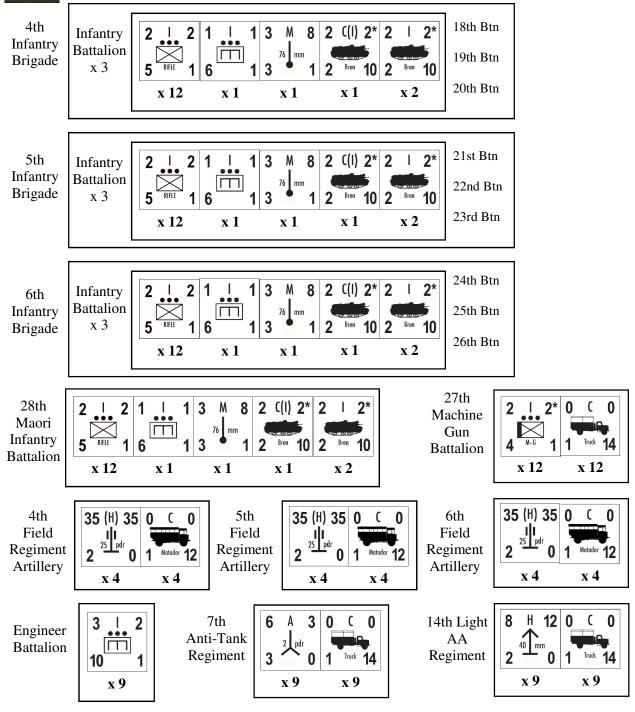
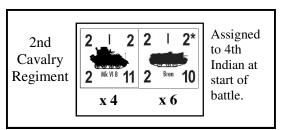
2nd

2nd New Zealand Infantry Division





The men of the 2nd New Zealand had begun their WWII service fighting in Greece and suffering through the evacuation from Crete. The division was reequipped and arrived in North Africa in time to participate in Operation Crusader. The division advanced as part of XIII Corps and, though largely successful, bore the brunt of a counterattack by elements of the 15th and 21st Panzer divisions. During Crusader, the 2nd suffered its heaviest losses of the war, losing over 2500 killed and wounded.

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