

# **Native Infantry Battalion September 1943**

## **Consisting of**

### **Battalion Headquarters**

### **3 Rifle Companies**

### **Depot Company**

#### **Battalion Headquarters**

##### **Command & Administration**

|          |                                                                                                                                      |
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| Officers | Lieutenant colonel battalion commander, major second in command, captain adjutant, captain medical officer, lieutenant quartermaster |
| WOs      | Regimental sergeant major, regimental quartermaster sergeant, intelligence duties                                                    |
| NCOs     | Orderly room sergeant, transport sergeant, sergeant medical, armourer sergeant, sergeant pay clerk, 3 corporals                      |
| Enlisted | 6 batmen, clerk, 2 cooks, 2 drivers MT, 4 intelligence duties, 3 general dutymen, 3 hygiene dutymen, 3 medical orderlies, 2 storemen |
| Vehicles | Bicycle, 2 trucks ¼ton                                                                                                               |
| Weapons  | 7 pistols, 33 rifles, 2 SMG                                                                                                          |

##### **Signal Platoon**

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| Officers | Lieutenant signals officer               |
| NCOs     | Platoon sergeant, 13 corporal signallers |
| Enlisted | 12 signallers, batman                    |
| Vehicles | Bicycle                                  |
| Weapons  | Pistol, 27 rifles,                       |

##### **Pioneer Platoon**

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| NCOs     | Platoon sergeant, sergeant, 2 corporal pioneers |
| Enlisted | Driver MT, 6 carpenters, 10 pioneers            |
| Vehicles | Truck 15cwt GS                                  |
| Weapons  | 20 rifles, SMG                                  |

#### **3 Rifle Companies (each)**

##### **Company Headquarters**

|          |                                                                                                      |
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| Officers | Major company commander, lieutenant second in command                                                |
| WOs      | Company sergeant major, company sergeant major (native)                                              |
| NCOs     | Company quartermaster sergeant, intelligence sergeant, corporal medical, corporal clerk, 2 corporals |
| Enlisted | 2 cooks, 2 batmen, 3 orderlies, storeman, driver MT                                                  |
| Vehicles | Bicycle, truck ¼ton                                                                                  |
| Weapons  | 2 pistols, 13 rifles, 4 SMG                                                                          |

##### **3 Platoons (each)**

|          |                              |
|----------|------------------------------|
| Officers | Lieutenant platoon commander |
| NCOs     | 5 sergeants, 3 corporals     |
| Enlisted | Batman, orderly, 30 riflemen |
| Weapons  | Pistol, 29 rifles, 11 SMG    |

#### **Depot Company**

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|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Officers | Captain company commander, 4 lieutenants                                                              |
| WOs      | Company sergeant major, company sergeant major (native)                                               |
| NCOs     | Company quartermaster sergeant, orderly room sergeant, 15 sergeants, 11 corporals, 2 corporal medical |
| Enlisted | 5 batmen, clerk, 6 cooks, 2 drivers MT, 7 general dutymen, 3 hygiene dutymen, 6 orderlies, 3          |

orderlies medical, 250 riflemen, storeman

Vehicles Bicycle, truck  $\frac{1}{4}$ ton, truck 3ton

Weapons 5 pistols, 303 rifles, 10 SMG