

**Indian Army Brigades - 1st World War**

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Brigade	Formation	Division	Area of Operations	Remarks
1 <sup>st</sup> (Peshawar)	Pre-war brigade	1 <sup>st</sup> (Peshawar)	India	July 1918 became 1 <sup>st</sup> Brigade
1 <sup>st</sup> Secunderabad	Pre-war brigade	9 <sup>th</sup> (Secunderabad)	India	Renamed Secunderabad Brigade in October 1914
2 <sup>nd</sup> (Nowshera)	Pre-war brigade	1 <sup>st</sup> (Peshawar)	India	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Secunderabad	Pre-war brigade	9 <sup>th</sup> (Secunderabad)	India	Broken up in October 1914
3 <sup>rd</sup> (Abbottabad)	Pre-war brigade	2 <sup>nd</sup> (Rawalpindi)	India	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quetta	April 1918	4 <sup>th</sup> (Quetta)	India	July 1918 became 57 <sup>th</sup> Brigade
4 <sup>th</sup> (Rawalpindi)	Pre-war brigade	2 <sup>nd</sup> (Rawalpindi)	India	
5 <sup>th</sup> (Jhelum)	Pre-war brigade	2 <sup>nd</sup> (Rawalpindi)	India	
6 <sup>th</sup> Indian	HQ formed October 1918	2 <sup>nd</sup> (Rawalpindi)	India	
7 <sup>th</sup> (Ferozepore)	Pre-war brigade	3 <sup>rd</sup> (Lahore)	France, Mesopotamia, Egypt	
8 <sup>th</sup> (Jullundur)	Pre-war brigade	3 <sup>rd</sup> (Lahore)	France, Mesopotamia, Egypt	
9 <sup>th</sup> (Sirhind))	Pre-war brigade	3 <sup>rd</sup> (Lahore)	France, Mesopotamia, Egypt	
10 <sup>th</sup> (1 <sup>st</sup> Quetta)	Pre-war brigade	4 <sup>th</sup> (Quetta)	India	July 1918 became 10 <sup>th</sup> Brigade
11 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Quetta)	Pre-war brigade	4 <sup>th</sup> (Quetta)	India	July 1918 became 11 <sup>th</sup> Brigade
12 <sup>th</sup> Indian	January 1915	5 <sup>th</sup> (Mhow)	Mesopotamia	Joined 12 <sup>th</sup> Indian Div March 1915; joined 15 <sup>th</sup> Indian Div May 1916
16 <sup>th</sup> (Poona)	Pre-war brigade	6 <sup>th</sup> (Poona)	Mesopotamia	Captured at Kut al Amara April 29 <sup>th</sup> 1916
17 <sup>th</sup> (Ahmednagar)	Pre-war brigade	6 <sup>th</sup> (Poona)	Mesopotamia	Captured at Kut al Amara April 29 <sup>th</sup> 1916
18 <sup>th</sup> (Belgaum)	Pre-war brigade	6 <sup>th</sup> (Poona)	Mesopotamia	Captured at Kut al Amara April 29 <sup>th</sup> 1916
19 <sup>th</sup> (Dehra Dun)	Pre-war brigade	7 <sup>th</sup> (Meerut)	France, Mesopotamia, Egypt	
20 <sup>th</sup> (Garhwal)	Pre-war brigade	7 <sup>th</sup> (Meerut)	France, Egypt	December 1915 joined 10 <sup>th</sup> Indian Division; March 1916 independent
21 <sup>st</sup> (Bareilly)	Pre-war brigade	7 <sup>th</sup> (Meerut)	France, Mesopotamia	Broken up January 20 <sup>th</sup> 1916
21 <sup>st</sup> (Bareilly)	Re-formed February 1916	7 <sup>th</sup> (Meerut)	Mesopotamia, Egypt	
22 <sup>nd</sup> (Lucknow)	Pre-war brigade	8 <sup>th</sup> (Lucknow)	Egypt	November 1914 joined 11 <sup>th</sup> Indian Div <sup>[4]</sup> ; January 1916 broken up
27 <sup>th</sup> (Bangalore)	Pre-war brigade	9 <sup>th</sup> (Secunderabad)	East Africa	September 1914 went to East Africa & broken up there
28 <sup>th</sup> Indian	October 1914	10 <sup>th</sup> Indian	Egypt, Mesopotamia	December 1915 joined 7 <sup>th</sup> (Meerut) Division
29 <sup>th</sup> Indian	October 1914	10 <sup>th</sup> Indian	Egypt	Became independent March 1916; broken up June 1917
30 <sup>th</sup> Indian	October 1914	10 <sup>th</sup> Indian	Egypt, Mesopotamia	Joined 12 <sup>th</sup> Indian Div Apr 1915; joined 6 <sup>th</sup> (Poona) Div Sept 1915 <sup>[3]</sup>
31 <sup>st</sup> Indian	January 1915	11 <sup>th</sup> Indian	Egypt	Joined 10 <sup>th</sup> Indian Div Jan. 1916 <sup>[4]</sup> ; broken up in February 1916
32 <sup>nd</sup> (Imperial Service)	October 1914	11 <sup>th</sup> Indian	Egypt	Broken up in January 1916 <sup>[4]</sup>
33 <sup>rd</sup> Indian	March 1915	12 <sup>th</sup> Indian	Mesopotamia, Bushire	To Bushire August 1915; broken up December 1915

34 <sup>th</sup> Indian	December 1915	12 <sup>th</sup> Indian	Mesopotamia	Joined 15 <sup>th</sup> Indian Div May 1916; joined 17 <sup>th</sup> Indian Div August 1917
35 <sup>th</sup> Indian	December 1915	14 <sup>th</sup> Indian <sup>[5]</sup>	Mesopotamia	Was attached to 7 <sup>th</sup> (Meerut) Division January-February 1916
36 <sup>th</sup> Indian	December 1915	14 <sup>th</sup> Indian <sup>[5]</sup>	Mesopotamia, Persia	Joined North Persia Force in June 1918
37 <sup>th</sup> Indian	February 1916	14 <sup>th</sup> Indian <sup>[5]</sup>	Mesopotamia	
41 <sup>st</sup> Indian	February 1916	Independent	Mesopotamia	March 1918 became HQ Euphrates Defences
42 <sup>nd</sup> Indian	April 1916	15 <sup>th</sup> Indian	Mesopotamia	
43 <sup>rd</sup> Indian	March 1917	16 <sup>th</sup> Indian	India	
44 <sup>th</sup> Ferozepore	August 1915	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lahore Divisional Area	India	February 1917 transferred to 16 <sup>th</sup> Indian Division
45 <sup>th</sup> Jullundur	February 1917	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lahore Divisional Area	India	May 1917 transferred to 16 <sup>th</sup> Indian Division
49 <sup>th</sup> Indian	March 1917	Independent	Egypt	Broken up January 1918
50 <sup>th</sup> Indian	August 1917	17 <sup>th</sup> Indian	Mesopotamia	3 <sup>rd</sup> (Lahore) Div Aug-Sept 1917; joined 15 <sup>th</sup> Indian Div Sept 1917
51 <sup>st</sup> Indian	September 1917	17 <sup>th</sup> Indian	Mesopotamia	
52 <sup>nd</sup> Indian	September 1917	15 <sup>th</sup> Indian	Mesopotamia	October 1917 transferred to 17 <sup>th</sup> Indian Division
53 <sup>rd</sup> Indian	November 1917	18 <sup>th</sup> Indian	Mesopotamia	
54 <sup>th</sup> Indian	December 1917	18 <sup>th</sup> Indian	Mesopotamia	
55 <sup>th</sup> Indian	in January 1918	18 <sup>th</sup> Indian	Mesopotamia	
56 <sup>th</sup> Indian	March 1918	Independent	Mesopotamia	August 1918 joined 14 <sup>th</sup> Indian Division
58 <sup>th</sup>	HQ formed June 1918	Poona <sup>[1]</sup>	India	November 1918 transferred to 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Rawalpindi) Division
59 <sup>th</sup>	HQ formed June 1918	Poona <sup>[1]</sup>	India	Nov 1918 transferred to 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Rawalpindi) Div
Peshawar	July 1918	1 <sup>st</sup> (Peshawar)	India	
Sialkot (Temporary)	March 1915	2 <sup>nd</sup> (Rawalpindi)	India	April 1917 'temporary' dropped from title
Nepalese	Arrived Jan 1916 from Nepal	7 <sup>th</sup> Meerut Divisional Area <sup>[2]</sup>	India	
Galis	June 1916	2 <sup>nd</sup> (Rawalpindi)	India	Broken up December 1916
Rawalpindi Additional	September 1918	2 <sup>nd</sup> (Rawalpindi)	India	
Jhelum	HQ formed November 1918	2 <sup>nd</sup> (Rawalpindi)	India	
Ambala	November 1914	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lahore Divisional Area	India	May 1917 transferred to 16 <sup>th</sup> Indian Div; June 1918 independent
Karachi	Pre-war brigade	4 <sup>th</sup> (Quetta)	India	June 1917 became independent
Nasirabad	Pre-war brigade	5 <sup>th</sup> (Mhow)	India	Abolished October 1915
Nasirabad	Re-formed October 1917	5 <sup>th</sup> (Mhow)	India	
Jubbulpore	Pre-war brigade	5 <sup>th</sup> (Mhow)	India	
Jhansi	Pre-war brigade	5 <sup>th</sup> (Mhow)	India	
Bombay	Pre-war brigade	6 <sup>th</sup> (Poona)	India	Transferred to 6 <sup>th</sup> Poona Div. Area Oct 1914; June 1918 independent
Poona	December 1914	6 <sup>th</sup> Poona Divisional Area <sup>[1]</sup>	India	
Ahmednagar	May 1918	Poona <sup>[1]</sup>	India	
Bareilly	December 1914	7 <sup>th</sup> Meerut Divisional Area <sup>[2]</sup>	India	

Delhi	December 1914	7 <sup>th</sup> Meerut Divisional Area <sup>[2]</sup>	India	Abolished in February 1915
Delhi	Re-formed December 1918	Meerut Division <sup>[2]</sup>	India	
Dehra Dun	March 1915	7 <sup>th</sup> Meerut Divisional Area <sup>[2]</sup>	India	Abolished December 1918
Garhwal	April 1917	7 <sup>th</sup> Meerut Divisional Area <sup>[2]</sup>	India	
Agra	December 1918	Meerut Division	India	
Lucknow	Re-formed July 1917	8 <sup>th</sup> (Lucknow)	India	
Allahabad	Pre-war brigade	8 <sup>th</sup> (Lucknow)	India	
Presidency	Pre-war brigade	8 <sup>th</sup> (Lucknow)	India	
Fyzabad	Pre-war brigade	8 <sup>th</sup> (Lucknow)	India	Broken up in November 1914
Bangalore	Re-formed January 1917	9 <sup>th</sup> (Secunderabad)	India	
Southern	Pre-war brigade	9 <sup>th</sup> (Secunderabad)	India	
Rangoon	Pre-war brigade	Burma	Burma	
Mandalay	Pre-war brigade	Burma	Burma	Broken up in October 1914
Kohat	Pre-war brigade	Independent	NW Frontier India	
Bannu	Pre-war brigade	Independent	NW Frontier India	
Derajat	Pre-war brigade	Independent	NW Frontier India	
Aden	Pre-war brigade	Independent	Aden	
Multan	Formed May 1918	16 <sup>th</sup> Indian	India	

<sup>[1]</sup> In June 1917: 6<sup>th</sup> Poona Divisional Area became Poona Division

<sup>[2]</sup> In June 1917: 7<sup>th</sup> Meerut Divisional Area became Meerut Division

<sup>[3]</sup> Brigade captured at Kut al Amara April 29<sup>th</sup> 1916

<sup>[4]</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Indian Division was broken up in May 1915 and the brigades under its command (22<sup>nd</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup>) were placed under the command of Suez Canal Defences

<sup>[5]</sup> Between date of formation and May 1916 the brigade was involved in the attempts to relieve Kut al Amara, and joined 14<sup>th</sup> Indian Division on its formation in May 1916