

## 38<sup>th</sup> Division <sup>(1)</sup>

### 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry Group Headquarters

Tankette Company, 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry Group Headquarters

### 228<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment <sup>(2)</sup>

I Bn. 228<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

II Bn. 228<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

III Bn. 228<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

228<sup>th</sup> Regimental Infantry Gun Company

228<sup>th</sup> Regimental Anti-Tank Gun Company

### 229<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment <sup>(3)</sup>

I Bn. 229<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

II Bn. 229<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

III Bn. 229<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

229<sup>th</sup> Regimental Infantry Gun Company

229<sup>th</sup> Regimental Anti-Tank Gun Company

### 230<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment <sup>(4)</sup>

I Bn. 230<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

II Bn. 230<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

III Bn. 230<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

230<sup>th</sup> Regimental Infantry Gun Company

230<sup>th</sup> Regimental Anti-Tank Gun Company

### Divisional Troops

### 38<sup>th</sup> Mountain Artillery Regiment <sup>(6)</sup>

I Bn. 38<sup>th</sup> Mountain Artillery Regiment

II Bn. 38<sup>th</sup> Mountain Artillery Regiment

III Bn. 38<sup>th</sup> Mountain Artillery Regiment

38<sup>th</sup> Engineer Regiment (8)

38<sup>th</sup> Transport Regiment (9)

Divisional Medical Unit

One Field Hospital

Veterinary Section

Ordnance Section

## NOTES:

1. The Japanese 38<sup>th</sup> Division was raised in Nagoya on 30 June 1939. It was known by the Japanese as the 'Swamp Division'. It was organised as a standard Type 'B' infantry division, with an emphasis on light, or mountain, warfare, and had an establishment of about 20,000 men. It trained extensively in night operations in the run-up to the invasion of Hong Kong, which paid off in the assault on the Shing Mun Redoubt, and breaching the 'Gin Drinker's' Line. Initially, the division was deployed to join the Japanese 21<sup>st</sup> Army in the Guangdong Province of China. The 21<sup>st</sup> Army was dissolved in February 1940, so the division came under command of The South Army. On 28 June 1941, it was incorporated into the Japanese 23<sup>rd</sup> Army. The division was deployed along the border with Hong Kong, and prepared for the anticipated invasion of the British colony, which took place on 7 December 1941. Major General T. SANO commanded the division during the invasion of Hong Kong. The division later served in the battle for Java, and in New Guinea. The division was reinforced by the 66<sup>th</sup> Regiment, which was used to garrison the mainland, while the division assaulted Hong Kong Island.
2. Colonel Teihichi DOI commanded this regiment in 1941.
3. Colonel Tanaka RYOSABURO commanded this regiment.
4. Colonel Toshishige SHOJI commanded this regiment.

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