

2nd New Zealand Infantry Division (1)

Headquarters, 2nd New Zealand Infantry Division

2nd New Zealand Divisional Defence Platoon

2nd New Zealand Divisional Intelligence Section

2nd New Zealand Divisional Field Security Section

4th New Zealand Armoured Brigade

Headquarters, 4th New Zealand Armoured Brigade

(4 Squadron, 2nd New Zealand Divisional Signals)

18th New Zealand Armoured Regiment

(38th Light Aid Detachment)

19th New Zealand Armoured Regiment

(39th Light Aid Detachment)

20th New Zealand Armoured Regiment

(40th Light Aid Detachment)

22nd New Zealand Motor Battalion (2)

New Zealand Divisional Forward Delivery Squadron

4th Armoured Brigade Band

5th New Zealand Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 5th New Zealand Infantry Brigade

('K' Section, 2nd New Zealand Divisional Signals)

21st New Zealand Infantry Battalion

23rd New Zealand Infantry Battalion

28th New Zealand (Maori) Infantry Battalion

5th Infantry Brigade Band

6th New Zealand Infantry Battalion

Headquarters, 6th New Zealand Infantry Brigade
(‘L’ Section, 2nd New Zealand Divisional Signals)

24th New Zealand Infantry Battalion
25th New Zealand Infantry Battalion
26th New Zealand Infantry Battalion

6th Infantry Brigade Band

(3)

Divisional Troops

New Zealand Divisional Cavalry Regiment (4)
(‘C’ Section, 2nd New Zealand Divisional Signals & 13th Light Aid Detachment)

27th New Zealand Machine Gun Battalion (5)

Headquarters, 2nd New Zealand Divisional Artillery

4th Field Regiment, New Zealand Artillery

(H.Q. 25th, 26th & 46th Field Batteries, New Zealand Artillery, ‘E’ Section, 2nd New Zealand Divisional Signals & 9th Light Aid Detachment)

5th Field Regiment, New Zealand Artillery

(H.Q. 27th, 28th & 47th Field Batteries, New Zealand Artillery, ‘F’ Section, 2nd New Zealand Divisional Signals & 16th Light Aid Detachment)

6th Field Regiment, New Zealand Artillery

(H.Q. 29th, 30th & 48th Field Batteries, New Zealand Artillery, ‘G’ Section, 2nd New Zealand Divisional Signals & 18th Light Aid Detachment)

7th Anti-Tank Regiment, New Zealand Artillery

(H.Q. 31st, 32nd, 33rd & 34th Anti-Tank Batteries, New Zealand Artillery, ‘H’ Section, 2nd New Zealand Divisional Signals & 15th Light Aid Detachment)

14th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, New Zealand Artillery

(H.Q. 41st, 42nd & 43rd Light Anti-Aircraft Batteries, New Zealand Artillery & 14th Light Anti-Aircraft Workshop Section)

36th Survey Battery, New Zealand Artillery

Headquarters, 2nd New Zealand Divisional Engineers
6th Field Company, New Zealand Engineers
7th Field Company, New Zealand Engineers
8th Field Company, New Zealand Engineers
5th Field Park Company, New Zealand Engineers

2nd New Zealand Divisional Signals
(14th Light Aid Detachment)

Headquarters Command, New Zealand Army Service Corps
1st Ammunition Company, New Zealand Army Service Corps
2nd Ammunition Company, New Zealand Army Service Corps
1st Petrol Company, New Zealand Army Service Corps
1st Supply Company, New Zealand Army Service Corps
4th Reserve Mechanical Transport Company, New Zealand Army Service Corps
6th Reserve Mechanical Transport Company, New Zealand Army Service Corps
18th Tank Transporter Company, New Zealand Army Service Corps
Water Issue Section, New Zealand Army Service Corps
New Zealand Section, Motor Ambulance Convoy,
New Zealand Army Service Corps

4th Field Ambulance, New Zealand Medical Corps
5th Field Ambulance, New Zealand Medical Corps
6th Field Ambulance, New Zealand Medical Corps
4th Field Hygiene Section, New Zealand Medical Corps
1st Mobile Casualty Clearing Station, New Zealand Medical Corps
2nd Field Transfusion Unit, New Zealand Medical Corps
1st Field Surgical Unit, New Zealand Medical Corps
2nd Anti-Malarial Control Unit, New Zealand Medical Corps
3rd Anti-Malarial Control Unit, New Zealand Medical Corps
102nd Mobile Venereal Disease Treatment Centre, New Zealand Medical Corps

1st Mobile Dental Unit

2nd New Zealand Divisional Ordnance Field Park
2nd New Zealand Divisional Mobile Laundry and Bath Unit

2nd New Zealand Divisional Workshops

4th Armoured Brigade Workshops

5th Infantry Brigade Workshop Section

6th Infantry Brigade Workshop Section

1st Armoured Troops Recovery Unit

2nd New Zealand Divisional Provost Company

1st Field Cash Office

2nd New Zealand Divisional Postal Unit

Reinforcement Transit Unit

NOTES:

1. The division reorganised from its previous all infantry role to the 'new' mixed role in late 1943 with the 4th Brigade changing into an armoured brigade. In this order of battle, the division sailed for Italy arriving at Taranto in October 1943. The division moved up the Adriatic coast on 14 November 1943 under command of 8th Army. In early January 1944, it was moved into an army group reserve role. In February, the division was instructed to relieve the U.S. 34th Infantry Division in the Cassino sector. On 3 February 1944, the division formed the New Zealand Corps, together with the 4th Indian Infantry Division and 78th Infantry Division. It relieved the 34th U.S. Infantry Division on 12 February. The Monastery was heavily bombed on 15 February, and the 4th Indian Division commenced their attack at nightfall. The 2nd New Zealand Division commenced their assault into Cassino Town on 17 February, with the 28th Maori Battalion attacking into the town. They made little progress and the attack was halted the next day. There was a lull in operations until 14 March. Cassino Town was bombed on 14 March, with the 6th New Zealand Brigade attacking on 15 March. Some progress was made, but the attack was called off on 23 March, by which time the four battalions were exhausted. New Zealand Corps was disbanded on 26 March 1944. The division rested and refitted after Cassino. Between 22 July and 4 August, the division participated in the battle of the Gothic Line, and the drive towards Florence under command of 8th Army. On 26 November, the division attacked towards Faenza, the attack ending on 12 December. For the final offensive, the division came under the command of V Corps, and on 9 April, launched an assault across the Senio River. The German resistance broke, and the division continued to advance against German Parachute troops, crossing the Po River on 25 April 1945. The division made for Trieste, which it reached on 2 May 1945. Tension was high between the Yugoslav Partisans and the Allies over the future of Trieste, but eventually this was resolved. The Headquarters, 2nd New Zealand Division disbanded in Italy on 20 January 1946, and the troops returned home – their job done with their head held high.
2. In November 1944, this battalion lost its motorised role and came under command of 5th Brigade as an additional infantry unit. In March 1945, the battalion came under command of the new 9th Brigade.
3. In February 1945, a new infantry brigade was formed to counter the lack of infantry in the Italian campaign. The units under command were:

9th New Zealand Infantry Brigade

New Zealand Divisional Cavalry Regiment

22nd New Zealand Infantry Battalion

27th New Zealand Infantry Battalion

4. The regiment was the division's reconnaissance unit. In November 1944, it was converted into an infantry role (much to the regiment's disgust) and came under command of 6th Brigade. In March 1945, the regiment came under command of the new 9th Brigade.
5. This battalion was the machine gun battalion for the division until March 1945, when it converted into a conventional infantry role and came under command of 9th Brigade.

2nd New Zealand Division (Staff as at April 1945)

Divisional Commander

Lieutenant General Sir Bernard FREYBERG, V.C., K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O.

General Staff Officer (Grade I) – (G.S.O. I)

Colonel H. E. GILBERT, D.S.O.

General Staff Officer (Grade II) – (G.S.O. II)

Major

General Staff Officer (Grade III) (Intelligence) – (G.S.O. III (I))

Captain

General Staff Officer (Grade III) (Chemical Warfare) – (G.S.O. III (CW))

Captain

Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General – (A.A. & Q.M.G.)

Lieutenant Colonel J. P. COOK, O.B.E.

Deputy Assistant Adjutant General – (D.A.A.G.)

Major

Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General – (D.A.Q.M.G.)

Major

Commander, Royal Artillery – (C.R.A.)

Brigadier R. C. QUEREE, C.B.E.

Commanding Officer, 4 Field Regiment:

Lieutenant-Colonel H. T. W. NOLAN

Commanding Officer, 5 Field Regiment:

Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. SAWYERS, D.S.O.

Commanding Officer, 6 Field Regiment:

Lieutenant-Colonel S. W. NICHOLSON

Commanding Officer, 7 Anti-Tank Regiment:

Lieutenant-Colonel W. C. SAVAGE

Commander, Royal Engineers – (C.R.E.)

Colonel F. M. H. HANSON, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.M.

Officer Commanding, 5 Field Park Company:

Major L. C. E. MALT

Officer Commanding, 6 Field Company:

Major P. W. de B. MORGAN, M.C.

Officer Commanding, 7 Field Company:

Major G. A. LINDELL

Officer Commanding, 8 Field Company:

Major C. CLARK

Officer Commanding, 27 Mechanical Equipment Company:

Major G. K. ARMSTRONG, M.C.

Officer Commanding, 28 Assault Squadron:

Major J. BROOKE-WHITE

Commander, Royal Signals – (C.R.Sigs)

Lieutenant Colonel R. W. FOUBISTER

Assistant Director of Medical Services – (A.D.M.S.)

Colonel R. A. ELLIOTT

Officer Commanding, 4 Field Ambulance:

Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. OWEN-JOHNSTON, E.D.

Officer Commanding, 5 Field Ambulance:

Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. COUTTS

Officer Commanding, 6 Field Ambulance:

Lieutenant-Colonel W. HAWKSWORTH

Officer Commanding, 4 Field Hygiene Company:

Major D. P. KENNEDY

Officer Commanding, 1 Mobile Casualty Clearing Station:

Lieutenant- Colonel A. G. CLARK, M.C.

Officer Commanding, 2 Field Transfusion Unit:

Major P. F. HOWDEN

Officer Commanding, 3 Field Surgical Unit:

Major W. I. CAWKWELL

Officer Commanding, 1 Mobile Dental Unit:

Major H. C. COLSON

Commander, Royal Army Service Corps – (C.R.A.S.C.)

Brigadier S. H. CRUMP, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Second-in-command and Senior Supply Officer:

Lieutenant-Colonel O. BRACEGIRDLE, D.S.O.

Officer Commanding, 1 Ammunition Company:

Major P. E. COURTS, M.B.E.

Officer Commanding, 2 Ammunition Company:

Major R. L. DOW

Officer Commanding, 1 Petrol Company:

Major H. W. BARNETT

Officer Commanding, 1 Supply Company:

Major L. BEAN

Officer Commanding, 4 Reserve Mechanical Transport Company:

Major R. O. PEARSE, M.B.E.

Assistant Director of Ordnance Services – (A.D.O.S.)

Lieutenant Colonel J. O. KELSEY, M.B.E.

Assistant Director of Ordnance Services: Officer Commanding, Divisional Ordnance Field Park:

Major H. L. McLAREN

Commander, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers – (C.R.E.M.E.)

Lieutenant- Colonel A. H. ANDREWS, O.B.E.

Officer Commanding, Divisional Workshops:

Major N. J. ROLLINSON, M.B.E.

Officer Commanding, 4 Armoured Brigade Workshops:

Major C. K. FLEMING

Assistant Provost Marshal:

Major W. BROWN-BAYLISS

Commanding Officer 4 Armoured Brigade

Colonel T. C. CAMPBELL, M.C.

Commanding Officer, 18 Armoured Regiment:

Lieutenant Colonel H. H. PARATA

Commanding Officer, 19 Armoured Regiment:

Lieutenant-Colonel A. M. EVERIST, D.S.O.

Commanding Officer, 20 Armoured Regiment:

Lieutenant-Colonel H. A. ROBINSON, M.C.

Commanding Officer, 5 Infantry Brigade:

Brigadier I. L. BONIFANT, D.S.O.

Commanding Officer, 21 Battalion:

Lieutenant-Colonel E. A. McPHAIL, M.C.

Commanding Officer, 23 Battalion:

Lieutenant-Colonel W. B. THOMAS, D.S.O., M.C.

Commanding Officer, 28 (Maori) Battalion:

Lieutenant-Colonel A. AWATERE, M.C.

Commanding Officer, 6 Infantry Brigade:

Brigadier G. B. PARKINSON, D.S.O.

Commanding Officer, 24 Battalion:

Lieutenant-Colonel R. L. HUTCHENS

Commanding Officer, 25 Battalion:

Lieutenant-Colonel E. K. NORMAN, M.C.

Commanding Officer, 26 Battalion:

Lieutenant Colonel M. C. FAIRBROTHER, O.B.E.

Commanding Officer, 9 Infantry Brigade

Brigadier W. G. GENTRY, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Commanding Officer, Divisional Cavalry Battalion:

Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. WILLIAMS, D.S.O.

Commanding Officer, 22 Battalion:

Lieutenant-Colonel H. V. DONALD, D.S.O., M.C.

Commanding Officer, 27 Battalion:

Lieutenant-Colonel G. P. SANDERS