

The New Zealand Army
September 1939 - March 1941

3 September 1939

The Military Districts and Areas of New Zealand

I. Northern District: HQ Auckland

The Provincial District of Auckland, North Island

Military Area 1: Auckland
Military Area 2: Paeroa
Military Area 3: Whangarei
Military Area 4: Hamilton

Regular Forces

Field Artillery Cadre - Narrow Neck
Coast Artillery Cadre - Devonport
Anti-Aircraft Artillery Cadre - Narrow Neck
New Zealand Staff Corps
Details, New Zealand Permanent Staff
Depot, New Zealand Army Ordnance Corps - Auckland
Details, New Zealand Permanent Army Service Corps -
Auckland

Fortress Troops

1st Auckland Regiment (Countess of Ranfurly's Own) -
Auckland
1st Heavy Artillery Group (13th Heavy Battery) -
Devonport
1st Anti-Aircraft Group (18th AA Battery:
1st Searchlight Company) - Devonport

Field Force - Territorial Force

1st Mounted Rifles Brigade

The Auckland (East Coast) Mounted Rifles - Paeroa
The Waikato Mounted Rifles - Hamilton
The North Auckland Mounted Rifles - Whangarei

1st Infantry Brigade

1st Hauraki Regiment - Paeroa
1st North Auckland Regiment - Whangarei
1st Waikato Regiment - Hamilton

1st Artillery Brigade Group - Narrow Neck

1st, 3rd, 4th Field Batteries - Auckland
20th Light Battery - Auckland
2nd Medium Battery - Hamilton
21st Field Battery - Onehunga

1st Field Company, NZE - Auckland
Northern Depot, NZ Corps of Signals - Auckland
1st Composite Company, NZASC - Auckland
1st Field Ambulance, NZAMC - Auckland
1 Coy, 1st New Zealand Scottish Regiment - Auckland

Cadet Units

The Auckland Regiment - Auckland
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Cadet Battalions - Auckland
The Hauraki Regiment - Paeroa
1st, 2nd Cadet Battalions - Paeroa
The North Auckland Regiment - Whangarei
1st Cadet Battalion - Whangarei
2nd, 3rd Cadet Battalions - Ponsonby, Auckland
The Waikato Regiment - Hamilton
1st, 2nd Cadet Battalions - Hamilton

II. Central District: HQ Wellington

The Provincial Districts of Taranaki, Wellington, and
Hawke's Bay, North Island
Military Area 5: Wellington
Military Area 6; Wanganui
Military Area 7: Napier
Military Area 8: New Plymouth

Regular Forces

Field Artillery Cadre - Fort Dorset
Coast Artillery Cadre - Fort Dorset
Palmerston North Field Artillery Cadre - Palmerston
North
New Zealand Staff Corps
Details, New Zealand Permanent Staff
New Zealand Army Ordnance Corps, Main Ordnance Depot
- Trentham
Details, New Zealand Permanent Army Service Corps -
Wellington
Details, General Duty Section, New Zealand Regular
Forces - Wellington

Fortress Troops

1st Wellington Regiment - Wellington
2nd Heavy Artillery Group (15th Heavy Battery) - Fort
Dorset
2nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Group (22nd AA Battery; 2nd
Searchlight Company) - Fort Dorset

Field Force - Territorial Force

2nd Mounted Rifles Brigade

Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles - Hawera
The Manawatu Mounted Rifles - Palmerston North
The Wellington East Coast Mounted Rifles -
Gisborne

2nd Infantry Brigade

1st Wellington West Coast Regiment - Wanganui
1st Hawke's Bay Regiment - Napier
1st Taranaki Regiment - New Plymouth

2nd Artillery Brigade Group - Fort Dorset

5th Field Battery - Wellington

7th, 8th Field Batteries - Palmerston North
17th Medium Battery - Petone
19th Medium Battery - Wellington

1 Coy, 1st New Zealand Scottish Regiment - Wellington
2nd Field Company, NZE - Wellington
Central Depot, NZ Corps of Signals - Wellington
2nd Composite Company, NZASC - Wellington
2nd Field Ambulance, NZAMC - Wellington

Cadet Units

The Wellington Regiment - Wellington
1st, 2nd, 3rd Cadet Battalions - Wellington
The Wellington West Coast Regiment - Wanganui
1st Cadet Battalion - Wanganui
2nd Cadet Battalion - Palmerston North
The Hawke's Bay Regiment - Napier
1st Cadet Battalion - Napier
2nd Cadet Battalion - Gisborne
3rd Cadet Battalion - Masterton
The Taranaki Regiment - New Plymouth
1st Cadet Battalion - New Plymouth
2nd Cadet Battalion - Hawera

III. Southern District: HQ Christchurch

The Provincial Districts of Otago (The Land Districts of Otago and Southland), Canterbury, Westland, Nelson, and Marlborough, South Island as well as Stewart Island

Military Area 9: Nelson
Military Area 10: Christchurch
Military Area 11: Dunedin
Military Area 12: Invercargill

Regular Forces

Field and Light Artillery Cadre - Christchurch
Field Artillery Cadre - Dunedin
New Zealand Staff Corps
Details, New Zealand Permanent Staff
New Zealand Army Ordinance Corps Depot - Burnham
Details, New Zealand Permanent Army Service Corps - Christchurch

Fortress Troops

1st Canterbury Regiment - Christchurch
23rd Heavy Battery, NZA - Christchurch

Field Force - Territorial Force

3rd Mounted Rifles Brigade

The Canterbury Yeomanry Cavalry - Christchurch
The Otago Mounted Rifles - Dunedin
The Nelson-Marlborough Mounted Rifles - Blenheim

3rd Infantry Brigade

1st Otago Regiment - Dunedin
1st Southland Regiment - Invercargill
1st Nelson, Marlborough, and West Coast Regiment -
Nelson

3rd Artillery Group - Dunedin

9th, 10th Field Batteries - Christchurch
12th Field Battery - Dunedin
14th Medium Battery - Dunedin
16th Light Battery - Christchurch

1 Coy, 1st New Zealand Scottish Regiment - Christchurch
1 Coy, 1st New Zealand Scottish Regiment - Dunedin
3rd Field Company, NZE - Christchurch
Southern Depot, NZ Corps of Signals - Christchurch
3rd Composite Company, NZASC - Christchurch
3rd Field Ambulance, NZAMC - Christchurch
The Otago University Medical Corps - Dunedin

Cadet Units

The Canterbury Regiment - Christchurch
1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th Cadet Battalions -
Christchurch
3rd Cadet Battalion - Timaru
The Otago Regiment - Dunedin
1st, 2nd Cadet Battalions - Dunedin
3rd Cadet Battalion - Oamaru
The Southland Regiment - Invercargill
1st Cadet Battalion - Invercargill
The Nelson, Marlborough, and West Coast Regiment -
Nelson
1st Cadet Battalion - Nelson
2nd Cadet Battalion - Greymouth
3rd Cadet Battalion - Blenheim

1st, 2nd and 3rd Echelons of the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force

1st Echelon, 2nd NZEF - On assembly on 3 October 1939

Papakura:

18th Infantry Battalion (from 7 November 1939)

Ngaruawahia:

Divisional Cavalry Regiment ('A' and 'B' Squadrons)
HQ Divisional Artillery (details)
4th Field Regiment, NZA
HQ NZE (details)
5th Field Park Company, NZE
6th Field Company, NZE

Trentham:

HQ NZ Division (details)

Divisional Intelligence Section
Divisional Signals
HQ 4th Infantry Brigade
19th Infantry Battalion
Divisional Employment Platoon

Burnham:

20th Infantry Battalion
27th Machine-Gun Battalion

2nd Echelon, 2nd NZEF - On assembly on 12 January 1940

Papakura:

'C' Squadron, Divisional Cavalry Regiment
21st Infantry Battalion
HQ NZE (details)
7th Field Company, NZE
11th Forestry Company, NZE

Ngaruawahia:

HQ NZA (details)
HQ and 31st, 32nd Batteries, 7th Anti-Tank Regiment, NZA
5th Field Regiment, NZA

Palmerston North:

28th (Maori) Infantry Battalion

Trentham:

HQ NZ Division (details)
Divisional Signals (details)
22nd Infantry Battalion
HQ 5th Infantry Brigade (4th and 5th Anti-Tank Companies attached)

Burnham:

23rd Infantry Battalion
HQ Railway Construction and Maintenance Group
9th Railway Survey Company, NZE
10th Railway Construction Company, NZE

3rd Echelon, 2nd NZEF - On assembly on 15-17 1940

Papakura:

6th Field Regiment, NZA
33rd Anti-Tank Battery, NZA
24th Infantry Battalion
Reinforcements (1136 all ranks)

Trentham:

HQ NZ Division (details)
8th Field Company, NZE
Divisional Signals (details)
HQ 6th Infantry Brigade
6th Anti-Tank Company
25th Infantry Battalion
Reinforcements (1228 all ranks)

Burnham:

26th Infantry Battalion
Reinforcements (1162 all ranks)

2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force 6 July 1940

Force Headquarters

7th Field Company, NZE
One Battery, 5th Field Regiment, NZA

HQ Covering Force

C Squadron, 2nd New Zealand Divisional Cavalry
One Machine Gun Company (Formed from two batteries of 5th
Field Regiment, NZA)
One Infantry Battalion, formed from
two batteries of 7th Anti-Tank Regiment, NZA without
guns)

The Mixed Brigade

28th (Maori) Infantry Battalion
29th (Composite) Infantry Battalion
4th New Zealand Anti-Tank Company

5th New Zealand Infantry Brigade

21st, 22nd, 23rd Infantry Battalions
5th New Zealand Anti-Tank Company

Other Groups

11th Forestry Company, NZE
HQ Railway and Construction and Maintenance Group
9th Railway Survey Company, NZE
10th Railway Construction Company, NZE

2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force (UK) - 12 September 1940

5th Field Regiment, NZA

7th Anti-Tank Regiment, NZA (31st, 32nd Batteries)

7th Field Company, NZE

C Squadron, 2nd New Zealand Divisional Cavalry

8th Royal Tank Regiment

157th Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA

5th New Zealand Infantry Brigade

21st, 22nd, 23rd Infantry Battalions
5th New Zealand Anti-Tank Company

7th New Zealand Infantry Brigade

28th (Maori), 29th Infantry Battalions
4th New Zealand Anti-Tank Company

Maadi Camp - Assembly and Training

Egypt - Formed 15 January 1941.

The New Zealand Artillery Training Regiment (Later 34th Field Regiment, NZA)
The NCO's School
The Composite Training Depot (NZE, NZ Signals, New Zealand Divisional Cavalry)

9th New Zealand Infantry Brigade

The Northern Training Battalion (later 31st Battalion)
The Central Training Battalion (later 32nd Battalion)
The Southern Training Battalion (later 33rd Battalion)
The Maori Training Company</PRE>

The New Zealand Division

Middle East - March 1941

The New Zealand Divisional Cavalry
5th Field Park Company, NZE
7th Anti-Tank Regiment, NZA (Less three batteries)

4th New Zealand Brigade Group

18th, 19th, 20th Infantry Battalions
4th Field Regiment, NZA
34th Anti-Tank Battery, NZA
6th Field Company, NZE
No. 2 Company, 27th Machine-Gun Battalion

5th New Zealand Brigade Group

21st, 22nd, 23rd Infantry Battalions
28th (Maori) Infantry Battalion
5th Field Regiment, NZA
32nd Anti-Tank Battery, NZA
7th Field Company, NZE
No. 3 Company, 27th Machine-Gun Battalion

6th New Zealand Brigade Group

24th, 25th, 26th Infantry Battalions
6th Field Regiment, NZA
33rd Anti-Tank Battery, NZA
19th Army Troops Company, NZE (Until 8th Field Company, NZE arrived)
No. 1 Company, 27th Machine-Gun Battalion</PRE>

2nd NZ Expeditionary Force (Pacific)

8th New Zealand Infantry Brigade

29th Infantry Battalion
30th Infantry Battalion
The Reserve Battalion
35th Field Battery, NZA
20th Field Company, NZE