

TORRES STRAIT LIGHT INFANTRY BATTALION

Consisting of –

Battalion headquarters
Headquarter company –
 Company headquarters
 Signal platoon
 Administrative platoon
 Transport platoon

Transportation company –
 Company headquarters
 Three docks operating platoons
 One water transport platoon

Two rifle companies each of –
 Company headquarters
 Three platoons each of –
 Platoon headquarters
 Three sections

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(This establishment supersedes No. III/64/2)

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarter company					Transportation company (R.A.E. personnel)				Two rifle companies (each)					Total, Torres Strait light infantry battalion
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												Platoon headquarters	Three sections (each)	Total, platoon		
AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL																
Lieutenant-colonel	1															1
Major (second-in-command)	1															1
Captains		1				1	2			2	1				1	5
Captain (adjutant)	1															1
Captain (quartermaster)				1		1										1
Lieutenant (intelligence officer)	1															1
Lieutenants			1			1		1	4	1	1		1	4		13
Total, officers	4	1	1	1		3	2	1	1	6	2	1		1	5	23
Regimental sergeant-major	1															1
Regimental quartermaster-sergeant				1		1										1
Bandmaster	1															1
Company sergeant-majors		1				1	1			1	1				1	4
Master								1	1							1
Total, warrant officers	2	1		1		2	1	1	2	1					1	8
Company quartermaster-sergeant		1				1	1			1	1				1	4
Sergeants –																
Clerk	1															1
Coxswains								5	5							5
Instructors										1				1		2
Quay foreman							1		3							3
Transport					1	1										1
Sergeants			1			1										1
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	1	1	1		1	3	1	1	5	9	2				2	17
Corporals	2	1		2	1	4	1		8	9	1				1	17

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Privates				1		1										1
Total, rank and file	2	1		3	1	5	1		8	9	1				1	18
Total, other ranks	5	3	1	4	2	10	3	1	14	20	4				4	45
Total, all ranks	9	4	2	5	2	13	5	2	15	26	6	1		1	9	66
Attached –																
A.A.Ch.D																
Chaplain, 3rd or 4th class	1															1
A.A.M.C.																
Captain	1															1
Sergeant (hygiene inspector)	1															1
Sergeant	1															1
A.E.M.E																
Sergeant (armourer)				1		1										1
Corporal (mechanic, engine)									1	1						1
Craftsman (armourer) (trade group 1)				1		1										1
Craftsman (mechanic M.V.) (trade group 2)					1	1										1
A.A.P.C.																
Sergeant	1															1
A.A. Education Service																
Lieutenant	1															1
Total, Australian personnel, including attached	15	4	2	8	3	17	5	2	16	27	6	1		1	9	77
TORRES STRAIT PERSONNEL																
Sergeants								1		3		1		1	3	9
Sergeants (cooks)				1		1	1			1						2
Corporals	2		3	1		4	1	2		7	1		1	3	10	33

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Privates	21	2	19	10	31	62	5	37	17	133	8	4	9	31	101	418
Total, Torres Strait personnel	23	2	22	12	31	67	7	40	17	144	9	5	10	35	114	462
Total, personnel, including attached	38	6	24	20	34	84	12	42	33	171	15	6	10	36	123	539
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties																
AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL																
Trade group 2																
Mechanics, engine								(a)8	8							8
Trade group 3																
Clerks	(a)2	(b)1		(b)1	(b)1	3	(b)1			1	(b)1				1	8
Storeman, technical				1		1										1
Non-specialists																
Canteen duties				(b)1		1										1
Total, rank and file	2	1		3	1	5	1		8	9	1				1	18
TORRES STRAIT PERSONNEL																
Corporals								2		6						6
Batmen	8	1	1	1		3	2	1	1	6	2	1		1	5	27
Butcher				1		1										1
Checkers								3		9						9
Cooks				(b)4		4	(b)3			3	(b)3				3	13
Deckhands								16		16						16
Drivers, M.T.					31	31										31
Hatchmen								3		9						9
Hygiene duty men				2		2					1				1	4
Mortar numbers												2			2	6
Orderlies											2	1		1	5	10

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Regimental police	(b)4															4
Riflemen												(b)10	30	90		180
Shoemakers				2	2											2
Signallers			(c)21		21											21
Stevedores							24		72							72
Storemen		1		1	2	1			1	1				1		5
Stretcher bearers	(b)11															11
Winchmen							6		18							18
Total, rank and file	23	2	22	11	31	66	6	39	17	140	9	4	10	34	111	451

(iii) Transport

Bicycles	3
Motor cycles	4
Trucks, ¼-ton	1
Trucks, 15-cwt, G.S.	8
Trucks, 3-ton, G.S.	16
Truck, 3-ton, water	1

(iv) Watercraft

A.L.C. 5	2
A.L.C. 40	1
Workboats, 40-feet	2
Non-standard types –	
Luggers	2
Tug	1

(v) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	27	12	162	486
Rifles, .303-inch	425	50	21000	42250
Rifles, .303-inch for attached personnel	25	20		500
Sub machine guns	59	200	23600	35400
L.M.Gs. .303-inch	28	1000	14000	42000
Mortars, 2-inch	9	18	288	450
Grenades, No. 36M, rifled			300	300
Pistols, signal	16	20		320
Rifles, .303-inch EY	27			
A.L.C. 5 (2)				
Brownings, cal 50	2	1500	3000	6000
Pistols, signal	2	18	36	72
A.L.C. 40 (1)				
20-mm M.Gs.	1	2000	2000	4000
Pistols, signal	1	18	18	36
Workboats, 40-feet (2)				
Twin, M.M.Gs. , .303-inch	2	4000	8000	16000
Pistols, signal	2	18	36	72

- (a) Corporals.
(b) Includes, or is, a corporal.
(c) Includes 3 corporals.

NOTE

A chaplain 3rd class will only be appointed when authorised by L.H.Q.