

Japanese 25th Army
8 December 1941

25th Army Headquarters: Lieutenant General Yamashita

Imperial Guards Division (Mechanized): Lt. General Nishimura

Guards Infantry Group:

3rd Guards Infantry Regiment¹

4th Guards Infantry Regiment

5th Guards Infantry Regiment

Attached:

Reconnaissance Regiment

Field Artillery Regiment

Engineer Regiment

Divisional Signal Unit

Transport Regiment

Ordnance Service unit

Medical Unit

Two field hospitals

Total: 12,649 men & 914 vehicles

5th Division (Mechanized): Lieutenant General Matsui

9th Infantry Brigade: Major General Kawamura

11th Infantry Regiment²

41st Infantry Regiment

21st Infantry Brigade: Major General Sugiura

21st Infantry Regiment

42nd Infantry Regiment

Attached:

5th Reconnaissance Regiment

5th Field Artillery Regiment

5th Engineer Regiment

Divisional Signal Unit

5th Transport Regiment

Ordnance Service Unit

Divisional Medical Unit

2 Field Hospitals

Total: 15,342 men, 1,088 vehicles

18th Division (horse transport): Lieutenant General Mutaguchi

35th Infantry Brigade: Major General Kawaguchi

114th Infantry Regiment³

124th Infantry Regiment

23rd Infantry Brigade: Major General Takumi

55th Infantry Regiment

56th Infantry Regiment

Attached:

¹ Normal strength was 2,600 men per mechanized infantry regiment.

² Normal strength was 2,600 men per mechanized infantry regiment.

³ Normal strength was 3,525 men per horse equipped infantry regiment.

2nd Cavalry Battalion
18th Mountain Artillery Regiment
12th Engineer Regiment
Divisional Signal Unit
12th Transport Regiment
Ordnance Service Unit
Divisional Medical Unit
3 Field Hospitals
Veterinary Hospital

Total: 22,206 men, 33 vehicles, 5,707 horses

Attached:

1st Independent Anti-Tank Battalion
8 independent anti-tank companies
3rd Tank Group
 4 Tank Regiments
 1st, 2nd & 6th (Medium) & 14th (Light) Regiments & ancillary units
3rd Independent Mountain Artillery Regiment
3rd Heavy Field Artillery Regiment
18th Heavy Field Artillery Regiment
21st Heavy Field Artillery Battalion
3rd Trench Mortar Battalion (horsed)
5th Trench Mortar Battalion (horsed)
14th Independent Mortar Battalion
17th Field Air Defense Unit (4 field AA battalions)
3 independent field anti-aircraft companies
1st Balloon Company
4th Independent Engineer Regiment
15th Independent Engineer Regiment
23rd Independent Engineer Regiment
21st, 22nd, 7 27th Bridging Material Companies (2 horsed & 1
 mechanized)
10th & 15th River crossing Material Companies (1 horsed & 1
 mechanized)
21st River Crossing Company (horsed)
2nd Field Military Police Unit
2nd Railway Unit
 2 railway regiments
 1 railway material depot
 2 railway station offices
 2 special railway operating units
25th Army Signal Unit
 1 telegraph regiment (horsed)
 1 independent wire company (mechanized)
 3 independent wire platoons (2 mechanized & 1 horsed)
 5 stationary wireless units

Line of Communication, Headquarters, etc. Units:

4 line of communication sector units
8 independent motor transport battalions
12 independent motor transport companies
2 horse transport units
10 land service companies
5 construction service companies
survey, water, road, construction, ordnance & medical units

3rd Air Division:

3rd Air Brigade:

- 1 Fighter Regiment
- 3 Light Bomber Regiments

7th Air Brigade:

- 1 Fighter Regiment
- 3 Heavy Bomber Regiments

12th Air Brigade:

- 2 Fighter Regiments

15th Independent Air Regiment:

- 2 Reconnaissance Squadrons

81st Reconnaissance Regiment:

- 1 Reconnaissance Squadron

Total:

Maximum operational strength

- 146 fighters (56 were Zeros)
- 172 bombers
- 36 reconnaissance aircraft

Naval Air Support:

- Kimikawa Maru (14 seaplanes)
- Sanyo Maru (8 seaplanes)
- Sagara Maru (8 seaplanes)

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