

Routine Order No. 88.

By

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K A P O N G A :

23 Sep. 41.

DUTIES:-

Company for duty	24 Sep. 41.	C. Coy.
Next for duty	25 Sep. 41.	D. Coy.
Bn. Orderly Officer	24 Sep. 41.	2/Lieut. Green. H.T.K.
Next for duty	25 Sep. 41.	2/Lieut. Matehaere. J.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	24 Sep. 41.	Sgt. Kava. T.T.
Next for duty	25 Sep. 41.	Cpl. Paipa. H.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	24 Sep. 41.	Cpl. Campbell. J.H.
Next for duty	25 Sep. 41.	Cpl. Pitama. E.T.

2. BATHING:- After heavy winds, all beaches are likely to be dangerous and bathers are ~~warned~~ warned due care.

3. RETURNABLE PETROL CONTAINERS.

(1) A large number of 4 gallons returnable square cans and 4 gallons returnable round drums, have been put into circulation M.E.
 (2) These containers are being filled with leaded petrol (a petrol with tetra-ethyl-lead content) tetra-ethyl-lead is a highly dangerous poison, and may tend to remain in the inside seams of the can.
 (3) O.S.C. Coys will, therefore, warn all ranks against the use of these returnable petrol containers for water either drinking or washing purposes. (4) Arrangements have been made for all future issues of such containers to be stencilled:-

PETROL -----LEADED -----POISON.

4. RIFLES-STAMPING.

It is evident that there are still rifles in Coys which have not been serially numbered. Coys will look into this matter and ensure that ~~these rifles~~ all rifles are stamped. New personnel, reinforcements, joining Coys from time to time will be sent to Sgt. Armourer for stamping of their rifles.

5. L.R.D.G.:- Applications to join the LRDG will be called for as required and selection will be made monthly by an Officer from LRDG. The practice of direct application to LRDG will cease.

6. REPAIRS OF VEHICLES ETC. BY N.Z. DIV. ORD. WORKSHOP:- In order to facilitate equal distribution of repair work within NZ - DIV. Ord. Workshops, Vehicle, Guns etc. evacuated by Units to workshops for repair will report to the R and I Office of the section, which has been allocated to that Unit as shown in attached list and not Workshops Hqrs. No 2 Section does 28 Bn work.

7. SPEED LIMITS

Owing to the narrow roads and poorer surface in the WESTERN DESERT, the maximum speed allowed are less than those in the DELTA, and are as follows:-

<u>TYPE OF VEHICLES.</u>	<u>IN TOWNS</u>	<u>OUTSIDE TOWNS</u>	<u>ACROSS COUNTRY</u>
Cars & M/Cycles.	20 MPH	40 MPH	30 MPH
Vehicles under 30 cwt.	20 "	35 "	25 "
Vehicles 30 cwt & over	15 "	30 "	20 "
Vehicles towed on tow ropes	10 "	20 "	15 "
Tacked vehicles	10 "	20 "	30 "

7. 2 ~~road~~ Pdr. A/Tk. when towed, 8 MPH 8 MPH 8 MPH.
 These limits may be exceeded by staff Cars in which Offrs. entitled to c. y flags are travelling and maybe exceeded for tactical reasons. Local restrictions such as KAPONGA - EL ALAMEIN Roads, will be strictly adhered to.
8. ROAD MOVEMENT - AUTHORITY FOR:- Drivers of vehicles, whose duty require them to pass through checked Posts must be supplied with and authority setting out their destination, a number of vehicles, and number of personnel travelling. Without such an authority a driver will NOT be allowed to proceed pass a check Post.
9. CRASHED AIRCRAFT. Duty of Officer Commanding nearest Unit.
 On hearing of a Crashed or Foeced Landed Enemy Aircraft, the Officer Commanding the nearest Army Unit should (a) Detail a Guard to proceed to the scene immediately. (b) Advise Officer Commanding nearest RAF Unit with a request for RAF "Crash Officer".
GUARD COMMANDER:- The Guard Commabder will (a) will take over from the EGYPTIAN Civil or Military Authorities, if either are fisrt on the scene of the Crash, and mount Guard near the Aircraft, (b) Remove Prisoners from close vicinity of Aircraft to prevent Sabotage and thoroughly search them for letters, documents and personal effects and segregate them as far as ~~see~~ possible. (c) Ensure that there is no fraternization between Prisoners and other persons. (d) Ensure that ~~there is~~ no interrogation is attempted. (e) Arrange for removal of injured Prisoners to Hospital. (f) ENSURE THAT THE AIRCRAFT IS NOT INSPECTED, LOOTED OR INTERFERED WITH IN ANY WAY. (g) Co-operate with RAF "Crash Officer" for the disposal of prisoners, fit for inter-rogation. (h) HAND OVER ALL LETTERS, documents and personal effects of Prisoners to RAF "Crash Officer" who will then proceed to inspect the Crash. (i) Maintain Guard until notified by the RAF "Crash Offrs" that inspection and salvage operations have been completed.
10. HOMOURS AND AWARDS:- (a) The following IMMEDIATE Awards for Gallantry in Action in GREECE have been approved (Authority ME Command. G.O. Serial No. 69. of 19 Sep. 41.) MILITARY MEDAL:-
 6125 Sgt. Katene. G. (28 NZ Mapri Battalion.
 7625 Cpl. Tainui. J. "
 2584I Pte. Duncan. T.E. "
11. ROAD MAKING:- Average for Monday 22 Sep. 41.
 D. Coy. - 4.68. per man. - B. Coy. 5.47. per man.
12. PRISONERS OF WAR-RETENTION OF TEMPORARY AND ACTING RANK:- It is advised for general information that personnel who become Prisoners of War or who are Missing will retain any temporary or A/rank held immediately prior to capture or on becoming Missing; In addition those eligible for E.D. Pay will continue to be entitled to this Pay para 17. (c) of Pay. and Allowance Regs. 1940 is hereby amendent. (27/3).
13. IDENTIFICATION - CREDENTIALS:- (i) All Officers without exception, Military personnel and War Correspondents whether visiting or on duty, staying or passing through BEIRUT, will immediately on arrival present their Credentials at SURETE GENERALE, Italian Consulate Building, BEIRUT Tele. No. BEIRUT 6164. (2) Credentials are the means by which a person s identity will be incontrovertibly established, and must, therefore, be issued, signed and stamped by a Recognised Authority and should more over be carried at all times by the aboce mentioned personnel through the ME. (3) Failure to observe this security precautions may result in the offenders detenti until such time as his identification through official channels has b been ESTABLISHED. M.TS DEW CAPT. NZSC

Reference: Archives New Zealand = Te Rua-Mahara o te Kāwanatanga.
28 NZ (Maori) Battalion War Diary, WAI 1 1664 DA 68/1/21, pp 28-29.