

**Allied Invasion Forces
Cape Torokina Assault
October-November 1943**

Task Unit A-1: Colonel G.W.McHenry

3rd CT
2nd Raider Regiment (less 3rd Battalion)
Advance Echelon Branch #3, 4th Base Depot (less dets)
Headquarters & Staff Co., 3rd Medical Battalion
Communication Unit #7 (less Det)
Det/Advanced Naval Base Unit #7
Det Service & Supply Co, 3rd Service Battalion
Det Acorn 13
Det NCB IMAC
Det Headquarters & Staff Battery, 12th Marines

Task Unit A-2: Colonel E.A.Craig

9th CT
3rd Raider Battalion
Advance Echelon HQ IMAC
1st Ech Command Group, 3rd Marine Division
3rd Signal Co (including Divisional Warning Center, less Det)
3rd Military Police Co (less 3rd Platoon)
Det/headquarters & Staff Battery, 12th Marines
3rd Hd Co (less Command Group & 3rd Band) (Sec's)
Co. E, 3rd Medical Battalion (less dets)
4th Platoon, Co. D (Sct), 3rd Tank Battalion
Det NCB IMAC

Task Unit A-3: Lt. Colonel E.H.Forney Jr.

Det Headquarters & Staff Battery, 3rd Defense Battalion
90mm Group, 3rd defense Battalion
Support Weapon Group, Headquarters & Staff Battery,
3rd Defense Battalion
Battery H, 3rd Defense Battalion
Battery I, 3rd Defense Battalion
1st Platoon Battery A, 3rd Support Weapons Battalion
4th Platoon Battery A, 3rd Support Weapons Battalion
Det #1 Headquarters COMAIRNORSOLS
602 Radar Team IMAC
Argus #5
Det Communication Unit #7 (including 3rd Separate Wire Platoon)
Co. A, 3rd Amphibious Tractor Battalion
Det NCB IMAC
Det 3rd Marine Regiment
Det 9th Marine Regiment
Det Boat Pool #11
Det 3rd Signal Company

The Combat Teams (CT) were made up as follows:

3rd CT:

3rd Marine Regiment (less detachment of 20)
3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment
Det Headquarters & Staff Co., 19th Marine Regiment
HQ Company, 3rd Battalion, 19th Marine Regiment
(less 3 Co. HQ Dets)
Co C, 19th Marine Regiment
Co F, 19th Marine Regiment (plus 1-10)
Co I, 19th Marine Regiment (plus HQ det)
Epidemic and Malarial Control Group
Air Liaison Party #3
3rd Band Section
3rd Platoon, Battery A, 3rd Special Weapons Battalion
3rd Platoon, Co. D (Sct), 3rd Tank Battalion
Munition Section Ordnance Co., 3rd Service Battalion
3rd Platoon Service & Supply Co., 3rd Service Battalion
(less Bakery & Salvage Sections)
Co C, 3rd Medical Battalion
Co, 3rd MT Battalion

9th CT

9th Marine Regiment (Less det of 20)
1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment
HQ, 1st Battalion, 19th Marine Regiment
Co. A., 19th Marine Regiment
Co. D., 19th Marine Regiment (plus 1-10)
Co. G., 19th Marine Regiment (plus Co. HQ Detachment)
Epidemic and Malarial Control Group
Air Liaison Party #1
1st Band Section
1st Platoon, Battery A, 3rd Special Weapons Battalion
1st Platoon, Co D (Sct), 3rd Tank Battalion
Munitions Section, 1st Platoon, Ordnance Co., 3rd Service
Battalion
Det. 3rd HQ Co.
Det. Co. E, 3rd Medical Battalion
1st Platoon Service & Supply Co., 3rd Service Battalion
(Less Bakery & Salvage Sections)
Co A, 3rd Medical Battalion
Co A, 3rd MT Battalion

21st CT

2nd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment (pack howitzers)
HQ Co., 2nd Battalion, 19th Marine Regiment
B Co., 19th Marine Regiment
E Co., 19th Marine Regiment
H Co., 19th Marine Regiment
B Co., 3rd Tank Battalion
B Co., 3rd Amphibian Tractor Battalion
B Co., 3rd MT Battalion
B Co., 3rd Medical Battalion
D Battery, 3rd Special Weapons Battalion
2nd Platoon, Battery A, 3rd Special Weapons Battalion
2nd Scout Platoon, D Co., 3rd Tank Battalion
2nd Platoon Service & Supply Co., 3rd Service Battalion

(Less Bakery & Salvage Sections)
Munitions Section, 2nd Platoon, 3rd Ordnance Co.
2nd Band Section
Epidemic and Malarial Control Units

Note: On 3 October 1943 the 2nd Raider Regiment (Provisional), which was a unit of IMAC had been attached to the 3rd Marine Division for assignment to duty. The 3rd Marine Division further attached the regiment, less the 3rd Battalion, to the 3rd Marines, and the raiders became part of Task Unit A-1. The 3rd Battalion was attached to the 9th Marines and became part of Task Unit A-2.

Note: This organization is as established by the Operation Orders of 6 and 8 October and the Operation Plan of 15 October 1943, as modified on 18 October 1943.

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