



## 2nd New Zealand Infantry Division

September, 1941

5th  
Infantry  
Brigade

Infantry  
Battalion  
x 4

2 8	1 RIFLE	2*	1 6	1 1	0 C	0 14	3 76 mm	8 1	6 3	A 2	3 0	2 2	C(I)	2*	2 2	1 10	2*	2 2	1 10	2*
x 12			x 1			x 13			x 1			x 2			x 3			x 2		

21st Btn  
22nd Btn  
23rd Btn  
28th Maori

Bty 32,  
7th  
Anti-Tank  
Regiment

9 2	A 6 pdr	5 0	0 C	0 14
x 4			x 4	

Minefield  
Task  
Group

2 8	1 RIFLE	2*	3 10	1 1	0 1	C Truck	0 14	6 4	A Crusader II	3 9	0 8	- Scorpion	0 5
x 6		x 3		x 9		x 2		x 1					

28th Infantry  
Battalion &  
7th Engineer

6th  
Infantry  
Brigade

Infantry  
Battalion  
x 3

2 8	1 RIFLE	2*	1 6	1 1	0 C	0 14	3 76 mm	8 1	6 3	A 2	3 0	2 2	C(I)	2*	2 2	1 10	2*	2 2	1 10	2*
x 12			x 1			x 13			x 1			x 2			x 3			x 2		

24th Btn  
25th Btn  
26th Btn

Bty 33,  
7th  
Anti-Tank  
Regiment

9 2	A 6 pdr	5 0	0 C	0 14
x 4			x 4	

Minefield  
Task  
Group

2 8	1 RIFLE	2*	3 10	1 1	0 1	C Truck	0 14	6 4	A Crusader II	3 9	0 8	- Scorpion	0 5
x 6		x 3		x 9		x 2		x 1					

28th Infantry  
Battalion &  
6th Engineer

4th  
Field  
Regiment  
Artillery

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

5th  
Field  
Regiment  
Artillery

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

6th  
Field  
Regiment  
Artillery

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

78th  
Field  
Regiment  
Artillery  
(-)

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

98th  
Field  
Regiment  
Artillery  
(-)

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

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28th  
Infantry  
Battalion  
(-)

1 I 6	1 I 1	0 C 1	0 C 1	3 M 14	8 M 3	6 A 1	3 A 3	2 C(I) 2*	2 I 2*	2 I 2*	2 I 2*
x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 2	x 3	x 2	x 3	x 2	x 2	x 2	x 2

2nd  
Division  
Engineer  
Battalion  
(-)

3 I 10	2 I 1
x 6	

27th  
Machine  
Gun  
Battalion

2 I 4	2* I 1	0 C 1	0 C 1
x 12	x 12		

7th  
Anti-Tank  
Regiment

9 A 2	5 A 0	0 C 1	0 C 1
x 14	x 14		

14th Light  
AA  
Regiment

8 H 2	12 H 0	0 C 1	0 C 1
x 8	x 8		

2nd  
Division  
Reece  
Regiment

2 I 8	2* I 1	0 C 1	0 C 1	3 M 14	8 M 3	6 A 1	3 A 3	2 C(I) 2*	2 I 2*	2 I 2*	2 I 2*	2 I 4	5 A 5
x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 1	x 3	x 4	x 9	x 9	x 9	x 9	x 9	x 9	x 6

9th  
Armored  
Brigade  
(attached)

3rd  
Hussars  
Tank  
Regiment

6 A 4	3 A 9	9 A 5	5 A 9	8 A 6	8 A 8	9 A 8	8 A 8
x 3	x 1	x 3	x 3				

Royal  
Wiltshire  
Yeomanry  
Tank  
Regiment

6 A 4	3 A 9	9 A 5	5 A 9	8 A 6	8 A 8	9 A 8	8 A 8
x 3	x 1	x 3	x 3				

Warwickshire  
Yeomanry  
Tank  
Regiment

6 A 4	3 A 9	9 A 5	5 A 9	8 A 6	8 A 8	9 A 8	8 A 8
x 3	x 1	x 3	x 3				

Bty 31,  
7th  
Anti-Tank  
Regiment

9 A 2	5 A 0	0 C 1	0 C 1
x 4	x 4		

14th Btn,  
Sherwood  
Foresters  
Motor  
Battalion

2 I 6	2* I 1	9 A 2	5 A 0	0 C 1	0 C 1	3 M 14	8 M 3	2 I 4	2* I 1	2 C(I) 2*	2 I 2*	2 I 2*
x 6	x 4	x 10	x 1	x 3	x 4	x 2						

The New Zealanders were given the primary job of carving a 24 foot wide line five miles through the minefields so that the tanks of the 9th Armored Brigade and the other armored divisions could pass. A special minefield taskforce was attached to each brigade for this mission. After the battle stalled on October 26th, the division was pulled back into reserve and became the lead unit in Operation Supercharge on November 2nd. The New Zealanders successfully cleared a path for the 9th Armored Brigade, but as the 9th advanced, it ran into a screen of anti-tank guns and was counterattacked by German and Italian armor. Losing most of its tanks, the sacrifice of the brigade proved valuable as most of the Axis tanks were lost as well and they had no replacements for them. The 2nd New Zealand continued to have a key role in the pursuit of the defeated Axis forces.