

**Japanese Forces
Guam
21 July 1944**

Forward Echelon, 13th Infantry Division: Captain Iki
(200 men) (full division never arrived)

Southern Marianas Group & 29th Infantry Division HQ:

- Lieutenant General Takashina (220 men)
- 29th Division Signal Unit: Capt Suda (185 men)
- 29th Division Ordnance Unit: Lt Kamei (45)
- 29th Division Intendance Unit: LtCol. Mitzutani (133 men)
- 24th Tank Company: Capt. Sato (177 men, 9 light tanks)
- 365th Independent Motor Transport Company: Lt Takeuchi
(180 men)
- 2/,3/18th Infantry Regiment: Col Ohashi (1,300 men)
each bn had 3 rifle cos, mortar co, & pioneer unit
- 1/,2/,3/38th Infantry Regiment: Col. Suenaga (2,894 men)
each bn had 3 rifle cos, infantry gun co, & a machine
gun company
Regiment also had one mountain artillery battalion
with four companies
- 48th Independent Mixed Brigade Headquarters: Major General
Shigematsu (149 men)
- 48th Independent Mixed Brigade Engineer Co: Capt. Miyake
(187 men)
- 48th Independent Mixed Brigade Medical Co: Capt. Kitazawa
(164 men)
- 48th Independent Mixed Brigade Signal Company: Lt. Kamakura
(109 men)
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Other

- 11th Division Mountain Artillery: (368 men)
- 319th Independent Infantry Battalion: Capt. Miyanashi
(360 men) 4 rifle companies
- 320th Independent Infantry Battalion: Capt. Nakamura
(486 men) 3 rifle companies, 1 infantry gun company &
1 machine gun company (formerly 3/12th IRgt, 11th Div)
- 321st Independent Infantry Battalion: Capt. Furukawa
(488 men) 3 rifle companies, 1 infantry gun company &
1 machine gun company (formerly 3/43rd IRgt, 11th Div)
- 322nd Independent Infantry Battalion: Maj. Hamida
(500 men) 3 rifle companies, 1 infantry gun company &
1 machine gun company (formerly 1/44th IRgt, 11th Div)
- 2/,3/10th Independent Mixed Regiment: LtCol. Katoka
(1,912 men) Regimental HQ, engineer & signal cos, & 2
battalions, each with 3 rifle cos, an infantry gun co,
& a machinegun co. Reinforced by an artillery unit with
two cos and an engineering platoon on Rota.
- HQ/,2/52nd Field Anti-aircraft Battalion: Lt.Col.Ishil
(250 men) also contained AA unit of 38th Infantry
Regiment.
- 45th Independent Anti-aircraft Copmany (assigned to 52nd FAA
Battalion) (140 men)
- 1st Co., 9th Tank Regiment: Lt. Ko. (12-15 light tanks) (122
men), assigned to 38th RCT

2nd Co., 9th Tank Regiment: Lt. Kumagai (10-11 medium & 2-3
light tanks) (122 men) (attached to 48th IMB)
2nd Co., 7th Independent Engineer Regiment (225 men)
2nd Co., 16th Shipping Engineer Regiment: Lt. Goawa
(200 men)
Det/60th Anchorage Headquarters (20 men)

Navy Ground Units:

54th Naval Guard Force: Capt. Sugimoto (2,300 men)
contained HQ and 21 coast defense & AA units)
60th Anti-aircraft Defense Unit: Lt(jg) Mochimitsu (259 men)
217th Construction Battalion: Capt. Sugimoto (900 men)
218th Construction Battalion: (900 men)
Land Reclamation Unit: (about 300 Japanese civilians, only
lightly armed late in campaign).

Navy Air Units:

Guam Branch, Southeast Area Air Depot (100 men)
263rd (Hyo) Air Group: CDR Tamai (800 men hastily
organized for ground defense)
521st (Otori) Air Group: CDR Kamai (400 men)
755th (Genzan) Air Group: CDR Kasumoto (700 men)

Note: The strength figures have been rounded out to avoid the
appearance of exactness, since the strengths of many units are
only estimates. In view of the final Japanese casualty figures
on Guam, this figure is, if anything, a minimum estimate.

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