

Routine Order No. 2.Field.

By

25 Apr 43Major K.A. Keiha MC Acting Commander 28 NZ (Maori) Bn.1. ROUTINE.Routine for Monday 26 Apr 43 and Tuesday 27 Apr 43.

Reveille	0700 hrs.
Breakfast	0745 hrs.
Sick Parade	0830 hrs.
Lunch	1200 hrs.
Tea	1700 hrs.

2. CLEANING AND CARING OF ARMS: Coys will utilise the next two mornings in the cleaning of all Coy weapons (incl all Enemy) so as to ensure that all weapons are in tip-top order and condition. Afternoon free for resting.
3. PERSONAL HYGIENE:
- All men will wash and shave daily.
 - Oppurtunity should be made use of for washing clothes and bodies.
 - Capt Pene (Act 2 i/c) will go into the water question with RQM so as to ensure that plenty of water is available to Coys for this purpose.
4. GUARDS AND SENTRIES: For the remainder of the present stay in this area the matter of gds and sentries are left to the discretion of Coy Comds. Natives of the country must be kept clear of the Coy areas. Suspicious characters will be apprehended and brought to Bn HQ.
5. DRESS AND HEADGEAR: Coy Comdrs will ensure that personal comply with dress regulations as laid down for 2 NZ Div. Wearing of enemy dress, headgear and hats, felt, balaclavas is strictly forbidden. Coys will ensure that this order is carried out.
6. KIT INSPECTION. Coys will carry out a thorough kit inspection and return fwd to Bn HQ NOT later than 1200 hrs Wed 28 Apr 43. showing deficiencies.

MALARIA:

Extract from NZ DIV RO No 30 dated 22 Apr 43.

- 2 NZ Div is now operating in a high malarious area and it is essential that all anti-malarial precautions be enforced forthwith.
- Coy Comdrs are reminded that they are responsible for Anti-malarial work in their Coy lines. The following measures will be instituted forthwith:-
 - Between the hrs of 1700 - 0700 hrs all ranks will wear long trousers, boots and puttees or anklets and long sleeve shirts or jackets or blouse.
 - All ranks will be supplied with anti-mosquito cream and that it is used on all exposed portions of the body between the hrs of 1700 - 0700 .
 - All ranks will be provided with a bush net, and that ~~the~~ these nets are used throughout the night. These items will be available shortly. If conditions of service allow ~~beds~~ beds will be laid out under nets by 1700 hrs.

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7. MALARIA (Contd)

- (iv) All gds on duty during the hrs stated in (i) above will be provided with veils and gloves as soon as possible.
- (v) Unit anti-malarial squads consisting of 1 NCO and three ORs per Bn or equivalent unit, will proceed with the adequate control of mosquito larvae with in Unit lines and in there immediate vicinity. This work will be supervised by the Unit MO or if No RMO is available, instruction will be arranged with the nearest FD AMB.
- (vi) All occupied quarters, tents or bivouacs will be closed and sprayed with Flysol each morning immediately after reveille.

8. MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS: From Lt-Gen. B. Freyberg VC etc GOC to Brigadier Kippenberger.

- (a) "Please except and convey to your Bde my congratulations for their magnificent efforts in the initial attack on TAKROUNA and in the action which resulted in the capture of Takrouna village.
- (b) From Hon F Jones, Minister of Defence -
"Please except and convey to all ranks heartiest congratulations recent successes and best wishes for rapid and complete defeat of Axis Forces in Africa."
- (c) From Gen Puttick:
"Conference of Divisional and District Commanders send you personally and all ranks 2 NZ DIV heartiest congratulations on brilliant MARETH LINE operations! Army in NZ is ~~xxxix~~ inspired by record and reputation of 2 NZEF in Middle East and join in this message
- (d) From Gen Barrowclough:
"Have read with enthusiasm cables regarding operations in Tunis. Heartiest congratulations. We are backing you to have Bizerta by end of June".
- (e) From Hon W Perry, President of NZ Returned Soldiers Services Assn
"NZ Returned Services Assn sends greetings all ranks ANZAC Day Torch handed younger brothers being carried high. They have not failed".
- (f) From Gallipoli Assn.
"Heartiest congratulations from old to new Anzacs on added lustre Anzac day memories".
- (g) From Birkenhead Auckland.
"Old diggers of Birkenhead RSA Auckland follow the ~~achievements~~ achievements of your men with interest heartiest congratulations keep it up. BURGESS, Secretary."
- (h) From CSM R.W. Pease, Home Guard, Tonbridge, Kent, England.
"The members of the Tonbridge Home Guard wish to express our appreciation of the wonderful work of the New Zealand Division have done in the victorious advance of the EIGETH ARMY. We look with pride on your boys who have come to the aid of the old country in our ~~xxx~~ hour of need. Tell the boys how proud we feel of them and follow there every move as much as we do our own boys". Sgd M Wikiriwhi, Lieut. Acting Adjutant, 28 NZ(Maori) B

REFERENCE

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