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TABLE 1—STRENGTH OF PHILIPPINE DIVISION, 31 JULY 1941

Unit	Total	Officers	Enlisted		
			Total	American	Philippine Scouts
All Units.....	10,473	* 516	9,957	2,036	7,921
Hq and Hq Co.....	181	30	151	4	147
Special Troops.....	5	5	0	0	0
31st Infantry.....	2,100	114	1,986	1,986	0
45th Infantry.....	2,265	117	2,148	1	2,147
57th Infantry.....	2,279	118	2,161	0	2,161
23d FA Regt.....	401	10	391	0	391
24th FA Regt.....	843	39	804	0	804
12th MP Co.....	136	5	131	5	86
12th QM Regt.....	592	18	574	0	574
12th Med Regt.....	421	22	399	0	399
12th Ord Co.....	142	3	139	0	139
12th Sig Regt.....	227	10	217	0	217
14th Engr Regt.....	870	24	846	0	846
4th Vet Co.....	11	1	10	0	10

* Includes 15 Philippine Scout Officers: 2 Hq, 2 Sp Trs, 3 45th Inf, 1 57th Inf, 5 24th FA Regt, 1 12th QM Regt, and 1 14th Engr.

Source: Phil Dept, Machine Reds Unit Station Strength and Misc., Officers and Enlisted Men, Jul 41.

1941 included the Harbor Defenses of Manila and Subic Bays, a cavalry regiment, two field artillery regiments, and quartermaster, signal, and military police units. The Harbor Defenses were commanded by Maj. Gen. George F. Moore, who had his headquarters at Fort Mills on Corregidor. They included not only the defenses of Corregidor, but also those on Caballo Island (Fort Hughes), El Fraile (Fort Drum), and Carabao (Fort Frank)—all at the entrance to Manila Bay—and Fort Wint on Grande Island at the entrance to Subic Bay.

The 26th Cavalry was a Philippine Scout organization with two squadrons of three troops each. It was considerably smaller than a similar regiment in the United States and had a strength of 784 enlisted men and 54 officers. The home station of the regi-

ment, except for one troop, was at Fort Stotsenburg; Troop F was stationed at Nichols Field, south of Manila.¹⁹ Also at Fort Stotsenburg were two Philippine Scout field artillery regiments, the 86th and 88th, the first with a strength of 388 and the second with 518 men.

Service and supply elements in the Philippine Department at the end of July 1941 totaled approximately 2,500 officers and men, exclusive of those serving with the Air Forces. The largest part of these troops were assigned to quartermaster and medical units, stationed at the various posts on Luzon, and at Pettit Barracks in Zamboanga

¹⁹ Lt. Col. William E. Chandler, "26th Cavalry (PS) Battles to Glory," in three parts, *Armored Cavalry Journal*, LVI, Nos. 2-4 (March-August 1947).

THE FALL OF THE PHILIPPINES

TABLE 2—STRENGTH AND COMPOSITION OF U.S. ARMY TROOPS IN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,
31 JULY 1941

Unit	Total	Officers	Enlisted		
			Total	American	Philippine Scouts
All Units.....	22,532	* 1,434	21,098	9,161	11,937
Hq USAFFE.....	5	5	0	0	0
Hq and Hq Det Phil Dept.....	289	125	164	163	1
Philippine Division.....	10,473	516	9,957	2,036	7,921
26th Cavalry.....	838	54	784	0	784
43d Infantry.....	329	16	313	0	313
86th FA.....	388	12	376	0	376
88th FA.....	518	17	501	0	501
808th MP Co.....	69	4	65	65	0
Harbor Defenses (Ft Mills).....	5,360	204	5,156	3,698	1,458
Hq and Hq Btry.....	418	32	386	316	70
59th CA.....	1,415	34	1,381	1,381	0
60th CA.....	1,896	41	1,855	1,855	0
91st CA.....	783	26	757	0	757
92d CA.....	653	26	627	0	627
USAMP ^b Harrison.....	47	7	40	36	4
Station Hospital.....	144	35	109	109	0
Chemical Warfare Det.....	4	3	1	1	0
Air Corps.....	2,407	275	2,132	2,132	0
Headquarters.....	109	18	91	91	0
4th Composite Group.....	1,393	232	1,161	1,161	0
20th Air Base Group.....	842	19	823	823	0
Tow Target Det.....	42	1	41	41	0
Weather Det.....	21	5	16	16	0
Service Detachments.....	1,836	188	1,648	1,065	583
Quartermaster Corps.....	505	31	474	182	292
Medical Dept.....	526	132	394	233	161
Ordnance Dept.....	173	9	164	164	0
Corps of Engineers.....	196	7	189	189	0
Signal Corps.....	348	6	342	224	118
Chemical Warfare Service.....	68	2	66	54	12
Finance Dept.....	20	1	19	19	0
Other ^c	20	18	2	2	0

* Includes 26 Philippine Scout Officers.

^b U.S. Army Mine Planter.

^c Includes officers and enlisted men for which no specific unit was indicated.

Source: Phil Dept, Machine Rcds Unit Station Strength and Misc., Officers and Enlisted Men, Jul 41.

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THE REINFORCEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

TABLE 4—STRENGTH AND COMPOSITION OF U.S. ARMY TROOPS IN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 30 NOVEMBER 1941

Unit	Total	Officers	Enlisted		
			Total	American	Philippine Scouts
All Units.....	31,095	* 2,504	28,591	16,643	11,957
Hq USAFFE.....	61	61	0	0	0
Hq and Hq Co Det Phil Dept.....	553	249	304	304	0
Hq N Luzon Force.....	38	38	0	0	0
Hq S Luzon Force.....	10	10	0	0	0
Hq Visayan-Mindanao Force.....	9	9	0	0	0
Philippine Division.....	10,233	517	9,716	1,807	7,909
26th Cavalry.....	842	55	787	0	787
43d Infantry.....	328	15	313	0	313
86th FA Regt.....	395	22	373	0	373
88th FA Regt.....	538	34	504	0	504
808th MP Co.....	160	5	155	155	0
192d Tank Bn.....	588	36	552	552	0
194th Tank Bn.....	410	36	374	374	0
200th CA AA.....	1,809	77	1,732	1,732	0
Harbor Defenses.....	5,225	335	4,890	3,318	1,572
Hq and Hq Btry.....	438	42	396	326	70
59th CA.....	1,503	66	1,237	1,237	0
60th CA.....	1,765	72	1,693	1,693	0
91st CA.....	837	49	788	27	761
92d CA.....	672	45	627	0	627
USAMP Harrison.....	46	8	38	34	4
Station Hospital.....	160	50	110	0	110
Chemical Warfare Det.....	4	3	1	1	0
Air Corps.....	5,609	669	4,940	4,940	0
Far East Air Force.....	237	43	194	194	0
Headquarters.....	147	47	100	100	0
4th Composite Group.....	326	11	315	315	0
19th Bomb Group.....	1,374	183	1,191	1,191	0
24th Pursuit Group.....	1,264	187	1,077	1,077	0
27th Bomb Group.....	804	87	717	717	0
2d Obsn Sq.....	183	42	141	141	0
20th Air Base Group.....	584	24	560	560	0
Tow Target Det.....	49	6	43	43	0
Weather Det.....	20	1	19	19	0
5th Air Base Group.....	204	16	188	188	0
V Bomber Command.....	21	1	20	20	0
48th Materiel Sq.....	216	11	205	205	0
Chemical Warfare Det.....	180	10	170	170	0
Service Detachments.....	4,268	317	3,951	3,452	499
Quartermaster Corps.....	821	38	783	487	296
Medical Dept.....	757	187	570	507	63
Ordnance Dept.....	1,030	40	1,010	1,010	0
Corps of Engineers.....	744	29	715	715	0
Signal Corps.....	629	16	613	488	125
Chemical Warfare Det.....	240	5	235	224	11
Finance Dept.....	27	2	25	21	4
Other ^b	19	19	0	0	0

^a Includes 31 Philippine Scout Officers.

^b Includes officers for which no specific unit was indicated.

Source: Phil Dept, Machine Reqs Unit Station Strength and Misc., Officers and Enlisted men, Nov 41.

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APPENDIX C

American POWs of the Japanese 1941-1945

Estimated Number Captured, Died, Returned to U.S. Control

I. American military personnel captured by the Japanese in the Pacific Ocean area:

The Philippines	22,000
Wake Island	1,555
Java	890
Japan and elsewhere	300
Celebes	255
Guam	400
China	200
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II. American military personnel killed or died after capture by the Japanese:

The Philippines	5,135
On prison ships	3,840
Japan	1,200
Manchuria	175
Burma	130
Wake Island	100
Korea	70
	<hr/> 10,650

III. American military personnel liberated by or rejoining U.S. forces:

Japan	11,400
The Philippines	1,500
Manchuria	1,200
Burma-Thailand	480
Celebes	200
Korea	150
China	20
	<hr/> 14,950

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2. Official records of deaths, Cabanatuan and Camp O'Donnell; records, diaries, and postwar statements and writings pertaining to Manchuria and Korea; records of the Lost Battalion Association; Japanese testimony during Allied war crimes trials pertaining to downed American flyers.
3. U.S. Army reports of recovered U.S. personnel; postwar statements and writings of survivors.