



2nd New Zealand Infantry Division

November 17, 1941

4th
Infantry
Brigade

Infantry Battalion x 3	2 2	1 1	3 M 8	2 C(l) 2*	2 2*	18th Btn 19th Btn 20th Btn
	RIFLE		76 mm			
	5 1	6 1	3 1	2 Bren 10	2 Bren 10	
	x 12	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 2	

5th
Infantry
Brigade

Infantry Battalion x 3	2 2	1 1	3 M 8	2 C(l) 2*	2 2*	21st Btn 22nd Btn 23rd Btn
	RIFLE		76 mm			
	5 1	6 1	3 1	2 Bren 10	2 Bren 10	
	x 12	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 2	

6th
Infantry
Brigade

Infantry Battalion x 3	2 2	1 1	3 M 8	2 C(l) 2*	2 2*	24th Btn 25th Btn 26th Btn
	RIFLE		76 mm			
	5 1	6 1	3 1	2 Bren 10	2 Bren 10	
	x 12	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 2	

28th
Maori
Infantry
Battalion

2 2	1 1	3 M 8	2 C(l) 2*	2 2*
RIFLE		76 mm		
5 1	6 1	3 1	2 Bren 10	2 Bren 10
x 12	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 2

27th
Machine
Gun
Battalion

2 2*	0 C 0
M-G	
4 1	1 Truck 14
x 12	x 12

4th
Field
Regiment
Artillery

35 (H) 35	0 C 0
2 0	1 Matador 12
x 4	x 4

5th
Field
Regiment
Artillery

35 (H) 35	0 C 0
2 0	1 Matador 12
x 4	x 4

6th
Field
Regiment
Artillery

35 (H) 35	0 C 0
2 0	1 Matador 12
x 4	x 4

Engineer
Battalion

3 2
10 1
x 9

7th
Anti-Tank
Regiment

6 A 3	0 C 0
3 0	1 Truck 14
x 9	x 9

14th Light
AA
Regiment

8 H 12	0 C 0
2 0	1 Truck 14
x 9	x 9

2nd
Cavalry
Regiment

2 2	2 2*
2 11	2 Bren 10
x 4	x 6

Assigned to 4th Indian at start of battle.

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.