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NEW DIRECTOR OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE: BRIG. THAPAR APPOINTED

NEW DELHI, July 16 :— One of the most important appointments in General Headquarters goes to Brigadier P.N. Thapar who has recently been appointed Director of Military Intelligence.

Brig. Thapar was commissioned 21 years ago from Sandhurst. He spent nearly ten years with the 1st Punjab Regiment as a junior officer and later attended Staff Courses both at Quetta and Minley-Manor, England. In 1941 he saw service in Burma and after two years went to the Middle East and Italy. On return from the Middle East he was appointed Assistant Military Secretary at GHQ, India, and was selected to serve on the Army Reorganisation Committee soon afterwards. He was also GSO I at British Headquarters in Aden.

In early 1946 Brig. Thapar commanded the 1st Bn. 1st Punjab Regiment in Indonesia and was appointed Commander of the 161 Indian Infantry Brigade in East Bengal during the same year.

Brig. Thapar was born at Lahore and studied at the Government College of his home town. He belongs to a well known family of the Punjab.