

ROUTINE ORDER No. 23.

26 Feb 43.

Field:

By

Lt-Col G.H. Bennett Commanding 28 NZ(Maori) Bn1. ROUTINE FOR SAT. 27 FEB 43.0900 - 1030 hrs  
1030 - 1200 hrs.

Coy Route March.

Interior Economy as follows:-

- (a) Washing and scrubbing of all gaiters and belts.
- (b) Check on emergency Rations
- (c) Polishing of scabbards.
- (d) Cleaning and ironing of Battle dress.

Thorough job will be made in preparation for Bde Church parade.

Afternoon

1300 - 1500 hrs

Inter Coy football as laid down in RO 22 dated 25 Feb. 43 paral.

1745 hrs.

Bn Impromptu Concert - Site to be decided by Bn 2i/c in HQ Coy area.

2. CHURCH PARADE: A combine Bde Church of England parade which GOC will be present will be held at Bde HQ on Sunday 28 Feb 43. Between now and then Coy Comdrs will ensure that all soiled Battle-dress are cleaned and that Battle-dresses spoiled as a result of being put through disinfectant are ironed. Period set aside for this period will be utilised to full. Dress ORs - web belts and side arms. Further particulars later.
3. LEAVE: Leave for Sat 27 Feb 43 - A - C - D - HQ Coys - Bn HQ and will be limited to R.C. only. Personnel proceeding on leave must NOT be in Coy football teams and must possess suitable dress for leave. Coys will notify Bn HQ by 1900 hrs of numbers of ORs eligible for Leave, and will ensure that names of persons proceeding on LEAVE are noted so as to prevent duplication in this the third round. Personnel parade at Bn HQ 0900 hrs. T.O. to detail two 3 tonners to report at that time. Offr i/c leave party Capt J.C. Mahara. R.C. Offr NOT to proceed on Leave.
4. EMERGENCY RATIONS: When Bn leaves this area every man must be in possession of emergency rations. Thorough check will be made by Coys during period 1030 - 1200 hrs, Sat. 27 Feb 43 and return submitted to Bn HQ by 1300 hrs Sat. showing deficiencies. All cases of loss of emergency rations will be closely investigated and report by Coy Comdr on investigation included in return. RCM will indent through normal NZASC channels.
5. LAUNDRY: Extract from DIV RO No. 87-92 dated 25 Feb 43.
- (a) It has come to notice that troops are having clothing laundered by natives.
  - (b) All natives are 100 per cent lousy, and a special examination of those engaged in laundering confirm this fact.
  - (c) Such laundrymen constitute a menace to health, as the washing returned to tps is more than likely returned lousy and liable to be a source of Typhus Fever.
  - (d) The practice referred to in para (a) will cease forthwith.

(Sgd) H O TePunga. Capt.,  
Adjutant,  
28 NZ(Maori) Bn.NOTICE

Mivi Concert Party plays Saturday and Sunday at 1430hrs NOT 1500 hrs.

## REFERENCE

Archives New Zealand = Te Rua Mahara a te Kāwanatanga

28 (Maori) Battalion War Diary, WAI 1 1666 DA 68/1/37-38,  
p.129