

Field.

ROUTINE ORDER No.24.

27 Feb.43.

By

Lt-Col. R.M. Bennett Commanding 28 NZ(Maori) Bn1. ROUTINE FOR SUNDAY 28 FEB 43:-

Reveille	0715 hrs.
Breakfast	0730 hrs.
Bn Parade	0845 hrs (Markers 0830 hrs - march on 0840 hrs)

2. CHURCH PARADE:(a) R.Og.

- (i) All PCs will parade Bn HQ 0915 hrs.
- (ii) Loan of Church Service - 28 NZ(Maori) Bn football field at 1000 hrs.
- (iii) Offr 1/c Capt J Mateshaere.
- (iv) Dress as for C/E Parade.
- (v) Offr 1/c will inspect and march over to field.

(b) Rds Church Parade:

- (i) Dress: ORs. FS Caps, gaiters, belt and side arms.  
Offrs. FS Caps, web belt and pistols with NO lan-ards or pouches - pistol on left side.
- (ii) Formation: A - C Coys tallest on right shortest on left  
B - D Coys shortest on right tallest on left  
HQ Coy - Shortest in centre, tallest on flank  
Bn HQ - stand by.  
Coys will size prior to going on Bn Parade.  
NCOs included in sizing.  
Men with new battle-dresses will be placed in front rank, those with bad battle-dresses being placed in rear rank. Coy Comdr will carryout thorough inspection before marching on Bn Parade. Very bad cases to be culled only. Ensure all boots and scabbards polished and FS Caps properly worn.
- (iii) Markers: Markers from A and C Coys and HQ Coy will parade Bn HQ 0900hrs.
- (iv) Prayer Books: All available Maori prayer books will be taken.

3. LEAVE: Maximum 75 all ranks A Coy will proceed on TRIPOLI leave after Church service. T.O. to detail three 3 tommers report A Coy 1000 hrs. Times of departure etc remain same.

4. BROADCASTING: All personnel taking part in broadcast parade Bn HQ 1345 hrs properly dressed.

5. FIELD GENERAL COURTS MARTIAL: Proceeding of FOCM held in the Field on 19 Feb 43. In the Case of 59314 L/Cpl (2/Cpl) EFIMA J.

Charge: (i) WOAS disobeying a lawful command given by his superior Officer in that he at TRIPOLI on 31 Jan 43 after being ordered by Capt Sorensen C to guard 28 NZ Bn leave but left the vehs without authority. AA Sec 9 (2).

Finding: Guilty.  
(ii) WOAS absent from a place of parade in that he at TRIPOLI on 31 Jan.43 after being ordered by Capt C Sorensen to remain at veh park with vehs of 28 NZ Bn left the area without authority. AA Sec. 15 (2)

Finding: Guilty.

Sentence: Reduced to rank of PTE.

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L/Cpl (T/Cpl) STEWART J.G.

Charge: WAS absenting himself without leave in that he at TRIPOLI was absent from his Coy Assembly area and his Unit area from 1730 hrs on 15 Feb. 43. until 1640 hrs 16 Feb. 43. a period of 23 hrs 10 mins. AA Sec 15 (1).

Findings: Guilty of AWL for 23 hrs 10 mins.

Sentence: Reduced to the rank of PTE.

(Sgd) R.C. TePunga. Capt.,  
Adjutant,  
28 NZ (Maori) Bn.

Returns to be submitted by all Coy's to Bn HQ  
at 1200 hrs this day.

28 NZ (Maori) Bn,  
27 Feb 43.

1. Wire Cutters, Folding: Numbers held by Coys to be returned.
2. Field Dressings: Numbers of field dressings required.
3. Impromptu Concert: Programme of Coy items to be submitted, (First item at 1700. Loan C Coy area) showing nature of item whether song etc and name of soldiers or soldier giving same.
4. Broadcast: A-C-D Coys to prepare greetings to be in by 100 hrs this day. One speaker from HQ Coy will be included in each Coy quota of MINUTE. Coys will select soldier of HQ Coy accordingly who will be representative of tribe or sub-tribe peculiar to his locality.
5. Evening Mess: Mess will be at 1630 hrs today. Coys will arrange supper for men after concert.

Sgd Kingi A Kaiha Major.  
21/c.  
28 NZ (Maori) Bn.

## **REFERENCE**

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