Japanese Order of Battle

ESTIMATED ENEMY STRENGTH AT IWO JIMA
ON 19 FEBRUARY 1945

Army Units

109th Division—Lieutenant General Tadamichi Kuribayashi
109th Division Headquarters and Signal Company.....300
109th Division Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion—
Major Azuma. .....................................310-340
2d Mixed Brigade—Major General Senda .5,100-5,200
309th Independent Infantry Battalion—
Captain Awatsu
310th Independent Infantry Battalion—Major Iwatai
311th Independent Infantry Battalion—Major Tatsumi
312th Independent Infantry Battalion—Captain Osada
314th Independent Infantry Battalion—Captain Hakuda
Artillery Battalion, 2d Mixed Brigade—Major Maeda
Engineer Battalion, 2d Mixed Brigade—Major Maekawa
Field Hospital, 2d Mixed Brigade—commander not shown

145th Infantry Regiment—Colonel Ikeda .2,200-2,400
1st Battalion, 145th Regiment—Major Hara
2d Battalion, 145th Regiment—Major Yasutake
3d Battalion, 145th Regiment—Major Anso
Artillery Battalion, 145th Regiment—Captain Masuda
Engineer Company, 145th Regiment—commander not shown
Field Hospital, 145th Regiment—commander not shown

3d Battalion, 17th Independent Mixed Regiment—Captain Shimotsuma .550
26th Tank Regiment—Lieutenant Colonel Nishi ...............................500-600
20th Independent Artillery Mortar Battalion
(Reinforced)—Captain Mizuashi. .........................800
2d Medium Mortar Battalion (Reinforced)—
Major Nakao........................................700
3d Medium Mortar Battalion (Reinforced)—
Major Kobayashi..................................500
1st and 2d Independent Machine Gun Battalions, 600
1st Independent Machine Gun Battalion—
Captain Kawana
2d Independent Machine Gun Battalion—
Captain Kawasaki
Independent Antitank Battalions................................1,250
8th Independent Antitank Battalion—Captain Shimizu
9th Independent Antitank Battalion—Major Okubo
10th Independent Antitank Battalion—Major Matsushita
11th Independent Antitank Battalion—
Captain Node
12th Independent Antitank Battalion—
Captain Hayatachi

Army Rocket Unit (three companies) ..................150-220
1st Company, 1st Mixed Brigade Engineer Unit; 5th
Fortress Construction Duty Company; 21st
Well Drilling Unit; Detachment, Shipping
Engineers ...........................................300
Special Machine Cannon Units..........................250-300
20th Special Machine Cannon Unit (with
Naval Guard Force)—2dLt Momozaki
21st Special Machine Cannon Unit (with Naval
Guard Force)—2dLt Kondo
43d Special Machine Cannon Unit (with 109th
Division AA Artillery)—1stLt Tamara
44th Special Machine Cannon Unit (with 109th
Division AA Artillery)—commander not shown

3 General Kuribayashi also commanded the Ogasa-
wara Army Group and held over-all command of the
defense of Iwo Jima.
**Navy Units**

Naval Forces on Iwo Jima (over-all command)—Rear Admiral Ichimaru

27th Air Flotilla and 2d Air Attack Force—Rear Admiral Ichimaru

Iwo Jima Naval Guard Force—Captain Inoue

Naval Guard Force Antiaircraft Batteries

- 125th Antiaircraft Defense Unit—Lt(jg) Tamura
- 132d Antiaircraft Defense Unit—Ensign Okumura
- 149th Antiaircraft Defense Unit—commander not known
- 141st Antiaircraft Defense Unit—Lt(jg) Doi

The 125th, 132d, 141st, 149th Naval Antiaircraft Defense Units were disbanded and reorganized into the Naval Guard Force Coast Defense Batteries.

Nanpo Air Group Naval Land Force—Captain Inoue

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

204th Naval Construction Battalion—Lt Iida 1, 410

Technical Air Personnel 320

**Total Japanese troops on Iwo Jima, 19Feb45**

20,530-21,060

Iwo Jima Naval Guard Force prior to 19Feb45. VAC IntelRpt, Encl A.

2 Ibid., 14.