat Regiment
- 3/14th Punjab Regiment
- 9th Brigade Signals Section
- 9th Brigade Transport Company, RIASC
- 9th Brigade Ordnance Company, IAOC
- 12th Field Post Office

## Divisional Troops:

- 13th Antitank Regiment, RA
- 5th Indian Antitank Regiment, IA
- 2nd Field Company, Royal Bengal Sappers & Miners, IE
- 20th Field Company, Royal Bombay Sappers & Miners, IE
- 21st Field Company, Royal Bombay Sappers & Miners, IE
- 44th Field Park Company, QVO Madras Sappers & Miners, IE
- 5th Indian Divisional Signals
- 52nd Division Headquarters Transport Section, RIASC
- 5th Division Troops Transport Company, RIASC
- 20th Supply Issue Section, RIASC
- 101st Supply Issue Section, RIASC
- 103rd Supply Issue Section, RIASC
- 10th Field Ambulance, IMS
- 20th Field Ambulance, IMS
- 26th Field Ambulance, IMS
- 7th Field Hygiene Section, IMS
- 12th Field Hygiene Section, IMS

- 22nd Mobile Workshop Company, IAOC
- 23rd Mobile Workshop Company, IAOC
- 24th Mobile Workshop Company, IAOC
- 25th Mobile Workshop Company, IAOC
- 5th Division Recovery Company, IAOC
- 5th Division Provost Unit
- 289th Field Security Service Section
- 23rd Field Post Office

#### 6th Indian Division

Divisional Commander: MG J.N. Thomson, CB, DSO, MC  
 Commander Royal Artillery: BG T.S. Dobree, DSO  
 Commander, Indian Engineers: LTC A.E. Armstrong, RE  
 Headquarters: Sultanabad, Iran

#### Units:

##### 27th Indian Infantry Brigade Group

Brigade Commander: BG A.R. Barker, DSO, OBE, MC  
 Headquarters: Basra, Iran

- 1 (Duchess of Connaught's Own)/10th Baluch Regiment
- 4 (Prince of Wales' Own)/8th Punjab Regiment
- 3/15th Punjab Regiment
- 27th Brigade Signals Section
- 27th Brigade Transport Company, RIASC
- 27th Brigade Ordnance Company, IAOC
- 59th Field Post Office
- 159th Field Artillery, RA
- 27th Field Company, Royal Bengal Sappers & Miners, IE
- 35th Field Ambulance, IMS

#### Divisional Troops:

- 6th Duke of Connaught's Own Lancers (Watson's Horse)
- MG/17th Dogra Regiment
- 2nd Indian Field Regiment, IA
- 27th Field Company, Royal Bengal Sappers & Miners, IE
- 57th Field Company, QVO Madras Sappers & Miners, IE
- 58th Field Company, QVO Madras Sappers & Miners, IE
- 302nd Field Park Company, Royal Bombay Sappers & Miners, IE
- 6th Indian Divisional Signals
- 6th Division Headquarters Transport Section, RIASC
- 6th Division Troops Transport Company, RIASC
- 3rd Supply Issue Section, RIASC
- 64th Supply Issue Section, RIASC
- 12th Motor Ambulance Section, RIASC
- 17th Motor Ambulance Section, RIASC
- 25th Field Ambulance, IMS
- 34th Field Ambulance, IMS
- 6th Field Hygiene Section, IMS
- 12th Mobile Workshop Company, IAOC
- 36th Mobile Workshop Company, IAOC
- 41st Mobile Workshop Company, IAOC
- 6th Division Recovery Company, IAOC

- 6th Division Provost Unit
- 405th Field Security Service Section
- 35th Field Post Office

#### 8th Indian Division

Divisional Commander: MG C.O. Harvey CB, CBE, CVO, MC  
 Commander Royal Artillery: BG R.V.M. Garry, MC  
 Commander, Indian Engineers: LTC C.M. Maclachlan, OBE, RE  
 Headquarters: Kirkuk, Iraq

#### Units:

##### 19th Indian Brigade

- Brigade Commander: BG C.W.W. Ford
- 3/8th Punjab Regiment
  - 1/5th Essex Regiment
  - 6th Royal (Scinde)/13th Frontier Force Rifles
  - 19th Brigade Signals Section
  - 19th Brigade Transport Company, RIASC
  - 19th Brigade Ordnance Company, IAOC
  - 44th Field Post Office

#### Divisional Troops:

- A Squadron, The Gudies Cavalry (10th) Queen Victoria's Own Frontier Force
- 7th Field Company, KGV's Bengal Sappers & Miners, IE
- 66th Field Company, KGV's Bengal Sappers & Miners, IE
- 69th Field Company, KGV's Bengal Sappers & Miners, IE
- 47th Field Park Company, KGV's Bengal Sappers & Miners, IE
- 8th Indian Divisional Signals
- 8th Division Headquarters Transport Section, RIASC
- 8th Division Troops Transport Company, RIASC
- 31st Field Ambulance, IMS
- 33rd Field Ambulance, IMS
- 20th Field Hygiene Section, IMS
- 13th Mobile Workshop Company, IAOC
- 27th Mobile Workshop Company, IAOC
- 37th Mobile Workshop Company, IAOC
- 52nd Mobile Workshop Company, IAOC
- 8th Division Recovery Company, IAOC
- 8th Division Provost Unit
- 406th Field Security Service Section
- 41st Field Post Office

#### 31st Indian Armoured Division

Divisional Commander: MG RA Wordsworth, OBE  
 Commander Royal Artillery: BG C.P.B. Wilson  
 Commander, Indian Engineers: LTC R.H. Perry, RE  
 Headquarters: Bistun, Persia

#### Units:

##### 252nd Indian Armoured Brigade

- Brigade Commander: BG G. Carr-White
- 14th/20th King's Hussars
  - The Scinde Horse (14th Prince of Wales' Own Cavalry)
  - 1/4th Bombay Grenadiers

- 252nd Armoured Brigade Signals Squadron
- 252nd Armoured Brigade Transport Company, RIASC
- 252nd Armoured Brigade Ordnance Company, IAOC
- 252nd Armoured Brigade Provost Unit
- 5th Tank Recovery Company, IAOC
- 26th Field Post Office

### 3rd Indian Motor Brigade

Brigade Commander: BG A.A.E. Filose

- 2nd Royal Lancers (Gardiner's Horse)
- Prince Albert Victor's Own Cavalry (11th Frontier Force)
- 18th King Edward VII's Own Cavalry
- 31st Field Squadron, KGV's Bengal Sappers & Miners, IE
- 3rd Motor Brigade Signals Troop
- 3rd Motor Brigade Troops Transport Company, RIASC
- 3rd Light Field Ambulance, IMC
- 3rd Motor Brigade Ordnance Company, IAOC
- 64th Supply Issue Section, RIASC
- 28th Field Post Office

### Divisional Troops:

- 13th Duke of Connaught's Own Lancers
- 15th Field Artillery, RA
- 144th Field Artillery, RA
- 79th Antitank Regiment, RA
- 32nd Field Squadron, QVO Madras Sappers & Miners, IE
- 39th Field Park Squadron, QVO Madras Sappers & Miners, IE
- 31st Indian Armoured Divisional Signals
- 3rd Supply Issue Section, RIASC
- 31st Armoured Division Troops Transport Company, RIASC
- 36th Tank Transport Company, RIASC
- 2nd Light Field Ambulance, IMS
- 1st Light Field Hygiene Section, IMS
- 31st Armoured Division Workshop Company, IAOC
- 2nd Mobile Workshop Company, IAOC
- 5th Mobile Workshop Company, IAOC
- 74th Mobile Workshop Company, IAOC
- 5th Workshop Squadron, IAOC
- 31st Armoured Division Recovery Company, IAOC
- 31st Armoured Division Provost Unit
- 406th Field Security Service Section
- 45th Field Post Office

### 5th British Division

Divisional Commander: MG H.P.M. Berney-Ficklin

Headquarters: Kermanshah, Iraq

### Units:

#### 13th Infantry Brigade

Brigade Commander: BG V.C. Russell

- 2 The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)
- 2 The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers
- 2 The Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's)

### 15th Infantry Brigade

Brigade Commander: BG H.R.N. Greenfield

- 1 The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment)
- 1 The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
- 1 The York and Lancaster Regiment

### 17th Infantry Brigade

Brigade Commander: BG G.W.B. Tarleton

- 2 The Royal Scots Fusiliers
- 2 The Northamptonshire Regiment
- 6 The Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, the Duke of Albany's)

### Divisional Troops:

- 5th Reconnaissance Regiment
  - 7th/Cheshire Regiment (MG)
  - 91st Field Regiment, RA
  - 92nd Field Regiment, RA
  - 156th Field Regiment, RA
  - 52nd Antitank Regiment
  - 245th Field Company, RE
  - 252nd Field Company, RE
  - 38th Field Company, RE
  - 254th Field Park Company, RE
  - 5th Divisional Signals
- (Service and supply units not indicated)

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