

Nov. 11: Axis troops are cleared from Egypt.
 Nov. 13: Eighth Army re-occupies Tobruk.
 Nov. 20: Eighth Army enters Benghazi.
 Dec. 15: New Zealanders outflank enemy force at El Agheila.
 Dec. 23: Advanced party of first Commando Fiji Guerrillas, led by New Zealanders, lands at Guadalcanal.
 Dec. 25: Eighth Army reached Sirte.

1943

Jan. 15: Eighth Army attacks in Wadi Zemzem region, Tripolitania.
 Jan. 18: Eighth Army occupies Misurata.
 Jan. 23: English, Scottish and New Zealand troops enter Tripoli.
 Jan. 30: Eighth Army crosses Tunisian frontier.
 Feb. 9: Guadalcanal completely occupied by U.S. Forces.
 Feb. 11: General Eisenhower assumes Supreme Command of Allied Forces in North Africa.
 Feb. 20: Axis Forces, having broken American lines, occupy Kasserine Pass.
 March 1-6: Battle of the Bismark Sea.
 March 20: Eighth Army attacks Mareth Line.

March 26: Lieut.-General Freyberg's New Zealand column, having outflanked Mareth Line, attacks El Hamma, 2nd Lieut. Ngarimu wins V.C.

March 30: Whole of Mareth position in British hands.

April 6: Eighth Army attacks Wadi Akarit and forces Axis withdrawal to Enfidaville.

April 6: Japanese aircraft attack Guadalcanal; Allied losses include H.M.N.Z.S. "Moa" (corvette).

April 10: Eighth Army occupies Sfax.

April 19: Eighth Army launches attack on Enfidaville Line.

May 7: British First Army enters Tunis. Bizerte occupied by Americans and French.

May 13: Last remaining Axis Forces in Tunisia surrender.

May 15: New Zealanders begin to move from Tunisia to Maadi Camp, Egypt.

May 17: New Zealanders take part in bombing of German dams.

June 11: Pantelleria surrenders.

June 15: First furlough draft of New Zealanders leaves Egypt.

June 16: New Zealanders assist Americans in shooting down 94 of 120 Japanese raiders over Guadalcanal.

June 20: Lieut.-General Freyberg arrives in New Zealand.

July 2: Fiji guerrillas land in New Georgia.

July 10: Allies begin invasion of Sicily.

July 12: H.M.N.Z.S. "Leander" in action off Solomons against Japanese destroyers. Furlough draft arrives in New Zealand.

July 25: Mussolini resigns.

July 31: Lieut.-General Freyberg returns to 2nd N.Z.E.F. from New Zealand.

Aug. 31: Fiji guerrillas land on Vella Lavella.

Sept. 3: Eighth Army crosses Straits of Messina into Italy. Italy granted armistice.

Sept. 18: New Zealanders land on Vella Lavella.

Sept. 25: New Zealand holds first wartime General Election.

Oct. 6: New Zealanders begin to move from Egypt to Italy.

SOME OF OUR WAR LEADERS



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Prime Minister



HON. F. JONES
Minister of Defence.



Lt.-Gen. SIR BERNARD FREYBERG
V.C., G.O.C., 2nd N.Z.E.F.

Oct. 30: New Zealanders land on Mono Island in the Treasury Group.

Nov. 2: F/O L. A. Trigg, D.F.C., R.N.Z.A.F., is awarded the V.C.

Nov. 27: Having rejoined Eighth Army, New Zealanders take part in Battle of Sangro River.

Dec. 22: New Zealanders take part in defeat of enemy at Ortona.

1944

Jan. 22: Anzio bridgehead landings.

Feb. 16: U.S. Forces attack Truk, Japanese naval base.

Feb. 17: Maoris attack across the Rapido River at Cassino.

March 3: A submarine is reported in New Zealand waters.

March 6: Meat rationing is introduced in New Zealand.

May 18: After a prolonged and fierce battle, British and New Zealanders enter Cassino.

May 30: New Zealanders take Alvito and Vicalvi.

June 2: New Zealanders take Campoli.

June 5: Allied troops enter Rome.

June 6: D-Day—Normandy is invaded.

June 15: U.S. Forces land on Saipan.

July 27: New Zealanders are eight miles from Florence.

Aug. 6: Florence is virtually in Allied hands.

Aug. 15: Allies land in the South of France.

Sept. 13: U.S. Forces are on German soil.

Oct. 5: Allies land in Greece.

Oct. 23: Announcement of Japanese massacre on Tarawa (October 15, 1942). Seventeen New Zealanders were killed.

Dec. 17: New Zealanders take Faenza.

1945

April 12: New Zealand Division back in action in Italy.

April 14: New Zealand troops cross Sancerne River.

April 26: Infantry seize bridge across Idice.

May 1: New Zealanders link up Tito's forces.

May 3: Capitulation of Germans in Italy reported.



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