

**Japanese Garrison**

**Iwo Jima**

**19 February 1945**

109th Division: Lieutenant General Tademichi Kuribayashi

109th Division HQ and Signal Co (300 men)

109th Division Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion:

Major Azuma (310-340 men)

2nd Mixed Brigade: Major General Senda (5,100-5,200 men)

309th Independent Infantry Battalion: Cpt. Asatsu

310th Independent Infantry Battalion: Maj. Iwatani

311th Independent Infantry Battalion: Maj. Tatsumi

312th Independent Infantry Battalion: Cpt. Osada

314th Independent Infantry Battalion: Cpt. Hakuda

Artillery Battalion, 2nd Mixed Brigade: Maj. Maeda

Engineer Battalion, 2nd Mixed Brigade: Maj. Maekawa

Field Hospital, 2nd Mixed Brigade:

145th Infantry Regiment: Colonek Ikeda (2,200-2,400 men)

1st Battalion: Major Hara

2nd Battalion: Major Yasutake

3rd Battalion: Major Anso

Artillery Battalion: Captain Masuda

Engineer Company:

Field Hospital:

Independent Units:

3rd Bn, 17th Independent Mixed Regiment: Cpt. Shimotsuma  
(550 men)

26th Tank Regiment: Lt. Col. Nishi (500-600 men)

20th Independent Artillery Mortar Battalion (Reinforced)

Captain Mizuashi (800 men)

2nd Medium Mortar Battalion (Reinforced): Major Nakao

(700 men)

3rd Medium Mortar Battalion (Reinforced): Major Kobayashi

(500 men)

1st & 2nd Independent Machine Gun Battalions (600 men)

1st Independent Machine Gun Bn: Cpt. Kawana

2nd Independent Machine Gun Bn: Cpt. Kawasaki

Independent Anti-tank Battalions (1,250 men)

8th Independent Tank Battalion: Cpt. Shimizu

9th Independent Tank Battalion: Maj. Okubo

10th Independent Tank Battalion: Maj. Matsushita

11th Independent Tank Battalion: Cpt. Node

12th Independent Tank Battalion: Cpt. Hayauchi

Army Rocket Unit (3 cos) (150-220 men)

1st Co., 1st Mixed Brigade Engineer Unit (300 men)

5th Fortress Construction Duty Company

21st Well Drilling Unit

Det. Shipping Engineers

Special Machine Cannon Units (250-300 men)

20th Special Machine Cannon Unit: 2Lt Momozaki  
(with Naval Guard Force)

21st Special Machine Cannon Unit: 2Lt Kondo  
(with Naval Guard Force)

43rd Special Machine Cannon Unit: 1 Lt Tamara  
(with 109th Division AA Artillery)

44th Special Machine Cannon Unit: unknown  
(with 109th Division AA Artillery)

Navy Units: Rear Admiral Ichimaru

27th Air Flotilla & 2nd Air Attack Force: RAdm Ichimaru

Iwo Jima Naval Guard Force: Cpt. Inoue

Naval Guard Force Anti-aircraft Batteries (2,400)<sup>1</sup>

125th Anti-Aircraft Defense Unit: Lt(jg) Tamura

132nd Anti-Aircraft Defense Unit: Ensign Okumura

149th Anti-Aircraft Defense Unit: unknown

141st Anti-Aircraft Defense Unit: Lt(jg) Doi

Naval Guard Force Coast Defense Batteries (640 men)

Nanpo Air Grop naval land Force: Captain Inoue

Souther Air Group (Naval Guard Force troops, construction  
personnel, technicians) (2,250 men)

204th Naval Construction Battalion: Lt. Iida (1,410 men)

Technical Air Personnel (320 men)

Bartley, W.S., Iwo Jima, Amphibious Epic, Historical Section Division of Public  
Information, Headquarters, USMC, 1954.

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<sup>1</sup> The 125th, 132nd, 141st, & 149th Naval Anti-aircraft Defense Units were disbanded and reorganized into the Iwo Jima Naval Guard Force prior to 19 February 1945.