

26 Hq (Lhari) Bn,  
9 FEB. 43app 104  
To A-2-2-2-21 Coy-21 Bn

1. The BFI have taken over the output of the USA Brewery in YA NALL, and are making it available for use of EIGHTH ARMY.
2. At present, the stocks of beer already brewed and the ingredients necessary for further production are both strictly limited. It is, therefore, intended to issue all available beer now, while steps have been taken to provide further ingredients and to take over the direction of the Brewery.
3. Beer will be rationed initially to 1/2 litre per man per issue, and made available in containers as follows:-
  - 1/2 litre bottles
  - 1 litre bottles
  - 25 litre casks
  - 50 litre casks
  - 100 litre casks
  - 200 litre casks
4. There is a very great shortage of bottles and casks, and it is essential that all empty bottles and casks are returned to the brewery as early as possible if the supply of beer is to be maintained. After the initial drawing the date of which will be notified by signal, formations and units will ensure that empties are returned to the brewery on the tpt despatched to collect subsequent issues.
5. The price will be 5d per litre. Charges on returnable containers will be as follows:-
  - Bottles 1 1/2d (50 litres)
  - Casks (all sizes) 12/6 (200 litres)
  - Tape (normally incl with the casks) 4/6 (100 litres)
  - (The charge for tape is additional to that for casks)
6. An offr rep of each formation, service and Div Tps unit will collect beer in bulk from the brewery where the offr 1/c COMD BFI Bn (Lieut; BRIDGEMAN) will be present between 0900-1600 hrs on the day specified. The brewery is situated 500 yds EAST of Hq 26 ABNA in TRINOLI Town. Cash will be paid at the time of collection (this must allow mark for cost of containers), and demands will be accompanied by strength states certified by an offr.
7. Minimum tpt will be despatched by formations and services. Camp Commandant will co-ordinate tpt for Hq & 26 ABNA DIV and 2 ABNA DIV also.
8. All empty bottles will be gratefully received by the brewery although no payment will be made for bottles other than those on which charges were made at the time of purchase.

Sgd K A Kitchin Major.

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BEER ISSUE

23 NZ(Maori) Bn,  
20 Feb. 43.

1. Information:-
  - (a) Beer 4 1/2 litre bottles will be issued to Coys, together with today's rations.
  - (b) Each soldier is entitled to ONLY one bottle of beer.
  - (c) Cost per bottle is 2/6 which will be payable by the soldier to Coy 21/ea.
2. Method:- Distribution or allocation is made on total ration strength of respective Coys as at even date.
3. Payment:- Coy 2 1/ea will be responsible for payment of said beer by 1500 hrs Sunday 21 Feb, 43. to Bn HQ. Payment allocation as follows:-
 

HQ Coy	279	£4.13.0
Bn HQ	66	£1. 2.0
A Coy	113	£1.17.6
B Coy	102	£1.14.0
C Coy	103	£1.14.0
D Coy	99	£1.13.0
4. Empties:- As bottles are required for the next issue of BEER Coys will be held responsible for the return of empties and also boxes. These will be collected by 1000 hrs Monday 22 Feb. 43.

(Sgd) Kingi A Kaita. Major,  
2 1/ea.  
23 NZ(Maori) Bn.

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