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LT. GEN. RAI TAKES OVER NORTHERN COMMAND

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Lt. Gen. H.C. Rai took over today as the GOC-in-C Northern Command. He succeeds Lt. Gen. P.S. Bhagat.

Lt. Gen. Rai was commissioned in the Rajputana Rifles on February 22, 1942, on passing out from the Indian Military Academy. He saw active service in Italy and Greece with the famous Fourth Indian Division during World War II. He underwent an Advance Regular Infantry Course at Fort Benning (USA) and thereafter commanded the Raj Rif Centre from 1959 to 1960. He subsequently served as Military Attache in France till 1963.

On return to India, General Rai saw service in NEFA as a Brigade Commander and attended the Imperial Defence College in U.K. in 1966. He then commanded a Mountain Division and

was Chief of Staff Western Command during the 1971 operations. He took over as General Officer Commanding a Corps in 1972. He is the Colonel of the Regiment of the Rajputana Rifles.

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