

Field

By

20 Dec.42

Lt-Col. C M Bennett Commanding 28 NZ(Maori) Bn

1. Routines: While in present area following routine will be observed:-
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| <u>Stand-To</u> -     | 0645 - 0730 hrs |           |
|                       | 1800 - 1845 hrs |           |
| <u>Sick Parade:</u> - | 0830 hrs        |           |
| <u>Meal Hours</u> -   | 0800            | Breakfast |
|                       | 1230            | Lunch     |
|                       | 1700            | Tea       |
2. Stand-To: In some cases Stand-To is NOT being observed properly. In future Coy Comds and Offrs i/c will ensure that all ranks stand-to in fighting pits with full web and rifle, NO smoking is allowed during Stand-To hours. The above is to be made known to all ranks and in future severe disciplinary action will be taken against all offenders.
3. Syllabus for Mon. 21 Dec. 42.
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| 0900-0930 | Coy fall-in and inspection.                               |
| 0930-1000 | Pl drill.   |
| 1000-1200 | Cleaning of arms and amm, finishing off of fighting pits. |
4. Dress Discipline: Dress discipline at present is extremely low. In future following will be strictly enforced:-
- Men to wear complete Battle-Dress at all times - to incl jacket and gaiters.
  - Proper head-dress to be worn when on parade or away from Coy lines.
  - Balaclavas to be worn only when weather is cold and tps are off parade.
  - Hands NOT to be stuffed in pockets.
  - Boots to be polished if possible.
5. Saluting of Officers: Saluting of Offrs is always a fairly good indication of discipline within Unit. All members of this Bn at all times will salute superior Offrs, whether of this Unit or any other. Whenever a Staff car flying a pennant is observed tps will rise to their feet if sitting down and proper compliments paid. This will be explained to all ranks and Offrs will see that it is carried out.
6. Natives: No natives will be permitted to enter Unit lines.
7. Movement of Vehicles: Bde has ordered that no veh will enter the HOFILIA area as there are still mines and booby traps not cleared.

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Addendum:

Tomorrow afternoon is open to Coy Comds. Should be used for such things as hair-cuts, interior economy generally and finishing off of poems.

Reference: Archives New Zealand = Te Rua Mahara o te Kāwanatanga.

Ref: 28 NZ (Maori) Battalion Diary, WAI 1 1665 DA 68/1/36, p.63