

US Invasion Forces

Iwo Jima

February 1945

Expeditionary Corps (TF 56): Lt. General Holland M. Smith

V Corps: Major General H.Schmiedt

Corps Troops: Colonel A.A.Gladden

V Amphibious Corps HQ and Service Battalion:

Capt. C.M.Milbraith

1st Provisional Field Artillery Group: Col. J.S.Letcher

HQ Battery

2nd 155mm Howitzer Battalion: Major E.J.Rowse

4th 155mm Howitzer Battalion: Lt.Col.D.E.Reeve

473rd Amphibious Truck Company (USA)

38th AA Group (USA): Colonel C.E.Rothgeb

HQ Battery, 138th AAA Group (USA)

506th AA Gun Battalion: Lt.Col.D.M.White

483rd AAW Battalion: Lt. Colonel A.Roth

8th Field Depot: Colonel L.S.Swindler

(less detachments, plus VAC Shore Party HQ)

Landing Force Air Support Control Unit: Col. V.E.Megee

V Amphibious Corps Signal Battalion:

Lt.Col.A.F.Robertshaw

V Amphibious Corps Medical Battalion:

LCDR W.B.Clapp, USN

Provisional Signal Group: Lt.Col.H.W.G.Vadnais

HQ Provisional LVT Group: Major H.G.Lawrence

2nd Separate Engineer Battalion: Lt. Col. C.O.Clark

2nd Armored Amphibious Tractor Battalion:

Lt.Colonel R.M.Fawell

23rd Naval Construction Battalion, Co A & B:

CDR H.W.Heuer, USN

62nd Naval Construction Battalion (less detachments):

LCDR F.B.Campbell, USNR

Corps Evacuation Hospital No. 1: Capt. H.G.Young, USN

38th Field Hospital, Reinforced (USA):

Major S.S.Kirkland

Medical Section, Civil Affairs

2nd Bomb Disposal Co.

(plus 156th Bomb Disposal Squad)

Co. B, FMFPac Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion

Shore Party Communicatio Unit

Det.1st Separate Reconnaissance and Intelligence

Platoon

Det. Signal HQ Company, VII Fighter Command (USA)

Det. 568th Signal Air Warning Battalion (USA)

Det. 726th Signal Air Warning Battalion (USA)

Det. 49th Construction Battalion (USA)

Det. 44, 70th Army Airways Communications System (USA)

Landing Force Air Support Control Unit

3rd Marine Division: Major General G.B.Erskine

Division Troops

H&S Company

Reconnaissance Company

MP Company
 Signal Company
 JASCO
 Special Weapons Battalion
3rd Marine Regiment:¹ Colonel J.A.Stuart
 H&S and Weapons
 1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel R.R. Van Stockum
 2nd Battalion: Lt. Colonel T.R.Stokes
 3rd Battalion : Lt. Colonel R.L.Houser
9th Marine Regiment: Colonel H.N.Kenyon
 H&S and Weapons
 1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel C.A.Randall
 (until 6 Mar)
 Major W.T.Glass (6-14 Mar)
 Lt. Colonel J.F.Warner (after 14 Mar)
 Lt. Colonel
 2nd Battalion: Lt. Colonel R.E.Cushman, Jr
 3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel H.C.Boehm
21st Marine Regiment:² Colonel H.J.Withers
 H&S and Weapons
 1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel M.C.Williams
 (until 22 Feb)
 Major C.M.Murray (22 Feb)
 Major R.H.Houser (after 22 Feb)
 2nd Battalion: Lt. Colonel L.E.English
 (until 2 Mar)
 Major G.A.Percy (after 2 Mar)
 3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel W.H.Duplantis
12th Marine Regiment: Lt. Colonel R.F.Crist
 H&S Battery
 1st Battalion: Major G.B.Thomas
 2nd Battalion: Lt. Colonel W.T.Fairbourn
 3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel A.L.Bowser
 4th Battalion: Major J.B.Wallen (until 20 Mar)
 Lt. Colonel T.R.Belzer (after 20 Mar)
 3rd Tank Battalion: Major H.H.Evans
 3rd Engineer Battalion: Lt. Colonel W.S.Campbell
 3rd Pioneer Battalion: Lt. Colonel E.M.Williams
 3rd Service Battalion: Lt. Colonel J.O.Bauer
 (until 6 Mar)
 Colonel L.A. Hohn (after 6 Mar)
 3rd Motor Transport Battalion: Lt. Colonel E.W.Fry, Jr.
 3rd Medical Battalion: CDR A.E.Reymont
 3rd Joint Assault Signal Company
 Marine Observation Squadron 1
 3rd Marine War Dog Platoon
 Det. Signal Battalion, V Amphibious Corps
 28th Replacement Drafts

¹ The 3rd Marines did not land or actively participate in the campaign. They remained in the area as ExTrpPac Reserve until 3/5/45, then returned to Guam.

² The 21st Marines were detached.

34th Replacement Drafts

4th Marine Division: Major Generla C.B.Cates

Division Troops

H&S Company
Reconnaissance Company
MP Company
Signal Company
1st JASCO (less dets)
Co D (Scouts) HQ Battalion
Det. 726th SAW Co.
JICPOA Int. Team

23rd Marine Regiment: Colonel W.W.Wenslinger

H&S and Weapons
1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel R.Haas (until 20 Feb)
Lt. Colonel L.B.Blissard (after 20 Feb)
2nd Battalion: Major R.H.Davidson
(until 7 Feb, WIA, then after 11 Mar)
Lt. Colonel (E.J.Dillon
3rd Battalion: Major J.J.Padley

24th Marine Regiment: Colonel W.I.Jordan

H&S and Weapons
1st Battalion: Major P.S.Treitel (until 8 Mar)
Lt. Colonel (A.R.Burnelli (after 8 Mar)
2nd Battalion: Lt. Colonel R.Rothwell
3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel A.A.Vandergrift
Lt. Major D.A.Stout (after 23 Feb)

25th Marine Regiment: Colonel J.R.lanigan

H&S and Weapons
1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel H.U.Mustin
(KIA 21 Feb)
Major F.J.Mee (after 21 Feb)
2nd Battalion: Lt. Colonel L.C.Hudson, Jr.
(WIA 20 Feb)
Lt. Colonel J.Taul (after 20 Feb)
3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel J.M.Chambers
(WIA 22 Feb)
Captain (J.C.Headly after (22 February)

14th Marine Regiment:Colonel L.G. De Haven

H&S Battery
1st Battalion: Major J.B.Edgar
2nd Battalion: Major C.B.Drake
3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel R.E.MacFarlane
(WIA 19 Feb)
Major H.A.Feeham (19-23 Feb & after 10 Mar)
Lt. Colonel C.A.Youngdale (23 Feb to 10 Mar)
4th Battalion: Lt. Colonel C.A.Youngdale (until 19
Feb and again 23 Feb to 10 Mar)
4th Tank Battalion (less A,B, & C Cos & Maint Platoon):
Lt. Colonel R.K.Schmidt
4th Engineer Battalion: Lt. Colonel N.K.Brown
4th Pioneer Battalion: Lt. Colonel
4th Service Battalion (less unknown detachments):
Lt. Colonel J.Fondahl
4th Motor Transport Battalion (less A,B, & C Cos):

Lt. Colonel R.L.Schiesswohl
4th Medical Battalion (less A,B, & C Cos):
LCDR E.G.McCarthy
Cos A & B, plus Det, Bn HQ, 2nd Armored Amphibian
Battalion
5th Amphibian Tractor Battalion: Major G.L.Scheid
10th Amphibian Tractor Battalion: Major V.J.Croizat
1st Joint Assault Sigal Company
Marine Observation Squadron 4
133rd Naval Construction Battalion:
LCDR R.P.Murphy, USNR
4th Marine Amphibian Truck Company
7th War Dog Platoon
1st Provisional Rocket Detachment (less 1st & 2nd
Sections)
Det. 8th Field Depot
Det. 726th Signal Air Warning Company (USA)
Det. Signal Battalion, V Amphibious Corps
442nd Port Company (USA)
24th Replacement Drafts
30th Replacement Drafts

5th Marine Division: Major General K.E.Rockey
Division Troops

H&S Company
Reconnaissance Company
MP Company
Signal Company
5th JASCO
VMO-5

26th Marine Regiment: Colonel C.B.Graham
H&S and Weapons
1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel D.C.Pollock
(WIA 19 Mar)
Major A.V.K. Garey (after 19 Mar)
2nd Battalion: Lt. Colonel J.P.Sayers
(WIA 23 Feb)
Major A.Rea (after 23 Feb)
3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel T.M.Trotti
(KIA 22 Feb)
Captain R.M.Cook (22 Feb only)
Major R.Fagan (after 22 Feb)

27th Marine Regiment: Colonel T.A.Wornham
H&S and Weapons
1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel John A. Butler
(KIA 5 Mar)
Lt. Colonel J.G.Duyrea (5-9 Mar, WIA)
Major H.W.Tumbelson (9-14 Mar, WIA)
Major W.H.Kennedy, Jr (after 14 Mar)
2nd Battalion: Major J.W.Antonelli
(WIA 9 Mar)
Major G.F.Russell (after 9 Mar)

3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel D.J.Robertson

28th Marine Regiment: Colonel H.B.Liversedge
H&S and Weapons
1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel J.B.Butterfield

2nd Battalion: Lt. Colonel C.W.Johnson
(KIA 2 Mar)
Major T.B.Pearce (after 2 Mar)
3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel C.E.Shepard, Jr
(WIA 14 Mar, resumed command 25 Mar)
Major T.A.Smoak (14-25 Mar)

13th Marine Regiment: Colonel J.D.Waller
H&S Battery
1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel J.S.Oldfield
2nd Battalion: Major C.W.Hjerpe
3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel H.T.Waller
4th Battalion: Major J.F.Coady
Service Troops: Colonel B.W.Galley
5th Tank Battalion: Lt. Colonel W.R.Collins
5th Engineer Battalion: Lt. Colonel C.H.Shuey
5th Pioneer Battalion: Major R.S.Riddell
5th Service Battalion: Major F.P.Daly (
(KIA 22 Feb)
Major G. Lewis (after 26Feb)
5th Motor Transport Battalion: Major A.F.Torgler
5th Medical Battalion: LCDR W.W.Ayres, USN
5th Marine Amphibian Truck Company
5th Joint Assault Signal Company
471st Amphibian Truck Company
3rd Amphibian Tractor Battalion:
Lt. Colonel S.L.Stephen
11th Amphibian Tractor Battalion:
Lt. Colonel A.J.Roose
Cos. C & D, & Det HQ Bn, 2nd Armored Amphibian
Battalion
Marine Observation Squadron 3
3rd Provisional Rocket Detachment
6th Marine War Dog Platoon
592nd Port Company (USA)
31st Naval Construction Battalion:
LCDR D.J.Ermilio, USNR
31st Replacement Drafts
37th Replacement Drafts
Det. 726th Signal Air Warning Company (USA)
Det. Signal Battalion, V Amphibious Corps
Det. 8th Field Depot
Liaison Grou, V Amphibious Group
Liaison Grou, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific V Amphibious
Corps Reserve
Garrison Force (Assault Echelon):³ Major General J.E.Chaney, USA
Det. Island Command Headquarters
Det. 147th Army Infantry Regiment
Det. HQ, VII Fighter Command
Det. HQ, 15th Fighter Group
47th Figher Squadron

³ These units were attached to assault elements of the V Corps for transportation and/or employment in the assault phase.

78th Figher Squadron
548th Night Fighter Service
386th Air Service Group, Special
223rd Radar Maintetnance Unit (Type C)
Det. Administrative Unit, Group Pacific 11
Port Directors Detachment
Garrison Beach Party

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