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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 10 October 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

*Hello I noticed on the defence force website it doesn't break down how the battalions are set out so I looked on Wikipedia and it said that 1st battalion only have one company that is active I'm trying to understand how it can still be a battalion if it's only got one active company*

*Also in the New Zealand Army are you allowed to tell me how a Battalion is broken down because I don't know how accurate the Wikipedia page was*

The Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (RNZIR) is the parent administrative unit of all infantry units in the New Zealand Army. The RNZIR currently consists of two regular and three reserve infantry battalions as explained below.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (1RNZIR) is made up of Regular Force personnel. It comprises three rifle companies (Alpha, Victor and Whiskey), as well as a support company and a combat service support company. This makes up a battalion.
- 2/1st Battalion (2/1 RNZIR) is made up of Regular Force personnel. It comprises three rifle companies (Alpha, Bravo and Delta), as well as a support company, a depot company and a combat service support company. This makes up a battalion.
- 2nd/4th Battalion (2/4 RNZIR) is made up of Reserve Force personnel. It comprises three companies: Alpha, Bravo and Charlie.
- 3rd/6th Battalion (3/6 RNZIR) is made up of Reserve Force personnel. It comprises three companies: Northland, Auckland and Hauraki.
- 5th/7th Battalion (5/7 RNZIR) is made up of Reserve Force personnel. It comprises three companies: East Coast, Wellington and West Coast.

The enclosed chart shows the New Zealand Army Order of Battle and how each battalion is broken down.

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Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely



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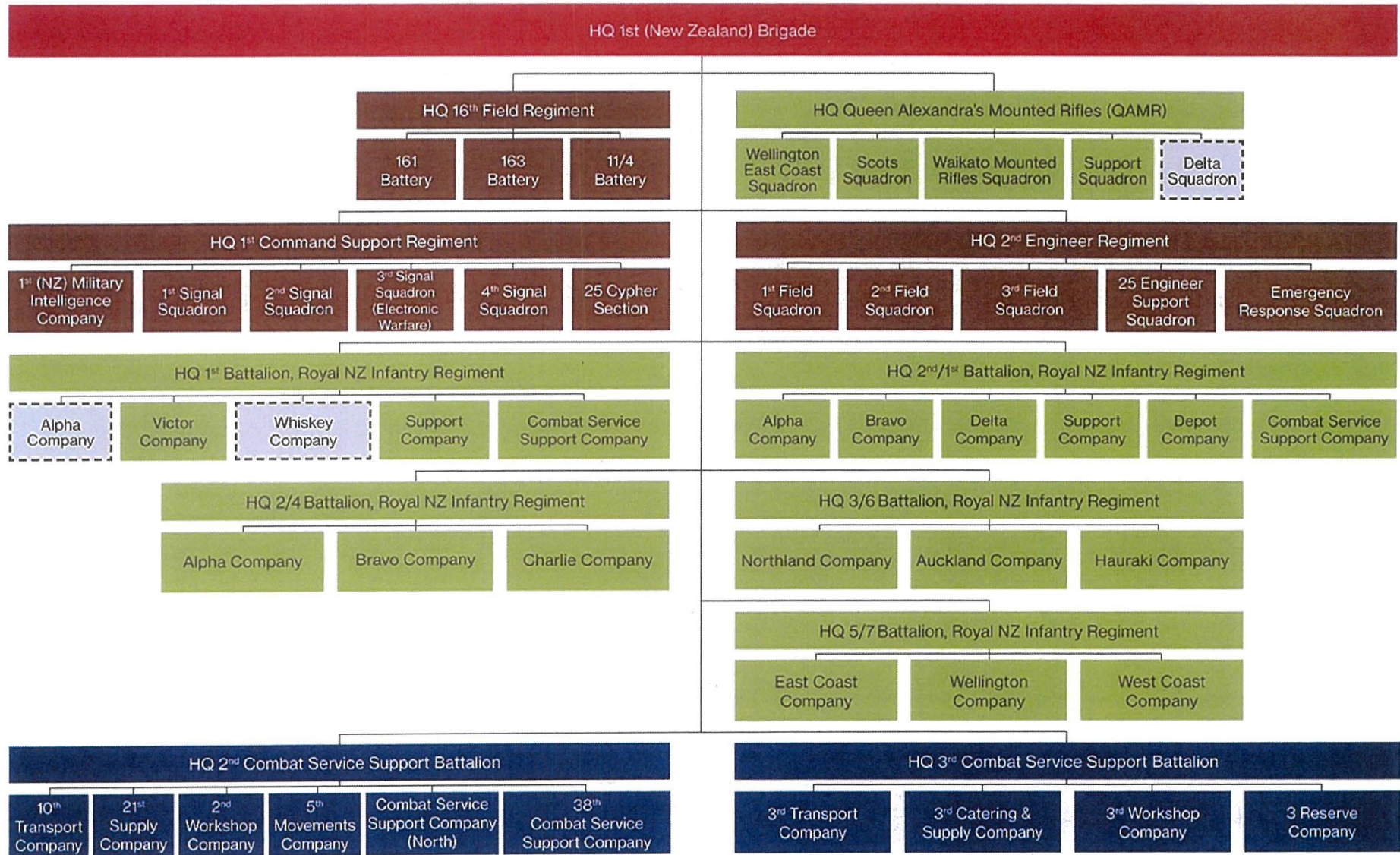
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**Enclosure:**

1. New Zealand Army Order of Battle

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Legend Key

- Formation
- Combat
- Combat Support
- Combat Service Support
- Establishment not posted