

**Japanese Garrison
Tarawa
20 November 1943**

Gilbert Island Garrison Force Headquarters (BETIO)

3rd Special Base Force: (1,122 men)

Formerly known as the 6th Yokosuka Special Naval Landing
Force

7th Sasebo Special Naval Landing Force (1,497 men)

111th Pioneers: (1,247 men)

4th Construction Unit: (970 men)

Weapons	Number by Document	Number Found
8" guns	4	4
14"	4	4
80mm	6	6
127mm AA	4	4 (twin mount)
75mm AA	8	8
13mm AA	12	27 (single mount)
13mm AA	4	4 (twin mount)
75mm Mountain Guns		
Type 41	5	10
70mm Battalion Guns		
Type 92	5	6
37mm Field Guns		
Type ?	6	9
37mm	14	14 (in light tanks)
13mm MGs	16	31 (single & twin AA mounts)
7.7mm MG	17	? (too many destroyed for accurate post operational count)

Stockman, J.R., The Battle For Tarawa, Historical Section Division of
Public Information, Headquarters, USMC, 1947.

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