

Ceylon Command
Summary of Strengths
As as 31 December 1944

Area / Formation	Officers - King's Commission**	British Other	Indian Officers -	Indian Other Ranks	Ceylonese Other Ranks	African Other Ranks***	Others - Other Ranks	Non-	Non-	Posted Total
		Ranks (includes Ceylonese in RASC)	Viceroy's Commissioned Officers					Combatant Ranks - Indian	Combatant Ranks - Ceylonese	
Authorized (Plan)										
Army Troops										
Trincomalee Base Area (including 24th Anti-Aircraft Brigade)	470	969	111	4,164	8,305	1,682	129	2,747	128	18,705
Colombo Base Area	1,333	3,843	148	6,398	13,632	1,089	773	2,020	413	29,649
Admiralty Area - North	242	927	43	1,283	793	993	46	648	12	4,987
East African Reinforcements	97	207	-	-	-	1,955				2,259
Officer Commanding Troops Diyatalawa and Nuwara Eliya	77	269	1	39	1,365		91	100	40	1,982
Ocean Bases - Addu Atoll	25	55	20	935	-			162		1,197
Ocean Bases - Diego Garcia	1	4	1	10	-			9		25
Ocean Bases - Brown *	3	2		74	-	40		12		131
Total Effective Army Troops	2,248	6,276	324	12,903	24,095	5,759	1,039	5,698	593	58,935

Non-Effective Units of CDF										
Colombo Base Area	69	-	-	-	2,468	-	-	-	8	2,545
Admiralty Area - North	15	-	-	-	1,338	-	-	-	-	1,353
Office Commanding Troops Diyatalawa and Nuwara Eliya	5	-	-	-	346	-	-	-	-	351
Total - Non-Effective Units of CDF	89	-	-	-	4,152	-	-	-	8	4,249

R.A.F.										
Colombo Area	425	3,910	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,335
Koggala Area	130	1,512	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,642
Trincomalee Area	113	1,459	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	1,822
Northern Area	337	4,066	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,403
Ocean Bases	12	466	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	478
Total R.A.F.	1,017	11,413	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	12,680

Indian State Labor Units										
Trincomalee Sub-Area	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,039	-	-	16,039
Colombo Base Area	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,544	-	-	6,544
Admiralty Area - North	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,339	-	-	6,339
Officer Commanding Troops Diyatalawa and Nuwara Eliya	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	-	-	250
Total Indian State Labor Units	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,172	-	-	29,172

Italian Auxilliary Pioneer Groups										
Colombo Base Area	82	6	-	-	-	-	3,276	63	-	3,427
Total Italian Auxilliary Pioneer Groups	82	6	-	-	-	-	3,276	63	-	3,427

Grand Total	3,436	17,695	324	13,153	28,247	5,759	33,487	5,761	601	108,463
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* "Brown" might refer to land-based operations (brown water/land forces)
** Ceylonese Officers in CDF are included in the Officers - King's Commission category
*** 11th East African Division and 82nd West African Division

South East Asia Command										
HQ - SACSEA - Camps										
Men - British										-
Men - American	451	1,346	6	425	450				117	2,795
Men - Others										-
Women- British	6	214								220
Women- American										-
Main HQ - ALFSEA - B Camps	587	2,237	44	1,050					443	4,361
HQ - ACSEA - C Camps										
Men - British	747	1,940		51						2,738
Miscellaneous Camps in Kandy										
Men - British										-
Men - American	305	479	1	130	10					925
Men - Others										-
Women- British										-
Women- Ameican	208									208
Women- Others										-
Total South East Asia Command	2,304	6,216	51	1,656	460	-	-	-	560	11,247

Area / Formation	Officers (King's Commission)	British Other Ranks	Indian Officers -		Ceylonese Other Ranks	Ceylon RASC	African Other Ranks	Others - Other Ranks	Non-Combatant Ranks - Indian	Non-Combatant Ranks - Ceylonese	Posted Total
			Viceroy's Commissioned Officers	Indian Other Ranks							
Posted (Actual)											
Army Troops											
Trincomalee Base Area (Including 24th Anti-Aircraft Brigade)	445	846	99	4,287	7,557	106	1,746	43	2,568	199	17,896
Colombo Base Area	1,242	3,034	201	5,759	12,414	881	1,031	672	1,598	391	27,223
Admiralty Area – North	222	831	42	1,287	695	60	856	47	645	47	4,732
East African Reinforcements	45	201	-	-	-	-	1,730				1,976
Officer Commanding Troops Diyatalawa and Nuwara Eliya	66	224	2	39	967	28		108	113	35	1,582
Ocean Bases - Addu Atoll	25	55	20	935	-	-			162		1,197
Ocean Bases - Diego Garcia	1	4	1	10	-	-			9		25
Ocean Bases - Brown *	3	2		74	-	-	40		12		131
Total Effective Army Troops	2,049	5,197	365	12,391	21,633	1,075	5,403	870	5,107	672	54,762

Non-Effective Units of CDF											
Colombo Base Area	55	-	-	-	1,876	-	-	-	-	2	1,933
Admiralty Area - North	6	-	-	-	892	-	-	-	-	-	898
Office Commanding Troops Diyatalawa and Nuwara Eliya	4	-	-	-	265	-	-	-	-	-	269
Total - Non-Effective Units of CDF	65	-	-	-	3,033	-	-	-	-	2	3,100

R.A.F.											
Colombo Area	473	3,965	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,438
Koggala Area	207	1,744	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,951
Trincomalee Area	159	1,332	-	236	-	-	-	-	94	-	1,821
Northern Area	335	3,855	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,190
Ocean Bases	11	220	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	231
Total R.A.F.	1,185	11,116	-	236	-	-	-	-	94	-	12,631

Indian State Labor Units											
Trincomalee Sub-Area	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,039	-	-	-	16,039
Colombo Base Area	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,544	-	-	-	6,544
Admiralty Area - North	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,339	-	-	-	6,339
Officer Commanding Troops Diyatalawa and Nuwara Eliya	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	-	-	-	250
Total Indian State Labor Units	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,172	-	-	-	29,172

Italian Auxilliary Pioneer Groups											
Colombo Base Area	83	7	-	-	-	-	3,354	48	-	-	3,492
Total Italian Auxilliary Pioneer Groups	83	7	-	-	-	-	3,354	48	-	-	3,492

Grand Total	3,382	16,320	365	12,627	24,666	1,075	5,403	33,396	5,249	674	103,157
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HQ - SACSEA - Camps											
Men - British	217	401	3	156	319			8	17		1,121
Men - American	114	788						2			904
Men - Others	6	2									8
Women- British	3	104									107
Women- American	1	52									53
Main HQ - ALFSEA - B Camps	102	704		121					123		1,050
HQ - ACSEA - C Camps											
Men - British	237	676									913
Miscellaneous Camps in Kandy											
Men - British	187	501	1	228	41			17	68		1,043
Men - American	51	77						11			139
Men - Others	26										26
Women- British	112							8			120
Women- Ameican	9							26			35
Women- Others	3										3
Total South East Asia Command	1,068	3,305	4	505	360	-	-	72	208	-	5,522