

AN AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION (JAPAN)

Consisting of -

Battalion headquarters
Headquarters company of -
Company headquarters
No. 1 (Signal) Platoon
No. 2 (M.M.G.) Platoon
No. 3 (Mortar) Platoon
No. 4 (Pioneer) Platoon
No. 5 (Administrative) Platoon

Four rifle companies, each of -
Company headquarters
Three platoons of -
Platoon headquarters
Three sections

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarter company										Four rifle companies (each)				Total, Australian Infantry Battalion (Japan)		
		Company headquarters	No. 1 (Signal) platoon	No. 2 (MMG) platoon			No. 3 (mortar) platoon			No. 4 (pioneer) platoon	No. 5 (Administrative) platoon	Total, headquarter company	Company headquarters	Three platoons (each)			Total, rifle company	
				Platoon headquarters	Two sections	Total, platoon	Platoon headquarters	Four detachments	Total, platoon					Platoon headquarters	Three sections (each)			Total, platoon
Lieutenant-colonel	1																	1
Major (second-in-command)	1																	1
Majors or captains (a)		1									1	1					1	5
Captains												1					1	4
Captain (adjutant)	1																	1
Captain (quartermaster)											1	1						1
Lieutenant (assistant adjutant)	1																	1
Lieutenant (intelligence officer)	1																	1
Lieutenant (transport officer)											1	1						1
Lieutenants			1	1		1	1		1	1	4		1		1		3	16
Total, officers	5	1	1	1		1	1		1	2	7	2	1		1		5	32
Regimental sergeant-major	1																	1
Regimental quartermaster-sergeant											1	1						1
Company sergeant-majors		1									1	1					1	5
Total, warrant officers	1	1								1	2	1					1	7
Company quartermaster-sergeants		1									1	1					1	5
Orderly room sergeants	(b)2																	2
Provost sergeant	1																	1
Sergeant tailor											1	1						1
Sergeant i/c stretcher bearers	1																	1
Intelligence sergeant	1																	1
Sergeant (technical stores)											1	1						1
Transport sergeant											1	1						1
Sergeants			1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	8		1		1		3	20
Total, sergeants	5	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	12	1	1		1		4	33
Corporals	5	1	2		2	2	1	2	3	2	13	1		1	3		10	58
Privates (includes 62 lance-corporals)	41	3	28	2	24	26	5	20	25	36	68	186	6	4	9	31	99	623

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		Company headquarters	No. 1 (Signal) platoon	No. 2 (MMG) platoon			No. 3 (mortar) platoon			No. 4 (pioneer) platoon	No. 5 (Administrative) platoon	Total, headquarter company	Company headquarters	Three platoons (each)				Total, rifle company
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Total, rank and file	46	4	30	2	26	28	6	22	28	38	71	199	7	4	10	34	109	(c)681
Total, other ranks	52	6	31	3	28	31	7	24	31	39	(d)75	213	9	5	10	35	114	721
Total, all rank	57	7	32	4	28	32	8	24	32	40	77	220	11	6	10	36	119	753
Attached																		
A.A.M.C. -																		
Captain	1																	1
Sergeant (hygiene inspector)	1																	1
Sergeant	1																	1
Corporal chiropodist	1																	1
Private	1																	1
A.A.O.C. -																		
Shoemaker (corporal)											1	1						1
A.A.C.C. -																		
Warrant officer class II (caterer)											1	1						1
Sergeants		1										1	1					1
Corporals		1										1	1					1
Privates (trade group 2)		5										5	2					2
A.A.P.C. -																		
Sergeant	1																	1
Corporal	1																	1
Postal service -																		
Sergeant											1	1						1
Total, all ranks including attached	64	14	32	4	28	32	8	24	32	40	80	230	15	6	10	36	123	786
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties																		
Trade group I -																		
Blacksmith										1		1						1
Trade group II -																		
Carpenters										6		6						6

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Intelligence duties	(f)9																	9
Signallers			(f)26								26							26
Driver mechanics										7	7							7
Trade group III -																		
Butcher										1	1							1
Clerks	(e)3	(e)1								2	3	(e)1				1		10
Equipment repairer										1	1							1
Rangetakers		1			2	2	1		1		4							4
Stormen, technical										3	3							3
Tailor										1	1							1
Storeman, transport										1	1							1
Non-specialists																		
Batmen	7	1	1	1		1	1		1	2	7	2	1		1	5		34
Drivers, M.T.										(f)41	41							41
General dutymen for -																		
Officers' mess										1	1							1
Sergeants' mess										2	2							2
Hygiene dutymen										4	4							4
LMG numbers and riflemen	1													(e)10	30	90		361
MMG numbers					(f)22	22					22							22
Mortar numbers							(e)3	(f)22	25		25							25
Orderlies			3	1	2	3				1	7	3	1		1	6		31
Pioneers							1		1	(f)30	31							31
Regimental police	6																	6
Storemen		1								1	2	1				1		6
Stretcher bearers	(f)20																	20
Water dutymen										2	2							2
Total, rank and file	46	4	30	2	26	28	6	22	28	38	71	199	7	4	10	34	109	681

(iii) Transport

Car, DS	1
Trucks, ¼-ton	26
Truck, ¼-ton ambulance	1
Trucks, 15-cwt., G.S.	4
Trucks, 2½-ton, G.S.	12
Truck, 3-ton, water, 400-gal	1
Truck, 3-ton, office	1
Trailers, 8-cwt.	25
Trailers, water, tank, 80-gal	2

(iv) Weapons

Detail	Number	Ammunition – rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	(g)92	12	552	1,656
Rifles, .303-inch	(h)527	50	26,350	52,700
Rifles, .303-inch for attached personnel	27	25		675
Sub machine guns	(j)109	240	72,600	81,560
LMGs, .303-inch	(j)37	200	20,500	23,900
MMGs, .303-inch	4	2,000	4,000	12,000
Mortars – 2-inch	12	18	504	720
3-inch	4	24	168	264
Grenades –				
No. 36M – Packed for hand		1,344	360	1,704
Packed for rifle		144	288	432
No. 63, smoke			72	72
No. 77		108	108	216
Pistols, signal	12	10	60	180

- (a) Two companies will be commanded by majors and the remainder by captains.
- (b) One will be attached to Echelon and Records
- (c) One man in headquarters company and one man in each rifle company will be trained to repair boots as a part time employment. In each rifle company one man will be trained in hygiene duties and one man in first aid. Stretcher bearers may also be trained as bandsmen and one man as a bugler.
- (d) One other rank may be appointed to carry out canteen duties, with the rank of sergeant.
- (e) Includes or is a corporal.
- (f) Includes 2 corporals.
- (g) Officers, regimental sergeant-major, provost sergeant, pay sergeant, regimental police, Nos 1 and 2 of MMG detachment, sergeants and corporals of 3-inch mortar detachments, twenty four 2-inch mortar personnel and thirteen signallers are armed with pistols.
- (h) Officers of rifle companies are armed with a rifle in addition to a pistol.
- (j) Allotted as follows –

	Sub machine guns	LMGs
Battalion headquarters	4	1
No. 1 (signal) platoon	5	
No. 2 (MMG) platoon	4	
No. 3 (mortar) platoon	4	
No. 5 (administrative) platoon	12	
Four rifle company headquarters	8	
Thirty six section	72	36
	109	37