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Division	Formation	Area of Operations	Remarks
1 <sup>st</sup> (Peshawar)	Pre-war Division	India	
2 <sup>nd</sup> (Rawalpindi)	Pre-war Division	India	
3 <sup>rd</sup> (Lahore)	Pre-war Division	France, Mesopotamia, Egypt	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Lahore Divisional Area	September 1914	India	Abolished May 1917
4 <sup>th</sup> (Quetta)	Pre-war Division	India	
5 <sup>th</sup> (Mhow)	Pre-war Division	India	
6 <sup>th</sup> (Poona)	Pre-war Division	Mesopotamia	Captured at Kut al Amara April 29 <sup>th</sup> 1916; new Division created July 1921
6 <sup>th</sup> Poona Divisional Area	October 1914	India	June 1917 renamed Poona Division
7 <sup>th</sup> (Meerut)	Pre-war Division	France, Mesopotamia, Egypt	
7 <sup>th</sup> Meerut Divisional Area	September 1914	India	June 1917 renamed Meerut Division
8 <sup>th</sup> (Lucknow)	_	India	

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	Division		
9 <sup>th</sup> (Secunderabad)	Pre-war Division	India	
Burma	Pre-war Division	Burma	
10 <sup>th</sup> Indian	December 1914	Egypt	Broken up March 7 <sup>th</sup> 1916 <sup>[1]</sup>
11 <sup>th</sup> Indian	December 1914	Egypt	Broken up May 31 <sup>st</sup> 1915
12 <sup>th</sup> Indian	March/April 1915	Mesopotamia	Formally abolished March 10 <sup>th</sup> 1916 <sup>[2]</sup>
14 <sup>th</sup> Indian	May 1916	Mesopotamia	
15 <sup>th</sup> Indian	May 1916	Mesopotamia	
16 <sup>th</sup> Indian	December 1916	India	Took over the role of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lahore Divisional Area when it was abolished
17 <sup>th</sup> Indian	August 1917	Mesopotamia	
18 <sup>th</sup> Indian	December 1917	Mesopotamia	

<sup>[1]</sup> From March 1915 to January 1916 the Division was dispersed with one brigade in Mesopotamia, a second in Gallipoli and a third in Aden. In January 1916 the Division was reformed as part of the Suez Canal District.

<sup>[2]</sup> The Divisional commander, Major General GF Gorringe, left to join the forces attempting to relieve Kut al Amara in January 1916 and most of the Divisional staff joined the staff of Tigris Corps.