

FOOTBALL

app No 2

MB NZ (Maori) Bn,
5 Feb. 43

To: A-B-C-D-HQ Coys-Bn HQ

- 1430
1. "A" Team will play 23 NZ Bn on Bn ground at 1445 hrs Sat. 5 FEB. 43
 2. Padre Wancoa will have team assembled on ground at 1415 hrs.
 3. Referee -
 4. Colours - Black and white jerseys, khaki shorts.
 5. "B" Team will play "B" Team 27 (MSG) Bn "The STADIUM", TRIPOLI at 1500 hrs Sat 6 Feb 43.
 6. Capt. Wl Repa (Manager) will have team assembled at Bn HQ by 1400 (no later).
 7. Colours - Blue and green, khaki shorts.
 8. IMPORTANT: Coys will detail the following number of personnel to go to TRIPOLI with "B" Team to witness the match:

(a)	HQ Coy	20
	Bn HQ	10 ✓
	B Coy	10
	C Coy	10
	D Coy	10
 - (b) The following Offrs are hereby detailed to accompany the above personnel to TRIPOLI:-
 Capt. H M Mitchell
 Lieut. W Te A Haig
 9. ✓ Dress: Battle Dress, FB Caps, Gaiters, (both for players and spectators), going to TRIPOLI.
 - (b) "B" Team, Non-players and Offrs as detailed in para 8 will parade at Bn HQ at 1400 hrs for inspection.
 - (c) Capt. H M Mitchell is hereby detailed as Offr i/c of non-players party.
 - ✓ (d) Non-players remaining to witness "A" match will be paraded and inspected by Coy Comdrs and marched over to ground by 1430 hrs. (Dress as above).
 - 10; Trf: The T.C. will detail three 3 tonners to report Bn HQ at 1400 hrs (no later) to convey team and non-players to TRIPOLI.
 11. Capts Wl Repa and Mitchell will see that team and non-players respectively return to Bn area immediately after match, so as to arrive Bn HQ by 1700 hrs.
 12. ✓ Result of matches will be sent in to reach Bn HQ by 1800 hrs.

*Riji Kacha Major
27 25 NZ (Maori) Bn*

23 Bn "A" Team v 28 Bn "A" Team played on the Bn Rugby Ground 1445 hrs. 6/2/43. *this team played*

Result:- At half time the Scores were 28 Bn 6 Pts

Final score was 28 Bn 6 Pts 23 Bn 3 Pts.

Scores for us were made up as follows:- 2/Lieut Smith, Pte O Tumataroa 2/Lieut S Jackson converting 1. Smith's try. The 23 Bns points came from a penalty. A very good & hard game but our players condition and stamina told in the long run against a very good pack of forwards and a safe line of backs.

The 28 Bn "A" Team were as follows:-

Full Back.

Sgt Takarangi H (Wanganui) HQ Coy.

Three Quarters

Cpl Taite C (HQ Coy) Wanganui.

2/Lieut Smith J (B Coy) Wanganui.

Sgt Kurupo P (Hawkes Bay) B Coy.

Pte Tumataroa O (Hawkes Bay) D Coy.

Pte D Huata (Hawkes Bay) D Coy.

Sgt Matenga T. (Wanganui) B Coy.

Forwards

Pte Henderson F. (East Coast) C Coy

Rautahi R. (Dannevirke) HQ Coy.

Hohepa H. (Nth. Auckland) HQ Coy

2/Lieut Jackson SP (C) Kenny. A. (HQ) East Coast.

TeParei W. (HQ) Bay of Plenty

Lieut Wordley WPD (HQ) Nth Auckland.

Aratema K. (B) Rotorua.

28 Bn "B" Team played 27 NZ(MG)Bn on the "Stadium" TRIPOLI and were beaten by 9 Pts to 6.

The B Team were as follows.

Full- Back

Sgt Kingi E (Rotorua) B Coy.

Wing - threequarters

Cpl Hapi D (Rotorua) HQ Coy

Pte Reti E (Whangarei) A Coy.

Pte Taiuru N. (Wanganui) D Coy.

Pte Rotene M (Rotorua) (Whakatane)

Pte Hooke S. (Rotorua) C Coy.

Pte Tipirau A. (Ranamui) (HQ)

Forwards

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Fte Davis B. (Waikato) HQ Cpl Clarke P (Whangarei) HQ L/Cpl W. W. W. W.
 L/Cpl W. W. W. (King Country) HQ. W.O. L. Harris (North Auckland) A Coy
 Fte Bakaraia (Wellington) D Coy. Fte Peters R. (Otago) C Coy.
 L/Cpl Henderson R. (Auckland) C Coy.

Results:-

23 En	B	team.....	6 points
27 En	B	"	9 points

Thus the Battalion B Team was eliminated from the knockout competition
 started in Bardia and which the GOC had assured the men ~~will~~ end in
 Tripoli.

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