

Subject :- PLATOON RECONNAISSANCES.

To:- ALL BOYS - BN HQRS.

1. Pls will proceed ~~for~~ on Pl Recce of 4 day's duration leaving at times and dates as laid down by this HQ, from time to time.
2. Object (a) To give Pls an outing in the mts and experience with Mule Tpt.
 - (b) Make them familiar with Mountainous terrain.
 - (c) Accustom-ed to sleeping in the open.
 - (d) Training under bivouac conditions.
3. Actions to be carried out on recce :-
 - (a) Picqueting the heights.
 - (b) Patrolling in the mts, (one morning and for a period during darkness on an objective with a skeleton army enemy).
 - (c) Field-craft and individual and section stalking.
 - (d) Grenade throwing.
 - (e) Field firing.
4. Details re the above have been given to Pl Comdrs on their recce-17 - 19 Apr 42. Details given Pl Comdrs must be strictly adhered to. Coy Comdrs in conference with Coy Comdrs will lay down a 4 day syllabus for Pl recce party.
5. Reports accompanied by sketch map will be furnished to this HQ by each Pl Comdr by 1200 hrs the day following the return of the party.
6. ROUTE: Notified later.
7. DURATION OF RECCE :- From 1300 hrs to 1700 hrs on the 4'th day. Times in relation to departure and arrival in Coy Area.
8. EQUIPMENT :-
 - (a) Normal individual equipment (web, rifle, etc.).
 - (b) Bedding will be minimum.
 - (c) Toilet, mess gear etc.
- N.B. Gear must be kept at minimum in weight and bulk.
9. RATIONS :- Rations for 11 mules will be taken (4 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 teas).
10. DISCIPLINE :- 100% control will be exercised at all times. Comdrs will see that all on training manouvres there is no talking. It has been noticed on recent Field Firing that there is no apparent control exercised on men talking. This shows a rapid undermining of discipline and no control by comdrs.
11. SENTRIES:- Normal sentries will be posted by day (as required) and always by night.
12. AMMUNITION S.A.A.:- 50 rds per man. 20 rds will be used in F.F. Practices. LMGs 30 rds. Grenades :- 1 practice per man who has never thrown before.
- N.B. Grenades will and must be preserved at all costs for the time when the BN goes into action.
- 2" Mortars If practice amm available in Coys - 4 per mortar only.
- 13 COMMUNICATIONS :-
 - M/T set per 2 Pls will proceed per party.
 - Coy to take sets to be detailed by 2/Lieut Maris.
 - Times to be for contact between party and En Sigs laid down by Sigs.O.
14. I. SECTION :-
 - One man to be detailed by I.O. as required and as arranged by this HQ.

MC(Maori)BN.
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