

Lieut. Col. G. Pittman, M.B.E., M.C., N.Z.S.C.
Commanding Officer 23 Maori Bn.

21 Oct. 41.

FIELD

DUTIES:-

Company for duty	22 Oct. 41. A.Coy.
Next for duty	23 Oct. 41. B.Coy.
Bn. Orderly Officer	22 Oct. 41. Lieut. Porter. W.
Next for duty	23 Oct. 41. 2/Lieut. Rota. A.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	22 Oct. 41. Cpl. Te Waiti. W.
Next for duty	23 Oct. 41. L/Cpl. Hall. C.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	22 Oct. 41. L/Cpl. Parsons. B.
Next for duty	23 Oct. 41. Cpl. Sparrow. R.

2. SPECIAL GRANTS FOR XMAS:- 2 N.Z.S.F. Order 547 is repeated for information of all ranks:- It is advised for general information that the following sums will be available to Units for Expenditure on Xmas fare:
(a) One shilling and half sixpence per head provided ~~from~~ by the National Patriotic Fund.
(b) One shilling per head provided from Special N.Z.S.F. Rebates.
Instructions regarding the method of distribution of the above sums will be issued by HQ. 2 NZEF at a later date.

3. PUBLICITY NZEF TIMES:- A special Xmas number of the "NZEF TIMES" will be published on Monday 22 Dec. 41. and will contain an 8-page Magazine Section in addition to the normal Newspaper. A charge of 1 piastre per copy is being made for this number, and sufficient copies will be printed to fill the requirements of Units. There will be no free issue of the paper that week. Coys etc. will render an estimate of the number required to Bn. Hqs. by 23 Oct. 41.

4. PROMOTIONS - O/RANKS:-
It is advised for the information of O.C. Coys that in General Antedating of promotions for a period longer than six months will not be considered. Only in the exceptional circumstances will this order be varied.

5. WEAPON TRAINING PRACTICES:- The following danger areas is notified to all concerned:

Ref Map.

RAS EL KAHAYIS

1/100,000

AREA:

Sq. 771332

DATE:

24 Oct. 41.

TIME:

0900 - 2200 hrs. daily.

DIRECTION OF FIRE:

N O R T H

UNIT:

27 (MG) Bn.

6. WEAPON TRAINING PRACTICES:- The following danger area is notified to all concerned:-

Ref. Map

RAS EL KAHAYIS

1/100,000

AREA:

Sqs. 775332, 775333, 775334.

DATE:

19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27 Oct. 41.

TIME:

0700 - 1600 hrs. daily.

DIRECTION OF FIRE:

N O R T H

UNIT:

25 NZ. Bn.

7. WITHDRAWAL OF EGYPTIAN CURRENCY NOTES:- It is notified for the general information of all ranks that EGYPTIAN Ten (10) piastre notes of the first issue are being withdrawn and are being replaced by notes of similar design and colour. Distinguishing feature of the new notes are that it bears a water mark and the reverse has a back ground of brown wavy lines. All old type notes will be valueless after 19 Nov. 41. Old type notes will be collected under Covarrangements and will be exchanged for silver or new type notes. The old type notes will be lodged with by the Pay Sgt. by the 1 Nov. 41, after which date NO old type notes will be accepted. If there is any doubt as to whether a note is of the new or old type it will be collected and exchanged. Notes which are badly damaged or which have any part of the serial letter and number missing will NOT be accepted.

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8. TRAINING:- There will be no training tomorrow Wed. 22 Oct. but Coys will hold a bathing parade and a Kit Inspection. Coys may proceed to beach in the morning and have lunch there if they think fit. Training in accordance with syllabic being issued will commence training at 0815 hrs. 23 Oct. 41.

PART. II. ORDERS:

PROMOTIONS:- The following 2/Lieuts to be Lieuts. (Reg E 2) dated 1 May 47

2/Lieut. Herowini. W.

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2/Lieut. G.R. Bennett.

2/Lieut. Ngata. H.K.

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2/Lieut. T. Bangi.

TRANSFERRIBLE

4506. Capt. N.P. Te Punga. 28(Maori) Bn. - Tfd. to NZ Roll (Medical) 6 Oct. 1942. HQ 2 NZEF. 65/13/4072

Authy. HQ. 2 INEF. 65/13/6672.

6 Oct. 41.

(Present location I.M. Gen. Hosp.)

M. T. C. Dow, Capt.

Adjutant.

23 (Major) Bn.

NOTICES.

FAREWELL NOTICE:-

FAREWELL NOTICE:- On the departure for Composite Training Depot on 22 Oct. of Major Bertrand and Capt. Weir, the Commanding Officer on behalf of the Bn. wishes to thank them both for the splendid way in which they have carried out the duties of 2 I/C and Q.M. of the Bn. respectively since its formation and to wish them the best of luck in any future appointment they may be called upon to fill.

By

Lieut. Col. G. Dittmer, M.B.E. M.C. N.Z.S.C.
 Commanding Officer 28 Maori Battalion;

22 Oct. 41.
 FIELD:

DUTIES:-

Company for duty	23 Oct. 41. B. Coy
Next for duty	24 Oct. 41. C. Coy
Bn. Orderly Officer	23 Oct. 41. 2/cr. Rotoa H
Next for duty	24 Oct. 41. 2/cr. Ormsby G.R.
Bn. Orderly Sergeant	22 Oct. 41. Cpl. Hall. C.
Next for duty	24 Oct. 41. Sgt. Gage.
Bn. Orderly Corporal	23 Oct. 41. Cpl. Eparaisma. H.
Next for duty	24 Oct. 41. L/Cpl. Wanoa. N.T.

2. RATIONS:- (a) In future there will be an issue of preserved meat in lieu of frozen meat twice weekly, on Saturday and Wednesday. (b) There will be an issue of biscuits in lieu of bread once fortnightly.

3. COOKERS:- Coys are warned that there are NO replacements available for any petrol cookers that break down. Every effort must be made to improvise cookers and save petrol cookers for use in the field. Wood fuel is now available and maybe drawn by Units who are able to provide suitable cooking places. The Catering Adviser, Eighth Army, will shortly commence a series of visits to Units and will arrange to demonstrate a number of improvised field cookers now operating in the area. Coys will do everything possible to facilitate the work of the Catering Adviser.

4. TRANSPORT:-

All transport proceeding to MAADI will report to A/Q Office MAADI, prior to return to this area in order to lift any passengers, goods or messages that may be waiting to come forward to Div.

5. WEAPON TRAINING PRACTICES:-

Ref. Map	RAS EL KANAYIS	I/100.000
AREA:	Sq. 785323.	
DATE:	19 Oct. to 9 Nov. 41 (incl)	
TIME:	0700-1630 hrs. daily.	
DIRECTION OF FIRE:	N O R T H :	
UNIT:	DIV. AMN. COY.	

6. WEAPON TRAINING PRACTICES:-

Ref. Map	RAS EL KANAYIS	I/100.000
AREA:	Sq. 787321	
DATE:	25 - 31 Oct. 41 (incl)	
TIME:	1300-1700 hrs. daily.	
DIRECTION OF FIRE:	N O R T H E A S T :	
UNIT:	4 RES M.T. COY.	

7. WEAPON TRAINING PRACTICES:

Ref. Map	RAS EL KANAYIS	I/100.000
AREA:	The area bounded by North-South grid lines 777 and 780 and East-West grid lines 333 and sea.	
DATES	21- 28 Oct. 41. (incl)	
TIME:	0800 - 1600 hrs. daily.	
DIRECTION OF FIRE:	N O R T H	
UNIT:	24 BN.	

8. WEAPON TRAINING PRACTICES:

Ref. Map	RAS EL KANAYIS	I/100.000
AREA:	76503310	
DATES	21 - 30 Oct. 41. (incl)	
TIME:	0800 - 1630 hrs. daily.	
DIRECTION OF FIRE:	N O R T H	
UNIT:	7 FD. COY. NZE.	

9. WEAPON TRAINING PRACTICES:

Ref. Map	RAS EL KANAYIS	I/100.000
AREA:	Sqs. 780335; 780334, 778334	
DATES	778335.	
TIME:	29 Oct. - 5 Nov. 41 (incl)	
DIRECTION OF FIRE:	0800 - 1600 hrs. daily.	
UNIT:	NORTH-WEST	
	7 A/Tk. Regt.	

10. SECURITY OF OFFICES AND HQs:- Cases have ~~been~~ recently been reported where information has been given to strangers without first establishing identity. It is again brought to the notice of all ranks that no information on or relating to Military matters or location of Units will be divulged without first establishing the questioner's bona fides. This particularly applies at formation and Unit Headquarters where questions are continually being asked regarding location of Units and individuals in Units.
11. UNIT SECURITY OFFICER:- The following Officer replaces Major Bertrand as Bn. Security Officer. Major Dyer. H.G.

PART 11TRANSFERS:-

The following Officers are detached for service with the Composite Training Depot:
 Major Bertrand. Captain Weir.

APPOINTMENTS:-

Major Dyer H.G. is appointed 2 i/c 28 Bn. to date 22 Oct.

Lieut. Temp. Capt. C.M. Bennett. is appointed Q.M. 28 Bn. to date 22 Oct. 41.

The following Officers from Composite Training Depot on attachment to 28 Bn. returned to Depot this day.

2/Lieut. Jackson. S.F.
 2/Lieut. Tikao Barret. K.
 2/Lieut. Rangiuia. H.

M.T.S. Dew. Capt. N.Z.S.C.
 Adjutant.
 28 (Maori) Bn.

APPOINTMENT:-

Major H.G. Dyer is appointed 2 i/c 28 Bn. dated 22 Oct. 41.
 Lieut. T/Capt. C.M. Bennett is appointed Q.M. (temp.) 28 Bn. dated 22 Oct. 41.

M.T.S. Dew. Capt. N.Z.S.C.
 Adjutant.
 28 (Maori) Bn.

N O T I C E

There will be a cinema show in the vicinity Y.M.C.A. at 1900 hrs. 24 Oct

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Ref: 28 NZ (Māori) Battalion Diary, WAI 1 1664 DA 68/1/22, pp. 25-28.