

**American Marine Units Serving on Guadalcanal  
7 August 1942 to 9 February 1943**

**1st Marine Division:** Major General Alexander A. Vandegrift

1st Amphibious Tractor Battalion: Lt. Colonel W.W.Barr

1st Engineering Battalion: Major James G. Frazer (to 25 Oct)  
Major H.H.Rockett (after 25 Oct)

1st Medical Battalion: CDR Don S. Knowlton

1st Parachute Battalion: Major C.A.Miller (to 18 Sept)  
Cpt. H.Torgerson (18-26 Sept)  
Major R.H.Williams (from 27 Sept)

1st Pioneer Battalion: Colonel G.R.Rowan (to 20 Sept)  
Major R.G.Ballance

1st Service Battalion: Lt. Col. H.C.Waterman

1st Special Weapons Battalion: Major R.B.Luckey (to 16 Oct)  
Major R.W.Wallace

1st Tank Battalion: Major H.S.Walseth

1st Marine Regiment: Colonel C.B.Cates

1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel L.B.Cresswell

2nd Battalion: Lt. Colonel E.A.Pollock (to 23 Sept)  
Lt. Colonel W.W.Stickney

3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel Wm. N.McKelvy

5th Marine Regiment: Colonel L.P.Hunt (to 31 September)  
Colonel M.A.Edson

1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel Wm. E.Macwell  
Major D.A.Fuller (to 13 October)  
Major Wm. K. Enright

2nd Battalion: Lt. Colonel H.E.Roscrans (to 11 Sept)  
Capt J.J.Dudkowski (12-17 & 25-30 Sept)  
Lt. Col W.Reaves (18-24 Sept)  
Major D.S.McDougal (18-8 Oct)  
Major Wm. J. Piper (8-11 Oct)  
Major L.W.Walt

3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel F.C.Biebush (to 22 Sept)  
Major R.O.Bowen

7th Marine Regiment: Colonel J.W.Webb (to 20 Sept)  
Colonel A.LeR. Sims

1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel Lewis B. Puller

2nd Battalion: Lt. Colonel H.H.Hanneken

3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel E.J.Farrell (to 24 Sep)  
Lt. Colonel W.R.Williams

11th Marine Regiment: Colonel Pedro A. del Valle

1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel J.R.Kowlan  
Lt. Colonel M.L.Currey (to 28 Nov)  
Lt. Colonel D.D.Sult (to 2 December)

2nd Battalion: Lt. Colonel E.G.Hagen (to 14 Sept)  
Major F.C.Thompson

3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel J.J.Keating

4th Battalion: Lt. Colonel M.E.Fuller (to 28 Oct)  
Major C.G.F.Korn (28-31 Oct)  
Captain A.H.Potter (from 1 Nov to 7 Dec)  
Lt. Colonel M.E.Fuller (fm 7 Dec)

5th Battalion: Lt. Colonel E.H.Price (to 18 Oct)  
Major N.P.Wood, Jr.

1st Raider Battalion: Colonel Merrit A. Edson  
1st Aviator Engineer Battalion: Major T.F.Reiley

**2nd Marine Division**:<sup>1</sup> General J.Marson

Forward Echelon: Brigadier General A. de Carre

Division Special Troops: Colonel M.G.Holmes

2nd Amphibian Tractor Battalion: Major H.C.Drewes

2nd Marine Regiment: Colonel J.M.Arthur

1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel R.E.Hill (to 10 Nov)  
Major W.B.Kyle

2nd Battalion: Major O.K.Pressley

3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel R.G.Hunt

2nd Service Battalion: Colonel McN. Marshall

2nd Special Weapons Battalion: Lt. Colonel P.D.Sherman

6th Marine Regiment: Colonel G.D.Jackson

1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel R.Lloyd

2nd Battalion: Major R.L.Murray

3rd Battalion: Major W.A.Kengla

8th Marine Regiment: Colonel R.H.Jeschke

1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel M.J.Newton  
Major J.B.McCaffery

2nd Battalion: Lt. Colonel J.H.Cook

3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel A.H.Fricke

10th Marine Regiment: Colonel T.E.Bourke

1st Battalion: Lt. Colonel P.M.Risey

2nd Battalion: Major G.R.E.Shell

3rd Battalion: Lt. Colonel Manley. L. Currey (to 18 Oct)

Lt. Colonel D.D.Sult (18 Oct to 28 Nov)

Lt. Colonel Manley. L. Currey (from 28 Nov)

4th Battalion: Major K.A.Jorgensen

3rd Defense Battalion: Colonel R.H.Pepper

3rd Barrage Balloon Squadron: Capt. R.C.McDermond

2nd Raider Battalion: Lt. Colonel E.F.Carlson

9th Defense Battalion: Colonel D.R.Nimmer

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<sup>1</sup> The rear echelon of the 2nd Marine Division remained in New Zealand.