

**Japanese 17th Army Strengths
on Landing & 20 November 1942**

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength on Landing</u>	<u>Strength on 20 Nov.</u>	20 November Major Equipment/ <u>Notes</u>
2nd Division			
Divison HQ	271	268 (100) ¹	
Infantry Gp. HQ	88	76 (50)	
4th Infantry Regt	2,300	725 (400)	Bn guns: 3 MG's: 8
16th Infantry Regt	2,300	1,747 (700)	Regt guns: 2 Bn guns: 4 AT guns: 2 MG's: 12
29th Infantry Regt	2,330	1,337 (780)	Regt guns: 4 Bn guns: 5 AT guns: 4 MG's: 14 LMG's: 48
2nd Artillery Rgt (less 3rd Bn & 4th Battery)	851	766 (380)	Gren. Launchers: 44 100mm how: 4 Mt.guns: 5
2nd Engineer Rgt	664	405 (240)	
Communications Unit	159	149 (100)	Telephones: 8 Wire: 24 km Mobile radios: 6
2nd Transportation Rgt	317	306 (200)	
Medical Unit	286	281 (60)	
1st Field Hospital	105	105 (50)	
4th Field Hospital	78	78 (78)	
38th Division			
Division HQ	89	89 (89)	
Infantry Gp. HQ	69	69 (69)	
228th Inf. Regt	2,431	2,431 (2,411)	Regt guns: 2 Bn guns: 4 AT guns: 1 MG's: 21
229th Inf. Regt	580	575 (575)	MG's: 1 Unk gun: 1
230th Inf. Regt	2,300	1,500 (800)	unknown
38th Mountain Gun Regt (two batteries)	250	200 (120)	Mt. Guns: 4
38th Engineer Regt	520	500 (400)	
Communications Unit	91	91 (91)	Mobile Radios: 2 Telephones: 10 Wire: 87 km

¹ Number in paranthesis is the number still capable of combat.

35th Brigade

Brigade HQ	129	107 (39)	
124th Infantry Regt	3,300	1,435 (694)	
Ichiki Detachment			
Kitao Battalion	1,885	400 (65)	
1st Indep. Tank Co.	100	83 (40)	Tanks: 1
2nd AT Gun Bn	123	123 (123)	
(HQ, 1st & 2nd Cos.)			
6th Indep. AT Gun Bn.	226	167 (131)	
9th Indep. AT Gun Bn.	104	104 (104)	
4th Artillery Regt	548	517 (420)	Guns: 11 Caissons: 13 Trucks: 2
10th Mt. Gun Regt	442	382 (260)	Type 41 Mt. Guns: 4
(HQ & 2 Batteries)			
2nd Battery, 7th	146	140 (120)	No guns Caissons: 8
Artillery Regt.			
2nd Battery, 21st	123	112 (73)	Type 4 15cm: 4 (1 operational)
Field Hv Artillery			
3rd Trench Mortar Bn	404	404 (350)	Mortars: 18
38th AA Battalion	416	335 (196)	
45th AA Battalion	119	105 (50)	
39th Field Constr.	247	212 (100)	
Unit			

17th Army Headquarters

Headquarters	26	22 (18)	Switchboard: 1 Telephones: 20 Wire: 20 km
88th Independent Wire	147	142 (126)	Switchboard: 1 Telephones: 21 Wire: 120 km
3rd Independent Radio	22	14 (4)	Mobile radios: 1
Communications Platoon.			
6th Independent Radio	29	26 (15)	Mobile radios: 0
Communications Platoon.			
53rd Independent Radio	28	28 (28)	Mobile radios: 1
Communications Platoon.			
33rd Fixed Radio Unit	25	23 (19)	Mobile radios: 2
44th Fixed Radio Unit	24	23 (19)	Mobile radios: 2
15th Electical Coms Regt	56	55 (47)	
(wire platoon)			
15th Electical Coms Regt	39	38 (30)	Mobile radios: 2
(radio platoon)			

Transportation

3rd Field Trans. HQ	38	38 (35)	
52nd Indep. Trans Co.	192	192 (192)	
212th Indep. Trans Co.	12	12 (12)	
76th Line of Comms. Hosp	30	30 (30)	
67th Line of Comms. Hosp	15	15 (15)	
24th Cargo Unit	55	41 (21)	
17th Army Supply Unit	41	40 (40)	

Ship Units

1st Ship Unit	52	52 (46)	Rifles: 8
2nd Ship Unit	5	5 (3)	
1st Ship Engineer Regt	950	318 (458)	Rifles: 758 MG's: 11
2nd Ship Engineer Regt	305	805 (253)	Rifles: 251 MG's: 2
3rd Ship Engineer Regt	695	539 (103)	Rifles: 205 LMG's: 2
1st Landing Unit	unknown		
2nd Landing Unit	unknown		
1st Ship Artillery Unit	440	440 (398)	Rifles: 23
2nd Ship Artillery Unit	24	24 (4)	
Ship Communications Unit	67	46 (40)	Rifles: 34
Interim 1st Landing Unit	104	104 (87)	
Interim 2nd Landing Unit	103	103 (18)	Rifles: 27
Shipwrecked sailors		315	

Navy Units

11th Construction Unit:			
Soldiers:		137 (7)	
Workers:		160 (15)	
13th Construction Unit:			
Soldiers:		60 (21)	
Workers:		453 (23)	
Guard Unit		93 (30)	
5th Yokusaka Special Naval Landing Force		30 (2)	
4th maizuru Special Naval Landing Force		630 (200)	
Communications Unit		30 (10)	

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