

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 11.

Field. By 5 Feb 43.

-----) Lt-Col G.M. Bennett Commanding 23 NZ (Maori) Bn.

- 1. Dress: Standard of dress within Unit again tending to slip, chiefly on account of recent periods of slack dress discipline. Self respect cannot possibly be built up if men dress slovenly. The following points will therefore, be strictly enforced:-
 - (a) Practice of Offrs and ORs wearing shorts or khaki longs will cease forthwith. This applies equally on and off parade.
 - (b) No men will wander along main road incorrectly dressed. Provost will patrol and crime all offenders. Particular attention to be paid to period after tea.
 - (c) Practice of men wandering into other lines, YMCA etc, incorrectly dressed also to cease. Again Provost to patrol and crime offenders.
 - (d) Correct dress is:-
 - Battle Dress
 - Anklets
 - PS Japs
 - Boots Ankle.
- 2. Sick Parade: Sick Parade will in future be held at 1800 hrs daily. First sick parade under new arrangements will take place 1800 hrs this day, Friday 5 Feb. 43. All sick parades will be marched over by NCO.
- 3. Reveille:
 - (a) Reveille at 0730 hrs is reveille for all ranks incl Offrs.
 - (b) In order to synchronise reveille within Unit:
 - (i) Sigs will ensure all Coys rung at 0720 hrs daily.
 - (ii) RSM sound whistle punctually at 0720 hrs daily.
- 4. Syllabus: Syllabus for Sat. 6 Feb 43 as laid down, in Syllabus of Trng. Full particulars re football later.
- 5. Lecture: There will be a lecture on German camouflage methods, at 21 NZ Bn football ground at 0930 hrs Sat 6 Feb 43. All Offrs of B-C-D-HQ Coys will RV at Bn HQ at 0900 hrs to morrow. Coy 2 i/c will NOT attend but s will take over their respective Boys for route march.
Dress for Lecture: PS Caps, web belt and pistol.
Notes: T.O. will detail one 3 tonner to report to Bn HQ 0845 hrs Sat 6 Feb 43.
- 6. Eds Sports: Eds Sports will be held on WED. 10 Feb NOT rptd NOT 9 Feb 43.
- 7. Petrol and Fires: Extract from 2 NZ DIV RO No: 29-35 dated 1 Feb. 43. Until further notice, petrol and fires are forbidden in 30 Corps area at all times.
- 8. Steel Amn Packages: Extract from 2 NZ DIV RO No 29-35 dated 1 Feb 43.
 - (a) The use of steel amn packages for unauthorised purposes is forbidden.
 - (b) All these packages, and in particular boxes manufactured in NZ workshops to hold 300 belted rds, 3003, are required for refilling
 - (c) All empty packages will be returned and consigned to 5 B.C.D.
- 9. Captured Weapons: Extract from letter from REAR HQ 2 NZ DIV dated 2 Feb 43
 - (a) It is known that there is a number of captured enemy weapons in use by Units, the holding of which has not been reported. When the amn in the Units possession is exhausted, such weapons are useless.
 - (b) In order to ensure that an adequate supply of amn is available in fwd areas, it is essential that full details of captured guns and small arms held by Units to be reported to this HQ.
 - (c) A consolidated, in triplicate, of such will therefore be submitted by formations. The return will give full details of weapons, and whether held in lieu or in excess of WE of the Unit concerned.
 - (d) Coys will therefore submit to this HQ by 1600 hrs Sat. 6 Feb. 43. a correct return showing enemy weapons held under types.

10. Traffic Discipline: Extract from 2 NZ DIV RO No 29-35 dated 1 Feb 43
- (a) The following rules of the road will be enforced at all times.
- (i) Do not halt on the road.
 - (ii) When halting, get at least six yds off road.
 - (iii) If you break down, get off the road as quickly as possible. Until you can do this, make cert. in that traffic is properly waved on.
 - (iv) Keep at least 100 yds between vehs.
 - (v) Transporters, and similar heavy vehs may be passed, otherwise no overtaking is allowed excepted by:-
 - (a) Offrs in cars, 5- cwt and 15- cwt trucks;
 - (b) Ambulances.
 - (vi) Lorries will maintain normal convoy speed of 30 mph as far as possible.
 - (vii) All drivers must know route and destination.
 - (a) Copies of the above rules are being printed and one copy will be stuck on each veh where it can be seen by the driver
11. YMCA Supplies: Extract from 2 NZ DIV RO: 29-35 dated 1 Feb 43.
- Owing to the difficulties of tpt, supplies for YMCA canteen services are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain. Units must be prepared for a general shortage. Every available opportunity is being taken to bring fwd supplies, but essential requirements of the Army must given priority on all available tpt services. Writing paper is scarce and all ranks should exercise the greatest economy. Writing paper and envelopes issued by YMCA cost some £4,000 per annum and it is felt that a considerable quantity is wasted through the thoughtlessness of individuals.
12. Message: Extract from 2 NZ DIV RO: 29-35 dated 1 Feb 43.
- The GOC directs that the following messages be promulgated for the information of all ranks:-
- "From Corps Comdr to AOC.
- I wish on behalf of all ranks of 30 CORPS to express to you our admiration and thanks for the speed and effectiveness of your support of our advance to TRIPOLI. We are very grateful.
- Reply received from AOC.
- We are most grateful for your signal. We are delighted at your success and exhilarated at the opportunities 30 CORPS have given us for good hunting. I personally appreciate most your understanding during sticky days when we were awaiting forward landing grounds."
13. Accidents with No: 58 Grenades: Extract from 2 NZ DIV RO NO: 35-45 dated 4 Feb 43.
- A number of accidents have occurred recently in the United Kingdom when practice has been carried out with live No: 58 grenades. These accidents have resulted in the death of, or serious injuries to, troops engaged in the practice.
- The condition of the rifle after the accident in comparison with the results of the trials that have been carried out by technical authorities, prove that these accidents have been due to the firer inserting the grenade wrong end first into the discharger cup. This indicates bad training by instructors and carelessness on the part of the firers. The question of all concerned is drawn to the fact that a serious accident will inevitably occur if, the No 58 grenades are incorrectly loaded into the discharger cup. i.e. gas check first, as laid down in small Arms Prng. Vol. I. Pamphlet NO13 (1942) lesson 8, par. 8 (1)
- Severe disciplinary action will be taken in future cases of negligence.
14. Football: Leave Coy TRIPOLI 6 Feb 43 should make all attempts to attend football match to give support to our "B" Team. Locn of football STADIUM.

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28 NZ (Maori) Bn.

NOTICE:

YMCA Mobile Cinema will be showing in vicinity Bn HQ at 1915 hrs this evening. Dress: FS Caps, Battle Dress and Gaiters.

REFERENCE

Archives New Zealand = Te Rua Mahara a te Kāwanatanga

28 (Maori) Battalion War Diary, WAI 1 1666 DA 68/1/37-38,
pp.110-11