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War Diary
of
2/2 Aust Fd Regt
Aug 40 — Sept 44

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Contact Bde Major
Quite def no demolition
unless by direct order
of Bgd or Bde Major
Our Regt asked Reps.
to state that all
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no explos at any
position yet.

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War Diary Notes

P Whitelaw

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August.

19 Aug. First leave party leaves for Cairo.
Lt. P.S. Whitelaw OC. leave party.

27 Aug. Cairo leave party returns to Deir Sunied Camp.

19 Aug. Regiment less 4 Bty left Deir Sunied for Regimental exercise in Bereghelsa area Returned to camp 20 Aug.

19 Aug 20 Aug. 4 Bty training Huj area

21 Aug. Regiment less 3 Bty left Deir Sunied for 2 day exercise Bereghelsa area Returned to camp 22 Aug.

23 Aug Bty training.

24 Aug. Maintenance. Deir Sunied.

28 Aug. CO & Maj L.S. H Dyke attended Divisional T.E.W.T. Battery Training

14 Aug. Personnel mentioned proceeded to Suez to take charge of vehicles for 2/2 Fd Regt.
Bdr Breasley S.A. Bdr. Neal H.H. Bdr Morrison W.C.
Bdr. Ross T.S. Summers. Haag S.J. Shewan H.W.
Gledhill. H.W. Mudge R.O.S. Bauer Rh. Lowe P.T.
Cowen S.E. Towner J.E. McLean F.K. Barker W.E.
Stephens R.T.

August

29 Capt W S Guy VX96 Transferred to 1F&GB. Kilo 89. Struck off strength 29 Aug 40

Aug.

17. Personnel of party to Port Suez returned to Deir Sunied Camp.

15 Lieut C.R. Netherwate admitted Gaza Ridge Hospital 1 AGH. with Sand fly fever.

13 Lieut E.W. Cute marched out. Attending MEWTS. Sarafand.

17th Lieut AMD Henderson rejoined unit. Returned from D&MM. Course at Sarafand.

17th Lieut D.J. Eddy. —— ditto ——

17th Sur Osborne T.K. —— ditto ——

13 Capt M R Bruing admitted to 1 AGH. Gaza Ridge. Diagnosis unknown.

16 Lt Col Lemon marched out. Recce. Western Desert.

25 Rejoined unit Maj Ch. Young ~~[illegible]~~ Capt F H Wood Lieut L.G. Parkinson Lt. G.M.L. Lee. Returned from M.E.T.S. Abbassia Egypt.

24 Lieut J.A.R.K. Strong marched out. Attending M.E.S.S. Nathanya.

21 Lt Col. Lemon Marched in. Recce. W. Desert.

7. Struck off strength. All Transferred to HQ RAA. 6 Aus Div. Sur Brown E.S. VX932. Sur Holmes S.O. VX929. Sur Harris C. VX 1148.

August

1 Marched out Cus. Wilson L J. VX617. Wilson D G. VX 783. Attached to 31 Fd Regt. RA.

6 Appointment. Sur Brown O H. VX1008 appointed L/Bdr.

5 Marched out Cur Osborne T K. Batman to Lieut HMD Henderson attending Dd M M. Course Sarafand.

11 Marched out: Sur Cotton F G. VX 729 attending equipment repairers course Sarafand.

11 Marched out L/Sgt Powell. R L. VX 565 attending O.T.C. Sarafand.

11 Rejoined Unit Cur Harris F C. VX 656 11 ORs Cours Sarafand

11 " " Cur Purtell R W. VX 10342 Water Duties Course "

11 " " Sgt Nolan G C. VX 1102 MESS. Nathanya.

11 " " Bdr McIntosh J G. VX 1890 MESS. "

11 " " T/Sgt Browne G D. WX 103 O.T.C. Sarafand.

11 " " WO II Eason R T. VX 998 O.T.C. "

11 " " Sgt Young F J. VX 873 O.T.C. "

9 " " Downey W.T. V.X. ~~795~~ 824 Cur. Artif. Course Sarafand

9 " " Dunn J. VX 795 ditto

also Towner J E VX 4312 Kersey E T. VX 1013 Pallomaintegue L. VX 710.

September.

1 ~~Lieut's Hamilton and Pitts marched in as reinforcement officers.~~

2 2/2 Fd Regt. commenced to move to Helwan Egypt. First nights bivouaced at Bir Asluy.

3 2/2 Fd Regt moved from Bir Asluy to Ismalia. Bivouaced in Moacar Barracks

4 2/2 Fd Regt completed move to Helwan

16 Brigade exercise immediately south of Camp area.

12 Night route march in desert. A distance of approx 18 miles covered

12 Capt. T R Blamey ~~& Capt. His cock~~ marched out on Recce of Matur area?

17 Voting took place within the Regiment for Australian Federal Elections.

18 2/2 marched out of camp to area south of camp for 2 day Brigade exercise. 16 Inf. Bde commanded by Brig Allen.

19 2/2 returned to camp at 12:30 hours at completion of exercise.

16 Received "Air Raid Warning Yellow" at 0315 hrs. This was cancelled at 0348.

Sept.

17 Received "Air Raid Warning Yellow" at 1815 hrs. Cancelled by White twenty minutes later.

29 Maj L G H Dyke left camp for recce of Alexandria defensive area at 1545 29 September. (with driver & Batman?).

12 Capt T R Blaney. left camp with Brigade Major for Recce of ~~W. Desert area~~ Mustru Area.

19 Sep. Capt T R Blaney returned to Helwan from Recce of Mustru area.

3 Lieut L Parkinson and men detailed as rear party left Deir Sunied for Egypt. the party comprised

VX 1037	Bdr. Macgregor S.E.	VX. 702	Cellchurch H J
1889	Gnr Price D.R.	19100	Cutler. S.
888	Clarke J.	18818	Cottom F.G.E.
798	Harris R.B.	1064	Lauter. D.
625	Capron F.N.	1071	Priestly C.T.
15405	Lawrence W.		

24 2/2 Field Regt. Marched to area immediately south of Suez road between towers 2 & 3 and bivouacked for night on Artillery range. Troops registered with live rounds.

25 2/2 Field Regiment firing practise in same area. Regt. moved back to camp during afternoon of 25 Sep.

26. Battery training.

October

1 Battery Training north of camp area. An inspection during training by the G.O.C. in chief. General. Wavell.

2 2/2 leave for exercise. 6 Aust Div. 2/2 under command of 17 Inf Bde. Brig S. Savige Bde commander.

3 Maj Lt H Dyke. returned from Recce Alexandria defensive area. at 1830 hrs.

3. Day 2 of 6 Aust Div exercise in area south of Helwan camp. Division bivouaced in perimetre camp on night of 2/3. Oct.

4 Excersive completed and Div withdrew in Box formation to Helwan camp. 2/2 Field Regt. arriving approx 1330 hrs.

6 Lieut Strong, Sgt Batters, Bdr Allis, Bdr Gilbert returned from M.E.S.S., Gm Hartley J.

8 A. Col Cremor + Maj. Arthur left for Senior Officers Course M.E.T.S. L/Sgt. Ingram and L/Sgt Morley left for the Junior course METS.

17 Marched in from Sarafand L/Sgt Kiseborough, L/Bdr Gleason, Bdr Grogan, M.E.W.T.S. Gm McKay Cookery.

Oct 26 Reg leaves Helwan + arrives Aminiya
Lieut. Barnden left in charge of
rear party.
28 Rear party rejoined unit.
27 Air raid in Alex area + camp
alarm sounded.
20. Air raid warning Red. 2108 hrs. Green 2120. hrs.
Red 2127 hrs Green 2208.
22. Air raid warning Red. 0450. hrs. Green 0510 hrs.
31 3 Bty Battery training under Div Arty. Left camp
0500 hrs. ~~4 Bty. troop training~~ Battery Commander
Capt Rt Yabsoor 2/c Capt F H Wood.
4 Bty carried out troop training
in area just south of camp area.

November 1940.
Exercise was carried out under ~~dir~~ direct
of act/C.O. Major S. L. Young and the
bty was commanded by Capt W. R. G. Hiscock
2/c Capt S. Bleby. Troop commanders
Lieuts A Main & A. Pitts.
Air raid warning Red. at 2005 hrs
Activity seen over Alexandria. All clear
sounded at 2055 hrs.
9. General maintenance carried out
by RHQ & both batteries. Digging in of
tents continuing slowly owing to lack
of good picks and the hardness of ground.
Air Raid Warning Red 1920 hrs and planes
heard ~~but no~~ All clear sounded at 1950 hrs.
10 Church parade held at 0900 hrs on
Regimental parade ground by Chaplain
W. R. Tyler.
Lt Col W. E. Cremor and Major A. E. Arthur returned
from M.E.T.S. this afternoon.
Two air raids during evening. The first
took place at 2000 hrs and lasted aprox
15 mins. The second at 2230 hrs.

November. 1940.

1 4 Bty left camp for day exercise under Div Art left camp 0500 hrs. 3 Bty troop training.

4 Sgt F Chamberlain died in 5 General Hospital Alexandria as a result of injuries received on Cairo - Alexandria road on evening 28 Oct 40.

6 Sgt F Chamberlain buried with mild honours at English Cemetery Alexandria

7 3 FD. Bty. in one day exercise under direction of act/ C.O. Major C.L. Ja

T.Cs. Smits Parkinson B XXXXXXX Nuthercote A. 3 fd Bty commanded by Capt R.F. Jaboor. Fine cool day and exercise was carried out in area immediately South of camp. Ref Map Alexandria 1:100000 sheet 92/48 square 0221.

4 Fd Bty spent the day digging in tents and generally working in camp.

8 4 Fd Bty in one day exercise south of camp area. Exercise similar to that of 3 FD Bty of 7 Nov. except that the exercise consisted of two advances w 3 fd Bty did one advance and a withdrawal.

November 1940

17 Sunday. Church parade as usual by Chaplain W Tylor. Swimming parade was held for remaining 50% of Regt. to breach.

18 Entire morning spent by digging in tents and vehicles. In the afternoon a programme of sport was instituted.

19. Batteries continued with the digging in of tents and M.T.

20 21 22 23. 2/2 Field Regiment took part in ~~Div Exer~~ 6 Aust Div Exercises. St Gen J G Mackay. Div Commander. St Col W E Cremor C.O. Maj Arthur. BC 4 Fd Bty Capt R F Jaboor. BC. 3 Fd Bty.

25 Battery Exercises.

28 2/2 Field Regiment leaves on two day Regtal exercise in training area south of camp area. Weather very windy & wet making things very unpleasant.

29. Regt. returned from exercise.

3.4.5 2/2 Fd Regt. took part in 6 Aust Div exercise in Baling area. Lt Gen McKay Div Comm. C.O. Lt Col Cremor, OC 4 Bty Maj Arthur, O.C 3 Bty Capt Wood. Capt Jaboor

November. 1940.

11 C.O. Lt Col. W.E. Cemor. marched out at 0730 hrs with Driver. Bennett and Sun Hammill. Recce Western Desert Defensive Area.

Lt Parkinson as OC. B Troop recce'd. Delta defensive area.

Troop training other troops 3 FD Bty 4 Fd Bty. Troop training.

12 Capt F H Wood, Lt C R Nethercote Lt. R McPherson. recce'd A Troop defensive area. delta area

13 Troop training both batteries.

14 Rgtal exercise in area immediately south of camp area. Carried out under the direction of a/CO. Major C.L. Young Maj L G H Dyke being acting 2 i/c. Bty commanders. Maj A.E. Arthur 4 Fd Bty. Capt R F Jaboor. 3 Fd Bty.

15 Troop Training.

16 Maintenance and inspection in the morning. First swimming party to beach during afternoon. Extremely popular with all ranks.

December 1940

and Capt Hiscock acted as umpires

6 Maj Arthur and Capt Jaboor left at 1130 hrs for recce of ~~Western Desert~~ Dr. Area. M.B..

9 Advanced party under Capt Bleby marched out of camp to Mahuk area Composition 42 all ranks, names hereunder.

12 2/2 came under command of 16 Inf Bde.

12 2/2 Fd Rgt. moved to defensive area. from Amiriya Camp area. Distance of 140. Rgt arrived about dusk same day.

13 Rgt settled in. Swimming parades held on beach. C.O with Maj A E Arthur Capt R F Jaboor and Lieut S M Lee left on Recce of Western desert areas as far as Sidi Barani and Safafi(?)

16 C.O & party arrived back from Recce. Unit received movement order which was cancelled at 1900 hrs. We were to have moved with 16 Inf Bde.

17 16 Inf Bde moved out to Sidi Barani area.

18 2/2 Fd Rgt put on one loss notice tomorrow. in Warning order issued by Western Desert force HQ.

19 2/2 Field Regt moves by road to Sidi Barrani. Bivouacked at night about 3 miles West of the town which was in ruins after the action of a few days previously.

20 Move continued and Regt issued with orders to occupy a position at night fall and be ready to shoot at first light. A fairly distance to cover but the unit was held up by much traffic on the road and did not reach their positions until dusk. RHQ established approx 1 mile North of Fort Capuzzo. The map spot of each Battery is at the moment:-

Ref Sollum 1:100000.	3 Bty.	5'160	3840
	4 Bty	5'130	3850
	RHQ	5'140	3770.

The regiment marched with other regiments in this order. 51 Fd Rgt. 2/2 Fd Rgt. 104 Fd Rgt. 234 Med Regt (4.5" guns) 27 Med Bty (6" Howes)

21 First day in action for this regiment. Enemy is holding Bardia defences with approx 1 division and 20/d guns and some tanks.

Code word for use when transmitting Coordinates by L/T & W/T. CIGAR SMOKE
01234 56789

(Cont.) 3 Fd Bty handicapped by range but 4 Fd Bty using harrassing fire. OPs. shelled and OPOs were forced to leave while the shelling lasted.

Night of 21/22 Dec. Warning received that 16 Cmst Inf Bde are patrolling the front up to the Bardia defenses from Midnight until first light. Btys ordered not to fire in their sectors during these hours.

Harrassing fire shoots carried out until 2400 hrs.

22 No shooting this morning until first light. Batteries heavily shelled in two bursts at 0600 hrs and at 0620. No casualties from either of these. ~~[illegible]~~. During last night. OPS. were dug in and at noon today 4 Bty ~~[illegible]~~ commander repeated good shooting being done from them.

23 Nothing to report. Both batteries manning OPs and usual work proceeding.

Lieut. DE Cox had some excitement when about 50 enemy were seen very close by OP. he was occupying. Contact made with BM.

17. Inf Bde. who relieved the situation by sending Bren carriers to keep them away

Co-ords. Code Name 24 Dec. JOHN SILVER 1234567890.

24 Today the Rgt spent a quiet morning the ammunition now being restricted to 10 r p gun. OPOs have been very disappointed at this but ~~[illegible]~~ shooting has been good from reports. 4 Bty claim to has clouted one high angle gun which was seen firing.

Both btys still in same position as that occupied 21 Dec.

First canteen supplies arrived this afternoon. These are far under requirements but troops very pleased to see them.

At 0800 hrs Rgt fired harrassing fire along wire defenses in conjunction with other regiments. Seemed to bring back quite a bit of the fire from enemy artillery.

Co-ords Code Name 25 Dec. CINEMASHOW 1234567890.

25 Christmas Day and it started with a heavy shelling of 3 Bty position. Rest of the day was spent moderately quietly. OPs had little to report 4 Bty (Duco.) moved their position to these coordinates. D. troop 517004 381619 185

F troop. 516329 381628 185.

25 Each of these troops have put a decoy gun approximately 1000 yds. ahead These are placed as indicated. D troop decoy. 517041 382424. 185

F troop decoy. 516331 382501 185.

These guns are used for ranging purposes and they are connected by line to the remainder of the troop and fire for effect is fired by those. This may tend to confused the enemy as to the real position or as to the number of guns at this point.

In the evening the Rgt fired a harrassing fire at 1800 hrs in amongst the wire defenses.

During the night 4 Btry dug in an OP on the forward slope of the ridge at. 5133 3862. (ref Map BARDIA SOUTH 1:50000.).

26 Another fairly quiet day with a little more air activity. A formation of 9 bombers escorted by many fighters flew above our area bombing the Bardia Capuzzo Road as they passed.

OPs. report very little activity and any movement seen was mainly made by small targets of infantry which were

Goods Code names 26 Dec. 40
YOUR VALISE

really not worth while targets.

Lieut C.R. Nethercote to HQ. 2 Queens (16 Brit. Inf Bde). as liason officer.

27 During night 26/27 both batteries dug in & camouflaged OPs on the forward slope of ridge These new OPs are situated as follows. 4 Bty. 5212 3845 — 3 Bty. 5202 3843. By day light however these OPs did not give a decent zone of observation and from 3 Bty. Lieut Cox crawled forward another 200x approx. almost to some earworks said to be unoccupied.

Lieut C.R Nethercote is still liasin officer with 2 Queens.

Other than above it has been another quiet-day as far as gunnery goes.

About 1600 hrs a strong formation of Italian bombers with large escort of fighters flew over area. At least two bombers came to them and much to the joy of everyone here. It looked as if one was brought down by our fighters and the second by HH fire. As far as can be seen all our HH guns opened fire whether in range

or more including three Bofor guns attached to the regt. These guns have been allotted one each battery for AA protection. The belong to 1 light AA Rgt. RA.

Code words Comds. QUICK BROWN.

28. Quiet day with nil reports both morning and night. Usual counter battery flash spotting from OPs continued though for most of the day a light wind was blowing from the South which caused a pale of dust to obscure the flash from the OPs.

CODE word Comds. WITHIN GLOVES.

29. The restriction on Ammunition makes life dull for OPOs ~~[illegible]~~ Today however 4 Bty reports the knocking of 2 Italian observation ladders and 3 Bty one OP on a slight rise suspected of ~~[illegible]~~ flash spotting our gun positions.

In the afternoon RHQ moved to position from Capuzzo to the site of 17 Inf Bde HQ at 5190 3777. alongside Libyan-Egypt frontier wire fence.

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This Bgt is now in support of 17 Inf Bde.

Major C.L. Young has gone to 2/1 Inf Bgt and Major H.G.H. Dyke becomes 2/c 2/2 Fd Bgt.

Code name comes. DAY FIGHTER.

30 Another dusty day and most unfavourable for O.P. work. During morning an enemy fighting patrol came in contact with D Coy 2/6 Bn and a short scrap ensued. The conclusion made was that the patrol may have been sent out to look for A Troop of 3 Bty. The whole battery was withdrawn to a position 1000 x in rear of 4 Bty as it was considered unsafe for them to remain there.

31 3 Bty moved up at first light to the old position

Again today the Wyvander of R.A.F. an army co-op. plane passed over these lines to spot for Medium Artly. It is quite a familiar sight now and there have been many expressions of

31 Administration for him. From where we are we can see AA bursting around him but with no noticeable effect.

Ditto – Nil apart.

January. 1 1941.

1 New years day and still very little doing. Everyone anticipating the Battle to come but the front is still quiet.

During day. Lieut DF Eddy took 6 Tractors south to get Italian guns for use as dummies. He managed to get back with 2 8.5 cms & one 105. mm.

Strength Nil apart.

2. During day C.O and Regt attended conference at Div HQ. for preparation of Battle of Bardia.

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3. Zero hour Battle of Bandia 05'30 today (Task tables and traces in the appendix).

Rgt had two F.O.O.s. Lnt C.R. Nethercote and Lnt A.M. Henderson working with 2/6 & 2/5 Bns respectively. Lnt Henderson equipped with Vickers carrier. During morning Lent C.R. Nethercote while with forward company 2/6 Bn was killed with shell fire. Lnt E. Crute took his place.

Also missing. Major A.E. Cuthur, Lnt Crawford and assistant Russell. At moment news of these three is vague but there is a possibility of them having been wounded by grenades and taken prisoner. OPs were manned by Capt Bleby for 4 Bty besides F.O.O. and Capt R.E. MacPherson. and Lnt A.M. Mair besides FOO for 3 Bty.

3 Bty was heavily shelled during the firing of the tasks in the morning by medium batteries but although there

were many narrow shaves there were no casualties.

4. Battle of Bardia continues but besides doing their bit during the battle itself, the batteries seem to have had quiet day as far as enemy shelling concerned.

Day mostly spent in support of 2/6 Bn which is having a tough time on right of sector. Most troublesome part of enemy front line is around Post 11 which is said to be impregnable from the front. During the day however parts of 2/5 Bn got well to the rear of the post.

OPOs during the day were. Lieut H Main 3 Bty. Capt G Bleby and Lieut S.V.I. Bowden of 4 Bty. As 7.00. with 2/5 Bn was Lieut A.M. Henderson but owing to trouble with wireless, communication was bad and not much use came of it. During the morning with the Vickers carriers he had he was able to rope in prisoners and hand them over to 2/5 Bn. Some time after that his

engine broke up and he was able to transfer his set to Italian Artillery Liaison.

There were no casualties during the day from this Regiment.

5th. Still with 17 Inf Bde and in support of 2/6 Bn. Post 11 still holding out.

With 0900 hrs as zero hour the Regmt took part in a series of concentrations to coincide with attack of 19 Inf Bde which was brought up during the night.

After this assistance by the Italians ended quickly and by noon fighting was finished.

Three missing members of the Regiment were found. Major G.E. Authur wounded in the legs. Lieut J. Crawford. wounded in several places by splinters. and Pvt P. Russell unhurt. Major Authur had gone forward to improve his range of observation and occupied a sanger with a roof. with the other two as beneath with phone he was observing from the roof until forced

into danger with MG. fire. Soon after a hand grenade was flung in and the two officers were carried away wounded and Russell unharmed as a prisoner. They were all found today and Russell returned to the unit.

6. Spent in cleaning and maintenance. We have obtained many captured Italian vehicles. Units can claim these vehicles to replace unserviceable ones or to make up numbers to War Establishment.

Owing to among other things – casualties among officers there has been a wide shuffle of jobs. This is the position as at 7/1/41.

RHQ Lt Col. WE Cannon.
2/c. Major. LG H. Dyke.
QM. Capt. Y. Duncan.
Adj. Lieut. G McPhee.
OO. Lieut. AM. Henderson.
Survey Officer Capt. L. Parkinson.

7 Spent in bivouac at Bardia
809 battle position

	3. Bty.	4. Bty.
BC.	Capt. R.F. Jackson.	Capt. W.R.G. Hiscock.
Bty Capt.	Capt. T.H. Wood.	Capt. G. Blaby.
S.P.O.	Lieut. C.V.I. Barnden.	Lieut. J.H.R.K. Strong.
H.Q.P.O.	Lieut. P.S. Whitelaw.	Lieut. J. Fleming.
W.L.O.	Lieut. D.F. Eddy.	Lieut. E.R. Curtis.
H Troop.		D Troop.
	Capt. R.E. McPherson.	Lieut. D.G. Cox.
	Lieut. H. Sutton.	Lieut. H. Potts.
	Lieut. M. Edwards.	Lieut. R. Eason.
B Troop.		F. Troop.
	Lieut. H.M. Main.	Lieut. J. Tatchell.
	Lieut. Featherstonhaugh.	Lieut. H. Hamilton.
	Lieut. Kata.	Lieut. T. Yeung.

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Regt moved to bivy area 37 Kilos from Tobruch. Constant recce for four days by C.O. 2 i/c and BCs both south of main rd & North of it.

13 3 Bty occupied position on North of rd. Move commenced 0800 hrs

14 RHQ moved into position commencing at 1600 hrs. 4 Bty moved in commencing at 2300 hrs.

15 No registration. Recce of O.P.s. Too dusty to shoot. One O.P. occupied by both btys at night.

16 One gun of 4 Bty sent into position south of road to shoot up pole sitters. One ladder O.P. definitely shot down. Very little shooting. ~~Took count~~

17 Task carried out by Regt at 0530 hrs

18 Very little activity due to dust. RHQ less Q branch, RSM & clerks moved over to 17 Bde HQ.

19 Some shooting (regt) in the morning but conditions too bad in afternoon. Bty area lightly shelled during afternoon

19 Vicinity of RHQ bombed at approx 2200 hrs

20 Preparation for battle of Tobruk.

21 Zero hour Battle of Tobruk 0540 hours, Ref map 1/50000 Red overprint verbal orders, task table & traces in appendix

Rgt sent Tatchell & Cox as F.O.O.s working with 2/7 Btn Patrol in Waddi Delia area, fire of one Bty if req, also Mair & Brute working with 2/6 Btn patrol to engage enemy bty for near coast & to exploit Wadi Cheteitra. O.P.s were moved by Capt McPherson for 3 Bty & Lt Cox for 4 Bty.

Inf moved forward capturing objectives as shedule, F.O.O 3 Bty reported through to coast & post 101 capitulated 0925 hrs no enemy left in Waddi Zeitun & Delia, also reported prisoners captured, some sailors.

R.H.Q moved forward at 1000 hrs to Post 75 inside Perimeter with 17 Bde H.Q. Afternoon was quiet infantry proceeding on all points towards Tobruk

22 Reg remained in support of 17 Bde. F.O.O.s Tatchell & Mair who rec shots through his carrier, he captured 40 prisoners, 3 Bty was shelled & F troop was shelled by heavy stuff.

O.P. occupied by Capt McPherson & Lt Cox. Few rounds fired by 3 Bty at fleeting opportunity targets and H.B. targets. Inf ordered to battle up heads of Waddis and 2/2 to dry fire where necessary & cover the

22 moves of patrol 2/6 Btn who moved on west sides of waddis

The whole resistance of Italians ended quickly, no casualties during the battle of members of Reg

R.H.Q ordered to move from fort 75 at 1700 hrs to point on Tobruch road inside perimeter, new R.H.Q to be established in H.B. Bldgs on coast, darkness caused delay in arrival

23 Conditions improved area R.H.Q & btys moved near by carried out maintenance & reconditioning & cleaning

24 Remained in bivi area, Pay drawn from D-d. at Tobruch area

25 Pay distributed during morning & Canteen lists obtained & sent for goods.

26 Church service 1100 hrs held in R.H.Q Bldgs. Report confirmed that German dive bombers in Libya, precautions taken, Received warning order to be prepared to move 27 Jan

27 Bivi recce ptys moved 0550 & contacted staff capt at Gazala. Reg followed & occupied alloted area, road movement difficult traffic congestion & dust bad. R.H.Q est in hut. usual dispersion of all verchiles. Canteen supplies difficult to obtain. Wind & dust continued till after midnight. Time spent in settling in

28 Wind & dust cleared by 0800 hr, Maintenance by btys

28 C.O. Adj & BCs moved 1330 hrs with two days ration in direction of Machilli, information of enemy land mines near this area

Orders rec 1830 hrs units to be prepared to move first light of 29 Jan, all preparations made

Orders rec 2100 hrs. Recce ptys each bty R.V. at Adv H.Q. 19 Aust Inf Bde astride road north of Matuba to meet C.O.; both ptys arranged to leave 0900 hrs 29 Jan, latter orders advised units to be prepared to move from 0700 hrs 29 Jan, all preparation made & Btys advised of all details

29 Move commenced 0845 hrs in direction of Martuba, Interval ordered between vehicles not maintained caused delay to inf arrived area south of Derna & Bin for night by 1800 hrs

30 moved at 0830 hrs to area south of main road beyond Martuba Caves & dry wells used for H.Q & shelters. Day was quite, reports that 2/1 Fd Reg fired rg rds & several rds S.A. Derna reported to be occupied by one of our Btns 19 Bde Bty of 7 Med Bde plus 2 Bty 2/1 Fd Reg came under command of Crem group

31 Enemy reported retreating in direction of Giovanni Berta Our infantry moved swiftly in their advance West lack of information caused day to be quite on RHQ.

1545 C.O. ordered RHQ forward approx 5 miles

31 Both Btys had previously moved forward in bound by troops, A Bty remained ½ mile forward of R H Q Bn area, one mile further west 2/1 Fd Reg were noticed also Engineers, who reported minefields exploded astride the road

February 1941

1 R.H.Q complete moved 0800 hrs six miles west & joined 17 Bde reported to G.O. who was with them for night, Both Btys forward in contrast with 2/5 & 2/6 Btns. and one Bty after firing concentration in wadi north of its position caused 400 P.W. to come out & head for our inf. Day otherwise quiet

2 Conference of officers at 0540 with G.O who moved forward & contacted Btys whom were in action & fired few ranging rds on fort approx five miles south of Giovanni Berta. R.H.Q moved forward before midday & passed through both Btys & reported to GO in G. Berta at 1630 hrs, the town was evacuated & fort deserted, R.H.Q passed through inf outside the town. slight bombing by foreign planes took place in area south of fort no damage. Bde were contacted at 1930 hrs & early next ordered road traffic was intense all way into G Berta & inf using road held up advance. Bn for night with orders to be ready to move 0830

3 Order of march arranged 2/7 Bn 3 Bty 4 Bty R H Q etc but long delays occurred by inf not crossing start line on time & other vehicles breaking into convoy, eventually moved along good road to El Ghab & bivi in area allotted heavy rain at 2000 hrs caused stores etc to suffer

4 move was ordered for 4 Bty to join Salonta force & move early 3 Bty remained allotted to join el Gazala force but remained till after midday. Arabs reported that Italian civilians had shot up several of their tribe & requested their disarming at village forward of el Ghagab.

5 3rd Bty moved forward at 0900 and R H Q 0930 hrs for el Gaidia with 17 Bde H.Q area was more fertile & water from springs plentiful. C.O. visited both bdys just outside Salonta, afternoon spent in repairs & maintenance

6 All vehicles ordered to be at R.V. to transport 2/6 Bn. at 0655 to Barce which is railhead for Benghazi Heavy continuous rain & wind caused conditions to be slightly unpleasant Order received from H.Q RAA D 1345 hrs to be ready to move 0840 hrs 7 Feb and proceed to el Abair approx 140 miles.

Offr Tyler reported that yesterday he buried three R.A.F personel near 4 Bty position the aeroplane had burnt into flames & crew were incinerated.

7 moved R H Q at 0745 to S.P. several vehicles bogged

7 Difficulty was experienced by 3 & 4 Btys vacating their positions in bivareas because of sodden ground Heavy rain continued most of day which caused several verchiles to turn over. C.O. & 2 i/c went on recce to Barce & 2 i/c on to el abair to meet S.C. Road was blown up in places & Reg bivs 15 kilo east of Barce the detour 10 k out of Barce had been rendered impassible by verchiles of 2/1 Fd Reg

8 Adg proceeded to recce alternative route around Barce at 0700 & later C.O left to inspect tract off from Tecnus leading onto coast road to Bengasi but found same impassable. Day spent in maintenance

9 Remained at Bivarea, rain continued, Reports from engineers that road to Barce would be open about 1800 hrs.

10 Reg moved at 1115 hrs towards Barce. Halt of 2 hrs was caused at top of escarpement because of work being carried out by engineers on parts of road which had blown by enemy, good work had been carried out in making detours and track where bridge had been blown, Bivs in barracks at Barce for night in barracks and garage out buildings

11 Early morning spent in cleaning & checking up equipment and material. Regimental parade at 1000 hrs. Day spent in maintenance & improving conditions in barracks & area

12 Parade called 1030 hrs all 17 Inf Bde & 2/2 Bn Reg formed up around dias to hear the Prime minister who spoke of the effort Australia was making to give maximum support to army. The effect on the world, the defeating of Italian army etc. Gen Mackay & Gen Blamey were with Mr Menzies

Maintenance & recreation during remainder of day.

Y.S.O course at S of A Cairo notified by D.A.G. St Eason and St Fetherstonhaugh nominated & made arrangements to proceed at 0900 hrs tomorrow

A-A fire was observed by Bde in Tocra area.

13 Enemy aircraft heard 0550 and several explosions noted

C.O. inspected both Bdys 1100 hrs. Orders rec during afternoon to prepare for march of approx 70 miles, all notified

Capt Macnaughton and St Dollman reported in at 1430 hrs from Tobruck and appointed as Sup officer & S.O. resp

14

Regiment moved off at 0930 hrs on exercise to the district around D'Annunzio travelled approx 70 miles. Returned to Bivouac area at 1550 HRS.

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14th Notified at 1915 14th Feb that German aircraft were operating in Corps Area, and possibility of day attacks were not to be disregarded. A.A posts coordinated.

15th

Regiment proceeded to Shower under troop arrangements. Not Shower's. At 0900. All vehicles dispersed owing to news of German Aircraft. Maintenance and inspection of equipment. Recreation in the afternoon.

16th Brigadier Savidge inspected the Regiment at 0920, he complimented the C.O Officers and OR's on the job they had done at Bardia and Sobrink, he stated that the Infantry Battalion of his Brigade had every confidence in this Regiment. Remainder of the morning was spent in clearing our Billets. and in preparation of a move to D'Annunzio.

The Regiment moved at 1300 hrs. arrived D'Annunzio at 1530, proceeded to arrange present Billets which are quite good.

17th Feb 41. Morning. Routine duties. Maintenance afternoon. recreation. Available water is used only for washing. Routine order's Part 1 No 1 published today.

18th. Training Syllabus commenced.
Inhabitants complain of indiscriminate shooting by nomadic Arab's.
Capt Parkinson not allowed to proceed from Tobruk owing to a shortage of food in this area. Acute shortage of water expected.

19th.
Training Syllabus continued.
Orders recieved that 10% of this unit may proceed to Bengasi for 1 day's leave, each day.

20th. 10% of unit proceeded to Bengasi.
Regiment recieved a batch of 52 Reinforcements
2 off 51 OR's.

21st. Leave to Bengasi. 10% unit. Training.
Enemy Aircraft were heard at 1930 hrs passed over our area, leave Convoy returning from Bengasi were attacked, no damage reported. 4 explosions were heard.

22nd. Precaution taken against attack by enemy aircraft, the Regiment is dispersed over a wide area.

23rd. Church parade. Orders received for movement of this regiment to Ain El Gazala.

24th Reg' came under command 19th Infantry Bgde and were to meet rear of their convoy at Tecnis. Reg passed start P at 1000 24th Bivouacked night 24/25th on top of escarpment outside Derna. as it was to late to proceed into Derna area. First leave party left for Cairo.

25th Reg passed SP at 0930 to proceed to Ain El Gazala. Top decided pass too steep for the guns to negotiate, and traffic control was bad, R.H.Q went up but 3 & 4 Btys were diverted back to Giovanni Berta and came on through Chaulan Area. R.H.Q group arrived Ain El Gazala at 1700 hrs. 3 & 4 Btys Biv' night 25/26th on the road. Lieut J. Young was injured by a motor vehicle whilst directing traffic.

26th 3 & 4 Btys arrived Ain El Gazala at 1500 hrs

27th Batteries had to move to new area today adjacent to old area.
Enemy Aircraft active in the area, noticed several flashes in vicinity of Tobruk

28th Pay administration

March 1941.

March 1st. This Regiment recieved orders to change over equipment with the 51st Field Regiment, which consists of 24 18/25 Pr's.

March 2nd. 4 Bty proceeded to change over.

March 3rd. 3rd Bty changed over. leave party, proceeded to Cairo, a large area in this immediate district is covered with thermos bombs precautionary measure taken. R.A.F. gave display of Machine gunning.

March 4th Administration training occupied morning.
Enemy plane flew over this area at 1230 at a height of approx 20000 ft, one R.A.F. took off to intercept, and returned ~~to [illegible]~~.

5th. Training Boxing tournament in the afternoon.

6th. Our Water carts were attacked by 3 Engined black monoplanes numbering three.
2 machined gunned the carts, and one casualty was reported, and removed to Tobruk hospital.

7th ~~So~~ Enemy Aircraft reported overhead at 1000 hrs. Regimental sports and manoeuvres ~~[illegible]~~. ~~[illegible]~~ occupied the afternoon.

8th. Administration

9th Morning Training. recreation in afternoon.

10th. R/O addressed regiment on need of suppressing idle speech

11th. All officers attended a shoot, to watch effect of base ejection smoke, at 1100 hrs which proved very effective. Movement order to proceed to Ain Ab Gazala.

12. Training morning. Enemy Aircraft machine gunned

13. the road some 3½ miles from our camp.

St. 0830.

b. 14. Regiment proceeded to move to Mersa Matruh under the 19th Brigade group. order of March was 4th Battery 3rd Battery RHQ Ambulance LAD

Bivouacked night of 14:15th March 17 Bits South of Bardia.

15 Regiment moved on. Start Time 0845 O OM 3rd 4th R.H.Q. a number of our 25 pr were disabled owing to crystalization. Biv' night 15/16 13 Miles East of Sidi Barrani.

16 Arrived Mersa Matruh at 1330. and were alloted billets. our area was livered with auto tank mines and 2 of our vehicles were disabled 2 minor casualties flesh wounds, from flying fragments.

17th Routine duties, preparation of vehicles and repairs to equipment. Football in the afternoon.

18th. Preparation for Embarkation continued necessary parts for repair of guns not available in Matruh area. C.O. decides that guns should be forwarded to Alex for repair.

19th. Test pack of vehicles and numbering of vehicles ~~continued~~. L.O. left 1500 for H.Q.

20th One other vehicle was damaged today by land mine. Guns were loaded on flat trucks for movement by rail to Army Workshops.

21st. Guns will move at 1230 and advance party at 1400.

22 as per message form. arrived Amryha. aft 1730.

23rd. arrangements for embarkation of this unit continued.

24th Vehicles were prepared for Embarkation and were taken to Marshalling area at 1600 hrs.

25 Portion of regiment proceeded on leave to Alex', extreme shortage of vehicles, Bulk stores and tentage was sent by rail

26th Gunn's men moved from A.A.F.W. Regim
at 0800 hrs to Ley 77 for shipping.
Some concern as to whereabouts of 1 gun which
was brought through from Matruh by Decoy
eventually arrived in pieces, and badly rusted
and was placed aboard the transport.
Loading of guns and Tractors was completed
at approx. 1600 hrs.
Captain Parkinson is O.C. A/A party acc'ly
Lieut Cox Brute McCaw and Whitelaw who
are in charge of respective Mt Vehicles and
personel. Difficulty was experienced in
packing stores in suitable containers for
shipping purposes.

27th Preparation continued.

28th Recieved warning order, that regiment
may move, later it was postponed for 48
Lieut Fleming and Hamilton were evacuated to
hospital

29. Routine duties, all stores ready for
loading.

30. Regiment recieved orders to move by
train to Alexandria.

31st. Regimental parade at 0720 ready to
move, order of March RHQ 4 3 Btys
marched 1¾ miles to Shingi Maru,
entrained and moved at 0900 arrived
Docks at 1030 and embarked on Pennland.
Co ordered lifebelts to be worn continuously.
The ship pulled out into the harbour at 1700 hrs.

1st April. Parades in the morning inspection of
Troop spaces, boat and action station drill
at 1100 hrs and 1500. Pennland moved at 1530
accompanied by 2 destroyers, numerous depth
charges were heard to explode at approx
1800 hrs.

2nd. Troop parades in the morning.

3rd. Regiment arrived Perius. Disembarked
1600 hrs proceeded to camp ~~some~~

4th 25% leave to Athens.
Movement order to move to Kenia

Lieut Whitelaw and 5 Vehicles came on by tra

5th Regiment proceeded to move 0835 to Veria
SE Road junction Main Athens Thebes
road. Route Eleusis Thebe Levadia
Via Atalanta and Larrissa Turnovos
Ellasson Servia Petrana.
order of March
1st A Tank 1 Bty 1 ans a/T Reg 2/2
halts 1045 1100, ~~1400~~ 1445 1500.
a/a were mounted at halts ~~exp~~ an raid
warning in ~~Ellasson at~~ LAMIA
Biv Night 5th 6th at.

6th Start time 0800. ~~arrived~~ arrived Larrissa
in the evening. To emphasised no fires or
lights and mounting of armed guards
was ordered. ~~Satin and petrol reserve or~~
~~to be carried in future.~~
Biv night 6.7 April at Larrissa.

7th ST 0800 moved on to 6 miles north of
Servia. Numerous Vehcls broke down owing
to nature of country. 3 guns were casualties
but have now regained the regiment
Recce party to move 0800 hrs 8th

8th Recce party made recce of Battery area's
in the Veria pass.
2/2 to become Mountain Artillery.
Positions allotted were naturally confined
but nevertheless have a good zone of fire
and observation. Cloud will probably obscure
the observation from the OPs.

9th To issued orders at 2000 hrs for occupation of
positions:-
Intention to support 16th inf Brigade and 1
Greek Division on Veria pass.
ZL 40° Zones 3 Bty Z to 60° 4th 10° to 70°
observation whole of Reg Front.
2 op to be manned one of which can only
be reached by Mule. Major Jaboor went
fwd by mule to recce his op.
each O party consisting of 1 Troop commander
and 1 subaltern.
each Bty ~~in to~~ provided an Soo and
relieving Soo. 3 Bty to take left Btns and 4
right Btns.
Route main Veria Road.

Registrations will not be possible by shooting.
Ammo ~~[illegible]~~ to be dumped at gun positions
Survey is to place both Btys on Regimental
grid and as soon as possible on a permanent
grid.
RQM to draw 150 HE per gun
~~Wed 10th~~ Sep Traf Edessa 1/100000 Positions were occupied
coords of troop positions being.

A Troop	315595	721558	H 1320.	METRES
B "	316104	721683	1370	
D "	316797	721492	1205	
F "	317254	721440	1242	
4th Bty OP	319110	723100	1237	

both O/Ps are occupied.
~~[illegible]~~ 10th Troops were to try and register this morning but
observation difficult owing to cloud.
at 0930 CO issued orders in the event of a withdrawal
from our present position.
1045 Enemy Recce plane flew over our gun position, Ger
plane.

2/C is to move this morning with Brigade Cmdr
Brig' Allen to recce position E of Geranica some
60 Kilos South of our present position
orders for move were as follows:-
CO stated if the 6th Div were pushed back we would
probably be cut off.
All spare vehicles are to move south of Servia today
B Echelon to proceed at 10 minute intervals under Regimental Cmdr
3 days rations and petrol to be brought out to our
position immediately reserve of petrol carried on the
4 amounts to approx 12 gals.
When all rations and petrol are OK Echelon will move.
any vehicle that may be abandoned is to be destroyed
not by burning. if guns become bogged the sights and
block parts to be removed and gun destroyed.
0 OM for gun group RHQ 3 4 Btys had Recovery in rear
interval 40x best possible speed.
possibility of attack from the air is ~~very possible~~ almost certain.
3 Bty OP to be withdrawn this morning and 4th Bty
will observe for the Reg'.
1534 Batteries Registering targets, OPO 4th Bty report
guns always shoot + and left in relation to the traf

11th. No shooting. orders were received for the posting of 1 officer at the demolition point in rear of our position, to assure O/C that all artillery were through.
Snow fell all the afternoon, C/O issued orders for the running of motors every 2 hrs to prevent the blocks from cracking.
at 1800 hrs orders were received to withdraw the regiment to Mikravalton 12 miles south of Servia. 1 Troop remained to act as reagent artillery to the Infantry.
Tracks are in very bad condition and very greasy. difficulty was experienced in getting the guns up to this village. Reg arrived on last vehicle at 0400.

12th Reg recieved orders to occupy position in the vicinity of Mikravalton, Guns moved at 1500 hrs. the positions occupied are as follows
Ref Map Lozani 1/100,00, in squares.
293 295 790 792.
Well covered position although tracks now will be under observation.

13th B troop had to move to a more suitable position.
Enemy aircraft consisting of 27 Enemy planes flew overhead this afternoon. and bombing was heard in the distance.
Lines to our OP were cut 5 times during the night, and CO ordered patrols for our communication. Reg is now on Corps Grid.

14th Enemy air activity in this area increasing.
1315 OP's report that vehicles were seen entering Lozani, at 1340 they reported that head of columns was at Petrana and at least 700 vehicles were in the column.
(B.O is concerned as there are apparently no infantry or our immediate front.)
our waggon lines were machine gunned at 1825 hrs there were no casualties

15th Great enemy air activity continuous bombing was heard in the distance.
our OP reported head of German Columns was still moving South and it was difficult to estimate how many vehicles were in the column

Wed ~~5~~ 14 Nov. At 1745 we received a message stating the Infantry was now being supported by Armored Tose support 105MM guns with own traction which closely resembled tanks and should be good targets

at ~~1200~~ 2043 we received flash spot from our 3rd bty of.

also large dust cloud was visible moving into Syrgo.

2330.

E Shelling from a bearing of 15° began at 1900 has and consisted of harrassing fire.

15. at 0835 convoy of 8 MT was moving into the town of Vathylakos from the S.E.

0945 we were warned against the possibility of Parachutists and precautions were taken 14 more MT at Vathylakos.

Guiding and Recce planes are constantly over our position

at ~~1230~~ 1122 at Dornier aircraft was engaged by our S.A. fire from 3rd bty and other units S.E. of our position

the E/A was seen to emit smoke hauls steeply and dive behind a hill in square Ref 1/10000 Sozani 90.81 an explosion was heard and no further sounds of E engine was heard we are certain our LMG brought His plane down.

an enemy landing ground was located by Sgt Bale of 4th Bty's A/A position and confirmed by 3 by O/P there was approx 13 aircraft on the ground at the time of observation

1445 45 MT was seen to enter Sozani and 5 heavy aircraft landed on the landing field

1500 Enemy crossed river at Ref Sozani 975005 and proceeding towards the escarpment approx 50 crossed road.

Op reported at 1550 that they could not see any vehicles leaving Sozani although many were entering the town

1555 a column was reported to be proceeding south from Vathylakos

1630 6 more bombers landed on field

16th Reg is to move to Ref Lozano 100870
where it will come into action and be prepared
to cover the Serma pass.
16th Inf Brigade is withdrawing. Reg comes
under command 16th Inf Brigade.
Recce parties moved at 1800 hrs and
proceeded through Imbravalto Distalo to
Ellison and then to our position
the track was very bad and most of the
night was spent in fourdin our way as
the map was incorrect in relation to the
road.
B Echelon was to commence at 1930 with
an interval of 800x between vehicles.
Hireless silence, had we communication
the move would have been simplified.
Recce posted guides but the Regiment
had a lot of difficulty in negotiating the
four guns went over the side but were
later recovered.
they eventually arrived in Ellison at
approx 1000. Gnr Lobee was killed when
the 4th Bty water cart tipped over

meanwhile orders had been received to
move back to Zacos and remain there
for about 24 hrs Reg arrived at ~~[illegible]~~ 1430.
17th all guns have reported in but numerous
trailers have been lost, also vehicles.
18th orders were received in the afternoon to
proceed 4½ miles S.E of Larrissa to cover
town and approaches thereto.
Div Reserve ~~[illegible]~~ consisting of 2/1 Bty 2/2 F Reg
1 Anti Tank Bty and 1 field company.
Recce party moved at 1630 and were
at Larrissa when bombing and ground
strafing commenced, the bombing continued
for the remainder of the afternoon.
B Echelon moved at 1800 and the column
was bombed and Mr Gnd at 1830
several narrow escapes but no casualties
remainder of Reg moved at 1900
OOM RHQ 4.3. unit ~~in the~~ moved in
small groups of 4 vehicles. Reg occupied
present position at 2130 dispersion 400x

18th. Movement order to proceed south of Lamia at 1700. with Col Bremor in command of Reserve force consisting of 2/1 Btn, 1 Bty A/S 1 Coy Machine guns during the afternoon at approx 1500 hrs Col Bremor issued a movement order to these units consisting of the following details.

at 1600 hrs an order came from Division cancelling the move, and we were to be ready to defend the position we had occupied as some tanks had broken through Perois, an hour later this was cancelled, as word came through that only 5 tanks had penetrated the defences. The move then began at 1900 hrs, Division informed us that the road would be clear, but a terrific road block kept us all night. and we eventually arrived in Lamia at 10 oclock on the ~~2d~~ 19th ~~Th~~ The column was harassed all the time during daylight and repeated halts kept the movement back: ...

19th. The Regiment dispersed near the village of Skamnos, and we were again strafed and harassed by E/A continuously. S.

20th Batteries began to occupy their position in the morning, and we were again bombed and M.G for 1½ hrs, we suffered a number of casualties from this bombing.

21st Batteries began to register this morning. 2 planes were brought down one in the vicinity of our waggon lines at 1350. The occupants were both killed, the plane was a recce and was flying very low. our two forward guns engaged MT coming from Lamia, our Op reported that the transport was moving eastwards and disappearing ~~at~~.

22. at 0730 our forward guns were being shelled by 105 MM guns.

Enemy Recce planes have been constantly over this area for an hour.

QBQ is moving to a more forward position this morning.

22. at 0955 Ops reported considerable amount of CMT have concentrated near a bridge, our forward gun's can reach the spot and also Tat was moving westward along north bank of the river

1300 C Infantry were reported to be moving w/ the railway gorge, C/o contacted the eyes and established the fact that they were our own saffer's.

Enemy Recce were constant throughout the day and unfigurating along the road, was fairly consistent.

Our 2 forward guns engaged numerous targets throughout the morning and indulged in some counter battery work, which the CO did not approve of, the C artillery was 105M and they shelled our guns & OPs, or shell landed in one forward gun pit and 5 men were killed and 4 were injured, both our forward guns are now out of action, one due to mechanical defect.

1800 Co spoke of the gravity of the position and told his staff that we would be withdrawing to Corinth where we would embark, and our equipment would be sacrificed.

Helebrug only would be taken the rest of our gear to be dumped.

We are to remain here for 48 hrs in support of the 19th Brigade. 17th were to withdraw tonight and the line is to be held by NZ and 2/3 as rearguard Arty.

23rd. 8 Troop were shelled at 0400 and 3 bty at 0715 no damage or casualties reported.

0800 Co issued instructions that the batteries were to fire on any target they see, if it was necessary they were to disregard Recce planes.

22nd Extracts from Lieut. A J Anderson's notebook on the action of the 2 forward guns.

1215 Breda alongside gun position engaged C bomber which made a forced landing.

the guns opened fire but the 4 airmen escaped to the river

1743 enemy vehicles approached down main road opened fire on them and they returned to Lamia leaving 1 vehicle.

a large number of vehicle lights were observed approaching Lamia fire plan was put down throughout the night on blown bridge.

Enemy Artillery opened fire from wood south West of Lamia, pasted us periodically through the day each time we opened fire

fired on enemy transport near

blown bridge several times and turned the back late in the day, one or two guns fired from blown bridge on main road.
No 2 gun out of action

23. Batteries were to occupy new position during the night, ~~[illegible]~~ our prospective withdrawal is for tomorrow night. CO issued the following order
It is intended to evacuate tomorrow night all personnel and wheeled equip only, 1 Blanket greatcoats, water 3 days rations
Method Wheeler will move in groups of 6 20x lettuces vehicles, 400x between groups with a minimum speed of 10MPH and the day density to 15VTM, speed to 20MPH all gear optical and otherwise in to be destroyed, but not until just prior to the move route Nevadia Stevens Elefsis turn hard right to Corinth and thus to Argos, 1 officer in front seat of each V to ensure that column keeps moving all rifles & AA to be taken

with suff ammo,
V that cannot be got moving are to be pushed off the road.
Windscreens are to be removed
Units are responsible for own Parachute defence in dispersal area.
after leaving present defensive position
Eg will not be engaged unless directly attacked
OOM RHQ 1st Bty 3 Bty 4th Bty
success depends on drivers.

24 54 Enemy planes passed overhead this
moving from 0710 to 0840, our guns have been in action constantly for the
1055 last 48 hrs, and are hammering away at concentration of Infantry on our left flank.

1100 CO issued order that in the event of enemy breaking through, troops are to take to the hills, and make for the coast, where Greek ships are to be signalled and they will

he remarked for taking us to Crete on British ships.

1200 Enemy Infantry are filtering through in small number and appear to have concentrated somewhere 2000x in front of our FDL. Arty have engaged them continuously this morning.

1500 Do issuing orders, that guns and ammo will be taken for defence.

1835 reports from infantry that enemy had advanced and were almost to our OPS. infantry have broken. Co ordered both batteries to give the enemy all they got, and if necessary to fire prediction adjacent to the FDL's.

Capt. Parkinson withdrew his OP at when the enemy were 4000x away.

Regiment withdrew at 2030 and proceeded to move to Sowithus where we are to embark.

25 arrived Sowithus at approx 04 oct. which (Megara)

were dispersed, and troops were moved to an area adjacent to the sea.

Recce planes were over but fortunately did not spot us.

we remained under cover all day, whales and guns were destroyed in the afternoon.

Orders were issued for the embarkation of the unit. order being 2/1 blue 2/11 a/T 2/2, no smoking talking or lights, speed being essence of the contract, we were allowed only our haversacks and greatcoats to hate respirators.

26th everything went according to plan, and we went aboard the lights commencing at 0130, and then to the destroyer Decoy where most of our chaps were accomadated some on the Waterhen.

arrived Crete at 1150 and proceeded to disembark, a march of approx 5 miles into the hills

27th Orders were received today to move to the docks in the morning. arrived docks and the CO was informed he was to proceed 14 miles south along the coast road, this was later altered and the regiment is bivouacked 7 miles from Suda Bay

27th units appear to be gradually establish

28 themselves and the straggles are becom fewer. occupied position for protection against beach landings - Parachute troops.

29 troops have settled down, blanket shortage still acute, medical arrangements entirely inadequate for the situation,

30th expectation of move but nothing as yet. Too stressed need for vigilance in respect of parachute troops.

1st

2nd General Fryberg addressed troops in the area at 1130 this morning. on. Defence against Para and Airborne troops. Passive defence against Regimental Parade 1600 hrs, Bombing, & Mach Gun from the air. Necessity for camouflage and attack as means of defence of Aerodrome

[illegible] of ~~[illegible]~~ dive bombing attacks in Greece [illegible] what little material damage they caused. [illegible]ssity for discipline during periods of boredom, such [illegible] the troops are experiencing at present

3rd. Strategical disposition the same.

Dive bombing attack at approx 1430 hrs on the port of Suda, 6 planes were reported to have been shot down.

Col Cremor took command of the unarmed group of troops in Crete. Major Dyke takes command of the regiment.

1 Coy of infantry was raised from this regiment, and were armed with ~~[illegible]~~ U.S.P. Rifles. Capt Parkinson Coy Commander.

4th Church parade in the morning.

5th Route March. training of infantry Coy.

6th.

7th.

8 defence of area taken over by Infantry

9

10

11th Enemy aircraft were very active

most of the night. Very a full moon.

12th Air Raids began in the Suda Bay area at 0430 on the 13th. Enemy planes attempted to extinguish searchlights by MG fire.

13 Physical training & marching continued.

14th Enemy Bombers attacked Suda area at 2380

14th " " at 0300 attacked again and a number of bombs were dropped in our present area, there were minor casualties due to falling rocks. Enemy Aircraft attacked shipping in the harbour at 1730

15.

16th Enemy aircraft again active.

17th at 1600 hrs Enemy aircraft attacked Suda, and 1 tanker sustained a direct hit, another ship apparently sustained hits from shrapnel and exploded at approx 1745 hrs. at 1810 an Enemy bomber passed overhead hotly pursued by 3 of our fighters.

18. Enemy Aircraft made continuous raids throughout the day every 4 hrs.

19. Suda was raided

20. At 0815 Enemy Aircraft proceeded to bomb

21st 200 of the 2/2 Field Regiment were today ordered to proceed to the Western outskirts of Canea under Command of Capt. J. Wood. to form a reserve. to w/ a position Ref Souda Vamos 1/50000 500x South of Greenery Av in square 12.54

Orders were received from Brig Vasey 19th Brgde to command Aus Troops in Suda Sector.

HQ are situated at Suda Point, 16/17 Brde troops are in this and the Galevsis area.

Major Hiscock took w/ a defensive position at Ref Souda Vamos 1/50000. 232 518, he was accompanied by Capt Bleby Lieut Strong, Lieut Eason and 44 OR's.

22. Enemy we reported to have landed more Tps in Malame sector and have apparently gained possession of the General Hospital and Aerodrome.

Later reports stated that the Enemy had been driven out of the hospital and we were in possession.

Information at this stage was very vague and difficulty was experienced in ascertaining the true position

Greeks reported from Retimo that E troops had landed at Retimo, that they had the Enemy surrounded but required Rifcirks and Ammo.

23rd. Information still vague, our lines to Force HQ were out of commission for 3 hours this morning due to E bombing.
Force reported during the afternoon that they have the position well in hand.
Unofficial ~~Gk~~ Greek sources were sending in reports of the position at Retimo, and a Gk officer requested that Operts + Ammo be sent. His request was granted but transport had difficulty in getting the ammo through due to the Eng holding a road in the area.
Enemy Aircraft were very active over the whole of the Canea Sonda Zone. Suda Port was attacked repeatedly. Situation very obscure B.B.C being our main source of Information as to what was actually happening on the Isl

24th

25th Brigadier Brunskill ordered Col Bremner to send a force of 200 men to Retimo, and 50 to Sfarkia, they were to ~~protect~~ defend the beaches ~~and~~ west of Sfarkia against Sara Trp. Transport was to be provided but never arrived, ~~when~~ Col Bremner managed to procure sufficient transport for the transporting of Bren Guns + Ammo

26th Information very vague impossible to ascertain just what is happening.
The Regiment withdrew from their position ~~then~~ in the early hrs of the morning of

27th Orders were recieved that we were to evacuate the Island from Sfarkia, travelling by night and taking cover throughout the day, movement took place all through the day, Enemy A continuously harassed our troops, water was at a premium. Col Bremner collected the Regt at Neon Soreon, and marched all that night, ~~[illegible]~~

28 Information was recieved that the Enemy

had broken through, we travelled during the day under cover due to the fact. Ep was surprisingly quiet, occasional Rec planes passing overhead. the Regiment was again collected.

29th Col Cremor contacted Col Strut and Major Obrien who were in control, arrangements were made for Col Cremor to control troops proceeding to Sparkia where the Bitumen road ended. at 1700 hrs he gave order that the walking wounded could proceed to the beach, having priority.

~~Stat~~ In the Evening ~~the~~ parties of Artillery Engineer, Surveyors, Ambulance, were collected in 50 under an officer

29/ The ~~much~~ to beach along what was for good portion of way, merely a good track, to be arduous. Sufficient guides, except for one particular spot, appeared so have been Delays caused by units in front foolishly watering at wells along track. Officers went forward to stop this. Co rejoins regiment as last 50 are boarding. M.L.E. Regiment embarked 0300 hrs on Glengyle. During daylight convoy bombed on 3 occasions

30th

DAPM

Country

HMAS Perth was hit but kept her place in convoy.

31/ Arrive Alex early morning disembark and receive Tea Strut & chocolates and entrain for Amerya. Meal & distribution of comforts at station taken to staging camp in buses. Allyhank tired & appreciate attention and smooth running organisation

Mr Dollman & Mr Edwards with 100 O.R.s failed to embark with reg on morning of 30th

Entrain from Ankgin Marsat for Palestine 1330 hrs. Arrive Kantara 1200 hrs. Cross canal have meal at staging camp entrain 0130 hrs. Breakfast Dumra 0800. Reach Khassa camp 1330 hrs.

Re Clothing of Reg begins

Camp cleaned up and troops rest

Lieut Dollman arrived with 50 O.R.s embarked morning of 31st Lieut Edwards is now known to have stayed with troops who could not get away.

Capt Bleby compiles list of missing personnel

C.R.A addresses reg parade compliments regiment on its fine work in Greece and Crete. and speaks of efforts and sacrifices made by RAF in same theatre of war.

Training begins
Foot Drill
Specialist Trg
Anti Gas

7 } Training continues.
8 }

9 C.O. organises 4 day tour of North Palestine for 50% of O.R's. Bus leaves 0900 hrs. Capt McPherson w

50% Officers granted 7 days leave Cam

10 Training (appendix)

July 10

11 Lt Newbold reports that Gunner Waters had been approached by Arab of Hygene Laundry Khassa to sell him Tommy Gun ammo

Gn Waters reports that on second visit he took Gun Artis along as witness and purchase of ammunition was again suggested Arab.

12 Above reported to F.S.S. Gaza and plan drawn up to trap Arab.

13 Gnrs Waters & Artis try to sell ordinary pistol ammo to Arab in hope that he will produce Sub. M. Gun & show them just type of Ammo he requires. Arab does not produce arms but states he has pistol

14 ~~Training (appendix)~~

~~15 Gnrs Waters and Artis at 2030 proceed to Laundry with marked S.M.G. ammo. They are searched before they enter and have only ammo in their position~~

15 With Co operation of Gnr Waters and Artis several Arabs who were by ammo were arrested.

16 Training (appendix)

17 " "

18 G.O.C. Maj Gen Blamey in a lecture to Officers of 6th Div. speaks of necessity for looking after, and instilling discipline into the extraordinarily good soldiers of A.I.F.

19 Training (appendix)

20 " "

21 " "

22 " "

23 "

24 "

25 "

26 "

27 Regtl. Christmas Dinner held. Paid for by

27. 2/2 Fd. Regt. Comforts Fund who donated £60 A
remainder from Regtl. Funds. Off., Sgts., prep.
served and cleared up afterwards. Very successful
28. Donkey Races held in 2/3 lines. Tote and
bookies' fees paid expenses. Very colourful and
good entertainment. Boxing at night, audience
very appreciative and boxing of reasonable
standard.
29. T.E.W.T. for C.O. 2 i/c 2 BC's at R.A.A.
Training (app.)
30. " "
31. C.O. 2 i/c. leave on Recce. North 0900
Aug. 1. Training (app)
2. " "
3 " "
4 " "
5 " "
~~Brandon marched in ATR.~~
~~Parnell in ATR.~~
" "
Mon 18 G.O.C. Maj. Gen. Herring. addressed Regt
0830. Complimented men and explained that
his promotion was directly due to the
good work. Shook hands with all 6 Aust. Div. Arty
20 C.O. leaves for recce of Syria with G.O.
and Staff.

0,21, Trng.
22. C.O. returned from recce, Syria.
23. Training 4 Bty. Swimming.
24. Church Pde. Padre Tyler.
25. C.O. goes on T.E.W.T. with 19 Inf Bde.
26. Training
29 TEWT for Junior officers.
30 Training
" Concert at night. 6 Bn. Band. [illegible]
Major Hiscock left 0830 with 12 tractors 3 BSV's
1 W. Cart for Northern Arty Unit to deliver
guns from Barbara. " "
3.4 2.3. C.O. TEWT Syria
4 Trng
5. 4 Bty arrived home from Syria.
8 3 Bty preparing for Calib. Shoot Asbuj.
9. " " leave. " " "
12.13. 4 Bty training.
16 3 Bty arrives back from Asbuj.
24. Trng.
25. New. Bty formed.
26. T.E.W.T. for Junior officers. General Training.
27. Training and maintenance.

28. —

29. 4 Bty. R.H.Q. to Asluj for calibration shoot.

30. Training. Riccy & Occy.

Oct 1 Training Major Jaboor came back from Beer Asluj.

Sept 2. Training 52 Bty getting ready to go to Beer Asluj.

3. Traing – General Herring made an inspection of lines & troops. 4 Bty came back from Beer Asluj

4. Traing. Inspection & administration.

5. Sunday.

6. Traing

7. Training. R.H.Q. and 52 Bty returned from Beer Asluj

8. Training –. Major Jaboor went to Syria.

9. Training

10. Training – Capt Hawkins came over [illegible] 52 Bty

11. Training

12. Training. 3 Bty drivers went to Hebron.

13. Training 3 Bty out of 2 day exercise.

14. Training and Tp exercise.

15. Training – Major Jaboor came back

16. Training

17. Training. C.O went to Tel Aviv

18. Administration

19 Sunday

20. Training 52 Bty went to Beer-Asluj for school.

21. Training

22 Training Col Cremor came back from Tel Aviv

23. Training. —

24. Training — T.E.W.T. for Majors and above.

25. Training and administration.

26. Sunday.

27. Training

28. Training C.O. 2/8. Lore Pitts went to Adv H.Q Syria.

29. Training –

30. Training –

31. Training –

1. Administration. C.O came back from Syria.

2.

3 Training

4 Training

5 Training.

6 Training

7 Training 2/4. Capt [illegible] Pitts came back from Syria.

8. Training and administration

9. Sunday.

10 Training 3 Bdes. exercise under Regt. Control.
11 Training 4 " " " "
12 "
13 Training "
14 " "
15 "
16
17 Training.
18. Training
19 Regt. manoeuvres
20 " "
21 " "
22. Administration
23
24 Training Regt. Exercise
25 " " "
26. " " "
27. Training.
28. Training
29 Training
30. Training
31. " "
1. Training

2. Training.
3 Training " "
4 "
5 "
6 "
7 "
8
9. "
10 "
11 Training.
12 Training
13 Admin
14
15. Training. (held up because of wet weather).
16. Training & camouflage "
17. Training " " " " "
18 Training
19 Training
20 Administration
21
22. Training
23. No training on account of very heavy rain
24 Rain

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25 Raining
26 Raining Major Jabour looks Ado party up. to Damm
27. Training & Admin.
28. ~~Training~~
29. Training
30. Training
31. Training
1942 Jan. 1. Training
2
3 Training & Admin.
4
5 Training
6 Training Surprise Night March Beit Jibrin 46 miles
7 Training Another Night March via Gedera 38 miles
8 Training Night March again 38 miles
9 Training Major Hiscock left today to become BM 7 Div RAF
10 Training
11 Training Night Occupation Orders 2200 Ava Beit Jibrin
12 Training Continuation of exercise
13 Training
14 Training
15 Move to Asluj for Field Firing Practice in co-op with RAF
16 7 Air Shoots carried out ✗ before heavy dust storm prevented

further shooting. HR method successfully used. G.P.O. & OPO's left for aerodrome to discuss shoots
17 Anti-Tank shoots by 4 & 52 Bty's. Heavy dust prevented 3 Bty return to Khassa
18 Maintenance
19 Training
20 Training
21 3 Bty moved to Asluj for Anti-Tank shoot, returning same day
22 Training
23 Training & Admin
24 Regt moved to Jericho for intensive training with 17 Bde
Rear party left under Lieut Powell
25 All vehicles returned to Letrun in order to train in convoy work on mountainous roads back from Letrun to Jericho
26 Training
27 Training — 3 day Regtl exercise commenced
28 Training } — 3 day Regtl exercise working from Jericho Northwards
29 Training } for 20 miles — vehicles OK over some very rough
30 Training } country
31 Training & admin
Feb 1 3rd Bty moved into Transjordan on Regtl ex
2 Remainder of Regt followed on exercise in
3 area of Beisan — GOC 6 Div, CRA
Emir Abdullah of Transjordan assisted

Feb 4 Regt attended 17 Bde ceremonial parade
Inspected by Emir Abdullah of Transjo
4 Bty fired 21 gun salute. Capt Cox left on advance party. Destin unknown
5 Training
6 Admin
7 Reg't moved from Jericho to Khassa
8
9 Training Surprise night march via Nazd.
10 Training
11 Training Night march via Nazd
12 Training
13 Training
14 Admin
15 Exhibition by Sappers handling incendiary bomb
16 Training Regt turned out 0230 hrs – trial turn out
17 Regt turned out ~~0430~~ 0430 hrs – trial turn out
Demonstration & practise grenade throwing. All vehicles of Regt, 40 LAD F section Sigs left at 1545 under command Capt Henderson for unknown destination Lieuts Freeman Powell Whitelaw Gan & ORs in party.
Completed to here
18 Training
19 Training

20 Training
21 Training & Admin
22 Training
23 Training
24 Training
25 Training – Tabloid sports v 2/1 2/11 1 A/T CRA assisted
26 Training
27 Training
28 Training & Admin Major Gibbins posted 2/1 Fd Regt
Capt Wood took over 3 Bty
1 Training
2 Training
3 Training
4 Training & Admin
5 Admin Regiment left Khassa for Egypt 1800 hrs
6 Arrived Suez Transit Camp 1300 hrs.
Capt Henderson reported to C.O. MT still at marshalling park. 76 men from MT party rejoined the Regt.
7 Training
8 Training
9 Lt Col Cremor O C Troops, Lt Hannington A/Ships Adjt Lt Houghton A/Ships QM, & WO1 Burgess

1942

Ships RSM embarked on HMT Otranto at 1730 hrs

March 10 Regt embarked 1000 hrs — sailed 1800 hrs

11 Training

12 Training — arrived Port Sudan 1300 hrs

13 Training — sailed 0800 hrs

14 Training

15 Training

16 Training

17 Training

18 Training

19 Training

20 Training

21 Training

22 Training

23 Training

24 Regt disembarked at Colombo; 4 Bty proceeded to Kogalla attached to 6 Bn. RHQ, 3 & 52 Bties proceeded to ~~Galle~~ Boosa with HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde. C.O. & IO remained to see MT landed

25 Administration

26 3 Bty left for Galle attached to 5 Bn. CO & IO returned — landing of MT not commenced

1942

C.O. informed that his assistance for landing was not necessary

27 Training CO visited 4 Bty

28 Training CO visited 3 Bty. No word of Capt Cox who left Regt with 2 O/Rs as advance party on Feb 4

29 Training

30 Training

31 Training

1 Training

2 Training Part of MT arrived. ~~Rain shot~~ L/Bdr Beasley accidentally killed

3 Training More MT arrived Capt Henderson reported to CO Court of Inquiry into death of L/Bdr Beasley

4 Training, out to sea. Shot when he attempted to escape (Native arrested for signalling (accidentally shot))

5 First Japanese air raid over Colombo — ~~said~~ enemy losses said to be heavy. 38 enemy planes flew over Regt after the raid. More M.T. arrived Col Cremor took fighting command of all troops except 7 Bn in Boosa camp. Major Jaboor took command of RHQ. Bties now independent units. Everyone on their toes — enemy naval force known to be off Ceylon

6 Finishing touches to preparation for action ~~More~~ Sgt Baker reports 1 Coy of 6 & 1 Coy of 7 Bn being marked by native red sarongs. Information passed to Bns. ETp & BHQ 52 Bty left — attached 16 Bde

More MT arrived. Lieut Voutier left as L.O. to HQ AIF [illegible]
7 Training More MT arrived with information that ship being unloaded had sailed after air raid taking 2 or 3 trucks with it. Another ship which had been in harbour had sailed days before at first air raid warning, taking Lieut Whitelaw & sundry trucks. Sgt Saber reports bay of 6 Bn now clear of sarongs but 6 Bn HQ now similarly marked — Sgt Saber sent to 6 Bn to give information direct. Col Cremor shot a round of HE 117 into the sea to ~~prove to Brig Moten that~~ test whether it would explode on impact with water at a flat trajectory — it did
8 Training
9 "
10 "
11 "
12 "
13 "
14 "
15 " 3 Bty report searchlights turned ~~16~~ on at Galle Fort & Marine Bty opened fire at 8000 on suspected submarine at 2300 hrs. 52 Bty returned from Katahar unda — 2/1 Aust Fd Regt having taken over their role with 16 Bde using borrowed English guns
16 52 Bty left for Akuressa — attached to 7 Bn
17 Training
18 "
19 " Gnr Jolly of 4 Bty accidentally drowned whilst sea bathing. Green verey light seen by 3 Bty — cause not discovered
20 Inquest (civil) on death of Gnr Jolly held at RHQ
21 Training
22 RHQ moved to Akuressa
23 Admin & Training
24 Training
25 " Mail now arriving in large quantities — everyone's spirits rising accordingly
26 Training
27 "
28
29 Lieut Richardson returned from Colombo where he had been acting as Bde MT officer during unloading of Bde MT
30 Training

May 1 Training + Admin.
" 2 to 30 " "

June 1 Training + Admin
" 2 " "
" 3 52 Bty left for Dryatalawa for practice shoot.
" 4 Training
" 5 "
" 6 "
" 7 "
" 8 52 Bty returned from Shoot.
" 9 Trng + Admin
" 10 C.O ~~acting~~ admin. Bde
" 11 ~~52~~ 3 Bty left for Dryatalawa practice shoot
" 12 Trng + Admin
" 13 " " "
" 14 " " "
" 15 3 Bty returned from practice shoot
" 16 Trng + Admin
" 17 4 Bty left for Dryatalawa for practice shoot.
" 18 Trng + Admin

June 19 Trng + Admin
" 20 " " Col Brenon resumed command Regt.
" 21 " "
" 22 4 Bty returned from practice shoot.
" 23 Trng + Admin
" 24 " "
" 25 " " Batteries returned to command of Regt.
" 26 Trng + Admin Movement of vehicles for "Schooner" commenced.
" 27 Trng + Admin
" 28 " "
" 29 " "
" 30 " " ✓

July 1 Regt moved to Bussa
" 2 Trng + Admin
" 3 Col Brenon + ships staff moved to CBO for "Schooner" move but returned owing to shipping delay.
" 4 Trng + Admin
" 5th Col Brenon. I.O. G.M. RSM + ships staff moved to CBO to take over duties as ships staff
" 6th Preperation for move

July 7. Rev 0300. Reg moved in order 3, 4, 52 & RHQ to Colombo & embarked on HMT. "Aronda"

8 Admin

9 Admin

10 Admin

11 Admin

12 Admin

13. Sailed from CBO.

14 Admin & Trng

15 Admin & Trng

16 Admin & Trng

17 Admin & Trng

18 Admin & Trng

19 Admin & Trng

20 Admin & Trng

21 Admin & Trng

22 Admin & Trng

23 Admin & Trng

24 Admin & Trng

25 Admin & Trng

26 Admin & Trng

27 Admin & Trng

28th Arrived at Fremantle & less Ships Duties leave was granted from 1700 hrs - Difficulty in getting money changed - West Aust personel left for staging camp & leave

29th Leave except for ships duties from 1100 hrs to 2359

30th Leave except for ships duties from 1100 hrs to 2359.

31st Sailed from Fremantle ~~less all men who~~

August 1 Admin & Trng

2 Admin & Trng

3 Admin & Trng

4 Admin & Trng

5 Admin & Trng

6 Admin & Trng

7 Admin & Trng

8th Arrived at Port Melbourne

9th Disembarked ~~from~~ at Port Melbourne. & Proceeded to Seymour Camp No 17

10 Settling into camp.

11 Admin.

12 Admin

13. Admin First movement of Home Leave

14 Main body move on home leave.

15 Capt. Henderson OC Party left in camp.

16 Admin

Aug 17	Admin & Maintenance
18	" "
19	" "
20	" "
21	" "
22	" "
23	" "
24	" "
25	" "
26	" "
27	Regt reported Royal Park in readiness for A.I.F march. Brig Cremor gave a
~~28~~	farewell speech to those members of regt present.
28.	Regt took part in 6th Div A.I.F march through Melbourne lead by Major R.F. Taboor now Admin Command returned to Seymour immediately after march.
29	Admin & Maintenance
30.	" " Rearguard march out on Home leave.
31.	Admin & Trng
Sept 1	" "

Sept 2	Admin & Trng
3	" "
4	" "
5	" "
6	" "
7	" "
8	" "
9	" "
10	" "
11	" "
12	" "
13	" "
14	" "
15	" "
16	" "
17	" "
18	Move to Greta Camp commenced
19	" " " " in progress
20	" " " " " "
21	Settling into Greta Camp
22	Admin.
23	"
24	Admin & Trng

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Sept. 25	52 Bty Shoot on Paterson Range.	
" 26	3 Bty " " " "	
" 27	4 " " " "	
" 28	Admin & Trng	
" 29	" "	
" 30	" "	
Oct 1	" "	
" 2	" "	
" 3	" "	17 Bde started to move out
" 4	" "	
" 5	" "	
" 6	" "	
" 7	" "	
" 8	" "	
" 9	" "	
" 10	" "	
" 11	" "	
" 12	" "	
" 13	" "	
" 14	" "	
" 15	" "	52 Bty moved out to range. Shoot had to abandon steel owing to weather.
" 16	" "	
" 17	" "	

Oct 18	Admin & Training	
19	" "	
20	" "	
21	" "	
22	" "	
23	" "	
24	" "	
25	" "	
26	" "	
27	" "	62 NSW men marched out on 7 days home leave.
28	" "	
29	" "	
30	" "	Capt Lee transfers 3 Bty. Capt Eason takes over Adj.
31	" "	Major Wood & Lt Pulburn leave for HQ. 3 Div.
Nov. 1	" "	
2	" "	Reception Camp get Warning Orders 6 Div Ord Fd Pk, 6 Div Ord Whipps, 6 Div
3	" "	6 Div Ord Fd Pk, 6 Div Ord Whipps move.
4	" "	
5	" "	24 NSW men march out on 7 days leave
		2 Aust Army W'shops & Fld Park get Warning Order.
6	Admin & Training	
7	" "	
8	" "	

NOV

~~Oct~~	Admin & Trng 54 men march out on leave to Victoria		
10	Admin. Trng.		
11	" " Gen. Sir Ivan Mackay inspect the camp and addressed 4 Bty Officers re[illegible] their work at T[illegible]		
12	Admin & Trng.		
13	" "		
14	" "		
15	" " 4 Bty ~~[illegible]~~ moves to J.O.O.T.		
16	" " Regtl Swimming Sports.		
17	" "		
18	" "		
19	" "		
20	" " Tabloid Sports won by 3 BH.Q.		
21	" "		
22	" "		
23	" "		
24	" "		
25	" " 17 Officers appointed		
26	" " Lieut AG Johnston transferred to Q. Lofc " Capper & Tuffell transferred to 21 [illegible]		
27	" " Shooting Paterson Range. 52 Bty		
28	" " " " " 3 Bty.		
29	" " " "		

Bo.	Admin & Trng.
1	Advance Party moved to new camp site Singleton area
2	Preparation for move & admin.
3	Main body moved to Whittingham – Singleton area
4	Settling in at new bivvy area
5	" " " "
6	Admin & Trng
7	" "
8	" "
9	" "
10	" "
11	" "
12	" "
13	" " Practice shoot at Paterson range.
14	" " Our C.O now Lt Col Jaboor
15	" "
16	" "
17	" "
18	" "
19	" " 1 Troop filmed in action
~~20~~	for M of I. film
20	" Admin & Trng " "
21	" " "

Dec		1943
22	Admin & Trng	Admin & Training
23	" & "	" " " "
24	" " Leave granted on night until 2359	" " " "
25	Transport arranged to Kurlian churches Christmas Dinner by Bty Officers & Sgts served men C[illegible]	Admin & Trng Tr " "
26	Admin & Trng	Admin & Training
27	" "	" "
28	" " Inf Training Commenced	" "
29	" "	" "
30	" "	" "
31	" "	" "
Jan 1	" "	" "
2	" "	" "
3	" "	" "
4	" "	" "
5	" "	" "
6	" "	" "
7	" "	" "
8	" "	" "
9	" "	Admin & Trng
10	" " Photographs & X Ray done for personnel not done bef	" " " 52 Bty prepare for move to 100 [illegible]
11	" " Special demonstration with Chemical shell commenced 3 guns calibrated	" "
12	Composite gun crews on C.W shoot Remainder Inf [illegible]	" "
13	" " " " " " " "	" "

3

1947

Feb 6 Admin & Trng Visited by Brig Evans

7 " " Defeated by HQ Bty at cricket

8 " "

9 " "

10 " "

11 " "

12 " "

13 " " Arty training commences again

14 Admin & Trng

15 " " Practice Shoot Singleton

16 " " " " " "

17 " " " "F" Troop move to FORBES to conduct experimental C/W shoot.

18 Admin & preparation for move to Cemetery Point area

19 Move to Cemetery Point

20 ~~Settled~~ Admin. Settling in new area. Beautiful camp site, trees green grass and sea close handy

21 Admin Settling in new area

22 Admin & Trng

23 Admin & Trng

3

Feb 24 Admin & Trng 4 18 pdrs arrive for practice shoot

25 Admin & Trng

26 " "

27 " "

28 " "

Mar 1 " "

2 " "

3 " " Rifle classification commences

4 Shooting includes, Bren and also pistol.

5/4 Course shooting with 4 × 18 pdrs on

6 Newcastle Range. BRA attends

5 Course shooting continues. Also, rifle bren & pistol practice. 4 × 18 pdrs ~~xx~~ handed over to 9 Aust Id Reg

6 Admin & Trng. Rifle, Bren & pistol practice continues

7 Admin & Trng

8 " "F" arrive back from Forbes. Excellent reports of work done by troop.

9 Admin & Trng. Barbecue held for troops. C.O, 3 BCs, I.O, and Sig Offr depart for 14 days conference at A.T.C. PORT STEPHENS

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MAR 10	Admin & Trng	
11	" "	
12	" "	
13	" "	
14	" "	
15	" "	
16	" "	
17	" "	2/49 LAD come u/c 2/2 Aust Tk Bty
18	" "	A/Tank Bty receive Warning Order move TO N.G.
19	" "	
20	" "	
21	" "	
22	" "	
23	" "	
24	" "	4 Bty rejoin regt.
25	" "	C.O, 3 BC's & I.O. leave to observe an exercise of 1 Marine Div in Port Phillip
26	" "	
27	" "	
28	" "	
29	" "	
30	" "	VX personnell march out on leave
31		Capt. Fetherstonhaugh Adm Cmd

April 1	Admn & Trng	
2	" "	
3	" "	
4	" "	
5	" "	
6	" "	
7	" "	
8	" "	
9	" "	
10	" "	
11	" "	
12	" "	
13	" "	
14	" "	VX personnell return from leave. Maj Parkinson Adm Cmd
15	Adm & Trng	
16	" "	
17	" "	16 Officers attend OPO's school at Paterson Range. Composite troop from 3 Bty man 4 x 18 pounder guns and act as Depot Troop for shoot
18	Adm & Trng	

Apr 19 Adm & Trng 70 NSW personnel march out on leave
20 " "
21 " " 16 Offrs returns from OPO School
22 " "
23 " "
24 " " (CO & BC's returns from leave)
25 Church Parade. Anzac Day commemorated by Regt. C.O. also delivers small address
26 Adm & Trng Intensive Trng commences with new syllabus
27 Adm & Trng
28 " "
29 " "
30 " "
May 1 " "
2 " " C.O. moves to Singleton area to make recce for Fire & Movement scheme
3 Rest Day C O returns
4 Adm & Trng
5 " "
6 " "
7 " "
8 " "
9 " "
10 Adm & Trng
11 " "
12 " "
13 " "
14 " "
15 " " 4 Bty move out on manoeuvre occupying positions on Singleton range prior to calibration and Fire & Movement. Strength of unit 45 Offrs 553 ORs
16 3 & 52 Bty prepare to move out on a manoeuvre, approx 1 week duration
17. C.O & Adj move to Singleton to conduct fire & movement exercise 3 & 52 Bty move out on manoeuvres. Heavy rain commences
18. Fire & movement exercise cancelled owing to range being in such bad condition. CO & Adj returns.

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May	19.	Rain continues.	
	20	Admn & Trng	
	21	" " A Warning	
		Order received ~~for move to~~ new area	
	22	Admn & Trng	11
	23	" "	13
	24	Rest Day.	
	25	Admn & Trng	
	26	" "	
	27	" " Movement Order arrive from 2 Aust Army	
	28	" "	
	29	" "	
	30	" "	
	31	Rest Day. 3 Bty prepare for move to NARELLAN. Ado Bty moves to Narella	
June	1	~~Rest~~ 3 Bty moves to Narella	
	2	52 Bty " "	
	3	4 Bty " "	
	4	RH Q " "	
	5	Settling in	
	6	" "	
	7	Rest Day (50% Sydney	

8	Regt Exercise without Guns	
9	" " " "	
10	Admn & Trng.	
11	Admn & Trng.	
12	Admn & Trng.	
13	Admn & Trng.	
14	2 Aust Army Regt Exercises in Camden area	
15	" " " " in Moss Vale area	
16	" " " " in Jervis Bay area	
17	Moved onto Tianjara range for	
1	final part of exercise. Regn of Zone.	
18	Regt shoots on range.	
19	3 Bty T/A shooting	
20	4 & 52 Btys T/A shooting	
21	Regt moves back to camp via Bulli Pass.	
22	Maintenance & Admin	
23	" "	
24	" "	
25	Rest Day. Maintenance & Admin	
26	Rest Day. (Warning order to move O'LD)	
27	DP.1. admin.	

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June 28 Admn & Trng.
29 " " 3 Bty shoot at National Park
30 " " 4 Bty " " "
Jul 1 " " 52 Bty " " "
2 " " ~~small~~ Sub machine gun practice
3 " " " "
4 Rest Day
5 Regt painting all vehicles preparatory to handing them over
6 " " " "
7 " " " "
8 Returned all 4 x 2 veh to BLACKTOWN
9 " " " " "
10 Rest Day
11 Admn & Trng
12 Admn & Trng. Advance Pty proceed on leave.
13 Admn & Trng. DM Gas Test carried
14 " " 52 Bty carry out rifle shooting
Advance Party & Road party leave 0700 hrs for new area. 2 ft NOT DP1 for batman.
15 Admn & Trng
16 " "

17 Admn & Trng
18 " "
19 " "
20 " "
21 " "
22 " " Packing of vehicles
23 Packing of veh continues. ~~May~~ Train No 1 departs Ottawa ~~leaves~~ 1430 hours ~~Henderson~~ ~~[illegible]~~ — May Henderson
OC Train, consisting 45 personnel, 12 Guns & MT
24 Train No 2 departs Campbelltown 0300 hrs 12 Guns MT
25 MT Train No 3 departs Campbelltown 1500 hrs
Main body depart Campbelltown 2240 hrs.
26 Travelling
27 Main body arrive Brisbane 0430 hrs.
March to staging camp. ~~50%~~
50% march out on leave 1030 hrs
28 50% main body on leave Brisbane
29 Main body entrain for onward journey 0930 hrs
30 Travelling
31 Main body arrive camp area, Kaira 0930 hrs. Settling in commences.

Aug 1 Unit settling in
2 Admn & Trng
3 " "
4 " "
5 " "
6 " "
7 Exercises in Jungle Training
8 Make & Mend Day
9 " " Lectures on Tropical Dis
10
11 Jungle Training + Lectures on Jungle Tactics
12 " " " "
13 " " " "
14 " " " "
15 6 Aust Div arrange accomodation at Cairns for rec. leave parties. 52 Bty alloted 15 18 Aug; 3 Bty 18 to 22; RHQ 22 to 25; 4 Bty 25 to 28 Aug.
11 30 hrs 28 men & 2 offrs (3 Bty), move off to Cairns.
Make & mend day.
16 52 Bty go on 2 days ~~jungle~~ march
R.H.Q. spend morning in Jungle Training afternoon lectures.
3/4 Btys Normal Training

17 3 Bty move out for 2 days ~~jungle~~ march
remainder normal training
18 General Training, Jungle lectures
~~19~~ 4 Bty 2 days march
~~20~~ R.H.Q. 2 days march. Officers in camp Air Coop. practice
19 General Training
20 52 Bty move out to Artillery Range, Montalkion for close shooting
21 close shooting at range. 4 Bty move out
22 " " 3 Bty " "
24 reinforcements arrive from 2 Aust Corps Rec Camp
23 close shooting at range
24 Air Coöperation shoot with 5 A/C Squadron
25 General Training. One troop on
~~25~~ day's exercise with pack transport.
~~26~~ Practice in river crossings.
26 General Training
27 General Training
28 General Training
29 Make & Mend day. Swimming Carnival. Football match.
30 General Training
31 General Training 118 Reinforcements march in

1 3 Bty on deployment exercise ~~[illegible]~~
52 Bty on march
4 Bty RHQ ~~[illegible]~~ General Training
Reinforcements marched in bring strength up to 728 all ranks (This is the first time Bty has been up to strength & carrying 1st line Reinforcements) (to be signed)

Sept 43

2. 3 ~~St~~ Bty on deployment exercises
remainder normal training.
3. Peace Service held 0900 hrs.
Normal Training.
4 52 Bty on exercise Normal training fa
remainder
5 Make & Mend day.
6 General training Bty deployment.
7 52 on Bty exercise 3+4 preparing jungle defencive
Positions
8 4 Bty on 2 day exercise 3+52 on defencive
positions
9 No change
10 3 Bty on Exercise 1 day 3+4 normal trng
11 Maintainence & Organised sport.
12 ~~St~~ Make & mend
13 Battery exercises using restricted
& 14 " transport
15 Maintenance
16+17 Battery exercises restricted transport
18 Make & mend
19 & 20 Regimental exercise on restricted scale
held Milanda Mareeba area

Sept 43

Training
2 to 25 Regimental exercise on restricted scale
6 Make & mend
7 to Bty exercises
" " "
Individual training
" " "
" "
4 to 8 3 & 4 Battery on track exercise
finishes at Etty Bay 52 & RHQ
individual training
9 & 10 Training
1 to 15 Bde exercise 2/2 fd Regt supported 19th
Bde exercise took place in Mt Garnet
" Ravenshaw Chilverton area
6 " Maintainence
7 18 Desmantleing & loading of Guns
9 " " "
Individual training
(~~Maintenance~~)
~~Make & Mend~~
3 to Make & Mend

25	Each Bty does a 2 day exercise	1	Building for Wet Seasons
to 30	& Rifle Pren & Owen gun practice	4	
31	Make & mend		Building parties ~~on~~ Constructing Blindages on Welsh River Range
1 November	52 Bty commence 5 day exercise on foot		
to 7	4 Bty out on 3 day exercise Visit from		52 Bty move out of Welsh River Range
8 Nov	Fitting of vehicles & individual training		Close shoots under CCRA
9 & 10	Regimental exercise Malanda Area.		Close shoots
11	Maintenance & Specialists tests.		(Maintenance) Corps Arty Sports
12 & 13	individual training		Make & mend
15	Handing over of Vehicles from 2/8 Regt.		Building in preparation for wet season
16	Regimental exercise under CCRA down		& construction of Blindages
to 22	to Innisfail.		preparations for Shoot at Walsh river
23	Maintenance		move to Range
24	~~Prepare~~ 3 Bty prepare to move to Herberton		Close shooting under CCRA
	Range for range practice Close shoots		Close shooting
25	3 Bty shoot		Make & mend.
26	4 Bty Shoot		Individual training
27	Corps Sports Meeting 10% R.L.		Corps Tabalid sports
28	Stand down Hand over of vehicles to 2/8		CCRAS inspection
29	Preparation for wet season building etc		Individual training
30	—	4	— —
		5	Stand down
		6	

27 } Individual training Practice for
28 } Air Shoots
29 Air shoots
30 Individual training
31 —
1 Stand down January 1944
2
3
4 Swimming Carnival Lake Echam
5 ~~Anti Tank~~ Tank attack shoot
6 Mantalbian Range Col Jaboor left for N.C. Consolidated
7 52 Bty Preparing for move to Bibookea Range
8 Shooting on Bibookea range (Regimental control)
9 —
10 Individual training
11 Preparation for shoot at Bibookea Range
under C.C.R.A.
12 Move to range Regiment Deployed
13 Practice Shoot 2 Tgts engaged M & Bty tgts &
14 air Coop shoots 3 sorties all were
15 successful. Visit by C C R A for Dinner
16 Rest day
17 3 bty move out on 2 day exercise Took over 38
18 4 } 52 } individual training 4 by 2 15 cm from Tolga

Jan 44
9 4 Bty move to Walsh river range for
-22 to be defol bty for 3 days close shooting
3 Make & mend
4 4 & 52 Btys 2 day exercise
5 Lake Echam (Mand) Malanda area
4 Bty night drive back to camp 3 Bty camp area
6 Composite Bty move to Bibookea range with
18 Pr M K II for shooting
7 Shooting on Bibookea range Colonel Jaboor
8 returns from N.C.
9 maintainence green Island trip
Stand down
Individual Training
1 A C & E Troops on 3 days exercise under
2 B C's. B.D.F idividual training in
3 camp area
4 Individual training in camp.
5 ~~Tank attack Procedure~~ RHQ Route March Maintenance Sport
8 Route March RHQ
10 9 Co on leave
7/9 BDF Troop Exercises under BC 3 days exercise
7/9 ACE. Individual Training Camp area
9 Successful OM opening (Gen Savage, Gen Stevens, Brig Crimson, present)
10 Individual Training Camp Area.
11/12 Route March all night return camp at 120700 L
10 } 4 Bty Depot Bty Biboora Officers Shoot
11 }
12 }
13 Air Co op Shoots 4 Bty

Feb

13 Rest Day - Church Services

14/15 52 Bty Exercise under Co Roads impossible returned 15

14 3+4 Bty Route March Individual Trng.

15 3+4 Bty Individual Training Camp area.

15/16 RAQ Night Route March.

16 } 4+3 Troop Exercises 3 days.

17 } 52 Bty Individual Training Camp area

18 } Afternoon maintenance

19 } Individual Training Camp Area. 3 Bty prepare 3 day Exercise 21/24

} Afternoon organized sport

20 Rest day for all + sports Make + mend

21 } 3 Bty out 3 day exercise Mareeba Mt Malloy Nossman

23 } Exercise Fire with Movement, Boggy tracks + river Crossing

22 4 Bty leave for Beboora Rge 4.5 Stow's Smoke

24 Shooting Officers 2 days.

25 3 + 52 Bty Individual Trng Camp Area

26 Regimental Parade - re rumours. Maintenance Afternoon Organized Sports

27 Make + mend rest day.

28 Signal from RAA Cavalt Div Regt to move Wondecla under Comd. 6 Div no move before 5 March

29. Maj McNaughton recce. Beboora Area

March 1 Admin + Trng.

3 Regt parade Presentation of Africa Star Ribbons.

4 Preparation for Move Wondecla Buildings being demolished and taken over. 1/3 Regt there as working party.

5

6 " "

7 Hardening up training to resume. Orders Received to Stand Fast Concerning move.

8 " " "

9 Co Returns from leave. Maj McNaughton Comds as 2/IC

10 Brig Cremor at Officers Mess. Leave party to move at 110245 hrs.

11 Leave cancelled. Move to Wondecla resumed. 3.4 52 less rear party to move commencing ~~1600~~ 1400 hrs.

12 RAQ move to Wondecla. RAQ close Kairi 121400 hrs open Wondecla at 121400 hrs. Leave parties leave.

13 Composite Troop. moves out on exercise with 2/3. Bn.

14 Rear party arrives from Kiari Camp

15 Work on drainage system of new camp

16. " " " " " "

17 Composite troop returns from exercise. Maintenance in afternoon.

18. Preparation for artillery sports begun

Mar. 19. Rest day for all. Lt Morrisson at meeting of Arty. Sports committee

" 20. Arty sports in progress. Obtained 11 pts. First in gun assembly

" 21 Admin. and preparation of camp site

" 22 Admin & Training. & settling camp construction

23 " " "

24 " " "

25 " " "

26th Rest Day - Capt Eddy, Capt Powell, Capt

27. Anderson and Lt Donovan warned as umpires with 2/3 Fd Regt

27th Umpires leave. - Admin & Training

28. Admin. Training & Camp Construction

29. C.O. Capt Young and 2.I.C. on TEWT with 19 Bde ~~[illegible]~~ as Arty advisors

30 C.O. Capt Young and 2.I.C. as above.

Admin & Ing. camp construction

31 Admin & Ing. "

April 1. Admin & Ing. ... , C.C.RA & Maj Main for division

2 Rest Day. -

3 Capt Powell. Lt Williams and Sig. O as umpires. 2/3 Fd Regt. exercise.

4 Admin & Ing Camp Construction

5 " " " "

6 Permission obtained for leave party of 70 to proceed to Innisfail on 7/4/[illegible]

7 Good Friday - leave party with Capt Anderson M.C. i/c. leaves for Innisfail - Rest Day.

8 Recreation Day - sports.

9 Rest Day

10 Recreation Day - leave party returns.

11 Admin Ing & Camp Construction.

12 Composite Tp. with 4 18 pdrs Tk II leave as depot Tp to 19 Inf Bde Officers shoot.

13 Admin & Camp Construction

14 " " "

15 " " " Sports in afternoon.

16 Rest Day for all.

17 Admin. Camp Construction

18 C.O. and ~~[illegible]~~ I.O. on Divisional Tact. Millaa - Millaa area for 4 days.

19 Rem. Admin & Camp Construction

April	
19	C.O. & I.O. on Tent. Remainder Admin. Camp Construction
20	" "
21	" "
22	Admin. Construction and Sports in afternoon
23	Rest Day
24	C.O. attends C.R.A.G. conference. 183 return from leave. Settle in. Camp construction
25	admin & Camp Construction new officer Lt Apted marched in from 2/8 Gd Regt
26	83 personnel return from leave.
27	Officers Morning refresher School starts
28	Sent 4 Officers to attend with 16 Brigade
"	Capts Sutton & Young to a School
"	Lieut Dwyer to AAPC off strength
29	Afternoon Sport. Reshuffle of Officers
30	Rest Day Sport Make & Mend
1	4 Bty 3 day exercise with 2/5th Bn. & Remainder. Individ Trng
2	"
3	"
4	52 Bty to Mareeba ~~exercise~~ shooting with Air Conf & 1 Aust Naval ~~Unit Pay Day~~ Bombardment Gp. CO & So. on days ~~exercise~~ Rec of Irvinebank area.

May	
5	Course Shooting Irvinebank Range 3 Bty Depot Bty
6	" " "
7.	Rest Day. Sports etc.
8. 9. 10	3 Bty. exercising with 2/1 Aust Inf. Bn.
8-11	Skeleton Regt exercises with 17 Bde. in Millaa Millaa area.
12.13	Course shooting Walsh River Range. 3 Bty depot Bty. Rem. Admin & Trng.
14	Rest Day
15.	52 Bty leaves for exercise with 2/3 Aust Inf Bn. for 3 days 3 and + training and layers tests.
16	52 Bty exercise - remainder Admin & training
17	4 Bty leaves three day - exercise 2/2 Bn. Rem. hardening & camp construction.
18.	3 & 52 Route marches - construction and specialist tests.

19 4 Bty returns from Gracie ~~do~~. Indiv training etc.

20. Training Films in morning Admin & Tng.

21. Rest Day

22. R.H.Q. 3. 52 on exercise 22 and 23. 24 with 16 Bde. 24 Close support to 16 Bde Battle Exercise. Very successful.

25. Maintenance. admin. & training.

26. CRA's Inspection of area. Training (Individual.

27 14 reinforcements marched in 4 Bty. fired 50 E.F.C.'s through two of new 25 pdr. "shorts".

28. Rest Day. Calibration party left for Mosman with Standard Guns (1 per tp.) Map Spot McAllister sheet 445079.

29. Individual training - hardening (route mar

30. Hardening - route marching.

31. Rest of guns (11 mark II's) left for Mosman to be calibrated ~~absolutely~~. comparatively. 4 Bty. moved to Shanty ck. range to fire 50 E.F.C's. from remainder of new 25 pdr. shorts & thence to Mosman to calibrate same.

June 1. Party still at Mosman - too wet to calibrate on 31st. May & 1st. June. Individual tng. for remainder in camp.

" 2 Weather still too wet for calibrating at Mosman. Individual tng. of remainder.

" 3. Weather still too wet to calibrate. Preparations for Trial Pack proceeding. (original date 5th. June postponed for 1 week owing to hold up at Mosman).

" 4 Rest Day

" 5 Rehearsal Parade with 17 Aust. Inf. Bde. for G.O.C's inspection 10th. June. Comparative calib. of 4 Btys. shorts completed. - 6 shorts return to camp.

" 6 Comparative calib. of 3 & 52's guns completed. Guns return to camp. 2 days required to finish absolute calib. for Regt.

" 7 Weather still unsuitable for calibration. Prep. for Trial Pack.

Jun. 8. Second Rehearsal for 17 Bde. Parade.
" 9. Individ. trng. S.A. practice on Randwick Range
" 10. Ceremonial Parade with 17 Bde. Reviewed by G.O.C.
" 11 Rest Day.
" 12 Individual Training
" 13 " "
" 14 Preparations for Trial Pack & Individ. trng
15 & 16. Course Shooting. Walsh Bay Range
5-2 Bty. Depot Battery
17. Sports half
18. Rest Day & Sports.
19. 3 & 4 Btys. left for exercises with 2/5 & 2/6 Bns. respectively.
20 3 & 4 Btys. return from exercise.
21 5-2 Bty. left on exercise with 2/7 Bn.
22. Prepn. for Trial Pack on 23rd. June.
5-2 Bty. returned from exercise
23. Trial Pack - Inspected by G.O.C. 1 Cav Div
24. Sports half
25. Rest Day & Sports.
26. Regimental Min. Layout - Individ. Trng
27. Hardening - Route Marches

28. Individual training & Sports half
29 Individ. trng.
30 Specialist tests & Individ. trng.
Sub-calibre shooting.
July 1 Admin. & maintenance - Sports
2 Rest Day - and Sports
3 Prep. for air shoots Walsh River
4 4 Bty moves to Walsh River for Course and Air Shooting.
3 & 52 Route marching and hardening. C.O. and 2 I.C. on Tests.
5. C.O. and 2 I.C. return from N.E.W.A.
Course Shooting. under maj Roberts.
6 & 7. Course Shooting Walsh River.
8 Admin. maintenance Sport
9 Rest Day & Sport
10 Regtl. Exercise Inverell Tamworth area.
11 Regtl exercise - preparation for shooting
12 Shooting - 4 Bty & Regtl Targets.
Very successful shooting - Aim very very excellent.
13 Returned to area. night of 12 th

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13. Rehearsal divisional parade for Cin C.
Approx 600 from Regt on parade.
14. Individual training and maintenance.
Practice marching.
15 Admin. Ing and Sports in afternoon
16 Rest Day & Sports.
17 Divisional Parade - Reviewed by
Cin C. Maintenance in afternoon.
18 Individ. Ing. & Specialist Tests
52 Bty. - Exercise in Kaban Area
19. Route march & Sports.
52 Bty. - Exercise Kaban Area
20. 3 & 4 Bty. - Exercises - Lancelot & Kaban
~~21.~~ 52 Individ. Ing. & Specialist Tests.
21. 3 & 4 Bty. - Exercises
52 Bty. Route March
22. Admin, Maintenance & Sport.
23 Rest Day
24. Individ. Ing. & Regt. Miniature Layout
25 Route March & Individ. Ing.
26. Training - Loading gun, Jeep & 6 M Cents
mock-up LCVP.
27. Specialist Tests & Individ. Ing.

28. Individ. Ing. - Creek crossings.
29. Admin Maintenance & Sport.
30. Rest Day.
31. Lectures on Referendum & Individ. Ing.
1. 3 Bty. - Route March.
4 & 52 - Bty. Exercise.
2. 3 Bty. - Individ. Ing.
4 & 52 - Bty. Exercise.
3. 3 Bty. - Exercise
4 & 52 Bty. - Route March
4. 3 Bty. - Exercise
4 & 52 - Individ. Ing.
5. Admin. Maint. & Sport.
6. Rest. Day
7. 4 Bty moves out on Gun. Hauling
exercise Mt. Fisher. 3 Bty moves
to Walsh River for course shooting.
8. Course shooting Walsh River.
C.R.A. and Lt/Col. WADE at O.P.
9. 4 Bty returns from ~~Walsh~~ Mt. Fisher
Weather interrupts exercise. Course
shooting
10. Course shooting & air shoots by 5 A/C.

Aug. Squadron.

11. Course shooting finalised. 3 Bty move back to camp. 52 Bty route marches. 4 Bty maintenance.

12. Admin & maintenance in morning, Sport in afternoon.

13. Rest Day.

14. Divisional Duty unit. Remainder individual Trng

15. "

16 Miniature ranging for all officers. Sport in afternoon.

17. Route march. by personnel not on dis. duties.

18. Admin. Specialist Tests.

19 Admin. maintenance & Sport. in afternoon.

20. Rest Day.

21. Current affairs lecture all troops Fire discipline & Gun Drill in afternoon.

22 Admin. Specialist tests.

23 Stripping. 3 & 52 Btys Route March Warning Order for embarkation Received from H.Q. 6 Aust Dis.

Aug 24. Individual training Camp area. 52 Bty leaves for Walsh River Range. Students also move out for L.H.R. Mobile Refresher Officers Course.

Aug 25 3 & 4 Btys Indiv. Trng. N.C.O.s Wing of School & Bty in camp area.

Aug 26. Admin Maintenance & Sport in afternoon

Aug 27 Rest Day for all not on course.

Aug 28. Current affairs lecture in camp. Indiv. Trng and Course still continuing

Aug 29 Individual Trng. Courses at Walsh River and in camp still continue.

Aug 30. Obs. Fire Walsh River. Indiv. Training

31. Obs. Fire Walsh River Indiv. Training.

Sept. 1 Obs Fire course completed 52 Bty returned to Camp. Maintenance

Sept. 2. Weekly Maintenance. afternoon Sport. Entertained some 9th Div personnel.

Sept. 3. Rest Day.

Sept. 4. Trial Pack. Revising & adjusting Troops Gear. Receipt of orders re move. to Div Adm Order No.

Sept. 5. Miniature Lay-out. Security Lecture. S.C. Troops warned on "Warning order to move to Operational area outside Australia"

Sept. 6. Individual Training afternoon Sport Issue Tropic Gear.

Sept. 7. Route March. Tropic Boots. Hygiene lectures. 3rd Bty moved to Springbank Range.

Sept. 8. Shooting by 3rd Irvine-bank Range Lectures application Mite Cotton.

" 9. Shooting - Irvine-bank Range. - 3rd Bty admin. & Maintenance. Kit Bags etc & S.D returned to Kit Store. 3rd returned to Camp

" 10 Rest Day.

" 11. Tactical Packing of trucks. Tropical Issue. Mina. lay-out.

" 12 Map reading exercises.

13 3 & 52 - Route March. 4. Indio Eng. in morning - Move to Walsh River

13 Arty range in afternoon.

14 Shooting at Walsh River - Sport for 3 & 52 in afternoon

15. Still shooting Walsh River - Hygiene lectures & Miniature lay outs for those in camp.

16. Regt. begins taking of atebrin prior to embarkation. One tablet daily per man till further orders.

17 Rest day

18. Morning - Current affairs lecture for all. March Tropical boots in afternoon - Full malarial precautions for one week.

19. Lectures on Hygiene, Malaria etc. by Btys. March - full marching order in afternoon.

20. All Btys on Route march in morning - Sport in afternoon

21 Malarial & Hygiene lectures for 3 Bty. 4 & 52 Rifle Shooting & Indio Eng.

22. 3 & 4 Btys hardening marches, 52 S.A.A instruction.

23. Saturday. Admin & Maintenance – M.T. Inspection by C.O. Sport in afternoon

24. Rest Day. & some Sport.

25. Practical applic of scrub typhus lotion to all Btys.

26. T.K/A shooting by selected gun crews at Irvinebank Range. Average 65% hits.

27. Advance Party for more vaccinated and inoculated against cholera. at 2/3 Regt. Remainder Admin & Maintenance in morning – Sport afternoon.

28. All Btys on Route and compass marching in form of patrolling.

29 Re Vaccination parade for all personnell in camp. Also injections T.A.B & T.T for personnell requiring them.

30. M.T. inspection in morning by Admin. Comd. – Sport in afternoon

All other arrange as for 1st day.

Security (a) In event of air attack whilst mov. veh will halt & personnel will disperse on both sides of rd. LMG's will be manned. Hostile air attack in two areas will be dealt with by LMG. Slit trenches for personnel are to be dug ruined on arrival in two areas on both days ~~[illegible]~~ note other shelter may be avail in MM area.

On arrival in area all personnel armed with rifle will carry 50 rds ammo. When any party is moved away from Gun Posns SAA ammo to be readily access at all times for LMG & rifles

Therm Bombs 16 Bde Order

Sentries normal sentries for Btys in action will be mounted each night from 1700 to 0630 hrs. Each sub unit guard will stand to from 0530 hrs to 0600.

Password a Bde Gp Password each



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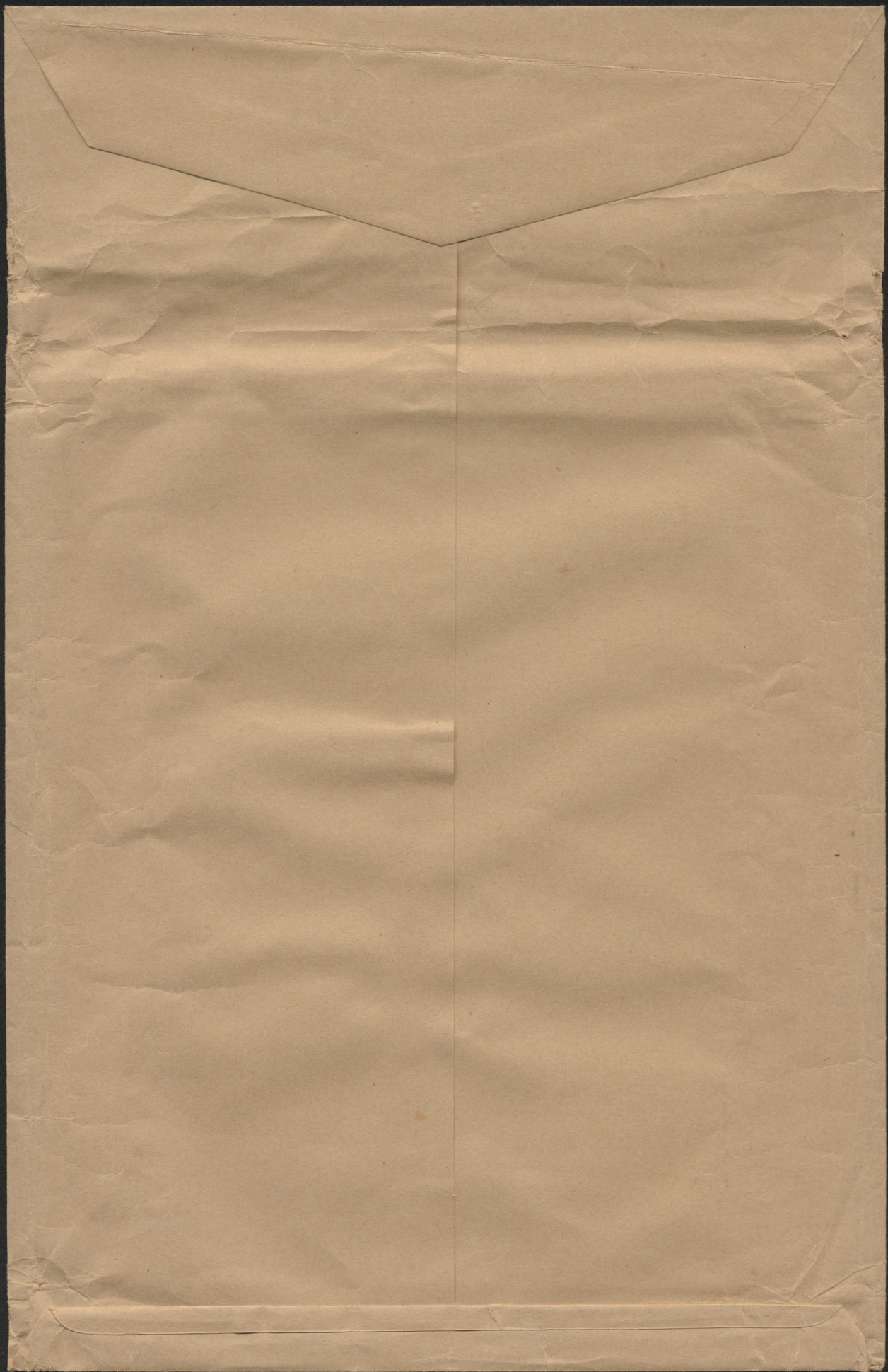

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