

1,996 killed and 6,000 wounded, as given in a Japanese paper published on December 29th, 1941, to the very high figure of 7,000 killed and 20,000 wounded, as given in a Tokyo broadcast a few days later.

Lieut.-General Maltby's estimate was 3,000 killed and 9,000 wounded; based on the statement by the Japanese commander that he had 9,000 wounded to care for, and therefore required to turn our wounded out of most of the hospitals. A senior officer of the 230th Regiment told the writer that the Japanese landed on the island a force comprising eighteen battalions of first-line troops, each of which included a number of attached gendarmerie, together with four battalions of 'garrison troops', and a considerable amount of artillery—a total of about 30,000 men, of whom "nearly half" became casualties. He instanced the three battalions of the 230th regiment, which landed 3,200 strong, and finished with "less than 800". He reckoned the Japanese losses at 14,000 on the island and about 1,000 on the mainland and during the period preceding the landing. His estimate was 4,500 killed and 11,000 wounded. We may take it that the three infantry regiments of the 38th division were, to all intents and purposes, "written-off", and the other three badly mauled.

Their heaviest losses seem to have been incurred during their attacks at Mount Cameron and at Stanley, on both of which occasions their massed "banzai" charges proved very costly.

The high proportion of killed to wounded in our casualty list is due to the fact that we were mainly withdrawing and had to leave the seriously wounded cases behind; and, as has been said, only on one occasion did the Japanese pick up our wounded.

HKVDC STRENGTH AND CASUALTIES

Unit	Strength		Killed & Missing		Wounded		Total	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
Corps HQ & S & T	11	43	1	2	—	—	1	2
Corps Artillery HQ	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
1st Battery	3	65	2	33	1	5	3	38
2nd Battery	3	83	1	7	—	4	1	11
3rd Battery	3	75	—	—	—	—	—	—
4th Battery	3	94	—	9	1	11	1	20
5th (AA) Battery ...	2	65	—	25	—	5	—	30
Field Coy Engineers	12	111	—	8	4	4	4	12
Corps Signals	2	38	—	4	1	3	1	7
Armed Car Platoon	1	28	—	4	—	4	—	8
No. 1 Company ...	4	100	1	26	2	19	3	45
No. 2 Company ...	4	94	1	24	—	25	1	49
No. 3 Company ...	4	110	2	35	2	33	4	68
No. 4 Company ...	4	74	—	4	—	3	—	7
No. 5 Company ...	4	94	—	2	—	3	—	5
No. 6 Company ...	5	91	—	5	—	3	—	8
No. 7 Company ...	3	38	—	2	—	—	—	2
ASC Unit	7	65	—	26	—	7	—	33
Stanley Platoon	1	28	—	8	—	6	—	14
Pay Detachment ...	3	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fortress Signals	2	15	—	1	—	1	—	2
Hughes Group	4	68	1	17	1	13	2	30
Recce Unit	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Field Ambulance ...	5	164	—	3	—	4	—	7
Nursing Detachment	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	4
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