

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

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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

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.