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GPP. 18988—25.000—30.10.41 1912/S.

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Bhamdoun	1	Brig Sewell called at Bde to confer with Comd		
Night	1/2	Heavy seas broke over Bofors site on the Mole at Beirut. Spare Gun Barrel and certain amount of equipment is washed into harbour. 1606011 Gnr Harkins F.G. (116 Lt AA Bty R.A) is drowned.		
	2	Lieut Mosley to Tripoli to look over Gun Sites and G.O.R.		
		Snow fell over greater part of Lebanon during the day. Heavy snow falls at Bhamdoun.		
	3	Snow continues to fall and during the day Bde HQ is cut off by road owing to the depth of snow. About 3 feet fell at Bhamdoun.		
		Maj Chalmers returns to Beirut but is unable to reach HQ and stays with 2 Regt. Lieut Mosley returns to Beirut from Tripoli.		
		Bde Intelligence Summary No 43 is issued.	Appx "/"	
	4	We are still cut off by road.		
		1700 hrs Lieut-Col Gibson left Bhamdoun by train for Beirut to confer with Maj Chalmers and proceed to Beit Jirja. Maj Bendall left by train for Beirut and later proceeded to Cairo		
		The road from Aaley to Beirut was cleared at 1300 hrs by snow plough.		
	5	1500 hrs Lieut Mosley returns to HQ.		
		Snow plough clears road to Bhamdoun		
		1700 hrs Lieut Barton leaves for Arty Tng Regt to take over duty as Adjt.		

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Bhamdoun	Jan 6	A bright sunny day for a change. The snow-plough pushes further up the road Damascus. Maj Bruton and Capt Smith return to Bde HQ. Maj Chalmers returns to Bde HQ but later leaves for Beirut He will leave for Cairo tomorrow to confer with C.C.R.A. and others at AIF. HQ.		
	7	News is received per phone from 1 Aust Corps that Lieut ColmNeylan will not return to Australia but will be appointed Comd 1 Aust AA Bde, and Maj Chalmers is to be C.O. 4 Aust Lt AA Regt (to be formed) Signal is received from 1 Aust Corps stating that Beirut is out of bounds to all ranks not on duty until further orders.		
	8	Lieut Col Neylan took up duty as Comd 1 Aust AA Bde - Lieut Col, Gibson ceases to Admin Comd. Arrangements are in hand for moving Bde HQ to Beirut within the next few days. The weather, distance from Beirut and Ninth Army HQ are deciding factprs. Snow is still thick around the HQ at Bhamdoun and the Troops are enjoying the Ski-ing.		
	10	Signal is received from AADC Tripoli that Maj Goodman was attending Lt AA refresher course 9-14 Jan and Capt Usher (B.C.116 Lt AA Bty) would be AADC in his absence.		
	11	Bde Intelligence Summary No 44 is issued	Appx "L"	

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Bhamdoun	12	Maj Chalmers returns to Bde HQ to hand over. 1445 hrs Brig Sewell arrives at Bde HQ to confer with Commander. He spoke of a proposed move in the near future. 2000 hrs Maj Bendall returned-see Wkshops diary for his moves. AADC Tripoli is admitted to Hospital and Capt Kent takes over.		
	13	Maj Chalmers left to join his Regt at Beit Jirja Signal is received from 1 Aust Corps authorising the raising of a Wkshops Sec A.A.O.C. for 4 Regt. 1 Regt Wkshops Sec is to be converted to a Light Regt Sec and surplus personnel will form nucleus for 4 Regt Wkshop Sec.		
	14	Comd visited Brig Floyd (BAA Ninth Army) and both attended a conference at "G" Branch Ninth Army.		
	15	Pursuant to instructions from 1 Aust Corps Comd spoke to Bde HQ personnel on discipline. A signal is received from 1 Aust Corps authorising raising of Sig Sec for 4 Aust Lt AA Regt. Maj Bruton proceeds to Gaza to make arrangements for formation of section. Signal is received from 1 Aust Corps stating that no further students would be sent to courses and all vacancies allotted are cancelled excepting No 6 M.E.S.S.		
	16	Bde Wkshop Operation Instruction is issued to		

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Bhamdpun	16	implement formation of 4 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop sec and convert 1 Regt Wkshop Sec(see Wkshops diary)		
	17	Rain again - visibility poor - we are literally living in the clouds 1130 hrs Maj Chapman (AA & CD) Ninth Army called on Commander to take over files etc. Maj Long to 2 Aust Hy AA Regt at Beirut. Weekly Intelligence Summary No 45 is issued.	Appx "3"	
	18	Still raining but it breaks during the day. Maj Bruton returns. Comd to Beirut 1300 hrs Capt Rushton arrives at Bde HQ to take over duty as B.M. Learner.		
	19	Capt Robertson to Tripoli is connection with fitting of Kei ght computor to Vickers Predictor, see notes	Appx "4"	
		Lieut Mosley to Ninth Army to return documents and collect certain information. Movement Order is received from A.I.F.(ME) 1 Regt with its Sig Sec and 3 Regt Wkshop Sec to concentrate Gaza area, and 5 Bty with Sig and Wkshop Dets to concentrate Suez area - see signal and Appx	Appx " "	
		Bde Operation Instruction No 18 covering above order is issued.	Appx "6"	
		Movement Order is issued for Sigs and Wkshop Dets for 5 Bty to leave for Suez tomorrow.	Appx "7"	
		Packing and general cleaning up proceeds at Brigade HQ.		

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Bhamdoun	Jan 20	Maj Bruton left for conference with C.S.O. at school of Sigs. Lieut Kimpston (O.O. 4 Regt) called at Bde HQ to make liaison with Lieut Mosley on "I" Duties etc. Maj Long left for an unknown destination.		
	21	Copy of signal from MIDEAST to Ninth Army is received, it states that 4 Btys 3.7 inch guns are to be withdrawn from Tripoli and the 75mm at Beirut will remain. 4 Regt personnel will man 75 mm guns at Beirut. 1430 hrs Commander and Capt Myers leave for Base area to contact 1 Aust Corps and 1, 3 and 4 Regts.	Appx "8"	
	22	Lieut Kimpston returned to his Regt. Maj Bendall leaves for HQ A.I.F(ME) to take up duty there. Maj Polglaze accompanies him to Base Area.		
	23	Capt Rushton reports to Brig Floyd at Beirut and receives warning order covering moves of A.A. units from Syria to Palestine. Warning Order is attached.	Appx "9"	
	24	Capt Myers returned to HQ and stated that Comd had left by plane for Cairo today. Movement Order is received from Ninth Army - Bde HQ will move to Palestine departing 0600 hrs tomorrow. For details of move see ~~details of~~ Movement Order attached. Packing proceeds but everything is practically ready to move. Camp Routine Instruction No 10 is issued.	Appx "10" Appx "11"	

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Beit Jirja	25	Bde HQ, Sigs and Wkshops, leave Bhamdoun at 0630 hrs for Beit Jirja - other units move as shown in Ninth Army Administration Instr No 11. 1600 hrs BDE HQ, Sigs and Wkshops arrive at Beit Jirja and camp in 4 Regts lines. The move was carried out without incident. The weather is considerably warmer here than in Bhamdoun. We are glad to be off the snow line.		
	26	At 1800 hrs the Commander returned to Beit Jirja from Cairo. 4 Bty and 1 Aust AA Bde Sig Sec arrive at Hill 95 from Tripoli. Maj Scorer reports at Bde HQ to take over comd Bde Sigs vice Maj Bruton.		
	27	2Regt HQ and 6 Bty with Sigs and Wkshops arrive at Hill 95. Location statement is issued A.I.F. Orders (dated 26 Jan) include promotion of Commander to Temp Col. Maj Bruton (C.O. Bde Sigs) relinguishes his appointment and is posted to 6 Aust Div Sigs.	Appx "A"	
	28	1 Aust AA Bde AASC arrive at Hill 95 from Syria Administration and "Q" Instructions for our move are received.		
	29	1 Aust Lt AA Regt (Less dets in Egypt) move by rail to Egypt. Capt Smith (2 i/c Bde Sigs) leaves us. He is transferred to 1 Aust Corps Sigs. His successor has not yet been appointed.		

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Beit Jirja	30	Signal is received from A.I.F. HQ asking that any documents of historical value be sent to M.H. & I Section - Units are advised. Signal is received from 1 Aust Corps, states that Censorable matter is being received by the Base Censor - Units are advised. Lieut Mosley lectures troops on security and censorship. Summer clothing is issued.		
	31	Since arriving in Palestine the quest for stores and ammunition has been paramount. Close liaison has been kept betwen Bde HQ and the Regiments.		

R.P. Mosley Lieut
I.O. 1 Aust AA Bde

7 Feb 42 Signature E. M. Sterling Col

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APPENDIX I

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War Diary

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HQ 1 AUSTRALIAN A.A. BRIGADE

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - No 43.

(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 3 ~~Jan.~~ 42)

(For distribution down to Batteries).

SPECIAL NOTES (1) The following is an extract from the "Arab Nation" broa d-cast of the evening of 24 Dec 41 :-

"Try in every way to obtain a gun and practice how to use it. Do not make the protest that you have not sufficient money with which to but a revolver or you do not know where to buy one, you can use a knife, a dagger or a stick. You can make ammunition and arms in your own country. You can attack the Imperialistic Soldiers who walk alone and deprive them of their gun. This will not be robbery because this same gun may be shooting your countrymen in the near future. Economise and save money, even if you have to sacrifice on essentials, the money can buy you arms and ammunition"

The "Arab Nation" Station is an Axis creation which addresses the Arabs throughout the Middle East. (Source: Ninth Army D.I.S. No 199)

(2) The tactical Branch of HQ RAF (ME) is extremely anxious to obtain all possible details of enemy air action against both Naval Vessels and ground forces. No detail of method of attack, damage done etc., is to small to be recorded. Would formations therefore please render very detailed accounts of any attacks, particularly of damage by bombing and ground strafing of our A.F.Vs and M.T. columns. Where such reports cannot be included in situation reports, will formations please include them in their Intelligence Summaries

(Source: Ninth Army D.I.S. No 198)

PART I ENEMY OPERATIONS (AIR)

On 26 Dec 41 at 0715 hrs an Enemy aircraft said to be a Ju88 was reported over HAIFA. Fighters took off but no interception took place. No bombs were dropped.

On 17 Dec 41 at 1700 hrs G.M.T. a white flare was reported 12 miles South-west of KLEIAT, in Syria.

On 18 Dec 41 at 1745 hrs G.M.T. a white flare was reported over AIN SOFAR.

NOTE. All such reports of flares should be treated with reserve unless there is ample confirmation. In the past motor car headlights or even the planet Venus have been mistaken for flares, and shooting stars for Verey lights. (Source Air HQ Levent W.I.S. No 17)

At 1411 hrs on 24 Dec 41 as the Tanker PHELIX started her propellors in HAIFA harbour an explosion occurred amidships followed by a fire. The burning oil spread to the S.S. BILGA nearby, and both ships were gutted. There was also slight damage to the Eastern Breakwater. Twelve members of the Tankers crew were rescued badly burned, but the remainder numbering twenty one, are as yet unaccounted for. The crew of the BILGA were saved. The cause is believed to be a submerged mine left from the last raid.

(Source GHQ Ninth Army D.I.S. No 197)

PART II ENEMY METHODS AND TACTICS.

1. About fifty aircraft, including Ju 88s, He 111s, and S 79s, attacked Naval units North of BENGHAZI on 17 Dec 41.

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PART II ENEMY METHODS AND TACTICS (Contd)

Further attacks were attempted the following day. The attacks consisted of high level bombing attacks, shallow dive bombing attacks by Ju 88s (comencement of dive being at approx 6000 ft) and a number of Torpedo attacks by S.79s. It was estimated that 22 torpedo bomber aircraft were active, but no hits were scored, and it is impossible to state how many torpedoes were launched as a number of approaches appear to be "feint" attacks designed to permit the ships to change their course. The Ju88s were mostly employed in small formations of from three to five aircraft and only in the last attack, just before dark, when eleven Me 111s and three torpedo bombers were involved, was any effort made to synchronise a high bombing and torpedo attack. The attacks were in general very in accurate.

(Source: R.A.F.(ME) W.I.S. No 79)

2 At Appendix "A" is a translation of a captured German document instructing German soldiers as to their behavior if captured by the British. The fact that we published this translation does not in any way mean that the information given in it by the Germans is correct. It is published in order to show what care the Germans taks to ensure that German prisoners of war do not give information.

(Source: B.T.E. W.I.S. No 79)

PART III AIRCRAFT MARKINGS

In an engagement over France between a Spitfire and six F.W.190s the pilot delayed his attack for a short time because

(a) The E/A were camouflaged brown and green like own aircraft.

(b) The E/A had red roundels.

Only on closer approach were black crosses observed in the centre of the roundels.

(Source: A.H.Q. Levant W.I.S. No 16)

PART IV ENEMY AIRCRAFT TYPES AND PERFORMANCES.

1 Ju 86.

The Ju 86 bomber, produced in 1935, was the first German bomber to appear in any numbers. In the early months of the war, the Ju 86 was in service with many squadrons. It was in action in Poland, and was occasionally reported over the Western front.

Since being superseded, however, by the Ju 88 and the He111, little has been heard of the Ju 86, except for spasmodic P.W. references to its adaption as a high altitude bomber. A captured/now confirms this P.W. information, as follows :- /document

Two Ju 86 series Nos have been developed, the P 1 and the P 2. The P 1 is a bomber, and the P 2 a long range recce aircraft. These types are specially adapted for high altitude flying, having a sealed pressure cabin "HOHENKAMMER". The wing span has been increased. Jumo 207 A/I Dissel engines are fitted. The crew has been reduced to two only - pilot and bomb aimer/wireless operator. There is no armament.

Ceiling is not definitely stated, but the aircraft, with load, can fly up to 12 kms (39,300 feet) at least, and carries a special altimeter which reads up to 14 kms.

Bomb load for the P 1 is 1000 kg. 4 x 250 kg., bombs may be carried, or if the load is reduced, 16 x 50 kg bombs. Performance figures given, which refer to the bomber version are as follows :-

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PART IV ENEMY AIRCRAFT TYPES AND PERFORMANCES - Ju 86 (Contd)

Performance (Optimum) :

Speed, up to 6 kms height	360 k.p.h.
Speed, over 6 kms height	300 k.p.h.
Range approx 2000 kms	
Endurance 6½ hours	
Fuel capacity 2150 litres	
Consumption 315 litres per hour	

The range of the recce version would, of course be correspondingly increased by the substitution of fuel for bombs. This type is apparently fitted with three large cameras.

Pilots are warned that they must not carry out aerobatics, or pull the aircraft steeply out of dives. The machine is to be flown exactly as though it were a transport aircraft.

The pressure cabin is sealed and screwed down, but there is an emergency exit in the roof. The parachutes of the crew are fitted with oxygen apparatus, in case they should have to bail out at high levels.

The date of the handbook is March 1941. It is not known in what numbers these special versions of the Ju 86 are being produced, or whether they have proved successful.

2 Henschel 126

The Hs 126 B-I, with Bramo 323 A-I or A-2 engine may sometimes be fitted with a "NEBELGERAT" or cloud apparatus, presumably similar to that fitted to the Do 217 E-I (described in last weeks summary)

(Source: R.A.F. (ME) W.I.S. No 79)

PART V ENEMY EQUIPMENT - GERMAN BOMBS

SC 2500

Some interesting details have come to light regarding the new heavy German SC2500 (5,500 lbs) bomb, which was briefly referred to in last weeks summary.

This bomb cannot be jettisoned "safe". With other German bombs detonation could not take place without an electric current passing into the fuze and making it "live". If the bomb was not "live" no amount of shock (e.g. a fall from an aircraft, or the effect of a crash) would detonate it. In the case of the mechanical impact fuze fitted to the SC2500, a "rupture fuze" is incorporated which operates when the bomb is subject to the slightest blow or distortion. It seems that the Germans are determined that this bomb will definitely go off under all circumstances. Pilots are warned that "if it is necessary to jettison in an emergency, then take care to get a safe distance away". This would seem to be a mixed blessing, as circumstances could conceivably arise when a pilot might have to jettison the bomb over German territory (e.g. engine failure on his outward flight) he would then be faced with the alternatives of jettisoning the bomb forthwith, or of attempting to land, probably in the dark, with it on board, in both cases with every chance of the bomb exploding.

In the remote contingency of an SC2500 being unexploded, instructions are that it is to be "carefully carried away, and exploded in a suitable place". Unexploded bombs are to be detonated in every case, the inference being that they are much too dangerous for any attempt to be made to use them again.

A shell or bullet near this super sensitive fuze should be sufficient to detonate the bomb, and presumably an enemy pilot would jettison the bomb forthwith if attacked by fighters.

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PART V ENEMY EQUIPMENT - GERMAN BOMBS (Contd)

P.C. 1000 RS

It has now been established that this 1000 kg "rocket-assisted" bomb can also be carried by all versions of the Ju 87 (see last weeks summary)

It would follow that it can also be carried by the He 111 and the Do 217 E-I.

(Source R.A.F. (ME) W.I.S. No 79)

PART VI MISCELLANEOUS

1 Morale.

(i) In a large mass of captured German correspondence numerous references are found to our raids on Germany. The reaction of some of the correspondents is : "This is terrible; but we must not let them get us down". Others frankly express fear and anxiety as to the future. One letter from DORNHEIM puts it : "If only there were no damned raiders. Tonight there is a very clear sky and everybody is already frightened". A particularly profound impression seems to have been made by the raids of the 7th and 8th of last month.

(ii) A P.W. states that the B.B.C. broadcasts in German have many listeners in Germany. Although there is a considerable and growing amount of anti-war talk in private and family circles, the people still regard Hitler as their saviour and hero, and consider that the sacrifices he demands are worth while.

(iii) Recently captured G.A.F. prisoners from LIBYA show varying morale. The pilots of Me 109 F aircraft have a high morale based on a conviction of the superiority of their machines. Me 110 pilots, on the other hand, are usually depressed. Nearly all P.Ws are agreed that they are hopelessly outnumbered in the air and that their prospects are poor unless they receive considerable reinforcements.

2 Prisoners of War

(i) A circular letter issued by General Navarrini, commanding the Italian XXI corps, refers to the attitude of British P.Ws captured by the Italians. He expresses admiration of their steadfast maintenence of Security in face of interrogation and expresses the hope that his own troops will also remain equally firm "In their dutiful decision not to talk", should they be taken prisoner.

(ii) There is convincing evidence not only of the use of stool-pigeons in Axis P.W. camps, but also of the extensive use of listening devices which are used in the most innocent seeming circumstances. All ranks whose duty render them liable to capture should be warned. Conversations on Military subjects should be avoided resolutely. Plans for escape should be discussed only in the open.

(Source R.A.F.(ME) W.I.S. No 79).

PART VII SECURITY

Nil

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(R.S.Mosley)
I.O. 1 Aust AA Bde

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APPX "A" TO HQ 1 AUST AA BDE WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No - 43.

Translation of a captured document.

Supreme Command of the Armed Forces.
(Oberkommando der Wehrmacht)

Berlin 11th June 41

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BEHAVIOUR OF GERMAN SOLDIERS WHO ARE CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH.

Recent reports from reliable sources indicate how the British treat and interrogate soldiers who are taken prisoner on the battle field.

These reports give all ranks of the army a chance to study the correct attitude to adopt in the event of capture.

Every soldier who is unfortunate to be taken prisoner, must consciously and from the first moment of his capture, behave in such a way that SECURITY IS NOT PREJUDICED.

German prisoners who show a Military bearing are usually scrupulously well treated by the British. The prisoner is first of all thoroughly searched at the place of capture, and all papers, money, rings, his watch - in fact everything he has on him is taken away. On reaching England he is taken to the first police station and put in solitary confinement. A few hours later an Officer of the Intelligence Service who speaks fluent German appears for the first interrogation. Under the pretext of wishing to inform his relatives as soon as possible, the prisoner is required to fill in an extensive questionaire. This contains mostly Military questions - especially the field post number, which is of great interest to the British.

The British interrogating Officers have a great deal of material for the interrogation of prisoners of war. This includes, among other things the piecing together of other prisoners statements. The information they have deals with field post numbers, organization, Orders of Battle, also peace time establishments.

From captured British material it has been established that German soldiers who were taken prisoners in North Africa talked freely of Military matters, thereby giving the British much material for the interrogation of subsequent prisoners.

At an interrogation such material is used to convince the prisoner that any refusal to give information is useless, as the enemy already has exact knowledge of German military matters. If the prisoner refuses, his attitude is respected - even if a few threats are made in the first place.

A few days later the prisoners are moved from the first place to a transit camp, where a political interrogation takes place. The questions here deal with the relations between the Army and the Party, with the prisoners own feeling towards National Socialism and with the military and economic situation. As the Englishman in this case wants to get an idea of the political attitude of the armed forces, purely military secrets are not mentioned. This interrogation is carried out by an Officer in Mufti, who frequently speaks German less well than the Officer who made the first interrogation.

Some hours later the prisoners are taken in special transport to the real "Interrogation Camp". There a medical inspection takes place to establish the general state of the prisoners health as regards feeding etc., then two to three weeks confinement either solitary, or with one other prisoner.

During this time the prisoner is interrogated several times a day by Intelligence Corps Officers on purely military matters; the statements of various prisoners are played off against each other. qusotions are asked about the peacetime garrison, military development, the use of units in previous campaigns etc. LISTENING apparatus is installed in rooms in which two prisoners are put together. German emigres in uniform are also used as spies.

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On one occasion a Viennese emigre in the uniform of an Air Force Officer introduced himself to a newly arrived prisoner. He spoke German with a Viennese accent and claimed to be a reserve officer in a certain unit. He lived in a two-man cell with the prisoner and in the course of conversations tried to gain information on Military and technical points of the prisoners arm of the service.

The strict isolation in the "interrogation" is supposed to induce a feeling of lonliness and helplessness in the prisoner in order to break down his resistance. When the Intelligence Corps Officer considers any further interrogation useless, the prisoners are sent to Officers or Other Ranks Prison Camps, as the case may be.

Recent reports show that similar procedure is carried out in other theatres of war besides Great Britain.

The above mention show the following very important points :- The principle is PRESERVATION OF SECURITY. i.e. SILENCE

A. BEHAVIOUR AT THE INTERROGATION

1 Strictly military, at the same time polite. Threats of punishment or ill treatment must not influence the prisoner's bounded duty to keep his mouth shut, any more than genial treatment, drinks, etc.

2 Never speak in the enemy's language. (Through interpreters at an interrogation gain time to think over the answer)

3 Don't let yourself be lead to give any statements or to adopt any particular attitude through a chance remark of a comrade. Also, seemingly unimportant statements of single prisoners often give useful points to the enemy intelligence service when pieced together. Therefore at the interrogation, only - NAME, RANK, BIRTHDAY, and HOME ADDRESS to be given, and these points ONLY to be dealt with in questionaires.

ANY OTHER INFORMATION, e.g. to what unit prisoner belongs, depot, roll of unit, strength, etc., is to be refused on the grounds that the answering of these questions is against the international law dealing with the treatment of prisoners of war.

4 No reaction to technical questions is to be shown, not even when the interrogator tries to provoke an arguement by belittling German weapons.

5 DON'T TRY TO DECEIVE BY FALSE ANSWERS.

6 The prisoner must not let himself be fooled by an assumed knowledge on the interrogators part, of the subject under discussion. This is only meant to convince the prisoner that he is giving away no secrets.

B. IN THE PRISONER OF WAR CAMP.

1 The interrogation is not ended with your individual interviews. Therefore be careful when talking :-

(a) To other comrades in the camp, barracks, etc., because listening apparatus is installed.

(b) To strangers who, sometimes in German uniforms try to win the prisoners confidence. SPIES.

2 Dont speak on the wireless, or on a gramophone record.

3 No writing of war experience, either before or during the period of captivity.

4 Every prisoner must exert himself to get back home as soon as possible.

5 Every prisoner remains a German soldier. He must realise that after his return he will, if necessary, be called upon to answer for his behaviour during his time of captivity.

Please give the troops lectures, making them acquainted with the above.

P.P. (Sgd) CHEF DES OBERKOMMANDOS DER WEHRMACHT.

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WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - No 44.

(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 10 Jan 42)
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SPECIAL NOTES — Summary No 43 was based on information received up to 0900 hrs 3 Jan 42 NOT 3 Dec 41.

PART 1 ENEMY OPERATIONS (AIR)

Palestine

An enemy aircraft was reported at 9000 ft in the HAIFA district at 0417 G.M.T. on Christmas Day and it is thought to have been the same as that which was over the CYPRUS Area at 0529 G.M.T. on that day

It was reported by an air observer post to have been a Ju88., but fighters which took off were unable, owing to cloud formations to effect an interception. No bombs were dropped.

On 26th Dec 41 a Met aircraft was over the AQIR district at 22,000 ft. when the pilot observed a vapour trail above him. He then noticed an aircraft, which he identified as a Ju 86. The enemy aircraft was doubtless engaged on reconnaissance work.

(Source: AHQ Levant W.I.S. No 18.)

PART II ENEMY METHODS AND TACTICS

At appendix "A" to this Summary is the translation of a captured document on German Movement at Night.

(Source: Ninth Army D.I.S. 207).

PART III AIRCRAFT MARKINGS.

The National Marking of Turkish Aircraft is as under :-



The National Marking of Russian Aircraft is as under :-



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PART IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT - TYPES AND PERFORMANCES.

As a result of the examination of crashed and captured enemy aircraft in the Western Desert, during the operations up to date, the following new developments and points of interest have been observed :-

1. German

Ju 87.

Two Ju 87 B.2s, constructed in August and September 1941, examined West of El Adem, were found to have unprotected light-alloy fuel tanks, in place of the normal fibre, leather, and rubber self sealing tanks. This is the first time such tanks have been found.

These aircraft carried full armour protection for the crew, and the usual armament of two fixed wing-guns, and one free rear gun.

Near Derna, a 1400 kg (3,080 lbs) S.A.P. German bomb, was found with fittings for attachment to a Ju 87, presumably for use against shipping or fortifications. This is the first indication of the Ju 87 carrying a bomb of over 1000 kg.

Me 109.

Two Me 109 Es examined at Gazala, which were of early date and had been there some time, were also found to have similar tanks to the Ju 87s mentioned above - i.e., unprotected light alloy fuel tanks, although in this case some protection was afforded them by the armour bulkhead, five feet behind the pilot.

Eight Me 109 Fs were examined at various points, all of the F-4 Tropical version. All of these aircraft had 5mm - thick plain black rubber fuel tanks, with an internal wooden framework, which were not self-sealing. These tanks would be especially vulnerable, as on the Me 109.F the armour bulkhead is at the back of the pilot's seat, in front of the tank.

All carried the normal two M.Gs. on top of the cowling. Seven had, in addition, the 20 mm M.G.151 gun firing through the propellor boss, and the eight had instead the 15mm M.G.151.

Only two of the eight were fitted with two-inch bullet-proof glass windshield, the remainder having plain plexiglass shields.

All were equipped with the DB.601.E. engines, running on 87 octane fuel, giving less power than the DB 601.N. engines running on 100 octane, which are normally fitted to the Me 109 Fs operating in Europe. A data card in the cockpit of one machine gave the following performance figures :-

Cruising speed 354 m.p.h. at 23,000 feet (2,300 r.p.m)
An engine speed of 2,500 r.p.m. may be maintained for 30 minutes during climb or combat, but the improvement in performance at this rating is not shown. Maximum permissible indicated speed in dive is given as 450 m.p.h. when a maximum of 3,000 r.p.m. for 30 sec. may not be exceeded. At cruising R.P.M. at 23,000 feet, the range is given as 360 miles, and the total flying time 1 hour 5 minutes. An additional external jettisonable fuel tank may be carried sufficient for an extra 40 minutes flying, though when in position this naturally reduces speed.

All eight aircraft were equipped with electrical bomb fusing and release circuits for 4 x 110 lb or 1 x 550lb bombs, although the racks were not fitted.

Me 110

The latest model Me 110 has the higher-compression DB 601 engine, running on 100 octane fuel. A data card gives max permissible speed in dive as 420 m.p.h., but cruising speeds are not shown. The armament remains the same, with 4 x 7.92 mm M.Gs and 2 x 20 mm M.G.FFs fixed in nose, and one free 7.92 mm M.G. in rear cockpit

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PART IV ENEMY AIRCRAFT - TYPES AND PERFORMANCES (German Contd)

Ju 88

Two Ju 88 A-11 Tropical Version were examined and were found to carry a free mounted 20 mm M.G.FF, with one 60 round drum, in the lower nose position, operated by the bomb aimer/navigator. This had a field of fire of 10° on each side, 10° upwards and 25° downwards.

In addition, these aircraft had one of the new type MG 81 7.92 mm high speed belt-fed guns, with 1,000 rounds, in the upper front position, two similar guns in the upper rear position, and one MG 15, with 750 rounds in drums, in the lower rear position. Full armour protection for all the crew was provided.

No internal bombs were fitted, the space being occupied by two extra fuel tanks, giving long range but preventing the carrying of more than four bombs. (4x550 lbs or 2 x 1100 lbs).

Ju 52

Several Ju 52s were examined, one having been made as late as August 1941. All carried 7.92 mm MG 15 free-guns, one upper rear, one lower rear, and two lateral. (The arc of fire on the lateral guns is approx 45° up and down and to each side). No armour plate, however, was found, nor, on any of the machines inspected, was any cannon gun fitted.

In all cases, fuel tanks appeared to be of unprotected light alloy construction.

Henschel 126

The present version of the Hs 126, the B-1 is fitted with the pilot's seat armour protection, which extends up to shoulder height, of 8 mm thichness. The observer is also protected by an 8 mm bulkhead, fitted behind him in the fuselage.

Armament remains standard, with one fixed 7.92 mm M.G. on top of fuselage, firing through airscrew disc, and one 7.92mm free-gun in upper rear.

As an alternative to one or two cameras carried in the fuselage a vertical rack for 10 x 10 K.G. anti-personnel bombs may be fitted, if this is not carried, or the cameras are not fitted, a large smoke-cloud producing apparatus may be installed below the fuselage.

Twin-Boom Glider: Gotha 242.

The new German twin-boom Glider, the Gotha 242, has now been examined, and details are as follows.

The aircraft is a twin-boom freight-carrying or troop-carrying glider, and is towed by a single Ju 52.

As a troop carrier the machine can transport 23 men, including two pilots. An allowance of 100 kg is made for each man, which allows for a reasonable amount of equipment.

As a freight-carrier the glider can lift about 2½ tons, but some of this is taken up by weight of pilots, ballast box, loading ramps, guns and ammunition, leaving an actual pay-load of 4,800 lbs.

Positions for 8 machine guns are fitted, one upper front, one lower front, one upper rear, one lower rear, and four lateral. In some cases however, only three or four machine guns are carried. The first pilot's position is fully protected by 8 mm armour plate.

The span of the aircraft is 79 feet, and the length overal 52'6" The fuselage is 37feet long, and has a free loading space of 20'x6'6"x8'. The rear of the fuselage aft of the wing is hinged at the top, and can be swung up giving a space of 6'4" x 7'7" to allow ease of loading.

The maximum permissable towed speed is 144 m.p.h. The maximum permissable gliding speed is 174 m.p.h. The landing speed, fully loaded is in the region of 70 m.p.h.

The aircraft is towed by means of a 300 metre steel cable, attached to a hook under the JU52, and a hook in the nose of the glider, both fitted with quick-release. There is telephonic communication between both aircraft.

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PART IV ENEMY AIRCRAFT - TYPES AND PERFORMANCES (Gotha 242 Glider (Contd).

The general use of the glider seems restricted to the transport of men, and/or aircraft engines and spares, and equipment.

See diagrams at appx "B". At Fig 1 is a side view of the glider as a freight carrier, with the distribution of loading set out. At Fig 2 is a three-quarter rear view of the aircraft, in picketed position. Note door which is duplicated on starboard side. At Fig 3, the aircraft being towed into position for take-off. At Fig 4., the rear of the fuselage raised, as when the aircraft is being loaded.

2 ITALIAN.

Apart from the Macchi 202, no interesting developments in Italian aircraft have been observed.

All Italian fighters, i.e. Macchi 202, Macchi 200, Fiat G 50 and Fiat CR.42, are now fitted with full armour protection for the pilot, although no bullet-proof glass shields have been found. Armament is still limited to 2 x 12.7 mm Breda M.Gs, firing through airscrew disc.

R/T sets are now fitted for the first time on Italian fighters, but these are very inferior pattern compared with the German type,

Macchi 202.

An examination has now been made of this new Italian fighter. It is confirmed that the airframe is that of a normal Macchi 200, except for the alterations necessary to incorporate a liquid-cooled in-line engine. The engine is a D.B. 601 A.A.1, manufactured in Germany. This confirms all previous reports.

The armament consists of only two 12.7 mm. Breda machins guns firing through the airscrew disc, as on the Macchi 200. No engine-cannon is carried, and the spinner-hole on the aircraft examined was blanked off inside.

Armour plate comprised pilot's head, back, shoulder, and seat protection, of 8 mm and 6 mm thickness. This is similar to that fitted to the Macchi 200, and a diagram is shown at Appx "C".

Since the aircraft actually examined has been burnt out, no photographs useful for recognition purposes could be obtained, but the sketch at appx "C" has been prepared from photographs, and is accurate in detail. The camouflage of the aircraft is green, purple and brown mottles upper surfaces, light blue undersurfaces, with normal Italian markings.

(Source Part IV: HQ RAF (ME) W.I.S. No 80)

PART V ENEMY EQUIPMENT

1 GERMAN

Several cases of enemy mine detectors have been captured and the detectors are being issued for the use of our own troops. The apparatus is very eleborate and well made, and consists of a long pole with an oval shaped ring about 18" long by 12" wide at the end. An amplifier or buzzer is provided which is slung on the operator's chest and a pair of headphones. The buzzing note is modified when the ring approaches buried metal such as mines.

No tests have as yet been carried out with this apparatus, but if it is comparable in sensitivity to the British type, it represents a great advance on portability and weight saving.

(Source: Eighth Army D.I.S. No 70)

2 ITALIAN.

A captured Italian document includes illustrations of a tank described as the L.6-40. There have been numerous reports of a tank of 5 or 6 tons weight, and from the designation it would seem that the new tank weighs 6 tons and is of 1940 design.

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PART V ENEMY EQUIPMENT -(Italian Contd)

The main suspension members, four double bogie wheels, articulated in pairs, each pair being suspended by curved cantilever arms, have been retained slightly modified, but there is no guide roller forward of the rear sproket, which has been enlarged and apparently serves as a load carrying member, carried on a rocker arm. There are three return rollers. The hull super-structure extends further forward, and the turret is entirely re-designed, being longer and flat-topped. So far as can be seen, the only armament is a long barrelled Anti-tamk gun of a calibre which might be either 37 mm or 47 mm. mounted in the turret. Drive is by the front sprocket. (Source GHQ. DIS. No 576.)

PART VI MISCELLANEOUS.

Nil.

PARTVII SECURITY

A report states that TURKISH Agents are being employed on the construction of the Aerodrome at point 469 (274502) and that workmen had photographed this aerodrome at intervals during its construction.
(Source: 1 Aust Corps D.I.S. No 199)

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APPENDIX "A" TO HQ 1 AUST AA BDE WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 44

Translation of a Captured Document on German Movement at Night.

From 15 Armoured Division to German Africa Corps on 15 August 1941.

The Division has been experimenting with methods of distinguishing at night, lanes through mine fields and routes for troops moving through the desert. The foll owing two methods were found most effective.

1. For marking lanes through mine-fields.

(a) The Light. fill

Remove the lid from an ordinary bully-beef tin/with diesal oil to one cm of the top. Fix a piece of wire gauze over the top and through it thread four strands of ordinary rifle pull - through. The strands should project 1.5 cm over the gauze. The lamp will burn for 8-10 hours.

(b) Screening the light.

The lamp is covered with an English petrol, tin. Cut an arrow in one of the sides and cover on the inside with a strip of oiled paper. Screen this opening from aerial view by means of a strip of metal. Experiments show that the light can be seen plainly at night to a distance of 150 metres. The lamps are staggered on either side of the lane.

2. For marking routes for Troops.

Remove the lid of a British petrol or water tin, half fill with sand and saturate the sand with undiluted petrol. This will burn for 1½ hours. Visibility 500 metres.

(Source GHQ. MEF. D.I.S. No 593).

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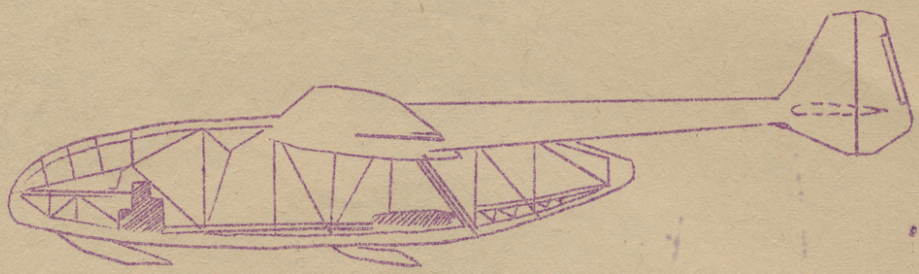

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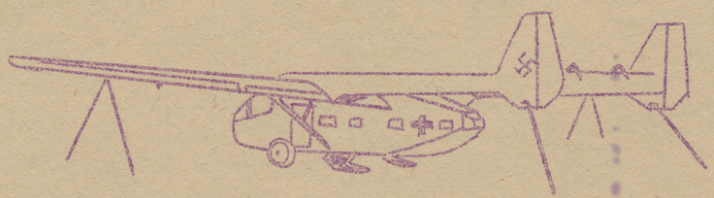

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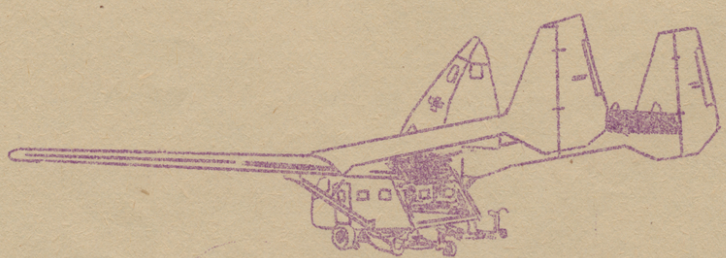

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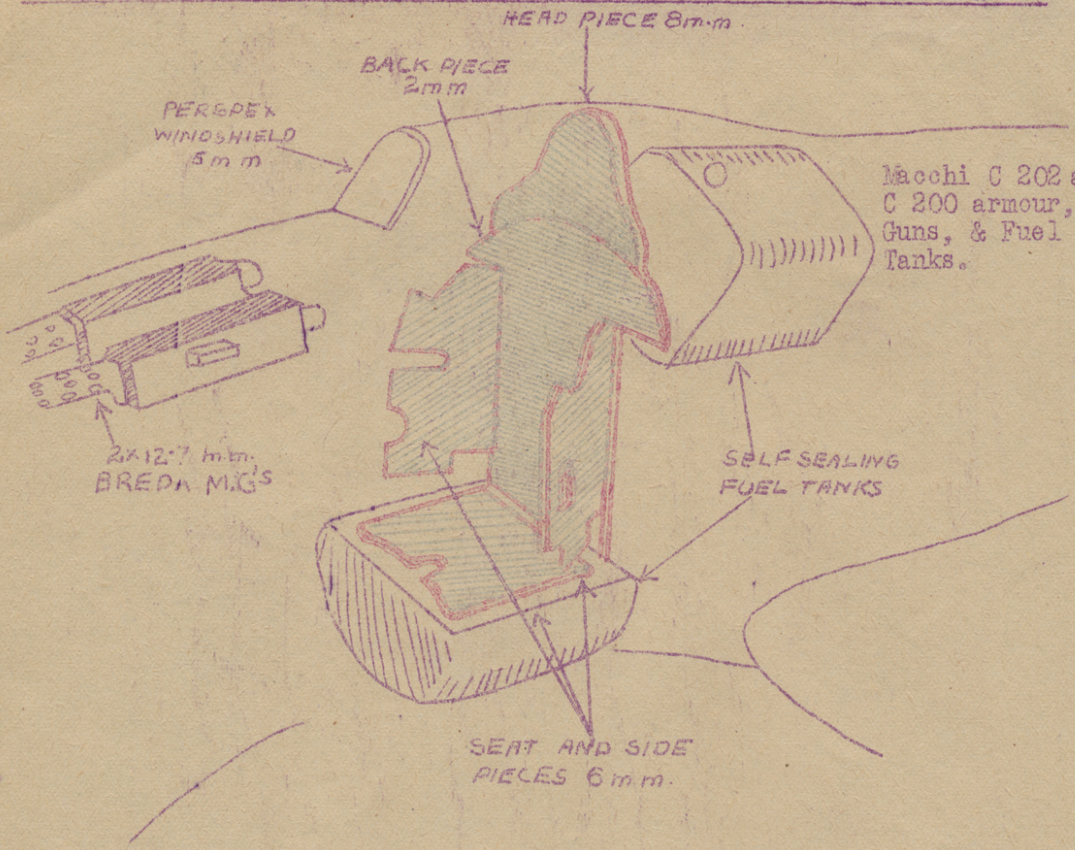
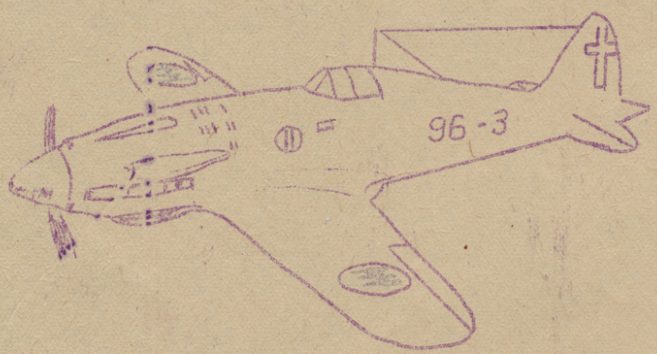


Sketch of Macchi C 202



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WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - No45.

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SPECIAL NOTES — According to an Italian Intelligence Officer captured during recent operations in CYRENAICA the following method is used by the Italians to extract information from our prisoners. It is particularly requested that all ranks should be warned of this procedure.

After primary interrogation on capture any prisoners (usually N.C.Os and men of more than avarge intelligence and knowledge) considered to have information which they will not divulge are taken to the Headquarters Intelligence Office (formerly APOLLONIA) for further interrogation.

At Apollonia a building had been set apart for housing and interrogation of these men. No great importance is attached to the actual interrogation which lasts only an hour and is more in the nature of a general conversation accompanied by cigarettes and drinks. Prisoners are interrogated separately and then transferred to another part if the building where they find three or four other 'prisoners'. These prisoners are in actual fact Italians speaking perfect English and dressed in British uniforms. To avoid suspicion these men are sometimes dressed in a uniform of a service other than that of our prisoners (R.A.F. when prisoner is Army; South African or Australian when prisoner is English). Excellent results have thus been obtained and these stool pigeons, it is said, invariably to get out of our prisoners all the information which I.Os have been unable to obtain. By these methods for instance, the Italians have been able to discover what our plans were in the event of our having to evacuate TOBRUK, also every detail about our Commandos.

(Source: G.S.I., G.H.Q., M.E.F. D.I.S.No597)

PART I ENEMY OPERATIONS (AIR)

Nil.

PART II ENEMY METHODS AND TACTICS

At Appendix "A" is a report on the organisation of a German Assault Detachment and the method of taking a prepared position.

(Source G.S.I., G.H.Q., M.E.F. D.I.S. 598)

PART III AIRCRAFT MARKINGS

Nil

PART IV ENEMY AIRCRAFT - TYPES AND PERFORMANCES

New Types of German Aircraft

From a captured German document, photographs have been obtained which show types of German aircraft of which pictures have not hitherto been available. The document from which they were taken was one issued to the German Flak.

No actual details of the aircraft were given. The details which foll ow are a summary of the available information on these types.

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PART IV ENEMY AIRCRAFT - TYPES AND PERFORMANCES (Contd)

but it must be borne in mind that some of these details may not be accurate and the data, especially performances, should be regarded as provisional.

Whilst there is every possibility of these types being encountered, they have not been positively identified as in service, and until specimens are actually examined the data cannot be confirmed.

He 177.

Heavy bomber. All metal, mid-wing monoplane, with single fin and rudder. Engines - two D.B. 606.

Note :- Each D.B. 606 consists, actually, of twin D.B. 601 engines geared to drive a single airscrew. Although, therefore, the aircraft may be described as "Twin-engined", it is, is reality, four-engined. It is reported that the reduction gear embodies some form of clutch which can be used to cut out one of the D.B. 601 engines, either for e conomical running, or in the event of serious trouble. Dimenaions are reported as - span 103 ft; length 67 ft; height 18 ft; wing area 1,100 sq ft. Armament : various layouts are reported, but a tail turret, perhaps with twin M.Gs, or a shell gun, can be observed on the photographs. In addition a free shell gun and an M.G. may be mounted in the nose, and there might be a further shell gun below firing aft.

Bomb load is supposed to range from one to seven tons. The large bomb doors on the underside will be noted, and would appear large enough for the reported load of 2 x 2,500 kg (5,500 lbs) bombs, or the alternative version of 2 x 1,000 kg, plus 10 x 250 kg.

Crew is said to be either four or five, including the tail gunner (The enemy is said to be trying to limit the crew to four in his efforts to conserve personnel).

The maximum speed has been given as ranging between 400-460 k.p.h. or about 250 -290 m.p.h. Endurance is said to be up to 18 or 19 hours, with full bomb load. Service ceiling is given as from 21,000 - 25,000 feet.

B.V. 141

Practically nothing is known as yet, regarding this unorthodox aircraft, except that it is used for recce, and the fact of the cabin being fitted in the starboard wing is supposed to give a better all-round view. The engine may be a B.M.W. radial. There is certainly one rear machine gun, firing through the tip of the cabin nacelle. The aircraft is described by the Germans as "short range recce" or sometimes as "battle front aircraft".

F.W. 190

This aircraft is supposed to be the latest German fighter in service, and is said to have been encountered in France.

Single seater fighter. All metal low-wing monoplane. Engine is reported as being a fourteen cylinder air-cooled radial, type B.M.W. 801. Armament is said to consist of 3 - 20 mm cannon firing through the airscrew, and two - 15 mm cannon in each wing. This report should be accepted with reserve. The pilot is said to be protected by armour plating on both sides, behind, and in front, together with bullet proof glass wind shield. Top speed is reported as 375 m.p.h. at 19,000 feet, and the maximum ceiling as 38,000 feet.

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PART IV ENEMY AIRCRAFT - TYPES AND PERFORMANCES (Contd)

Hs 129

Reports have been received for some time of this new Henschel production. The nomenclature "Schlachtflugzeug" is new, and means literally "battle aircraft" it is reliably understood that it is intended for use against troops and for ground strafing of tanks, moving columns, etc. For this reason it is said to be very heavily armed forward, with a combination of shell guns and M.Gs. It is likely too to be heavily armoured. The engines are probably B.D.601 or D.B. 603. No further details are as yet known.

B.V. 222

Type: Six engine high wing monoplane flying boat with twin decks, and retractable wing-tip floats, Type of engine not known. Note similarity to Sunderland, except for engines. The aircraft is said to carry no armament, and to be rather slow, but with a range of 9,000 kms. It is known that it has been used in the Mediterranean, principally to convey passengers between Greece and Libya. It is said to carry 80 passengers. It is generally escorted by two or three Me110s.

Do 217.

This aircraft is definitely in service and the latest version, the Do 217 E-1, has been examined. Details are as follows :-

Twin Engined high-wing monoplane, with twin-tail unit. Engines: two B.M.W. 14 cylinder twin-row radials. Dimensions: Span 63 feet; Span of tail plane 18 feet; Length 56 feet; Length of cockpit from leading edge to nose 14 feet. Crew of four carried. Armament; one 15 mm or 20 mm shell gun firing forward from nose; two rifle calibre M.G.s may also be fitted in this position to fire forward and laterally. Two further M.Gs also fitted to fire laterally and to rear. One M.G. 15 in ventral position, and probably two M.G. 15s in dorsal position, firing to the rear. Full armour plate protection for the cockpit is fitted. Bomb stowage internally is provided for 4 x 500 kg bombs, or three x 1,000 kg parachute mines, or 2 torpedoes carried externally. This aircraft may also be fitted with a smoke cloud producing unit. Performance: unconfirmed sources give a max. speed at 30 minutes combat rating of 320 m.p.h. at 17,000 feet after release of bombs. Sea level max speed is given at 275 m.p.h. Max range with a three ton load is estimated at about 1,000 miles. Details of this aircraft have already been issued.

B.71.

It is fairly certain that this aircraft is not of German manufacture, but is a captured type of either Czech or Polish origin. It is described as being used for glider towing, and since large numbers may have been captured, it is probable that it may be encountered

Note: Silhouettes of these aircraft are being obtained, and will be fowwarded when available.

(Source G.H.Q., M.E.F. D.I.S. No 601)

PART V ENEMY EQUIPMENT

At Appendix "B" are notes on Enemy Booby Traps. Attention is again drawn to the "Thermos Flask Anti-personnel Bomb" (See Summary No 38). All ranks should be familiar with this deceptive weapon.

PART VI MISCELLANEOUS

Nil.

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PART VII SECURITY.

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APPENDIX "A" TO HQ 1 AUST AA BDE WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 45.

EXTRACT FROM A CAPTURED DOCUMENT

ORGANISA TION OF A GERMAN ASSAULT DETACHMENT AND METHOD OF TAKING A PREPARED POSITION

Organisation of the Assault Detachment

(1) Two smoke detachments of two men each
Hand smoke grenades and smoke candles
One machine pistol and one rifle
Leader; one suitable L/Cpl

(2) Two wire obstacles demolition detachments - of three men each
every man at least seven hand grenades.
Two prepared charges, either 3 kgs prepared charges or bangalore torpedoes, according to the nature of the task.
Two wire cutters.
Leader; One Cpl or L/Cpl.

(3) Two close support detachments - of six men each
Hand grenades, machine pistols, one light M.G., rifle.
Leader: Platoon commander.

(4) Covering detachment - 15 men
One section commander- one acting section commander
Two light machine guns and crews.
Two riflemen, one for rifle bombs, one Hy A/Tk rifle or one A/Tk rifle section.
Leader Platoon Sergeant.

Action.

In contrast to european fortifications, those of Tobruk have no loop-holes or armoured cupolas but are concrete fortified posts which do not protrude above ground level. Whilst the turret with closing loop-holes presents no problem, the difficulty here is to beat a tough opponent with infantry and engineer weapons. The following are the various phases of the actual fighting :-

1 APPROACH - Which must be silent until about 150 metres from the enemy post.

2 DEMOLITION of the wire obstacles :- Detachments 1 and 2 rush to the obstacle under cover of heavy infantry gunfire or Artillery fire lasting not more than two minutes, cover the points of penetration with a smoke screen a and destroy the obstacle. Any bits of wire still blocking the way must be removed with wire cutters. The detachments slip through the passages made and show the support detachments the way through.

3 PENETRATION After the last shot the support detachments dash through the lanes in the obstacles, while detachment 4 keeps the enemy who is resisting, engaged. Penetration into the enemy position can, however, take place from one side only so that the men of the assault detachment do not endanger one an other with their close combat weapons. The detachment, which is to bring the enemy out, must be appointed by the platoon commander beforehand. as soon as the first ranks break through, detachment 4 must follow them and is responsible for consolidating the position.

4 CONCLUSION Weapon pits and anti-tank ditches must be prepared immediatel after capture against enemy counter attack.

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Every man must have field uniform and the allotted special equipment.

If, after capturing the first line dug out, the company has to take a second line dug out, then the covering detachment joins the second assault detachment and takes over the same duties as with the first assault detachment.

(Source:GHQ.MEF. DIS No 598)

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APPENDIX "B" TO NO 1 AUST AA BDE WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 45.

ENEMY BOOBY TRAPS.

1 Our enemies, both German and Italian, have both paid particular attention to this kind of weapon and the only way to discourage them is by neutralising the effectiveness of their devices and excelling them in their use. To do this a knowledge of the main principles involved is perhaps more useful to the average soldier than a smattering of technical knowledge regarding one or two variations of the old themes.

2 Booby traps are designed to catch the unwary, the inquisitive and the acquisitive, and it must be emphasised that any area known to have been occupied by the enemy is suspect foran indefinite period. Attention should be called to the following, by no means exhaustive, list of possibilities which are based on pull and push igniters, by far the most common and most simple form of ignition.

Doors, or any entrances, cellars, poorly lit passages. Doors either closed or ajar. Even wide open doors should be examined for trip wires which are so fine that they can hardy be seen in poor light. Charges are just as likely to be placed by doors inside a house as on top of, or behind, the front door. Stairways must always be examined for trip wires or any loose boards under which pressure igniters may have been placed. Window shutters can easily be made to operate pull switches. So can cupboard doors, chests of drawers, drawers in office desks, safes. Vehicles or the wheels of any machinery which the occupiers are likely to set in motion, pumps and windlasses for example can easily be adapted to pull-switches. Any cars or trucks left blocking a road should be examined before being driven if they have been left in working condition. Clutches and accelerators can easily be adapted to pressure switches. Attractive items of enemy or British equipment of any kind and the easily acquired "souvenier" must be closely examined, and not only these but seemingly harmless articles of everyday use. Delayed action fuses and simple weight release devices "which ingite when any object under which they lie is removed" have not been met with as yet but they may well be encountered in the future.

3 Neutralisation of the more elementary types of booby traps need not be a matter for R.E. treatment, though where possible all unoccupied enemy positions should be subjected to a careful engineer recce before occupation by our troops. Non specialists can do much to test a doubtful object by remote control whether by moving it by means of a length of cord, or throwing stones or shooting at it. If a simple pull or pressure igniter has been located it can easily be neutralised by inserting a nail or pin of any kind in the hole from which the safety pin has been removed. When trip wires are detected they can usuall y be cut with impunity as long as no pull is exerted on the wire while this is being done.

4 Further details of the elementary and the more elaborate forms of booby traps with some of the measures to be taken for their neutralisation are set out below.

(a) Traps

Simple traps usually consist of tolite charges of two to eight slabs (70 x 80 x 38 mm weight 3½ ozs) or cylindrical cartridges (Weight 3½ ozs) arranged with push or pull type igniters. (diagram 1 and 2)

Simple traps have sometimes taken the form of a block of explosive covered with water proof paper, and resembling a cake of washing soap into which a detonator with pull type igniter is secured. These have been placed in a niche in a side of a trench with the igniter out of sight and attached to a wire in such a way that, should the block of explosive be suddenly withdrawn, the igniter would operate.

German patrols have carried portable charges which could be used either for demolition or as the basis for booby traps. These consist of sealed oblong metal containers, painted dark service grey green 2¼ x 2 inches in section and 7⅝ inches long, weighing about 2 ½ lbs.

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Three detonator sockets are provided, one in the centre of the top, one in the centre of the narrow side, and one two inches down from the top in one of the broader sides. These sockets are threaded at the top to receive a pull type of flash cap igniter which carried separately and screwed in after the detonater has been placed in the socket.

More than one detonater and igniter can be used with trip wires or strings connected to each. Wire loops are sometimes left hanging on the side of a trench connecting to standard types of German explosive charges.

(b) THERMOS BOMB (diagram 3)

This looks like a khaki or green thermos flask with steel cover and compressed spring where the thermos flask cap would normally be. The top is covered with an aluminium cap screwed on to which is the small propellor. The cap flies off in the air releasing a safety catch. These bombs are usually dropped in large numbers by low flying aircraft. The slightest movement or vibration will cause them to explode and they should on no account be touched.

(c) SHAVING STICK BOOBY TRAP (Diagram 4)

This is a small charge contained in a cylindrical metal container about the size and shape of a shaving stick holder measuring 4 inches long and 1¾ inches in diameter, painted yellow. The igniter system is similar to that used on German egg-type grenades, that is to say, a small head unscrews from one end and is attached to a short length of cord, which when pulled operates a friction igniter. Compare egg-grenade (m).

When found complete the bombs are harmless. If found with the cap unscrewed the cord should be touched and great care should be taken to avoid exerting any pull on it while this is being done. The cap should not be unscrewed as the safety margin of two inches of cord is very small.

(d) Explosive Pencil

An object resembling a silver propelling pencil containing a spring, a detonator and a small explosive charge. The pencils explode when subjected to slight movement of vibration.

(e) 2 kg Anti-Personnel Bomb (Butterfly Bomb)

This bomb consists of a cylinder 6 inches long and 2¾ inches in diameter surrounded by a coiled spring which breaks up into pieces when the bomb explodes. A type slightly larger in diameter may be met with, which has, instead of the cioled spring, double walled sides filled with shrapnel embeded in concrete. The fusing consists of a all ways striker, cap, and detonater, and the safety device consists of a rod which is screwed into the rear of the striker housing and passes through the striker pellet. This rod is withdrawn during the fall of the bomb by the rotation of a single swivelling arming vane.

The bomb is in a safe condition if the safety rod is in position. If not, the greatest care must be exercised and the bomb must only be carried with fuse downward, either the pistol adaptor or the rear end of the bomb should be unscrewed. Both these operations remove the detonator from the filling of the bomb.

(f) "Bread" Anti-Personnel Bomb.

This German Anti-Personnel Bomb is dropped in a sheet metal container 3⅛" long by 3¼" in diameter. This container is painted dark grey-green, with the word "Brano" stamped on one end. When dropped the case opens into two halves which are connected to the bomb by a length of wire. These bombs may explode on hitting the ground or after a short delay. Others are liable to explode when handling. The danger area from fragmentation is within a radius of 50 ft. These bombs may be recognised by the hinged outer cases which will be seen scattered on the ground in the neighborhood of an attack.

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(g) "S" Type Anti-Personnel Shrapnel Mine.

This is actuated by pull or push ignition. Charges with full igniters are usually operated by a single trip wire but are often fixed to loose branches; those with push igniters are generally in combination with an obstacle, being placed in the middle of the obstacle itself or in the approaches to it. These mines were recently found at Tobruk attached to the shoulder strap of a dead Australian soldier, and to the sights of his rifle.

The mine is cylindrical in shape with a diameter of 4 inches and a height of 3¾ inches. It weighs 9 lbs and contains an explosive charge of tolite and 350 steel bullets. At the top, after the removal of the cap "a large O", may be screwed a push igniter, a pull igniter, or a "Y" shaped fitting which will hold two pull igniters.

When the igniter fires, the flame produced lights the powder train "D". This explodes a small powder charge "R" which blows the inner cylinder "B" into the air. The charge "R" also ignites the detonator in the tube "H" there being a small delaying action which permits the inner casing to rise 2 or 3 feet into the air before the charge explodes. The shrapnel are effective up to a range of 150 -200 yards.

When the mine is to be fired by a push igniter, the latter generally has 3 small steel antennae fixed to it, and the mine is laid with these level with the surface and lightly covered. When pull type igniters are used trip wires are attached to them, the outer end of the wire being attached to a stake driven into the ground.

The mine can be neutralised by putting a split pin or nail into the safety pin hole, and carefully removing the trip wires or the steel antennae. After neutralising, the mine can be disarmed by unscrewing the igniter and extracting the detonater by removing the plug end, turning the mine over and gently tapping.

(h) Teller Mine. (Diagram 6)

This anti-tank mine, which looks like a plate is often fitted with two anti-withdrawal fuses, one underneath, and one at the side. On no account should such mines be tampered with if expert guidance is not available, but the site should, of course, be marked. The mine is about 1' in diameter and 4" high at the centre. It weighs 19½ lbs. A, B, and C, are points for attaching wires to igniters.

(i) Italian B.4 Mine. (Diagram 7)

Used as an obstacle against moving targets, this mine has considerable effect within a radius of ten yards. It contains scrap metal which gives it a considerable fragmantation effect. It has the appearance of a cylinder about 2¾" diameter flattened on one side. It weighs about 3¾ lbs, is attached to a tree or a rock and is operated by a trip wire.

(j) Italian Anti-Personnel Mine. (Diagram 8)

This mine is very difficult to detect, consisting of a small cylindrical canister buried in the ground, with only a small cap and push button protruding above the surface. It is detonated by a sudden weight on this push button and is powerful, enough to damage the track bogey of a tank. To disarm, lift out the push button carefully, as the spring is very light ; and then unscrew the cap with detonater holder, thus removing the detonater, which can them be dismantled by unscrewing holding it.

(k) Italian Hand Grenade. (Diagram 9)

There are at least two types of Italian Hand Grenades, but they work on the same principle and differ only in details. They are provided with a rubber tag, which is pulled by the thrower, thus removing the first safety bar and a nose cap which falls off in flight thus removing the second safety bar. The grenade bursts on impact but owing to the thinness of its walls has small casualty producing effect. It may be found stuffed into nooks and crannies, or in the breach mechanism of guns, when a slight jarring will suffice to actuate it. A board with these grenades attached (with the pins removed) was found in an old anti-tank trap.

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(l) German Egg Hand Grenade. (Diagram 10).

The grenade has a dark greenish grey egg shaped thin steel cover approx 2" diameter at centre of the grenade and embedded in the brown explosive (which in appearance resembles poor quality gelignite) is a black carbon tube containing a No 8 detonater. Screwed into this holder is a 5 second delayed action flash cap at the end of which there is a wire loop which protrudes from the top of the grenade; to this wire there is attached a green nob of approx ¾" diameter which is in turn screwed to the end of the flash cap.

(m) German Stick Hand Grenade. (Diagram 11)

The German Stick Hand Grenade can be easily modified and used as a booby trap; it is only necessary to remove the retarding device, in which case pulling the cord causes immediate ignition and the explosion of the grenade. Whole cases of grenades prepared in this manner were found in the 1914-1918 war in trenches voluntarily abandoned by the Germans. Experiments with stick grenades modified for this purpose were carried out in a laboratory in the following way :-

After having actuated the firing device in a stick grenade without a detonator, the two cylinders 10 and 8 were dismantled and after having cleaned the central canal it was screwed instead of the retarding device onto the land cylinder (5) filled with the explosive material taken out of a second grenade. To the end of the cylinder (10) a detonator was inserted by dropping it into place. When the cord was pulled the explosive charge and the detonator immediately went off.

It would seem prudent therefore, should it be desired to use any of these grenades left by the enemy in certain conditions such as voluntary withdrawal by the enemy, to have them tested by a specialist in order to be certain that they have not purposly left out where they will not fail to be noticed after having been modified.

This test can be carried out as follows :-

1 Unscrew the handle separating it from the grenade proper.
2 Unscrew the detonator fuse from the tube (10)
3 Unscrew the tap (15) and let the porcelain ring hang down.
4 Unscrew cylinder (10) and gently pull this cylinder out until the lead cylinder (5) with the detonating charge appears.(5)
(5) Unscrew the delayed action device together with the cylinder (8 & 10) from the lead cylinder (5) and make sure that the delayed action cylinder actually contains the column of compressed gun-powder.

The grenades can then be reassembled by carrying out the above operations in the reverse order. If the time is an object, it will be sufficient to take one of the batch of suspected grenades, to unscrew several of the handles from them and to operate the fuses by pulling the cords from a distance. It will then be obvious whether the explosion takes place immediately or after an interval of 4½ seconds.

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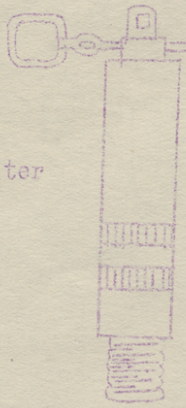

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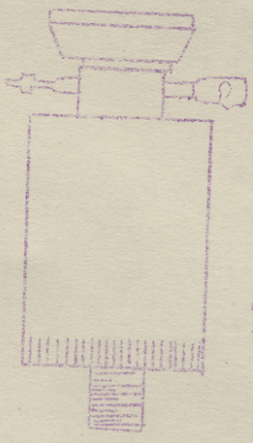

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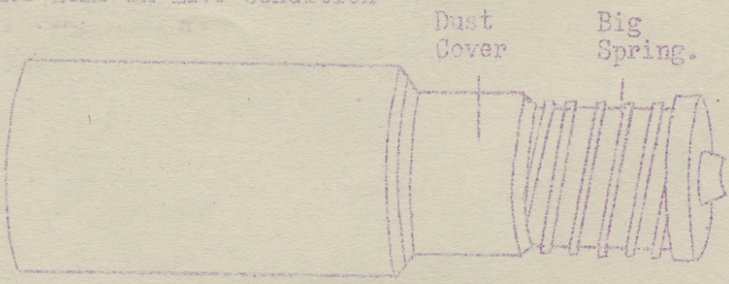

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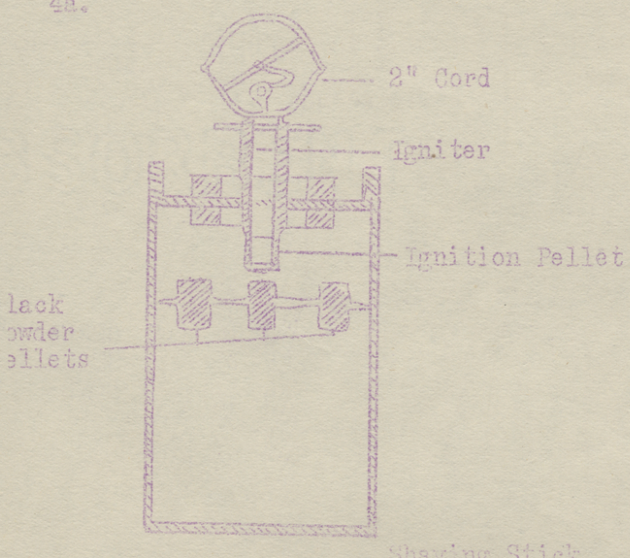

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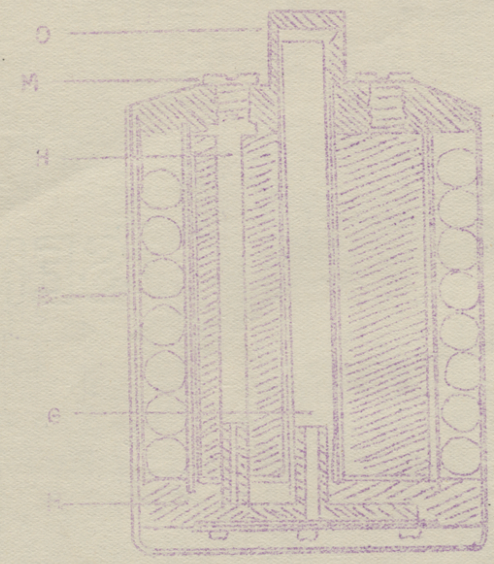

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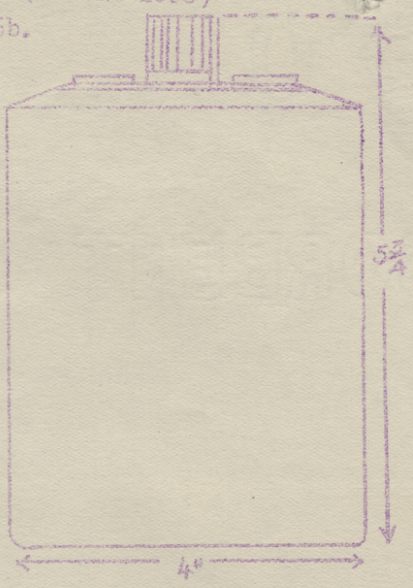

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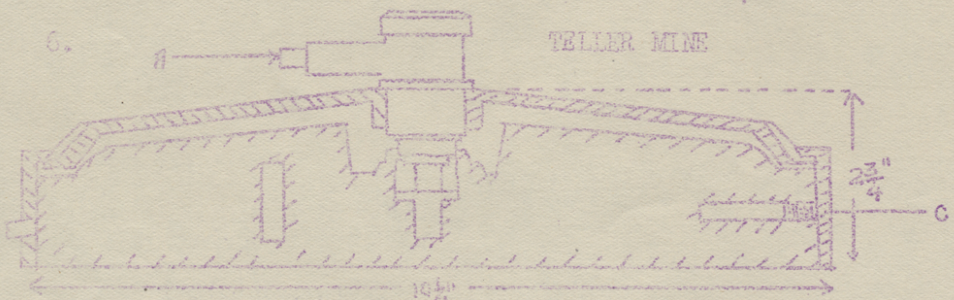

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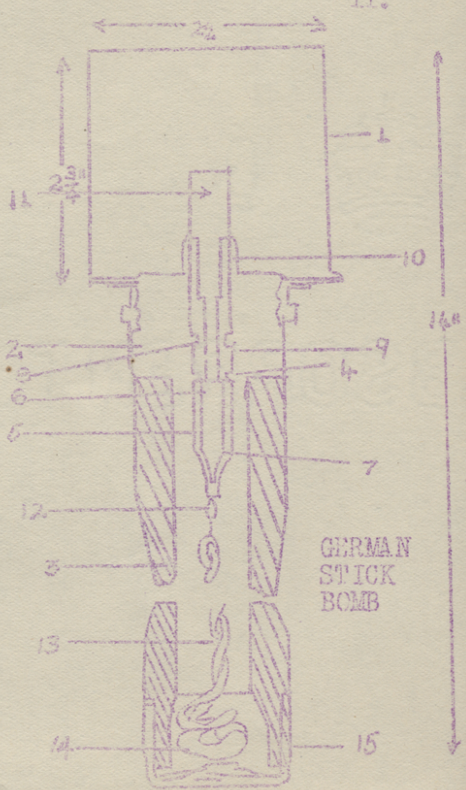

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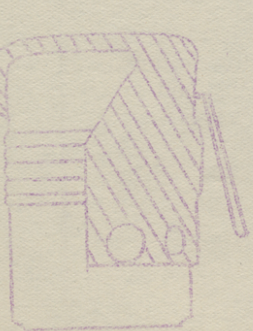

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M.G.55 TRIPOLI.

A Height Computor is now being fitted to the Vickers Predictor on H.I. Site by Capt Dendle D.C. 2 Regt Wkshops.

As the G.L. Receiver is a Mark I Model, bearing and slant range are transmitted electrically, and height verbally.

Accurate Height is obtained from height computor for visual predictor elevation and G/L Slant Range.

For G.O.R. purposes it is desirable when a height computor is in operation to phone readings from height computor and not from G/L. receiver.

When elevation is not abtained for constant following on the predictor a height from the receiver is maintained by Predictor elevation operator on the height computor drum resulting in a steady movement of predictor elevation hand wheel.

In order that elevator operator can function on height computor drum from elevation operator position it will be necessary for a mirror to be placed in front of the height computor drum window, and in such a manner that elevation operator has a good view of the height computor drum.

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War Diary

QUOTE 0441

SECRET

COPY NO. 17

DATE - 19 Jan 42.

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1 AUST AA BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 18

1. Comd 1 Aust AA Bde relinguishes the appointment of AADC SYRIA as from 17 Jan 42.

2. B.R.A. NINTH ARMY assumes the functions of AADC SYRIA as from 17 Jan 42.

3. The following re-grouping of units and dets will be completed by 23 Jan 42:-

   (a) 1 Aust Lt AA Regt
   1 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec
   3 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec

   will concentrate at BEIT JIRJA.

   (b) 5 Aust Hy AA Bty
   Det 2 Aust Hy AA Regt Sig Sec
   Det 2 Aust Hy AA Regt Wkshop Sec

   will concentrate at SUEZ.

4. Units in para 3 (a) will be ready to move under orders -

   PALESTINE MOVEMENT CONTROL MIDEAST, as from 24 Jan 42.

   Units in para 3 (b) will move under orders 1 Aust AA Bde.

5. Units in para 3 will signal these HQ when re-grouping complete.

6. ACK.

TIME OF SIGNATURE - 1205

(C.E. Long) Maj.,
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

1	C.O. 1 Aust Lt AA Regt
2	C.O. 2 Aust Hy AA Regt
3	C.O. 3 Aust Lt AA Regt
4	O.C. 5 Aust Hy AA Bty
5	Comd
6	B.M.
7	S.C.
8	I.O.
9	HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Sigs
10	HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Wkshops
11 - 12	NINTH ARMY
13	1 Aust Corps
14	HQ PAL BASE & L of C AREA
15	HQ AIF (ME)
16	C.O. 4 Aust Lt AA Regt
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MOST SECRET

H.Q. 1 Aust. A.A. Bde.
QUOTE 0438
19 JAN 1942

MOVEMENT ORDER

1 AUST AA BDE

1. INTENTION.

Detachments of 2 Aust Hy AA Regt Sig Section, and 2 Aust Hy AA REgt Wkshop Section, as under, will move from BEIRUT to SUEZ:-

	Personnel	Vehicles
2 Aust Hy AA Regt Sig Sec -	2 NCOs, 13 R & F	1 - 3-Tonner 1 - 30-cwt 2 - Vans, w/T 1 - M/C
2 Aust Hy AA Regt Wkshop Sec -	1 NCO, 13 R & F	1 - 15-cwt 1 - 3-tonner 1 - Trailer

2. ASSEMBLY POINT.

Foch Barracks, BEIRUT, 0745 20 Jan 42.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE.

0800, 20 Jan 42.

4. CONVOY COMMANDER.

VX.19470, Sgt. J.P. LAUGIER, 2 Aust Hy AA Regt Sig Sec.

5. ROUTE.
HAIFA - HADERA - RAMLE

6. SPEED.
25 m.i.h.

7. PETROL POINTS.
BEIT JIRJA - MOASCAR - SUEZ. (Reserve petrol will be carried).

8. HALTS.
Convoys will halt as required by AIF "Q" Instruction No. 5.

9. RATIONS.
Unconsumed portion of rations for day 20 Jan 42 will be carried plus 4 days emergency rations.

10. REPORTING.
On arrival at SUEZ, Convoy Commander will report to O.C. 5 Aust Hy AA Bty.

11. AUTHORITY FOR MOVEMENT.
Austforce AD.41328 of 18 Jan 42.

12. SPECIAL INSTRUCTION.
On arrival of convoy at SUEZ, VX.29891, Pte. W.J. MOORE will return with one 1-ton Van from Wkshop Det 5 Aust Hy AA Bty, to 2 Aust Hy AA Regt Wkshop Sec, BEIRUT.

[signature] for Capt Maj.,
(C.E. Long)
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:
Convoy Commander
Austforce
HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Sigs
HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Wkshop
1 Aust Lt AA Regt
2 Aust Hy AA Regt
5 Aust Hy AA Bty
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TO Ninth Army repeated Aust Corps Aust Force

FROM Mid East	Originator's Number. SD 51834	Date. 20.	In Reply to Number

Most Secret ⊙ Your SD 1582 of 17 Jan ⊙
3.7 guns will be withdrawn ⊙ 75 millimetre guns will remain ⊙
4 Aust H AA Regt. will be made available to man 75 millimetre guns (if approved ?) date of readiness to move approximately 30 Jan ⊙ Signal proportion Regt. required ?

Distribution: SD action
B.G.S. Brig A+Q, RA. AA.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

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TO: 9 AUST DIV (pass OC Tps TIPOLI) 84 SUB AREA 1 AUST AA BDE MILAPL AUSTBASE rpt MOV SYRIA

FROM: NINTH ARMY SD/1679 23

WARNING ORDER (.) FIRST (.) Following units will move SYRIA to AIF BASE by road under orders NINTH ARMY (.) (A) HQ 1 AUST AA BDE with HQ Sigs 1 AUST AA BDE and HQ Wkshop 1 AUST AA BDE all from BHAMDOUN move 25 Jan (.) (B) HQ 2 AUST HY AA REGT with Sig Sec Wkshop Sec less det and 6 AUST HY AA BTY all from BEIRUT move 27 Jan (.) (C) 4 AUST HY AA BTY less G L Dets with Det 1 AUST AA BDE Sigs and 1 AUST LT AA REGT Wkshop Sec all from TRIPOLI depart 25 Jan arrive 26 Jan (.) (D) 2 G L Dets from TRIPOLIdepart 27 Jan arrive 28 Jan (.) SECOND (.) Convoys (C) and (D) stage HAIFA Area under arrangements MILPAL (.) THIRD (.) Move with G 1098 equip and tpt now held (.) 50 (50) rounds SAA per rifle 12 (12) rounds per revolver only (.) Following will be handed over in present locations (.) All other amn A2MD. (.) 2 (2) G L rpt G L Sets TRIPOLI (.) 8 (8) 75 mm guns and F C instruments peculiar to these guns (.) FOURTH (.) NINTH ARMY will provide 15 (15) lorries 3-ton from 1 AUST AA BDE AASC COY as follows (.) For convoy (A) 4 (4) Convoy (B) 2 (2) Convoy (C) 9 (9) (.) These remain AIF BASE (.) FIFTH (.) 1 AUST AA BDE signal immediate strengths personnel and vehicles each convoy para First rptd AUSTBASE MILPAL (.) Movements orders follow (.) SIXTH (.) My SD/1678 of 23 Jan gives details relieving units

(Sd) C.D.S. Kennedy
Maj

Manedrive T.O.O 1530 LT

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Subject:- NINTH ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO.11.

MOST SECRET.

NINTH ARMY,

Q 289/4,

24 Jan. 42.

RELIEF OF 1 AUST. A.A. BDE.

GENERAL.

1. H.Q. 1 Aust. A.A. Bde. and Units as per Movement Table at Appdx. "A" will be relieved in present position in accordance with NINTH ARMY Signal SD/1679 of 23 Jan., and will move to GAZA Area.

MOVEMENT.

2. The move will take place by road in accordance with Road Movement Table at Appdx. "A" attached.

3. Units will move in transport now held, to be supplemented by vehs. from 1 Aust. A.A. Bde Coy. A.A.S.C. in accordance with column 6 of attached Appdx. "A"

4. Vehicles from 1 Aust. A.A. Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C. will report to units by 1200 hrs. on day prior to departure.

5. Serials 1-5 in attached Appdx. "A" will complete journey in one day. Serials 6-9 will stage night in HAIFA Area under arrangements Palestine Base & L. of C. Units Serials 6-9 will signal number of vehicles and strengths personnel to NINTH ARMY, rptd. MILPAL and AUST BASE forthwith.

6. On completion of move, vehs. of 1 Aust. Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C. will concentrate GAZA Area under orders Palestine Base & L. of C.

ROUTE FOR ROAD MOVEMENT.

7. TRIPOLI - BEIRUT - ACRE - HAIFA - BINYAMINA - PETAH TIQVA - LYDDA - - RAMLE - AQIR - GEDERA - destination.

EQUIPMENT.

8. All units will move complete with G.1098 equipment.

9. The following equipment will be handed over in present locations to relieving units:-

2 - G.L. Sets. --- TRIPOLI.

8 - 75 m.m. guns and F.C. instruments peculiar to these guns. --- BEIRUT.

ACCOMMODATION STORES and TENTAGE.

10. Units for whom no relief is to arrive prior to departure will return Tentage and Accommodation Stores to 4 A.O.D. BEIRUT on day prior to departure.

AMMUNITION.

11. Units will move with 50 rds. S.A.A. per rifle and 12 rds. per revolver only. All other amn. to be handed over to relieving units.

BLANKETS.

12. All blankets held in excess of four per man to be returned to 4 A.O.D. BEIRUT.

WINTER CLOTHING.

13. Leather jerkins and special issues of waterproof clothing to be handed over to relieving units.

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SECOND S.D. UNIFORMS.

14. Second S.D. uniform will be taken by all ranks for return to Ord. under arrangements MILPAL.

SUPPLIES.

15. All parties will carry three days Reserve Rations.

16. Hot meal for units staging night HAIFA will be arranged by MILPAL.

P.O.L.

17. 250 miles incl. tanks to be carried. 84 Base Sub Area to arrange for bulk distribution when possible.

18. Refuelling at HAIFA to be arranged by MILPAL.

RECOVERY.

19. (a) Within SYRIA - under arrangements 84 Base Sub Area.

(b) Within PALESTINE - under arrangements MILPAL.

MEDICAL.

20. (a) Within SYRIA - under arrangements 84 Base Sub Area.

(b) Within PALESTINE - under arrangements MILPAL.

TRAFFIC CONTROL.

21. (a) Within SYRIA - under arrangements 84 Base Sub Area.

(b) Within PALESTINE - under arrangements MILPAL.

22. Ack.

for Lieut. Col.
A.Q.M.G.

RLH.

Distribution:-

H.Q. 1 Aust. A.A. Bde.	12.
1 Aust. A.A. Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.	1.
84 Base Sub Area.	2.
O.C. Troops AL MINA.	1.
Palestine Base & L. of C.	3.
4 A.O.D.	1.
9 Aust. Div.	1.
Mov. SYRIA.	1.
Mov. HAIFA.	1.
Mov. LYDDA.	1.
AUST BASE.	3.
Northern L. of C. Dist.	1.
G.H.Q. M.E.F. } for inf.	2.
H.Q. A.I.F.(M.E.). }	2.
B.G.S.	1.
Brig. A/Q.	1.
G(O).	1.
G(SD).	1.
A.	1.
Q.	1.
R.A.	1.
O.S.	1.
S.T.	1.
X.	1.
M.	1.
D.P.M.	1.
Aust. L.O.	1.
War Diary.	2.

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M O S T S E C R E T
Appendix "A" to Ninth Army
Admin. Instr. No.11 dated
24 Jan 42

MOVEMENT TABLE BY ROAD.

Route: TRIPOLI - BEIRUT - ACRE - HAIFA - BINYAMINA - PETAH TIQVA - LYDDA - RAMLE - AQIR - GEDERA - destination.

Speeds and Densities: 15 M.I.H. , 15 V.T.M.

Halts: 10 minutes after two, four and nine hours - one hour after five hours.

Staging Point: HAIFA, under arrangements PALESTINE BASE & L OF C AREA.

Time Departure: 0630 hrs.

Serial.	Unit	Date	From	Stage HAIFA	Extra tpt Lorries 3-ton.	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.	HQ 1 Aust AA Bde.					
2.	HQ Sigs 1 Aust AA Bde	25 Jan	BHAMDOUN		4	Will complete journey in one day.
3.	HQ Wkshop 1 Aust AA Bde					
4.	HQ 2 Aust Hy AA Regt with Sig Sec Wkshop Sec, less det.	27 Jan	BEIRUT		2	Will complete journey in one day.
5.	6 Aust Hy AA Bty.					
6.	4 Aust Hy AA Bty, less G.L. dets.			night		
7.	Det 1 Aust AA Bde Sigs	25 Jan	TRIPOLI	25/26	9	
8.	1 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec			Jan		
9.	Two dets G.L.	27 Jan	TRIPOLI	night 27/28 Jan		

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APPENDIX II

WAR DIARY HQ I AUST AA BDE

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CAMP ROUTINE INSTN NO. 10.

24 Jan 42.

1. MOVEMENT:
HQ 1 Aust AA Bde will vacate BHAMDOUN on 25 Jan 42.

2. ROUTINE FOR 25 JAN 42:

Reveille	0400
Empty Palliasses	0455
Breakfast	0515
Draw Rifles	0600
Parade	0615
Move off	0630

3. MARCHING OUT:
Personnel will march out in accordance with HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Movement Order dated 24 Jan 42.

4. DRESS FOR 0615 PARADE:
Marching Order (Service dress).

5. RATIONS:
Unexpired portion of days rations will be loaded on vehicles together with 3 days emergency rations.

6. All kits and personal gear to be clear of quarters and stacked in mens' mess room by 0600 ready for loading.

7. REAR PARTY:
Lieut. C.A. BOWEN, O.C. Rear Party, after ascertaining that billets have been properly vacated, will return keys to Hirings and join up with Convoy.

8. VEHICLE LOADING:
Vehicles will be loaded vide Loading Table attcd.

DISTRIBUTION:
Camp Staff Offr
Offrs' Mess
Sgts' Mess
Grs' Mess
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(C.E. Long) Maj.,
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

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ORDER OF BATTLE & LOCATION STATEMENT

1 AUST AA BDE

at 1400 hrs 27 Jan 42.

QUOTE:- _____

Copy No. 2

AREA	COMD	SERIAL	UNITS	EQPT	LOCATION	REMARKS
GAZA	Lt-col E.M. NEYLAN, AIF, MC Comd 1 Aust AA Bde	1 2 3 4	HQ 1 Aust AA Bde HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Sigs HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Wkshop Det 1 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec		BEIT JIRJA	
PART "A" UNITS U/C - NIL.						
PART "B" UNITS UNDER OTHER COMDS						
GAZA	Capt. E.M. KENT		4 Aust Hy AA Bty 1 Aust AA Bde Sig Sec	8 - 3.7-in	HILL 95	U/C AIF ME.
GAZA	Maj. G.R. HAMMER		HQ 2 Aust Hy AA Regt 2 Aust Hy AA Regt Sig Sec (less det to 5 Bty) 2 Aust Hy AA Regt Wkshop Sec (less det to 5 Bty) 6 Aust Hy AA Bty (Rear party 6 Bty at BEIRUT)	8 - 75 mm.	HILL 95 Rear party	U/C AIF ME in process of handing over to 11 Aust Lt AA Bty
1 AUST CORPS			1 Aust AA Bde Coy AASC			Moving to GAZA 28 Jan
GAZA	Lt-col A.R.M. GIBSON		HQ 1 Aust Lt AA Regt 1 Aust Lt AA Bty 2 Aust Lt AA Bty 3 Aust Lt AA Bty 1 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec (less det to Bde HQ) 3 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec		BEIT JIRJA	U/C AIF ME
GAZA	Lt-col RHODEN		HQ 3 Aust Lt AA Regt 7 Aust Lt AA Bty 8 Aust Lt AA Bty 1 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec 3 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec		HILL 95	U/C AIF ME
PART "C" UNITS IN TRAINING						
			HQ 4 Aust Lt AA Regt 10 Aust Lt AA Bty 11 Aust Lt AA Bty 12 Aust Lt AA Bty			
PART "D" AUST UNITS DETACHED TO OTHER COMMANDS.						
CANAL	Maj R.M. FORD		5 Aust Hy AA Bty det 2 Aust Hy AA Regt Sig Sec det 2 Aust Hy AA Regt Wkshop Sec 9 Aust Lt AA Bty	8 - 3.7"	U/C B.T.E.	

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War Diary 2 & 3

(E.E. Long) Maj.,
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

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UNIT HQ 1 Aust AA Bde

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	1	A second proposal for the amendment of W.E. for an A.A. Bde HQ was forwarded to HQ AI.F. (ME) on 27 Jan 42. For details of the proposed amendments and reasons therefore see Appx.	Appx 1	
		For notes on S.C.s activities over period 29 Jan 1 Feb - See Appx 2	Appx 2	
		Administration Instructions covering "Stepsister" 2 B move are received.	Appx 2a	
		Details Road and Rail moves for "Stepsister" 2B come to hand - Road Party move with Bde vehicles tomorrow.	Appx 2b.	
		Detachments of AA Bde Coy AASC (as shown in Appx) were detailed to move and operate with 1, 2, and 3 Regts for the carrying of petrol and ammunition. 1 Aust AA Bde Coy AASC has not yet been re-organised.	Appx 2c-d	
	2	18 Inf Bde Adm Instruction covering movement of Bde HQ by rail to Suez is received, we are to move 9 Feb. See Appx	Appx 3	
		0700 hrs Bde Vehicles with Road Party leave Beit Jirja for Suez - Road party comprised of L/Sgt Walker, L/Bdr Shone, L/Bdr Searley, L/Bdr Mann, Gnr Slimmon, Gnr O'Connor, and Gnr Hartmann.		
	3	Commander to Cairo to discuss various matters at HQ A.I.F. (ME) - mainly on question of obtaining approval for 2 i/c in Lt Regts so that the necessary changes could be implemented before our move.		
		L/Bdr Murray is knocked down by a Military Vehicle near Beit Jirja Camp and is admitted to C.R.S. See report on accident attached	Appx 4	

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	4	Advice is received that AIF (ME) has approved of Lt AA Establishments being altered to include a 2 i/c. Capt Myers will go to IO Bty vice Maj Barnard who is 2 i/c 4 Regt Maj Mander-Jones will go to 2 i/c 1 Regt and Maj Hepworth to 2 i/c 3 Regt. Lieut Bowen goes to S.C. Bde vice Capt Myers, Lieut Black is seconded from 2 Regt as S.C. Learner vice Lieut Bowen.		
	5	Lieut Black and Sgt Zenner arrive at Bde HQ, the latter is appointed Chief Clerk Bde HQ vice W.O.I. Hartmann who is passed to 4 Regt and recommended for Commission. Bde HQ moves with 4 Regt from Elliott Lines to Grimwade Lines in Beit Jirja Camp.		
	6	Commander returns from Cairo. Standing Orders for our move by train on 9 Feb are received from O.C. Train (Capt Jelbart)	Appx 4.	
	7	Commander went to 7 A.G.H. at Rehovot to pick up L/Bdr Murray.		
	8	2 Regt (less 5 Bty) leave Hill 95 by train for Suez. 1 Aust AA Bde Movement Order covering move to El Majdal Sta is issued. Sgt Noble and Gnr Radford leave El Najdal Sta with Bde Baggage etc not W.O.V.	Appx 5	

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	9	1630 hrs Bde HQ depart El Majdal Sta for Suez (having waited at the Sta since 0900 hrs) L/Bdr Murray is left with Capt Myers as it was considered he was not yet fit to travel. L/Bdr Watts takes over duties as Comds Batman.		
	10	Arrive Suez Transit Camp (Butlin's Egypt) where Maj Rushton rejoins us. 2 Regt (less 5 Bty) and certain personnel from 3 Regt are in Camp here also. A most uninteresting place this Camp - we hope we shall not be here for long. Commander to Suez, ascertained probable date of embarkation would be 15 Feb. Later inspected loading etc at wharfs.		
	11	Commander to 89 Hy AA Regt (Suez) and inspected G.O.R. and Hy Site near R.H.Q.		
	12	Time drags on. Capt Bowen, Lieut Mosley and Black look over G.O.R. and Hy Site mentioned above.		
	13	Commander to Suez (port detachment) and is informed that we shall not embark until 17 Feb Later inspected a "Z"Bty and one of 5 Btys old sites. The "Z" Bty is astounding in it's simplicity and would appear to be quite effective in barrage work.		
	14	Commander and Lieut Mosley to SHALLUFA aerodrome and are shown around. It is a base for long range Bombers (Wellingtons)		

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UNIT HQ 11 Aust AA Bde

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	14	It is learned that Commander is to be O.C. Tps on H.M.T.'Strathallan' scheduled to leave Suez on 17 Feb. Staff for voyage is chosen and and arrangements are made for Bde HQ and additional personnel required for duty to embark tomorrow morning. 2 Regt (less 5 Bty) will move with us. Comd visits Col, Wassel (C.O. 9 A.G.H.) at Y.W.C.A re the latter taking over duties as Ship's ~~S~~.M.O. Business over for the night it was seen fit to spend our last night on land in M.E. at a dance in the Transit Camp Y.W.C.A.		
	15	O.C. Tps called at Movements Suez for final instructions and is shown a signal from the War Office stating that all Transports in the "Stepsister" move must be packed to maximum capacity consistent with maintenance of good health. Conditions to be similar to those in trench warfare. Bde HQ and other personnel required for duty leave Port Tewfik and embark on H.M.T. "Strathallan". Appointments to O.C. Tps Staff are attached. Names of certain members of Ships Staff are also attached	Appx 6 D " 6a D	
	16	Administrative arrangements proceed. There has been a permanent O.C. Tps and Staff on board they disembark today. The first detachments embark from lighters (see list attached) We shall have some 60 different A.I.F. Units on board with R.A.N. and R.A.F. personnel in addition so the administrative problem will not be an easy one. The Strathallan is a fine boat (22,000 tons) but will certainly be packed with 3,600 on board in addition to crew.	Appx 7	

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	17	Remaining Units embark without incident. For particulars of Units embarked see appx showing allotment of accommodation. Tps were packed into their quarters and some found difficulty in appreciating the fact that shortage of shipping space made cramped conditions inevitable. Owing to the original embarkation Rolls being incorrect, or to errors made by E.S.O., certain Petty Officers, W.Os, and Sgts were not allotted accommodation and a certain amount of reallotment of cabin accommodation was necessary. Generally the work of the E.S.O. on the H.M.T.'Strathallan' left much to be desired. Ship's Standing Orders are issued. We move off down the Red Sea to an unknown destination. We are alone and without escort.	Appx 8D	
	18	Becoming warmer as we move down the Red Sea. For administration purposes units on board are divided into 9 Groups, each under a Group Comd. Boat Stations are allotted and Emergency and Boat Drill carried out.	Appx 9D	
	19	Very humid today but troops are not restless - the food is good and the Ship has plenty of deck space, nearly all of which has been made available to the troops. A conference of Group Comds is instituted at 1100 hrs each morning. Decisions are made here and where possible instructions are passed to Group Comds at this conference so as to avoid unnecessary written instructions.		

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	19	Pte O'Neil of 1 Aust Corps Tps Amn Coy fell overboard last night. The Ship stops, a boat in charge of the Tp Offr (Mr Hernshaw) is lowered and he is fortunate to be rescued. It is ruled that the ship will not stop in future in the event of anyone falling overboard. O.C. Tps writes note of appreciation to Captain.	Appx IO	
	20	We change to summer clothing - Shorts and Shirts Boat Station Drill is practiced.		
	21	Tps are permitted to sleep at their Boat Stations as from tonight.		
	22	A dull day.		
	23	Routine continues much as usual. The food is good and the Tps are contented. We are about half way across the Indian Ocean. Emergency Station Drill is practiced.		
	24	All personnel on board (except AANS) are medically examined - See instructions attached There is a firm wind up today but the sea remains reasonably calm.	Appx 10a.D	
	25	Much as usual.		

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	26	We expect to reach Colombo today and leave the Ship. No orders have yet been received but preparations are made for disembarkation. See disembarkation instructions Boat Station Drill is carried out.	Appx 11	
	27	1000 hrs we enter Colombo Harbour along with "Andes" ex Suez and the "Orcades" ex Java. The Orcades has 5 Bty on board and has been to Java where she disembarked certain personnel (2 Bns) and brought back certain personnel from the N.E.I. It would appear that the original plans to send the A.I.F. to the N.E.I. have been changed. 1200 hrs Brig Rourke and E.S.O. come aboard and inform O.C. Tps that we do not tranship but proceed to Fremantle on the "Strathallan". R.N. personnel disembark today.		
	28	Maj Long rejoins Bde HQ. He had been to Java to make an AA Recce and returned to Colombo on the "Orcades". For details of his move etc see Appx. Certain Offrs, Nurses, and O.Rs are given leave to Colombo. There is much shipping in the harbour - some 60 to 70 vessels, a good number of which are carrying personnel and equipment to Australia. Certain Hospital patients are evacuated to Shore Hospital.	Appx 12 ~~Appx 13.~~	To be attached to next months diary

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		GENERAL During the month the A.I.F. Census is completed by all ranks on board as per HQ A.I.F. (ME) No AI/1942. 2 Echelon representatives took charge of the completed cards. Ship's Standing Orders and Ship's Routine Orders Nos 1-12 are attached.	Appx 14.	

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APPX 1

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FEBRUARY 1942

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HQ 1 Aust AA Bde,
27 Jan 42.

HQ,
A.I.F. (ME).

PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT ANTI AIRCRAFT BDE

1. It is requested that urgent consideration be given to the adoption of the attached amended W.E. of an Anti Aircraft Bde.

2. The current W.E. 111/1941/6/3 is amended in the following manner:-

(i) Personnel.

(a) The inclusion of an I.O.
(b) The inclusion of a Bdr Clerk for I Duties.
(c) The inclusion of a Mechanic M/T (Trade Gp II).
(d) The deletion of the 2 Orderlies, M/C.
(e) The inclusion of 1 extra Cook.
(f) The inclusion of 1 extra Clerk Trade Gp III.

Attached.

(g) The deletion of the 3 Chaplains from attached.
(h) The deletion of the 3 batmen-drivers from attached.

(ii) Transport.

(i) The deletion of 2 M/Cs.
(j) The deletion of 3 Cars, D.S. (for Chaplains).
(It is suggested that the Cars be replaced by Vans, 15 cwt, and be borne on the establishment of Regiments).
(k) The inclusion of 1 Car D.S. for the I.F.C.

(iii) Weapons.

(l) The inclusion of 2 Thompson S.M.G. & Scale of Amn.
(m) The deletion of 2 Pistols for Orderlies M.C.
(n) The inclusion of 3 Pistols for I.O. Bm(L) + SC(L)

3. The reasons for these recommendations are as follows:-
(a) As represented in this Office 0448 of 27 Jul 41, & (copy attached).
(b) It is understood that provision for an I.O. has now been made on British W.E.
(c) Experience has shown that it is necessary to have one qualified mechanic on the strength of these HQ for the purpose of effecting minor repairs to HQ vehicles. Often, these HQ are situated some distance from a Wkshop Section, and if these repairs co could be carried out locally, considerable time would be saved in making these vehicles roadworthy. Further, it would relieve the strain on the Wkshop Section. It is also felt that the daily maintenance of vehicles by unit drivers requires the constant supervision of a qualified mechanic.
(d) This has also been dealt with in this office 0448 of 27 Jul 41. It has been found that with HQ, 1 Aust AA Bde Sigs permanently attached, these duties can be found from that source.

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(e) This Office 0448 of 27 Jul 41 also refers. On the present establishment there is no relief for the Cook and considerable difficulty has been experience in the past in cases of illness and leave.
(f) The volume of clerical work has proved the necessity for another well trained clerk-typist, whom it is considered should be trade grouped.
(g) This recommendation is submitted in view of HQ, AIF (ME) policy that in future Chaplains will be posted on a Regimental and NOT a Bde basis.
(h) For the reaons stated in (g) it is considered that these personnel should be provided from the Regiments to whom the Chaplains are posted.
(i) Consequent upon (d).
(j) Consequent upon (g).
(l) This equipment has been issued to these HQ in accordance with Ninth Army SD/1226 of 9 Dec 41.
(m) Consequent upon (d).
(n) Consequent upon (a).

Lt-col

(E.M. Neylan)
Comd 1 Aust AA Bde.

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HEADQUARTERS
ANTI AIRCRAFT BRIGADE

SECURITY.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel.

Detail	Offrs	W.Os	S/Sgt & Sgt	Bdr	R & F	Total
Commander (Brig)	1					1
Staff						
B.M.	1					1
S.C.	1					1
I.P.C. (Capt)	1					1
I.O.	1					1
B.M. (Learner)	1					1
S.C. (Learner)	1					1
Miscellaneous Appointments						
Clerks (Arty) Trade Gp (III)		1 (a)	2	1(b)	2	6
Technical Inst. P.C. (S/Sgt)			1			1
Bdr (General duties)				1		1
Mechanic M.T. (Trade Gp II)					1	1
Draughtsman					1	1 (c)
Cook (Trade Gp II)					2	2
Drivers, M.T.					7 (d)	7
Officers' Mess Orderly					1	1 (e)
Batman					4	4
Total Headquarters Anti-Aircraft Brigade	7	1	3	2	18	31 (f)

(ii) Transport.

Detail	Total	Total vehicles by types
Cars, G.S.	3	3
Trucks, 15 cwt G.S.	1	1
Trucks, 15 cwt, G.S. for:-		
Cooks, cooking set, water in tins	1 (g)	2
Officers Mess Baggage	1	
Lorries, 3-ton, G.S.	2	2

(iii) Table of Weapons & Ammunition.

Detail	Number	Ammunition (rounds)		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .455-in	7 (h)	12	30	90
Rifles, .303-in	21	20	-	420
L.M.G. .303-in	1	1000	500	1500
Thompson S.MG .450-in	2	100	200	400
A. Tk Rifle .55-in	1	200	40	240

(a) May be Warrant Officer, Class II.
(b) I Duties.
(c) Architectural Draughtsman. May be Lance-Sergeant.
(d) Includes one Bombardier.
(e) Lance Bombardier.
(f) 3 men will be trained in AALMG; 2 men anti-gas duties; 1 man decontamination work; 1 man hygiene duties; 1 man water duties; 1 man first aid.
(g) Fitted with Motley AA Mounting (Forward).
(h) For 7 Officers.

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APPX 2

WAR DIARY HQ I AUST AA BDE

FEBRUARY 1942

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Synopsis of Staff Captains
Activities 24.1.42 - 3.2.42

24/1 Received Ninth Army Movement Order & Instructions. Q289/4. covering movement of Bde units from Syria on 25 & 27 Jan. As the question of reliefs for 2 Aust Hy AA Regt & attached had not been determined, rang Brig. Floyd & requested interview.
Called on Brig. Floyd explained that A.A. Cmds had flown to Cairo with a view to having the relief by 4 Aust Ze AA Regt deferred until trained personnel were available, and that they could not take over in the time stipulated.
Brig Floyd stated that his instructions from M.E. implied that they would be ready to take over.
I took up the question, as to whether, in the event of no relief forthcoming for 6 Bty on the day, it was supposed to move, if it was to move or not

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24/1 (continued).

at 1550 hrs. Brig Floyd rang me & said as follows:-

1. 4 Regt not expected until 28/1.
2. 4. Regt had been told to send an Advance Party on 26th to take over Gun Stores & 6 Bty.
3. If not properly handed over by 27th, 6 Bty were to leave a rear party to Smalye, and in which case to inform him (Brig Floyd) for purposes of onward move.
4. Brig Floyd also inquired as to Saw Church Church Transport was going with 6 Bty for the purposes of arranging its return to Syria.

Re the above, I contacted Col. Hammer & advised him & suggested he get in touch with Brig Floyd re 4.

As I was afraid that Col. Chalmers may be a bit in the air re the relief of 6 Bty & thinking that he did not expect our Hd. in

Palestine until the 28th, sent an advance party forward on 24/1, comprising Sgt Noble, Gr Mann with a loaded 2 tonner & 1 M/c. with orderly. Sgt Noble carried a complete copy of movement orders received, so as to put him in the picture.

Lang Maj Summerfield re additional transport he was supposed to supply to units moving & found that he had received the necessary instructions. He however, arranged.

As a result of a late signal from W.E. arranged with 2 Reg to send an officer to report to Maj Spry G.H.Q. re deficiencies controlled stores.

Maj. Polglaze reported in night of 24/1. Heo Programme was to look over 2 W/Shop Ser. (Beirut) on 25/1, proceed to Nipoli 26/1 & report in Gaza area on 27/1.

25 Jan 42.

H.Q. Bde convoy moved off 0650 under command Capt Smith. I moved independently in Cor with L/Bdrs Stone, Watts & Murray, overtook convoy & reported in at Beit Jiza ch ——.

26 Jan 42

Called on Base area & saw Shay. Gavin Duffy. Capt Symes &c. Ascertained that the following Accommodation arrangements made for 1 Aust Aa Bde, in Palestine:

1 Regt.	Greenwade Lines	Beit Jiza
H.Q. Brigade	Elliott Lines	" "
4 Regt.	"	
3 Regt.	Line 1.	Hill 95
2 Regt.	Line 2	" "
A.A.S.C.	Line 4	" "

Arranged with DaD&S. Base area to supply Tentage Rafa.

Reported in to Roa. 1 Aust Corps. & Made signal notifying change of address of Bde. H.Q.

Saw. DADOS. Corps who advised that Binoculars could only be taken to 50% of K.E. Scale.
He had the following advice from Hd. A/Z. re. release of Equip for 1 Regt.
Reference Hd. A/Z. 1485 of 23/1.

		1 Regt	1 Regt Sig Sec	B.O.D.
1.	Pistols, Signal	12	-	4.
	A/T.	7		4
	Bren	14		4
	T.S.M.G	8		4
	Compasses, Pris.	50	2	4
	Binoculars No. 4.	14		4
		35		5

2. Pistols 38 & rifles to be provided from A.1.2. Stocks. Binoculars & A/Tank Rifles are authorised on 50% of E.2 Scale.
3. Available for collection Ordnance Depots as from 23/1. O.S. will arrange for collection & issue. Authority for release G.H.Q. M.E.2. CRMF/1955/GSD/2A of 22/1.

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Ascertained that the 36 Bofors for 1 Regt were being collected from 5 B.O.D. as from 24/1. & that 1 & 2 Line Ammunition available 9 B.A.D.

26/1
~~25/1~~

Col. Rhoden saw me re car for Chaplain, 3 Regt. Saw Corps Cmdr they could not authorise issue of cars for Chaplains, in view of the policy of only taking away Fords & Chevrolets, which necessitated Mary Commanders & Cos. handing in other makes & having to be provided with Fs. & Co, creating a temporary Shortage.

Saw Capt Symes, Bose. following arrangements for fostering of units on Arrival Palestine:

3 Regt foster 1 Regt W/Phops, arrive night 26/1
1 " " ~~2 Regt~~ Bde Legs " 26/1
1 " " 2 Regt & W/Phops " 27/1

Met Capt Kent (4 Bty) Hill 95 on arrival & arranged with him to draw tentage at Rafa for 2 Regt & Adte. & dump on respective sites at Hill 95.

Advice received that 1 Regt to now draw Scale "A" tentage at Barbara as opposed to Egypt as originally.

3 Regt report that they are down 39 O/Rs & only 15 O/Rs available at Leipoh, leaving 24 short.

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DADOS Corps advised by phone, that G1098 for 1st & 2nd Flight arriving at Barbara & that issues would be made on 26/1 & 27/1 respectively.

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Capt Lymes, Bde rang, saying only Sendall alt aade arriving Palestine 26/1, the remainder arriving 28/1.

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Message recd. that 3 Regt equipt now being sent to Rafa.

27 Jan.

Accompanied Col. Chalmers to Barbara, arrayed with DADOS (W/2), A/2. to Hr. Battle Buggy to 4 Regt. (being a Plymouth) & take on charge of HQ Bde. 3576. or (5)!!! & Maj. Bendall. Also to change 20 cwt for a 2-tonner.

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DaDOL corps reports the following release for 2 Regt.

	7 Bty.	8 Bty.	9 Bty
Boilers	4	4	2
Dynamos	10	9	-
Heaters	12	-	-
Boyes	-	1	1
Tapes Metallic	-	-	2

12 Boilers to be released from 4 BOD. immediately & on 1/2 another 12
Predictors: 9 each 7 & 8 Btys
Generators: 9 immediately & 9 on 1/2
Units to collect under arrangements Ausforce Signal SD. 54087 of 26/1 Sent to Regts.

2 Regt report adjustment of personnel with Reinforcement Depot now O.K.

28 Jan
2 Regt report the following transport position.

	Est.	getting	Down
Cars DS.	9	4	5
M/cs.	66.	40	26
15 Cwts	17	17	—
1 Ton office	1	1	—
30 Cwt W/Tank	1	1	—
3 Tourer	58	44	14

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Note:- No tractors & ammun being carried in 2 tanners.

Dados Corps reports to 1 Regt. that 500 rifles at Rafa held for 1 Regt, Wal Signal from W.E. Told Gen 1 Regt. (Cant reconcile).

29 Jan.

The attached Signal rec'd from Ausforce.

2 Regt.

Signal received from Ausforce 1130 - 29/1

Ausforce Signal - AD 42556 of 27/1.

For 1 Aust Ad Bde (.).
CRIME 11955 GSO 2A of Jan 26th for 2 Aust Hy Ay a Regt (.).
Release of equipment authorised by GHQ MEF (.) Equipment will be drawn by unit from Aust being 2 BOD RAFA (.) Capt Smith has list of equipment released.

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29/11

29 Jan 42.

DAQMG. Aust Corps. notified the following Staff Table for Case. Rcd 29/1.

3 offs. 128 o/Rs.
6. M/cs.
3. 15 cwts.
48. 2-Tonners.

1 Feb.

Following arrangements by Case.

No. 1 Sec.	1 & 41	2 M/cs.	16 vehicles.
2 "	1 & 56	2 "	19 "
3 "	1 & 41	2 "	16
	3 & 128.	6	51

Case
Ordered to send 1 off & 2 o/Rs. to report Suez 1600 1/2 as advance Party, Mad Admin Instn 69.

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19 Jan 42.

"STEPSISTER" FORCE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.1.

AMENDMENT SERIAL No. 1.

The following amendments are made:-

Serial 1 (a) Para 4 "(ii)" is renumbered (iii).

Serial 1(b) Para 4 - SCALE OF BAGGAGE is amended by adding after sub-para (i) new sub para (ii) -

"(ii) AANS etc- Trunk
Kit bag
Holdall
(One small suitcase to be carried by hand). "

Serial 1 (c) Add para 19 - new para.

19. UNIT STRENGTH.

(i) On receipt of a "Warning Order" all units warned for embarkation will signal AUSTRECORDS the effective strength of the unit.

(ii) O i/c 2 Echelon AIF (ME) will make necessary arrangements to ensure units concerned are complete to WE plus FIRST REINFORCEMENTS.

Serial 1 (d) Appx "A" para 1 (b). Add new note :

"(e) Personnel in possession of two pairs of Boots AB should retain them in their possession."

Serial 1(e) Appx "A" para 9.

Delete last three lines and substitute :-

Deficiency lists will be passed by DADOS -

(1) Aust Pattern Stores to Aust Wing 2 BASE ORD DEPOT.

(ii) Common Pattern Clothing and General Stores (Votes 7 and 8) to 2 BASE ORD DEPOT.

(iii) Common Pattern Technical Stores. (Vote 9).
To 3 ADV ORD DEPOT.

Signed ?? Lt-Col.
AQMG AIF (ME)

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"STEPSISTER" FORCE - "Q" ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 2.
(Issued in conjunction with "Administrative Instructions for Expeditionary Forces proceeding from the Middle East".)

1. AMENDMENT "Q" ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 1 (para 6). In amplification, the term "Immediate Use" means 5 days.
2. REFERENCE BOOK. Units not in possession of "Administrative Instruction for Forces Proceeding from Middle East (Referred to as A.I.E.F.) may obtain a copy from DADP & SS (GAZA).
3. SERVICE DRESS. After embarkation and at discretion of OC Troopship, personnel will change to SUMMER DRESS. Winter Dress will be bundled and made ready for disposal after embarkation to Ordnance Dumps.
4. UNIT EQUIPMENT. OCs Units will render a certificate to HQ AIF through Formation HQs that NOTHING in excess of War Equipment Scales is in their possession.
5. KIT STORES.
   (i) OC Kit Store has been instructed to receive into the Kit Store personal kit only.
   (ii) Units will not deposit surplus Unit Equipment, Property, or stores of any nature which are clearly not personal effects. Unit property or stores not War Equipment will be returned to RSD Aust Wing, 2 BOD or otherwise disposed of in most economical manner.
   (iii) Before despatch to Kit Store of Unit lots of personal effects COs will take necessary steps to ensure that NO arms, ammunition, war trophies, loot or property of enemy nature, is being lodged with the personal effects of officers or ORs.
   (iv) A certificate that this inspection has been effected will be rendered to HQ AIF through Formation HQs.
6. KIT INSPECTIONS. Prior to embarkation, COs of Units will hold Kit Inspections and ensure that all ranks are in possession of the authorised scales, and that nothing in excess of the scale of baggage in para 4 is in possession of individuals.
7. CANTEENS.
   (i) As from 20 Jan 42, AACS has been instructed to sell for cash only.
   (ii) Credit will not be allowed, except for supplies drawn against supplementary ration accounts.
   (iii) Accounts for supplementary rations will be handled as at present by CPM AIF.
   (iv) All outstanding accounts of AACS will be paid before 25 Jan 42. In the event of any account being in dispute units will send representatives to AACS HQs, Rehovoth to effect immediate adjustment.

(SGD) L.G. BINNS

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"STEPSISTER" FORCE - "Q" ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 1

(Issued in conjunction with "Administrative Instructions for Expeditionary Forces proceeding from the MIDDLE EAST.)

1. GENERAL

(i) Relevant references are made throughout to "ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXPEDITIONARY FORCES PROCEEDING FROM MIDDLE EAST" referred to as A.I.E.F.

(ii) Where special requirements for the A.I.F. demand, modification of the subject matter is made, in this instruction.

(iii) OCs Units will study closely the instructions prescribed for the above publication and take action thereon as required.

2. MOVES.

(Units warned to move under reference "STEPSISTER" FORCE will, proceed to destination under Movement Instructions to be issued separately by G.H.Q. M.E.

3. CONVEYANCE OF BAGGAGE.

Necessary transport for the conveyance of Unit baggage not carried by first line transport from Unit lines to the Station and from the Station to the Docks, will be arranged through PAL L. of C. Area and Suez Sub Area.

4. SCALE OF BAGGAGE.

(i) Officers - 100 lbs

(ii) Other Ranks - 1 kit bag universal, sea kit bag.

All kit surplus to the above scale will be lodged at KIT STORE, PETAH TIQVAH. Other ranks will be provided with additional sea kit bags or other containers for lodgment of surplus effects at the KIT STORE.

5. MARKING OF UNIT STORES.

(i) This will be carried out in accordance with A.I.E.F., Section 15. Serial numbers as shown in "A.I.F. ORDER OF BATTLE AND ALLOTMENT OF SERIAL NUMBERS" Publication of 1 Nov 41.

(ii) Vehicles will be marked in accordance with Appendix "B" para 14 issued with this Instruction.

(iii) RESERVE of Stores, equipment and supplies will in addition be marked with letter "H".

(iv) All old markings on baggage and packages will be obliterated by painting out.

6. R.A.S.C. STORES.

(i) Rations will accompany as shown in A.I.E.F. Sec 8 with the following modification of Landing Rations.

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Landing Rations. All personnel will require five days rations for consumption on arrival at destination. This is being placed on board in bulk by S. & T., G.H.Q. M.E. in conjunction with Mov & Tn.

(ii) Individual water sterilising outfits at a scale of 20% of the personnel in each Unit or detachment will be taken.

(iii) Mineral burning oil for cooking and lighting, sufficient for immediate use on disembarkation willbe taken under Unit arrangements.

(iv) Anti mosquito cream on the scale of 1 tin per man will be drawn and taken.

7. POSTAL.

The address of Units who will be proceeding will remain as at present.

8. PAY.

For Section 5 of A.I.E.F. the following modification will apply :-

(i) Full pay facilities will be made on arrival at destination.

(ii) All Units will include in their stationery supplies the following books and forms.

Acquittance Rolls	Sufficient for 14 days.
Reconciliation of Acquittances	
Requisition for Cash	
Allotment Forms	
Extract of Paybooks	
Trust account Requisitions	
Supplementary Ration Returns	
Schedule of overdrawn Accouts.	
TS 4's	
Manifold Letter Books	

9. ORDNANCE

Action in regard to :-

Clothing
Controlled Stores
Collection
Surplus Stores.
Blankets
Marking of Unit Stores
Accommodation Stores
Unit Equipment
Deficiency Lists.

are shown in Appendix "A".

10. AMMUNITION.

(i) Fighting Units will arrive at destination with first line line requirements.
Full second line requirements will be taken in A.A.S.C. vehicles.
Third line will be shipped in bulk and will accompany Force.

(ii) Units will arrange to draw the necessary ammunition from No. 1 Sub Depot, 2 Base Ammn Depot, WADI SARAR.

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11. CAMOUFLAGE.

(i) Instructions on camouflage to be carried out are being issued separately.

(ii) At each transit camp an Ordnance Representative will be present, who will issue on demand to Units sufficient brushes and paint to enable camouflage to be effected either in transit or at destination.

(iii) Vehicle camouflage is referred to in Appendix "B".

12. DRESS.

Troops will embark in marching order wearing service dress (winter).
For details and ORDNANCE ACTION see Appendix "A".

13. WATER CONTAINERS.

Attention is directed to GENERAL ORDER 561 in regard to Water Containers. Units will ensure this scale is complete.

14. PREVENTION OF PILFERING.

(i) Each Unit will be responsible for guarding its own stores until such time as they are lifted from Quayside to ship and from the time they are lifted from ship to Quay at destination.

(ii) OC Troops on board each M.T. and personnel ship will detail guards for vehicles and stores in these ships for the time they are lifted off the Quayside until they are loaded at destination. This will involve having at least one man in each hold during loading operations. This man will remain in hold until such time as it is battened down, one man will also be posted in each hold as soon as the hold is opened at destination and will remain on duty until it is cleared.

15. FIELD MEDICAL UNITS - (INCLUDING C.C.S's.)

For I 1248 Scales etc see Appendix "A" para 8 (f).

16. EQUIPMENT CENSUS.

(i) Units with artillery equipment on unit charge will render a return to G.H.Q. M.E. with copies to Formation H.Q., H.Q. A.I.F. and H.Q. 1 Aust Corps, before embarking showing :-
Artillery equipment by marks and quantities.

(ii) Separate instructions for Vehicle Census are outlined in Appendix "B".

17. APPENDICES.

The following appendices are issued with this instruction :-

Appendix "A" - Action in regard to stores and equipment, and clothing.
Appendix "B" - Instructions re Vehicles.

18. REFERENCE BOOK.

Units not in possession of "ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXPEDITIONARY FORCES PROCEEDING FROM THE MIDDLE EAST" should contain a copy from DDP & SS (gaza).

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APPENDIX "A". HQ AIF (ME).
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ORDNANCE SERVICES.

ISSUED WITH "STEPSISTER" FORCE - ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 1.

1. Clothing - scales etc.

(a) Service Dress - Troops will embark in Service Dress (winter). They will retain only one set, the second set being returned to Aust Wing 2 Base Ord Depot under arrangements made between the formation HQ and OO Aust Wing.

(b) Scale of Clothing. - The following items are the entitlements of each man :-

Berets Black (a)	- 1	Anklets Web prs	- 1
Caps FS	- 1	Braces prs	- 1
Caps SD (b)	- 1	Brushes - hair	- 1
Hats, Khaki fur	- 1	shaving	- 1
Greatcoat	- 1	tooth	- 1
Jacket SD	- 1	Combs Hair	- 1
Shirts, khaki	- 2	Bags, kit universal	1
Shorts KD	- 2	Bags, sea kit	- 1
Trousers KD	- 1	Drawers, cotton prs	2
Trousers SD	- 1	Dressings, Field	- 1
Boots, AB Univ (c)	- 1	Forks FS	- 1
Capes, AG	- 1	Holdalls	- 1
Curtains AG	- 1	Housewife	- 1
		Hosetops Khaki prs	2
		Knife FS	- 1
		Jerseys Pullover Khaki	- 1
		Razors Safety W/blade	1
		Shirts, flannel	- 2
		Singlets cotton	- 2
		Singlets, woollen	- 2
		Socks, woollen prs	3
		Spoons FS	- 1
		Towels, Hand	- 2

Notes -

(a) For Cav Regts only
(b) For Drivers MT only
(c) Boots AB HH for Drivers MT
(d) If sufficient stocks of Anklets, web are not available, Puttees short will be worn.

When submitting indents to DADOS of the Formation, Units will show their requirements by sizes (where applicable) to complete issues to above scale.
Indents will be met from Aust Wing 2 Base Ord Depot.

2. Controlled Stores.

Controlled stores will be released by G.H.Q. M.E.F. and despatched in divisional lots to Aust Wing 2 Base Ord Depot. D.O.S. A.I.F. will issue instructions to D.A.Ds.O.S. of Formations and Aust Wing regarding breaking bulk.

3. Collection of Ord Stores from Aust Wing 2 Base Ord Depot.

Formations will be responsible for collection of stores from the Aust Wing.

4. Returning surplus stores.

Formations will arrange for the vouchering and returning of surplus stores (e.g. accommodation stores) to C.O.O. 2 Base Ord Depot, R.A.O.C. and O.O. Aust Wing 2 Base Ord Depot accordingly as the items are common pattern or Australian pattern.

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5. Blankets,

Two blankets per man will be taken. One will be carried by the man and one carried in bulk by the units.

Surplus blankets - see para 4.

6. Marking of Unit Stores and Equipment.

This will be carried out in accordance with A.I.F.F. Sec 15. Unit Serial Nos as shown in the Order of Battle dated 1 Nov 41 will be used.

7. Accommodation Stores.

Accommodation stores and Field Service Tentage Scale "A" as shown in A.I.F. Order 299 Appendix "A" dated 11 Apr 41 will be taken by all units.

8. Unit Equipment.

(a) All units will proceed complete to scale of War Equipment Tables. Tables.

(b) Complete Anti-gas clothing, decontamination stores, equipment and unit reserves will be taken.

(c) Capes and curtains will be carried in bulk packed in cartons under unit responsibility.

(d) One mosquito net and one tin of anti-mosquito cream per man will be carried by units. These will be drawn before departure. Outstanding minor deficiencies will be made good by Ordnance Representative at Transit Camps, before departure.

(e) Universal and sea kit bags will be taken by other ranks.

(f) Field Medical Units (including CCS's) will take in addition to the above Full I 1248 Scale of Equipment, plus 100% Expendables.
Indents will be submitted forthwith to 2 Aust Base Depot Medical Stores for all deficiencies in I 1248 equipment plus 100% surplus of expendables.

9. Deficiency Lists.

On receipt of these instructions, units will prepare forthwith and submit to DADsOS of Formations separate lists of major deficiencies in :-

(a) Clothing and necessaries - see scale in para 1 (b).

(b) Accommodation stores and F.S. Tentage
(c) Mosquito Nets.
(d) Mosquito ointment and anti-malarial stores.
(e) War Equipment less controlled stores - separate lists for Aust pattern and common pattern stores.

These lists will replace extracts already placed by Units of "STEPSISTER".
Deficiency lists will be passed by D.A.D.O.S. to :
(a) Australian pattern stores to Aust Wing, 2 Base Ord Depot.
(b) Common pattern stores to 2 Base Ord Depot, RAFA.

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APPENDIX "B".

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING TRANSPORT.

ISSUED WITH "STEPSISTER" FORCE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 1.

Issues of Vehicle to Complete to Unit W.E.

1. Units will not take with them any vehicles of makes other than Ford or Chevrolet, unless by special permission of H.Q. A.I.F. This does not refer to 2/1 Aust Med Regt A.E.C. Tractors.

2. W.D. vehicles other than Ford and Chevrolet in possession of units will be handed in to V.R.P. BARBARA. These will be held pending further instructions as to disposal to be issued by H.Q. A.I.F.

3. Unit deficiencies in vehicles will be made good as far as possible to V.R.P. BARBARA. Final adjustments will be made by the issue of vehicles at Aust Base Ord Depot, TEL EL KEBIR.

4. After completion of issues up to capacity of V.R.P. BARBARA each Commanding Officer will submit to D.A.D.O.S. a complete statement of vehicle strength on A.A.F. G32, showing all vehicles in his Unit by Army No., Make, Type, Chassis No. and Engine No. Deficiencies by types will be shown on the front of the return. A copy of this return will be sent by the quickest means to A.D.O.S. (MT) H.Q. A.I.F. who will arrange issues from Aust Base Ord Depot either of the actual types deficient or other types in lieu up to maximum availability.

5. In accordance with priorities of unit moves to Port of Embarkation, Formations will arrange for Unit parties to be sent to Aust Base Ord Depot to draw vehicles. These vehicle parties will then rejoin their units in the Assembly Area.

6. Owing to shortage in M.E. of certain types of vehicles, it may not be possible to complete units to full W.E., in which case endeavours will be made to complete after arrival at destination.

7. Units will submit a final strength return based on the check of vehicles as they are moved to the Marshalling Park. A M.T. census representative will represent H.Q. A.I.F. at this final check.

Movement to Port of Embarkation.

8. All wheeled vehicles will proceed by road. Carriers will be sent by rail. A Vehicle Shipment Card (AF. W5180) will be made out by units for each vehicle on their strength, and handed to the driver before leaving with his vehicle for Port of Embarkation. Items 1, 2, 3, 4 of the card are filled in at Unit Camp, and item 5 by the Movement Control Staff at the Port. The card is then retained by the driver throughout the voyage, produced for information as required at the Port of destination, and finally handed to the Movement Control Officer concerned with the discharge of the vehicles when the driver takes over after unloading.

9. Formations will arrange for road parties consisting of one driver per motor cycle and one driver per wheeled vehicle plus 15% spare, with one officer per 50 OR to accompany unit vehicles. A proportion of the O.R. is to include N.C.Os and Artificers.

10. Arrangements will be made for an A.A.O.C. road patrol to patrol the road leading from PALESTINE and for a M.T. Repair Squad to be at the vehicle assembly area at Port of Embarkation. The latter work will be done by Aust Port Wkshop Detachment up till the time that unit is required for embarkation.

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Notification of Sizes of Vehicles.

11. As soon as possible after receiving their movement orders, units will submit to Movement Control a list of all their vehicles giving overall width, length and height (when cut down) and loaded weight of each.

Preparation of Vehicles for Shipment.

12. As directed by Movement Control vehicles superstructures should be dismantled and lowered on the vehicles so as to cut the overall height to a minimum.

13. Unit equipment will be loaded in vehicles as far as possible, such loads being well secured by lashing etc, against movement during slinging or rolling of ship on voyage. Care will be taken that loads do not project beyond the sides or ends of vehicles.

14. Besides the usual vehicle markings carried in war, the unit Serial Number as shown in the A.I.F. Orders of Battle, 1 Nov 41, e.g. "61074" will be stencilled in white paint on the OFF front mudguard in letters not more than 2" in height. Motor Cycles will be so marked on the front mudguard. Every endeavour should be made to have the new war markings inc Div and Unit Signs etc completed in accordance with H.Q. A.I.F. GS Instn No 34 dated 12 Jan 42, prior to embarkation. Vehicles will not be re-camouflaged prior to embarkation. In the event of new vehicles basic colour will stand. Separate instructions will be issued later covering new camouflage scheme.

15. Vehicles will be fully replenished with oil and water before shipment but petrol tanks will be emptied on the quayside before embarking under arrangements to be made by Movement Control. Engines of wheeled vehicles will be kept running until carburrettors are emptied before the vehicles are embarked. If tracked vehicles have to be moved under their own power after loading, this will be done be means of a rubber tube connected to the carburrettor from a tin held by the spare driver riding on the vehicle. No petrol will be taken or despatched as part of unit equipment. Spare petrol cans and oil containers forming part of V.O.L. equipment of vehicles will be carried full. Spare cans of petrol will be removed from vehicles before embarkation and stacked on the deck of the vessel. Tins should be marked with unit serial numbers (Order of Battle) and vehicle number.

16. Batteries must be disconnected before shipment and will be left in position on the vehicle fully topped up. The positive lead is to be securely tied away from battery terminals. Terminals to be coated with mineral jelly or grease GS.

17. Tool boxes will be locked and all vehicle keys will be securely tied to the steering wheel. A label will be attached to the keys bearing the Army number of the vehicle.

18. Rear view mirrors will be removed and packed safely in tool boxes. Supporting arms to be folded back or removed to avoid damage.

19. Tyres must be inflated to correct pressure. Vehicles are <u>not</u> to be shipped with flat tyres.

20. Brakes are to be put on after vehicles are finally loaded in position in ship. When loaded all vehicles are to be securely lashed to prevent possible movement during the journey. In the case of carriers wooden wedges are to be inserted between the tracks and the sprockets to prevent movement.

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Care of Vehicles During Voyage.

21. Maintenance parties consisting of 1 O.R. per vehicle, including a proportion of N.C.Os and Artificer personnel, will accompany vehicles loaded in vehicle ships and will be responsible for taking care of the vehicles during transit by sea. Vehicles loaded as deck cargo require special care during the voyage, in order to guard against sea spray, rust, torn body covers, etc. The maintenance parties in each ship will daily attend to these points and the officers i/c maintenance party will be responsible that the necessary maintenance duties are religiously and correctly carried out.

Lt-Col.
A.A.&Q.M.G., A.I.F.

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M.H.& I.	1

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"STEPSISTER 2B"

ROAD AND RAIL MOVES.

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APPENDIX"A"

Personnel to SUEZ, vehicles to SUEZ.

Serial No. (a)	Unit (b)	ROAD PARTIES. Off. (c)	ORs. (d)	Vehs. (e)	M/C (f)	RAIL PARTIES. Off. (g)	Ors. (h)	Veh. (j)	M/C (k)	TOTAL Off. (l)	ORs. (m)	Veh. (n)	M/C (o)	LOCATION (p)	REMARKS. (q)
29263	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.	1	26	20	4	12	39	-	-	13	65	20	4	Gaza Area.	
61091	J Sig Sec 7 Aust Div	-	18	9	8	2	18	-	-	2	36	9	8	" "	
61128	47 Aust LAD	-	5	4	-	1	10	-	-	1	15	4%	-	" % incl 1 B/down lorry.	
61005	One pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	-	5	4	-	1	35	-	-	1	40	4	-	"	
29265	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	1	79	52	20	40	904	21carriers.		41	983	73%	20	" % incl 21 carriers.	
29266	2/10 " " "	1	79	52	20	40	904	21carriers.		41	983	73%	20	" % " " "	
29267	2/12 " " "	1	79	52	20	40	904	21carriers.		41	983	73%	20	" % " " "	
61079	2/5 Aust Fd Regt	5	257	199	30	41	487	9carriers.		46	744	208%	30	" % " 9 carriers.	
61091	F Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div.	-	14	7	5	1	13	-	-	1	27	7	5		
61080	52 Aust LAD	-	5	4	-	1	10	-	-	1	15	4x	-	" x incl 1 B/Down lorry.	
61086	2/4 Aust Fd Coy	1	44	30	10	7	212	-	-	8	256	30x	10	" x incl 3 trailers.	
	C/Fwd	10	611	433	117	186	3536	72	-	196	4147	505	117.		

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Serial No. (a)	Unit (b)	ROAD PARTIES. Off. (c)	ORs. (d)	Veh. (e)	M/C (f)	RAIL PARTIES. Off. (g)	ORs. (h)	Veh. (j)	M/C (k)	TOTAL Off. (l)	ORs. (m)	Veh. (n)	M/C (o)	LOCATION. (p)	REMARKS (q)
	B/Fwd,	10	611	433	117	186	3536	72	-	196	4147	505	117		
55409	2/5 Aust Fd Amb	1	38	34	-	11	197	-	-	12	235	34x	-	Gaza Area x incl 8 ambulances.	
61367	6 Coy AASC	3	171	129	24	7	239	-	-	10	410	129x	24	Gaza Area x incl 2 B/Down 3 trailers water	
61074	Rear and Spec Party HQ 7 Aust Div	-	3	2	-	3	18	-	-	3	21	2x	-	" " x incl 1 bus (21 str).	
61205	HQ 1 Aust AA Bde	-	14	10	2	9	11	-	-	9	25	10	2	" "	
61196	2 Aust Hy AA Regt (less 5 Bty)	3	170	135	16	27	595	-	-	30	765	135x	16	" " x incl 19 trailers 16 tractors Arty. 16x3.7 guns.	
61172	Finance Sec									-	4	-	-	SUEZ under arrangements Stepsister 2A parall.	
61023	1 Aust Corps Postal Unit									-	4	-	-	" " " " "	
61173	3 Aust Lt AA Regt ..Party									4	28	8x	-	GAZA. x incl 4 Bofor guns under arr para 7	
	Cooks										8	-		GAZA see note (iv)	
	AACS										4	-		SUEZ under arrangements HQ AIF see para 11	
	Medical party									4	12	-		" " " " "	
	TOTAL.	17	1007	743	159	243	4596	72	-	268	5663	823	159		

...../ Notes.

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NOTES:- (1) Convoy A vehicles of serials 29263 - 29267 and 61091 - 61205 and 61173 depart GAZA 2 Feb arr SUEZ 3 Feb.

(2) Convoy B vehicles of serials 61079 and 61196 depart 2 Feb arr SUEZ 3 Feb.

(3) Rail parties incl Carriers By rail as in Appendix 'B'. Location Carriers 13 Inf Bde 33 PAL 30 Tel el Kebir
2/5 Aust Fd Regt 9 Tel el Kebir.

(4) Cooks. To be detailed by serial 29263 will travel with vehicle parties. Scale 2 per M.T. ship.
Cooks to carry suffieicnt equipment for 230 all ranks per ship.

(5) Escorts for Carriers.

(a) Serials 29265, 29266. 29267 will despatch 30 drivers and Serial 61079 9 Drivers to arrive Tel el Kebir not later than pm 3 Feb.
(b) Above will act as escort to port of embarkation.

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APPENDIX "B".

MOST SECRET.

Spl Train No.	Entraining Stn.	Time of Departure (PLT)	Date of Departure	Composition of trains. B.P.L.	1st class coaches	Compo coaches	3rd class coaches	Flats (10 ton) or equivalent	Arr KANTARA EAST (PLT)	Dep KANTARA WEST (PLT)	Time of arrival (ELT)	Date of arrival	Detraining Stn	Serial Numbers to load.
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	j	k	l	m	n	o	p
DA	GAZA	1900	3 Feb	-	-	-	-	33	0200	0700	1200	4 Feb	SUEZ	33 Carriers and drivers of 29265, 29266 & 29267
DB	TEL EL KEBIR	0700	5 Feb	-	-	-	-	39	-	-	1200	5 Feb	do.	(30 Carriers and drivers of 29265, 29266 & 29267 (9 " " " " 61079
DC	GAZA	0400	8 Feb	1	1	-	7	-	1100	1300	1800	8 Feb	do.	61079, 61005
DD	do	0600	do	1	1	-	8	-	1300	1500	2000	do.	do.	61196
DE	do	0001	9 Feb	1	1	-	8	-	0700	0900	1400	9 Feb	do	Part 29265 (approx 30 offrs 590 ORs)
DF	do	0200	do	1	1	-	8	-	0900	1100	1600	do.	do	" 29266 (approx 30 offs 590 ORs)
DG	do	0400	do	1	1	-	8	-	1100	1300	1800	do.	do	Bal of 29265 and 29266 (less dvrs of carriers)
DH	do	0600	do	1	1	-	7	-	1300	1500	2000	do.	do	(29263,61091 (all),61128,61080,61086, (55409,61074,61205.
DJ	do	0001	10 Feb	1	1	-	8	-	0700	0900	1400	10Feb	do	Part 29267 (approx 30 Offs 590 ORs)
DK	do	0200	do	1	-	1	7	-	0900	1100	1600	do	do	(Bal of 29267 (less dvrs of carriers) (61367

Note:- Serial 29263 to send driving party total Offrs 1 ORs 30 from serials 29265, 29266 & 29267 & ORs 9 from serial 61079 to TEL EL KEBIR to arrive on 3 Feb or earl ier.

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MOST SECRET. APPENDIX 'C'.

1. CONVOYS
Road Convoys depart from GAZA in ~~two~~ parts.

(A). Serials as in Appendix 'A' less serials 61079 and 61196 under Comd serial 29263.

(B) Serials 61079 and 61196 under Comd HQ Serial 61079.

2. COMD
Convoy Comds as shown in para 1. will despatch convoys according to March Table in para 12.

3. DESTINATION. Vehicle Marshalling Park SUEZ.

4. SPEED. (A) 17 M.I.H. (B) 12½ M.I.H.

5. DENSITY. 20 V.T.M.

6. P.O.L. (1) Convoys will depart with tanks and spare tins filled. Refuel E. Bank of Canal for 90 miles. Refuelling from spare tins as far as possible. No repeat no full spare tins to be carried forward from Refuelling Point.

(2) An Officer to precede each convoy by 2 hrs to coordinate refuelling.

7. WATER.
Sufficient water to be carried for journey. Water available in emergency at M.51 and M.96 from GAZA.

8. RECOVERY.
Unit L.A.D's to travel in rear of convoys and recover breakdowns en route.

9. GUIDES
HQ Canal Area will arrange guides for each convoy at :-

(i) Refuelling Point (ii) Kilo 74
(iii) Through ISMAILIA. (iv) Kilo 99 CAIRO - SUEZ Rd.

10. M/Cs.
Convoy Comds will send 6 M/Cs each convoy ahead to points in para 9 to assist in controlling traffic.

11. ROAD DISCIPLINE
Convoys will move move in accordance with instructions contained in G.O. 381 of 2 May 1941.

...../Para 12 (March Table).

12.

MARCH TABLE.

CONVOY.		A.	B.
FIRST DAY.		2 FEB.	2 FEB.
STRENGTH.		Vehs 409. M/Cs 113.	Vehs 334. M/Cs 46.
SPEED.		17 M.I.H.	12½ M.I.H.
		PALESTINE TIME.	
GAZA	Dep.	0500 hrs.	0630 hrs.
HALT.		0800 -0830 hrs.	0930 - 1000 hrs.
HALT.		1130 - 1200 hrs.	1300 - 1330 hrs.
HALT.		- - - -	1630 - 1700 hrs.
M 160	Arr. Stage.	1530 hrs.	2050 hrs.
SECOND DAY.		3 FEB.	3 FEB.
		EGYPTIAN TIME	
M 160	Dep.	0530 hrs.	0700 hrs.
Canal	Arr.	0830 hrs.	1100 hrs.
Refuel	Dep.	0930 hrs.	1200 hrs.
HALT.		- - -	1500 - 1530 hrs.
Kilo 99.		1245 hrs.	1700 hrs.
SUEZ	Arr.	1400 hrs.	1845 hrs.

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DISTRIBUTION.

C IN C MED	1	MOV SUEZ	34- 45
RAL ALEX	2	MOV FAYID	46
FORS	3	MOV LO QASSASSIN	47
SBNO SCA	4	MOV PORT SAID	48 -53
NO I/C PORT SAID	5	MOV KANTARA	54
NO I/C SUEZ	6	DDMS CANAL AREA	55
PSTO (E)	7	APM MOASCAR	56
DSTO PORTSAID	8	DAPM SUEZ	57
DSTO SUEZ	9	NINTH ARMY (for HQ AIF SYRIA)	58
MEF REP M of W Tpt. ALEX	10	MOV HAIFA	59
HQ CANAL AREA	11 -18	RLO HAIFA	60
HQ CAIRO AREA	19	MILPAL	61 063
HQ MOASCAR SUB-AREA	20	MOV MILPAL	640 67
HQ QASSASSIN SUB-AREA	21	MOV LYDDA	68 -72
HQ SUEZ SUB-AREA	22- 25	AUSBASE GAZA	73 -76
L & T CAMP SUEZ	26- 27	AUSBASE (for units in APP 'A'	77-102
MOV CAIRO	28	MOV NINTH ARMY	167
MOV MOASCAR	29- 33	MOV SYRIA	168

COPIES TO

HQ AIF	103-112.	AUST PORT DET SUEZ	118
OO DOCKS SUEZ	113	AUST PORT DET PORT SAID	119
DOCKS SUPT SUEZ	114	2nd ECHELON AIF	120-121
DOCKS SUPT PORT SAID	115	CPM AIF	122-123
OC DOCKS PORT SAID	116	DAPM PORT SAID	124
OC RASC (EFI) ABBASSIA	117		

BRANCHES GHQ MEF.

LGA	125	DSTO	136	POSTAL	146.
DQMG	126	AUST LO	137	SIGNALMASTER	147
DDO	127	R.A.	138	PA TODQMG (Mov & Tn)	148
G (O)	128	E	139	AD MOV & TN (S)	149
G (SD)	129-130	SURVEY	140	MOV 2	150
GS8(b)	131	X	141	AUST LO with Mov & Tn	151-152
AG	132	S.T.	142	MOV 3	153
Q (P)	133	O.S.	143	MOV 4	154
Q	134	M	144	MOV 6	155
R.N.	135	P.M.	145	MOV 7	156-157

BRANCHES HQ BTE.

G	158	CSO	161	M.I.	164
A	159	S.T.	162	SIGNALMASTER	165
Q	160	O.S.	163	CHIEF FIELD CENSOR	166

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DISTRIBUTION.

18 Aust Inf Bde (for all units of 7 Aust Div)	1 - 20
1 Aust AA Bde	21 - 26
Finance Sec AIF	27
1 Aust Corps Postal Unit	28
Comd	29
2 i/c.	30
'G'	31
'A'	32
'Q'	33 - 35
Spares	36 - 40

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APPENDIX 2c

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DET AASC HQ 1 AUST AA BDE COY AASC

OFFRS	ORs
3	138

Lt GUY — No. 1 Sec — 1 Aust Lt AA Regt Sec AASC

(Lieut) 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 1 Cook, 1 Dr-Bat
2 M/Cs
1 15-cwt Van

No. 1 Sub Sec

1 Cpl
1 Dr-Mech
10 Drs
5 3-Tonners, GS
(4 Amn
(1 Petrol

ORs (41)

No. 2 Sub Sec

do.

No. 3 Sub Sec

do.

Capt GODDING — No. 2 Sec — 2 Aust Hy AA Regt Sec AASC

(Capt) 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls, 6 Ptes
1 Cook, 1 Dr-Bat, 1 Butcher
2 M/Cs
1 15-cwt Van

(N.B. This Sec HQ also supervises 1 & 3 Secs as required).

No. 4 Sub Sec

1 Cpl
1 Dr-Mech
12 Drs
6 3-Tonners
(5 Amn
(1 Petrol

ORs (56)

No. 5 Sub Sec

do.

No. 6 Sub Sec

do.

Lieut McMAHON — No. 3 Sec — 3 Aust Lt AA Regt Sec AASC

(Lieut) 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 1 Cook,
1 Dr-Bat
2 M/Cs
1 15-cwt Van

No. 7 Sub Sec

1 Cpl
1 Dr-Mech
10 Drs
5 3-Tonners
(4 Amn
(1 Petrol

ORs (41)

No. 8 Sub Sec

do.

No. 9 Sub S

do.

APPENDIX 3

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18 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN NO

Issued in conjunction with STEPSISTER instructions previously issued and ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION FOR EXPEDITIONARY FORCES PROCEEDING FROM THE MIDDLE EAST (AIEF)

RAIL MOVEMENT

1. (a) Details of units to move, train departure time and train compositions are shown in Appx "A" att.

(b) Details of road movement of train parties to entraining sta will be promulgated later.

OsC TRAIN

2. (a) The following offrs are appointed OsC trains:-

DC	CO 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
DE	CO 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
DF	CO 2/10 Aust Inf Bn
DG	2 i/c 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
DH	CO 2/5 Aust Fd Amb
DJ	CO 2/12 Aust Inf Bn
DK	2 i/c 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

(b) OsC trains will ensure that instns in Appx I to A.I.E.F are carried out.

ENTRAINING OFFRS

3. (a) Entraining offrs will be appointed as follows:-

DC	by	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
DE	by	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
DF	by	2/10 Aust Inf Bn
DG	by	(2/9 Aust Inf Bn
		(2/10 Aust Inf Bn
DH	by	(HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
		(HQ 1 Aust AA Bde
		(2/4 Aust Fd Coy
		(2/5 Aust Fd Amb
DJ	by	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
DK	by	(2/12 Aust Inf Bn
		(6 Coy AASC

(b) Names of offrs appointed will be submitted to this HQ by 0800 hrs 3 Feb 42. (This is important and must be adhered to).

(c) Where trains are made up of more than one unit entraining offrs will ensure that allotment of space is made in collaboration with entraining offrs of other units travelling. Final allotments being under jurisdiction OC train. (This also includes loading in box and other vans.)

(d) Entraining offrs will be responsible for loading eqpt and entraining tps, and will be in attendance at entraining sta prior to arrival tp train.

(e) Immediately upon arrival at sta an offr of each unit or detachment will report to entraining offr with entraining state showing War Office serial no, unit, and actual number in offrs and ORs actually entraining.

(f) Entraining offrs will report, immediately on completion of entraining to OC train.

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EQPT AND BAGGAGE

4. (a) Three box vans per train will be placed at entraining sta 1000 hrs, 7, 8 and 9 Feb 42 for loading of units eqpt and baggage.
(b) Box vans must be loaded by 1600 hrs each day.
(c) Tpt will report to units each morning prior to day of move of the following :-

i. Tpt of baggage and eqpt to sta.
ii. Return of blankets etc to DADOS.

The above tpt will report to unit lines at 0900 hrs. (One 3-ton lorry will report at 1800 hrs for transporting cooking gear etc which cannot be loaded before 1600 hrs and which will be loaded into "third brake" provided for this purpose).
(d) Units will detail adequate loading parties.
(e) Units will detail one offr, one sgt and 12 ORs to act as baggage guard and to accompany the baggage until final loading at quay.
(f) The following eqpt and baggage will also be loaded in box vans:-

Kit bage, universal.
2" Mortars
A Tk rifles

ADMINISTRATION

5. HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde will be in charge of all serials, both vehicle and personnel parties at SUEZ for administrative purposes until embarkation is completed, and is prepared to adopt the same procedure if ordered to do so on disembarkation.

AMMUNITION

6. Units will ensure that 1st and 2nd line scale of amn is avalaable for all AALMGs detailed for ships protection.

RATIONS

7. (a) The unconsumed portion of the days ration, plus two days reserve will be taken.
(b) A hot meal will be provided at KANTARA EAST under arrangements MOV KANTARA.

WATER

8. (a) Water bottles will be carried full.
(b) All personnel will be warned against drinking any water en route other than that carried in their water bottles.

MEDICAL

9. (a) Unit MOs will travel on trains with majority of unit personnel.
(b) MOs for trains DG and DK will be detailed by 2/5 Aust Fd Amb.

Names of MOs to reach this HQ by 0800 hrs 3 Feb 42 (This is important).

BLANKETS

10. Third and fourth blankets will be returned to DADOS rolled in bundles of ten as follows:-

2/5 Aust Fd Regt	-	1200 hrs 7 Feb 42.
2/9 Aust Inf Bn	-	1000 hrs 8 Feb 42.
2/10 Aust Inf Bn	-	1100 hrs 8 Feb 42.
HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	-	1200 hrs 8 Feb 42.
2/5 Aust Fd Amb	-	1300 hrs 8 Feb 42.
2/4 Aust Fd Coy	-	1400 hrs 8 Feb 42.
2/12 Aust Inf Bn	-	1100 hrs 9 Feb 42.
6 Coy AASC	-	1200 hrs 9 Feb 42.

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PAY

11. Attention is drawn to instns regarding pay issued in conjunction with 7 Aust Div Adm Cir A6.

RECORDS PROCEDURE

12. As per 7 Aust Div Adm Instn A2.

CERTIFICATES TO BE RENDERED PRIOR TO EMBARKATION

13. (a) That all outstanding accounts (offrs, sgts messes, regtl funds canteen etc) have been paid up to and incl date of embarkation.
(b) That lines handed over are in an excellent condition, that all accomodation stores, tentage etc has been correctly stacked and handed over to CSO and that G1033s have been signed and copies in possession of units.
(c) That NOTHING in excess of WE SCALE is in possession.
(d) These certificates to be handed to SC by 2000hrs on evening prior to departure from unit lined

J.M. Kent Capt.
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

SIGNED AT 1600 HRS

ISSUED THROUGH D/R.

DISTRIBUTION: -

Unit	Copy No
2/9 Aust Inf Bn	1-2
2/10 Aust Inf Bn	3-4
2/12 Aust Inf Bn	5-6
2/5 Aust Fd Regt	7-8
2/4 Aust Fd Coy	9-10
2/5 Aust Fd Amb	11-13
6 Coy AASC	13-14
"J" Sec Sigs	15
11 Pl Hq Gd Bn	16
HQ 1 Aust AA Bde	17
Rear ans Special Party 7 Aust Div	18
HQ AIF (ME) Base Area	19 - 22
Comd	23
SC	24
File	25 - 28
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APPENDIX "A"

SECRET

COMPOSITION OF TRAINS

TRAIN NO	ENTRAINING STA	UNIT	NO OF PERSONNEL OFFRS	NO OF PERSONNEL ORs	TIME OF DEPARTURE	DATE OF DEPARTURE	B.P.L.	1st CLASS	COMPO COACHES	3rd CLASS	BOX AND BRAKE VANS	ARRIVAL KANTARA PLT	DEP KANTARA PLT	TIME ARR SUEZ PLT	DATE OF ARRIVAL
DC	MAJDAL	2/5 Aust Fd Regt	40	536	0230	8 Feb	1	1	-	7	4	1100	1300	1800	8 Feb
		11 Pl HQ GD BN	1	41											
DE	MAJDAL	2/9 Bn	30	590	2230	8 Feb	1	1	-	8	4	0700	0900	1400	8 Feb
DF	do	2/10 Bn	30	590	0030	9 Feb	1	1	-	8	4	0900	1100	1600	9 Feb
DG	do	2/9 Bn	6	224	0230	9 Feb	1	1	-	8	4	1100	1300	1800	9 Feb
		2/10 Bn	9	253											
DH	do	HQ 18 Bde	9	34											
		"J" Sec Sigs	2	16											
		F Sec Sigs	1	14											
	52	~~SS~~ LAD	-	7											
		2/4 Fd Coy	7	210	0430	9 Feb	1	1	-	7	4	1300	1500	2000	9 Feb
		2/5 Fd Amb	7	193											
		Rear Party 7 Aust DIV	4	23											
		1 Aust AA Bde	9	11											
DJ	do	2/12 Bn	30	590	2230	9 Feb	1	1	-	8	4	0700	0900	1100	10 Feb
DK	do	2/12 Bn	10	287	0030	10 Feb	1	-	1	7	4	0900	1100	1600	10 Feb
		6 Coy AASC	7	155											

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APPENDIX 4

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Particulars of Accident
L/Bdr Murray.

Date. 3/2/42
Time. 1450.
Location - Main Road opposite Bert Jugar Camp
Vehicle - V 5382 on charge 6 Div Ammun Coy.
Drivers name - not disclosed.
W Co i/c Van - V X 8426 Sgt. T. Kennedy.
Details - L/Bdr Murray had hailed a taxi & in endeavouring to get in was hit. Stated that it was his own fault.
Sgt Kennedy had him conveyed to C.R.S. Diver Sinaide

Estimated Speed of V 5382 } 20 m.p.h.

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STANDING ORDERS FOR TRAIN JOURNEY 9 & 10 FEB 42.

SECRET.

COPY NO. 8

BY

CAPT H.T.JELBART - O.C.TRAIN D.H.

INTRODUCTION - These orders are divided into two parts;

(1) General.

(2) Action to be taken against Air attack.

PART 1. - General.

1. ENTRAINING OFFICER of each unit will -
(I) report to O.C. train prior to arrival of train at station for allotment of accomodation.

(II) hand entraining states to O.C. train.

(III) report completion of entraining to O.C. train.

(IV) Entraining officers will also be responsible for subsequent detraining and supervision of personnel leaving and rejoining train at pre-arranged halts on order of O.C. train.

(V) Entraining officers will ascertain train HQ and Medical Orderli compartment, and keep liason with O.C. train.

(VI) Consumption of alcoholic drink is forbidden during train journey.

2. OFFICERS. will travel dispersed with their troops.

3. TRAIN DISCIPLINE. Entraining officers will warn all their unit's troops against:-

(I) leaning out of windows, boarding or leaving train while it is in motion.
(II) Throwing anything out of window.
(III) Causing damage to Railway Property (windows, window straps, electric lights, etc.
(IV) removing anything, scratching or altering globes globes in carriages.
(V) Drinking water other than from their water bottles en-route, buying cheap Native mineral waters or fruit etc.
(VI) Consumption of alcholic drink is forbidden during train journey.

4. HALTS. Troops will on NO account leave the train without the express permission of the O.C. train.
If troops are ordered to leave train, they will do so on the near side only.

5. ARRIVAL. No troops will detrain until ordered by O.C. train.
Entraining officers will supervise detraining.

6. RUNNERS. Each unit will provide one runner to travel near train H.

PART II.

ACTION IN EVENT OF AIR RAID.

7. GENERAL. Entraining officer will ensure that one Air Sentry is provided for each coach, and instructed in his duties.
(I) When a train is stationary to maintain a watch for the approach of hostile aircraft.
(II) To assist in the collection of personnel who may have dismounted from the train.
(III) Execute orders as may be issued by O.C. train if train is in station.

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ACTION IN EVENT OF AIR RAID.

(IV) To have a whistle (obtained from own unit) and sound AIR ALARM (series of short blasts on the whistle) (action to be ordered by O.C. train)
(V) To know the compartment of the O.C. trainand his name and unit.
(VI)In the event of an attack while train is in motion,Sentries will see that all lights are out,glass windows lowered,and wooden screens raised.
(VII) ALL CLEAR (continuous blasts of whistle) will be blown under order of O.C. train to recall troops to train if dismounted.

8. A.A.DEFENCE. Units with LMG will detail teams for all guns to mount immediately when ordered.

9. AMN. 1st line scale amn will be carried with the gun. ✓

10. Units will submit to Coordinating Entraining Officer by 1500 hours 8 Feb 1942 FINAL entraining statement showing officers and other ranks (numbers only)

[signature]

Distribution.

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.....	Copy No.	1.
J Sec Sigs.....	" "	2.
F Sec Sigs.....	" "	3.
52 LAD.....	" "	4.
2/4 Aust Fd Coy.....	" "	5.
2/5 Fd Amb.....	" "	6.
Rear Party 7 Aust Div..	" "	7.
1 Aust AA Bde.....	" "	8.
O.C. Train.....	" "	9.

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SECRET

Copy No 4.

HQ, 1 Aust AA Bde

MOVEMENT ORDER.

8 Feb 42.

1. HQ 1 Aust AA Bde, less Signal and Workshops Sections will move by rail on 9 Feb 42 in accordance with timetable in para 2. Sgt D/ Luttrell will be attached for the journey.

2.

8 Feb 42	
~~MOV~~ baggage to be picked up	1800 hrs
9 Feb 42	
Reveille	0130 hrs
Return of blankets & palliasses (empty) to Q Store. (One only blanket to be retained)	0145 "
Tea at 10 Bty Kitchen	0215 "
Issue of Rifles at Q Store	0230 "
M.T. reports at unit lines	0250 "
Embuss at	0255 "
Move from Grimwade Lines	0300 "
Arrive Majdal and entrain	0330 "
Leave Majdal	0430 "

3. RATIONS. Each man will carry one day's rations which may be required for three meals, also one day's emergency rations. Two day's reserve rations will be carried in bulk by the unit and will NOT be consumed unless ordered by the Commander.
a hot meal will be provided at KANTARA EAST under arrangements Mov. KANTARA.
Water bottles will be filled before embussing.

4. DRESS and EQUIPMENT. S/D/ (winter) with hats turned up - marching order - blankets to be rolled in ground sheet around PACK - Respirator to be carried at the ALERT.

5. ENTRAINMENT.
(a) Lieut. R/S/Mosley will act as entraining officer for the unit and will report to R.T.O. Majdal with state showing Serial No., Name of Unit and number of Officers and O.Rs entraining.
(b) Personnel will not debus or detrain unless ordered by the OC train ~~Commander~~, and entrainment will proceed only as ordered by the entraining officer.
(c) Entrainment officer will draw rail warrants from R.T.O.

6. DISCLIPINE.
(a) Capt. N.T.Jelbart is O.C. train.
(b) Officers will travel with their respective troops and will on NO account travel collectively in a separate carriage.
(c) Alcoholic drinks will NOT be consumed during the journey either while travelling or when halted at stations.

7. SECURITY. Personnel will be warned that under no circumstances will they discuss the move with any person whatsoever, unless detailed to do so in the course of duty. Particularly no mention of dates, time of movement or conjectures of final destination will be made.

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8. P.A.D. Units with L.M.G. will detail teams for all guns to mount immediately when ordered.

9. BAGGAGE and EQUIPMENT.
(a) Baggage to travel in rear van, and /to picquet Q Stores and kit bags is appointed as under:-
L/Sgt Noble S.H.
Gnr. Radford R.
(b) WOV baggage will be picqueted on train in van provided, by:-
Bdr. Fitzgerald C.W.
Gnr. Carter H.W.
(c) Officers valises will accompany personnel to Rly Station for loading in brake van to be attached to each train and a baggage party consisting of:-
L/Bdr. Watts J.F.
Gnr. Leask M.F.
to accompany baggage.

10. ACTION IN EVENT OF AIR RAID.
1. Sound AIR ALARM (series of short blasts on a whistle). Action to be ordered by O.C. Train.
2. To know compartment of O.C. train, his name and unit.
3. In event of attack while train is in motion sentries will see that all lights are out, glass windows lowered and wooden screens raised.
4. ALL CLEAR. Continuous blasts of whistle will be blown under orders of O.C. train to recall troops to train if dismounted.

11. Ack.

12. Time of signing .....

Captain
Staff Captain, 1 A.A. Bde 1 Aust Corps

DISTRIBUTION.

1. Comd. 1 Aust AA Bde
2. S.C. HQ 1 Aust AA Bde
3. Movements Control
4. Entraining Officer (Lieut Mosley)
5 & 6. War Diary
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H.M.T. "Shalhallan".

	O.C. Troops	Col. E.M.Neylan,MC.	1 AA Bde.
	S.M.O.	Col. Wassell,DSO	9 AGH
	Ship's Adjutant	Ca pt. Lahey	HQ Corps.
	Asst. "	Lieut. R.S.Mosley	1 AA Bde.
	Ship's Q.M.	Capt. C.A.Bowen	1 AA Bde.
	Asst. "	Lieut. H.S.Black	1 AA Bde.
	Messing Officer	Lieut. H.R.Latrailleo	2 Aust Hy Regt.
	Asst. "	W.O.(1) McColl	HQ Corps.
	Baggage Officer	Capt. Oldmeadow	HQ Corps.
	Asst. "	Capt. J. Mills	AASC HQ Corps.
	Ship R.S.M.	W.O.(1) Nolan	HQ Corps
	Armoury Officer	MAJ A.P. SHRIMPTON.	2 Aust Hy Regt.
x	Gunnery Officer	Major R.V.Rushton	1 AA Bde.
	A.P.M.		

Ship Staff

Capt. Biggs
Staff Cmdr. Watson
x Mr. Holmes

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H.M.T. 313 - ALLOTMENT OF ACCOMMODATION

Section	Deck	Already on board or not	Serial	Unit	Personnel		Messing Accomm
P	H	No	61381	1 Aust Corps Tps Amn Coy	232		All Stbd Tables; 154-164 (Port side)
		No	61228	HQ Sigs AA Bde	41		166, 168, 170
		Yes	61006	HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps	9		172 (part) (P Section)
		Yes		RAF	16	298	172-174
O	G	No	61383	1 Aust Corps Tps Pet Coy	214		All Stbd tables; 140-152 (Port)
		Yes	29744	A & B Div Sigs 1 Ord Fd Pk			(O Section)
				1 Corps Sec 1 Aust Fd Pk	40	254	134, 136, 138, part 140
N & M	G	No	61196	2 Aust Hy AA Regt	622		HQ & 4 Bty in N Sec, 6 Bty & 5 bty
		Yes	61321	1 Aust Air Support Control	10		% Reinfs in M Sec
		No	61172	2nd Echelon for duty	2	634	% % - Table 110 in M Sec
L	G	Yes	61008	HQ Sigs 1 Aust Corps			
		Yes	61323	HQ Corps Adm Sec			Accommodation in L Section.
		Yes	61325	Tech Maint Sec			Allocation left to units concerned.
		Yes	61326	HQ No. 1 Coy			
		Yes	61329	3 Line Sec	97		
K	G	No	61346	2 D/R	23		113, 115, 117, 119
		Yes	61024	1 Aust Corps Empl Pl	24		119, 121, 123, 125
		Yes	61004	1 Aust Corps AIL Sec	1		(K Section)
		Yes	61002	1 Aust Corps Cipher Sec	1		127
		Yes	61390	1 Aust Corps Printing & Staty Unit	3	52	
J	G	No		R.N. Ratings		53	All accommodation in J Section
H	G	No	61016	1 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec	25		78, 80
		No	61026	6 Div Spec Party	28		82, 84 (H Section)
		Yes	61268	Det HQ Aust BAD c/l Doble	11		86
		Yes	61001	HQ 1 Aust Corps	198		All Starboard ; 70, 72, 74, 76 (Port)
		Yes		RAF	4	266	88 All starboard tables
F	F	No	55220	14 Aust Spec Hospital	56		
		Yes	55363	B & C Secs plus 17 Wkshop sub sec 2/1 MAC	50	106	All Port tables. (F Section)
B	F	No	61335	2 Line Maint Sec	50		10, 12, 14, 16, 18
		No	55287	3 Aust Con Depot	41		Part 2, 4, 6, 8.
		No	61297	AIF Press Relations & Censorship Unit	4	95	(B Section) Part 2
G	F	No	61336	2 OP Sec Sigs 1 Aust Corps	35		
		No	61339	5 OP Sec Sigs 1 Aust Corps	34		153, 155, 157
		No	61392	8 OP Sec Sigs 1 Aust Corps	34		157, 159, 161
		No	61344	6 WT Sec	21		161, 163, 165 M Section 2nd sitting
		No	61396	11 WT Sec	21		165, 167, 169
		No	61400	5 DR Sec Sigs	25		169, 171
							171, 173, 110

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					b/f			
G	F	No	61197	2 Aust Hy AA Regt Sig Sec	26		110,108, 106	
		No	61198	2 Aust Hy AA Regt Wkshop	35		106,104,102	
		No		AACS	1		102	M Section 2nd sitting
		No	61195	1 Aust Lt AA Regt	1		102	
		No	61243	HQ 1 Aust Corps Reception	19	252	100, 98	
E	F	Yes		RAF	41		37,39,41	Troops Dining Saloon
		No	61334	HQ No 2 Coy Sigs 1 Aust Corps	6		41	F Deck
		Yes	61023	1 Aust Corps Postal Unit	2		41	1 st Sitting
		Yes	61151	Provision Sec	35	84	43,45	
A	F	Yes	61322	1 Aust Air Sup Control Sigs	24	24	47,49	Tp dining sallon 1st sitting
Cabins	F	Yes	61164	Det AIF Kit Store	10		49	
		Yes	61003	A Sec FSS	6		49,51	Troops Dining Saloon 1st Sittin
		No	55211	2 AGH	6	22	51	
D	E	Yes	61152	HQ Aust BOD	19		51,53	Tps Dining Saloon F Deck
		27 Yes) 45 No)	61247	Det 1 Aust Ord Amn Coy	72	91	53,55,57,59,61	1st Sitting
Cabins	E Stbd	Yes	61014	Det 2/4 Aust Ord Store Coy	121		49,51,53,55,57,59,61	Tps Dining Saloon
		No	61235	Det 1 Aust AA Bde Coy AASC	36		45,47	2nd sitting.
		Yes	61205	HQ 1 Aust AA Bde	11		43	
		Yes	61322	Air Support Control Sigs	10	178	43 ~~,41,39,37,35,33,31,29~~	
Cabins	E Port	Yes		RAF	139	139	41 39 37 35 33 31 29	do.
78 & 80 onwards								
Canteen Deck	D Deck	Yes		RAF	126	126	48,50,52,29,31,33,35	Tps dining saloon 1st sitting
C	F	No	55218	9 AGH	150		All tables except 27	
		No	61209	HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Wkshops	2		27	(C Section)
		No	61172	Finance Section	11	163	27	

ACCOMMODATION FOR TROOPS EMBARKING 16/2/42.

Unit Serials		Unit Name.	DECK	SECTION	EMBARK AT	ANTICIPATED TI OF ARRIVAL
✓61268	x	Det HQ Aust BAD (Nelson)	G	H - 11)		
✓61152	x	HQ Aust BOD (~~[illegible]~~)	E	D - 20)		
✓61151	x	Det Aust Ord Provision Sec	F ~~E Starbd~~	E ~~In Cabins~~) 35	1400 hrs	1430 hrs
✓61247	x	Det 1 Aust Ord Amn Coy	E	D) 72		
✓61014	x	Det 2/4 Aust Ord Store Coy	E Starbd	In Cabins) 121 - 133 cabins onwards		
✓61164	x	Det AIF (ME) Kit Store	F	In Cabins) 10		
✓29744	x	A & B Div Sigs, 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	G	O) 40		
✓55363	x	B & C Secs Plus 17 Wkshop Sub Sec 2/1)	F	F) 50 —		
✓61001	x	HQ 1 Aust Corps MAC)	G	H) 196		
✓61002	x	1 Aust Corps Cipher Sec	G	K) 1		
✓61003	x	A Sec FSS	F	In Cabins) 6		
✓61321	x	1 Aust Air Sup Control	G	N & M) 10		
✓61322	x	1 Aust Air Sup Control Sigs	F	E) 24	1430 hrs	1500 hrs
✓61024	x	1 Aust Corps Empl Pl	G	K) 22 → +11 H Sec G Deck.		
✓61004	x	1 Aust Corps AIL Sigs	G	K)		
✓61006	x	HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps	H	P) 9		
✓61008	x	HQ Sigs 1 Aust Corps	G	L)		
✓61323	x	HQ Corps Adm Sec	G	L)		
✓61325	x	Tech Main Section	G	L) 97		
✓61326	x	HQ No. 1 Coy	G	L)		
✓61329	x	3 Line Sec	G	L)		
		1 Aust Corps Postal Unit				
		RAF & RAAF				
61390	x	1 Aust Punt & Stationery Sec.				

4 Sgts.
1 Sgt FSS

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ALLOTMENT OF ACCOMMODATION TO OTHER RANKS - H.M.T. STRATHALLAN.

Section	Deck	Unit	Serial NO.	Offrs	W.Os Sgts	ORs	AANS	TOTAL
P	H	1 Aust Corps Tps Amn Coy	61381	8		232		
		HQ Sigs AA Bde	61228	3		41		
		HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps	61006	4		9		
		RAF				16		
O	G	1 Aust Corps Tps Pet Coy	61383	5		214		
		A & B Div Sigs, 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	29744					
		1 Corps Sec 1 Aust Fd Pk		3		40		
N)	G	2 Aust Hy AA Regt (less 5 bty)	61196	27		622		
M)		1 Aust Air Sup Control	61321	3		10		
		~~Tank Maint~~ 2nd Echelon for duty 61172	~~61325~~	~~2~~		2		
			61006					
L	G	HQ Sigs 1 Aust Corps	61008	4		11		
		HQ Corps Adm Sec	61323	3		32		
		Tech Main Section	61325	1		23		
		HQ No. 1 Coy	61326	1		5		
		3 Line Sec	61329	2		50		
K	G	2 D/R Sec	61346			23		
		1 Aust Corps Empl Pl	61024			21		
		1 Aust Corps AIL Sigs	61004	1		1		
		1 Aust Corps Cipher Sec	61002	1		1		
		Aust Printing & Staty Unit	61390	1		4		
J	G	RN Ratings				53		
H	G	1 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec	61016	1		25		
		6 Div Spec Party	61026			28		
		Det HQ Aust BAD	61268			11		
		HQ 1 Aust AA Bde	61205	5		11		
		HQ 1 Aust Corps	61001	32		196		
		RAF				4		
F	F	14 ASH	55220	7		56		
		B & C Secs Plus 17 Wkshop Sub Sec)						
		2/1 MAC)	55363	1		50		
B	F	2 Line Maint Sec	61333	1				
			61335	1		20		
						30		

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Section	Deck	Unit	Serial No.	Offrs	WOs & Sgts	ORs	AANS	TOTAL
B	F	3 Aust Conval Depot	55287	8		41		
		AIF Press Relations & Censorship Unit	61297	6		4		
G	F	2 O.P. Sec Sigs 1 Aust Corps	61336	1		35		
		5 O.P. Sec " " "	61339	1		34		
		8 O.P. " " " "	61392	1		34		
		6 W/T Sec " " "	61344	1		21		
		11 " " " " "	61396	1		21		
		5 D/R Sec Sigs " "	61400	1		25		
		2 Aust Hy AA Regt Sig Sec	61197	1		26		
		2 Aust " " " Wkshop	61198	3		35		
		AACS				1		
		1 Aust Lt AA Regt	61195	1		1		
		HQ 1 Aust Corps Rec	61243	2		19		
E	F	RAF				41		
		HQ No. 2 Coy Sigs 1 Aust Corps	61334	3		6		
		1 Aust Corps Postal Unit (for duty)	61023			2		
		1 Aust Air Sup Control Sigs	61322	1		35		
A	F							
In cabins	F	Det AIF (ME) Kit Store	61164			10		
		A Sec FSS	61003	1		6		
		2 AGH	55211	1		6	154	
D	E	HQ Aust BOD	61152	3		20		
		Det 1 Aust Ord Amn Coy	61247	1		72		
In Cabins	E Starbd	Det 2/4 Aust Ord Store Coy	61014	4		121		
		Det 1 Aust AA Bde Coy AASC	61235	1		36		
		Det Aust Ord Provision Sec	61151	2		35		
In Cabins Cabin 78 & from 80 onwards		RAF				139		
Canteen Deck	D	RAF				126		
C	F	9 AGH	55218	21		150	86	
		HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Wkshops	61209			2		
		Finance Sec (for duty)	61172	1		11		

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LOCA TION OF GROUP ORDERLY ROOMS

GROUP 1

Comd. - Sqn.Ldr Fox
Adjt. - P/O Blyth
S/NCO - P/Sgt Carisle
Clerk - A/C Butt

Location "E" Deck 93

Group 2

Comd. - Lt-col.Hobbs A.J.
2 i/c/ - Capt. Inglis W.G.K.
Adjt. - Lieut Wheeler F.
G Off - Capt Long A.K.
Sports Etc:- Lieut Black R.J.
Liaison Sports Etc:- Mr Thomas (Y.M.C.A.)

LOCATION :- D.286.

GROUP 3.

Comd:- Lt.Col. Purnell K.C.
2 i/c :- Maj. Polglase J.H.
Adjt:- Capt Telford. L.K.
Q.M.:- Capt Gould
Ord Offr:-
Port Side:-Lt. Brownhill R.
Star Side:- Lt. Riggall E.
Sports Etc :- Mr L. Bergan.
LOCATION :- Cabin 310.

GROUP 4.

Comd :- Major Smith.
2 i/c :- Maj Crawcour S.
Adjt :- Lt Burgess T.S.
Q.M. :- Lt Hargreaves K.
Sports Etc :- Capt. Dendle D.C.
C.S.M. :- W.O.II. Bear L.J.

LOCATION :- Cabin 308.

GROUP 5.

Comd :- Lt. Col. McKinlay J.L.
2 i/c :- Maj. Buchley J.P.
Adjt :- Capt Sunter J.S.
C.S.M. :- W.O.Stout H.
O.R's :- Sgt Corbett J.B.

LOCATION :- "D" Deck Star. alleyway alongside Cabin 290.

GROUP 7.

Comd. :- Maj O'Callagan O.B.
2 i/c :-Capt T. Scrase.
Adjt :- Capt Clarke D.J.
O.R's :- S/Sgt Cogellin J.E.
C.S.M. :- Sgt Munro.
Amenities :- Capt Fleming.

LOCATION :- "F" Deck - Foyer.

GROUP 8.

Comd :- Lt Col Hammer G.R.
2 i/c :- Major Dalton K.
Adjt :- Capt David A.R.
Q.M. Capt Hudson R.C.
"G" :- Major Kent E.M.
G.S.M. :- W.O.i. Millynn R.H.
Amenities :- Lt Anderson K.C.
LOCATION :- Star Side Main Staircase "E" Deck.

GROUP 9.

Comd :- Maj Molloy R.D.
2 i/c :- Maj. Scorer L.E.
Adjt :- Lt Sawyer
O.O. :- Capt Morell.

LOCATION :- Cabin 238 "D" Deck.

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Ship's Mil.Ord.Room,
H.M.T. "STRATHALLAN", 313

19 FEB.'42

Captain,
H.M.T. "STRATHALLAN" 313

As a first gesture of appreciation of the Ship's efficiency on the night 18/19 FEB.'42, may I please submit this note for your perusal.

One can make a landman's appreciation of the problem presented to you by one mere human being's action. The answer to the problem was 100% perfect. As O.C. Troops I ask you to accept my personal thanks and my hopes that soon we can be, in our sphere, as efficient.

Col.
O.C. Troops H.M.T. "313".

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SHIP'S ORDERLY ROOM
H.M.T."STRATHALLAN"
23 Feb 42.

10a

- MEDICAL INSPECTION -

1 A Medical Inspection organised in Gps will be held on "E" Deck Aft on Tuesday 24 Feb at the following times :-

1	Gp 9	0915 - 0940 hrs
2	Gp 1	0940 - 1005 "
3	Gp 2	1005 - I030 "
4	Gp 3	I030 - I055 "
5	Gp 4	I055 - 1120 "
6	Gp 5	1120 - 1145 "
7	Gp 8	1400 - 1600 "

2 Gp 7 will be inspected at 0915 hrs Wednesday 25 Feb and will in all other respects comply with these instructions.

3 Each Serial will supply a nominal roll and check off it's own personnel as inspected.

4 Route: Gps will move down ladders on Starboard Side on "A" "B" "C" and "D" Decks aft/which is Medical Inspection Area. After examination Tps will be moved on either side of "E" Deck pool to Port Side then proceed by Aft ladders on Port Side via "D" "C" "B" and "A" Decks to training areas.

/ to "E" Deck

5 Procedure for Medical Inspection

(a) Three (3) M.Os will conduct the Inspection.

(b) Tps will be assembled into three ranks when they arrive on "E" Deck and file past the M.Os.

(c) Prior to Inspection Tps will undress i.e. Hats, Shirts and Vests off, lower shorts and carry loose clothing, lifebelt etc, over left arm.

(d) After Inspection Tps are to dress as quickly as possible and move back by the route indicated in Para 4 to training Area.

(e) Boots, Shoes and Stockings will not be taken off.

6 Each Gp will have two (2) Offrs present at the Inspection area to ensure that these instructions are carried out.

7 In order to avoid dislocation of Ship's routine, Gps will arrange for preference to be given to personnel on permanent and daily fatigues, if times allotted to Gps are not satisfactory, and, if necessary, co-ordinate this between Gps.

Capt.

Ship's Adjt "AMT" STRATHALLAN"

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H.M.T. STRATHALLAN
26 Feb 42

DISEMBARKATION INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL

1. Arrangements have been made with the S.M.O. for all men in a fit condition to be returned from the Hospital to their Serials before breakfast on the date of disembarkation. Serials will ascertain from the Hospital exactly what personnel are likely to be returned.

2. At 1400 hrs on Thursday 26 Feb 42 all Serials will collect their Embarkation Rolls from the Ship's Orderly Room.

3. Serials will complete Embarkation Rolls as to casualties during the voyage, strength actually Disembarked and signatures, and return these rolls to the Ship's Orderly Room by 1700 hrs Thursday 26 Feb 42. THIS IS IMPORTANT . Personnel who cannot disembark with their Serials but who have to be removed direct from the vessel to a shore Hospital rank as casualties.

4. In the event of a casualty occurring between the time of completion of the Rolls and the actual time of Disembarkation, an Officer or Senior N.C.O. from the Serial concerned will immediately report to Cabin 338 "C" Deck and alter the entry on the Rolls accordingly.

5. Dress on Disembarkation will be Marching Order - Summer Dress (shirts and shorts).

6. Each Serial will send one N.C.O. to report to Ship's Orderly Room at 0900 hrs on the day of disembarkation. These representatives will remain in the W.O's. lounge throughout the day and will know at all times where their Serial C.O's. can be found.

7. Owing to the absence of any prior information whatever regarding Disembarkation, the Ship's Orderly Room will from time to time advise Serial representatives when and where Serials are to parade for Disembarkation. On being advised Serials will parade accordingly. Officers and A.A.N.S. will parade with their own Serials.

8. In order to provide uniformity and to enable Serials to carry out an orderly Disembarkation, the whole of "C" Deck and "B" Deck aft will be kept free on the day of Disembarkation. Serials will be allotted parade space on these decks as their turn for Disembarkation arrives.

9. In the event of several Serials Disembarking in one party, these Serials will parade together and the Senior Officer present will be responsible for the Group of Serials during the whole time of Disembarkation. Wherever possible, an officer must be provided with each portion of a Serial Disembarking and with each lighter leaving the vessel.

10. 2 Echelon staff will be given preference and will Disembark as soon as possibble after arrival. Unit Orderly Room Sgts., normally attached to 2 Echelon will resume attachment prior to Disembarkation and will disembark with the 2 Echelon staff,

11. Permanent fatigues (butchers, bakers etc.) will be dismissed by the Messing Officer for return to their Serials as soon as possible after 0800 hrs on the day of Disembarkation.

12. The existing Groups will be notified of the time at which the Group system will cease to function and on notification of this time Guards, Runners and other daily duties will return to their Serials.

13. A.A. Guns will remain manned until 0800 hrs on the day of Disembarkation.

14. The ship will be in inspection order on the day of Disembarkation and will remain in inspection order throughout the day. The existing Groups are requested to make a special effort in this direction. The existing Groups will ensure that officers remain in every section in the Ship throughout the day of Disembarkation to ensure that the ship remains in inspection order.

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15. A Serial number or Numbers which . . Disembark last will be notified on receipt of priority of Serial Disembarkation. This serial or serials will provide the following:-

3 Offrs. (one to be a Capt to report Immediately to Ship's Adjt.)
6 N.C.O's.
30 O.R's.

Duties

(a) To allot deck space on "C" and "B" Deck to Disembarkaing Serials and keep these Deacks clear of all other personnel.
(b) To assist in guiding and moving Disembarking Serials from the ship to lighters as quickly as possible.
(c) To provide a rear party and carry out any necessary fatigues which may be required by the Ship's staff.
(d) The party detailed will assemble in dance space "B" Deck amidships and await instructions from the Ship's Adjutant.

BAGGAGE

16. Officers and A.A.N.S. valises and personal baggage will be withdrawn from the baggage room at 1400 hrs on Thursday 26 Feb 42. From then on it will remain in cabind and will NOT on any account or at any time be left in passage ways etc.
9 A.G.H. will provide a party to handle A.A.N.S. valises (see para 18 for composition of party).

17. All personal baggage,"W.O.V." baggage, valises, etc., will be stacked as under at a time to be notified on the day of Disembarkation.

(A.A. Bde. H.Q., A.A. Regt (and attached troops	Port side of No.1 hold "D" Deck Forward
(Corps H.Q. & Attached Units (2 Echelon, Finance etc.	Starboard side of No.1 hold "D" Deck Forward
(All Ordnance Units and Sig Units (R.A.F.	Port side of No.2 hold, "D" Deck Forward.
(A.G.H. Officers, Ammn. Coy & (Pet. Coy.	Starboard side No.2 Hold "D" Deck Forward
A.A.N.S. (2 A.G.H.)	Port side of No.3 Hold "C" Deck Forward
A.A.N.S. (9 A.G.H.) and C.C.S.	S'board side No.3 Hold "C" Deck Forward

18. Unit baggage parties as far as possible consisting of the same personnel as those used on Embarkation will report to the Officer at a time to be notified and will remain with the baggage at the localities mentioned in para 17 throughout the day of Disembarkation. 9 A.G.H. will supply a baggage party of one Sgt, 2 Cpls, and 30 O.R's. to handle all A.A.N.S. baggage (see also para 16).

19. 2 Aust. Hy. A. A. Regt, will provide a working party of 1 Sgt. 2 Bdrs. and 30 O.R's. to give general assistance to the baggage officer. This party will be additional to the Unit baggage party and will report to the baggage officer on "D" Deck forward at 0830 hrs on the day of Disembarkation.

STORES AND MESSING:

20. Section Sgts. in charge of messes will arrange for messing stores (cleaning gear, jam jars, pickle jars etc.)to be returned to No.4 hatch immediately after breakfast.
21. Lifebelts, hammocks, blankets etc. will be returned to No.6 Hatch "D" Deck in accordance with a roster to be issued by the Ship's Q.M.
22. Lifebelts equal in number to the number of Bunks actually fitted in the cabins will remain in the cabins on "C" and "D" Decks. The Senior Officer, N.C.O. or member of A.A.N.S. occupying each cabin will be responsible for ensuring that lifebelts in excess of that number are returned to No.6 hatch at the time mentioned in the roster. A.A.N.S. are requested to place surplus lifebelts in foyer, main, forward and aft stairways.
23. Hammocks and blankets will be returned (as above para 21) with 2 blankets rolled inside each hammock. The Ship's Q.M. will arrange for a standard rolling and will also arrange to demonstrate the rolling to sufficient N.C.O's. of each Group on Thursday 26 Feb 42.

24. Landing Rations: If these are necessary they will be issued.

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SHIP'S STANDING ORDERS

by

COL. E. M. NEYLAN, M.C.

O.C. COMD. - H.M.T. "STRATHALLAN"

SHIP'S MILITARY STAFF

1.

O.C. Tps	Col.	E.M.	NEYLAN, M.C.	1	AAA. Bde.
S.M.O.	Col.	C.E.	WASSELL D.S.O.	9	A.G.H.
Ship's Adjt	Capt	K.C.C.	LAHEY	1	Aust Corps
Asst Adjt	Lieut	R.S.	MOSLEY	1	A.A. Bde
Ship's Q.M.	Capt	C.A.	BOWEN	1	A.A. Bde
Asst Q.M.	Lieut	H.S.	BLACK	1	A.A. Bde
Messing Offr	Lieut	H.R.	LATREILLE	2	A.A. Regt
Asst Messing Offr	W.O.I	K.A.	McCOLL	1	Aust Corps
Baggage Offr	Capt	D.	OLDMEADOW	1	Aust Corps
Asst Baggage Offr	Capt	J.	MILLS	1	Aust Corps ASC
Armoury Offr	Maj	A.P.	SHRIMPTON	2	A.A. Regt
Asst Armoury Offr	Capt	F.A.	GODDING	2	A.A Regt ASC
Gunnery Offr	Maj	R.V.	RUSHTON	1	A.A. Bde
Ship's R.S.M.	W.O.I	N.R.	NOLAN	1	Aust Corps

DAILY ROUTINE

2.

0600 Hrs	Reveille
0630 "	Stow Hammocks
0715 "	Breakfast
0800 "	Tps on Deck, Tp Decks cleaned
0900 "	Parades under Gp arrangements
1000 "	Inspection of Mess Decks
1045 "	Tps not on parade allowed below
1200 "	Dinner
1300 "	Tps on Deck, Tps Decks cleaned
1400 "	Parades under Gp arrangements Tps not on parade allowed below
1730 "	Tea
1800 "	Draw Hammocks
2130 "	All below
2200 "	Lights Out

SHIP'S INSPECTION

(a) Staff Comd and O.C. Tps will inspect one deck daily at 1000 hrs.
(b) During inspection the Gp Orderly Offr and Tp Deck Sgt will be present
(c) All cabins, bunks and mess decks will be clean and tidy by 1000 hrs.

ORGANISATION OF UNITS FOR COMD & ADM.

3 Units and Sub-Units will be organised into Gps for Gen Adm and control as shown hereunder :-
Gp Comds not detailed will be notified later.

GP I R.A.F. - 326

Comd - Sqn Ldr FOX

Decks	Sec	Total
D	Canteen	126
E	Cabins	139
F	E	41
G	F	41
H	P	16

GP 2. Comd -

E Deck Sec D and Cabins excl R.A.F. Cabin 78 and from 80 onwards

Serial Numbers

61152 - 61247 - 61014
61235 61151

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GP 3. Comd -

F Deck Secs A-B-C Total 280

Serial Nos

61164	55287
61003	61297
55211	55218
61333	61209
61335	61172

GP 4. Comd -

F Deck Secs E-F-G and Cabins - but excl R.A.F. personnel

Serial Nos

55220	55363	61336	61339
61392	61344	61396	61400
61197	61198	AACS	61195
61243	61334	61023	61322

GP 5. Comd - Lt-Col MacKinlay - HQ Sigs 1 Aust Corps

G Deck (Fwd) " " Secs H-K-L Total 418

Serial Nos

61108	61323	61325	61326
61329	61346	61024	61004
61002	61390	61016	61026
61268	61205	61001	

GP 6. Comd R.N.

G Deck Sec J R.N. Total 53

GP 7. Comd -

G Deck Secs O-M-N (excl R.A.F. Personnel) Total 266

Serial Nos

61383 - 29744 - 61321 - 61172

GP 8. Comd - Lt-Col G.R. Hammer

G Deck (Aft) Secs M & N Total 622

Serial No

61196

GP 9. Comd -

H Deck Sec P Total 282

Serial Nos

61381 - 61228 - 61006

ADM 4. Gp Comds will each detail one 2 i/c and suitable staff from personnel under comd. Names of personnel so detailed will be furnished to Ship's Adjt within 12 hrs of embarkation.

CONFERENCE 5. Unless otherwise ordered a conference of Gp Comds will be held daily in the office of O.C. Tps at 1100 hrs. Date of first conference will be notified to Gp Comds.

DUTIES 6. Daily Duties

Duty Gp will supply the following duties unless otherwise ordered :-

To mount at 0915 reporting to Ship's Adjt.

Fd Offr of the Day
Subaltern of the Day
Ship's Orderly Sgt
Ship's Orderly Cpl (or Bdr)
3 Runners

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DUTIES (Contd) 6.

GDS.

(a) 3 Offrs (1 to be a Capt)
(b) 3 Sgts
3 Cpls
60 O.Rs

(b) Mounts on port side of "B" Deck under Fd Offr of the day at 1630 hrs daily. Tour of duty 24 hrs and dismisses under orders of Offr of the Gd.

(c) Dress : Service Dress
Boots and Gaiters
Steel Helmets
Lifebelts (worn)
Braces belt and water bottle

or

Shirts
Shorts
Boots and Gaiters (Offrs may wear shoes)
Steel Helmets
Lifebelts (worn)
Braces Belt and Water Bottle.
Either dress at discretion of Gp Comd.

(d) Posts :

"A"	Deck	4	O.Rs	2	Port Side &	2 Starboard
"B"	Deck	4	"	2	" " &	2 "
"C"	Deck	4	"	2	" " &	2 "
"D"	Deck	4	"	2	" " &	2 "
"E"	Deck	2	"			
"F"	Deck	2	"			

(e) Duties :

(i) To prevent smoking on any deck during the hours of blackout. Hrs of blackout will be posted daily on blackboard outside the Orderly Room and will be given to Gp Comds.

(ii) To close all doors showing a light and to prevent lights of any description being shown on exposed parts of the ship.

(iii) The Gd is also responsible that there are no men on "A" and "B" Decks during the hrs 2100 - 2130.

(iv) The Gd will report to the Gd Comd who will rouse the ship in case of emergency.

(v) The Gd will prevent urination or misconduct of ranks sleeping on Deck.

(vi) Sentries will remain standing and alert at all times.

(vii) No man will leave the Gd Room fwd "C" Deck without leave from the Gd Comd.

(viii) The Gd Comd will not leave the Gd Room without informing the Gd N.C.O. where he may be found.

(ix) When Tps are sleeping on open decks, Sentries will see that a 6 ft gangway is left along the ship's rails for the passage of Sentries and Guns Crews Reliefs; and that O.Rs do not use the lavatories on "C" Deck, which are reserved for Offrs.

(f) The Gp (or Gps) on duty will be detailed daily in Ship's Orders and will furnish Gds and any daily fatigues.

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DUTIES (Contd) 6. (g) N.C.Os on duty; 1 N.C.O. will be on duty in each sec from lights out to reveille. He is responsible for discipline in the sec and for rousing the men in the event of alarm.

(h) Canteen Picquet To be supplied by duty Gp
1 Offr.
1 Sgt
6 O.Rs
Picquet to mount during Canteen hrs. and maintain order at all times, at both Wet and Dry Canteens.

PERMANENT DUTIES 7. (already detailed)

GALLEY : 6 Cooks for night cooking to report to galley at 2100 hrs.
6 Cooks and 10 orderlies by day to report to galley at 0630 hrs.

BAKER'S SHOP: 3 Night Bakers and
5 Day Bakers to report to Baker's shop at 1830 hrs and 0700 hrs respectively

BUTCHER'S SHOP: 3 Butchers and 6 Assistants for day work to report at 0700 hrs.

GALLEY POLICE : 4 O.Rs to report ½ hr before each meal.

TP STORE ROOM : 1 N.C.O. and 12 O.Rs to report to Store Keeper at No 4 Hatch at 0700 hrs daily

MAIN STORE ROOM: 6 O.Rs to report to Store-keeper at galley at 0700 hrs.

CANTEEN : 1 N.C.O. and 10 O.Rs to report to Canteen Steward at "C" Deck aft at 0900 hrs daily.

RETURNS 8. The following returns are to be submitted by all Units through Gp HQ's to the Ship's Orderly Room by 1200 hrs daily:-
(a) Casualty Return AF w3010
" " w3011
(b) These returns will take the place of Part 1 and 11 Orders and must show all Promotions, Appointments, Reversions and confirmation of temporary ranks, with dates. All casualties such as deaths, stowaways (showing how disposed of) desertions and absentees, (showing place and date) sickness, men left at intermediate ports (showing the reasons), men taken on strength (from where), and all other casualties during the voyage which affect the history of the soldier must also be included.
(c) A.F.B.2069 (Crime and Offence Report) must be completed before each port of ca 11 and one copy submitted to the ship's orderly room for transmission to offr i/c 2nd Ech.

LIFE-BELTS 9. All ranks will at all times, when the ship is at sea, keep their lifebelts with them.

WATER - TIGHT DOORS - "G" DECK 10. These MUST be kept closed at all times and Gp Comds will ensure that this order is carried out.

SCUTTLES 11. (a) If scuttles on "G" Deck are opened; on any alarm sounding they will be closed at once under orders of Units in each sec.
(b) They will not be re-opened except on Orders from the Bridge through O.C. Tps.

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SCUTTLES (cont) 11. (c) Tps are responsible for closing of scuttles of "E" and "F" Decks when Orders are received from the Bridge for scuttles to be closed, or on any a larm sounding.

ARMS - S.A.A .- AND EQUIPMENT 12. (a) All arms with the exception of Offrs' pistols and those required for Anti-Aircraft defence, will be stored in the Armoury on embarkation under the orders of Offr i/c Armoury.
(b) All S.A.A. will be stored in the Magazine in sealed boxes or sacks as early as possible after embarkation.
(c) Times of storing of arms and amn will be notified in Routine Orders.

ACCOMMODATION 13. (a) No accommodation whatsoever whether in Cabins or at Mess Tables will be altered except on the authority of O.C. Tps. Application for changing of accommodation will be submitted to the Orderly Room in writing.
(b) The Dining Hall on "F" Deck will be allotted to Tps in Routine Orders for Lectures, Concerts etc.

DECK ALLOTMENT (Normal conditions) 14. (a) Fwd ends of "A" and "B" Decks (Fwd of main exits) will be reserved for Offrs and AANS.
(b) "A" Deck will be allotted to Gps in Routine Orders from 0900 hrs to 1600 hrs daily.
(c) From 1600 hrs to Sunset "A" Deck is allotted to Offrs and AANS.
(d) "B" Deck will be allotted to Gps in Routine Orders from 0900 hrs to 1600 hrs daily. From 1600 hrs "B" Deck Aft of (incl.) Dance Space is reserved for W.O's and Sjts.
(e) On Sundays "A" Deck aft of barrier is open to Tps from 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs.

REPAIRS - LIGHTING AND PLUMBING ETC. 15. (a) All complaints regarding lighting, plumbing etc. will be made in writing to the Q.M.
(b) When a new electric bulb is required a report in writing must be made to the Q.M. The old bulb will be left in posn until replaced.

SLEEPING 16. (a) Men sleeping in tiered bunks will sleep head to foot on account of medical reasons.
(b) When sleeping on deck is permitted :-
(i) Men will leave a 6' gangway along the Ship's rails for the passage of Sentries.
(ii) Tps are allotted their Boat Stas for sleeping.
(iii) Entry into or sleeping in Lifeboats is under normal conditions forbidden.
(iv) Gps will piquet their own deck space to ensure cleanliness and observance of Orders.
(v) Men sleeping on deck will have with them:-
(i) Lifebelt
(ii) Greatcoats and waterbottles.
(iii) Steel helmets, or, in tropics - Felt Hats.
(vi) Bedding may be placed on open decks after Tea, but no O.Rs will be allowed on "A" or "B" Decks between 2100 and 2130 hrs.
(c) (i) In the event of the "Emergency" Alarm sounding after "Lights Out", men sleeping on open decks will leave their bedding and go below at once.
(ii) If "Boat Stas" Alarm sounds, men will roll up their bedding and stack it near the centre of the ship.
(iii) Men sleeping on deck will be roused by Runners from the Gd on the alarm sounding.

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BOUNDS 17. (a) The Crew's quarters are out of bounds to all ranks.
(b) The Bridge is out of bounds to all ranks not required to go there on duty.
(c) "A" and "B" Decks are out of bounds to O.Rs not on duty, except for Parades and for sleeping as in Para 16.
(d) After end of "D" Deck is out of bounds to all ranks (Isolation Hospital).
(e) Area around guns sited for defence is out of bounds to all ranks, except Gun Crews.
(f) "C" Deck Passages are out of Bounds to O.Rs not on duty.
(g) Main stairway fwd above "C" Deck is out of bounds to O.Rs.

SWIMMING BATHS. 18. Allottment to tps to be given in Routine Orders.

DUTIES. 19. Duties of the following can be obtained in the Orderly Room:-
Part 1. Ship's Deck Sgt.
2. Ship's Asst. Tp Deck Sjts.
3. Fd Offr of the Day.
4. Orderly Offr of the Day.
5. Subaltern Offr of the Gd.
6. Offr i/c Armoury.

NOMINAL ROLLS 20. (a) Cps will render a nominal roll (in triplicate) to the Orderly Room of all Offrs, W.O's & Sgts embarked, giving names, rank, personal number and Unit and date of embarkation within 48 hrs of receipt of these orders.
(b) Gps will render a full nominal roll of all personnel embarked (three copies).

MESSING. 21. (a) Gp Orderly Offrs will attend all meals, and complaints at mea l times will be made through the respective Gp O.O's to the Mess ing Offr.
(b) It is strictly forbidden to make any complaints direct to any of the Ship's Staff, Chief Steward, Etc.
(c) Mess Sgts will be appointed by Gps for each Sec on board.
(d) Mess Orderlies on the basis of 2 per 20 men, will be drawn from Gps.
(e) Sgts Mess:- The Ship's R.S.M. - W.O.1 Nolan is appointed President of the Sgts Mess.
L/Sgts will mess and sleep in O.R's quarters.

TIMES OF MEALS :-

		1st Sitting	2nd Sitting
Offrs - W.O's & Sgts.	Breakfast	0745 hrs	0830 hrs
	Lunch	1215 "	1315 "
	Dinner	1900 "	2000 "
O.R's	Breakfast	0715 hrs	0830 hrs
	Dinner	1200 "	1245 "
	Tea	1730 "	1815 "
	Soup	2030 "	2030 "

WATER 22. (a) Fresh water will be turned on daily between the hrs of 0600 - 0830 and 1830 - 1930.
(b) Tps are forbidden to draw fresh water from the galley
(c) Mess Orderlies will fill one tea can with fresh wate before 0830 hrs daily for consumption at Dinner.

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WATER (cont) 22. (d) FRESH WATER. It is obvious to all that careless waste of fresh water can cause the most serious results. Only such restriction as is necessary will be applied. It is therefore in the interests of all to economise in use of fresh water for comfort and safety.

DRESS 23. (a) Gp Comds will issue orders for dress as necessary to conform to Gp Messing, Training Etc. activities.
(b) Offrs will wear Service Dress or Uniform S.D. or K.D. at evening meal, unless otherwise ordered.

SMOKING. 24. (a) Smoking is allowed on open decks, except after Blackout, when it is strictly forbidden. Under no circumstances will lighted cigarette ends be thrown overboard - owing to the danger of these blowing into open portholes.
(b) Smoking is allowed below decks until Lights Out.
Ciga rette ends will be placed in receptacles and NOT left on the deck.
(c) Smoking in any Hatchway or Storeroom is strictly forbidden.

CABIN DOORS. 25. When at sea, Cabin Doors will NOT be shut, but will be fastened on the hook.
Closed doors are liable to be jammed in the event of an explosion.

GAMBLING. 26. (a) The game of "HOUSE" may be played on board under conditions as laid down in Routine Orders.
(b) Gambling is forbidden by Military La w, it is also the means by which the poor type of Soldier robs his comrades. The co-operation of all ranks is desired to prevent this pernicious practice. Gp Comds are hereby ordered to take all necessary steps to ensure that Gambling is NOT permitted, and to instruct all Offrs and N.C.O's under their command to take steps accordingly.

BLACK-OUT. 27. (a) Before a Convoy sails the Navy warns a ll ships of the absolute necessity of complete Black-Out at Sea.
(b) The following orders apply DURING THE HOURS OF BLACK-OUT :-
(i) No smoking on the open decks.
(ii) No lighting of matches on the open decks.
(iii) No flashing of torches on the open decks.
(iv) Doors leading onto the open decks will be kept closed, except when men are passing through.
(v) All Scuttles will be kept closed.
(vi) Where they are fitted Black-out Boards will be kept over the port-holes.
(vii) The Pilot lights on life-belts and rafts will not be touched.
(c) The Scuttles of all Cabins occupied by Tps will be inspected by an Offr nightly under Gp a rrangement.
(d) Gps will ensure that no torches or matches are brought up on deck when men come up to sleep.
(e) The times of Black-out will be notified daily to Gps on receipt from Ship's Bridge.
(f) The necessity for Strictest Observance of Black-out Regulations is stressed to the utmost.
(g) Personnel through carelessness or thoughtlessness can most seriously endanger

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BLACK-OUT (cont) 27. (g) the lives of all on the Ship, & if in Convoy, those of the whole Convoy.
(h) The most serious disciplinary action will be taken of any breaches of Black-out Regulations.

MEDICAL. 28. (a) The Medical Inspection Room (for daily sick parades) is the Crew's Dispensary :-
"D" Deck - Starboard Fwd.
(b) The Hosp is on "E" Deck - Port Aft.
(c) Sick Parades :-

Gps 1 and 2	0800 hrs.
Gps 3 " 4	0830 "
Gps 5,6 and 7	0900 "
Gp 8	0930 "
Gp 9	1000 "

(d) The S.M.O. will detail a M.O. for each Gp fr om A.A.M.C. personnel availa ble and from unit of Gp if possible.
(e) Attention is drawn to correct procedure regarding submittal of A.F.B.256, which will be published in Routine Orders.

SANITATION. 29. (a) It is desired to stress the utmost importance of all matters pertaining to the above. Attention to bodily cleanliness and washing of underwear take high precedence. Above all, the Sanitary System which is of electrically controlled Tank type, MUST be kept functioning.
(b) The co-operation of all Ranks in ensuring this is ESSENTIAL for good health and comfort.
(c) Foolish misuse of W.C's for the disposal of refuse will cause mechanical breakdown and this will produce the most unpleasant results.
(d) Sanitary Pa per will be supplied. The use of any other is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

CLEANING MATERIAL. 30. (a) Will be drawn from 0700 to 0900 hrs daily from the Cleaning Store in No.2 Hatch.
(b) Grea t care must be taken in the washing daily of cleaning cloths. The sup is strictly limited; old cloths will be handed in when fresh are issued.

PA Y. 31. Serial 61172 - Finance Sec. will assist with all pay arrangements in conformity with orders of O.C. Tps.

MANNING OF ARMA MENT INCL A.A. 32. C.O. 2 Aust Hy. A.A. Regt will detail 5 Offrs & 161 O.R's for A.A. and Surface Defence Duties. (Manning Details issued separately by Gunnery Offr.

SECURITY. 33. All ranks are reminded of regulations concerning the security of embarkation details, posting of letters, Etc.

GENERAL. 34. Gp. Comds will ensure that these orders are read three times to all tps under their comd.

ALARMS. 35. See Appendix "A"

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APPENDIX 4

WAR DIARY HQ I AUST AA BDE

JANUARY 1942

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M.G.55 TRIPOLI.

A Height Computor is now being fitted to the Vickers Predictor on H.I. Site by Capt Dendle D.C. 2 Regt Wkshops.

As the G.L. Receiver is a Makr I Model, bearing and slant range are transmitted electrically, and height verbally.

Accurate HeightA is obtained from height computor for visual predictor elevation and G/L Slant Range.

For G.O.R. purposes it is desirable when a height computor is in operation to phone readings from height computor and not from G/L. receiver.

When elevation is not abtained for constant following on the predictor a height from the receiver is maintained by Predictor elevation operator on the height computor drum resulting in a steady movement of predictor elevation hand wheel.

In order that elevator operator can function on height computor drum from elevation operator position it will be necessary for a mirror to be placed in front of the height computor drum window, and in such a manner that elevation operator has a good view of the height computor drum.

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APPX A.

(Issued with Ship's Standing Orders)

ALARMS.

PART ONE - TAKE COVER OR EMERGENCY.

1. Employed on the approach of hostile:
   (a) Aircraft.
   (b) Surface Craft.
   (c) Submarine.

2. Warning :
   (a) Series of short rings on alarm bells and gongs.

3. Action :
   (a) All watertight doors and scuttles will be closed at once. (N.B. Gp Comds are responsible for scuttles on "E" & "F" Decks).

   (b) All ranks on open decks will put on their steel helmets and double to a covered deck. Should air attack develop while men are still on an open deck, they will at once lie down as near the centre of the ship as possible, heads inwards.

   (c) All ranks below decks will proceed at once to their quarters and await further orders.

   (d) First Aid Posts will be established by the S.M.O. as under :-
      (i) Bridge - 1 M.O. and 4 Orderlies.
      (ii) "C" Deck Foyer (aft) 1 M.O. and 4 Orderlies.
      (iii) "B" Deck Foyer (fwd) 1 M.O. and 4 Orderlies.
      (iv) Crews Surgery fwd - 1 M.O. and 4 Orderlies.

   Note:- The S.M.O. will post one orderly by the Chief Steward's Telephone to receive orders from the Bridge.

PART TWO - BOAT STAS.

Employed when the Commander considers that he may have to abandon ship.

4. Warning :
   More than 6 short rings on the alarm gongs and then a long ring and more than 6 short blasts followed by one long one on Ship's Siren. At practice Alarms, Ship's Siren will NOT be sounded when vessel is in convoy and instead mouth whistles are used.

5. Action :
   (a) All watertight doors and scuttles will be closed at once. (N.B. Gp Comds are responsible for scuttles on "E" and "F" Decks.
   Gds on watertight doors having closed their doors will remain on duty over them until all men are clear of their Sec. and will then proceed to their boat Stas.

   (b) All tps will at once fall in on open decks as under:

   "A" Deck ..... Starboard ..... 550.
   Port ..... 550.

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5. ACTION (Cont) (b) "B" Deck ..... Starboard ..... 550.
Port ..... 550.

"C" Deck ..... Fwd of aft Barrier (Star)200. (Port)200.
Aft of Aft Barrier (Star)200. (Port)200.

"C" Deck .....Fwd of Bridge (Star)200. (Port)200.

"D" Deck ..... 134.
(Sick from Hosp. incl.)

Total 3534.

(See diagram att.)

When moving to their boat stas, tps will follow routes given in Part Three.

(c) Offrs' Piquets to prevent congestion and loitering will be posted at pts shown in Part Three.

(d) Tps moving up will move in single file only, and will keep close in to the right hand side of all stairways and passages. On main stairways, Tps will move up on both sides and down in the centre. Tps moving down will also move in single file and keep to their right hand side.

(e) On reaching the open deck, men will move across to their boat stas and on no account check near the doorways.

(f) All ranks moving to Boat Stas will be warmly clad and will wear headgear; each man will take with him filled water bottle.

(g) Life Belts will be put on, on reaching Boat Stas, but NOT before.

(h) On reaching their Boat Stas men will stand fast in silence and await orders.

(i) The S.M.O. will arrange for the sick to be carried to their Boat Stas on "D" Deck aft.

(k) When each Gp is all present each Gp Comd will send his report to O.C. Tps at Report Centre at foot of Stairway on the Starboard Side of "A" Deck leading up to the Bridge.

PART THREE

ROUTES TO BOAT STAS.

(i) "H" Sec:- via stairs in No. 2 Hatch to "F" Deck, thence up main fwd stairway to "A" Deck Starboard Side aft to boat stas 7 & 9.

(ii) "J" Sec:- up ladder on starboard side to Foyer on "F" Dck, thence up main fwd stairway to "A" Deck starboard side fwd to Boat Sta No. 3

(iii) "K" Sec:- up stairs to galley, thence fwd through Dining Saloon - up main fwd stairway to "A" Deck starboard side to boat sta No.3

(iv) "L" Sec:- up stairs to galley thence fwd through Dining Saloon - up main fwd stairway to "A" Deck starboard side to boat sta No.5

(v) "P" Sec:- up to No.5 Hatch to "D" Deck - fwd to main midships stairway by Orderly Room - up stairway to "A' Deck fwd port side to boat stas Nos. 4 & 6.

(vi) "N" Sec:- will stand fast until all men of "P" Sec are clear - thence follow "P" Sec by same route to "B" Deck port side fwd

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G. ROUTES TO BOAT STAS.(cont) (vi) to boat stas 2 & 10B.

(vii) "M" Sec:- up to No. 4 Hatch to "C" Deck, thence up ladders on Port and Starboard just aft of No.4 Hatch to "C" Deck, thence up ladders on Port and Starboard just aft of No.4 Hatch to "B" Deck Port side aft to boat stas Nos. 11 - 12 - 13 - 14.

(viii) "O" Sec:- up aft stairway to "D" Deck thence up weather deck ladders to "A" Deck port side aft to boat stas 8 & 10.

(ix) "F" Sec:- up single companionway to "E" Deck thence by double outer companionways to "C" Deck fwd of aft barrier on starboard side.

(x) "G" Sec:- will follow "F" Sec by the same route (see para ix) to "C" Deck fwd of aft barrier on both port and starboard sides.

(xi) "E" Sec:- up aft stairway to "C" Deck fwd of aft barrier on starboard side.

(xii) "D" Sec:- use aft stairway to "C" Deck aft of aft barrier on port side.

(xiii) "A" Sec:- up main fwd stairway to "C" Deck then to area fwd of Bridge.

(xiv) "B" & "C" Secs:- will stand fast until all men of "H","J", "K" and "L" Secs are clear.

(a) "B" Sec up main fwd stairway to "B" Deck fwd starboard side to boat sta No.1.

(b) "C" Sec up main fwd stairway to "C" Deck fwd starboard side.

(x v) "E" Deck Cabin:-

(a) PORT SIDE - aft of main foyer. One way traffic fwd and up main fwd stairway to "C" Deck fwd port side.

(b) PORT SIDE - fwd of main foyer aft to main fwd foyer and up stairs to "C" Deck fwd port side.

(c) Starboard side aft of main foyer one way traffic aft and up midships stairway to "C" Deck, thence aft of aft barrier on port side.

(d) Starboard side fwd of main foyer aft and follow (c) above, but to starboard side.

Tps moving up, will move in single file only, and will keep close into the right hand side of all stairways and passages. On main stairways tps will move up on both sides and down the centre.
Tps moving down will also move in single file and keep to their right hand side.

Offrs not on duty will accompany their gps to boat stas or assembly areas.

A.A.N.S.

(a) S.M.O to arrange for allotment of 30 A.A.N.S. to each of the boat stas on "B" Deck, which are as follows:-
Starboard Side : Boat Stas 1 - 9B - 11 - 13.
Port Side: Boat Stas 2 -10B - 12 - 14.

A.A.N.S.

(b) A.A.N.S. on duty at Ship's Hosp will use the following boat stas on "D" Deck:-
Starboard : No. 17
Port : No. 18
Boats at these stas will also be used for sick from Hosp.
Sketch plan of deck allotment att.
Offrs Picquet Posts will be established by Gp Comds as shown below:-

(a) Gp 3 Main Foyer fwd on "F" Deck:-
1 Offr representing "H" Sec.
1 " " "J" "
1 " " "B" "
1 " " "C" "

(b) Gp 2 Main Foyer fwd on "E" Deck:-
2 Offrs representing cabins on "E" Deck.

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(c) Gp 4 Main Foyer fwd on "B" Deck:- 4 Offrs.
(d) Gp 7 No. 5 Hatch "C" Deck aft :-
1 Offr representing "P" Sec.
1 " " "N" "
(e) Gps 7 & 2 Main Stairway aft of No. 6 Hatch on "D" Deck:-
1 Offr representing "O" Sec
1 " " "D" "
(f) Gp 5 Foyer "C" Deck aft :- 1 Offr.
(g) Gp 6 Foyer "D" Deck aft (near Orderly Room) :- 1 Offr.
(h) Gp 3 Foyer aft stairway "F" Deck :- 1 Offr representing "F" Sec.

(j) Gp 4 Aft Exits "G" Sec. 1 Offr representing "G" Sec.

Control Posts will ensure that:-

(a) Secs move out in succession as ordered.
(b) All men keep moving at a brisk walk.
(c) Men move in single file.
(On main stairways one file on each side of stairway; one for Port Side of open decks and one for Starboard).
(d) There is no congestion.

PART FOUR - ACTION ON ORDERS TO A BANDON SHIP.

(1) Warning : Verbal orders of Comd conveyed by runners from Report centre on Bridge.

(2) Action :(a)Ship's Boats will be lowered. Each boat is in charge of a Ship's rating who will inform the Offr on deck opposite him of the number to embark. The Offr will detail that number.

(b)After all boats are full all surplus men will proceed fwd or a ft as is convenient, under orders of local comds and make use of the rafts there available.

Rafts are located as below:-
Hook lines for lowering rafts are located near each pile of rafts. The larger rafts will be lowered by the ropes att to them. Parties of 1 Offr, 1 Sjt and 20 O.Rs will be detailed to each block of rafts as under:-

(a) "B" Deck in vicinity of Swimming Bath.
15 rafts on each side : 2 Hook lines on each side.
1 N.C.O and 20 O.Rs each side (Carriers and launching party).

(b) "C" Deck Aft of Gd Room.
24 rafts on each side : 1 Hook line on each side.
1 N.C.O and 20 O.Rs each side. (Carriers and launching pa rty.

(c) "C" Deck Aft near No. 5 Hatch :
12 rafts on each side : 1 Hook line on each side.
1 N.C.O and 20 O.Rs each side. (Carriers and launching party.)

(d) "C" Deck Aft : Vicinity of Maga zine :-
17 rafts Port Side : 16 rafts Starboard Side.
1 N.C.O and 20 O.Rs each side.

(e) No raft will be launched except on orders from the Bridge.

(f) Two runners from each party to report on "Boat Stas" being sounded to Report Centre on "A" Deck under ladder leading up to the Bridge on Starboard Side.

(g) The parties of 1 N.C.O and 20 O.Rs each will be divided up into carrying and launching parties.

Note:-
Rafts will be lowered into the water on orders being received from the Bridge to do so but NOT before.

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2. Action (cont)

On each raft reaching the water number of men according to size of raft will be detailed by the Senior Offr on the spot to descend the rope slings and hold onto the raft and get away from the side of the ship.

Motor boats from the ship will make every effort to take rafts in tow.

(a) Men are warned NOT to jump into the water from a height with their life-belts on. The life-belt being suddenly forced against his chin ma y break a man's neck.
(b) In case of necessity men should climb down the slings.
(c) If compelled to jump into the water from a height, take off the life-belt and hold it firmly in one hand.
(d) Even in warm waters men jumping into the sea will always wear a shirt or jacket. It is very difficult to catch hold of a naked man in oil covered waters.

Note:- Opposite each gp of ra fts , a rope loading sling is tied to the rail.
One end will be lowered over the side, then men climb down this and drop easily into the water.

PA RT FIVE - FIRE.

(a) In Event of Fire :-

(i) Ring the nearest Fire alarm bell.
(ii) All tps in vicinity will make every effort to extinguish the fire until the arrival of the Ship's Fire Party.
(iii) Inform Offr on watch on the Bridge of location of the fire.
(iv) After arrival of Ship's Fire Party, all tps will keep clear of the vicinity of the fire, so as not to hamper the work of the Fire Party.

(b) On s ounding of Ship's Fire Bell - all watertight doors will be closed at once.

(c) To ensure adequate sup of water - passenger baths, after use, will be refilled with clean water and kept full.

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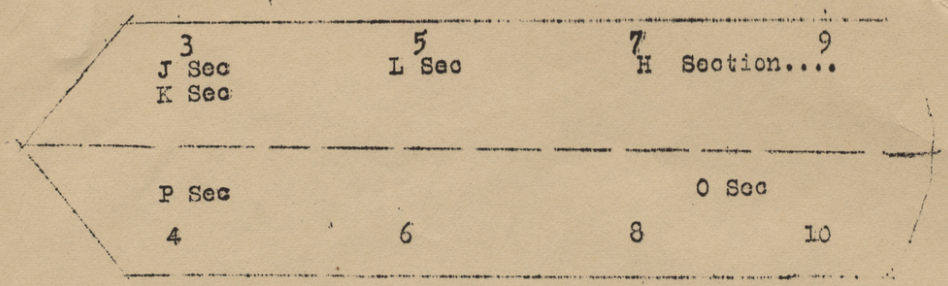
DECK PLAN



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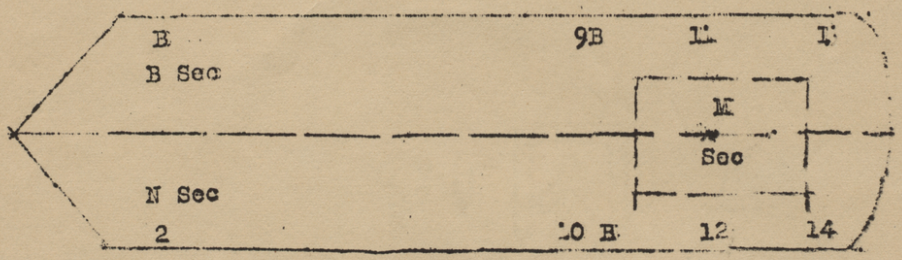

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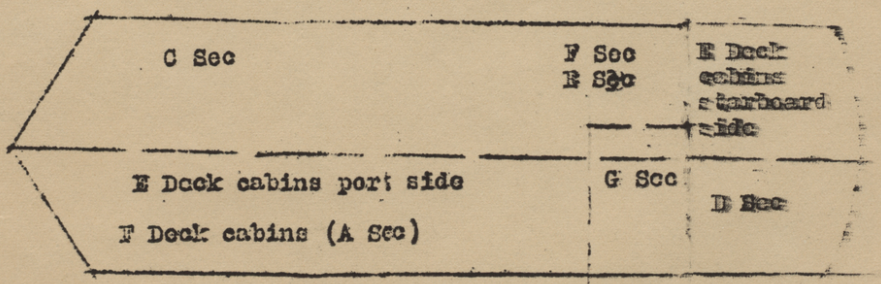

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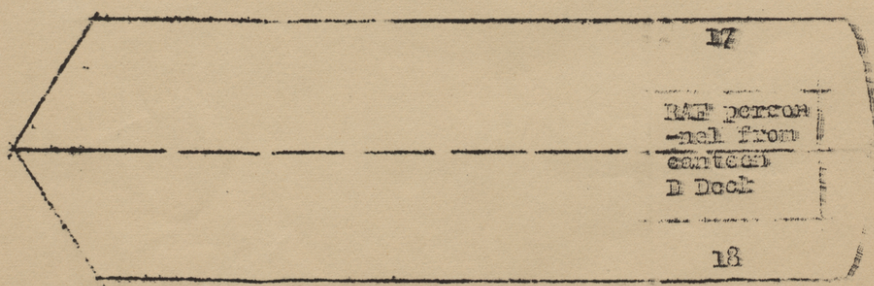

D Deck

(War Diary)

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1 SITUATION OF MEDICAL STATIONS.

(a)	S.M.O. Office	302 "D" Deck
(b)	S.M.O. Cabin	294 "D" Deck
(c)	M.I. Room and R.A.P.	"D" Deck right Aft Port Side.
(d)	HOSPITAL (Main)	"E" Deck Aft Port Side.
(e)	HOSPITAL (Isolation)	"E" Deck right Aft Port Side.
(f)	PROPHYLACTIC CENTER	At Isolation Hospital.
(g)	MATRON 9 A.G.H.	Cabin 344
(h)	MATRON 2 A.G.H.	Cabin 410
(i)	NURSES DUTY ROOM	Annex to Hospital "E" Deck
(j)	DISPENSARY	Annex to Hospital "E" Deck
(k)	DENTAL CENTER	At M.I. Room
(l)	EMERGENCY BOATS	Hospital Patients 17 and 18 "D" Deck
(m)	MEDICAL ACTION STATIONS	- See annexure.

2 DUTY PERSONNEL

(a) Permanent

S.M.O.	Col	Wassell	C.E.	Cabin 294
MEDICAL ADJUTANT	Major	F.N.	Chenhall	" 342
O.C. i/c HOSPITALS	Lt Col	E.L.	Cooper	" 265
CONSULTING PHYSICIAN	Lt Col	E.L.	Cooper	" 263
CONSULTING SURGEON	Lt Col	K.C.	Ross	" 232
HOSPITAL REGISTRAR	Major	R.	Quinn	" 198
ANAESTHETIST	Major	A.V.	Jackson	" 200
M.O. i/c INJECTIONS	Major		Keogh	" 262
DENTAL OFFICER	Lt Col		Skinner	" 256
QUARTERMASTER A.A.M.C.	Captain	J.	Goold	" 340
P.A.D. OFFICER	Major	C.	Gurner	" 297
DISPENSER	Lieut	K.J.	Fay	" 192

(b) Detailed

M.O. on duty Main Hospital - As detailed in daily routine orders.
M.O. on duty Isolation Hospital " " " "
Group Orderly Medical Officers " " " "

3 SICK PARADES.

(a) Group Commanders and Matrons will notify Main Hospital by 0900 hrs daily the names of any Officers who are ill and confined to their cabin. This notification will give the number of Officer's cabin and be accompanied by an A.F.B. 256. Arrangements will be made for an M.O. to visit them.

(b) Sick parades for all O.Rs will be held daily at the following times :-

Groups 1 and 2	0800 hrs
" 3 " 4	0830 "
" 5. 6. 7	0900 "
Group 8	0930 "
" 9	1000 "

(c) All ranks reporting sick must be properly paraded by the Orderly Corporal of the Unit concerned and at the times allotted for his particular group. They must be accompanied by an A.F.B. 256 in triplicate. When completed by the M.O. in charge of the R.A.P. one copy is to be given to his Unit, one copy to be retained by the R.A.P. and one copy to be given to the S.M.O.

(d) Only accident and urgent cases will be sent to the R.A.P. at hrs other than those set down for regular sick parades. Any other cases arising after 1730 hrs will be paraded at Main Hospital.

(e) Other ranks to be admitted to Hospital will report with life-belt, emergency chocolate ration, hat (fur felt), water bottle, great-coat and respirator. The remainder of the equipment such as webbing, sea-kit etc., will be handed to the respective Unit Q.Ms, and not brought to the Hospital.

(f) M.Os in charge of R.A.P. desiring a consultant opinion may refer cases to the Main Hospital at the following times daily :-

E.N.T.	1400 hrs
OPTHALMIC	1430 "

INFECTIOUS CASES will be referred to the Isolation Hospital.

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4 Rigid economy in the use of all medical stores and equipment must be exercised. These are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain and supervision of expenditure is absolutely essential.

5 The Red Cross Officer will act with judgement and with due regard for economy taking into consideration the length of the voyage.
In some instances owing to the lack of care in the arrangements of distribution, these stores have been expended within a few days of the beginning of the voyage.

6 It is essential that Form B.256 be filled in for every Officer and Nursing Sister who report sick no matter how trivial the illness at the time may seem.

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ANNEXURE TO MEDICAL APPENDIX - SHIPS STANDING ORDERS

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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EMERGENCIES.

1 SITUATION OF MEDICAL STATIONS.

A. MEDICAL CONTROL CENTER	"E" DECK FOYER AFT
B. M.D.S.	MAIN HOSPITAL
C. FIRST AID POST	CREWS SURGERY "D" DECK STARBOARD FOWARD
D. FIRST AID POST	SHIP'S BRIDGE
E. FIRST AID POST	"B" DECK FOYER FORWARD
F. FIRST AID POST	"C" DECK FOYER AFT
G. FIRST AID POST	SHELTER NEAR MAGAZINE "A" DECK STARBOARD AFT
H. FIRST AID POST	ISOLATION HOSPITAL - "E" DECK PORT AFT

2 DUTY PERSONNEL.

A. Medical Control Center -

S.M.O.	Col C.E. Wassell
Medical Adjt	Maj F.N. Chenhall
2 Runners	as detailed by R.S.M 9 A.G.H. (Ptes Allen and McCourt)

B. M.D.S.

M.O. i/c Resuscitation	Lt Col	Cooper
M.O. Operating Center i/c	Lt Col	Ross
Asst M.O. i/c Operating Center	Capt	Stubbs-Brown
Anaesthetist	Maj	Jackson
Theatre Sisters	Sisters	Holding and Sorenson
N.C.O.	Cpl	Clarke
Other Ranks	Ptes	Donovan, Schaefer, Curnow, Raven, Steward, George, Rhue, Southee.

C. CREWS SURGERY FORWARD.

Officers.	A.A.N.S.	O/Ranks	Equipment	Stretcher
Maj Miller	-	Pte Lucas J	1 First Aid Box	-
		" Myers	1 Thomas Splint	
		" Donaldson	50 shell dressings	
		" Peterson S.G		

D. SHIP'S BRIDGE.

Maj Becko	-	Pte Bassham L.T	1 First Aid Box	1 Neil Robertson
		" Clark R.R.	1 Bot Morphia	
		" Dayman	1 Thomas Splint	
		" Herbert	50 shell dressings	

E. "B" DECK FOYER FORWARD

Maj McDonald.	Sisters	L/Cpl Wood	1 First Aid Box	1 G.S.
	Ewing	Pte Middlestone	1 Thomas Splint	
	Miles	" Hardwick	50 shell dressings	
	(9 AGH)	" Wytkin		

F. "C" DECK AFT.FOYER

Maj Kyle	Sisters	Pte Bassham ALB	do	1 G.S.
	Spiller	" Cuff		
	Barnes	" Gates		
	(9 AGH)	" Mallon		

G. SHELTER NEAR MAGAZINE

Maj Crawcour	-	Pte Sheperd	1 First Aid Box	1 Neil Robertson

H. ISOLATION HOSPITAL "E" DECK PORT AFT

Maj Wheeler	-	Pte Hocking	1 First Aid Box	1 G.S.

I. "C" DECK FOYER AFT STRETCHER PARTY

N.C.Os	Other Ranks			
Sgt Ness	Ptes	Moon	Treloggan	Price
	"	Newitt	Tredwin	Griffiths
	"	O'Riley	Coad D.L.	

J. RUNNER CHIEF STEWARD'S TELEPHONE. - Pte Geoghan.

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3 The S.M.O. Ship is the control Officer and will be located at "E" Deck Foyer Aft

4 The Main Hospital "E" Deck Port Side Aft will be the main dressing station, to which all casualties will be evacuated ultimately.

5 Casualties should be placed under cover as soon as possible. During an attack first aid personnel should only be summoned when such aid is considered necessary to save life.

6 No movement of cases to the Hospital in the open should take place except during a lull or after the actual attack. Priority of movement on ledders, companionways and corridors must be given to the fighting Services.

7 The S.M.O. in consultation with the Ship's Surgeon will arrange for the recording in a conspicuous position in the Main Hospital of the number of berths in Hospitals or Cabins of patients who are helpless and who will require special arrangements for evacuation.

The R.S.M. 9 A.G.H will arrange stretcher parties (see 2.1. above)

8 When "Emergency Stations" alarm is given, all Medical and Nursing Personnel detailed for duty will proceed to their posts taking with them their lifebelts, emergency rations, warm clothing, water bottles, etc. Lifebelts must be worn should they leave their post e.g. Carrying stretchers etc.

The S.M.O. (Control Officer) will check up his arrangements for helpless patients as in para 7 above and issue his orders accordingly.

9 When "Boat Stations" alarm is given, after "Emergency Stations" the S.M.O. (Control Officer) will despatch the stretcher squads necessary to remove all helpless patients in cabins to the Hospital Boat Stations on "D" Deck Aft. Boats Nos 17 and 18.

M.Os in charge of first aid posts will arrange the removal of their severely wounded to the nearest Boat Station. The First Aid Party on the Bridge will proceed to Boat Stations under orders from the Ship's Master.

The First Aid Party at the Isolation Hospital will proceed to Boat Stations on Instructions from the Senior Officer present.

IO After "Emergency Stations" in the event of an attack developing, the S.M.O. will arrange for at least 30 beds to be available in the Main Hospital by sending occupants to their own emergency station. These beds will then be available as a resuscitation center under the command of Lt Col Cooper.

An Operating Center will open in the Ship's Surgeons Department under the command of Lt Col Ross.

II When "Boat Stations" alarm is given without previous "Emergency Stations" warning, first aid posts will not be formed except on the Bridge and the Isolation Hospital, "E" Deck Aft.

A stretcher party of 1 N.C.O. and 8 men as detailed in 2 B above will report to Lt Col Cooper at the Main Hospital.

A stretcher party of 2 N.C.Os and IO men as detailed in 2 1 above will report to Major Kyle at "C" Deck Foyer Aft. Major Kyle will ascertain from the S.M.O. how the latter desires these bearers to be disposed.

The first aid party on the Bridge will proceed to Boat Stations under orders from the Ship's Master.

The first aid party at the Isolation Hospital will proceed to Boat Stations on instructions from the Senior Officer present. Those employed in the transference of patients to the Hospital Boat Deck will remain on deck until told to abandon ship by the Ship's Officer in charge.

12 It is the duty of Medical Personnel and Stretcher parties to make themselves acquainted with the various routes to the Hospital and first aid posts.

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13 GUNS CREW

(a) Casualties from the forward gun will be notified to the M.O. in charge First Aid Post at Crews Surgery. (Major Miller)

(b) Guns near the Bridge. The M.O. in charge First Aid Post on the Bridge will be responsible. (Major Becke)

(c) "A" Deck aft of the funnel. The M.O. in charge (Major Crawcour) will be responsible and be situated in first aid post near magazine. The Orderly will inform the M.O. in charge first aid post at "C" Foyer Aft.
The evacuation of stretcher cases from Gun Platforms should be by Neil Robertson stretchers via steps aft of "A" Deck to "B" Deck and direct to Hospital.
Walking cases should be directed to first aid post "C" Deck Foyer aft, in the first instance to avoid congestion at the M.D.S.

(d) Aft Guns. The M.O. in charge First Aid Post Isolation "D" Deck aft (Major Wheeler) will be responsible and will contact M.O. in charge First Aid Post "C" Deck Foyer aft for stretcher bearers to remove casualties to the M.D.S. after action is completed.

14 When "Emergency Stations" alarm or "Boat Stations" alarm is given, all duty personnel as detailed in para 2 above, will don a Red Cross Brassard, so that they may be easily identified.

15 After "Boat Stations" alarm is given, all A.A.M.C. personnel except those on duty, will proceed to their respective Boat Stations as detailed in Ship's Standing Orders.

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(j)	DISPENSARY	Annex to Hospital "E" Deck
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(m)	MEDICAL ACTION STATIONS	- See annexure.

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(a) Permanent

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O.C. i/c HOSPITALS	Lt Col	E.L.	Cooper	" 263
CONSULTING PHYSICIAN	Lt Col	E.L.	Cooper	" 263
CONSULTING SURGEON	Lt Col	K.C.	Ross	" 232
HOSPITAL REGISTRAR	Major	R.	Quinn	" 198
ANAESTHETIST	Major	A.V.	Jackson	" 200
M.O. i/c INJECTIONS	Major		Keogh	" 262
DENTAL OFFICER	Lt Col		Skinner	" 256
QUARTERMASTER A.A.M.C.	Captain	J.	Goold	" 340
P.A.D. OFFICER	Major	C.	Gurner	" 297
DISPENSER	Lieut	K.J.	Fay	" 192

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Group Orderly Medical Officers " " " "

3 SICK PARADES.

(a) Group Commanders and Matrons will notify Main Hospital by 0900 hrs daily the names of any Officers who are ill and confined to their cabin. This notification will give the number of Officer's cabin and be accompanied by an A.F.B. 256. Arrangements will be made for an M.O. to visit them.

(b) Sick parades for all O.Rs will be held daily at the following times :-

Groups 1 and 2	0800 hrs
" 3 " 4	0830 "
" 5. 6. 7	0900 "
Group 8	0930 "
" 9	1000 "

(c) All ranks reporting sick must be properly paraded by the Orderly Corporal of the Unit concerned and at the times allotted for his particular group. They must be accompanied by an A.F.B. 256 in triplicate. When completed by the M.O. in charge of the R.A.P. one copy is to be given to his Unit, one copy to be retained by the R.A.P. and one copy to be given to the S.M.O.

(d) Only accident and urgent cases will be sent to the R.A.P. at hrs other than those set down for regular sick parades. Any other cases arising after 1730 hrs will be paraded at Main Hospital.

(e) Other ranks to be admitted to Hospital will report with life-belt, emergency chocolate ration, hat (fur felt), water bottle, great-coat and respirator. The remainder of the equipment such as webbing, sea-kit etc., will be handed to the respective Unit Q.Ms, and not brought to the Hospital.

(f) M.Os in charge of R.A.P. desiring a consultant opinion may refer cases to the Main Hospital at the following times daily :-

E.N.T.	1400 hrs
OPTHALMIC	1430 "

INFECTIOUS CASES will be referred to the Isolation Hospital.

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4 Rigid economy in the use of all medical stores and equipment must be exercised. These are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain and supervision of expenditure is absolutely essential.

5 The Red Cross Officer will act with judgement and with due regard for economy taking into consideration the length of the voyage.
In some instances owing to the lack of care in the arrangements of distribution, these stores have been expended within a few days of the beginning of the voyage.

6 It is essential that Form B.256 be filled in for every Officer and Nursing Sister who report sick no matter how trivial the illness at the time may seem.

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ANNEXURE TO MEDICAL APPENDIX - SHIPS STANDING ORDERS

H.M.T. 313

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EMERGENCIES.

1 SITUATION OF MEDICAL STATIONS.

A. MEDICAL CONTROL CENTER	"E" DECK FOYER AFT
B. M.D.S.	MAIN HOSPITAL
C. FIRST AID POST	CREWS SURGERY "D" DECK STARBOARD FOWARD
D. FIRST AID POST	SHIP'S BRIDGE
E. FIRST AID POST	"B" DECK FOYER FORWARD
F. FIRST AID POST	"C" DECK FOYER AFT
G. FIRST AID POST	SHELTER NEAR MAGAZINE "A" DECK STARBOARD AFT
H. FIRST AID POST	ISOLATION HOSPITAL - "E" DECK PORT AFT

2 DUTY PERSONNEL.

A. Medical Control Center	-	S.M.O.	Col C.E. Wassell
		Medical Adjt	Maj F.N. Chenhall
		2 Runners	as detailed by R.S.M 9 A.G.H. (Ptes Allen and McCourt)

B. M.D.S.

M.O. i/c Resuscitation	Lt Col	Cooper
M.O. Operating Center i/c	Lt Col	Ross
Asst M.O. i/c Operating Center	Capt	Stubbs-Brown
Anaesthetist	Maj	Jackson
Theatre Sisters	Sisters	Holding and Sorenson
N.C.O.	Cpl	Clarke
Other Ranks	Ptes	Donovan, Schaefer, Curnow, Raven, Steward, George, Rhue, Southee.

C. CREWS SURGERY FORWARD.

Officers.	A.A.N.S.	O/Ranks	Equipment	Stretcher
Maj Miller	-	Pte Lucas J	1 First Aid Box	-
		" Myers	1 Thomas Splint	
		" Donaldson	50 shell dressings	
		" Peterson S.G		

D. SHIP'S BRIDGE.

Maj Becko	-	Pte Bassham L.T	1 First Aid Box	1 Neil Robertson
		" Clark R.R.	1 Bot Morphia	
		" Dayman	1 Thomas Splint	
		" Herbert	50 shell dressings	

E. "B" DECK FOYER FORWARD

Maj McDonald.	Sisters Ewing Miles (9 AGH)	L/Cpl Wood	1 First Aid Box	1 G.S.
		Pte Huddlestone	1 Thomas Splint	
		" Hardwick	50 shell dressings	
		" Wytkin		

F. "C" DECK AFT.FOYER

Maj Kyle	Sisters Spiller Barnes (9 AGH)	Pte Bassham ALB	do	1 G.S.
		" Cuff		
		" Gates		
		" Mallon		

G. SHELTER NEAR MAGAZINE

Maj Crawcour	-	Pte Sheperd	1 First Aid Box	1 Neil Robertson

H. ISOLATION HOSPITAL "E" DECK PORT AFT

Maj Wheeler	-	Pte Hocking	1 First Aid Box	1 G.S.

I. "C" DECK FOYER AFT STRETCHER PARTY

N.C.Os	Other Ranks		
Sgt Ness	Ptes Moon	Treloggan	Price
	" Newitt	Tredwin	Griffiths
	" O'Riley	Coad D.L.	

J. RUNNER CHIEF STEWARD'S TELEPHONE. - Pte Geoghan.

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3 The S.M.O. Ship is the control Officer and will be located at "E" Deck Foyer Aft

4 The Main Hospital "E" Deck Port Side Aft will be the main dressing station, to which all casualties will be evacuated ultimately.

5 Casualties should be placed under cover as soon as possible. During an attack first aid personnel should only be summoned when such aid is considered necessary to save life.

6 No movement of cases to the Hospital in the open should take place except during a lull or after the actual attack. Priority of movement on ledders, companionways and corridors must be given to the fighting Services.

7 The S.M.O. in consultation with the Ship's Surgeon will arrange for the recording in a conspicuous position in the Main Hospital of the number of berths in Hospitals or Cabins of patients who are helpless and who will require special arrangements for evacuation.

The R.S.M. 9 A.G.H will arrange stretcher parties (see 2.1. above)

8 When "Emergency Stations" alarm is given, all Medical and Nursing Personnel detailed for duty will proceed to their posts taking with them their lifebelts, emergency rations, warm clothing, water bottles, etc. Lifebelts must be worn should they leave their post e.g. Carrying stretchers etc.

The S.M.O. (Control Officer) will check up his arrangements for helpless patients as in para 7 above and issue his orders accordingly.

9 When "Boat Stations" alarm is given, after "Emergency Stations" the S.M.O. (Control Officer) will despatch the stretcher squads necessary to remove all helpless patients in cabins to the Hospital Boat Stations on "D" Deck Aft. Boats Nos 17 and 18.

M.Os in charge of first aid posts will arrange the removal of their severely wounded to the nearest Boat Station. The First Aid Party on the Bridge will proceed to Boat Stations under orders from the Ship's Master.

The First Aid Party at the Isolation Hospital will proceed to Boat Stations on Instructions from the Senior Officer present.

IO After "Emergency Stations" in the event of an attack developing, the S.M.O. will arrange for at least 30 beds to be available in the Main Hospital by sending occupants to their own emergency station. These beds will then be available as a resuscitation center under the command of Lt Col Cooper.

An Operating Center will open in the Ship's Surgeons Department under the command of Lt Col Ross.

II When "Boat Stations" alarm is given without previous "Emergency Stations" warning, first aid posts will not be formed except on the Bridge and the Isolation Hospital, "E" Deck Aft.

A stretcher party of 1 N.C.O. and 8 men as detailed in 2 B above will report to Lt Col Cooper at the Main Hospital.

A stretcher party of 2 N.C.Os and IO men as detailed in 2 1 above will report to Major Kyle at "C" Deck Foyer Aft. Major Kyle will ascertain from the S.M.O. how the latter desires these bearers to be disposed.

The first aid party on the Bridge will proceed to Boat Stations under orders from the Ship's Master.

The first aid party at the Isolation Hospital will proceed to Boat Stations on instructions from the Senior Officer present. Those employed in the transference of patients to the Hospital Boat Deck will remain on deck until told to abandon ship by the Ship's Officer in char

12 It is the duty of Medical Personnel and Stretcher parties to make themselves acquainted with the various routes to the Hospital and first aid posts.

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13 GUNS CREW

(a) Casualties from the forward gun will be notified to the M.O. in charge First Aid Post at Crews Surgery. (Major Miller)

(b) Guns near the Bridge. The M.O. in charge First Aid Post on the Bridge will be responsible. (Major Becke)

(c) "A" Deck aft of the funnel. The M.O. in charge (Major Crawcour) will be responsible and be situated in first aid post near magazine. The Orderly will inform the M.O. in charge first aid post at "C" Foyer Aft.
The evacuation of stretcher cases from Gun Platforms should be by Neil Robertson stretchers via steps aft of "A" Deck to "B" Deck and direct to Hospital.
Walking cases should be directed to first aid post "C" Deck Foyer aft, in the first instance to avoid congestion at the M.D.S.

(d) Aft Guns. The M.O. in charge First Aid Post Isolation "D" Deck aft (Major Wheeler) will be responsible and will contact M.O. in charge First Aid Post "C" Deck Foyer aft for stretcher bearers to remove casualties to the M.D.S. after action is completed.

14 When "Emergency Stations" alarm or "Boat Stations" alarm is given, all duty personnel as detailed in para 2 above, will don a Red Cross Brassard, so that they may be easily identified.

15 After "Boat Stations" alarm is given, all A.A.M.C. personnel except those on duty, will proceed to their respective Boat Stations as detailed in Ship's Standing Orders.

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SHIPS ROUTINE ORDERS

by

COL E.M. NEYLAN M.C.

O.C. TROOPS - H.M.T."STRATHALLAN".

Part 1

No 1
17 Feb 42

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1 DUTIES — To mount 1630 hrs 17 Feb 42.

Duty Gp - Gp 8
Next for duty Gp 1

Duties to be detailed and mount as Ship's Standing Orders.

2 GP COMD CONFERENCE — 1st Gp Comd Conference will be held on 18 Feb 42 in O.C. Tps Cabin at 1100 hrs and then proceed normally as detailed in Ship's Standing Orders.

3 LAUNDRY — The Ship's Laundry is available only to A.A.N.S. and Officers of Fd Rank.
By special permission the Swimming Pool "E" Deck (aft) is filled with fresh water for a limited period for the use of all ranks for washing of clothing. It is essential that washing be finalised as soon as possible.

4 MAIL — Postal Rates same as for Middle East.
Currency accepted - Sterling
All classes of mail excepting cables will be accepted.
All mail must be censored before being handed in
Mail is to be retained at Gp Orderly Room until the establishment of a Post Office.

5 BLACK-OUT — 17 Feb 42 - 1800 hrs - 0600 hrs.

6 NAGGAGE W.O.V. — The following Baggage marked "Wanted on Voyage" is still unclaimed :-

A.I.P. Kit Store	1 Box
HQ . Aust Corps	1 Box
3 Con Depot	1 Box
6 W/T Sec	1 Box
2 Gp Sec Sigs	1 Box
Unlabelled	1 Box Stationery

Units concerned will report at Fwd Well at 1000 hrs 18 Feb 42 to collect this Baggage.

7 OFFICERS & AANS VALISES. — All Officers and A.A.N.S. Valises after the removal of articles wanted on voyage will be removed from cabins under Gp Arrangements to Valise Room "H" Deck Fwd Starboard Side between the hrs of 1000 and 1200 hrs and 1400 - 1600 hrs Wednesday 18 Feb 42.

8 SHIP'S ORDERLY ROOM. — The Ships Orderly Room will not be in a position to answer queries by individual personnel. Personnel requiring information will approach their own N.C.O's or Officers who will in turn approach Officers on duty in the Group to which they belong.

Capt.
Ships Adjt
H.M.T. "STRATHALLAN".

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NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY - 18 FEB 42.

Holy Communion (C of E) 0630 hrs W.O's Mess "B" Deck.

Senior Chaplain A.L. Balbeck.

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Holy Mass (R.C.) will be celebrated tomorrow morning - Ash Wednesday in "B" Deck Fwd Officers Lounge.

Senior Chaplain J. Dunn.

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THE ABOVE SERVICES WILL BE CONTINUED DAILY.

FOUND

R.A.F. Forage Cap.

ADDENDUM

PRACTICES OF BOAT DRILL ETC

PRACTICE

1 TAKE COVER ON EMERGENCY

2 BOAT STATIONS

Drill will be held at 1100 hrs Wednesday 18 Feb 42, This will cancel time mentioned in para 2. Gp Comd Conference will now be held at the conclusion of these practices.

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SHIPS ROUTINE ORDERS

by

COL E.M. NEYLAN M.C.

O.C. TROOPS - H.M.T."STRATHALLAN".

Part 1 — No 2
18 Feb 42

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1 DUTIES — To Mount 1630 hrs 18 Feb 42.

Duty Gp - Gp 1 for O.Rs
Gp 5 for Officers

Next for duty

Duty Gp - Gp 2

Field Officer	-	Major McLean
Subaltern	-	Lieut Spowart
Orderly Sgt	-	Sgt Craigie D.
Orderly Cpl	-	Cpl Dwyer J.N.

2 BLACKOUT — 18 Feb 42 - 1756hrs- 0540 hrs

3 WET CANTEEN — The Wet Canteen will be open between 1900 and 2000 hrs at No 4 Hatch (aft).

The Canteen Picquet will be responsible for the regulation of the Canteen and the Officer of the Canteen Picquet will be present while the Canteen is open.

Price - 1/- per bottle - including the cost of bottle.

Refund on Bottles - 2 pence per bottle providing the label is intact.

Entitlement - One bottle per man per day.

4 ARM BANDS SHIPS DUTIES. — Personnel engaged on Ship's duties will wear white armbands during their tour of duty - They will provide these armbands themselves.

5 SWIMMING POOLS. — The following regulations will be observed :-

1. An Officer of the Gp using the bath will be present.
2. Diving will be from deep end only.
3. Spitting in the pool is forbidden.
4. 40 personnel only will use the pool at the one time.
5. Personnel with any skin disease, colds or ear trouble are forbidden to bathe.

It is the responsibility of Gps using pools to ensure that these regulations are carried out.

Allotment of Swimming Pools is as under :-

Time	"E" Deck Pool	"B" Deck Pool
0630-0730	Gp 8	Offrs & A.A.N.S
0730-0830	" 1	" "
0830-0930	" 7	" "
0930-1030	" 9	Gp 7 & 8
1030-1130	" 5	Gp 5
1130-1230	Closed for cleaning	Closed for cleaning.
1230-1330	Gp 2	Offrs & A.A.N.S
1330-1430	" 3	Gp 3
1430-1500	" 6	" 6
1500-1600	" 8	Gp 2 & 9
1600-1700	" 4	Gp 4
1700-1800	" 1	" 1

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6 POST-OFFICE

Location - "F" Deck Foyer (Starboard side)

Houre - 1000 - 1200
1400 - 1600
Stamps are on sale.

7 MESSING

Para 21 - Ship's Standing Orders , amend Meal Time to read :-

Breakfast	O.Rs	1st sitting	0715 hrs
		2nd sitting	0800 "

8 BOUNDS

Sgts Mess of "F" Deck is out of bounds to all O.Rs and will not be used as a means of access to "L" Sec "G" Deck. Personnel in "L" Sec will pass through Men's Mess of Starboard Side. This order will be strictly adhered to.

9 SICK PARADE

Personnel of Gps 1 & 2 who mess in second sitting will parade sick at 0830 hrs with Gps 3 and 4.

B 256s are to be filled in by Gp Orderly Rooms, and sick personnel are not to parade to Ship's Orderly Room.

7 SANITATION.

Toilet paper and disinfectant will be drawn by Gps from the Ship's store No 2 Hatch "G" Deck between 0700 hrs and 0900 hrs daily.

8 CANTEEN HOURS.

Dry 0600 - 0700
1000 - 1200
1400 - 1600
1800 - 2000

Wet 1900 - 2000

9 MEDICAL

Times of Sick Parade at R.A.P. sited "D" Deck Aft :-

Gp 1 and 2	0800 hrs	Capt	BECKE	Cabin No 260
Gp 3 and 4	0830 hrs	Major	KYLE	205
Gp 5, 6,7	0900 hrs	Capt	BOOTH	203
Gp 8	0930 hrs	Capt	DUNN	260
Gp 9	1000 hrs	Capt	LESLIE	341

Sick personnel attending R.A.P. must attend in their respective Gps.

Cases needing consultation, will be referred to Ship's Hospital "E" Deck Port side, at the following times :-

E.N.T.	Maj Quayle	1400 hrs
Opthalmic	Maj Scholes	1430 "

Infectious cases will be referred to Isolation Hospital.

All personnel to be admitted to Hospital will report with their lifebelt, emergency choclate ration, hat (fur felt), water bottle and greatcoat, plus respirator.

Gear such as webbing, sea kit, pack, etc., will be left in the custody of the respective Unit Q.M.

ORDERLY MEDICAL OFFICER - 19 Feb 42 - CAPT STUBBS-BROWN.

IO PRESS BUTTON FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Serious trouble to the Ship's Staff is being caused by Fire Alarm Press Buttons being used other than is case of fire.

The system is complicated and is obviously of high importance for safety. It must be able to function properly. All ranks are warned against incorrect use of buttons.

[signature] Capt.
Ship's Adjt
H.M.T. "STRATHALLAN"

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- NOTICES -

LOST

Brown Leather Writing Case - Initials E.L.Left on "B" Deck near Boat 13. Finder please return to Ship's Orderly Room.

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ARTICLES TO BE CLAIMED

Identity Discs.
Respirators 2
Rifle - QX 31400 - Sig Donaldson
Serial No 61335.

The above articles to be claimed by personnel through Gp Orderly Rooms.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Confessions will be heard each evening from 1400 hrs to 1600 hrs in Asst Purser's Room "B" on "D" Deck.

Senior Chaplain Quinn J.A.

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CONCERT

Concerts will be held nightly in Dining Hall "F" Deck "aft" commencing tonight 18 Feb 42 at 1915 hrs.
Preference should be given to Gps 2 6 & 8 for tonight.

W.O.s & Sgts	Thursday	19 Feb	1930 hrs
Offrs and AANS	Friday	20 Feb	2100 hrs.

Music

Offrs and AANS	-	Forward Lounge	1600 hrs-1700 hrs
			2000 " -2100 "
W.Os and Sgts	-	2000 hrs - 2100 hrs	

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NEWS BROADCAST (Over Ship's loudspeaker system)

0800 hrs
1300 "
1800 "
2000 "

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SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS

by

COL. E. M. NEYLAN, M.C.

O.C., TROOPS - H.M.T. "STRATHALLAN"

Part 1 ..... No 3
19 Feb 42

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1. DUTIES — To Mount at 1630 hrs - 19 FEB 42.

Duty Gp - Gp 2.
Next for Duty - Gp 3. Gp 4 will provide additional personnel as may be required by Gp 3.

To Mount 0915 hrs - 20 Feb 42.

Fd. Officer	-	Major BLAMEY
Subaltern	-	Lieut BENNETT J.B.
Orderly Sgt	-	Sgt KEPPELL J.V.
Orderly Cpl	-	Cpl MURPHY J.B.

2 BLACKOUT — 19 Feb 42 - 1821 hrs - 0620 hrs

3 TIME — Clocks will be advanced :-

IO Min	2200 hrs	19	Feb
IO "	0200 "	20	"
IO "	0500 "	20	"

4 MEDICAL — Medical Offr as per para 9 R.O's of 18 Feb will continue to carry out duties as detailed until further notice.

5 SWIMMING POOL — The allotment of "E" Deck swimming pool (R.O's No 2 of 18 Feb is amended as follows :-

0630 - 0730 hrs for Gp 8 read Gp 1
0730 - 0830 " " Gp 1 " Gp 8

6 SLEEPING ON DECKS — As from 1700 hrs 20 Feb 42 Tps may sleep on open Decks. Attention of all ranks is directed to Ship's S.Os para 23 re- Blackout regulations.

7 GENERAL — All ranks are notified that in the event of a man falling overboard the ship will not be stopped.

8 AMENITIES — Lt Col C.B. Klein is Chief Recreational and Amenities Offr.

Capt

Ship's Adjt H.M.T. "STRATHALLAN"

NOTICES - LOST

1 Pack with Steel Helmet attached labelled NX 56082 Gnr R.M. Howe
Gold Wristlet Watch in the vicinity of "M" Sec Washrooms.
Kangaroo Tobacco Pouch - Marked NX10244 and initials F.N.
Identity Discs - Marked TX 2036 C.E. Barnett.

Will finder please return the above articles to the Ship's Orderly Room.

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SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS

by

COL E.M. NEYLAN M.C.

O.C. TROOPS - H.M.T."STRATHALLAN". No 4
20 Feb 42

Pt 1

1 DUTIES To mount 1630 hrs 20 Feb 42.

Duty Gp - Gp 3. Gp 4 will provide additional personnel as may be required by Gp 3.

Next for duty-Gp 4.

To mount 0915 hrs - 21 Feb 42

Field Officer	-	Major Kiel
Subaltern	-	Lieut Brownhill
Orderly Sgt	-	Sgt O'Neill
Orderly Cpl	-	Cpl Theodore

2 ADMINISTRATION. Gp Comd appointed for administration of Gps are as under :-

Gp 1	-	Sqn Ldr	Fox D.F.C.
" 2	-	Lt Col	A.J Hobbs E.D.
" 3	-	Lt Col	K.C Purnell M.C.E.D.
" 4	-	Major	A. Smith
" 5	-	Lt Col	J.L. McKinlay M.M.
" 6	-	C.P.O.	— Weekes
" 7	-	Major	D.O. O'Callaghan
" 8	-	Lt Col	G.R. Hammer
" 9	-	Major	A.D. Molloy

3 BLACKOUT

Blackout 20 Feb 42 - 1841 hrs - 0614 hrs

4 WET CANTEEN On no account will more than one bottle of beer be sold to one man daily. It is not permissable for any man to purchase several bottles on the grounds that he is obtaining beer for his friends as well as for himself. The Subaltern of the Day will be present at the Wet Canteen to ensure that this order is enforced.

5 SLEEPING ON DECK. No bedding will be allowed on "A" Deck before ~~2130~~ 1900 hrs. All bedding will be removed immediately after reveille.

6 LIGHTS. All ranks are requested to turn off lights in their cabins when not in use.

7 SUN-BATHING. All ranks are warned that sunburn is a self inflicted wound and offenders will be treated accordingly

8 PAY. Requisitions for Cash will be submitted under Gp arrangements to the Pay Office by 1000 hrs on 21st Feb. Advances of cash will be available at 1400 hrs. Payments will be made on the following basis :-

	£ stg	£ Aust
Offrs and Nurses	4/-/-	5/-/-
W.Os	2/10/-	3/2/6
S/Sgts and Sgts	2/-/-	2/10/-
C.Rs	1/10/-	1/17/6

9 CARE OF FEET. All ranks are warned that the incidence of Tinea increases in hot weather and that particular attention is to be paid to washing and careful drying of feet.

Ship' Adjt HMT "STRATHALL

- NOTICES -

CHURCH SERVICES

First Sunday in Lent - 22 Feb 42

Holy Communion (C of E) - W.Os Lounge 0630 hrs
Sgts Mess "F" Deck 0630 "

United and other protestant denominations, Officers Mess "B" Deck Fwd 0630 hrs

General Church Parades

Gps	1 & 2	"B" Deck fwd of W.Os Lounge	0930 hrs
	5 & 7	"B" " " " "	1030 "
	4 & 9	"F" " Mess	0930 "
	8 & 6	"F" " "	1030 "
	3	Offrs Lounge	1030 "

R.C. Services

Holy Mass Sunday 22 Feb 42 - Offr Lounge "B" Deck Fwd 0630 hrs
0930 "

Confessions will be heard each evening in Asst Pursers Room "B" - "D" Deck from 1400 hrs to 1600 hrs.

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CONCERTS

Tonight: 20 Feb	-	2100 hrs Offrs and A.A.N.S. in Fwd Loun
Tonight 20 Feb	-	2000 " Mens Mess "F" Deck for RAF &
Sat 21 Feb	-	For Gp 5 personnel 1400 hrs "B" Deck RAF Concert Party.
Sun 22 Feb	-	Afternoon Music and Concert - All Ranks "B" Deck dancing area - 1430 hrs 6 Div Concert Party.
Mon 23 Feb	-	2030 hrs Mens Mess RAF Concert Party. 2100 " Offrs & AANS in Fwd Lounge 6 Div Concert Party.

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LOST

The following articles have been lost and if found are to be handed to Ship's Orderly Room.

Hat (Khaki Fur) bearing Corps Sigs Colour Patch.
Brown Leather Wallet - lost in Offrs and AANS Lounge REWARD
Tobacco Pouch - Keepsake.
1 Water Bottle Holder.
Egyptian Wallet containing photos and papers.
Gold Mounted Oncto Pencil - inscribed "J Shepherd" - lost on Fwd Gangway.
1 Hat A.A.N.S. - Marked " M. Honner"
2 Respirators

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FOUND

The following articles can be claimed at the Ship's Orderly Room.

2 Respirators
1 Leather Belt
1 Money Belt
Identity Discs
Silver Wristlet Identity bracelets (2)

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Orderly Room

SHIPS ROUTINE ORDERS

by

COL E.M. NEYLAN M.C.

O.C. TROOPS - H.M.T."STRATHALLAN".

Part 1

No 5
21 Feb 42

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1 DUTIES

To Mount 1630 hrs 21 Feb 42.

Duty Gp	-	Gp 4
Next for Duty	-	Gp 5

To Mount 0915 hrs 22 Feb 42

Fd Offr	-	Major Inglis
Subaltern	-	Lieut Francis
Orderly Sgt	-	Sgt Page
Orderly Cpl	-	Cpl Tobin

2 RIGHT OF WAY.

Units and Squads allotted Deck Space will leave a passage way for the free movement of troops, essential in the maintenance of the Ship's routine.

3 RETURN OF BOTTLES.

After consultation with the Ship's Staff it has been decided that the present system of returning empty beer bottles can not be altered.

4 CAMERAS.

Cameras will be collected under Gp arrangements and handed into Ship's Orderly Room for safe keeping. Each camera will be labelled with Serial No, Army No, Rank, Name and Unit. Disposal will be notified later.

5 MAIL

Mail will only be despatched from the Ship at destination Port, and not at any intermediate Ports.

It is advised to post letters surface Mail rather than on an Air Mail basis.

No further postal information is at present available.

6 SECURITY.

Precautions will be taken to ensure that Secret and Most Secret documents do not fall in enemy hands by making sure that Secret Boxes are sufficiently weighted to sink should the occasion arise for their hurried disposal.

7 BLACKOUT.

21 Feb 42 - 1834 hrs - 30 hrs.

8 TIME.

Clocks will be advanced as under :-

IO Mins	at	2200 hrs	21 Feb 42
IO "	at	0200 "	22 Feb 42
IO "	at	0500 "	22 Feb 42

9 BOUNDS.

The Verandah Cafe, Officers portion is in bounds to A.A.N.S. until 1900 hrs daily.

IO SITTING ON DECK RAILS

Sitting on Deck Rails is forbidden.

11 SHIP'S STANDING ORDERS.

Amendments :-

(a) Delate Para 6 (e) (iii)
(b) Para 14(a) Delete 'and "B"'
(c) Para 16 (b) (v) Delete "Tea, [illegible] no O.Rs will be allowed on "A" or "B" Decks between 2100 and 2130 hrs". and substitute - " 1900 hrs, or such other time as may be notified in Ship's Routine Orders".

The attention of Gp Comds is drawn to Ship's Standing Order No 6, which is not at present being carried out by all Secs.

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Ship's Adjt. H.M.T. "STRATHALLAN"

- NOTICES -

CHURCH SERVICES - AMENDED TIMES.

HOLY COMMUNION.

United and other Protestant Denominations :-

Now - W.Os Lounge - 0700 hrs instead of "B" Deck Fwd.

Service Sgts Mess "F" Deck 0630 hrs is cancelled.

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LOST

Gold filled Wristlet Watch - no strap - Engraved " To Don from Mimi 29/8/40".

Hat Fur Felt - Lightish Coloured Puggaree - Arty Colour patch.

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SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS

by

G.M.

COL. E.M. NEYLAN., M.C.

O.C. TROOPS - "H.M.T. STRATHALLAN"

Part 1. No 6.
22 FEB 42

DUTIES 1. To Mount at 1630 hrs, 22 FEB 42.
Duty Gp - Gp 4.

Next for Duty - Gp 5.

To Mount at 0915 - 23 FEB 42.

Field Officer - Major OXLEY
Subaltern - Lieut DOYLE K.B.
Orderly Sgt - Sgt STEER F.
Orderly Cpl - Cpl HECKWRATH D.

BLACK-OUT 2. 1837 hrs - 0625 hrs - 22 FEB42.

TIME 3. Clocks will be advanced as under :-

10 min at 2200 hrs - 22 FEB 42
10 min at 0200 hrs - 23 FEB 42
10 min at 0500 hrs - 23 FEB 42.

SLEEPING ON DECK 4. In addition to the 6 ft gangway which is to be left along the ship's rails for Sentries and Gun Crew Reliefs, a similar gangway is to be left opposite each entrance to a deck.

COMPLAINTS MESSING 5. There have been recent instances of complaints being made to the Ship's Staff, Chief Steward etc.. This is strictly forbidden and all complaints must be made to the MESSING OFFR.

MESSING GEAR 6. Dixies, Trays, etc., must be returned promptly to the Galley after use.

CLEANING OF ARMS 7. Unit Comds are requested to make arrangements with the O/C Armoury regarding suitable times for Cleaning of Arms.

SHIP'S STANDING ORDERS 8. Amendments :-

(a) Para 6(e) (ix) ~~delete~~ After. "Offrs" ~~and substitute~~ Add. "And" "AANS"

(b) Delete Para 17 (g)

(c) Delete - Para 11 (a) & (b) and substitute " The scuttles on "G" Deck will remain closed at all times.

ANTI-SUBMARINE LOOK-OUT 9. The Duty Gp will provide an Anti-Submarine Look-Out as follows :-

1 Offr
3 N.C.O's
12 Ors.
Tour of Duty- 24 hours.

Mount :- 1630 hrs under the Fd Offr of the day on Starboard side "B" deck amidships.
Fd Glasses - To be provided by 2 Aust H.A.A. Regt and the Offr i/c Anti Submarine Look-out will be responsible for their care and preservation and for handing over to the relieving Offr.

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UBMARINE
LOOK-OUT
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LOCATION -

(a) The ship has Look-outs in the Crow's Nest and the forward ends of the Cabs on the Bridge.

(b) (1) The Army Look-outs will be in the after ends of the Cabs on the Bridge, and by the 6" Gun - on both sides of the ship.

(ii) During the hours of darkness the Look-outs on the Bridge will move to a lower deck as ordered (Army personnel only)

ARCS OF OBSERVATION

Submarines are most likely to attack from between 30° and 90° on the Bow.
The Army look-outs on the Bridge will watch from 30° to 90° on the Bow.
The 6" Gun look-outs will watch from 90° to 180°.
They will search the area within the above arcs from the horizon to the ship , on their own side.

REPORTING

On sighting a suspicious object, look-outs will:-

(a) Sound warning blasts on Mouth whistle -
Long Blast - Starboard side.
Series of Long Blasts - Port side.

(b) Shout(so that the Officer of the Watch can hear.)

(i) Green for Starboard - or - Red for Port.
(ii)Bearing in Degrees from the Bow.
(iii)Nature of object.
(iv)Distance.
(v) Point at the object.

EXAMPLE - A periscope is seen ¾mile 45° on Port Bow.
Port look-out will -
Blow - Series of Long Blasts on his whistle.

Shout - Red, 45°, Periscope fifteen hundred yards.

Point - at the Periscope.

Reports from 6" Gun look-outs will be repeated at once by 'phone to the Bridge.

NOTE - A false report does not matter at all, but failure to make a report, owing to uncertainty of what has been seen may result in disaster.

RELIEFS AND LOOKOUTS will :-

(a) Be relieved every two hours.
(b)Not leave their posts until relieved.
(c) Not smoke or talk while on Watch.
(d) Hand over and take over Field Glasses on relief.

AIRCRAFT

Anti-Submarine Look-outs will report Aircraft if not previously seen by A.A. Gnrs.

DECK SPACE ISOLATION HOSP.PATIENTS 10. The deck space aft of rope barrier on "E" Deck, Port side aft is reserved for Isolation Hosp. patients only.

Capt.
SHIP'S ADJT. H.M.A.T. "STRATHALLAN"

NOTICES

LOST - Conway Stewart Fountain Pen.
Dark Sun Glasses, Silver eyeshield

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Part 1. No 7.
23 FEB 42

1. DUTIES. To Mount at 1630 hrs, 23 FEB 42.

Duty Gp - Gp 7.
Next for Duty - Gp 9.

To Mount 0915 hrs, 24 FEB 42

Field Officer	-	Major ROBERTSON
Subaltern	-	Lieut WRIGHT A.
Orderly Sgt	-	S/Sgt TWOHILL G.
Orderly Cpl	-	Cpl ROBINSON L.J.

The Swimming Bath Fatigue will report to the Swimming Bath attendant "B" Deck - 1800 hrs, daily.

2. BLACK-OUT 1840 hrs - 0627 hrs, 23 FEB 42.

3. TIME Clocks will be advanced as under :-
10 min at 2200 hrs on 23 FEB 42
10 min at 0200 hrs on 24 FEB 42
10 min at 0500 hrs on 24 FEB 42

4. ANTI-SUBMARINE LOOK-OUT Ship's Routine Order No 6., Para 9 is cancelled.

5. BEER BOTTLE TOPS Beer bottle tops are being dropped on rubber floor covering and causing damage when trodden on. All ranks are asked to co-operate and place beer bottle tops in receptacles provided.

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NOTICES

BOXING COMPETITION. A Boxing Competition will be held, commencing 1400 hrs, Wed., 25 FEB 42. Entries, which are to be submitted through Gp Orderly Rooms, or to Gp Amenities Offrs, close 1800 hrs, Tues., 24 FEB 42.
Particulars of Entry :-
1. Army No and Name.
2. Unit
3. Weight (in lbs).

LOST	FOUND
Wallet containing Paybook, Driving Licence and Money.	Brown Leather Purse containing Money in Offrs and AANS Lounge
Medal Ribbons.	Gold Ring - Initials "G.W"
Brown Leather Money Belt on "E" Deck containing Money	Khaki Handkerchief containing money.
	Ukelele.

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Part 1. No 8.
24 FEB 42

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1. DUTIES — To Mount at 1630 hrs - 24 FEB 42.

Duty Cp - Gp 9.
Next for Duty - Gp 8.

To Mount at 0915 hrs, 25 FEB 42.

Field Officer - Major SADLER
Subaltern - Lieut GRANT J.B.
Orderly Sgt - Sgt KEEVERS W.M.
Orderly Cpl - Cpl DIGGINS J.O.

2. BLACK-OUT — 1846 hrs - 0630 hrs - 24 FEB 42

3. TIME — Clocks will be advanced as under :-

10 min at 2200 hrs on 24 FEB 42
10 min at 0200 hrs on 25 FEB 42
10 min at 0500 hrs on 25 FEB 42

3. SWIMMING — All ranks are again informed that Diving from the rails of the Swimming Pool, is dangerous and is prohibited.

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NOTICES

LOST

Chrome Shockproof Watch, Leather Strap and Protector, probably lost on "D" Deck.
Wristlet Watch (Rolled Gold Case)
Gold Cigarette Case
Water Bottle, Carrier and Strap - Marked "VX35029"
Conway Stewart Fountain Pen (Black)
Water Bottle and Strap "NX20506"
Conway Stewart Pencil
Hat (Khaki Fur Felt)
Canvas Money Belt containing Money.
Pencil Swan "Fine-Point" (Green)
Leather Tobacco Pouch - Initials "P.L"
Leather Money Belt-Containing £ 2-0-0

FOUND

Groundsheet, Greatcoat, Blanket and Scarf.
Pair Spectacles found on "A" Deck.
Tobacco Pouch.

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25 Feb 42

Part 1 No.9

1. DUTIES To mount at 1630 hrs 25 Feb 42:-
Duty Gp. - Group 8
Next for duty - Group 2
To mount at 0915 26 Feb 42:-
Field Officer - Major Synott
Subaltern - Lieut.W.B. Russell
Orderly Sgt. - Sgt. R.P. Brown
Orderly Bdr. - Bdr. L.E. Patman

2. BLACK-OUT 1800 hrs - 0633 hrs 25 Feb 42

3. TIME Clocks will be advanced as under:
10 min at 2200 hrs on 25 Feb 42
10 min at 0200 hrs on 26 Feb 42
10 min at 0500 hrs on 26 Feb 42

4. SUBMARINE DANGER All ranks are notified that the ship is now approaching dangerous waters and that the provisions regarding black-out & smoking must be strictly observed.

5. CLOSING OF PORT-HOLES IN CASE OF ALARM Duty Group to arrange for 1 N.C.O. and 4 O.R's. to be on duty during official daylight hours in men's Mess, "F" Deck for the purpose of closing and locking portholes in case of alarm. Keys can be obtained from Group 3.

6. SHIP'S S.O. Attention is drawn to Ship's S.O., Para II (c) which must be strictly observed.

7. WASHING The swimming pool on "E" Deck will be emptied of fresh water at 1800 hrs 25 Feb 42, and will be filled with salt water, and no other washing facilities will be made available for the remainder of the trip.

8. CAMERAS Groups will collect cameras from Ship's Orderly Room at 1600 hrs on 26 Feb 42

9. OFFENCES NX178?0 Sigmn. CROSS C.W. Sigs. 1 Aust. Corps, was charged with "While on Active Service leaving his Post without orders from his superior officer. A.A. Sec. 6(2)(f)." Award: Fined £5 and 28 days detention by Lt.Col. K.C.Purnell O.C., Group 3.

10 SHIP'S FITTINGS (a) All ranks are warned against swinging on pipes on Decks Many of these pipes carry steam and if broken are liable to cause serious injury to troops and dislocation of the Ship's Services.
(b) The removal and damage to inspection plates of the Air System must cease immediately

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Ship's Adjt. "H.M.T. STRATHALLAN"

CONCERTS NOTICES

Black-out Concert - Community Singing for all ranks. "B" Deck Dancing Enclosure at 2000 - 2130 hrs, 26 Feb 42.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated tomorrow morning 26 Feb 42 at 0630 hrs in Offrs. Lounge "B" Deck.
Confessions each evening from 1400 hrs to 1600 hrs in Asst. Purser's Room, "D" Deck

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Part 1

No IO.
26 Feb 42

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1 DUTIES — To mount at 1630 hrs 26 Feb 42

Duty Gp - Gp 2

Next for Duty Gp 3

To mount at 0915 hrs 27 Feb 42

Field Officer	-	Major Stephens
Subaltern	-	Lieut Black
Orderly Sgt	-	Sgt Leppell J.O.
Orderly Cpl	-	L/Cpl Urquhart J.D.

2 BLACK-OUT. — 1900 hrs - 0633 hrs 26 Feb 42

3 TIME. — Clocks are advanced as under :-

IO Min at 2200 hrs - 26 Feb 42
IO Min at 0200 " - 27 Feb 42
IO Min at 0500 " - 27 Feb 42.

Capt.
Ship's Adjt H.M.T."Strathallan"

- NOTICES -

LOST

Water Bottle in Carrier, 2 straps. Taken by mistake from Concert Sunday Afternoon.
Shirt and Paybook on "H" Deck "P" Sec - L/Cpl Marsh 1 AA Bde Sigs
Overcoat and Pyjamas from "B" Deck at about 1800 hrs.
1 Money Belt containing cash 34/-
1 F.S. Hat
Blue Canvas Money Belt Containing Cash.
F.S. Hat probably lost on "C" Deck
Fountain Pen Swan
Belt Brown Leather - containing approx £1-0-0
Small Leather Case 1½" x 1½" containing 3 Medals & 2 photos.
Army Issue Leather Belt - Marked 14438 T.S.G.
1 Sam Brown left in No 15 Bathroom "D"
Pugar ee.
1 Waterbottle - Marked VX33226 K.A.McDonald.
1 Tobacco Pouch.

FOUND

1 Greatcoat, Shirt, Dixie Cover - found near Guard Room
1 Overcoat "K. Maley" NX307
1 Haversack
1 Webbing Belt SX2715 Capt Luxton
Lower Denture
F.S. Cap

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Part 1 — No 11 — 27 Feb 42

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1 DUTIES. To mount at 1630 hrs 27 Feb 42

Duty Gp	-	Gp 3
Next for Duty		Gp 4

To mount at 0915 hrs 28 Feb 42

Field Officer	-	Major Turner	
Subaltern	-	Lieut Brownhill	F.C.
Orderly Sgt	-	S/Sgt McCarthy	J.
Orderly Cpl	-	Cpl Penfold	E.

2 BLACKOUT 1915 hrs - 0633 hrs 27 Feb 42.

3 MAIL. Postal arrangements will continue as usual until further notice. The Post Office is situated in Cabin 283 "D" Deck.

Capt.

Ship's Adjt HMT STRATHALLAN.

- NOTICES -

LOST

Pay Book the property of Pte Jones W.R. VX11770 3rd Con Depot.
1 Tan Shoe Size 6.
1 Nurses Hat
1 Pr Shorts, 1 Shirt, 2 prs Sox,
Money Belt containing £ 3-0-0 10/- reward.
A Model 3 Leica Camera Lens No 496987 - in everready case fitted with sunshield - Name of owner on body of Camera - £ 5-0-0 reward on its return to Corps Signals Orderly Room "D" Deck.

FOUND
2 Cuffs A.A.N.S.
Writing Wallet - property of Maj Kyle.

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Part 1

No 12
28 Feb 42.

1 DUTIES. To mount at 1630 hrs 28 Feb 42

Duty Gp - Gp 4
Next for Duty Gp 5

To mount at 0915 hrs 1 Mar 42.

Field Officer	-	Major McLean
Subaltern	-	Lieut. Forsyth
Orderly Sgt	-	Sgt. Williams J.
Orderly Cpl	-	Cpl. Gleeson

2 CABIN ACCOMMODATION

No re-allotment of cabin accommodation can be made until the Ship resumes its journey, and then only in exceptional circumstances.

3 SHIP'S STANDING ORDERS.

When the Ship resumes its journey Ship's Standing Orders including orders for Blackout and the carrying of life-belts by all ranks will again come into force.

4 LEAVE.

Unless otherwise notified there will be no leave on 1 Mar 42.

5 CAMERAS.

All cameras will be collected under Gp arrangements and handed into Ship's Orderly Room by 1100 hrs 2 Mar 42.

Capt.
Ship's Adjt HMT STRATHALLAN.

- NOTICES -

Church Services :-

Church of England

2nd Sunday in Lent — March 1st 1942

Holy Communion (C of E.)	W.O. Lounge	063 hrs.
Holy Communion (United other Protestant Denominations)	Officers' Mess (Aft)	063 hrs.

General Church Parades
(Please note:- alteration of Gp 3)

Gps 2 & 3	"B" Deck 0930 hrs,	Gps 5 & 7	"B" Deck 1030 hrs
" 4 & 9	"F" Deck Mess 0930 hrs	" 8	"F" Deck Mess 1030 hrs
" 10	Officers' Lounge 1030 hrs		
"Song Service"	(All Welcome) "F" Deck Mess 2000 hrs.		

R.C. SERVICES.

Holy Mass - Sunday 1 Mar 42 - Offrs' Lounge "3" Deck Fwd 0630 Hrs
0930 Hrs.

Confessions will be heard each evening in Asst Pursers Room "B" "D" Deck from 1400 hrs to 1600 hrs.

Lost. 1 brown leather wallet containing:- Sum of money, No of photos, driving licence, photos of sentimental value. - REWARD.
Wallet containing:- Pay-book, sum of money & fountain pen.
1 Nurses hat.

Found. Pay-book QX18082 Campbell F.S. - 2 F.S. Caps - Money belt.

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