

A NATIVE INFANTRY BATTALION

Consisting of –
 Battalion headquarters –
 Command and administration
 No. 1 (Signal) platoon
 No. 2 (pioneer) platoon
 Three rifle companies, each of –
 Company headquarters
 Three platoons, each of –
 Platoon headquarters
 Three sections
 Depot company

WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Battalion headquarters				Three rifle companies (each)					Depot company	Total, native infantry battalion
	Command and administration	No. 1 (signal) platoon	No. 2 (pioneer) platoon	Total, battalion headquarters	Company headquarters	Platoon headquarters	Three sections (each)	Total, platoon	Total, company		
Australian personnel											
Lieutenant-colonel	1			1							1
Major (second-in-command)	1			1							1
Majors or captains					1				1	1	(a)4
Captain (adjutant)	1			1							1
Lieutenant (quartermaster)	1			1							1
Lieutenants		1		1	1	1		1	4	4	17
Total, officers	4	1		5	2	1		1	5	5	25
Regimental sergeant-major	1			1							1
Regimental quartermaster-sergeant	1			1							1
Warrant officer class II (intelligence)	1			1							1
Company sergeant-majors					1				1	1	4
Total, warrant officers	5			3	1				1	1	7
Company quartermaster-sergeants					1				1	1	4
Orderly room sergeants	1			1						1	2
Intelligence sergeants					1				1		3
Transport sergeant	1			1							1
Sergeants		1	1	2		1	1	4	12	12	50
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	2	1	1	4	2	1	1	4	14	14	60
Corporals		10		10							10
Corporal, clerks					1				1		3
Total, rank and file	2	10		10	1			1			13
Total, other ranks	5	11	1	17	4	1	1	4	16	15	80
Total, all ranks	9	12	1	22	6	2	1	5	21	20	102

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Attached –											
A.A.M.C. –											
Captain	1			1							1
Sergeant	1			1							1
Corporals					1				1	1	4
A.E.M.E. –											
Armourer sergeant	1			1							1
A.A.P.C. –											
Sergeant	1			1							1
Total Australian personnel, including attached.	13	12	1	26	7	2	1	5	22	21	113
Papuan personnel											
Company sergeant-majors					1				1	1	4
Sergeants			1	1		1		1	3	3	13
Corporals	3	3	2	8	2		1	3	11	12	53
Privates	26	13	17	56	9	2	10	32	105	284	655
Total, Papuan personnel	29	16	20	65	12	3	11	36	120	(x)300	725
Total, all ranks including attached and Papuan personnel	42	28	21	91	19	5	12	41	142	321	838
(ii) Distribution of rank and file (Papuan personnel only) by trades and duties											
Papuan personnel											
Corporals	3	3	2	8	2		1	3	11	11	52
corporal, medical										1	1
Batmen	6	1		7	2	1		1	5	5	27
Carpenters			6	6							6
Clerks	1			1						1	2
Cooks	2			2	2				2	6	14
Drivers, M.T.	2		1	3	1				1	2	8
Intelligence duties	4			4							4
General dutymen	3			3						7	10
Hygiene dutymen	3			3						3	6
Orderlies					3	1		1	6	6	24
Orderlies, medical	3			3						3	6
Pioneers			10	10							10
Riflemen							10	30	90	250	520
Signalmen (runners)		12		12							12
Storemen	2			2	1				1	1	6
Total, rank and file	29	16	19	64	11	2	11	35	116	296	708

x Holding strength of 400 authorised by NGF Administrative Instruction 145/44 (100 recruits, 200 trained reinforcements, 100 x-list) (NB to be kept up to 400 irrespective classification.)

(iii) Transport

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Bicycles	1	1		2	1				1	1	6
Trucks, ¼-ton	2			2	1				1	1	6
Truck, 15-cwt. G.S.			1	1							1
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.										1	1

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition-rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	28	12	168	504
Rifles, .303-inch	685	50	68,000	102,250
Rifles, .303-inch for attached personnel	1	20		20
Sub machine guns	(b)147	200	58,800	88,200
Pistols, signal	8	20		160
L.M.Gs. .303-inch	16	1,000	8,000	24,000
Rifles, .303-inch EY	20			
Grenades			240	240

(a) One of the companies will be commanded by a Major.

(b) Alloted as follows –

Drivers of vehicles	8
Warrant and N.C.O.s (Australians) of rifle companies	45
Papuan sergeant-majors and sergeants of rifle companies	12
2 Papuan per section	54
Reserve	20
Depot Company	8