

Organization of the Japanese Army  
1939

Forces in Japan

1st Guard Division:

1st Guard Infantry Brigade  
1st Guard Infantry Regiment  
2nd Guard Infantry Regiment  
2nd Guard Infantry Brigade  
3rd Guard Infantry Regiment  
4th Guard Infantry Regiment  
Guard Cavalry Regiment  
Guard Artillery Regiment  
Guard Engineer Regiment  
Guard Signal Unit  
Guard Transport Regiment  
Guard Transport Regiment

Attached:

4th Medium Artillery Brigade

1st Division:

1st Infantry Brigade  
1st Infantry Regiment  
49th Infantry Regiment  
2nd Infantry Brigade  
3rd Infantry Regiment  
57th Infantry Regiment  
1st Cavalry Regiment  
1st Field Artillery Regiment  
1st Engineer Regiment  
1st Signal Unit  
1st Transport Regiment

Attached:

3rd Medium Artillery Brigade

2nd Division:

3rd Infantry Brigade:  
4th Infantry Regiment  
29th Infantry Regiment  
15th Infantry Brigade:  
16th Infantry Regiment  
30th Infantry Regiment  
2nd Cavalry Regiment  
2nd Artillery Regiment  
2nd Engineer Regiment  
2nd Signal Unit  
2nd Transport Regiment

3rd Division:

5th Infantry Brigade:  
6th Infantry Regiment  
68th Infantry Regiment  
29th Infantry Brigade:  
18th Infantry Regiment  
34th Infantry Regiment  
3rd Cavalry Regiment  
3rd Artillery Regiment

3rd Engineer Regiment  
3rd Signal Unit  
3rd Transport Regiment  
4th Division:  
    7th Infantry Brigade:  
        8th Infantry Regiment  
        70th Infantry Regiment  
    32nd Infantry Brigade:  
        37th Infantry Regiment  
        61st Infantry Regiment  
4th Cavalry Regiment  
4th Artillery Regiment  
4th Engineer Regiment  
4th Signal Unit  
4th Transport Regiment  
5th Division:  
    9th Infantry Brigade:  
        11th Infantry Regiment  
        41st Infantry Regiment  
    21st Infantry Brigade:  
        21st Infantry Regiment  
        42nd Infantry Regiment  
5th Cavalry Regiment  
5th Artillery Regiment  
5th Engineer Regiment  
5th Signal Unit  
5th Transport Regiment  
6th Division:  
    11th Infantry Brigade:  
        13th Infantry Regiment  
        47th Infantry Regiment  
    36th Infantry Brigade:  
        25th Infantry Regiment  
        45th Infantry Regiment  
6th Cavalry Regiment  
6th Artillery Regiment  
6th Engineer Regiment  
6th Signal Unit  
6th Transport Regiment  
7th Division:  
    13th Infantry Brigade:  
        25th Infantry Regiment  
        26th Infantry Regiment  
    14th Infantry Brigade:  
        27th Infantry Regiment  
        28th Infantry Regiment  
7th Cavalry Regiment  
7th Mountain Artillery Regiment  
7th Engineer Regiment  
7th Signal Unit  
7th Transport Regiment  
8th Division:  
    4th Infantry Brigade:  
        5th Infantry Regiment  
        31st Infantry Regiment

16th Infantry Brigade:  
17th Infantry Regiment  
32nd Infantry Regiment  
8th Cavalry Regiment  
8th Artillery Regiment  
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8th Engineer Regiment  
8th Signal Unit  
8th Transport Regiment

9th Division:

6th Infantry Brigade:  
7th Infantry Regiment  
35th Infantry Regiment  
18th Infantry Brigade:  
19th Infantry Regiment  
36th Infantry Regiment  
9th Cavalry Regiment  
9th Mountain Artillery Regiment  
9th Engineer Regiment  
9th Signal Unit  
9th Transport Regiment

10th Division:

8th Infantry Brigade:  
39th Infantry Regiment  
40th Infantry Regiment  
33rd Infantry Brigade:  
10th Infantry Regiment  
63rd Infantry Regiment  
10th Cavalry Regiment  
10th Artillery Regiment  
10th Engineer Regiment  
10th Signal Unit  
10th Transport Regiment

11th Division:

10th Infantry Brigade:  
12th Infantry Regiment  
22nd Infantry Regiment  
22nd Infantry Brigade:  
43rd Infantry Regiment  
44th Infantry Regiment  
11th Cavalry Regiment  
11th Artillery Regiment  
11th Engineer Regiment  
11th Signal Unit  
11th Transport Regiment

12th Division:

12th Infantry Brigade:  
12th Infantry Regiment  
24th Infantry Regiment  
24th Infantry Brigade:  
46th Infantry Regiment  
48th Infantry Regiment  
12th Division Tank Unit  
12th Artillery Group  
24th Artillery Regiment

18th Engineer Regiment  
12th Signal Unit  
18th Transport Regiment  
14th Division:  
27th Infantry Brigade:  
2nd Infantry Regiment  
59th Infantry Regiment  
28th Infantry Brigade:  
15th Infantry Regiment  
50th Infantry Regiment  
14th Divisional Tank Unit  
18th Cavalry Regiment  
20th Artillery Regiment  
14th Engineer Regiment  
14th Signal Unit  
14th Transport Regiment  
16th Division:  
19th Infantry Brigade:  
9th Infantry Regiment  
20th Infantry Regiment  
30th Infantry Brigade:  
33rd Infantry Regiment  
38th Infantry Regiment  
16th Cavalry Regiment  
22nd Artillery Regiment  
16th Engineer Regiment  
16th Signal Unit  
16th Transport Regiment

### **Cavalry Brigades**

1st Cavalry Brigade  
13th Cavalry Regiment  
14th Cavalry Regiment  
2nd Cavalry Brigade:  
15th Cavalry Regiment  
16th Cavalry Regiment  
3rd Cavalry Brigade:  
23rd Cavalry Regiment  
24th Cavalry Regiment  
4th Cavalry Brigade:  
25th Cavalry Regiment  
26th Cavalry Regiment

### **Artillery**

2 Horse Artillery Regiments  
1st Mountain Artillery Regiment  
2nd Mountain Artillery Regiment

1st Medium Artillery Brigade

2nd Medium Artillery Regiment  
3rd Medium Artillery Regiment  
2nd Medium Artillery Brigade  
5th Medium Artillery Regiment  
6th Medium Artillery Regiment  
3rd Medium Artillery Brigade  
1st Medium Artillery Regiment  
7th Medium Artillery Regiment  
4th Medium Artillery Brigade  
4th Medium Artillery Regiment  
8th Medium Artillery Regiment

Yokosuka Fortress Artillery Regiment  
Kure Fortress Artillery Regiment  
Tsugaru Fortress Artillery Regiment  
Shimonoseki Fortress Artillery Regiment  
Tsushima Fortress Artillery Regiment  
Nagasaki Fortress Artillery Regiment  
Sasebo Fortress Artillery Regiment

1st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment  
2nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment  
3rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment  
4th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment

Other Formations:

1st Telegraph Regiment  
2nd Telegraph Regiment  
1st Railway Regiment  
2nd Railway Regiment  
1st Tank Regiment  
2nd Tank Regiment

Army Air Regiments

1st Air Regiment  
2nd Air Regiment  
3rd Air Regiment  
4th Air Regiment  
5th Air Regiment  
7th Air Regiment  
13th Air Regiment  
Balloon Regiment

In Korea

19th Division:

27th Cavalry Regiment  
25th Mountain Artillery Regiment  
19th Transportation Regiment  
19th Engineer Regiment  
37th Infantry Brigade:  
73rd Infantry Regiment  
74th Infantry Regiment

38th Infantry Brigade:

75th Infantry Regiment  
76th Infantry Regiment

20th Division:

28th Cavalry Regiment  
26th Field Artillery Regiment  
20th Engineer Regiment  
20th Transportation Regiment

39th Infantry Brigade:

77th Infantry Regiment  
78th Infantry Regiment

40th Infantry Brigade:

79th Infantry Regiment  
80th Infantry Regiment

Other:

Chinkaiwan Fortress Artillery Regiment  
5th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment  
6th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment

2nd Air Group:

6th Air Regiment  
9th Air Regiment

unknown Air Group:

8th Air Regiment  
14th Air Regiment

Independent Infantry Regiments

1st Infantry Regiment  
2nd Infantry Regiment

2 Mountain Artillery Regiments  
2 Armored Car Companies  
1 Independent Machine Gun Company  
Mako Fortress Artillery Regiment  
Keelung Fortress Artillery Regiment  
unknown Anti-Aircraft Regiment

**Forces in Manchuria**

4 Infantry Divisions  
1 Mobile Mixed Brigade  
3 Cavalry Brigades  
3 Horse Artillery Batteries  
9th Medium Artillery Regiment  
4 Independent Medium Artillery Batteries  
Port Arthur Fortress Artillery Regiment  
Hsinking Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battaion  
Harbin Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battaion  
Mutanchiang Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battaion  
Tsitsihar Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battaion  
Hailar Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battaion  
Mukden Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battaion  
3rd Railway Regiment

3rd Tank Regiment  
4th Tank Regiment  
10th Air Regiment  
11th Air Regiment  
12th Air Regiment  
15th Air Regiment  
16th Air Regiment  
17th Air Regiment  
18th Air Regiment  
2 Garrison Infantry Regiments (Tientsin & Peking)  
Shanhaikuan Garrison Infantry  
Railway Garrison Infantry (Peking)  
1 Tank Detachment (Peking)  
1 Armored Car Detachment (Tientsin)  
2 Independent Cavalry Squadrons

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