

Lt-Col. C M Bennett Commanding 28 NZ (Maori) Bn.

1. R.C. MASS.

- (a) R.C. Mass being held ST Francis Cathedral TRIPOLI 31 Jan. 43 at 1000 hrs.
- (b) R.Cs parade Bn HQ Sunday 0830 hrs. Coys to arrange breakfast to allow for this.
- (c) Offr i/c, Capt. J Matchere.
- (d) Dress: Offrs and ORs - Battle Dress.
Boots, ankle
Ankle
Belts, web, waist
Caps, FS
No arms or side arms will be carried
- (e) Coy personnel to be in charge of senior Offr or NCO present personally appointed by Coy Comdr - this Offr or NCO to have parade state of Coy R.C. personnel.
- (f) Personnel to be inspected by Coy Orderly Offr before departure for Bn HQ and again by Capt. J Matchere before embussing.
- (g) After Church Service:
- (i) HQ Coy R.C. personnel will embus, move by tpt to DIV parking area, debuss and proceed on leave.
- (ii) Remainder on being checked by Capt. Matchere will leave directly for Bn area.
- (h) HQ Coy will detail 40 men to complete leave quota. HQ Coy personnel will be in charge of two Offrs appointed by Coy Comdr and the Offrs will be responsible for all conduct. Leave regulations as laid down per information issued 29 Jan. 43. will be fully observed.
- (i) Tpt:
- (1) T.O. will detail six-3 tonners to report to Bn HQ at 0815 hrs Sun. 31 Jan. 43.
- (ii) HQ Coy leave personnel and R.Cs will proceed to TRIPOLI in same convoy.
- (iii) On arrival at TRIPOLI HQ Coy personnel less RCs will proceed on leave immediately.

2. STATE OF LINES:

- (a) Inspection today revealed unsatisfactory state of lines throughout Bn, some Coys being worse than others. Most common faults were:-
- (i) Beds NOT made, blankets lying around inside bivouacs
- (ii) Rubbish such as poppers, eggshells etc, lying around in fairly liberal quantities in nearly all lines.
- (iii) Shaving gear, washing water etc, NOT tipped out.
- (iv) Greatcoats and clothes placed anywhere.
- (b) In order to eliminate this lazy attitude, following points will be given effect to forthwith:-
- (i) All blankets, greatcoats, clothes etc, will be neatly folded and placed inside bivouacs on a pattern to be laid down by Coy Comdr.
- (ii) Every section lot will have its own rubbish hole and rubbish will always be placed therein. NO rubbish to be lying around.
- (iii) Blankets will only be brought outside to air on instructions from this HQ.
- (iv) Coy 2 i/cs to make strict inspection of Coy lines daily and any offenders to be severely dealt with.
- (v) Bn 2 i/c to inspect all Coy lines daily and report on comparative basis. Particular attention to be paid to kitchen and latrine arrangements.
- (vi) An improvement must be shown in state of lines forthwith.

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REFERENCE

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