

Field.

20 Feb. 43

By

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1. BOUNDS: Extract from DIV RO No. 75-84 dated 18 Feb 43.  
Accommodation in the GRAND HOTEL, TRIPOLI, is reserved for Officers via  
-iting TRIPOLI from distant places.  
Officers of 30 Corps will NOT book rooms in it, nor sleep in it.
2. MISUSE OF STRETCHERS, AMBULANCE: Extract from DIV RO No. 75-84  
dated 18 Feb. 43.  
Under no circumstances will stretchers, ambulance, be used as beds  
except for patients as authorized by the Medical Authorities.  
Whether the handles have been removed or not, is immaterial.  
Personnel found in unauthorized possession of stretchers, or using  
them as beds, will be subject to disciplinary action. All OCs will  
give this matter their personal attention.  
Damaged stretchers will be returned to 557 ADV ORD DEPOT, TRIPOLI.
3. BLOOD DONORS: Extract from DIV RO No. 75-84 dated 18 Feb. 43.  
Since the Battle of Alemein, 4,8000 bottles of blood have been  
sent from the Delta to EIGHT ARMY, this supply of blood has saved  
the lives of severely wounded men.  
Owing to the distance of the present sphere of operations from the  
DELTA ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, it will no longer be possible to send blood  
from Base and supplies will have to be taken from troops stationed  
either permanently or temporarily in the TRIPOLI area.  
The removal of the small quantity of blood is painless and the donor  
is able to carry on his normal duties after a few minutes rest. Tps  
should be prepared to co-operate if called upon to donate blood.
4. JERRICANS: Extract from DIV RO No 75-84 dated 18 Feb. 43.  
Returnable Petrol containers (Jerricans, Barrels, etc) are being used  
to a greater extent now than ever before in the EIGHT ARMY, and the  
number in circulation have been increased. As much of the filling of  
these cans are done in the fwd areas, it is desired to reduce KKK as  
far as possible the work involved therein.  
Dirty containers have to be washed before they are filled. As soon, as  
therefore, as a container is emptied, the cap, stopper or bung should  
be replaced immediately, thus preventing sand and dirt from getting  
into it. Cans will never be left open.
5. MISUSE OF SECONDARY BATTERIES: Extract from DIV RO No. 75-84 dated  
18 Feb. 43.  
Veh and wireless batteries will on NO account be used for lighting  
Cug-outs, bivouacs etc.
6. ROUTINE FOR SUNDAY 21 FEB 43 (excl dock labourers)
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| Reveille  | 0800 hrs. |
| Breakfast | 0830 hrs. |
7. CHURCH PARADES:
- (a) Church of England Church Parade will be held Bn HQ area 1330  
tomorrow.  
Markers 1320 hrs.  
March On 1325 hrs.  
Dress. FS Caps, Battle dress and gaiters.
- (b) NCOs desiring attend Mass, parade Bn HQ 0845 hrs in charge  
senior Offr or NCO who will have nominal roll of Coy  
personnel.
- (i) Dress as for C/E Church Parade.  
(ii) Offr 1/c - Capt J Hatcher.  
(iv) T.O. to detail two 3 tonners report Bn HQ 0845 hrs.  
(v) Party RV on main rd off Bn HQ 0915 hrs and move in convoy.  
(Note: Owing to Shower Parade, A Coy will hold Church  
Parade in A Coy lines at 1000 hrs)

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8. WHARF LARGER - SPANISH MOLE:

- (a) Day Shift. 0900 - 1800 hrs.
- (i) HQ Coy 4 Offrs - 150 picked ORs.
  - (ii) Offr i/c Major FR Logan.
  - (iii) Tpt. T.O. to detail five 3 tonners this evening.
  - (iv) Routine.
    - Reveille 0645 hrs.
    - Breakfast 0700 hrs.
    - Embuss 0745 hrs.
    - Move Off 0800 hrs.
  - (v) Adm One 3 tonner report back 1100 hrs collect meal.
- (b) Night Shift. - 1700 hrs - 0100 hrs.
- (i) G Coy 20 ORs.
  - (ii) Offr i/c 2/Lieut MM Ngarimu.
  - (iii) Tpt. T.O. to detail one 3 tonner to report G Coy 1530 hrs.
  - (iv) Routine. Embuss 1545 hrs.  
Move Off 1500 hrs.
  - (v) Adm. Tea to be had prior departure. Supper (Substantial) to be prepared at wharf for 2100 hrs.
- (c) MEP. NZ Amb car on duty No 3 Lighter Pt 1900 - 0730 hrs daily.
- (d) Tpt. Tpt carrying dock working parties will in future NOT enter docks area. Personnel will debuss CURSO SILICIA outside wire. Tpt will then proceed 2 NZ DIV parking area and there remain till sent f&B by Offr i/c working party. Offr i/c party will also:-
- (i) Detail all drivers not to leave vehs.
  - (ii) Appoint HCO to be i/c all vehs.
- Tpt may enter docks area only if required assist unloading. Offr in charge to co-ordinate with docks offr. Embussing on completion of job to be done at debussing pt NOT inside docks.

9. EAB: IN DOCK AREA:

- (a) Smoking is absolutely forbidden rptd in any part of the docks area excepting only at following points:-
- (i) No 1 & 2 Lighter Points: at roadway 50 yds away ~~XXXX~~ from cargo.
  - (ii) No 3 Lighter Point: At rear of roadway vicinity of Castle back of railway stop block.
  - (iii) No 4 & 5 Lighter Points: At far side of ~~xxxxx~~ railway track on road alongside wire fence.
  - (iv) No 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Lighter Points: At back of rd running parallel with 1000 Docks Maintenance building behind empty drums compound.
  - (v) Karnarli Mole: 50 yds away from cargo.
- (b) Offr i/c working parties may organize smoke period for men if work allows it but men may smoke, only at locations enumerated above.

10. SHOWERS:

- (a) Showers for Sunday allocated as follows:-
- (i) B Coy - 0930 - 1030 hrs.
  - (ii) D Coy and Bn HQ - 1030 - 1130 hrs.
  - (iii) A Coy - 1400 - 1500 hrs.
- (b) Parties move off (March) from Coy lines 45 mins before time due.
- (c) Dress: FS Cap, Battle dress, platters, towel and soap.
- (d) Locn of showers: Outside 23 NZ Bn Sentry Post.

11. INOCULATIONS: All ranks not yet received inoculation and in need of same parade RAF 1530 hrs tomorrow. Coy Comdrs to submit certificate to Bn HQ by 1800 hrs tomorrow to the effect that all ranks requiring inoculation have been dealt with.

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12. CO's ORDERLY ROOM: COs Orderly Room will be held at 1500 hrs tomorrow. All Charge Sheets to be in Bu HQ by 1300 hrs.

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## REFERENCE

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