

British Other Ranks

Unit or Formation.	Killed or Died of Wounds.	Missing	Wounded.	Total Strength.
8 Coast Regt. R.A.	19	2	23	285
12 Coast Regt R A	15	2	24	200
5 A.A. Regt. R.A.	16	11	10	231
1 Hong Kong Regt H K.S.R.A	2	2	10	30
965 Def. Bty R.A	2	4	8	58
22 Field Coy. R.E	8	20	9	213
40 Field Coy R.E.	2	7	1	220
R.E. Services	2	5	1	54
2 Royal Scots	96	45	188	734
1 Middlesex Regt.	94	25	110	728
Canadian Staff	6	10	5	78
Winnipeg Grenadiers	28	222	60	869
Royal Rifles of Canada	42	157	160	963
Royal Corps of Signals	16	5	14	177
R.A.O.C	13	26	4	117
R.A.S.C.	23	10	11	183
R.A.V.C.	2	—	—	3
R.A.M.C.	13	3	3	146
Royal Army Dental Corps	—	—	—	6
R.A.P.C. ...	—	—	2	25
Military Provost Staff Corps	—	1	—	3
Corps of Military Police...	—	—	—	18
Army Education Corps	—	—	—	8
H.K.V.D.C.	196	139	135	1,296
	595	696	778	6,645

Total battle casualties 2,069 31 per cent.

Indian Other Ranks

Unit or Formation.	Killed or Died of Wounds	Missing.	Wounded.	Total Strength.
8 Coast Regt. R.A	—	1	4	233
12 Coast Regt R A	3	—	3	187
5 A.A. Regt. R A	24	80	15	332
1 Hong Kong Regt H K S R.A.	144	45	103	830
965 Def. Bty. R A	2	—	4	86
5/7 Rajput Regt	150	109	186	875
2/14 Punjab Regt	52	69	156	932
R.I.A.S.C.	—	—	1	13
Hong Kong Mule Corps	1	5	5	250
I.M.D. and I.H.C.	—	2	—	55
	376	311	477	3,893

Total battle casualties 1,164 30 per cent

NOTES

1 All figures are approximate as accurate information can only be obtained when the Casualty Bureau has all facts and figures

2 The wounded does not include lightly, or returned for duty, wounded The total wounded shown is 1,332 but A.D.M.S. states that 2,000 wounded men passed through our hospitals alone, and many of the wounded of the 5/7 Rajput Regt. fell into Japanese hands and have not been recorded

The final figures will probably be approximately —

	Killed or Died of Wounds	Missing	Wounded.
Imperial Officers	74	61	}
Imperial Other Ranks	595	696	
Indian Other Ranks	376	311	
	1,045	1,068	2,300

3 It has been impossible to collect any reliable data regarding the casualties suffered by the 450 locally enlisted Chinese

4 Regarding Japanese casualties

A local paper reported a Memorial Service held at Kai Tak Aerodrome to 1,995 Japanese who fell in the attack on Hong Kong That figure is certain to be an under rather than an over statement.

A Japanese Medical Major told me early in January 1942, when I was appealing for assistance for my sick and wounded, that he had 9,000 wounded on his hands in Kowloon and on the Island.

Taking the wounded figure to be correct, and remembering that many must have been drowned on the assault on the Island, the averages of the last war should give about 3,000 and NOT 1,995 killed

The Japanese admitted in broadcasts and in conversation to me that they had suffered severe casualties.

The Chinese have stated that 10,000 were killed, but this is undoubtedly an oriental exaggeration.

True figures will never be known, but from the above a fair estimate can be made —

Killed	3,000
Wounded	9,000
Total	12,000

And many of the latter died of their wounds, for funeral pyres near their hospitals were observed regularly for some months.