

D.M.B./4.

NOTES ON MOVE - DIVISIONAL EXERCISE.

1. MOVE. 28 (Maori) Bn. will move by road and rail to Assembly Area for the purpose of carrying out Divisional exercises.

(a) The Road Party will consist of:-

- (1) Officers - 2 i/c Bn. - Capt. Royal - 2/Lt. Bennett C.M. - 2/Lt. Bennett F.T. - One Officer to be detailed from each Coy. including the Reinforcement Coy.
- (2) R.Q.M.S. Burke G.L.
- (3) 55 drivers to be detailed by T.O.
- (4) 14 M/C riders - personnel shown on W.E. as riding - M/C's. to be detailed by Bn. H.Q. and H.Q. Coy.
- (5) 3 Ordnance Fitters - to be detailed by T.O.
- (6) 4 Regt. Stretcher bearers to be detailed by M.O. They will take field equipment S.B.
- (7) Representative from each Platoon (18). Platoons which are not represented by a Platoon Commander detailed amongst Officers above will send a full Cpl. as their representative. Other Platoon representatives may be Other Ranks. Reinforcement Coy. will detail 4 representatives - 1 Sgt. - 1 Cpl. - 2 Other Ranks.
- (8) Two cooks to be detailed by 2 i/c
- (9) Bn. 2 i/c's. Batman.
- (10) 13 personnel to be detailed.

55 trucks, 14 M/C's. (i.e. vehicles on W.E.) will accompany road party. S.P., S.T. etc. will be notified later.

(b) RAIL PARTY.

- (1) Balance of Bn. Officers.
- (2) 800 other ranks (balance of Bn).
- (3) Ten Bren carriers.

Personnel will travel in train No. 4 composed of:-

1 B.P.L. - 1 First Class carriage - 11 3rd class carriages and box carriages containing Unit baggage.  
S.P., S.T. Etc. will be notified later.

Carriers.

Will be loaded on a special goods train and will not accompany personnel train. Carriers will be loaded by 1800 hrs. Sunday 16 '41.

2. DRESS.

All ranks will wear battle dress, Cap F.S., anklets. Full equipment. O/R's carry valise as well as haversack packed as laid down already.

4. RATIONS.

All ranks will carry unexpended portion of the day's rations for the day of movement plus 1 days reserve rations.

5. BAGGAGE.

- (a) O/R's. - Kit bag<sup>packed</sup> as laid down. Kit-bags will be labelled with Unit serial No., Regt. No., Rank and Name of owner.
- (b) Officers-valise packed as laid down. One small suitcase or kit-bag may be taken for a few personal effects. Arrangements will be made for baggage for the rail party to be conveyed to the station. Other ranks may be required to carry kit-bags. Road Party will take their baggage with them on trucks.



6. PERSONAL EFFECTS.

- (a) O/R's. will pack their personal effects not required for move in sea-kit bag which will be labelled with Regt. No., Rank, Name and Unit.
- (b) Officers will pack personal effects not required for move in tin trunks which will be properly marked with Regt. No., Rank, Name, Unit. Sea kit bags and tin trunks will be sent to Base Kit Store, MAADI Camp, this day. Coys. will make arrangements to have same stacked in Coy. dumps by 1330 hrs. this day.

7. STORES.

- (1) Coys. will pack their Coy. vehicles with stores and equipment as was done for move from FARNHAM, EXCEPT THAT L.M.G's., ANTI-TANK rifles, percentage of ammunition, certain cooking gear and medical equipment will not be loaded on M/T. Coys. will make out inventories of gear loaded on M/T in triplicate. Thompson S.M. G's., 2" and 3" mortars, will be packed on M/T on top of loads so as to be easily accessible on arrival at destination. Picks, shovels, balance of cooking gear will also be packed on M/T on top of loads so as to be easily accessible on arrival.
- (2) Stores and equipment other than excepted above which cannot be packed on M/T will be sent as bulk stores.
- (3) Coys. will notify Q.M. of dead weight and tonnage measurement of all stores not loaded on M/T. (One ton = 40 cubic) feet.
- (4) Bulk stores will be despatched in store wagons. Convoy notes will be made out for each such wagon. The contents of each wagon will be set out on A.F.G. 964 made out in sextuple.
- (5) Q.M. will as soon as possible notify M.C. of dead weight and tonnage measurement of equipment not loaded on M/T, and of accommodation stores, tentage and G 1098 equipment.
- (6) Q.M. will detail 1 N.C.O. and 1 O/R to travel with stores.

8. ARMAMENT AND EQUIPMENT.

L.M.G's., A/TK rifles, percentage of ammunition, therefor, and minimum amount of cooking and medical necessary to provide for the subsistence of rail party in event of M/T not being available on arrival at destination, will be packed in manner suitable for manhandling and will accompany the rail party. Pedal bicycles will not be crated and will be sent by rail. 2 i/c will detail minimum cooking gear to be taken. M.O. will detail medical equipment to be taken.

9. BAGGAGE PARTY.

B Coy. will detail 2/Lt. Stewart and 25 Other ranks to act as baggage party. This party will travel in compartment near the baggage vans and will unload baggage immediately train reaches its destination.

10. MARKING OF STORES.

All packages not loaded on M/T will be marked with the Unit serial No. 29762 and with the following coloured bars eight inches long and two inches wide, viz buff - blue - buff. Cases will be marked on either end. Uncased articles will have attached to them a wooden tally marked on both sides with the Unit serial No. and colours. Title of the Unit will NOT appear on any Unit baggage.

FORMS.

Q.M. - Adjutant and T.O. will prepare necessary forms to accompany stores - personnel and vehicles as are laid down in A.I.C.F.



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12. CAMP ECONOMY.

- (a) Tentage will be struck, packed and returned to Ordnance.
- (b) Barrack furniture and equipment will be returned to Ordnance.
- (c) Camp areas and buildings will be thoroughly cleaned.
- (d) Buildings will be locked and keys returned to Camp Adjutant.

13. SECURITY.

Coy. Cmdrs. will impress on all ranks the extreme importance of secrecy in regard to this movement. Even though, this is only an exercise, proper security measures will be insisted upon.

14. GENERAL.

- (1) Officers will take ~~three~~ blankets packed in their valise.
- (2) Other ranks will carry two blankets packed in their kit-bag.
- (3) Additional allowance of weight is made to enable Officers to carry mosquito netting.
- (4) Capt. Scott will act as Liason Officer for this Unit. to Bde H.Q.
- (5) Officers' mess gear will be loaded on M/T. Officers will ensure their own personal mess gear is available.
- (6) Mosquito netting wires will be packed in Coy. lots, so that they are accessible to personnel. Road and rail party lots will be kept separate.

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SECRET.28 MAORI BATTALION.  
MOVEMENT ORDER.

Ref. Maps: Cairo, Egypt 1: 50000 Sh's.

- INTENTION. 1. 28 Bn. will move by road and rail from HELWAN to AMIRIYA. M/T column as already detailed will proceed on 17, and remainder of Bn. on 18 Mar '41. by rail.
- METHOD. 2. Road H.T. column under command Maj. Bertrand will move in accordance with Movement Table attached. This column will parade to leave Camp at 0840 hrs. and leave at 0900 hrs.
- RAIL. 3. Remainder of Bn. and stores including Bren Guns and A/T rifles with ammunition and portion of cooking utensils will leave, (KAFF EL), at 1000 hrs. on 18 Mar '41 and remainder about 1700 hrs. same day. Bn. will parade ready to move out from Camp at 0800 hrs.
4. Maj. Dyer is appointed O.C. train. 2/Lt. Urlich will assist Maj. Dyer.
- ADMINISTRATION. 5. Supplies, Rations will be carried as under:-  
(a) Four days preserved rations.  
(b) Emergency rations.  
(c) Unexpended portion of the day's ration.
- P.O.L. 6. Spare petrol cans, all containers and water containers for vehicles will be carried full. There will be no refueling during the Move other than from reserves carried on vehicles.
7. RECOVERY. Damaged vehicles evacuated to:-  
(a) B.O.W. ABBASSIA for road HELWAN - WADI NATHUN.  
(b) "A" B.O.W. ALEXANDRIA for road WADI NATHUN - AMIRIYA.
8. TRAFFIC CONTROL. Vehicles which break down must immediately put up the "BLSS" sign to avoid holding up the columns.
9. MEDICAL. (a) 5 Fd. Amb. will detail one Officer with a motor amb. to move at rear of column to deal with casualties, who will be taken forward to AMIRIYA.  
(b) Bn. R.M.O. will detail four medical personnel to accompany Bn. Road Party.
- 1016 KIT-BAGS, OFFICERS' KITS:-  
(a) Kit bags and Officers' kits of road party personnel will accompany road party.  
(b) Kit bags and Officers' kits also Bren Guns and A/t rifles, ammunition, and cooking utensils will be transported to entraining station on morning of 18 Mar '41.
- All such stores will be stacked outside Coy. Orderly Rooms by 0715 hrs. on morning of 18. Each Coy. will detail guard and handling party of four other ranks.
- 1 Q.M. STORES. Q.M. Stores to accompany train party will be loaded on afternoon 17 Mar '41 and guarded by party of 1 Officer, 2 N.C.O's. and 8 ptes. to be detailed by "C" Coy.
- 12 LABELLING. All equipment and kit bags must be properly labelled in accordance with instructions issued separately.

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## REFERENCE

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