



# Indian 4th Infantry Division

December, 1940

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1st Btn, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (-) (attached)

2		2*	0	C	0
4	M-G	1	1	Truck	14
x 9		x 9			

Indian Engineers Battalion

1		1	0	C	0
6		1	1	Truck	14
x 9		x 9			

1st Royal Artillery Regiment

32	(H)	32	0	C	0
2	18/25 pdr	0	1	Matador	12
x 4		x 4			

25th Royal Artillery Regiment

32	(H)	32	0	C	0
2	18/25 pdr	0	1	Matador	12
x 4		x 4			

31st Royal Artillery Regiment

32	(H)	32	0	C	0
2	18/25 pdr	0	1	Matador	12
x 4		x 4			

J, Bat., 3rd RHA Anti-Tank Regiment

6	A	3	0	C	0
3	2 pdr	0	1	Truck	14
x 3		x 3			

Central India Horse Battalion

2		2	2		2*
2	Mk VI B	11	2	Bren	10
x 4		x 6			

This was the first Indian division to go overseas in WWII. As with all Indian divisions in the British Army, most of the officers were British and the other ranks were Indian. After the first phase of Operation Compass, the division was rushed to British Sudan to help defend against Italian invasion there and was replaced in the offensive by the 6th Australian Infantry Division. Note: the 16th British Infantry Brigade stayed behind and continued to participate in the operation.