

8th Australian Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

22nd Australian Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

2nd/18th Australian Infantry Battalion

2nd/19th Australian Infantry Battalion

2nd/20th Australian Infantry Battalion

23rd Australian Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

2nd/21st Australian Infantry Battalion

2nd/22nd Australian Infantry Battalion

2nd/40th Australian Infantry Battalion

27th Australian Infantry Brigade ⁽⁴⁾

2nd/26th Australian Infantry Battalion

2nd/29th Australian Infantry Battalion

2nd/30th Australian Infantry Battalion

Divisional Troops

2nd/4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion

2nd/3rd Australian Pioneer Battalion

2nd/10th Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery

(H.Q., 20th, 29th & 30th Field Batteries, Royal Australian Artillery)

2nd/14th Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery ⁽⁵⁾

2nd/15th Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery

(H.Q., 19th, 60th & 65th Batteries, Royal Australian Artillery)

2nd/4th Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery

(H.Q., 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th Anti-Tank Batteries, Royal Australian Artillery)

2nd/10th Field Company, Royal Australian Engineers

2nd/11th Field Company, Royal Australian Engineers ⁽⁶⁾

2nd/15th Field Company, Royal Australian Engineers

2nd/5th Field Park Company, Royal Australian Engineers

8th Australian Divisional Signals, Royal Australian Corps of Signals

NOTES:

1. The division was formed in Australia on 4 July 1940 as part of the 2nd Australian Imperial Force. It comprised originally the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th Brigades. The 22nd Brigade was deployed to Malaya on 2 February 1941. The 23rd Brigade was sent to the Northern Territories where its battalions were distributed across the islands bordering the north coast of Australia (see below). The 24th Brigade was sent to the Middle East in January 1941, its place in the division was filled by the 27th Brigade, which arrived in Malaya in August 1941. This is the abbreviated order of battle (i.e., excluding Services) for this Division during this period. The division was engaged in southern Malaya in the battle at Gemas against the 5th Division and Imperial Guards Division between 15 and 19 January 1941. Elements also fought the Imperial Guards Division at Bakri and Parit Sulong at the Muar River between 13 and 23 January 1941. The division fell back into Singapore and was captured with the fall of Singapore on 15 February 1942.
2. The brigade was formed of three battalions raised in New South Wales. It was the first element of the division to arrive in Malaya in February 1941.
3. This brigade was part of the 8th Division with two battalions (the 2nd/21st and 2nd/22nd) being raised in Victoria, and the 2nd/40th raised in Tasmania. The Brigade was sent to the Northern Territories where the battalions were distributed across the islands off the north coast of Australia. The 2nd/21st Battalion was sent to Ambon, the 2nd/22nd Battalion was sent to Rabual, and the 2nd/40th Battalion was sent to Timor. All were in place by December 1941. All the battalions were destroyed and captured by the Japanese in the first months of their attacks in South East Asia.
4. The 27th Brigade was originally formed as part of the 9th Australian Infantry Division between May and October 1941. The 2nd/26th Battalion was raised in Queensland, the 2nd/29th in Victoria, and the 2nd/30th in New South Wales. The brigade joined the division in Malaya in August 1941.
5. The regiment was part of the 8th Division, but was not deployed to Malaya. It is presumed that it was attached to the 23rd Brigade.
6. This field company was not deployed to Malaya. It is likely, although not confirmed that this field company was deployed on the islands north of Australia with the 23rd Brigade.

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