

A PACIFIC ISLANDS INFANTRY BATTALION

Consisting of –

- Battalion headquarters –
 - Command and administration
 - Signal platoon
 - Pioneer platoon
- Four rifle companies each of –
 - Company headquarters
 - Three platoons each of –
 - Platoon headquarters
 - Three sections

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Summary of ranks

| Detail | Battalion headquarters | | | | Four rifle companies (each) | | | | | Total, Pacific Islands Battalion |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| | Command and administration | Signal platoon | Pioneer platoon | Total, battalion headquarters | Company headquarters | Three platoons (each) | | | Total, company | |
| | | | | | | Platoon headquarters | Three sections (each) | Total platoon | | |
| AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lieutenant-colonel | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Major (second-in-command) | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Majors or captains (a) | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 4 |
| Captain (adjutant) | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Lieutenant (quartermaster) | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Lieutenants | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 4 | 17 |
| Total, officers | 5 | 1 | | 6 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 5 | 26 |
| Regimental sergeant-major | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Regimental quartermaster-sergeant | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Company sergeant-majors | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 4 |
| Total, warrant officers | 2 | | | 2 | 1 | | | | 1 | 6 |
| Company quartermaster-sergeants | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 4 |
| Orderly room sergeant | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Transport sergeant | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Sergeants (intelligence) | 4 | | | 4 | | | | | | 4 |
| Sergeants | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 14 |
| Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants | 6 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 4 | 24 |
| Corporals (lance-sergeants) | | 12 | | 12 | | | | | | 12 |
| Corporals (lance-sergeants) clerks | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 5 |
| Total, rank and file | 1 | 12 | | 13 | 1 | | | | 1 | 17 |
| Total, other ranks | 9 | 13 | 1 | 23 | 3 | 1 | | 1 | 6 | 47 |
| Total, all ranks | 14 | 14 | 1 | 29 | 5 | 2 | | 2 | 11 | 73 |
| Attached | | | | | | | | | | |
| A.A.M.C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Captain | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Sergeant | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |

| Detail | Battalion headquarters | | | | Four rifle companies (each) | | | | | Total, Pacific Islands Battalion |
|---|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| | Command and administration | Signal platoon | Pioneer platoon | Total, battalion headquarters | Company headquarters | Three platoons (each) | | | Total, company | |
| | | | | | | Platoon headquarters | Three sections (each) | Total platoon | | |
| Sergeant (hygiene inspector) | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Corporals (lance-sergeants) | 4 | | | 4 | | | | | | 4 |
| A.E.M.E. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sergeant (armourer) | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| A.A.C.C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Warrant officer class II (caterer) | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| A.A.P.C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sergeant | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Total, Australian personnel including attached | 24 | 14 | 1 | 39 | 5 | 2 | | 2 | 11 | 83 |
| PACIFIC ISLAND PERSONNEL | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aiwat (warrant officers class II) | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 4 |
| Autul (sergeants) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 15 |
| Aurua (corporals) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 9 | | | 1 | 3 | 9 | 45 |
| Pata (privates) | 34 | 18 | 17 | 69 | 9 | 2 | 10 | 32 | 105 | 489 |
| Total, Pacific Islands personnel | 38 | 23 | 20 | 81 | 10 | 3 | 11 | 36 | 118 | 553 |
| Total, personnel including attached | 62 | 37 | 21 | 120 | 15 | 5 | 11 | 38 | 129 | 636 |
| (ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aiwat | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 4 |
| Autul | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 15 |
| Aurua | (b)3 | 4 | 2 | 9 | | | 1 | 3 | 9 | 45 |
| Batmen | 6 | 1 | | 7 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 5 | 27 |
| Carpenters | | | 6 | 6 | | | | | | 6 |
| Clerk | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Cooks | 3 | | | 3 | 2 | | | | 2 | 11 |
| Drivers, M.T. | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | | | | 1 | 10 |
| General dutymen | 4 | | | 4 | | | | | | 4 |
| Hygiene dutymen | 4 | | | 4 | | | | | | 4 |
| Medical orderlies | (c)10 | | | 10 | | | | | | 10 |
| Orderlies | | | | | 3 | 1 | | 1 | 6 | 24 |
| Pioneers | | | 10 | 10 | | | | | | 10 |
| Riflemen | | | | | | | 10 | 30 | 90 | 360 |
| Signallers | | 16 | | 16 | | | | | | 16 |
| Storemen | 2 | | | 2 | 1 | | | | 1 | 6 |
| Total, Pacific Islands personnel | 38 | 23 | 20 | 81 | 10 | 3 | 11 | 36 | 118 | 553 |

(iii) Transport

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| Trucks, ¼-ton, G.S. | 8 |
| Trucks, 2½-ton, GS. | 2 |
| Trailers, 8-cwt | 4 |

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

| Detail | Number | Ammunition - rounds | | |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------|---------|--------|
| | | On man or with gun | Reserve | Total |
| Pistols, .38-inch | 29 | 12 | 174 | 522 |
| Rifles, .303-inch | 471 | 50 | 47,000 | 70,550 |
| Sub machine guns | 130 | 200 | 52,000 | 78,000 |
| L.M.Gs., .303-inch | 20 | 1,000 | 10,000 | 30,000 |
| Pistols, signal | 10 | 20 | | 200 |
| Rifles, .303-inch EY | 25 | | | |
| Grenades, No. 36M, rifle | | | 240 | 240 |

- (a) One of the companies will be commanded by a major and the remainder by captains.
- (b) Includes one for M.T. and one medical.
- (c) To be allotted to companies as required.