

**NORTH AUSTRALIA OBSERVER UNIT**

Consisting of –  
 Headquarters  
 Headquarters company of –  
     Company headquarters  
     Administrative platoon  
     Signal platoon  
     Coast watch platoon  
     Pedal radio platoon  
 Three companies each of –  
     Company headquarters  
     4 Platoons.

**WAR ESTABLISHMENT**

(i) Summary of Ranks

Detail	Headquarters	Headquarters company						Three companies (each)			Total, North Australi Observer Unit
		Company headquarters	Administrative platoon	Signal platoon	Coast watch platoon	Pedal radio platoon	Total, headquarters company	Company headquarters	Four platoons (each)	Total, company	
Lieutenant-colonel	1										1
Major		1					1				1
Captain (adjutant)	1										1
Captain (anthropologist)	1										1
Captains				1			1	1		1	4
Lieutenant (quartermaster)			1				1				1
Lieutenant (anthropologist)	1										1
Lieutenants	(a)1		(b)2	4			6		1	4	19
Total, officers	5	1	3	5			9	1	1	5	29
Regimental sergeant-major	1										1
Regimental quartermaster-sergeant			1				1				1
Company sergeant-majors		(d)1					1	(c)1		1	4
Total, warrant officers	1	1	1				2	1		1	6
Orderly room sergeant	1										1
Sergeant cook			1				1				1
Sergeant draughtsmen	2										2
Farrier sergeant			1				1	1		1	4
Saddler sergeant			1				1				1
Transport sergeants			2				2				2
Sergeants wireless telegraphy				4		3	7				7
Sergeants									1	4	12
Total, sergeants	3		5	4		3	12	1	1	5	30

Detail	Headquarters company							Three companies (each)			Total, North Australian Observer Unit
	Headquarters	Company headquarters	Administrative platoon	Signal platoon	Coast watch platoon	Pedal radio platoon	Total, headquarters company	Company headquarters	Four platoons (each)	Total, company	
Corporals	1	1	2	4	3	3	13		4	16	62
Privates	8	1	16	60	42	33	152	7	9	43	289
Drivers, M.T.			34				34				34
Total, rank and file	9	2	52	64	45	36	199	7	13	59	385
Total, other ranks	13	3	56	68	45	39	213	9	14	65	421
Total, all ranks	18	4	61	73	45	39	222	10	15	70	450
Attached											
Sergeant guides (N.T. Police)	15										15
Total all ranks including attached	33	4	61	73	45	39	222	10	15	70	465
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties											
Trade Group II											
Carpenter			1				1				1
Cooks			1				1	1		1	4
Mechanics M.V.			4				4				4
Signallers				(d)64	(e)45	(e)36	145				145
Trade Group III											
Butcher			1				1				1
Clerks	(i)3	(f)1	1				2	1		1	8
Saddlers								1		1	3
Non specialists											
Batmend-drivers	4	1	3				4	1	1	5	23
General dutymen	2		(g)5				5	3	(d)12	51	160
Shoemaker			1				1				1
Storeman			1				1				1
Drivers, M.T.			34				34				34
Total, rank and file	9	2	52	64	45	36	199	7	13	59	385

(iii) Transport

Bicycles	(h)15
Motor cycles	(j)6
Car, 6-seater, utility	1
Truck, ¼-ton	1
Trucks, 15-cwt. –	
G.S.	19
Office unit	1
Personnel	6
Wireless	
Special, type A	1
Special, type B	1
Trucks, 3-ton –	
G.S.	9
Water	1
Wireless generator	1
Horses	
Riding	450
Pack	750
Spare	300

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition – rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .455-inch	30	12	5,400	5,760
Rifles, .303-inch	377	50	57,000	75,850
Sub machine guns	58	200	58,000	69,600
Rifles, .22-inch	52	50	58,000	69,100
L.M.Gs. .303-inch	17	1,000	51,000	38,000
Shot guns, 12 guage	328	25	49,200	67,400
Grenades		12 per section	1,728	2,304
Pistols, signal	12	20	720	960

- (a) Intelligence officer.
- (b) One for M.T. and one for H.T.
- (c) Also performs the duties of company quartermaster -sergeant.
- (d) Includes 4 corporals.
- (e) Includes 3 corporals.
- (f) Includes or is a corporal.
- (g) Includes 2 corporals.
- (h) One for each company headquarters and one for each platoon other than headquarters company.
- (j) Two per company other than headquarters company.

## NOTE

Native personnel may be employed as necessary/ \.