

Japanese 17th Army
Organization for Attack on Port Morsby
24 July 1942

South Sea Detachment:

55th Infantry Group:
144th Infantry Regiment
Anti-Tank Section, 55th Cavalry Regiment
3rd Troop, 55th Cavalry Regiment (-1 platoon)
1st Battalion, 55th Mountain Artillery Regiment
1st Company, 55th Engineering Regiment
Det. Equipment Platoon, 55th Engineering Regiment
Det/55th Division Communication Unit
2nd Company, 55th Transportation Regiment
55th Division Sanitary Unit (- 2/3rds)
1st Field Hospital, 55th Division
Det/55th Veterinary Hospital
Det/55th Division Water Supply & Purification Unit
47th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion (detached)

Attached:

15th Independent Engineer Regiment (-1 coy; + Takasago Volunteer Unit)
Det/Army Communications, which included:
Det/88th Independent Wire Communication Company
Independent Radio Platoon
Fixed Radio Platoon

Other:

Det/24th Field Water Supply & Purification Unit
10th Independent Engineer Regiment (1 coy)
10th Independent Engineer Regiment (platoon)
105th Sea Duty Company
40th Sea Duty Company (-2 coys)
120th Land Duty Company (1 platoon)
37th Anchorage Headquarters
Det/Shipping Signal Unit

35th Infantry Brigade: Major General Kawaguchi

251st Independent Infantry Battalion
252nd Independent Infantry Battalion
253rd Independent Infantry Battalion
254th Independent Infantry Battalion
255th Independent Infantry Battalion
256th Independent Infantry Battalion
35th Independent Mixed Brigade Artillery Unit
35th Independent Mixed Brigade Engineer Unit
35th Independent Mixed Brigade Signal Unit

Attached:

15th Independent Engineer Regiment (1 coy)
2 Independent Radio Platoons
24th Field Water Supply & Purification Unit (- dets)
6th Independent Engineer Regiment
40th Sea Duty Company

Ryuzu Unit: Lt. Colonel Ryuzu

4th Independent Engineer Company
212th Independent Motor Vehicle Company
Temporary motor vehicle company

Temporary transportation company
Det/Army Military Police

Attached:

40th Sea Duty Company (platoon)
106th Land Duty Company
120th Land Duty Company (platoon)
42nd Anchorate Headquarters (- dets)

1st Debarkation Group: Major General Ito

1st Debarkation Group Headquarters
10th Independent Engineer Regiment (-1 coy & 1 platoon) *
39th Sea Duty Company
47th Sea Duty Company
120th Land Duty Company (- 2 platoons)
Det/shipping signal regiment

Units under Direct Army Control:

4th Company, 2nd Tank Regiment
20th Independent Mountain Artillery Battalion
2nd Company, 21st Field Heavy Artillery Regiment
45th Field Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion
47th Field Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion
9th Anti-Tank Artillery Company
Army Communications Unit (- dets)
67th Line of Communication Hospital

Army Reserve:

Yazawa Unit: Colonel Yazawa

41st Infantry Regiment
Det/Army Military Police

Aoba Detachment:

2nd Infantry Group Headquarters
1st Battalion, 2nd Field Artillery Regiment (equipped with
motorized vehicles)
1st Company, 2nd Engineering Regiment
Equipment Platoon, 2nd Engineering Regiment
Det/2nd Division Signals Unit
3rd Company, 2nd Transport Regiment (1 platoon)
2nd Division Sanitary Unit (-2/3rds)
2nd Field Hospital, 2nd Division
2nd Water Supply & Purification Unit

* Shipping units attached to the South Sea Detachment were to be transferred to this group after the landing of the detachment was completed.

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