



# 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	Truck
4 1	1 14
x 12	x 12

4th  
Field  
Regiment  
Artillery

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

5th  
Field  
Regiment  
Artillery

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

6th  
Field  
Regiment  
Artillery

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

Engineer  
Battalion

3   2
10 1
x 9

7th  
Anti-Tank  
Regiment

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

14th Light  
AA  
Regiment

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

2nd  
Cavalry  
Regiment

2   2	2   2*
Mk VI B	Bren
2 11	2 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.