

## USMC Garrisons in the Pacific

31 October 1943

### Oahu, Hawaii:

Headquarters & Service Battalion, VAC (78/435/10/20)<sup>1</sup>  
Signal Battalion, VAC (66/670/26/7)  
Reconnaissance Company, VAC (6/93/1/0)  
Transient Center, VAC (3/18/0/0)  
Rear Echelon, Transient Center, VAC (31/289/14/73) (en route)  
Corps Motor Transport Company, VAC (5/105/0/0)  
Headquarterse & Service Company, Marine Forces, 14th  
Naval District (31/289/2/4)  
6th Base Depot (23/324/0/2)  
1st Defense Battalion (63/1,460/3/27)  
15th Defense Battalion (61/1,284/4/21)  
4th Marine Division (1,002/17,132/129/1,588) (en route)  
4th Radio Intelligence Platoon (1/29/0/0) (en route)  
1st Armored Amphibian Battalion (36/855/1/9) (en route)  
1st Amphibian Tractor Detachment (1/20/0/0) (en route)  
1st Joint Assault Signal Company (25/347/0/0) (en route)  
1st Ammunition Company (9/272/0/0) (en route)  
12th Marine Depot Company (4/173/0/0) (en route)  
25th Replacement Battalion (39/1,141/7/76) (en route)  
30th Replacement Battalion (51/1,205/8/125) (en route)  
33rd Replacement Battalion (169/2,412/8/104) (en route)  
Headquarters Squadron, MAW, Pac (20/64/1/0)  
Marine Fighter Squadron-114 (44/189/1/8)  
Marine Fighter Squadron-225 (56/245/1/8)  
Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron-245 (48/280/0/0)  
Marine Utility Squadron-252 (32/336/0/0)  
Headquarters Squadron-23, MAG-23 (63/692/10/16)  
Service Squadron-23, MAG-23 (15/249/0/0)  
Marine Fighter Squadron-113, MAG-23 (47/242/1/8)

### Midway Island:

6th Defense Battalion (49/1,925/5/32)  
Headquarters Squadron-22, MAG-22 (10/133/3/12)  
Service Squadron-22, MAG-22 (6/139/0/0)  
Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron-231, MAG-22 (58/280/1/8)  
Marine Fighter Squadron-422, MAG-22 (47/238/1/8)

### Johnston Island:

16th Defense Battalion (49/913/4/19)  
Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron-133 (33/184/1/4)

### Palmyra Island

Scout Bombing Detachment-1 (14/100/1/4)

### Samoa

Headquarters Squadron-31, MAG-31 (26/400/9/16)  
Service Squadron-31, MAG-31 (10/247/0/0)  
Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron-341, MAG-31 (45/278/0/0)

### Tutuila:

Headquarters, Defense Force, Samoa (31/172/6/4)  
Signal Company, Defense Force, Samoa (10/165/0/0)

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<sup>1</sup> Numbers are marine officers and men, naval officers and men.

Harbor Defense Group (23/277/2/28)  
Base Depot, FMF (43/763/10/19)  
5th Separate Medical Force (0/24/5/98)  
7th & 8th Marine Depot Companies (6/220/0/0)  
22nd Marines (Reinforced) (175/3,229/20/437)  
8th Garrison Replacement Detachment (8/250/2/50) (enroute)  
9th Garrison Replacement Detachment (8/250/2/50) (enroute)  
Headquarters Squadron-353, 4th MBDAAW (28/283/1/8)  
Headquarters Squadron-13, MAG-13 (44/415/7/20)  
Service Squadron-13, MAG-13 (13/250/0/0)  
Marine Fighter Squadron-224, MAG-13 (45/242/1/8)  
Marine Scout-bomber Squadron-241, MAG-13 (32/276/1/6)  
Headquarters Squadron-14, MAG-14 (39/472/5/15)

Upolu-Savaii:

3rd Marine Brigade (76/1,098/15/126)

Wallis:

Headquarters Company, 8th Defense Battalion (Reinforced)  
(5/50/0/0)  
8th Defense Battalion (75/1,100/5/35)  
3rd Separate Medical Company (0/13/6/76 )  
Marine Fighter Squadron-311, MAG-31 (45/235/0/0)  
Marine Scout-bomber Squadron-331, MAG-31 (46/280/0/8)

Funafuti:

5th Defense Battalion (54/1,284/47/636)  
Marine Fighter Squadron-111, MAG-13 (45/234/1/6)  
Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron-151, MAG-13 (44/285/1/8)

Nanomea:

7th Defense Battalion (49/1,104/9/26)  
Marine Fighter Squadron-441, MAG-13 (33/235/1/8)

Nukufetau:

2nd Aerodrome Battalion (17th Defense Battalion)  
(35/885/5/63)

Enroute to Area:

Marine Fighter Squadron-215 (47/242/1/8) (enroute)  
Marine Fighter Squadron-223 (38/237/17) (enroute)  
Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron-243 (40/282/1/9) (enroute)  
Marine Photographic Squadron-254 (40/3909/1/8) (enroute)  
Marine Fighter Squadron-321 (44/232/0/8) (enroute)

Guadalcanal:

Headquarters & Service Battalion< IMAC (153/875/15/23)  
1st Corps Motor Transport Battalion (26/615/1/9)  
1st Corps Medical Battalion (1/124/40/356)  
1st Corps Naval Construction Battalion (0/0/27/806)  
1st Corps Signal Battalion (53/714/5/22)  
1st Corps Tank Battalion (Medium) (35/696/1/13)  
3rd Marine Division (953/17,002/140/1,664)  
1st 155mm Artillery Battalion (36/554/1/10)  
2nd 155mm Artillery Battalion (28/511/1/9)  
1st Parachute Regiment (105/2,079/17/7 )  
2nd Marine Raider Regiment (88/1 ,923/12/784)  
3rd Defense Battalion (5 3/1,241/4/19)  
Marine Air Base Squadron-1, 1st MAW (13/384/1/8)  
Service Squadron-14, MAG-14 (13/144/0/5)  
Repair & Salvage Squadron-1, MAG-14 (10/244/1/8)

New Caledonia

Headquarters Company, Supply Service, IMAC (60/247/1/3)  
Transient Center, IMAC, (99/1,527/34/228)  
14th Defense Battalion (60/809/5/20)  
1st Base Depot (81/1,728/1/23)  
1st Marine Raider Regiment (77/1,732/19/59)  
Barrage Balloon Group, IMAC (28/469/5/8)  
Marine Beach Jumper Unit No. 1 (9/71/0/0)  
4th, 5th, & 6th Separate Wire Platoons (3/135/0/0) (enroute)  
9th & 10th Marine Depot Companies (8/318/0/0/) (enroute)  
11th Marine Depot Company (4/173/0/0) (enroute)  
29th Replacement Battalion 955/1,387/8/118) (enroute)  
31st Replacement Battalion (50/1,245/7/75) (enroute)  
32nd Replacement Battalion (36/773/0/0) (enroute)  
37th Replacement Battalion (1/7/0/0) (enroute)  
Marine Air Depot Squadron-1, 1st MAW (21/291/5/10)  
Headquarters Squadron-25, MAG-25 (50/413/32/105)  
Service Squadron-25, MAG-25 (20/402/0/0)  
Marine Utility Squadron-152, MAG-25 (44/212/0/0)  
Marine Utility Squadron-153, MAG-25 (47/209/0/0)  
Marine Utility Squadron-253, MAG-25 (44/198/0/0)

Espiritu Santo:

Headquarters Squadron-1, 1st MAW (128/916/9/24)  
Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron-134, 1st MAW (49/296/1/8)  
Marine Photographic Squadron-154, 1st MAW (32/393/3/8)  
Headquarters Squadron-11, MAG-11 (59/580/9/16)  
Service Squadron-11, MAG-11 (22/374/0/6)  
Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron-143, MAG-11 (33/329/1/8)  
Marine Fighter Squadron-213, MAG-11 (31 /342/1/4)  
Marine Fighter Squadron-214, MAG-11 (61/243/1/7)  
Marine Fighter Squadron-222, MAG-14 (33/234/1/8)  
Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron-233, MAG-21 (44/308/1/5)  
Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron-236, MAG-21 (44/289/1/8)

Russell Island Group:

10th Defense Battalion (60/1,130/4/26)  
4th Base Depot (53/1,200/9/18)  
Marine Fighter Squadron-211, MAG-11 (34/234/1/8)  
Service Squadron-21, AMG-21 (19/361/7/30)  
Marine Night Fighter Squadron-531 (Forward Echelon),  
MAG-21 (17/179/1/6)

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Marine Fighter Squadron-123, MAG-21 (33/258/1/4)  
Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron-234, MAG-21 (41/291/1/8)  
Headquarters Squadron-234, MAG-24 (20/252/6/9)  
Service Squadron-24, MAG-24 (10/216/0/0)  
Headquarters Squadron-2, 2nd MAW (65/348/10/15)  
Headquarters Squadron-12, (16/305/6/25)  
Service Squadron-12, MAG-12 (10/2 33/0/0)  
Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron-144, MAG-21 (33/295/1/4)

New Zealand:

2nd Marine Division (978/18,821/150/1,743)  
1st Aviation Engineer Battalion (34/347/6/19)  
2nd Antitank Battalion (26/372/1/12)  
2nd Base Depot (28/500/1/14)  
3rd Base Depot (35/347/6/19)

Goodenough Island:

1st Marine Division (956/17,468/135/1,561)  
27th Replacment Battalion (60/1,360/8/124) (enroute)

New Georgia:

9th Defense Battalion (60/1,210/3/21)  
Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron-232, MAG-11 (36/326/1/7)  
Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron-244, MAG-11 (45/260/1/7)  
Marine Scout-Bomber Squadron-144, MAG-24 (43/279/1/4)

Rendova:

11th Defense Battalion (61/1,061/4/22)

Vella Lavella

4th Defense Battalion (59/1,148/4/22)  
4th Base Depot, Branch No. 3 (45/591/4/15)  
Marine Fighter Squadron-212 , MAG-11 (34/234/1/8)  
Marine Fighter Squadron-215 , MAG-14 (30/242/1/8)  
Marine Fighter Squadron-221 , MAG-24 (33/251/1/8)

Woodlark Island:

12th Defense Battalion (44/1,064/4/22)

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