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Unit 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt. Date and Time.—From 1 Jan., 42 To 31 Jan., 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
QASTINA	1 Jan.		Routine maintenance was carried out during the morning, and all ranks were given a free afternoon.	
	2 Jan.		The 15 Aust. Fd. Bty. carried out exercises in quick deployment in the area QASTINA - EL FALUJA - JULIS.	
	3 Jan.	Morning	The 15 Aust. Fd. Bty. carried out troop exercises in the QASTINA training area.	
		Afternoon	A lecture was given to all officers by Lt.-Col. WHITEHEAD, 2/2 Aust. M.G. Bn., on "The First Phase of the Libyan Campaign."	
	4 Jan.		Very heavy rain interfered with all work.	
	5 Jan.		Sub-units were given permission to hold convoy exercises and visits were made to the snow in the HEBRON Hills.	
	6 Jan.		The 15 Aust. Fd. Bty. provided a Military Patrol to QASTINA village under Lieut. E.L. GARROTT.	See Appendix "A".
	7 Jan.		The 58 Aust. Fd. Bty. held quick deployment exercises in the area QASTINA - EL FALUJA - JULIS.	
	8 Jan.		The 16 Aust. Fd. Bty. held similar exercises.	
		Afternoon	The C.O. received a Warning Order that an advance party was to be ready to move to SYRIA.	
	9 Jan.		The 16 Aust. Fd. Bty. carried out exercises with the 2/28 Aust. Inf. Bn. in the JULIS area.	
		1430 hrs.	The C.O. and advance party left for SYRIA.	
		1500 hrs.	The field firing practice which was to have been held at BIR A SLUJ was cancelled.	See Appendix "B".
	10 Jan.		The 15 Aust. Fd. Bty. held troop exercises in the QASTINA Training Area.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
QASTINA	11 Jan.	0900 hrs.	A full Regimental Parade was held before Church Parade and a practice March Past ~~were~~ WAS carried out in preparation for the inspection by the G.O.C., A.I.F. (M.E.).	
JULIS.	12 Jan.		The regiment was moved by M.T. to JULIS where it took part in the annual inspection and address by the G.O.C., A.I.F. (M.E.)	See Appendix "C".
QASTINA	13 Jan.		Final preparations were made by all sub-units for the moving of personnel and stores to SYRIA by road.	
	14 Jan.	0730 hrs.	The road party left for SYRIA. All available vehicles were taken, and as many men and stores as could be carried. Major A.A. SALTER in comd.	See Appendix "D".
	15 Jan.	0200 hrs.	The rail party (Comd. by Major R.L. JOHNSTON) left QASTINA Camp for EL MAJDAL railway station.	
HAIFA		1310 hrs.	The rail party arrived at HAIFA, ~~were~~ WAS fed there, and embussed for SYRIA.	
JDAIDE		1700 hrs.	The road party arrived at JDAIDE, SYRIA, having spent the night of 14-15 Jan. at EZ ZIB Staging Camp.	
	16 Jan.	0300 hrs.	The rail party arrived at JDAIDE, SYRIA.	
	17 Jan.	0800 hrs.	The rear party of the 2/4 Aust. Fd. Regt. left JDAIDE for QASTINA. The day was spent in settling in in the new camp.	
	18) 19) Jan.		Both days were spent in making complete reconnaissance of gun and O.P. areas.	
	20 Jan.		The regimental survey party commenced surveying the gun and O.P. areas.	
	21 Jan.		The 58 Aust. Fd. Bty. held troop and battery deployment exercises along the HOMS road.	

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JDAIDE	22 Jan.		The 16 Aust. Fd. Bty. held similar exercises.	
	23 Jan.		The 15 Aust. Fd. Bty. held similar exercises.	
	24 Jan.		Major W.J. GREEN left for TIBERIAS on special duty.	
	25 Jan.		All sub-units held convoy driving exercises in the JDAIDE area to accustom drivers to the changed driving conditions.	
	26 Jan.	0800 hrs.	No. 1 Survey Party (Bdr. CASEY N.E. in charge) left for TIBERIAS to report to Major GREEN for special duty.	
		1000 hrs.	The C.O. left JDAIDE for JERUSALEM to inspect a new type of 25-pdr. gun pit.	
	26) 27)Jan. 28)		The 58 Aust. Fd. Bty. went out every day on deployment exercises along HOMS road.	
	28 Jan.	2200 hrs.	The C.O. returned from JERUSALEM.	
	29 Jan.	0800 hrs.	The 16 Aust. Fd. Bty. ledt JDAIDE on a two-day exercise along the HOMS Road.	
	30 Jan.		The 1 5 and 58 Aust. Fd. Btys. worked on the construction of their gun emplacements in the TRIPOLI Fortress Area (Note - Since arriving at JDAIDE, all batteries in camp sent working parties to their gun areas on all days when the weather was suitable).	
	31 Jan.		Lieut. CASH, Photographer of the Public Relations Branch, British Army, left for CAIRO. He had been with the regiment for four days taking panorama photographs from the O.P's.	

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Appendix 'A'

REPORT ON VISIT TO QASTINA VILLAGE.

In accordance with instructions, a Patrol of 30 men under the command Lieut. E.L. Garrott and accompanied by Interpreter Merkin, visited Qastina Village on Tuesday, 6 Jan., 42. Sgt. Watson K.H., the interpreter and I visited the home of the Muktar, Salih Yussuf, who was ill in bed, but he issued an invitation for us to enter his house.

General conversation took place and the Muktar stated that on the previous occasion of a visit to him by a party, he had requested that the village be supplied with a Wireless Set. He repeated the request, and was told that it would be forwarded to the proper authorities.

As instructed, the following matters were particularly discussed:-

Seed Wheat.

The Muktar stated that Qastina Village has enough of its own seed. The government provided 200 Kilos of Australian Wheat for trial.

Method of Agriculture.

The land is ploughed in the ordinary way, only 1500 denams being ploughed by tractor. Although it is known that the latter method is best, they consider the cost too great. Part of the land is left fallow for four or five months. The land ploughed by tractor is for the summer crop. Australian conditions were discussed and the Muktar informed of our methods of sowing fallow with clover, serving the double purpose of providing feed for sheep and cattle and fertilizing soil for crops of cereals.

The Muktar showed no interest in afforestation and saw no purpose in planting trees in the village.

The war situation was discussed and the present position made clear to the Muktar.

Signed E.L. GARROTT Lt.

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Appendix 'F'

2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt.,
3 Feb., 42.

REPORT BY M.O. FOR JAN., 42.

The health of the troops has been very good. There have been no cases of malaria or dysentery and only one V.D.

Hygiene and Sanitation - Good.

Ration - Good and Sufficient.

Brian L Keelings Capt.

R.M.O., 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

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Appendix "E"

R.H.Q.
8 AUST FD REGT
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8 AUST FD REGT - OFFICERS SCHOOLS JAN 1942.

Lieut L.F. Lette. Lieut F.J. Gunn.	) 1st Aust Corps Ski School) 15 Dec - 5 Jan
Lieut H.W. Spry	) AIF (ME) Intellegence School) 4 Jan - 15 Feb
Lieut S. Smith.	)AIF (ME) Jnr Offrs School)5 Jan - 18 Jan
Lieut J.A. Allison. Lieut T.D. Smith	) AIF (ME) School of Arty) 4- 27 Jan
Capt M. Robinson	) AIF (ME) A.A.O.C. School) 5 - 11 Jan
Lieut R.G. Collins	) Tng in Use of Tracked Vehicles) 5 - 19 Jan
Lieut J.R. Dench	) AIF (ME) Jnr Offrs School) 19 Jan - 1 Feb
Maj F.D. Stevens	) ME School of Arty. Bty & Tp Comds) Course 26 Jan - 7 Feb
Lieut J.L. Steer	) ME School of Arty Obs of Fire) 2 - 7 Feb
Lieut F.E.L.Adlard	) M.T. Instructors Course) 18 Dec - 2 Feb

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Appendix "G"

"Q" ACTIVITIES DURING JANUARY 42.

This month has been very busy from a Q point of view, mainly because of the move from QASTINA to JDAIDE. From 3Jan to 12 Jan the Q.M. was attending an A.A.O.C. Administration School at Tel-el-Kebir.

The advance party to Jdaide included the Bdr in charge of Technical stores, who assisted Capt Kneebone in the receiving and checking of accommodation stores from the outgoing Unit, and making the necessary contacts for the provision of Supplies for the Main body.

The Q.M. & R.Q.M.S. remained at Qastina for one clear day after the departure of the Mainbody and all accommodation stores on Unit charge were handed over to the incoming Unit, all W.E. on charge being taken with the Regiment.

Sixteen telescopes sighting No 29 were withdrawn from this Unit and handed over to HQ RAA 7 AUST DIV prior to leaving QASTINA and on arrival at JDAIDE a further two were transferred. One Trailer Arty No 27 Mk.1.L was transferred to 2/12 Aust Field Regiment.

From the time of arrival until the end of the month, most of the time was taken up with the furnishing of returns. Accommodation Stores are very short, and most of the members of the Regiment have no seating provision at meal times.

The supply of boots has been very limited, and with so much wet weather, this has been a serious matter. Fortunately over the last few days this has been eased considerably. Some new supplies have arrived, also repairing materials, and boots left at Barbara for repair have been delivered by D.A.D.O.S. 9 Aust Div. Distilled water and electrolyte are still unobtainable from Ordnance, and unless supplies soon become available, battery maintenance figures for this Unit may be large.

The rations supplied to the Unit in the present position are not by anymeans excellent; vegetables lack variety, being mostly cabbages turnips and onions; but the supplementary allowance enables potatoes to be provided on occasions. The meat supplied is very coarse grained and when cooked is very tough, consequently a percentage finds its way into the refuse bins from the mess huts.

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~~which has caused delay in the running of M.T.~~

Trouble has been caused because of the water found in petrol supplied and it has been found necessary to drain and clean pumps and carburettors of M.T. at least every fourth day.

W Johnson Capt

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Appendix "H"

8 Aust. Fd. Regt.,
6 Feb., 42.

M.T. REPORT - JANUARY, 1942.

The transport position is shown on the undermentioned table:-

	CARS UTILITY.	VANS 15-CWT. OR 1-TON.	LORRIES 3-TON.	LORRIES 30-CWT.	WATER TANKERS 30-CWT.	TRACTORS.	ARMOURED O.P's.	MOTOR CYCLES.
W.E.	1	59	28	Nil	4	36	9	46.
Received	1 (D/S)	14	6	12	3	36	Nil.	3
Deficiency	-	45	22	-	1	-	9	43
Surplus	-	-	-	12	-	-	9	-

To say that it is grim is putting it mildly, and mobile training is carried on under great difficulty, and only by imposing undue strain on all vehicles.

We are able by pooling vehicles to turn out one complete battery instead of three, which means that the batteries go out two days at a time, and vehicles are handed over to the next bty. and so on, so that vehicles are on the go day after day without a rest. Careful attention to maintenance has enabled the vehicles to keep going - an important feature of this method is that a driver always remains with his own vehicle.

Speaking generally, vehicles give a good performance, especially in the case of Vans 1-ton which are most reliable, have a good load capacity and economical on petrol. 30-cwts. are not suitable for artillery work. Drivers are now experienced after about 10 months continuous driving, three months in PALESTINE, six months in the desert, and one month in the hills of SYRIA, and accidents due to negligence or bad driving are very rare indeed.

W J Leon
Major

WJG/AH/11/42.

2i/c. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

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Appendix "B"

SECRET.

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8 Jan., 42.

8 AUST. FD. REGT.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIELD FIRING PRACTICE.

Ref. Maps : BEERSHEBA 1:100,000.
RAFAH-BEERSHEBA 1:50,000.

FIELD FIRING.

1. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt. will carry out practice at BIR ASLUJ Arty. Range on 10-11 Jan., 42.

I.G's.

2. Obs. Shooting I.G. - C.O. and B.C. of Bty. not practicing.

A/Tk. Shooting I.G. - B.C. of Bty. practicing.

PRACTICES (each Tp.)

3. (a) Obs. Shooting on NORTH range consisting of Smoke screen (14 rds. H.E., 33 rds. Smoke), Advance 2-3 miles and immediate neutralization (24 rds. H.E.).

(b) A/Tk. Shooting on SOUTH Range at "hull down" tanks 600-800 yds. away (24 rds. H.E.). Two layers per gun, each 3 rds.

PROGRAMME.

4. Morning 10 Jan.
Obs. S. 16 Fd. Bty.
Afternoon 10 Jan.
Obs. S. 58 Fd. Bty.
) A/Tk. S. 58 Fd. Bty., 15 Fd. Bty. if possible, 16 Fd. Bty.

Morning 11 Jan.
Obs. S. 15 Fd. Bty.

TACTICAL PICTURE.

5. (a) A/Tk. S. None : Course shooting.

(b) Obs. S. Each Bty. in turn will be considered as supporting a Sqn. of an Arm'd Regt. which is pursuing an enemy withdrawing through EL KHALASA (117 056).

Bty. Comds. will meet Sqn. Comd. as follows:-

16 Bty. Kilostone 117 (1285 0470) at 0830 hrs.

58 Bty. Kilostone 120 (1270 0456)

15 Bty. Kilostone 120 (1270 0456) at 0830 hrs.

VEHICLES.

6. At conclusion of their Obs. S., 16 & 58 Fd. Btys. will hand over to 58 & 15 Btys. the additional vehicles to complete a Bty. at a place to be mutually decided in vicinity of Kilo 120-121.

ARRIVAL AT RANGE AREA.

7. (a) 16 Fd. Bty. will move from their Bn. exercise on 9 Jan. to the Range to be ready for deployment at 0830 hrs. 10 Jan.

(b) 58 Fd. Bty. will move on 9 Jan. (ferrying if necessary).

(c) 15 Fd. Bty. will move on 10 Jan. (ferrying if necessary).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIELD FIRING PRACTICE (cont'd.)

SAFETY.

8. (a) 12 Aust. Fd. Regt. will be responsible for safety.

(b) One safety offr. per Bty., empowered to STOP any gun not laid safe.

(c) Included in safety precautions will be:-

(i) NO round will be fired at a greater elevation than 10,000^{x}.

(ii) NO round will fall outside Zone of Fire to be notified by I.G.

(iii) NO round will fall within 1,000^{x} of the O.P's.

(iv) The range area will be cleared of animals and unauthorised persons.

(v) Rds. and tracks leading towards the target area will be picquetted.

MEDICAL.

9. An Ambulance with three men will report to R.M.O., 8 Aust. Fd. Regt., at Police Station, BIR ASLUJ, at 0800 hrs. each morning. Petrol and rations from 8 Fd. Regt.

FEEDING NON-BTY. PERSONNEL.

10. 58 Fd. Bty. will be responsible for feeding the following, from incl. evening meal 9 Jan. to incl. midday meal 10 Jan. when 15 Fd. Bty. will take over until incl. midday meal 11 Jan.

R.H.Q.	7
A.A.M.C. (Additional)	8
12 Fd. Regt.	11

L.A.D.

11. O.C., 64 L.A.D. will supply detachment, to move in rear of 58 Fd. Bty. at 1030 hrs. 9 Jan., 42.

ACK.

Time of Issue ..1645..

Method of Issue ..DR..

Capt.

Adj. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

Distribution:-	Copy No.
15 Fd. Bty.	1
16 Fd. Bty.	2
58 Fd. Bty.	3
64 L.A.D.	4
Comd.	5
2 i/c.	6
Q.M.	7
R.M.O.	8
H.Q., R.A.A., 9 Aust. Div. (for inf.)	9
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Appendix 'C'

SECURITY.

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10 Jan., 42.

8 AUST. FD. REGT.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR

INSPECTION BY G.O.C. A.I.F. (M.E.)

1. The G.O.C., A.I.F. (M.E.) desires to inspect units in JULIS Camp on 12 Jan., 42.

2. Parade Ground will be the sports' ground, S.W. of H.Q., 9 Aust. Div., JULIS Camp.

3. AREAS.

(a) Assembly area QASTINA - Regtl. Parade Ground (West of Cinema).

(b) Embussing point QASTINA - Road Cinema to Bty. Admin. block.

(c) Debussing point JULIS - Road 2/24 Bn. H.Q. to Cinema JULIS.

(d) Assembly area JULIS - Area North of Cinema JULIS.

(e) Embussing point JULIS - As for 3(c) above.

(f) Debussing point QASTINA - As for 3(b) above.

4. TIMING.

Regtl. Parade	-	0825 hrs.
Embus QASTINA	-	0850 hrs.
Depart QASTINA	-	0900 hrs.
Arrive JULIS	-	0925 hrs.
Depart Assembly Area	-	0942 hrs.
Arrive Parade Ground	-	0953 hrs.
Steady	-	0955 hrs.

5. MARKERS.

One marker to report to Camp Fd. Offr. at LAIS, Parade Ground at 0930 hrs.

6. PROCEDURE PARADE.

G.O.C., A.I.F. (M.E.) arrives - General Salute.
Inspection by G.O.C.
March past by Batteries - Address - General Salute.

7. FORMATION WITHIN REGT.

(a) Four equal Sub-units will be formed - R.H.Q., 15, 16 & 58 Btys. (to be adjusted by R.S.M. on Regtl. Parade).

(b) SIZING. Tallest on the flanks,
Shortest in the centre.

Tps. will be embussed as in adjusted sub-units, on debussing, form up in similar order.

8. TRANSPORT.

As per Appendix 'A'.

9. SALUTING.

On 'General Salute' all officers will salute.
On 'March Past' all officers will salute.

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10. WORDS OF COML.

Executive portion of words of command given by Bde. Comd. will be given by flag signal.

11. CONCLUSION OF PARADE.

On order of Bde. Comd., regt. will move to assembly area JULIS.

12. DRESS.

O.R's. Service Dress - Hats (turned up) - Web Equipment (less pouches, packs, haversacks, water bottles).

OFFRS. Service Dress (Offrs'. pattern), Hats (turned up), Waist belt (stripped), Canes and sticks not carried, Gloves not worn.

13. REHEARSAL.

Regtl. parade 0915 hrs. 11 Jan., 42.

14. All ranks, except essential duties will attend both rehearsal and parade.

15. SYNCHRONIZATION.

Synchronize B.B.C. Time Signal.

16. ACK.

Capt.

Adj. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

Distribution:-

15 Aust. Fd. Bty.	1-4
16 Aust. Fd. Bty.	5-8
58 Aust. Fd. Bty.	9-12
64 L.A.D.	13
F Sec. Sigs.	14
Comd.	15
2 i/c.	16
Adj.	17
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SECURITY.

11 Jan., 42.

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APPENDIX 'A' AND AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO

8 AUST. FD. REGT.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSPECTION BY G.O.C., A.I.F. (M.E.)

1. TRANSPORT.

Transport will be supplied to this unit. Twenty nine 3-ton trucks are to report to this unit at 0900 hrs. 12 Jan., 42. Vehicles will be loaded as follows:-

(a) front seat - driver and one man.

(b) body of vehicle - 17 men.

2. Para. 4 of above instruction is amended as follows:-

Regtl. parade to arrive JULIS - add 30 minutes.

Depart assembly area to Steady - add 40 minutes.

Capt.

Adj. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

Distribution:-

15 Aust. Fd. Bty.	1-4
15 Aust. Fd. Bty.	5-8
58 Aust. Fd. Bty.	9-12
64 L.A.D.	13
F Sec. Sigs.	14
Comd.	15
2 i/c.	16
Adj.	17
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Appendix "D"

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12 Jan., 42.

2/8 AUST. FD. REGT. Movement ORDER NO. 1.

Ref. Maps -

JAFFA - TEL AVIV	1:100,000
TULKARM	1:100,000
ZIKHRON YA - QOV	1:100,000
HAIFA	1:100,000
BEYROUTH	1:200,000
TRIPOLI	1:200,000

INFORMATION.

1. 9 Aust. Div. issto relieve 7 Aust. Div. in SYRIA.

INTENTION.

2. R.A.A., 9 Aust. Div., will move to TRIPOLI area and take over from R.A.A., 7 Aust. Div.

METHOD.

3. 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt. will move by Rail party and Road party (comprising unit First line tpt.)

(a) BAGGAGE PARTY.

Officer i/c. 16 Bty.

R.H.Q.	15 BTY.	16 BTY.	58 BTY.
3 O.R's.	1 Sgt. & 3 O.R's.	3 O.R's.	3 O.R's.

(b) OFFRS. & SGTS. MESS GEAR.

Officers' & Sgts'. Mess Gear ready for loading - stacked on verandah - 1530 hrs. 13 Jan. Officers and Sgts. will provide own eating utensils for subsequent meals.

(c) LOADING PARTIES.

i. All vehicles will be loaded and ready to move by 2359 hrs. 13 Jan, 42.

ii. OFFICERS' KITS. Steel Trunks will be stacked on verandah by 0930 hrs. 13 Jan., 42.

iii. Following party will report to R.Q.M.S. at 0930 hrs. 13 Jan., 42:

15 Bty. - 1 officer, 30 cwt. truck & driver.

16 Bty. - 1 30 cwt. truck, driver & 4 O.R's.

58 Bty. - 1 N.C.O. & 4 O.R's.

(d) ENTRAINING & EMBUSSING PARTY.

Lt. EDWARDS, Officer i/c., 1 N.C.O. & 4 O.R's. from R.H.Q.

CAMP STORES.

4. All Camp stores will be returned to R.Q.M.S. by 2000 hrs. 13 Jan., 42. Palliasses will not be taken from present location,

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MEALS.

5. All meals after the evening meal on 13 Jan., 42, will be prepared by individuals - Bty. Capts. will arrange for the issue of rations to personnel..

A/GAS CLOTHING.

6. All personnel of rail party will be issued with capes and gloves a/gas.

BLANKETS.

7. All personnel will be issued with an extra blanket (making total per man 5).

TNG. STORES.

8. All G1098 stores will be taken.

MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL. The following numbers of personnel will move by road at a time to be notified:-

9. ROAD PARTY.

(a)	OFFRS.	O.R's.	VEHS.
R.H.Q.	Officer i/c., Maj. Salter, Adj., R.M.O., Padre.	24	All 1st line tpt.
15 Aust. Fd. Bty.	3	72	" " " "
16 Aust. Fd. Bty.	3	77	" " " "
58 Aust. Fd. Bty.	3	74	" " " "
F Sec. Sigs.	1	8	" " " "
64 L.A.D.	-	14	" " " "

(b) MAPS.

Rd. Maps will be drawn by Officer i/c. of Rd. Party from R.H.Q. if available.

(c) DRIVERS.

All drivers will be instructed in driving on frozen or slippery roads - (vide - memo issued 11 Jan.).

(d) LOADING.

VEHICLES LESS TRACTOR:-

1 Driver
1 relief driver or officer
1 O.R. as guard (Batman can be used as guard).

TRACTOR:-

1 driver
1 sgt.
3 O.R's.

VEHICLES.

Vehicles will be loaded with stores to maximum capacity - not less than 2/3 weight designation.

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(e) ROAD PARTIES - STAGING.

Road parties will stage as follows:-

(i) From GAZA (for TRIPOLI) - AZZIB Camp.
(ii) From GAZA (for ALEPPO) } - First night AZZIB Camp - second night TRIPOLI.
(iii) For LATTAKIA }

(f) Actual allotment at staging areas will be notified on arrival of Road Party.

(g) MEALS - hot tea will be provided as follows:-

(i) At LEGOULT Barracks for all tps. arriving from or moving to ALEPPO or LATTAQUIE by road under arrangements 7 AUST. DIV.

(ii) At ACRE for all staging parties under arrangements PAL. Base and L. of C. Sub Area.

(h) WINTER CLOTHING - Leather jerkins and special issues of winter or waterproof clothing made to 7 AUST. DIV. to be collected from units and handed over to incoming formation.

(i) Daily advance parties of three loaded vehs. will leave ½-hr. in advance of main party and will proceed with speed consonant with safety to day's destination to assist in guiding to staging or debussing points.

(j) P.O.L. All vehs. will carry P.O.L. for 250 miles from camp area and re-fuelling points are available at ACRE and TRIPOLI.

(k) MEDICAL. Medical arrangements for the moves are being made as follows:-

(i) NORTH of SYRIAN Border - 1 Aust. Corps.

(ii) SOUTH of SYRIAN Border - PAL. Base and L. of C. Area.

(l) Route for Rd. Movement. For units moving NORTH:-

ISTUD YIBNA - GEDERA - AQIR - LYDDA - WILHELMA - HADERA BINYAMINA - HAIFA - ACRE - BEIRUT - TRIPOLI - LATTAQUIE - ALEPPO.

(m) SPEED AND DENSITY.

15 m.i.h.) vehs. move in groups of approx. 30 vehs.
)
20 v.t.m.) as arranged by O.C. Convoy, interval of half mile between groups.

(n) HALTS. Ten minutes at end of first two, four and nine hours. One hour at the end of five hours. At halts vehs. will pull off rd. as far as possible, unit arranging traffic control at each end of coln. Vehs. must not approach closer than 80 yds.

(o) RD. DISCIPLINE. Instructions as to timings, speed, density and halts are to be strictly adhered to.

(p) LOADING OF VEHICLES. Vehs. will be loaded on the basis of full store capacity.

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10. RAIL PARTIES.

(a) Following approximate numbers of personnel will move by rail at a time to be notified:-

	OFFRS.	O.R'S.
R.H.Q.	2	34
15 Aust. Fd. Bty.	5	117
16 Aust. Fd. Bty.	4	115
58 Aust. Fd. Bty.	3	106
F Sec. Sigs.	-	14

(b) Rail movements will be effected in three stages :-

i. MAJDAL to HAIFA - by rail.

ii. HAIFA to TRIPOLI) and LATTAQUIE) - by road, under arrangements MOV NINTH Army.

iii. TRIPOLI-ALEPPO - by rail.

(c) Officer in charge of train, Major R.L. JOHNSTON, who will be responsible for entraining, detraining, embussing and debussing arrangements. Care will be taken that preliminary marking of compartments is completed before arrival of troops.

(d) Departure times shown are those for movement of train or head of M.R. coln.

Units will arrive at entrainment points, if possible, two hours before time of departure, and at embussing points at least one hour before departure.

(e) M.T. for move of rail parties and baggage from Camp to MAJDAL Station is being arranged by Div. H.Q.. Vehs. will report to Unit lines three(3) hours prior to departure of train. Units will be responsible that vehicles arrive at MAJDAL Sta two (2) hours before train departure.

(f) Stores. (i) Stores not taken by Road party will be loaded under Unit arrangements.
(ii) Where baggage van is limited on the train, care will be taken tha t heavier baggage is placed in van. Light baggage and kit bags in these circumstances, will be loa ded in other compartments or carried by the tps in own compartments.
(iii) Adequate guards,loading and unloading parties, must accompany stores.

(g) Meals. (i) Three day's dry rations will be carried.
(ii) Hot meals
(a) Hot meals will be provided at HAIFA Rly Sta

(h) Loading of M.T. Vehs will be loaded to full capacity of stores. or 20 or 12 personnel to 3 Ton or 30 Cwt vehs, respectively.

11. Cleanliness of Lines All lines will be thoroughly cleared of tins, paper etc. by 1800 hrs 13 Jan 42. A final inspection will be carried out by Sub-Unit Comds, and completed one hour prior to move of personnel. Comds will report to C.O. on completion of inspection. Tents will be closed and flaps rolled down.

12. Clothing. When unitsdepart it is the custom for Arabs to approac personnel for unwanted clothing. No clothing, stores or equipment whatever is to be given or sold to Arabs. Unwanted clothing to be returned to Regtl Q.M. Store.

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13. MEDICAL.

(a) RMO and one orderly to move by road.
(b) Remainder to RMO's staff to move by rail.
(c) Rail party to be provided with first aid supplies.

14. INTERCOMM.

(a) Fwd H Q 2/8 Aust Fd Regt opened at BSARMA before 0900 hrs 12 Jan 42.
(b) Rear H Q 2/8 Aust Fd Regt will close at present location at the departure of the Regt from QASTINA.

15. ACK.

Method of Issue D R.
Time of Issue 1930 hrs.

Capt.
Adj.
2/8 Aust Field Regt.

DISTRIBUTION.

15 Aust Fd Bty	1 - 3
16 Aust Fd Bty	4 - 6
58 Aust Fd Bty	7 - 9
F Sec Sigs	10-11
64 L.A.D.	12
Comd	13
S 1/c	14
Adj	15
R.M.O.	16
Q .M.	17
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13 Jan., 42.

2/8 AUST. FD. REGT. MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 2.

TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH 2/8 AUST. FD. REGT. MOVEMENT ORDER NO.1.

Ref. Maps - JAFFA-TEL AVIV 1:100,000.
TULKARM 1:100,000.
ZIKHRON YA - QOV 1:100,000.
HAIFA 1:100,000.
BEYROUTH 1:200,000.
TRIPOLI 1:200,000.

INFORMATION.

1. Rd. party will move on Wednesday 14 Jan., 42.

METHOD.

2. (a) ADVANCE PARTY.

One T.S.M. from each Bty. will move with Adj. as advance party. To report to R.H.Q., ready to move at 0645 hrs.

One D.R. to move with Advance Party.

(b) ORDER OF MARCH.

R.H.Q.
15 Aust. Fd. Bty.
16 Aust. Fd. Bty.
58 Aust. Fd. Bty.
F Sec. Sigs.
R.M.O.
Ambulance.
64 L.A.D.

(c) MOVE TO S.P.

R.H.Q.)
15 Aust. Fd. Bty.) via Cinema.

16 Aust. Fd. Bty.)
58 Aust. Fd. Bty.) via Laundry.

One minute between sub-units.

S.T. 0728 hrs.

S.P. BRIDGE (Ref. map) 1271 1268 QASTINA.

Speed and density - 15 m.i.h.
20 v.t.m.

RATIONS.

3. Rations for four days will be carried.

SMALL ARMS.

4. Each man armed with rifle will carry 50 rds. S.A.A.

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INTERCOMM.

5. D.R. to report head of unit at all halts.

Runner from each Sub-unit with bedding, etc., to report R.H.Q. immediately on arrival in bivouac area.

Synchronization R.H.Q. 0700 hrs.

6. ACK.

Method of Issue

Time of Issue

Capt.

Adj. 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

DISTRIBUTION:-

15 Aust. Fd. Bty.	1-3
16 Aust. Fd. Bty.	4-6
58 Aust. Fd. Bty.	7-9
F Sec. Sigs.	10-11
64 L.A.D.	12
Comd.	13
2 i/c.	14
Adj.	15
R.M.O.	16
Q.M.	17
R.S.M.	18
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212 DUTIES.

Duty Bty.	----------	16 Aust. Fd. Bty.
Next for Duty	----------	16 Aust. Fd. Bty.
R.O.O.	----------	Lieut. T.D. Smith.
Next for Duty	----------	Lieut. T.D. Smith.
Guard Commander	---------	Lieut. G.O. Harris.
Next for Duty	----------	Lieut. J.R. Bench.
R.C.S.	----------	Sgt. McNeal S.A.
Next for Duty	----------	Sgt. McNeal S.A.

213 CAMOUFLAGE OF TENTS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 525)

Prompt action will be taken by Sub-units for tents to be splashed with mud to remove their conspicuous whiteness and during the rainy season the camouflage WILL be renewed as necessary.

214 HAIFA - PARKING OF VEHICLES. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 526)

The official WD vehicle park in HAIFA is located in Plumer Square.
Parking of vehicles in front of the Field Cash Office in Jaffa Road is specifically prohibited.

215 S.I.B. PROVOST SERVICE - VACANCY. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 531).

A vacancy exists for a W.O.II in the Special Investigation Branch Provost Service, to be attached for duty with H.Q., 9 Aust. Div.
Applications are called for from Sub-units to fill this vacancy to reach R.E.Q. by 1200 hrs. 4 Jan., 42. They will include particulars of service and qualifications.

216 SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS. (Extract from A.I.F. (M.E.) R.O. 869)

Captured German documents refer to the valuable information which has been obtained from the diaries of British prisoners of war. It is once more pointed out that personnel going into action, or going into areas where there is possibility of contact with the enemy, are forbidden to carry any personal papers which could possibly be of use to the enemy. Addressed envelopes are included in these restrictions.

217 MILITARY PAMPHLETS, NOTEBOOKS, PAPERS, ETC., DESPATCHED IN UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE. (Extract from A.I.F. (M.E.) R.O. 868)

(i) Pamphlets, notebooks, papers, etc., concerning military subjects are being despatched in unaccompanied baggage. It is appreciated that it is not always possible for officers to carry such documents with them when travelling, and that their duties may be interfered with if the ordinary censorship rules are applied in these cases.

(ii) Officers who wish to send such documents in their unaccompanied baggage will place them together in one package with a certificate from their C.O. listing the documents and stating that they are required by the officer for his service duties. The documents will then be released by the censorship authorities.

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(iii) In no circumstances will documents of a higher classification than "Not to be Published" be sent in unaccompanied baggage.

(iv) This will apply only to baggage which is labelled to a military address. Documents which are directed to private addresses (hotels, pensions, etc.) will be retained by the censorship authorities in the usual way.

R.B. Kaiser
..... Capt.
Adj. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

N O T I C E S.

R.C. CHURCH SERVICES. R.C. Chaplain wishes to meet all R.C. personnel in the Recreation Room at 1600 hrs. 3 Jan., 42.

R.C. Church Parade at Cinema at 0830 hrs. 4 Jan., 42.

PROTESTANT CHURCH SERVICES, Sunday, 4 Jan., 42.

Communion	0730 hrs.	Writing Room.
General Service	0930 hrs.	Cinema.
Song Service	1930 hrs.	Recreation Room.

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211 DUTIES.

Duty Bty.	----------	16 Aust. Fd. Bty.
Next for Duty	----------	16 Aust. Fd. Bty.
R.O.O.	----------	Lieut. T.D. Smith.
Next for Duty	----------	Lieut. T.D. Smith.
Guard Commander	--------	Lieut. K.C. Batiste.
Next for Duty	----------	Lieut. G.O. Harris.
R.O.S.	----------	Sgt. McNeal S.A.
Next for Duty	----------	Sgt. McNeal S.A.

[illegible] Capt.
Adj. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

N O T I C E S.

SUPPLEMENTARY CIGARETTE ISSUE. This issue is portion of a gift of 100,000 cigarettes presented to 9 Aust. Div. by Mr. E.H. WICKHAM, 1 Birkley Place, Elizabeth Bay, SYDNEY, and supplemented by the G.O.C., 9 Aust. Div.

LOST - Watch in canteen - engraved M.B.W. & a date.

LOST - Small round ladies watch, 'Morris' make, black ribbon band, Reward offerred. Finders of these two watches please return to R.H.Q.

FOUND - Money belt and Fountain pen - Owners may apply for same at R.H.Q.

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218 DUTIES.

Duty Bty. ---------- 15 Aust. Fd. Bty.
Next for Duty ---------- 15 Aust. Fd. Bty.

R.O.C. ---------- Lieut. R.E. Richardson.
Next for Duty ---------- Lieut. R.E. Richardson.

Guard Commander -------- Lieut. N.P. Cannington.
Next for Duty ---------- Lieut. E.W.H. Cowper.

R.O.S. ---------- Sgt. H.G. Davies.
Next for Duty ---------- Sgt. H.G. Davies.

219 UNIDENTIFIED PROPERTY - A.I.F. (M.E.) KIT STORE. (Extract from A.I.F. (M.E.) R.O. 897.
There is a number of unidentified articles of private property at A.I.F. (M.E.) Kit Store.
Persons who have lost private property from their kits while stored at the Kit Store should forward a detailed description of such articles to R.H.Q.

22 AIRMAIL TO AUSTRALIA - LIMITATION OF WEIGHT. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 538)

1. Owing to the limited space at present available for the conveyance of air mails to AUSTRALIA, it is of prime importance that the weight of the mail loading should be kept as low as possible.

2. So far as possible air mail letter cards should be used in lieu of letters, and letters should be restricted to a maximum of two sheets of air mail paper in order to cut down weight.

3. It is desired, as far as possible, to avoid having to hold mails over for later despatch, and the co-operation of all ranks in curtailing the weight of correspondence to be conveyed will materially assist in this direction.

221 E.F.M. CABLES. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 539.)
All ranks are informed that the present position regarding the E.F.M. cable service is that cable channels are at present unable to provide adequate accomodation for this type of traffic which should therefore be used only when essential.

222 DENTURES - LOSSES AND REPAIRS. (Extract from A.I.F. (M.E.) R.O. 898).
Unless a Commanding Officer is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that loss or damage to dentures was due to no fault of the soldier, cost of renewal or repair will be charged to the soldier.

223 UNAUTHORISED POSSESSION OF ARMS, AMN. OR EXPLOSIVES. (Extract from Camp Routine Orders Pt. 1 No. 2/42 Para. 2.)
Personnel in possession of unauthorised arms, amn. and explosives will hand them in to Q.M. stores IMMEDIATELY.
The possession by any Offrs., N.C.O's. and men of any unauthorised arms, amn. or explosives is forbidden and will constitute a Court Martial offence.
This order will be read to all personnel present on parade on three consecutive days.

224 KIT INSPECTIONS FOR UNAUTHORISED ARMS. (Extract from Camp R.O's. Pt. 1 No. 2/42 Para. 3.)

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1. The Kits of all personnel who were absent from Camp during the kit inspection held 2 Jan., 42, are to be inspected on their return.
2. In future the kits of all personnel joining the unit from schools, reinforcement depots, etc., are to be inspected. This is to ensure that unauthorised arms and amn. are not brought in to the Camp.

225 PROPHYLACTIC CENTRES. Sub-units will inform ALL personnel proceeding on leave, immediately prior to departure, of the locations of P.A.C's. in the cities and towns to be visited. Centres are established as follows:-

JERUSALEM	:	Soldiers' Club.
TEL AVIV	:	Provost Office, Hayarkon Street.
JAFFA	:	Tammous Building, Commercial Centre.
GAZA	:	R.A.P. H.Q. Compound.

or

M.P. will inform any soldier of the location of the P.A. Centre of the town in which he is stationed.

..... Capt.
Adj. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

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226 DUTIES.

Duty Bty. ---------- 15 Aust. Fd. Bty.
Next for Duty ---------- 15 Aust. Fd. Bty.

R.O.O. ---------- Lieut. W.J.C. North.
Next for Duty ---------- Lieut. W.J.C. North.

Guard Commander --------- Lieut. J.G. Cuff.
Next for Duty ---------- Lieut. F.W. Rowlands.

R.O.S. ---------- Sgt. Davies H.G.
Next for Duty ---------- Sgt. Davies H.G.

Field Officer, 6/7 Jan. Capt. S.J. Game.

227 ALTERATION OF DUTIES. Normal roster of duties will be suspended as from 8 Jan., 42. The following alterations will take place:-

REGIMENTAL DUTIES.	CAMP DUTIES.
8 Jan.	8 Jan.
15 Bty. mount:-	16 Bty. mount:-
R.O.O.	Camp H.Q. Guard.
R.O.S.	Camp Cinema Picquet.
Regtl. Guard.	
58 Bty. mount:-	58 Bty. mount:-
Regtl. Police.	Cafe Picquet.
9 Jan.	9 Jan.
58 Bty. mount:-	15 Bty. mount:-
R.O.O.	Camp H.Q. Guard.
R.O.S.	Camp Cinema Picquet.
Regtl. Guard.	
16 Bty. mount:-	16 Bty. mount:-
Regtl. Police.	Cafe Picquet.
10 Jan.	10 Jan.
16 Bty. mount:-	58 Bty. mount:-
R.O.O.	Camp H.Q. Guard.
R.O.S.	Camp Cinema Picquet.
Regtl. Guard.	
15 Bty. mount:-	15 Bty. mount:-
Regtl. Police.	Cafe Picquet.

BTY. mounting Regtl. Guard will also supply 1 O.R. Officers' Mess, Sgts'. Mess, 1 O.R. Y.M.C.A.
11-17 Jan. 58 Bty. mount Regtl. Duties.

228 OFFENCES REPORTED BY PROVOST PERSONNEL. A serious view is placed on the increasing number of offences, particularly insubordinate language, against members of Pro. Coys., by members of this unit, whilst on leave. All ranks are informed that future offences of this type will be dealt with accordingly.

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PUNISHMENT.

NO.	RANK.	NAME.	CHARGE.	PUNISHMENT.
WX 7930	Sigmn.	Bamford W.	A.W.L. from 2215 hrs. 1 Jan., 42, to 2200 hrs. 2 Jan., 42.	7 Days' Detention, Forfeit 1 Days Pay.

Capt.

Adj. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

N O T I C E S.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT. Arrangements are being made for same to be held in Recreational Hut on Saturday, 10 Jan. at 1930 hrs. Those wishing to enter may leave names with Y.M.C.A. Corporal by Thursday, 8 Jan., at 2100 hrs.

BOOKS, MAGAZINES are needed for reading in the Recreational Hut.

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230 Duties.

Duty Bty ---------- 15 Aust Fd Bty.
Next for Duty---------- 15 Aust Fd Bty.

R.O.O. ---------- Lieut W.J.C. North.
Next for Duty---------- Lieut W.J.C. North.

Guard Comd ---------- Lieut F.W. Rowlands.
Next for Duty---------- Lieut L.G. Mc Kay.

R.C.S. ---------- Sgt Lord.
Next for Duty---------- L/Sgt Robinson.

231. CINEMA STAGE. All personnel are to be warned that the Stage is out of bounds during Cinema sessions.

232. INTER-CAMP LEAVE. A free inter-camp bus service will commence on Saturday 10 Jan 42. Only O.Rs with leave passes will be allowed to travel.

Further details will be issued separately.

233 AIR-MAIL SERVICE AUSTRALIA.

1. AIF (ME) advise under date 3 Jan 42 that the Air-Mail Service between AUSTRALIA and the MIDDLE EAST has been temporarily suspended.
2. It is hoped to restore communication in the near future, but meanwhile NO mails are being received by air.
3. Air-Mails are being despatched ex MIDDLE EAST to AUSTRALIA but these are also being held up at an intermediate point on rou awaiting the full or partial restoration of the through service.

234. PUNISHMENTS.

	Name.	Offence.	PUNISHMENT.
VX 17135.	Gnr McFarlane W.G.	Failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his C.O.	14 days C.B.

N

Capt.
Adjt 8 Aust Fd Regt.

FOUND.

Conway Stewart Ever Sharp Pencil, apply R.H.Q.

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MAJOR R.L. JOHNSTON.

ADMINISTERING COMMAND 8 AUST. FD. REGT.

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235 TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF C.O. AND 2 i/c.

During the absence of Lt. Col. W.N. TINSLEY and Major W.J. GREEN, Major R.L. JOHNSTON will administer comd. 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

236 DUTIES.

Duty Bty.	----------	58 Aust. Fd. Bty.
Next for Duty	----------	58 Aust. Fd. Bty.
R.O.O.	----------	Lieut. P.M. Bolton.
Next for Duty	----------	Lieut. P.M. Bolton.
Guard Commander	--------	Lieut. E.R. McCallum.
Next for Duty	----------	Lieut. J. Lord.
R.O.S.	----------	L/Sgt. Upton B.V.
Next for Duty	----------	L/Sgt. Upton B.V.

CAMP DUTIES. Field Officer 11/12 Jan. Capt. T.L. Roberts.

8 Aust. Fd. Regt. will continue to be Duty Unit until Retreat on Sunday, 18 Jan., 42.

For period 12 - 17 Jan., 42, 15 Aust. Fd. Bty. will supply Cafe Picquet Officer and 16 Aust. Fd. Bty. will supply the Cinema Picquet Officer.

237 FIELD CENSORSHIP - PHOTOGRAPHY. (Extract from A.I.F. (M.E.) R.O. 904).

1. The indescriminate use of cameras and, in particular, the sending of films to unauthorised photographic dealers has become most prejudical to security. The following regulations are issued for immediate enforcement.

2. Every unit will keep a register showing the rank and name of personnel in possession of cameras. An Officer-in-Charge of Photography will be appointed within each unit. He will be responsible for keeping the register up to date and for ensuring that each member of the unit in possession of a camera is fully acquainted with the provisions of G.H.Q., (M.E.F.) Field Censorship Regulations, 1940, Part 1, Paragraph 10 (published hereunder) and with the list of authorised dealers.

"G.H.Q. (M.E.F.) Field Censorship Regulations, 1940, Part 1, Paragraph 10.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

(i) Photography of the following is prohibited:-

Military vehicles of all sorts.	Tanks.
Signal equipment.	Artillery weapons.
Defences.	Aircraft.
Ships of any kind.	Aerial views.
Aerodromes.	Fortifications.
Camps.	Military Operations.
Diagrams of weapons.	

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(ii) Photographs, films and pictorial matter of any kind will not be despatched to neutral or enemy countries.

(iii) Photographs of a purely personal nature may be included in correspondence, but attention must be paid to the background which must not include anything, the photographing of which is prohibited.

(iv) All ranks are forbidden to join civilian (photographic) clubs or similar institutions, or to exhibit or submit for exhibition photographs taken by them."

3. When a unit proceeds to any zone of active operations, all cameras, with the exception of those referred to below, will be withdrawn by the Officer-in-Charge of Photography, and forwarded for safe custody to Officer-in-Charge, 2nd Echelon, A.I.F. (M.E.). The Officer-in-Charge of Photography may accept a certificate from the owner of a camera that he has deposited it at a bank as an alternative to the above. An exception may be made and one or more authorised unit photographers per unit, as laid down by Commands, permitted to retain cameras with the object of increasing the supply of photographs of value for record and publicity purposes. The Officer-in-Charge of Photography will be held strictly responsible that, in zone of operations, cameras are used only by these authorised unit photographers. Each authorised unit photographer will be issued with a numbered pass under Command Arrangements. On the back of this pass, will appear directions on the following lines:-

"All security films or unit films for record purposes must be forwarded for developing to the following special authorised dealer:-
Messrs. Kodak (EGYPT) S.A., 20 Sharia Adly Pasha, CAIRO.
On no account will security films or unit record films be despatched to any other dealer than the above."

4. Films will on no account be sent by personnel for developing and printing to any other than an approved and authorised dealer. Commands will ensure that lists of authorised dealers in their areas are distributed in sufficient scale; and each authorised dealer should be supplied with a notice board to be hung in a prominent place stating that this dealer has been officially authorised by the British military authorities. It will be the duty of unit Officers-in-Charge of Photography to ensure that all ranks are fully acquainted with this list and do not deal with any dealers or sub-agents other than those on the list. Films belonging to military personnel found in any unauthorised dealers' possession will be confiscated and destroyed and disciplinary action taken against the owner. The number of authorised dealers should and will be increased as and when more censorship personnel are available.

5. Commands will ensure that all films of a security nature and all unit films for record purposes, if not developed by Army personnel, are sent for developing to one firm only - Messrs. Kodak (EGYPT) S.A., 20 Sharia Adly Pasha, CAIRO. As soon as more censorship personnel are available, one firm in each Command will be chosen for such work. Such films will not be sent to any other of the authorised dealers. This includes films of a secret nature to be used solely for record and instructional purposes; and, films taken by official unit photographers of operational activities, etc., for inclusion in war diaries, and for official purposes only. In the latter case, where the

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censor considers that for security reasons these films should not be returned to a unit, they shall be retained at 2nd Echelon, A.I.F. (M.E.), in the name of the unit. Commanding officers must ensure that this privilege is not abused and that private films are not submitted as unit record films.

6. G.H.Q. (M.E.F.) retains the right to take copies of any photograph and to use such copies for any purpose without payment. The cost of developing films containing photographs of which use is made by G.H.Q. (M.E.F.) will be defrayed by G.H.Q. (M.E.F.).

7. There have been cases of interference by local police with Service personnel using cameras in prohibited areas or taking photographs of prohibited objects. Commands will ensure that lists of prohibited objects and prohibited areas are published at frequent intervals and that disciplinary action is taken against military photographers failing to comply with the legimate instructions of the police concerned.

8. Films found developed or stored in any manner in contravention of this Order are liable to confiscation; and in view of the ex tremely serious results to security of non-compliance with the above instructions, strict disciplinary action will in all cases be taken against offenders.

238 VENTILATION OF TENTS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Liv. R.O. No. 7).

To ensure drying and ventilation of interior of tents, tent-walls on at least two sides of all tents will be rolled up or folded back (in the case of tents R.D. and E.P.I.P. respectively) for at least three hours daily, whenever weather permits.

This is specially important at the present juncture for the health of the troops, owing to the prevalence of germs of certain diseases.

239 DRESS - BADGES OF RANK AND TITLES "AUSTRALIA." (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 8).
Embroidered badges of rank and titles "Australia" may be worn, only by officers, with shirts in summer dress.

The practice of wearing embroidered badges and titles in other cases will cease.

240 INTER-CAMP LEAVE BUS SERVICE.

1. It is proposed to institute a free inter-camp bus service, for the use of personnel wishing to visit other camps, commencing on Saturday 10 Jan., 42.

2. The Camp Duty Unit will provide a picquet of 1 Sgt. and 3 O.R's. at the embussing point to check leave passes of intending passengers, and prevent unauthorised personnel embussing.

3. The allottment for each afternoon and each evening will be 6 per unit.

4. Passes will be only issued to personnel having definite reasons for going to other camps.

5. Passes are to be issued by R.H.Q. Applications are to be submitted to R.H.Q.

[signature] Capt.
Adj. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

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N O T I C E S.

LOST. Square watch - luminous dial - on leather strap with oover - finder please return to R.H.Q.

FOUND. Officer's Cap in Cinema - can be claimed at Camp H.Q's.

Air Mail en route AUSTRALIA-MIDDLE EAST, originating from all States and posted approximately 18th to 22nd Dec., 41, has been lost by enemy action.

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

MAJOR R.L. JOHNSTON.

ADMINISTERING COMMAND 8 AUST. FD. REGT.

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R.O. Vol. 2 No. 41. QASTINA. 13 Jan., 42. Copy No. 29

241 DUTIES.

Duty Bty. ---------- 58 Aust. Fd. Bty.

R.O.O. ---------- Lieut. P.M. Bolton.

Guard Commander --------- Lieut. E.R. McCallum.

R.O.S. ----------L/Sgt. Upton B.V.

CAMP DUTIES.

8 Aust. Fd. Regt. will be relieved of Camp Duties at Retreat 13 Jan., 42.

242 PUNISHMENTS (L.C.M.)

ACCUSED.	OFFENCE.	DATE OF OFFENCE.	PUNISHMENT.	CONFIRMING AUTHORITY.
VX 14388 W.O.II. WALLWORTH T.H., 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt.	Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.	21 Dec., 41.	Fined £8.	L.J. MORESHEAD, Major General, G.O.C., 9 Aust. Div.

DATE OF CONFIRMATION.

6 Jan., 42.

243 GUARDING OF STORES.

Twenty tent sides and some personal gear were stolen from the Camp last night. Sub-units will impress on all guards and picquets the necessity for extra vigilance at the present time.

Capt.

Adj. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

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BY

LT. COL. W.N. TINSLEY.

COMMANDING OFFICER 8 AUST. FD. REGT.

R.O. Vol. 3 No. 1. JDAIDE. 16 Jan., 42. Copy No. 26

1 DUTIES. Duty Bty. ---------- 15 Aust. Fd. Bty.

R.O.O. ---------- Lieut. N.P. Cannington.

R.O.S. ---------- Sgt. Davies H.G.

2 TIME TABLE. As at QASTINA except:-

Sick Parade	0930 hrs.
Breakfast	0815 hrs.

3 MONEY. The value of the LEBANO-SYRIAN pound is 2/10 AUSTRALIAN (approx). Prices generally are high according to AUSTRALIAN standards, and too much contempt for such a low value pound is likely to result in an empty pay book.

The following cash is in use:-

NOTES. £100) £50) £10) £5) £1) All pretty pictures, generally on flimsy paper, and NOT distinctive from one another by a predominant colour.

SILVER. 50 piastres, 25 " 10 "

BRASS. 5 " 1 "

4 BATHS. An Army Bath Unit is in the area and 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt. will use it on Saturday 17 Jan., 42. Thereafter 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt. "bathnight" is Thursday.

Time Table for Saturday 17 Jan., 42:-

15 Fd. Bty.	0830 - 1000 hrs.
16 Fd. Bty.	1000 - 1130 hrs.
58 Fd. Bty.	1130 - 1330 hrs.
R.H.Q.	1330 - 1400 hrs.

5 WATER. Water, though plentiful, has to be brought to Regtl. area, so all ranks are warned against waste of water. R.H.Q. water truck will be attached to 58 Bty., and Btys. in turn will supply R.H.Q. - 15 Aust. Fd. Bty. will supply on 16 Jan., 42, 16 Aust. Fd. Bty. on 17 Jan., 42, and so on.

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6 POLITICAL. TRIPOLI is politically in the LEBANON, not in SYRIA, but the SYRIANS consider this wrong, especially as they now have no port.

7 RELIGION. Though mainly ARABIC speaking, about half the population here are Maronite Catholics (i.e. Christians) which is the religion of most of the people of the original LEBANON.

8 BOUNDS. The following areas are out of bounds except for personnel on duty:-

The village of ZGHORTA.

9 ILLEGAL SALES. Any rank who sells, exchanges, or gives away Army stores or rations will be severely dealt with.

10 NATIVES STEALING. All ranks are warned that the natives here are just as likely to steal as were those of PALESTINE.

11 GUARDS, ETC. Btys. will be responsible for the safe custody of their own lines.

A regtl. guard of 1 Sgt., 2 Bdrs. & 12 O.R's. will mount daily at Retreat.

Duty Bty. mounting 15 Jan., 42 - 15 Fd. Bty.
Next for Duty - 16 Fd. Bty.

12 TENTS. Tents are to be mudded as soon as practicable.

13 V.D. It is understood that Venereal Disease is just as prevalent here as elsewhere in the Middle East.

14 ARMOURIES. Sub-units will establish armouries for the safe-keeping of small arms. When not required by personnel on duty, all small arms will be retained in the sub-unit armoury. Q.M., 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt., will establish an armoury for R.H.Q., F Sec. Sigs., 64 L.A.D. and other attached personnel.

15 PAY AND EXCHANGE. Sub-units will arrange for collection of PALESTINIAN Currency, which personnel are desirous of changing to SYRIAN.

Sub-units will submit to R.H.Q. by 1200 hrs. 17 Jan., 42, nominal rolls of personnel showing amount of PALESTINIAN Currency to be changed, together with the actual cash.

16 LAUNDRY. An army laundry exists. Arrangements for free washing will be notified, if any personnel are desirous of using the Army laundry. There is no guarantee of return of the individual's actual articles of clothing.

The local inhabitants will do tps'. laundry at 5 P.T. SYRIAN per garment.

17 INTERCOMM. The following offices will be in telephonic communication before 1800 hrs. 16 Jan., 42:-

R.H.Q. C.O., 2 i/c., Adj., Q.M., Ord. Rm. Sgt., Sig. Sec., 64 L.A.D., R.H.Q. Offrs'. Mess, Pay and Postal.

BTYS. Each Bty. Ord. Rm.

18 Regtl. Orderly Officer will sleep at R.H.Q. Offrs. cubicles in rear of mess.

19 CANTEENS. Canteens will be established by Btys. in Sub-unit areas, under arrangements by Sur. Offr. A.A.C.S. Bulk Store is located at LEGOUT Barracks.

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20 NATIVE PERSONNEL NOT TO BE IN CAMP AREA. All native personnel are prohibited from entering any portion of the Regtl. areas unless in possession of a leave pass signed by Adj., 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

ALL ranks are instructed to enforce this order and Security guards and picquets are to be specifically ordered to ensure its observance.

H.B. Kay Capt.
Adj. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

N O T I C E.

LOST. Soft brown leather belt, three pouches, zipp fasteners, contained money, lost in latrines at QASTINA, finder please return to R.H.Q.

Distribution:-

15 Aust. Fd. Bty.	1-4
16 Aust. Fd. Bty.	5-8
58 Aust. Fd. Bty.	9-12
64 L.A.D.	13
F Sec. Sigs.	14
Comd.	15
2 i/c.	16
Adj.	17
Q.M.	18
R.M.O.	19
R.S.M.	20
R.H.Q.	21
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BY

LT. COL. W.N. TINSLEY.

COMMANDING OFFICER 8 AUST. FD. REGT.

R.O. Vol. 3 No. 2. JDAIDE. 19 Jan., 42. Copy No. 27

21 DUTIES. Duty Bty. ---------- 16 Aust. Fd. Bty

R.O.O. ---------- Lieut. G.O. Harris.

R.O.S. ---------- Sgt. Taylor M.J.

22 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt. R.O. Vol. 3 No. 1 Para. 20 is repeated.

NATIVE PERSONNEL NOT TO BE IN CAMP AREA. "All native personnel are prohibited from entering any portion of the Regtl. areas unless in possession of a leave pass signed by Adj., 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt.
ALL ranks are instructed to enforce this order and Security Guards and Picquets are to be specifically ordered to ensure its observance."

Any soldier, whether on duty or not, permitting or allowing native personnel, not in possession of abovementioned pass, to remain withim the Regtl. area, will be charged with disobedience of Regtl. Routine Orders.

The main road through the camp is not included in the Regtl. area.

23 BLACKOUT. In this camp, under existing conditions, a stringent blackout is not necessary. There are no large concentrations of personnel, stores or equipment.
However, commonsense will be used in the use of lights, otherwise a strict blackout will be enforced.

24 PHOTOGRAPHY. It is of particular importance that tps. have dealings only with approved photographers. The authorised photographers in TRIPOLI are repeated for information:-

A.K. ANOUCHIAN of EL MINA Rd.
H.D. HERNANDIAN of Photo HERMAND, Toll St.
K.A. TOTONGYAN of Photo SPORT, EL MINA Rd.

To be read in conjunction with 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt. R.O. Vol. 2 No. 40 Para. 237 of 11 Jan., 42.

H.B. Kay Capt.
Adj. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

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COMMANDING OFFICER 8 AUST. FD. REGT.

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25 DUTIES.

Duty Bty. ---------- 16 Aust. Fd. Bty.

R.O.O. ---------- Lieut. G.O. Harris.

R.O.S. ---------- Sgt. Taylor M.J.

26 USE OF DECORATIONS IN CORRESPONDENCE AND ORDERS - TO BE DISCONTINUED. (Extract from A.I.F. (M.E.) R.O. 927).

1. The addition of decorations after the names of officers and other ranks in official and demi-official correspondence and orders within the Middle East, is to be discontinued. This will apply to both addresses and text of correspondence.

2. This decision has been made in view of the difficulty in many instances of ensuring accuracy in the decorations to which officers and other ranks are entitled, and the expenditure of time in seeking such information.

3. Decorations will continue to be used in Lists of Appointments, Promotions, etc., and in correspondence outside the Middle East.

27 THEFTS FROM MILITARY VEHICLES - PRECAUTIONS. (Extract from A.I.F. (M.E.) R.O. 930)

When a military vehicle is carrying stores, and two men, including the driver, accompany it, one man will invariablyy travel in the body of the vehicle to safeguard the stores. He will not sit in the front seattwith the driver.

2f ASSISTANCE TO PROVOST. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 14 .)

Reports have been received indicating that officers are not giving assistance to provost personnel on duty, and in some cases are actually hindering M.P's. in the execution of their duty.
It is notified that all officers are bound to assist provost personnel in carrying out duties and any case of interference or obstruction will be treated as a disciplinary matter.

29 THROWING OF SNOW. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 18)

The practice of throwing loose snow, or snowballsat W.D. vehicles, either stationery or in motion is dangerous and liable to causeeserious injury to personnel and vehicles. This practice will cease forthwith and severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

30 STACKING AND ~~HANDLING~~ ISSUE OF P.O.L. CONTAINERS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 24).

1. Instances have been brought to notice of fraudelent demands for P.O.L. being made upon D.I.D's., and although these demands have not been supported, they have been met by the issuers concerned.

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2. O'C C. L.I.D's. and F.S.D's., etc., holding stocks of P.O.L. will ensure that requirements of units and of individuals' vehicles are met only on production of the proper authority, which is:-

(a) For replenishment of a vehicle's fuel tank or sump:- the driver's A.B. 41 2 and (other than in forward area), A.F. G.3518 (transport work ticket) covering the service on which the vehicle is engaged.

(b) For packed P.O.L. to be taken away as such, whether for unit stocks or as travelling reserve for a convoy or individual vehicle:-
A.B.55 or similar indent signed by an officer of the demanding unit.

3. All officers or other responsible persons demanding P.O.L. should ensure that indents are made as detailed in para. 2 above.

31 STACKING AND HANLLING OF P.O.L. CONTAINERS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 25.)

1. Leakage is more liable to occur from caps or screw bungs of P.O.L. containers than from any other portion of the container.

2. All P.O.L. containers, including cartons, crates and wooden cases will therefore be loaded and stacked with the caps and bungs of the containers uppermost.

3. Attention is drawn to the colour flashes on P.O.L. containers which are intended to indicate to illiterate labour the part of the containers which must always be uppermost.

4. All concerned will be responsible for seeing that illiterate labour employed in handling P.O.L. containers understands the meaning of the colour flashes.

H.H. Kinsey Capt.

Adj. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

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COMMANDING OFFICER 8 AUST. FD. REGT.

R.O. Vol. 3 No. 4. JDAILE. 23 Jan., 42. Copy No. 26

32 DUTIES.

Duty Bty.	---------- 16 Aust. Fd. Bty.
Next for Duty mounting 25 Jan.	-------- 58 Aust. Fd. Bty.
R.O.O.	---------- Lieut. G.O. Harris..
R.O.S.	---------- Sgt. Taylor M.J.

33 USE OF TELEPHONES. Subscribers can greatly help the exchange operator in clearing his board more quickly, if they would ring off at the end of their conversations.

34 COMPENSATION. It is the duty of all ranks to see that no unnecessary damage is done to standing crops, trees or to property. Wherever possible only terrain which has not been planted, should be used, and land which has been irrigated for intensive cultivation should always be avoided.
In the event of damage being caused by members of this unit, it is the responsibility of the unit to arrange compensation with the property owner, thus expending time which could otherwise be used in training, and money which could be put to more useful purposes.

35 CANTEEN STORES LABELLED WITH DEFENCE DEPT. LABELS. It has been notified that a shipment of 500 cases (1000 doz.) 30 oz. Tinned Apricots from the Goulbourn Valley Canners Pty. Ltd. has been branded with the marking D(arrow)D in addition to the usual D.D.A.C. brand. These goods will be sold by Canteens in the usual manner.
This information is passed to sub-units to avoid complaints arising from the error in branding the cases.

36 PHOTOGRAPHY. (Extract from 8.Aust. Fd. Regt. R.O. Vol. 2 No. 40 Para. 237).
Photography of the following is prohibited:-

Military vehicles of all sorts.	Tanks.
Signal equipment.	Artillery weapons.
Defences.	Aircraft.
Ships of any kind.	Aerial views.
Aerodromes.	Fortifications.
Camps.	Military operations.
Diagrams of weapons.	

37 DRESS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 37). Attention has bee n directed to the fact that O.R's. have purchased and are wearing caps S.D., Officer's pattern.
This is an offence and will be treated accordingly.

38 ILLEGAL FISHING. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 38) Reports have been received indicating that fish are being taken in streams and along the coast of SYRIA & LEBANON by means of explosives. This practice is contrary to civil law and will cease forthwith.

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39 TREE CUTTING (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 39) All Forestry matters in SYRIA & LEBANON are controlled by Ninth Army, and trees will not be cut nor will there be any interference with forestry activities without approval of Army H.Q. obtained through the usual channels.

Capt.

Adj. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

N O T I C E S.

Church Services, Sunday, 25 Jan.:-

Protestant Service R.H.Q. Mess Hut at 0930 hrs.
Communion in Padre's Tent at 1015 hrs.

Football Match:- 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt. V R.A.E. on ground to be arranged

Do not freeze, the Padre has numerous woollen articles to help you out.

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MAJOR R.L. JOHNSTON,

ADMINISTERING COMMAND 8 AUST. FD. REGT.

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40 TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF C.O. During temporary absence of the C.O., Major R.L. JOHNSTON will administer Comd. of the Regt.

41 DUTIES. Duty Bty. ---------- 58 Aust. Fd. Bty.

R.O.O. ---------- Lieut. E.W.H. Cowper.

R.C.S. ---------- Sgt. Bolger B.G.

42 RUMOURS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. Security Instn. No. 5).

(1) Instances have occurred recently of the disclosure of military information and of rumours being originated and spread by personnel of A.I.F. and ancillary organizations.

(2) It is of the utmost importance at all times in SYRIA and the LEBANON that rumours detrimental to internal security and rumours concerning the movement or employment of any portion of the Army be quashed.

(3) All ranks are to be warned against originating or spreading rumours and the danger of repeating military information which they may acquire.

(4) Efforts are to be made to trace rumours back to the source and disciplinary action is to be taken against offenders.

43 SPECIAL ORDER. (Repeated from 9 Aust. Div. R.O's.)

The following special order by Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Forces is republished:-

"I wish to remind Commanders of all ranks of their responsibility for safeguarding both British equipment and stores and that captured from the enemy, from loss or damage.
This war is largely one of material and the side which can outlast the other in this respect will achieve a great advantage. There is no doubt that we are not safeguarding our material resources as well as we should. Both the dishonesty of a few individuals and the carelessness and lack of thought of a great many others are causing unnecessary waste.
I hold Commanding and other officers responsible that they are constantly on their guard to check carelessness and irregular practices on the part of those under their command.
Casualness and laxity in these matters denotes a lack of discipline and good order which gravely affects the strength and fighting power of the Army.
Though it is for the leaders to oversee these matters, the best results cannot be obtained without the ready co-operation of all ranks, on which, if they are made to understand the need, I know that I can rely.
I wish this Order made known to all ranks of the Army.

(sgd.) C.J. AUCHINLECK General
Commander-in-Chief."

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44. RETURN OF PERSONNEL WITH LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 42)
In order to bring records of language qualifications up-to-date, particulars are required of all ranks, both officers and O.R's., with fluent knowledge of any of the following languages:-

German	Russian	Italian
Turkish	Persian	Arabic

Returns are required in duplicate to reach R.H.Q. by 1600 hrs. on 29 Jan., 42.

45 AIR MAIL SERVICE. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 43) The Air Mail Service between Australia and Middle East has been restored and mails are going through in both directions. During the next few weeks it is probable that air postings to Australia will take three or four days longer on route than formerly.
It is still necessary to limit theweight of air mail postings, and the restrictions set out in 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt. R.O. 220 of 4 Jan., 42, is to continue in force.

46 POWERS OF MEMBERS OF PROVOST CORPS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 44)
The effect of A.A. 6(3)(c) and A.M.R.& O. 386 is republished for information.
1. Any officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or soldierwho impedes a provost marshal or any officer, non-commissioned officer or member of the military police, commits an offence. (A.A. Sec. 6(3)(c).)
2. Any warrant officer, non-commissioned/officer or soldier who, when called on, refuses to assist in the execution of his duty a provost marshal or any member of the military police, commits an offence. (A.A. Sec. 6(3)(c)).
3. Every warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier, even though he is of superior rank, shall obey any orders given by the military police, and, on failure to do so, commits an offence. (A.M.R.& O. 386).
4. Officers, of whatever rank, shall comply with the directions of any provost marshal or officer of the military police.

Paul B Edwards Lieut.
Adj. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

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LT. COL. W.N. TINSLEY,

COMMANDING OFFICER 8 AUST. F D. REGT.

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47 DUTIES.

Luty Bty. ---------- 58 Aust. Fd. Bty.
Next for Luty mounting 1 Feb. -------- 16 Aust. Fd. Bty.

R.C.C. ---------- Lieut. J.G. Cuff.

R.O.S. ---------- Sgt. Bolger B.G.

48 ENEMY AGENTS. In the event of attempts being made to land enemy agents in SYRIA and PALESTINE all units and sub-units will co-operate in defeating such attempts by:-

1. Reporting immediately accurate information regarding the movements of all aircraft NOT positively identified as friendly giving:-

(a) Location of observer and exact time of observation.
(b) Bearing from observer, direction of flight, approx. ht., type, number and approx. location of aircraft seen.

2. Investigating reports on Parachute landings, and, when necessary, sending out patrols to seek out and deal with agents.

(a) Persons apprehended as an enemy agent will be searched immediately and every article except his clothes removed.
(b) Any person detained will be dealt with as a P.W. until further instructions are received.

3. These instructions apply only to possible landings by individual agents and NOT to attempted invasion by Parachute Tps.

49 QUALIFIED GAS INSTRUCTORS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 50)

A return is required from sub-units to be forwarded to reach this H.Q. NOT later than 1 Feb. showing particulars of qualified gas instructors (all ranks). The proforma shown hereunder will be strictly adhered to:-

No.	Rank.	NAME in FULL.	UNIT.	DETAILS OF COURSES ATTENDED. (incl. dates)	QUALIFICATION (D, Q1 or Q11).

50 VISITORS TO 1 AUST. CORPS SKI SCHOOL. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 51.)

Accommodation at 1 Aust. Corps Ski School is limited and offrs. and O.R's., other than students, will not visit the school without first obtaining permission from GS 9 Aust. Div. through this H.Q.

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51 AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 52)

The Air Mail Letter Card Service to INDIA is available to all ranks in the M.E.F.

52 DISPOSAL OF REFUSE. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 55)

The six rubbish dumps which have been in use in the TRIPOLI - CHEKKA area are unsatisfactory, and their use will be discontinued forthwith.
Sub-units will burn and subsequently bury, all rubbish and refuse, the disposal being the responsibility of Sub-unit hygiene personnel. This system operated satisfactorily in former theatres of operations and the same great care to prevent flybreeding is essential.

53 PROVISION OF OILS AND GREASES. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 58)

1. Oil M. 225 and Grease HC, have been eliminated and will no longer be issued.

2. Demands for these grades will in future be met by:-

(a) Oil M. 220 in substitution of Oil M. 225.
(b) Grease GS in substitution of Grease HC.

3. Oil M. 220 and Grease GS will be demanded through normal R.A.S.C. channels.

Capt., R.A.A.
Adjt. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

N O T I C E S.

CHURCH SERVICES. Sunday 1 Feb. - General Service - R.H.Q. Men's Mess at 0930 hrs.
Holy Communion - Padre's Tent at 1015 hrs.
Song Service - Padre's Tent at 1900 hrs.

The following are the correct prices which should be paid to Arab hawkers authorised to work in the area:-

Shave	-	15 Piastres	(SYRIAN)
Haircutting	-	25 "	"
Shoeshine	-	5 "	"
Laundry	-	5 "	" per article except trousers K.D. or Jackets 10 Piastres.

These prices should not be exceeded.

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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(page 1)
(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

8 Aust Fd Regt (Unit) 31 - 1 - 19 42 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	–	–
W.Os. Class II.	9	–	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	–	–	–
Staff Serjeants	3	–	–
Serjeants	33	–	1
Corporals	78	–	6
Troopers, Privates, &c.	533	–	25
TOTALS	657	* –	* 33

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
A/Sgt Chapman	AA PC		
Pte Breen	AA Postal C	Sig Sec 26	9 Div Sigs
A/Cpl Lee	AA M C	We'll Hurst }	64 LAD
Lt Watt	"	LAD 140 ORs }	
Sgt Eastman	"		
Cpl Sturdy	"		
Cpl Clark	YMCA		
Gnr Hutchinson	9 Div HQ		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX 28716	Sgt	Myers W	8 Aust Fd Regt	7 AGH
VX 13492	"	Holmes	"	Con Depot

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT. W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED. W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	REMARKS.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders														3	3	
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.														6	6	
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers														11	11	
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
Surveyors														2	2	
Wadmen														2	2	
Chainmen														2	2	
Computors														1	1	
General duty personnel														7	7	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														33	33	

8 Aust Fd Regt
Unit.

Date of Despatch 31-1-42

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Capt. R.A.A.
Adj. 2/8 Fd. Regt.
Signature of Commander.
A. I. F.

9 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

8 Aust Fd Regt (*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.* deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	–	–
Majors	4	–	–
Captains	7	–	4
Lieutenants	26	3	–
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	38	3	4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Collins R.G.	4th Fd Regt	24-1-43	From School
"	Smith S.		25-1-43	"
Capt	Evans S.T.A.		27-1-43	From Hq 9th Aust Div

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Bonner H.C.	8th Fd Regt	24-1-43	To Hq 9th Aust Div
Lieut	Hamilton T.E.		26-1-43	
"	Steed T.E.		27-1-43	School

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col		Tinsley W.H.	A.H.Q.	yes	
Maj		Cameron W.T.	8 Fd Regt	yes	2 I/C
"		Johnston T.H.	"	yes	OC 'C' Bty
"		Sutton A.M.	"	yes	OC 'A' Bty
Capt		Stevens E.A.	"	Wounded	OC 'B' Bty
Capt		Cullen T.	"	yes	Adjt
"		Cullen T.	"	yes	OC 'S' Bty
"		Richardson C.W.	"	yes	Leave
"		[illegible]	"	yes	Adjt 15 Bty
"		Peterson C.W.	"	yes	
"		Andrew C.W.	"	yes	Leave
"		Wright E.G.	"	yes	CPO E Tp
"		Allen T.R.	"	Wounded	CPO Rear Party
"		Simms T.E.	"	Wounded	CPO B Tp
"		Collins R.G.	"	yes	with 'A' Bty
"		Tillett T.R.	"	yes	" " "
"		Parnell H.C.	"	yes	" " "
"		Hendlands C.W.	"	yes	CPO 15 Bty
"		Carter [illegible]	"	yes	Transit
"		Chapman [illegible]	"	yes	with 15 Bty
"		Smith T.G.	"	Wounded	to Land Tpt
"		[illegible]	"	yes	with 'B' Tp
"		[illegible]	"	yes	CPO B Tp
"		Spry W.W.	"	Wounded	" "
"		Edwards P.J.	"	yes	Sqn'l Offr
"		Hird T.	"	yes	CPO 15 Bty
"		Garrett E.A.	"	yes	to Land Tpt
"		Collins [illegible]	"	yes	with 'C' Tp
"		Nash T.H.	"	yes	CPO B Tp
"		Abbott [illegible]	"	Wounded	with 'A' Bty
"		[illegible]	"	yes	CPO C Tp
"		McCallum E.K.	"	yes	with 'A' Bty
"		[illegible]	"	yes	Leave
"		[illegible]	"	yes	with 'A' Bty
"		Wyatt W.T.	"	yes	Transport Offr
"		Harris [illegible]	"	yes	Tpt Offr C Tp

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Cameron W.T.	8 Fd Regt	5-11-42	Liaison Offr
"		Hamilton T.E.	"	26-1-43	Sick
Lieut		Collins R.G.	"	24-1-43	Sqn'l Offr
"		Steed T.E.	"	27-1-43	Sick

8 Aust Fd Regt (*Unit.*)

31-1-43 (*Date of Despatch.*)

Capt. R.A.A. (*Signature of Commander.*)
A.I.f.

(*Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.*)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

8 Aust Fd Regt (Unit) 24-1-1942 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	9	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	-	-	-
Staff Serjeants	3	-	-
Serjeants	33	-	1
Corporals	78	-	6
Troopers, Privates, &c.	531	-	27
TOTALS	655	*	* 35

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
A/Sgt Chapman	AA PC		
Pte Breen	AA Postal C	Sig Sec 26	9 Div Sigs
A/Cpl Lee	AA M C	WO II Hurst	64 LAD
" Watt	"	LAD 14 ORs	
Sgt Eastman	"		
Cpl Sturdy	"		
Cpl Clarke	YMCA		
Snr Hutchinson	9 Div HQ		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX29716	Sgt	Myers W	8 Aust Fd Regt	7 AGH
VX13993	"	Holmes	"	Con Depot

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT. W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED. W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	REMARKS.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks														2	2	
Despatch Riders														3	3	
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.														6	6	
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers														11	11	
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
Surveyors														2	2	
Wadmen														2	2	
Chainmen														1	1	
Computers														1	1	
General duty personnel														7	7	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														35	35	

8 Aust Fd Regt
Unit.

Date of Despatch 24-1-42

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Capt. R.A.A.
Adj. 2/8 Fd. Regt.
A.I.F.
Signature of Commander.

9 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

8 Aust Fd Regt (*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.* deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	–	–
Majors	4	–	–
Captains	7	–	4
Lieutenants	27	4	–
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	39	4	4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Dench J.R.	9 Aust Fd Regt	19-1-42	From School

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Maj	Stevens F.D.	8 Aust Fd Regt	12-1-42	To School
Lieut	Lotte L.F.	"	1-1-42	Transferred to 9 Aust Div
"	Cuna F.T.			Ski Coy

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	Temp Rank	Finlay W.H.V.	Aust Fd Regt	yes	C.O.
Maj		Creeth W.T.	"	yes	2 i/c
"		Johnston R.L.	"	yes	O.C. 15 Bty
"		Sutter A.M.	"	yes	O.C. 16 Bty
Capt	T/Maj	Stevens F.D.	"	No School	O.C. 58 Bty
"		Hearse H.C.	"	yes	Adj
"		Rennie T.L.	"	yes	Nc 16 Bty
"		Ellis T.	"	yes	To Comd B Tp
"		Vanderkolen P.W.	"	yes	B Tp
"		Mackenzie W.R.	"	yes	Nc 15 Bty
Lieut	T/Capt	Robinson M.	"	yes	Q.M.
"		Calder D.H.	"	yes	Nc 58 Bty
"		Murray E.D.	"	yes	G.P.O. E Tp
"		Allison T.H.	"	No School	A.C.P.O. 58 Bty
"		Stacy L.L.	"	yes	G.P.O. A Tp
"		Collins R.C.	"	No School	W.O. 16 Bty
"		Tuett T.H.	"	yes	G.P.O. 16 Bty
"		Bastin W.E.	"	yes	A.C.P.O. 16 Bty
"		Rowlands C.W.	"	yes	G.P.O. 15 Bty
"		Morton C.R.	"	yes	To Comd C Tp
"		Campbell P.W.A.	"	yes	W.O. 15 Bty
"		Smith T.C.	"	No School	G.P.O. D Tp
"		Richardson K.E.	"	yes	To Adr. H.Q.
"		Smith L.	"	No School	G.P.O. B Tp
"		Grey A.W.	"	No School	I.O.
"		Edwards P.B.	"	yes	Survey O.
"		Lord T.	"	yes	G.P.O. 58 Bty
"		Tenshan T.E.	"	No School	Detached
"		Carroll E.W.	"	yes	To Comd D Tp
"		Hilton P.M.	"	yes	To Adr. C Tp
"		Dench J.R.	"	yes	To Adr. D Tp
"		Hammond R.C.	"	No School	W.O. 58 Bty
"		Pinhurst A.	"	yes	G.P.O. C Tp
"		McCullum E.R.	"	yes	Comm. Sgt
"		Thompson A.E.	"	yes	A.C.P.O. 15 Bty
"		North W.I.	"	yes	To Adr. B Tp
"		Harris G.W.	"	yes	To Comd H.Q.
"		Harris G.O.	"	yes	To Adr. C Tp

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Cramp W.T.	L.A.D.	5-11-40	64 L.A.D.
"		Hollings B.L.	R.A.M.C.	31-4-41	R.M.O.
Lieut		Cook R.E.	J.Dir.Sgts	2-1-42	Sig. Offr.
Chaplain		Watts H.H.	Chaplain 4th Cl.	4-40	Chaplain

8 Aust Fd Regt (*Unit.*)

24-1-42 (*Date of Despatch.*)

Capt. R.A.A. A.I.F. (*Signature of Commander.*)

9 Aust Fd Regt (*Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.*)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

8 Aust Fd Regt (*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.* deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	-	-
Majors	3	-	-
Captains	7	-	4
Lieutenants	24	6	-
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	41	6	4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Gunn FT	8 Aust Fd Regt	17-1-42	From Unit School
"	Little LF	"	"	"
Capt	Robinson M	"	"	- ARMC School

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Dench TR	8 Aust Fd Regt	17-1-42	To School

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
	Temp Rank				
Lt Col		Tinsley WH	8 Aust Fd Regt	yes	C O
Maj		Green WT	"	Duty	2 i/c
"		Johnston RM	"	yes	OC 13 Bty
"		Salter AR	"	yes	OC 14 Bty
Capt	T/Maj	Stevens FO	"	yes	OC 15 Bty
"		Fraser AC	"	yes	Adj
"		Roberts TL	"	yes	BC 14 Bty
"		Elder T	"	yes	Tp Comd K Tp
"		Vandenbroek FW	"	yes	" " B Tp
"		Knechtel VS	"	yes	BC 15 Bty
Lieut	T/Capt	Robinson M	"	yes	QM
"	"	Calder DR	"	yes	BC 13 Bty
"		McKay LG	"	yes	GPO K Tp
"		Arnold FA	"	Sick	AEPO 13 Bty
"		Steer TL	"	yes	GPO A Tp
"		Collins RG	"	Sick	WLO 14 Bty
"		Tuck TA	"	yes	GPO 14 Bty
"		Batiste RC	"	yes	AEPO 14 Bty
"		Rowlands FW	"	yes	GPO 15 Bty
"		Morton CR	"	yes	Tp Comd L Tp
"		Cowper EWH	"	yes	WLO 15 Bty
"		Smith FO	"	Sick	GPO 13 Tp
"		Richardson RR	"	yes	Tp Ldr A Tp
"		Gunn FT	"	yes	GPO L Tp
"		Smith S	"	yes	GPO 13 Tp
"		Spry HH	"	Sick	I O
"		Edwards PB	"	yes	Sur. O
"		Lord F	"	yes	GPO 13 Bty
"		Linehan TL	"	Sick	Detached
"		Garrett EL	"	yes	Tp Comd B Tp
"		[illegible]	"	[illegible]	[illegible]
"		[illegible]	"	[illegible]	[illegible]
"		[illegible]	"	[illegible]	[illegible]
"		[illegible]	"	[illegible]	[illegible]
"		[illegible]	"	[illegible]	[illegible]
"		[illegible]	"	[illegible]	[illegible]
"		[illegible]	"	[illegible]	[illegible]
"		[illegible]	"	[illegible]	[illegible]
"		[illegible]	"	[illegible]	[illegible]
"		[illegible]	"	[illegible]	[illegible]

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Crump WT	ARMC	7-11-41	to 14 LAD.
"		Hollings BC	ARMC	17-11-41	RMO
Lieut		Cook RE	Dis Sup	2-1-42	Sup Offr
Chaplain		Mills HA	Chaplains Dept	29-11-41	Chaplain

8 Aust Fd Regt (*Unit.*)

17-1-42 (*Date of Despatch.*)

A.I.F. 2/8 Fd. Regt. (*Signature of Commander.*)
Capt. R.A.

(*Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.*)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

8 Aust Fd Regt (Unit) 17. 1. 19 42 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	9	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	-	-	-
Staff Serjeants	3	-	-
Serjeants	34	-	-
Corporals	77	-	7
Troopers, Privates, &c.	537		21
TOTALS	661	*	* 29

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
A/Sgt Chapman	AAPC		
Pte Breen	AA Postal C	Sig Sec 26	9 Div Sigs
A/Cpl Lee	AAMC	WO II Hurst	64 LAD
4 " Watt	"	LAD 14 ORs	
Sgt Eastman	"		
Cpl Sturdy	"		
Cpl Clark	YMCA		
Gnr Hutchinson (Padres batman)	9 Div HQ		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX 28716	Sgt	Myers	8 Aust Fd Regt	7 A G H
VX 13493	"	Holmes	"	Con Depot

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8 Aust Fd Regt Unit.

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks													2		2	
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)													3		3	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians													6		6	
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical													11		11	
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
Surveyors													2		2	
Wadmen													2		2	
Chainmen													1		1	
Computors													1		1	
General duty personnel													1		1	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)													29		29	

8 Aust Fd Regt
Unit.

Capt. R.A.A.
Adj. 2/8 Fd. Regt.
A.I.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 17-1-42

9 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

8 Aust Inf Regt (Unit) 11 - 1 - 19 42 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	9	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants		-	-
Staff Serjeants	3	-	-
Serjeants	33	-	1
Corporals	79	-	5
Troopers, Privates, &c.	537	-	21
TOTALS	562	*	* 28

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Sgt McKeon	AAPC	Sig Sec 25th	9 Div Sigs
Pte Breen	17 A Postal C	W/O Hqrs	6 Cav Bde
A/Cpl Lee	17 AMC	CAD 14 Cks	"
A/Cpl Watt	"		
Sgt Gastmann	"		
Cpl Sturdy	"		
Cav Asst Farrier (Mounted Brigade)	9 Div ASC		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX 23716	Sgt	Myers W	8 Aust Inf Regt	7 FGH
VX 13793	Sgt	Holmes G L	" "	Cav Depot

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks														2	2	
Despatch Riders														3	3	
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.														6	6	
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers														11	11	
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
Sawyers														2	2	
Wheelwrights														2	2	
Blacksmiths														1	1	
Compositors														1	1	
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														28	28	

8 Aust Inf Regt
Unit.

Date of Despatch 11 - 1 - 42

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H.K. Mackay
Signature of Commander.

9 Aust Div A.A. Sgt.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

8 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.* deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	—	—
Majors	4	—	—
Captains	7	—	4
Lieutenants	29	5	—
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	41	5	4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	A McCormack H	32nd Inf Bn	1.1.18	From A.G.H.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Gane S.A.	32nd Inf Bn	1.1.18	To Base and Eng
Lieut	Smith J.P.	32nd Inf Bn	1.1.18	To Hospital
	Nelson J.H.			
Capt	Stirton H.W.			To Instructional Corps
Lieut	Evans R.C.	32nd Inf Bn	1.1.18	To 14th Bde Corps

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut-Col		Lang W.T.		Yes	
Major		Crump W.I.			
		Fraser A.E.			
		Sutton H.B.			
Capt		Stirton F.D.			
		Brown W.C.			
		Kelsall T.L.			
		Ellis J.			
		Vanderbeken P.W.			
		Rowlands V.S.			
Lieut	T/Capt	Newman M.		Yes	Com.
		Cutler D.A.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		McKay L.G.			Bde Sig Off
		Cleeton J.R.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Sleep T.H.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Cullen R.G.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Trout P.H.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Bates H.C.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Meredith J.W.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Martin S.R.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Capel E.W.H.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Hall T.J.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Thomson A.S.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Cowan C.J.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Shaw H.W.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Bell R.B.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Cooper H.M.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Rowe E.S.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Grant A.L.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Smith T.R.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Thomson J.K.		Yes	Bde Sig Off
		Cameron D.C.		Yes	Bde Sig Off

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Smith W.T.	A.M.C.	1.1.18	M.O.
Lieut		Grant P.E.	A.M.C.	1.1.18	R.M.O.
Lieut		Clark J.C.	32nd Inf Bn	1.1.18	Signalling Officer
Captain		Wood W.H.	Canadian	1.1.18	Instructional Duties

8 Aust Bde 11th Regt (Unit.)

11-1-18 (Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

8 Aust Bde (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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2 i/c
O.C. 15 Fd Bty

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2/8 Fd Regt

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HQ RAA 9 Aust Div
Ref No.245,

R.A.A. 9 AUST DIV TNG INSTN No 5

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29 Jan 42

1. The present lull in operations in this area provides a further opportunity to prepare for the next stage of operations. Experience shows that lulls in active operations tend to be short lived and that they come to an end with little warning. For the present, the contribution the Div can make to the shortening of the war is by developing our efforts in two ways :-

(a) Making the maximum use of the opportunity for continued tng so that when operations commence the Div will be a more effective fighting force.

(b) Building and completion of the defence works in this area to the greatest extent possible in the time available.

Both tasks are liable to interference by weather conditions; at the same time the weather must not be allowed to interfere unduly with the achievement of these objectives.
(9 Aust Div Tng Instn NO 8 of 25 Jan 42)

2. TNG AND WORK ON THE DEFENCES

In each week, three days will be allotted to Tng and 3 days to work on the Defences.

The order of priority of work on the defences will be :-

(a) Repair and re-arrangement of camouflage nets.

(b) Draining and repair of gun pits, and so that pits and command posts are ready for immediate occupation.

(c) Checking of locations of alternative positions ("Battle Positions" of 7 Aust Div.) with a view to checking their A.Tk fields of fire.
Regiments will be ready to discuss these on the ground with the CRA as under :-

2/8 Fd Regt	-	3 Feb
2/12 Fd Regt	-	4 Feb
2/7 Fd Regt	-	5 Feb

3. SCOPE OF TNG

Bty and Tp Tng on standard exercises, as in R.A.A. Tng Instn No 3
Each battery will spend two days each week on Mobile Tng. Night moves should be included.

Regt Tng - At least one exercise with RHQ and BHQs will be held under Regt Control in the first half of Feb 42.

A similar exercise with H.Q. R.A.A. 9 Aust Div, RHQs and BHQs will be held under the direction of R.A.A. 9 Aust Div in the second half of the month.

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4. CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER ARMS

2/8 and 2/12 Aust Fd Regts will arrange with 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes respectively to take part in any Bde Exercises or TEWTS being arranged by Inf Bdes. These exercises and TEWTS are being based on the present operational tasks.

5. TACTICAL AND TECHNICAL TNG OF LEADERS.

The tactical and technical tng of leaders is to be accelerated during the present period. It is considered that officers are available for exercises during the evenings, and that during the period spent on defensive works many officers can be made available for tactical tng.

Suggestions for tng of officers were included in Tng Instn No 3.

6. EXERCISES UNDER DIV CONTROL

A war game or indoor exercise to study the operational role of 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp is to be held for Bde Comds and Staffs under Div arrangements during Feb 42. Fd and A.Tk Regts will be prepared to take part. Dates will be notified later.

7. SMALL ARMS TNG.

An allotment of targets has been requested and Units will be notified of the dates on which these will be available.

8. TNG FOR OPERATIONS WITH PACK TRANSPORT.

An allotment of mules has been requested from 9 Aust Div to allow Regts to experiment with pack mules for O.P. parties.

9. CO-OPERATION WITH ARMY TANKS.

It is expected that one offr and one N.C.O. of the R.A.C. will be attached to R.A.A. 9 Aust Div shortly and these will be available to Regts for a short period.

The opportunity should be taken during their visit to study the problem of co-operation with tanks, by arranging lectures and using the party to assist on TEWTS or exercises. It will be arranged for them to make a thorough recce of the tank approaches to our defences.

10. SHOOTING PRACTICES

Arrangements will be made for practices in the second half of Feb. The programme will include A.Tk practices, smoke screens and engagement of Tp and Bty Tgts.

11. A.TK SHOOTING

See R.A.A. 9 Aust Div Tng Instn No 4 which is NOT superceded by this Instn.

[signature] Maj
BMRA 9 Aust Div

Distribution :-

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2/12 Aust Fd Regt	3	War Diary	7&8
3 Aust A.Tk Regt	4	File	9

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I have again suggested that flyproof safes be built for storing perishable foodstuffs.

Otherwise the hygiene of these lines is satisfactory.

A Bayley MAJOR.
COMD. 2/4 AUST. FIELD HYGIENE SECT.

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Instruct Btys to carry out above suggestions where practicable and where not to devise alternatives. RHQ suggestions to be carried out.

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2/4 AUST FD HYG SEC.
IN THE FIELD.
31 Jan 42.

A.D.M.S.,
8 Aust Div.

INSPECTION - 2/8 AUST FD REGT, R.A.A.

The following is a report of an inspection made by an N.C.O. of this unit:-

I reported to the regimental orderly room and the R.S.M., W.O.I Clarke, gave me permission to inspect the lines in the company of the hygiene detail of each Bty.
Total strength - 42 offrs and 706 O.Rs.

R.H.Q.
Strength totalling 119, including Sigs and L.A.D.

LATRINES. Offrs - One seater deep trench with wooden seat, hessian walls and corrugated iron roof. It has good shelter from the weather and is over 100 yds from the kitchen. This latrine is not flyproof as the lid is badly fitting.
O.Rs - One six-seater and two one-seaters, deep trench latrine with wooden seats, hessian walls and corrugated iron roof. They all have good shelter from the weather and are over 100 yds from the kitchen. There are three one-seaters which are full and the hygiene personnel are preparing holes for the new latrines. These latrines are used by the L.A.D., the Sigs and the R.A.P. staff. The latrines are not flyproof because the lids are loose, the boards are warped and ill-fitting, or the hinges loose. I would suggest that they be repaired.

URINALS Funnel urinals, draining into soakage pits are placed around the lines and they appear to be working satisfactorily.

REFUSE. The wet refuse is placed in kerosene tins which have wooden lids. These are emptied and cleaned twice daily by natives and refuse is carted away on a donkey and buried. I did not have time to inspect the place where the refuse is buried, but the hygiene man assured me that it was a good distance from the camp. I would suggest that an incinerator be built and the refuse burnt. The lines are clean and tidy.

DRAINAGE. There is very little waste water from the kitchen, although around the kitchen there is a drain in which rain water has collected in small pools. Some refuse has been mixed with the water, thereby fouling the water and causing a smell. Steps are being taken to have this cleaned up. Water from this drain flows over the open ground to soak away. I would suggest that a concrete drain be dug, to run into a soakage pit 4'x 4'x 4'. This would not allow the waste water to collect and pollute the ground. I would also suggest the building of a small grease trap to collect the grease and stop it from entering the soakage pit. There is one ablution bench under a tank in the far part of the lines. The water drains down the hill into the creek. The rest of the men are issued with their own washing water. The hygiene man reports that mosquito larvae were present in pools of water when this unit took over. The pools were oiled at once and since then no larvae have been found.

KITCHENS. Men's and Sgts'- This is a corrugated iron building, with a concrete floor. It is not flyproof and steps should be taken to make it so. The food is kept in a wire gauze safe and there is also a safe for the meat. The bread is kept in cupboard, while the vegetables are in boxes and bags. The flour, sugar and rice are kept in boxes with sacking as a cover. I suggested that a white cloth would be sufficient. The utensils are clean, the lighting is good and the men are given hot water with which to wash their dishes. The mess is a corrugated iron building about 35 yds from the kitchen. The men pass through the kitchen to receive their food and I would suggest that it would be better to hand the food out, outside the kitchen. Offrs' Kitchen - A corrugated iron building with a concrete

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floor. It is not flyproof and steps should be taken to make it so. The food is kept on a shelf behind a cloth, while the meat is kept on a plate. It was not covered when inspected. The vegetables, tea, rice etc, are kept in bags. The utensils are clean, the lighting good, and there is very little waste water to cause any drainage trouble. If necessary, I would again suggest that a soakage pit be built here. The refuse is kept in a bin and removed by the natives. The bin has no lid.

15 BTY. Strength - totalling 215.

LATRINES. Thereis one, six seater deep trench for O/R's., with wooden seats, hessian walls and corrugated iron roof. There is one, two seater deep trench for officers - a corrugated iron structure with wooden seats. This latrine has good shelter from the weather, while the O/R's. has practically no shelter. Steps are being taken to repair the walls. Both latrines are a long way from the kitchens. There is a two seater deep trench which is nearly full. I suggest that this latrine be filled in and another erected. The latrines are not flyproof as the lids have warped, hinges are loose, ill fitting or missing. I would suggest that they be repaired.

URINALS. Funnel urinals of the same type as in R.H.Q. lines, are placed around the lines.

REFUSE DISPOSAL. The refuse is disposed of by the same means as at RHQ.

DRAINAGE. Waste water from the kitchens is emptied into drains which runs down the hill. The water runs into a creek at the bottom. There is a grease trap constructed at the mens kitchen. I do not think there is any need for a soakage pit here. There has been no trace of mosquitoe larvae in these lines.

KITCHEN. A corrugated iron building with a concrete floor. It is not flyproof and steps should be taken to make it so. The food is kept on shelves in a store room partitioned off. I would suggest the removal of the partition as it makes the store room very dark. The meat is kept in a small flyproof room. Boxes of biscuits are also stored there. I would suggest that the boxes be removed and shelves be put in, so as both meat and food could be kept in the flyproof room. Bread is kept on the shelves, there is no cupboard. The shelves are washed daily. The vegetables, sugar, rice &c. are kept in bags. The lighting is fair, the utensils are clean and the men are given hot water with which to wash their dishes. There are two bins without lids, provided for the refuse.

The mess is about 60 yards from the kitchen. No chairs and only a few tables are provided, thus men eat their meals in the tents. I would advise that tables and chairs be provided as soon as possible.

Officers' kitchen. - In a corrugated iron building with an earth floor. This kitchen is not satisfactory. It is not flyproof, there is no safe for meat or food and the cooks are forced to put bags of vegetables on the ground as there is no where else to put them. I would suggest that a floor be put in and the kitchen made flyproof. There is one small bin for refuse and is without a lid.

16 BATTERY. - Strength 208.

LATRINES. There are five latrines. One, six seater deep trench is O.K. Same type as others mentioned previously. The remaining four latrines are full and steps are being taken to have them filled in and new ones erected, They are all a good distance from the kitchen. The latrines are not flyproof, having the same defects as the other Batteries and should be repaired.

URINALS. The usual type of funnel urinals around the lines.

REFUSE DISPOSAL. Same means of disposal as in other lines.

DRAINAGE. I would advise the building of a grease trap, overflowing into a concrete drain, which runs into a soakage pit, at the kitchens. The men are issued with their own washing water. No mosquito larvae has been noticed.

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APPENDIX "A".

GERMAN UNITS, WEAPONS AND VEHICLES REPRESENTED.

NOTE: It is assumed that 80% of tank strength are "runners".

German Unit.	No. of Vehicles.	Represented by
½ Tank Regt	12 Mk. IV 36 Mk.III 32 Mk. II	12 25 prs towed, 2/8 Aust Fd Regt 36 2pr portees (7 NZ A/Tk Regt if available) 32 3 ton lorries (if available) 9 Aust Div.
½ Arty Regt	12 Assault guns. 6 Armd OPs & Staff Vehicles. 6 150 mm Hows 6 Armd OPs & Staff Vehicles	12 25 prs towed, 2/8 Aust Fd Regt 6 light trucks W/T, 2/8 Aust Fd Regt 6 light trucks W/T.
½ A/Tk Bn	9 50 mm 12 37 mm	16 2 pr portees or lorries (3 Aust A/Tk Regt)
2 lorried Inf Bns	25 cars 16 Half tracked vehicles 176 Tp carriers	220 assorted vehicles, 9 Aust Div.

Recce Unit)
Sigs Bn)
AA Bty) Not
Eng Bn) represented.
Inf Guns)
Med Arty)

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PREVIOUS INSPECTION,
31 JAN, 42.

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WMS.
2/4 AUST.FIELD HYGIENE SECTION,
IN THE FIELD.
18 FEB, 42.

A.D.M.S.
9 AUST.DIV.

REINSPECTION - 2/8 AUST.FD.REGT. RAA. WITH LAD. AND SIGS. ATTACHED.

The following is a report of a reinspection made by an N.C.O. of this unit.

I reported to the Orderly Room of RHQ. to WO. Clarke. I was accompanied on the inspection by the hygiene detail of each battery.

The companies in the Regiment are:-

(1). R.H.Q.
(2). 15 Battery.
(3). 16 Battery.
(4). 58 Battery.

(1). R.H.Q. In the latrines mentioned in the last report, the deep trench hes have been sealed off and the ground marked. Apart from two lids that require rehinging, the latrines are satisfactory. I have suggested that these two lids be repaired with leather straps.

Since the last inspection, all refuse is being removed by an Arab, to the Zghorta piggery. The Arab works under the supervision of the hygiene detail.

No action has yet been taken to make provision for the drainage from the O/R's. kitchen. I have again pointed out this and suggested that a soakage pit be built for the water. The water from this kitchen is stored in a galvanised iron tank which is plastered with mud to prevent leakage. I have suggested repairs to be made to the tank. Otherwise the hygiene of this portion of the Regiment is being maintained in an excellent condition.

(2). 15 BATTERY. The hygiene detail have carried out the necessary repairs to the latrines and these are now flyproof. The new two seat deep trench latrine is to be provided with better shelter from the weather.

The refuse from these lines is being removed by an Arab to the Zhorta piggery.

Shelves as suggested, have been built in the kitchens for storing vegetables. Flyproof safes have been built from hessian. I have suggested that if possible flyproof gauze wire mesh replace the hessian.

Conditions in this Battery are otherwise satisfactory.

(3). 16 BATTERY. The latrines in this area require repairs to:-
(1). Warping lids.
(2). Cracks in the superstructure.
(3). Loose lids require re-hinging.

These repairs should make these latrines flyproof. In addition, one, two seater deep trench latrine has reached exhaustion point and requires sealing.

Refuse at the officers' kitchen is being incinerated but at the O/R's. kitchen this is being buried in the lines. I have suggested incineration of all refuse at this kitchen. I have again drawn attention to the 9 Aust.Div. Routine Order re refuse disposal.

Soakage pits have been constructed for drainage water from the kitchens.

Flyproof safes have been again suggested for the kitchens.

Conditions are otherwise satisfactory.

(4). 58 BATTERY. The latrines in this area require repairs to:-
(1). Warping lids.
(2). Cracks in the superstructure.
(3). Lids re-hinging.
(4). Lids to cover the holes.

I have again suggested these repairs to make the latrines completely flyproof.

Kitchen refuse from these lines is being removed by an Arab who works under the supervision of the hygiene personnel. I understand that the refuse is taken to the Zhorta piggery.

Soakage pits have been constructed for drainage water from the kitchens.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt. Date and Time.—From 1 Feb., 42 To 28 Feb., 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JDAIDE	Feb. 1		Set unit convoy driving exercises.	
	2		15 & 16 Btys. working on gun areas. 58 Bty. on exercise. R/T being tested from O.P's. 15 & 16 Bty. O.C's. went to	
	3.		AMRITE range to see A/Tk. Shoot by 2/9 Aust. Army Fd. Regt. C.R.A's. inspection of gun area.	
	4		58 Bty. O.C. and representatives to AMRITE Range re A/Tk. Shoot. 15 Bty. on exercise.	
	5		16 Bty. A/Tk. Training.	
	6		58 Bty. A/Tk. Training. C.O. on recce for H.Q. exercise.	
	7		Maintenance.	
	8 & 9		58 Bty. out on exercises.	
	10 & 11		15 Bty. out on exercises.	
	12		H.Q. exercise on the issuing of orders. The exercise was cut short owing to the loss of nine 1-ton vans being ~~lost~~ withdrawn from unit to 23 Bn.	
	13		Returned from H.Q. exercise.	
	14 & 15		Maintenance.	
	16		Capt. KENTON of R.T.R. lectured on R.T.R. and tank tactics. 16 Aust. Fd. Bty. on exercises.	
	17		T.E.W.T. Army Tank Tactics.	

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JDAIDE	Feb. 18		15 Fd. Bty. route march. Annual range practice Champ de Tir TRIPOLI - 16 Bty. only.	
	20		24 Bde. H.Q. exercise.	
	21		24 Bde. H.Q. exercise.	
	22		Mr. LOBBAN and Mr. MICHELL and 40 re-inforcements arrived at the Regt.	
	23		Owing to the lack of M.T. no mobile training can be carried out this week.	
	24		Bty. Comds. have been working very closely with their respective Bn. Comds.	
	25		Maintenance of all vehicles and guns has been carried out prior to shooting on the TELL KALAKH Range.	
	26		Maintenance.	
	27		2 i/c. recced range area.	
	28		Gas demonstration - low spray attack - attended by C.O. and representatives of all Btys.	
			Capt. CALDER and his party returned from TIBERIAS.	

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EXERCISE ONLY.

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19 Feb., 42.

8 AUST. FD. REGT. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 1.

Based on information received up to 17 Mar., 41.

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

Taking advantage of the early spring Germany carried out attacks on Turkey and Cyprus. The enemy have landed forces at points on the Black Sea and at Alexandretta. On 14 Mar., 41, an attack on TRIPOLI Fortress area was unsuccessful. The Allied counter attack along the Euphrates has driven the enemy to within 80 miles of ALEPPO. Forces including one Tk. Regt., one Mot. Inf. Regt., one Mountain Regt. and proportion of Div. Tps. are reliably reported to have withdrawn to the ALEPPO Area.

Bulgaria has attacked Thrace and the majority of the Turkish army has been committed in this area. The Turkish forces on the Syrian border have been driven S.E. along the River Euphrates. Two weeks ago the Turkish forces held a defensive line at DEIR EL LOR, where they were joined by a British Armd. Div. and three Ind. Divs. At the same time two Bns. of 20 Aust. Inf. Bde. were able to withdraw from ALEPPO Area to the TRIPOLI Fortress.

2. ENEMY FORCES.

Enemy forces identified to date ~~moving South along the rds. ALEPPO - HAMA - HOMS and ALEXANDRETTA - LATTAQRIE - TRIPOLI~~ include one Tk. Regt., one Motorized Div., one Mountain Div. In addition there is one Tk. Regt., one Motorized Inf. Regt., one Mountain Rifle Regt. and a percentage of Div. Tps. in the ALEPPO Area.

3. MORALE.

Morale of P.W. taken in the last few days has not been high.

Lieut.

I.O. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

Distribution:-

15 Fd. Bty.	1
16 Fd. Bty.	2
58 Fd. Bty.	3
F Sec. Sigs.	4
64 L.A.D.	5
C.O.	6
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8 AUST. FD. REGT. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 2.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs. 19 Mar., 42.

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

The enemy has been driven back as far as NAHR EL KABIR crossings on the rds. TRIPOLI - HOMS 187 299 and TRIPOLI - LATTAQUIE 174 299.

TOVFORCE comprising 26 Aust. Inf. Bde. Gp., with under comd. two bns. 20 Aust. Inf. Bde. and 4 Army Tk. Bns. (portee) and all available tps., are now in pursuit of the enemy in this area.

Lieut.

I.O. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

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8 AUST. FD. REGT. O.O. NO. 1.

Ref. Maps:- TRIPOLI)
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HALBA) 1:50,000.
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INFORMATION.

1. ENEMY. As per Intelligence Summary No. 1.

2. OWN TPS. As per Intelligence Summary No. 2. In addition 26 Aust. Inf. Bde. Gp. is to relieve TOWFORCE on the HOMS Rd. and continue to pursue and destroy the enemy forces.

INTENTION.

3. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt. will move from BATTLE posn. in TRIPOLI Fortress to Bivouac Area 1777 2850.

METHOD.

4. ORDER OF MARCH. Tactical Grouping.

5. ROUTE. BATTLE Posns. - TRIPOLI - EL BEDAOUI 164279 - rd. junc. 173286 - rd. and track junc. 177286 thence to Bivouac Area.

6. S.P. Br. 1681 2747 (For purpose of exercise junc. of rd. (JDAIDE - TRIPOLI and track to 15 Fd. Bty.)

7. START TIME. 1030 hrs. 20 Feb., 42.

8. V.T.M. 20 with 200x between Groups.

9. M.I.H. 15.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXERCISE.

Ref. Maps:- TRIPOLI)
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MALBA)
RAMIDIEM)

1. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt. will participate in an H.Q. and Comns. exercise with 24 Aust. Inf. Bde. and supporting arms on 20/21 Feb., 42. Exercise will be carried out in the area NORTH of the rd. MALBA 183289 - EL ABDE 173286.

2. TPS. TO PARTICIPATE FROM 8 AUST. FD. REGT.

(a) R.H.Q. - Z, Z2, A1, A2, Sur., M.O's. 1, 2 & 3, Q1 and Q4.

(b) F Sec. Sigs. - S2, S3, S4, S5, S6 and S8 (Veh. with Mechanical Cable Layer to be drawn from 16 Bty.)

(c) 64 L.A.D. - 1 15-cwt., 1 3-ton Breakdown.

(d) BTYS. - Each Bty. will be represented by B.C. and H vehicle.

(e) A.A.M.C. - R.M.O. will detail a Medical Orderly to travel with R.H.Q.

3. ORDERS. Orders issued for move from Battle Posns. will be regarded as orders to move from present location.

4. GAS SPRAY DEMONSTRATION.

(a) A Neutral period will be declared from 0900 hrs. to 1100 hrs. 21 Feb., 42, for selected personnel to attend a demonstration of GAS SPRAY from a LYSANDER aircraft at 1876 3012.

(b) One offr. and one N.C.O. per Bty. will be present; these should be drawn from personnel attending the Bde. exercise.

(c) In addition to Battle Dress the following equipment be carried:-

(i) Steel helmets.
(ii) Respirators and Eye Shields.
(iii) Gas Caps (rolled posn.).
(iv) Detectors Individual.

(d) Personnel will R.V. at 1873 3099 at 0930 hrs.

(e) Ground in the vicinity of the demonstration is under cultivation, and care must be taken NOT to damage crops.

5. SECURITY.

Much of the detail of the Scheme is SECRET and although papers issued are marked EXERCISE ONLY, correct security precautions will be taken, and all papers issued by this H.Q. will be returned on completion of the exercise.

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6. Adm.

(a) Rations, Water and P.O.L. will be provided by the R.Q.M. for Bty. representatives participating in the exercise.

(b) 16 Aust. Fd. Bty. will arrange to draw necessary rations from R.Q.M. to feed H.H.Q. personnel remaining in camp over the exercise.

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Adjt. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

Distribution:-

15 Bty.	1
16 Bty.	2
58 Bty.	3
F Sec. Sigs.	4
64 L.A.D.	5
C.O.	6
2 i/c.	7
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10 Feb., 42.

Ref. Maps - TRIPOLI 1:50,000.
BATROUN 1:50,000.

INFORMATION.

1. (a) ENEMY.

It is known that German troops are filtering through TURKEY. At present there is approx. one Bde. group with attached Engineers and Pioneers on the TURKO-SYRIAN border. Activity is mainly on the Southern Coast boundry of TURKEY, also on the aerodromes. Enemy L. of C. will be difficult owing to poor conditions of roads.

(b) OWN TPS.

As per 9 Aust. Div. Location Statement.

INTENTION.

2. Pending the investment of TRIPOLI Fortress, two mobile colms. will be formed to deal with landings by sea or air born tps. A TRIPOLI TOWN GARRISON will be formed.

METHOD.

3. The force will be comprised as under:-

(a) GODCOL - Comd. BRIG. GODFREY.

One tp. 9 Aust. Div. Cav.
6 Aust. Fd. Regt.
One bty. 3 Aust. A/Tk. Regt.
One tp. 3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt.
One coy. Engrs. 9 Aust. Div.
Sig. Det., No. 1 Coy., Sigs. 9 Aust. Div.
32 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Motorized.)

(b) TOMCOL - Comd. BRIG. TOVELL.

Force similar to above.

(c) TRIPOLI TOWN GARRISON - Comd. TRIPOLI FORTRESS COMD.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

4 (a) GODCOL - (i) SOUTH - The line of NAHR EL JAOUZ (EL DJOUZ) from incl. RAS KOUBBA (143259) to incl. DEIR BILLA (158256) rd. junc.

(ii) NORTH - The area North to the NAHR ABOU ALI.

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AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY (cont'd).

(b) TOVCOL. - Area North of TRIPOLI.

(c) TRIPOLI TOWN GARRISON. - The defence of TRIPOLI and EL MINA to Southern Boundry - EKOMBVA (158273) to junc NAHVS ABOU ALI and QUEIT (164273)

5. TIME TO BE READY. - Colns will be ready to move on 4 hrs notice.

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8 AUST. FD. REGT. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIELD FIRING

PRACTICE NO. 2.

A/TK. SHOOTING.

Ref. Map - TRIPOLI 1:200,000.

FD. FIRING.

1. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt. will carry out A/Tk. Shooting Practice at TARTOUSS Range 166 337.

58 Fd. Bty.	-	9 Mar.
15 Fd. Bty.	-	10 Mar.
16 Fd. Bty.	-	11 Mar.

2. Diagram showing location of range is att. as Appx. "A".

CONTROL.

3. Practice will be under Regtl. control; Maj. W.J. GREEN will be I.O.

DEPOT BTY.

4. 12 Aust. Fd. Regt. will provide a depot pty. which will be responsible for:-

(a) Preparing range and target runs.

(b) Making arrangements for towing targets - Tractors will be made available by Bty. shooting.

(c) Policing range during practice.

(d) All safety arrangements.

TRACKS.

5. Existing tracks shall be used as far as possible, and care taken to avoid unnecessary damage to crops and trees both at range and bivouac site.

ADM.

6. ANN. - Max. allotment - 12 r.p.g. 25-pr. AP. Details of time and place for drawing will be issued by the R.Q.M.

MEDICAL.

7. An Amb. veh. from a Fd. Amb. will be at the range, and will be at the disposal of the R.M.O. POL and rations will be provided by the Depot Bty.

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8. ACK.

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Time of Signature 1530 28/2/42

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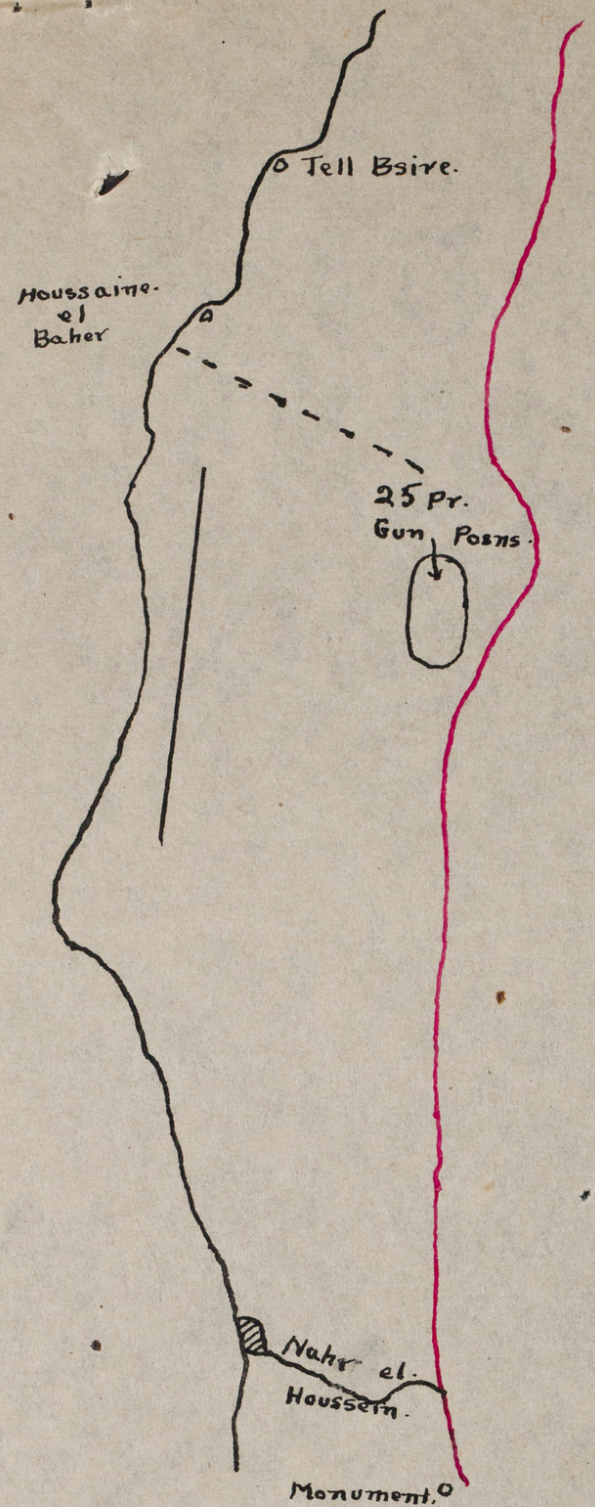
Appx. "A" to Instructions
for Fd. Firing No. 2.



Sketch showing
A/Tk. Range
Not to Scale.

Ref. Map - TRIPOLI 1:200,000.

Firing Area 166 337.

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28 Feb., 42.

8 AUST. FD. REGT. FIELD FIRING PRACTICE.

TRANSPORT OF PERSONNEL TO ARTY. RANGE.

Ref. Map - TELL KALAIK 1:50,000.

SERIAL.	UNIT TO RECEIVE.	DATE & TIME.	VEHICLES REQUIRED FROM OTHER BTYS.	UNIT TO SUPPLY.	REMARKS.
1	15 Bty.	1 Mar. 1200 hrs.	4 30-cwts. 1 3-tonner.	16 Bty.	Return empty same day.
2	16 Bty.	2 Mar. 1200 hrs.	3 30-cwts. 2 3-tonners.	88 Bty.	Collect 15 Bty. personnel and return to camp same day.
3	88 Bty.	3 Mar. 1200 hrs.	4 30-cwts. 1 3-tonner.	16 Bty.	Collect 16 Bty. personnel and return to camp same day. These vehicles will remain on Wednesday to collect Native Laborers from defence works on Wednesday evening. They will report to R.H.Q. at 1530 hrs. 4 Mar. and Batteries and Lieut. PARSONS will detail the necessary guides to report at the same time.
4	88 Bty. return to camp on evening of 4 Mar. leaving surplus personnel in bivouac at range to be collected by their own vehicles on the morning of 5 Mar.				

1. An N.C.O. will be detailed by each Bty. supplying vehicles to others, and he will be responsible for their movement and time to report, etc.

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2. 16 Bty. vehicles have been left free as they will be required for taking over regimental and 2/12 Aust. Fd. Regimental duties on the morning of 4 Mar.

3. R.E.Q. will supply 1 30-cwt. for use of Range Party. This vehicle will report to Capt. [redacted] at R.H.Q. 1230 hrs. 1 Mar., 42.

4. START TIME.

Start time for move to Bivouac Area will be 1300 hrs. each day.

5. RECCE PARTIES.

Bty. recce parties will R.V. with 2 i/c. at rd. junc. 2138 3033 at 1500 hrs. daily.

Distribution

	Copy No.
15 Fd. Bty.	1
16 " "	2
58 " "	3
QM	4

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10 Feb., 42.

8 AUST. FD. REGT. ADMIN. INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

VEHICLE MARKING.

The following information is extracted from 9 Aust. Div. Admin. Instruction No. 67 and will be adopted by this Regt.

1. AUST. ARMY NO. OR W.D. NO.

This will be placed on all wheeled vehicles on both sides of bonnet and on rear of body in a central position. The characters will be in white paint in 3½-in. block, preceded by the Class letter and the letters AIF (without stops), thus - AIF M-2150.

In the case of Aust. pattern vehicles the number plates, where already fitted, will be retained in addition. The plates are to be standard AIF design, with the Class letter in RED and a Black ground. On AFV's the number is painted on the front and rear in a central position.

The Army number will also be stamped on the chassis frame to enable identification in case of completely burnt or stolen vehicles.

2. SIGN PLATES.

On the NEAR side of most vehicles at present are fitted plates 9½" X 8½", carried in holders and brackets in front and rear. These will be utilized with the following differences in future:-

(a) The DIVISIONAL SIGN will occupy the top half of the plate and will therefore be 4½" X 8" size. The divisional sign for 9 Aust. Div. is the Platypus and Boomerang. The correct outline for this sign is shown in Appx. "A" and must be strictly adhered to. The sign will be WHITE on a BLACK background

(b) The Unit Sign will occupy the lower half of the plate and will therefore be 4½" X 8" in size. The serial number for this regt. incl. Sig. Sec. and L.A.D. att. is --- 71 which will be painted in WHITE on a background of RED and BLUE shown horizontally.

(c) On the reverse side of the plate the word "PASS" will be stencilled in WHITE paint letters to be 5" high.

(d) TACTICAL SIGNS.

The R.A.A. tactical signs will be painted on a plate size 4" X 8" which will form an extension above the usual plate; this applies to both front and rear. The extension plate may be made out of tinplate from old petrol tins, etc., and attached to the standard plate by 3/16" bolts or other methods.

The tactical signs may also be painted on the sides of the vehicles.

(e) Whenever possible the existing plate will be used, but if brackets and holders are NOT provided , the signs as described in (a) (b) and (d) above will be painted on the NEAR side front mudguard, and in a prominent posn. on NEAR rear of vehicle (on vehicles without guards in corresponding posns. on body.)

(f) An example of a Sign Plate is shown below:-

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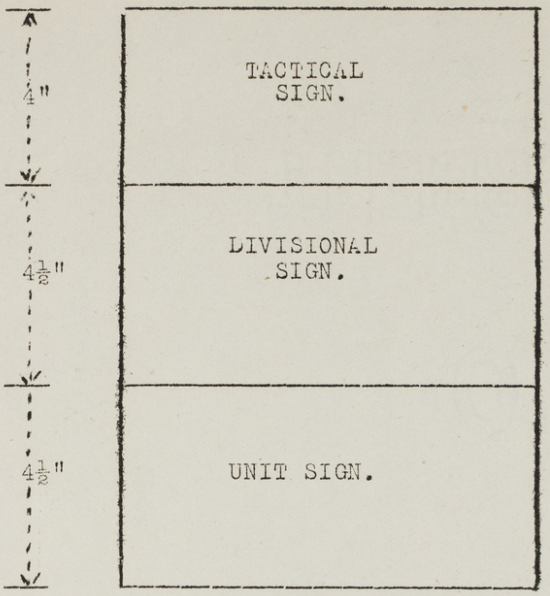
VEHICLE MARKING (cont'd)



3. BRIDGE CLASSIFICATION SIGNS.

(a) (i) To avoid risk of damage to military bridges by vehicles producing a greater load than that for which the bridge has been designed, a system of classification of bridges and marking of vehicles has been adopted.

(ii) Each bridge is classified by the Engineers with a number denoting the approximate weight in tons of the loads that can safely cross it.

(iii) Vehicles will be classified and marked according to the equivalent load which they impose on a bridge, in multiples of 1 ton from 1 ton upwards. A vehicle may only cross a bridge bearing a classification the same or higher than its own.

(b) Trains of vehicles, such as a tractor and its gun will be given a double classification. The number will give the class of the whole train, and the lower one (which will be in smaller size marking) that of the to wing vehicles alone, e.g. Tractor and gun - 9 tons, and alone - 5 tons:-



When one vehicle is towing another in an emergency the classification of the train will be the sum of those of the separate vehicles.

(c) Appx. "B" gives a list of classification numbers for vehicles used in this regt. Vehicles will normally be issued with the Bridge sign painted on them. If this has not been done the bridge classification sign will be painted on as described in paras. (b) & (d). As it has been found in practice that the present yellow disc tends to nullify the camouflage effect, the size and shape

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of the yellow background (upon which the figures are painted in Black) will be irregular in a manner similar to the example shown above.

(d) The sign should be legible at 50 yds.

It is carried usually on a circular plate fixed to OFFSIDE mudguard of vehicle, the numbers being in black on a yellow ground. Where no plate is available, the sign will be stencilled on the guard, or on a corresponding position on vehicles without guards, but note that the background in this case is to be irregular and not round.

Dimensions of figures are as follows:-

Single set numbers ..... 6"
Double set numbers:-
Upper Set ..... 4"
Lower Set ..... 2½"

A thin black line will separate the two sets of figures in the case of double set numbers.

5. GENERAL.

(a) Particular attention is drawn to the frequent misuse of the Sign plates as if showing the word "PASS" outwards were some official demand for traffic priority. The purpose of this word on the plate is that when a vehicle is stopped, by turning the plates to show the word "PASS" outwards, other vehicles are informed that the vehicle concerned has stopped and may be passed. Once the stopped vehicle moves on the plates must be turned to the normal position concealing the word "PASS". Steps will be taken by O'C.C., Sub-units, to ensure that drivers know and obey these instructions, and disciplinary action is to be taken against offenders.

(b) It is realized that the changing of present markings will constitute a large amount of work and every facility is to be utilized to expedite the completion of the change. Qualified Signwriters will be employed whenever they are available.

(c) SECURITY.

The following will not be marked on vehicles:-

(i) Actual number or title of formation or unit.

(ii) Crest or badge of unit, or any device giving a clue to the identity of the unit.

(d) Where vehicles have not been fitted with holders and brackets to carry unit signs the manufacture of these may be dispensed with. Similarly the fitting of special bridge classification discs will not be attempted. Instead, the unit sign and bridge sign will be painted on mudguards as previously described and thus labour and material will be saved. Where holders, however, are available they will be fitted, but supplies of new ones will not be demanded.

(e) Sub-units will commence the preparation of the necessary plates and stencils, and will be notified when the required paints are available. The new plates will NOT be displayed on vehicles until so ordered by this H.Q. This will be done when all new signs are ready and old Unit and Divisional Signs painted out with a basic colour.

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Adjt. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

Distribution:-	58 Bty.	8 - 9	2 i/c.	12
15 Bty. 1 - 3	64 L.A.D.	10	Q.M.	13
16 Bty. 4 - 6	F Sec. Sigs.	11	War Diary	14-15
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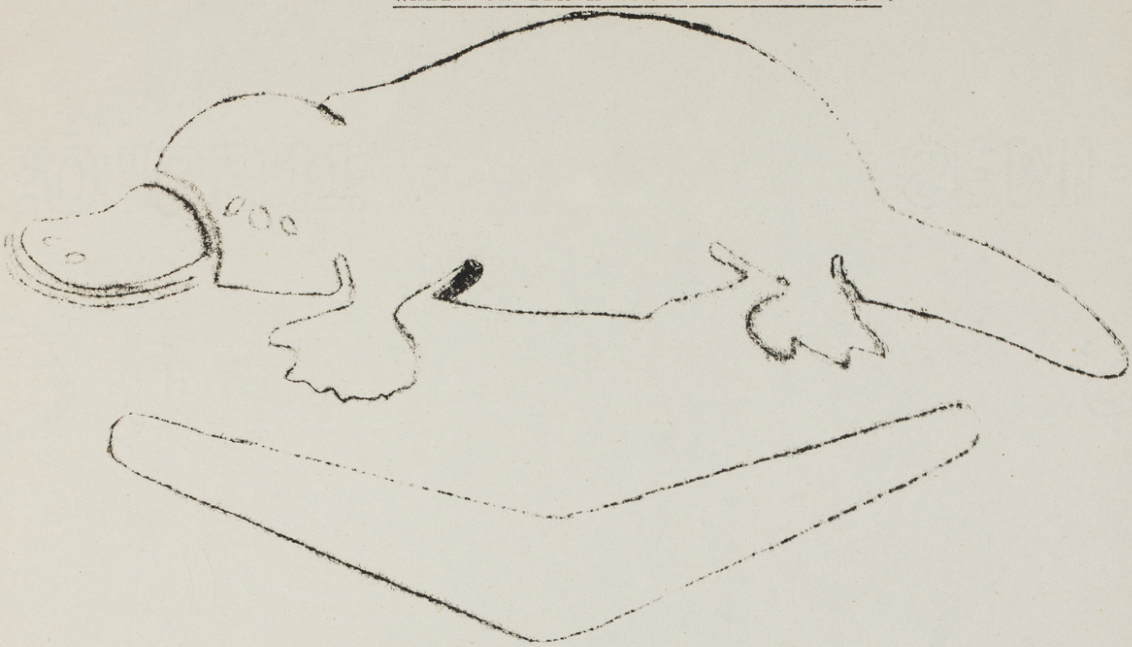
APPENDIX "A" TO 8 AUST. FD. REGT. ADMIN. INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

WHITE ON BLACK GROUND - FULL SIZE.



DIV. SIGN
9 AUST. DIV.

APPENDIX "B" TO 8 AUST. FD. REGT. ADMIN. INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

LISTS OF BRIDGE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR VEHICLES.

TYPE.	DETAILS.	CLASSIFICATION NO.
Cars DS	CVT, FD Sedans and similar types	2
Cars, Utility	CVT, FL, HBR "Battle buggies"	2
Trucks, 8-cwt. W/T	All makes	2
Trucks, 15-cwt.	Inc. vans 15-cwt., FD and CVT, Trucks 15-cwt. CAS type, all vans 1-ton FD and CVT.	3
Lorries 30-cwt.	All types except Water Lorries, which are classified "5"	4
Ambulances	All types on 30-cwt. chassis	4
	All types on 3-ton chassis	5
Lorries 3-ton	All types except Breakdown Lorries which are classified "7"	6
Lorries semi-trailer	For RAE (Unloaded 5)	9
Tractors	Arty., LP3, LP 3A, and MOR or GUY "Quads"	5
Trailers	2 wheeled, all types	1
	4 wheeled, all types except Machy. Trailers DLR loadings, which are classified as "6".	5
Carriers	All types	4

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8 AUST FD REGT
6/2/42

SECURITY GUARD - CHEKKA.

1. 8 Aust Fd Regt will provide a guard on the R.E. dump at CHEKKA from 1500 hrs 7 Feb to 1500 hrs 28 Feb 42 .

2. The guard will consist of :-

1 Sgt
3 Bdrs
24 O.Rs

3. Each Bty will provide 1 Bdr & 8 O.Rs. In addition duty Bty will provide 1 Sgt i/c guard and one cook.

4. The tour of duty will be for 7 days when the guard will be changed, until relieved by 2/2 Aust. M.G. Bn. on 27 Feb.

5. ADM.

(a) Rations are drawn from a nearby English unit.

(b) Cooking equipment will be required and will be provided by duty Bty.

(c) Duty Bty. will provide one vehicle and driver to remain with the guard.

(d) Each member of the guard will be armed and carry ten rounds amn.

6. A copy of orders for the guard and diagramatic layout of area are available at R.H.Q. and will be obtained by Sgt. i/c. guard.

7. TPT.

(a) R.H.Q. and Duty Bty. will each provide one 30-cwt. lorry for transporting guard to CHEKKA.

(b) The above vehicles and members of the guard will report to R.H.Q. at 1330 hrs. 7 Feb., 14 Feb., and 21 Feb., 42.

8. REPORTS.

Sgt. i/c. guard will submit within 24 hrs. of being relieved a written report of his tour of duty.

9. DUTY BTY.

The Duty Bty. referred to herein, except in para. 7 (a) will be the Bty. mounting duty on Sunday 8 Feb., etc.

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Adjt. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

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15 Fd. Bty.
16 Fd. Bty.
58 Fd. Bty.
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S E C R E T.

R.H.Q.
8 AUST FD REGT
24/2/42

MEMO TO 15 Bty
16 Bty
58 Bty
F Sec Sigs
64 L.A.D.
Q .M.

Extracts from 9 Aust Div Staff Instruction No 18.

C A M O U F L A G E.

The following suggestions in regard to immediate camouflage are made as a result of a recent inspection:-

1. (a) Immediate treatment of Pill Boxes:- Flat tops should be covered with a thin layer of soil, rocks, camel thorn etc, matching as closely as possible the surroundings. Obvious spoil to be treated similarly. Exposed walls and pillars should be darkened. If paint is not available sump oil can be used.

(b) Tracks which end at posns are dangerous. Units should devise a track plan, if possible with one way traffic to a posn, i.e., in by one path, and out by a continuation of the same path which meets the main road at some distance from the point of entry.

(c) Nets which have faded may be darkened by the addition of dark garnish or camel thorn. It must be stressed that a net thrown over an object does not conceal its shape.

2. When it is NOT possible to conceal spoil, deception should be practiced by exposing spoil to represent dummy posns for coys,etc.

3. The importance of camouflage cannot be too greatly stressed and every endeavour will be made to ensure that this subject is given full consideration before work on the post, pill-box, etc is actually begun.

19/42

.....Capt RAA.
~~Adjt~~ 8 Aust Fd Regt.

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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(*page* 1)
(*Adapted*)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

9 Aust Fd Regt (Unit) 7-2-42 19 42 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	9	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	-	-	-
Staff Serjeants	3	-	-
Serjeants	33	-	1
Corporals	78	-	6
Troopers, Privates, &c.	530	-	28
TOTALS	654	* -	* 36

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
A/Sgt Chapman	AAPC		
Pte Breen	AA Postal	Sig Sec 26 Coy	9 Div Sigs
A/Cpl Lee	AAMC	Wireless Horse	
L/- Watt	"	LAD 14 ERs	64 LAD
Sgt Eastman	"		
Cpl Steedy	"		
Cpl Clark	YMCA		
Gnr Hutchinson	9 Div HQ		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX 28716	Sgt	Myers W	9 Aust Fd Regt	YMCA
VX 13993	"	Holmes	"	Con Depot

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9 Aust Fd Regt Unit.

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(*page* 2)

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders														3	3	
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.														6	6	
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers														11	11	
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
Surveyors														2	2	
Wadmen														2	2	
Chainmen														2	2	
Computers														1	1	
General duty personnel														4	4	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														36	36	

9 Aust Fd Regt
Unit.

Date of Despatch 7-2-42

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Capt. R.A.A.
Adj. 2/5 Fd Regt A.I.F.
Signature of Commander.

9 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

5 Aust Fd Regt (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		
Captains	7		4
Lieutenants	24	3	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	38	3	4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Allman T.A.	9 Aust Fd Regt	5.11.42	From School
"	Smith T.D.	"	"	"
"	Cleary R.W.	"	"	"

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Tilley T.R.	9 Aust Fd Regt	5.11.42	Sick

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col		Tovey W.N.	5 Aust Fd Regt	Yes	
Maj		Green W.T.	"	Yes	
"		Fotheringham W.T.	"	Yes	
"		Smith A.R.	"	Yes	
Capt		Stevens T.D.	"	Yes	
"		Hamilton T.L.	"	Yes	
"		Gibbs T.J.	"	Yes	
"		Robertson T.D.	"	Yes	
Lieut		Clarke L.E.J.	"	Yes	
"		Robinson M.	"	Yes	
"		Robertson D.A.	"	Yes	
"		McKay T.G.	"	Yes	
"		Allcock T.R.	"	Yes	
"		Lewis T.L.	"	Yes	
"		Collins H.G.	"	Yes	
"		Tillett T.R.	"	Yes	
"		Parkes H.C.	"	Yes	
"		Hawkins F.W.	"	Yes	
"		Curtin L.R.	"	Yes	
"		Cooper E.W.J.	"	Yes	
"		Smith T.D.	"	Yes	
"		Richardson A.E.	"	Yes	
"		Smith S.	"	Yes	
"		Sorry H.W.	"	Yes	
"		Edmund J.B.	"	Yes	
"		Lark T.	"	Yes	
"		Cartwright L.A.	"	Yes	
"		Allan E.M.	"	Yes	
"		Peach T.R.	"	Yes	
"		Pollard L.C.L.	"	Yes	
"		Robinson H.	"	Yes	
"		McCallum E.M.	"	Yes	
"		Hall T.L.	"	Yes	
"		Cunningham D.P.	"	Yes	
"		North W.T.	"	Yes	
"		Parsons E.W.	"	Yes	
"		Harris G.O.	"	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Urquhart W.L.	5 A.D.O.S.	5.11.42	Adm. Offr.
"		Williams T.L.	5 A.M.C.	"	R.M.O.
Lieut		Cook R.E.	5 Aust Fd Regt	"	Sig. Offr.
"		Harris H.W.	Employment Coy	"	Employment

5 Aust Fd Regt (Unit.)

7-12-42 (Date of Despatch.)

Capt. R.A.A. (Signature of Commander.)
A.I.F.

9 Aust Div (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

8 Hurst Fd Regt (Unit) 14-2-42 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	—	—
W.Os. Class II.	9	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	-	-	-
Staff Serjeants	3	-	-
Serjeants	32	-	2
Corporals	81	-	3
Troopers, Privates, &c.	528	-	30
TOTALS	654	* —	* 36

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
A/Sgt Chapman	AA PC		
Pte Breen	AA postal	Sig Sec 26 OR	9 Div Sigs
Sgt Eastman	AAMC	HQ 4 Hurst	64 LAD
Cpl Sturdy	" "	LAD 140 ORs	
A/Cpl Lee	"		
L/- Watt	"		
Cpl Clarke	4 MCH		
Gnr Hutchinson	9 Div HQ		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX25716	Sgt	Myers W	8 Hurst Fd Regt	7 AGH
VX13993	"	Holmes	"	Con Depot

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5 Hurst Fd Regt Unit.

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT. W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED. W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	REMARKS.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders														3	3	
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.														6	6	
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers														11	11	
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
Surveyors														2	2	
Wadmen														2	2	
Chainmen														2	2	
Computors														1	1	
General duty personnel														9	9	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														36	36	

8 Hurst Fd Regt
Unit.

Date of Despatch 14-2-42

D.3459.

Capt. R.A.A.
Adj. 2/8 Fd Regt
Signature of Commander.

9 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

5 Aust Div Engr (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.* deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	–	–
Majors	4	–	–
Captains	8	–	3
Lieutenants	25	3	–
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	38	2	3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Maj	Stevens F.D	42nd Fd Regt	4.2.42	From School
Lieut	Shaw T.L.	–	4.2.42	–

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	McKay L.G.	2 Aust Fd Regt	4.2.42	Seconded yeast Duty

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut	Temporary	Tinsley W.H.	Aust Engr	yes	C.O.
Maj		Cumming W.J.	"	yes	Adjt
"		Thornton R.L.	"	yes	OC 15 Coy
"		Sutton A.R.	"	yes	OC 16 Coy
Capt	T/Maj	Stevens F.D.	"	yes	OC 59 Coy
"		Roberts T.L.	"	yes	OC 11 Coy
"		Hamilton G.S.	"	yes	OC Engr Pk
"		Vanderbeken E.W.	"	yes	To Lieut 6 Div
Lieut	T/Capt	Cameron D.P.D.	"	yes	Sick
"		Robinson N.	"	yes	SM
"		Calder O.R.	"	yes	Lieut 6 Div
"		Pilborough T.R.	"	yes	Adjt 59 Coy
"		Street T.L.	"	yes	6 Div "H" Tp
"		Collins D.G.	"	yes	Wksp 11 Coy
"		Gilmour P.M.	"	yes	2 i/c 11 Coy
"		Smith H.C.	"	yes	2 i/c 59 Coy
"		Rowlands E.W.	"	yes	2 i/c 16 Coy
"		Martin C.R.	"	yes	To Lieut 6 Div
"		Cooper E.W.G.	"	yes	Wksp 15 Coy
"		Smith T.D.	"	yes	To Lieut 6 Div
"		Richardson A.E.	"	yes	To Lieut 6 Div
"		Smith S.	"	yes	6 Div "A" Tp
"		Carey A.W.	"	yes	2 i/c
"		Edwards P.D.	"	yes	Survey Q
"		Ford	"		
"		Cameron E.L.	"	yes	To Lieut 6 Div
"		Allen P.M.	"	yes	To Lieut 6 Div
"		Leach J.R.	"	yes	To Lieut 6 Div
"		Mitchell E.C.L.	"	yes	Wksp 59 Coy
"		Abbott G.	"	yes	6 Div "L" Tp
"		McCallum E.R.	"	yes	To Lieut 6 Div
"		Cull P.S.	"	yes	Wksp 16 Coy
"		Cattington N.P.	"	yes	To Lieut 6 Div
"		North W.T.	"	yes	To Lieut 6 Div
"		Parsons G.W.	"	yes	6 Div "F" Tp
"		Taylor C.C.	"	yes	To Lieut 6 Div

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Urquhart W.C.	A.M.C.	4.2.42	Temp Duty
Lieut		Stevens D.L.	A.A.P.C.	4.2.42	Temp Duty
"		Cooke R.E.	Aust Sig Regt	4.2.42	Temp Duty
Captain		Fraser J.M.	Aust Supply Unit	4.2.42	Temp Duty

5 Aust Div Engr (Unit.)

4.2.42 (Date of Despatch.)

Capt. R.A.A.
Adjt 2/4 Fd Coy
A.I.F.
(Signature of Commander.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

8 Aust Fd Regt (Unit) 21-2- 19 42 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	–	–
W.Os. Class II.	9	–	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	–	–	–
Staff Serjeants	3	–	–
Serjeants	32	–	2
Corporals	84	–	4
Troopers, Privates, &c.	528	–	30
TOTALS	657	* –	* 33

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
A/Sgt Chapman	AAPC		
Cpl Breen	AA Postal	Sig Sec 26 OR	9 Div Sigs
Sgt Eastman	AAMC	Wo II Hurst	2 42 AD
Cpl Sturdy	" "	LAD 15	
A/Cpl Lee	" "		
Pte Court	" "		
Cpl Clark	YMCA		
Gnr Hutchinson	9 Div HQ		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX 28716	Sgt	Myers W	8 Aust Fd Regt	7 AGH
VX 13993	"	Holmes GL	"	Con Depot
VX 15923		Watkins JS		MDS
TX 1561	"	Graves CW	"	MDS

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8 Aust Fd Regt Unit.

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders														3	3	
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.														6	6	
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers														11	11	
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
Surveyors														2	2	
Wadmen														2	2	
Chainmen														2	2	
Computors														1	1	
General duty personnel														6	6	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														33	33	

8 Aust Fd Regt
Unit.

Capt. R.A.A.
Adj. 2/8 Tx Sgt.
A. I. F.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 21-2-42

9 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

.....(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	—	—
Majors	4	—	—
Captains	8	—	3
Lieutenants	26	3	—
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	39	3	3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Pollard F.C.L.	Field Artillery	14-2-40	From School
"	Little A.F.	"	18-2-40	" "

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	Temp Rank	Finlay W.N.	Cavalry	Yes	[illegible]
Maj		Green W.T.	"	Yes	2 i/c
		Langston R.L.	"	Yes	OC 15 Bty
		Sutter H.R.	"	Yes	OC 16 Bty
Capt	Temp Maj	Stevens F.O.	"	Yes	OC 58 Bty
		Roberts T.L.	"	Yes	OC 16 Bty
		Wallis F.	"	Yes	OC 59 Bty
		Hutchens W.S.	"	Yes	OC 15 Bty
		Vanderkelen P.W.	"	Yes	Talond E.T.P.
		Mercer H.E.	"	No Duty	Attached
Lieut	Temp Capt	Coombe S.T.R.	"	Yes	Adjt
		Robinson M.	"	Yes	QM
		Rankin O.R.	"	No Duty	Talond E.T.P.
		Allison T.R.	"	Yes	ACRO 58 Bty
		Steer T.L.	"	Yes	Camp Staff
		Collins R.C.	"	Yes	Wireless Sect
		Tuck T.A.	"	Absent	CPO 16 Bty
		Balfour M.L.	"	Yes	CPO 59 Bty
		Rowlands F.W.	"	Yes	CPO 15 Bty
		Morton C.R.	"	Yes	Talond E.T.P.
		Campbell Mrs	"	Yes	Camp Staff
		Smith T.D.	"	Yes	Talond E.T.P.
		Richardson R.L.	"	Yes	Field A.T.P.
		Smith S.	"	Yes	CPO 58 Bty
		Sutton H.W.	"	Yes	I.O.
		Edwards P.B.	"	Yes	Camp Staff
		Hood F.	"	Yes	CPO 59 Bty
		Garratt F.L.	"	Yes	To Camp A.T.P.
		Little A.F.	"	Yes	Camp Staff
		Bullen P.M.	"	Yes	Field A.T.P.
		Deeth J.R.	"	Yes	CPO 16 Bty
		Pollard F.C.L.	"	Yes	Wireless Sect
		Stewart A.	"	Yes	CPO 58 Bty
		McCallum G.B.	"	Yes	Field A.T.P.
		Cuffe Johnston W.E.	"	Yes	Camp Staff
		Smith A.F.	"	Yes	Field A.T.P.
		Harris E.O.	"	Yes	Field A.T.P.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Hayward H.G.	R.A.M.C.	5-2-40	Med Off
Capt		Hollings R.L.	R.A.M.C.	12-2-40	Med Off
Lieut		Lamont W.R.	Aust Staff	5-2-40	Dental Surgeon
Chaplain		Hughes W.H.	Australian Div Chaplains	5-2-40	Chaplain

9 Aust Div Regt
(Unit.)

21-2-40
(Date of Despatch.)

Capt. R.A.A.
(Signature of Commander.)
A.A. & Q.M.G.
A.I.F.

9 Aust Div
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54 DUTIES.

Duty Bty. ---------- 15 Aust Fd Bty.
R.O.O ----------Lieut J.C.Cuff
R.C.S ---------- Sgt Duffy R.V.

55 USE OF M.T.

(a) M.T. will NOT leave unit lines after Retreat without being in possession of an authorized work ticket signed by the C.O. 21/C or Adj., in case of R.H.Q. vehicles and O.C's in case of Bty's.

(b) Sentries and prowling picquets will apprehend all vehicles leaving unit lines at night and inspect work ticket or duty pass.

(c) Disciplinary action will be taken against personnel illegally using M.T. for unauthorized journies.

56 CENSORSHIP

(a) It is reported by the Base Censor that franking officers are not effectively discharging their duties; that unit correspondence of the A.I.F. in general is at present containing much censorable matter.

(b) The C.O.C., A.I.F. has therefore directed that all officers will familiarise themselves immediately with censorship regulations and make franking effective.

57 WEARING OF RESPIRATORS

(a) In order to conserve material, it has been decided that the wearing of respirators will not take place for more than two periods of half an hour each month.

(b) The importance however of being able to don the respirator in the prescribed time and of being able to carry on normal duties whilst wearing the respirator is still emphasised, and all ranks must be competent to do this.

(c) Commencing Sat, 14 Feb 42 and each alternate Saturday thereafter all ranks will wear respirators from 0900 hrs till 0930 hrs whilst performing normal duties.

58 SHOCK ABSORBERS

In order to minimise the excessive number of Spring breakages carefull supervision over the maintenance and adjustment of shock absorbers is essential, Attention must be paid by drivers during normal maintenance for any sign of external leakages, loose screws, nuts etc. Joints of connecting links and arms, which are fitted with rubber bearings, will NOT be lubricated; when these are found to be badly worn they will be replaced. Topping up and adjustments should be carried out periodically under the supervision of the L.A.D.

59 DRIVING. IMPROPER USE OF CHANGE DOWN /to enable them to

(a) It has been noted that many drivers change to a lower gear just before entering a corner and use the engine as a brake while cornering. Cases also occur where rapid deceleration is obtained on the straight by changing down. This practice will be discontinued as it is danger ous and harmful to the vehicle for the following reasons:-

(i) The vehicle is decelerated through the friction of only two tyres on the road instead of four. If the road is wet this friction (or co-efficient of adhesion as it is called) may fall to only one-tenth of the value that applies if the road is dry. If the breaking force exceeds the friction a skid occurs perhaps with fatal results. A skid is almost ALWAYS the result of

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bad driving.

(ii) Rapid deceleration causes much more strain on the engine and transmission than rapid acceleration.

(iii) The clutch does not permit as 'gentle' an application of the braking effort as does the foot pedal.

(iv) A vehicle reaches its maximum stability, and is most controlable only when power-driven.

(b) Changing down should be done:-

(i) Only at slow speeds except in an emergency.
(below 20 m.p.h. for cars and vans, below 15 m.p.h. for lorries).

(ii) To gain acceleration or power on hills.

(iii) To enable engine to be used as a brake on steep or long grades.

(c) In turning corners the vehicle should be slowed down by taking the foot gradually off the accelerator and allowing the engine to slow the vehicle down. Brakes should only be used to assist if distance is misjudged or in an emergency. Vehicle should reach its slow speed before reaching the corner then if necessary changed down to a lower gear, steadily power-driven or accelerated around corner according to condition of road. Normal driving speeds will then be restored.

(d) Quick acceleration and sudden braking are wasteful and expensive and are usually signs of bad driving. STOP WASTE.

Capt., R.A.A.

Adjt. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

N O T I C E S .

FOUND. A sum of money has been recovered by 9 Aust. Liv. Provost Coy. This money is believed to have been stolen from an Australian soldier in the vicinity of the Canteen and is now awaiting claimant. The loser should apply to 9 Aust. Liv. Pro. Coy.

9 AUST. DIV. CONCERT PARTY. Vacancies exist in the Concert Party for the following:-

Violinist
Comedian
Tap Dancer

Applications to be forwarded through this H.Q. to Amenities Officer, 9 Aust. Div.

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60 DUTIES. Duty Bty. ---------- 15 Aust. Fd. Bty.

R.O.O. ---------- Lieut. J.G. Cuff.

R.O.S. ---------- Sgt. Duffy, K.V.

61 USE OF FIREARMS. If it is the only way to prevent a theft or to apprehend a thief, rifles may be fired and in the second case, a hit should be tried for. Indiscriminate firing is not only useless but does harm by accustoming natives to fire. Sub-units will check issues and returns of amn. by guards and will investigate rounds fired.

62 SECURITY OF PERSONNEL.

1. There have been recent incidents reported of armed holdups, attacks and other acts of lawlessness by natives of the country.

2. The following rules for guidance are promulgated:-

Outside Main Towns or Outside Areas occupied by British Tps.

(a) Tps. will NOT move about singly on foot.

(b) Not less than one-fifth of a party of tps. will carry arms and amn., with a minimum of two armed men.

(c) Small parties bivouacing at night will post double sentries.

(d) It is desirable that single tpt. drivers who may be forced to bivouac overnight should remain awake and on guard until assistance arrives. Cases have occurred of veh. accessories being removed while the driver is asleep. The Syrian Moslem is regarded as expert at finding a favourable opportunity to steal.

(e) One weapon will be carried in each veh.

(f) Special precautions may need to be taken in areas seldom visited by tps. or thought to be unfriendly.

In Main Towns.

(g) No special precautions are considered necessary for security of personnel, but security of goods and documents is to be treated seriously.

Security of Infm.

3. The present open sale of unit colour patches by shops and hawkers tends to assist enemy agents and to flout security.

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In order to prevent this and to discourage the manufacture of colour patches, action is being taken through the British Security Mission to prohibit the sale of such articles by shops. Sales by hawkers however and the manufacture of colour patches will still continue unless all ranks co-operate by refusing to buy. Tps. will wear only ordnance issue colour patches as and when they become available.

63 DISCIPLINE - BEHAVIOUR OF TPS. ON LEAVE.

1. The G.O.C.-in-C. has directed that severe disciplinary action will be taken by C.Os. against men of their units who are charged by the military police with rowdyness and drunkenness while in leave centres.

2. Drunkenness and rowdyness are an abuse of leave privileges and cause the imposition of restrictions on leave, which inevitably hit the majority of well-behaved men because of the selfishness and unsoldierly behaviour of the few.

3. This order will be read by offrs. to their men on three successive parades.

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64 DUTIES.

Duty Bty. ---------- 15 Aust. Fd. Bty.
Next for Duty mounting 8 Feb. -- 16 Aust. Fd. Bty.
R.O.O. ---------- Lieut. E.R. McCallum.

R.O.S. ---------- Sgt. Duffy K.V.

65 HORSES AND MULES. Drivers are warned to take special care in passing horses and mules on roads. Speed will be reduced so that the vehicle can be stopped immediately in the event of fractious animals obstructing the road unexpectedly.

66 BOUNDS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 67).

(a) The following Cafes and Bars in TRIPOLI have been placed in bounds:-

Florida Cafe and Bar	Star Bar
Aussie Bar and Cafe	Baby Tea Room
Refuge Bar	Pattisserie Moderne
The Diggers Home Bar	Restuarant New Pattisserie
Ajamis Tea Room	Amoynie and Hadid
Kookaburra Bar	Golder Cup
Casino Tripoli	Antonio's Kayrouz
Egyptian Bar	Hakims Bar and Restuarant
Paname Restuarant	Kardous Bros.
Oriental Pattisserie	Middle East Allies Bar
Jal lad Bar	Australian's Bar

(b) All other Cafes and Bars are placed out of bounds.

(c) The area immediately surrounding LEGOULT and DE GAULLE Barracks known as QUOBBE is placed out of bounds.

67 TYPHOID. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 70).

Typhoid Fever is very common in SYRIA - probably more so than would be expected from the number of cases reported.

It is imperative that all troops fully understand the danger and the way to avoid it.

(a) No water may be drunk from other than authorised water points unless it be (i) boiled or (ii) adequately chlorinated in a water cart.

(b) No salads or uncooked vegetables may be eaten unless first soaked in permanganate solution for ½-hour.

(c) Flies must rigidly be prevented from having access to food or eating utensils.

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67 TYPHOID (cont'd).

(d) It should be clearly understood that Typhoid innoculation is NOT a complete protection, though it is of great value in reducing the number attacked, and also in lessening the severity of the disease.

68 BOUNDS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 74).

The Buffet at TRIPOLI STATION is OUT OF BOUNDS except to troops travelling and under control of R.T.O.

69 BOTTLED LIQUOR (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 68). Soldiers are forbidden to carry bottled liquor.

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Adjt. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

N O T I C E S.

CHURCH SERVICES. - Sunday, 8 Feb.

Protestant Service, R.H.Q. Men's Mess at 0930 hrs.
Holy Communion, Padre's Tent at 1015 hrs.
Song Service, Padre's Tent, at 1900 hrs.

R.C. Mass, JDAIDE Monastery, at 0830 hrs.
Confessions at 1730 hrs. 6 Feb., 42.

At approx. 1900 hrs. on the 13 Dec., 41 , an accident occurred between GAZA and JULIS, road GAZA-TEL AVIV, in which a vehicle collidedd with a stationary civilian vehicle driven by one Abraham Simchowitz. Any information concerning this accident should be forwarded to this H.Q.

LOST. A tan wallet, 24 Inf. Bn. Badge inside, containing Syrian notes, paybook and photos. Finder, if any, please return to R.H.Q.

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70. DUTIES. Duty Bty ----------16 Aust Fd Bty

R.O.O. ---------- Lieut A. Akhurst

R.O.S. ----------,Sgt Knight R.M.

71. NATIVES IN CAMP AREA.

(a) BARBERS.

(1) Several ca ses of scalp and beard infections have been reported by personell using the barbers moving on the rds through the camp area

(2) In future authorized barbers will be located at R.H.Q., 15 Fd Bty and 58 Fd Bty; 16 Bty will use the barber at R.H.Q.
These authorized barbers will be controlled and measures taken to ensure that at all times their instruments are kept sterilized.
Members of this Regt will NOT utilize the ser vices of any other native barbers in the Camp area.

(3) As the beard and scalp diseases referred to above ar e infectious Sub-units will ensure that al l razors, brushes and combs in the Sub-unit are sterilized so as to prevent further ca ses of the dissease.

(b) REFUSE COLLECTORS.

A limited number of natives have been authorized to collect and remove refuse from Sub-unit kitchens. These natives must NOT be permitted to move in the Unit lines other than directly between the kitchens, and the main rd.

(c) GENERAL.

(1) Owing to the increasing number of thefts from the Unit lines, all natives not included in (a) & (b) above, are prohibited from moving off the ma in rds through the Camp and entering this Units Camp lines.

(2) It is the duty of all ranks to co-operate with sentries and prowling picquets, to ensure that natives do NOT enter the Camp area, and to take action to ensure that they are kept strictly to the rds.

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72 DUTIES. Duty Bty. ---------- 16 Aust. Fd. Bty.

R.O.C. ---------- Lieut. A. Akhurst.

R.O.S. ---------- Sgt. Knight R.M.

73 AIR MAIL. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 77).

(a) The temporary suspension of the AIR MAIL service to troops abroad, has been announced in AUSTRALIA.

(b) As the AIR MAIL service still operates for a considerable part of the distance to AUSTRALIA, AIR MAIL will still be accepted for transmission to AUSTRALIA.

74 ROADS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 80).

Complaints have been received that stone and chippings stacked at the roadside for purposes of road maintenance and repair are being removed by units.
This practice will cease forthwith, and disciplinary action will be taken in every case against offenders.

75 REMOVAL OF HUTMENTS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 81).

Hutments or Buildings of any kind will NOT be moved or altered in any way without the approval of these H.Q.

76 CARE OF AMN. & EXPLOSIVES. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 82).

Sub-units will ensure that all amn. and explosives on their charge are carefully protected against damp and exposure.

Special care is necessary in the case of boxed amn. that cover is provided to prevent rain and moisture entering boxes.

77 BAD MONEY - NOTES AND COINS IN SYRIA AND THE LEBANON. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 85).

(a) Notes. There are in circulation many notes made up of two different half notes. The Bank will not, and Army Cashiers cannot accept these as currency and all ranks are warned to refuse such notes as tender.

(b) Coin. There is a good deal of counterfeit coin in circulation. This can be detected as follows:-

(i) The detail of the impression is less clear cut.

(ii) The milling is generally irregular; on the slant instead of being vertical.

(iii) The thickness and diameter are often smaller than those of genuine pieces.

All ranks should exercise caution in accepting change.

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78 ONE-WAY TRAFFIC - BECHERRE - CEDARS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 86).

(a) The road between BECHERRE and THE CEDARS is a one-way traffic road.

(b) Vehicles proceeding to the Cedars must stop at BECHERRE and ascertain from the civil police whether the road is clear before proceeding.

79 USE OF SUMP OIL. Sub-units will save all old sump oil which will be delivered to the R.Q.M.

80 LOSS OF PAYBOOKS.

(a) Attention is again directed to the seriousness of the loss of paybooks, and thetfact that, despite warning, personnel are still losing their paybooks through carelessness.

(b) The loss of a paybook is to be regarded as a serious offence against which severe disciplinary action will be taken.

81 PUNISHMENTS.

NO.	RANK.	NAME.	CHARGE.	PUNISHMENT.
VX 17628	Gnr.	McDONALD L.W.	Neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he was not in possession of Form W.F.5. (Paybook.) A.A. Sec. 40.	Fined 5/-.
VX 14946	Gnr.	O'DEA D.G.	Failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his Commanding Officer. A.A. Sec. 15 (2)	Fined £2-0-0.
VX 14946	Gnr.	O'DEA D.G.	Drunkenness. A.A. Sec. 19.	Fined £3-0-0.
VX 37041	Gnr.	BROWN C.P.	When in camp being found in ZGHORTA a place out-of-bounds to H.M. Forces. A.A. Sec. 15 (3).	Fined £1-0-0.
TX 5199	Gnr.	MERCER H.J.	Drunkenness. A.A. Sec. 19.	Fined £3-0-0.

82 REGIMENTAL LIBRARY. Commencing 11 Feb., 42, a Regimental Library will be availabl e for all unit personnel between 1800-2000 hrs. daily at the Padre's tent. One book only will be issued to personnel at any one time, & must be returned within one week by the personnsigning for it. Books must not be loaned or passed on to other personnel. All ranks are asked to assist by promptly returning all books borrowed. Remember, someone else may be waiting for it.

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83 DUTIES.

Duty Bty.	----------	16 Aust. Fd. Bty.
Next for Duty mounting 15 Feb.	-------	58 Aust. Fd. Bty.
R.O.O.	----------	Lieut. A. Akhurst.
R.O.S.	----------	Sgt. Knight R.M.

84 DRESS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 88). The wearing of British pattern Battle Dress in A.I.F. units will be limited strictly to O.R. personnel for whom correct sizes of Australian S.D. uniform are not obtainable.

A.I.F. officers will NOT wear British pattern Battle Dress.

85 ARMY FILM AND PHOTO UNIT. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 89).

(a) A branch of Public Relations called the Army Film and Photo Unit is about to be formed on W.E. ME/266/1/.

(b) The primary object of this unit is to obtain records of the battle; material thus produced will be used both for publicity purposes and for War Office use. It is hoped by this means to obtain valuable publicity for the work and daily life of the Army, and to counteract the propaganda of the enemy.

(c) The Unit is composed of sections, each of an Officer and 6 Sgt. cameramen, with certain controlling staff. Sections will be allotted to H.Q's. of Formations, etc., as decided by the controlling staff. In principle, an assistant director and one section will be allotted to a Corps H.Q. and one section to each Division. Out of the Division section, personnel will be sub-allotted to Brigades as required. The sections and personnel will be administered by the Formations to which they are attached.

(d) The H.Q.,Formations, etc., to which sections and personnel are attached is not in any way responsible for the subjects photographed or for censorship. The responsibility for submission to censorship authorities lies with A.F.P.U., as does responsibility for delivery and collection of all photographic material.

(e) It is vital for the success of this scheme that the fullest assistance and co-operation should be given to this Unit by any Formation or Unit with which it is working.

(f) The photographers are in no sense civilians, but should be regarded as military personnel armed with cameras. They will be trained in the principles of warfare and in the tactics and formation of units in action and in how to use their cameras to the best advantage.

(g) All ranks in the M.E.F. are directed to give the utmost assistance to this Unit in order to ensure the success of a scheme which can make so great a contribution to the war effort.

86 RECONDITIONING OF USED COPPER AND ASBESTOS GASKETS. (Extract from 9 Aust.tDiv. R.O. 91).

(i) Facilities are now available for the reconditioning of all types of Gaskets, copper and asbestos, in the M.E.

(ii) All used gaskets are to be returned to D.A.D.O.S. dumps ALEPPO pr TRIPOLIthrough the D.A.D.

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87 PICKS AND SHOVELS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 93). Picks and shovels will be sharpened by 1 Aust. Rec. Sec. Arrangements will be made through the L.A.D.

88 COVERS, BREECH, RIFLE, ANTI-TANK. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 95). It has been found that the strap with keyway fitting on these covers which passes round the shoulder piece of the rifle is too short.

This can be remedied, under regimental arrangements, by carefully cutting the stitching of the strap to the cover and re-stitching it closer to the edge.

Covers now in manufacture will have straps of the correct size.

89 LUBRICATING OILS FROM U.S.A. - ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 98).

1. The greater part of lubricating oils received from AMERICA are packed in tins marked "5 U.S. GALLS.," which is equivalent to 4 1/6 Imperial Gallons. In order to simplify accounting and avoid confusion between U.S. and Imperial Gallonage, these containers will be considered to hold 4 Imperial Gallons for all purposes with the exception of Issues on Repayment.

2. All Petrol Depots will record those oils in separate columns in P.O.L. Stock States headed, for example "M.220, 8 Imp. (10 U.S.) Gall. Cased."

3. For repayment purposes only, the 5 U.S. Gallon tin will be charged as containing 4 1/6 Imperial Gallons.

90 SALVAGE OF EMPTY ORDNANCE PACKAGES. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 100). All types of used Ordnance packages are valuable, and most of them can be re-conditioned and re-used.
Sub-units will ensure that such packages (e.g., S.A.A. cartons, bandoliers, S.A.A. boxes with their tinned linings, ammunition boxes, chests for small arms and M.G's., etc.) are returned immediately they are no longer required, to the Returned Stores Depot of the Base Ordnance Depot of the Base Ordnance Depot by which they are served.

91 CARE OF 2-GALLON WATER CONTAINERS. (Extract from 9 Aust. Div. R.O. 101).

1. In order to prolong the life of 2-gallon water containers, it has been found necessary to protect them when carried in housings on the outside of vehicles.

2. To this end two pairs of rubber bands, cut from unserviceable inner tubes of tyres, will be stretched vertically and horizontally round the container.

3. It is pointed out that although a rubber band is the most effective means, of preventing vibration, any material may be utilized so long as it prevents the play between the container and the housing itself.

4. As far as possible, containers will be despatched from the base with this modification already carried out, but it will be the responsibility of the Sub-units to see that at all times containers have adequate protection.

92 RETURNS. Returns asked for from Sub-units are not being forwarded by the specified times, thereby causing delay in consolidation at these H.Q. Sub-unit Comds. will enquire into this matter and ensure that all returns are forwarded by the times specified, and correctly prepared.

Capt., R.A.A.
Adjt. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

CHURCH SERVICES, SUNDAY, 15 Feb.

Protestant Service, R.H.Q. Men's Mess at 0930 hrs.
Holy Communion, Padre's Tent, at 1015 hrs.
Song Service, Padre's Tent, at 1900 hrs.

R.C. Mass, JDAIDE monastery, at 0845 hrs.

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93 DUTIES.

Duty Bty---------- 58 Aust Fd Bty

R.O.O. ---------- Lieut P.M. Bolton

R.O.S. ---------- A/Sgt Taylor. J.E.

94. BOUNDS.

(a) The docks and port area of EL MINA are out of bounds to all Units. Entry for personnel and vehicles on duty is permitted only by special pass obtained as follow s:-
For Units of 9 Aust Div and attached troops - from H.Q. 9 Aust Div (D.A.Q.M.G.).

(b) Tripoli is out of bounds except between the hrs of 1700 & 2200 hrs daily, when leave may be granted in accordance with the allotment laid down by 9 Aust Div. Personnel proceeding to TRIPOLI on duty, must be in possession of a duty pass, or in the case of drivers a duly authorized Work Ticket.

95. LEAVE - BEIRUT.

Subsistance is not payable in respect of leave spent by A.I.F. personnel in BEIRUT.

96. SECUR ITY OF SPARE WHEELS AND TYRES.

(a) Many ca ses of theft of spare wheels & tyres ha ve been reported recently.
(b) Sub-units are warned that, owing to the extreme shortage of tyres in this country, extra precautions must be taken to safeguard them.

97. DRESS - OFFICERS.

Revolvers will be carried by all Officers in M.E.F. when on duty and when proceeding to and from their duty.

98. FROST PRECAUTIONS.- Middle East G.O. 1195 is republished for information and compliance:

(1) The attention of all Commanding Officers is directed to Chapter IV of the pamphlet entitled " Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled)", which deals with precautions to be taken against fr ost. All Units should be conversant with the information, in order to meet any emergency. Constant vigilance is required on the part of all ranks to prevent damage due to frost. All cases brought to notice should be the subject of investigation, and disciplinary action taken when it is shown that the cause is due to culpable neglect to comply with instructions and regulations.

(2) Apart from disciplinary measures, financia l liability may be incurred by an Officer under Section 137 of the Army A ct for any loss , damage or destruction caused to Government vehicles occasioned by neglect on his part. Such negligence may be due to failure on the part of the responsible officer to publish to the Unit under his Command, the frost precautions to be carried out or failure to ensure by sufficient supervision that such precautions are being observed.

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99. TIMBER CUTTING - SYRIA.

Tree felling in the LEBANON and SYRIA is forbidden. The only exception is in the case of isolated trees not forming part of a forest, plantation, grove or avenue. Such trees may be cut for clearance if the local com/m ander considers this necessary. In all other cases application to cut trees must be submitted to this H.Q. Applications will state:-

(a) Location of trees.
(b) Nature and type of tree (e.g. pine forest, olive grove).
(c) Extent of area to be cut.
(d) Proposed use of felled timber.

100 MISUSE OF W.D. TRANSPORT.

A.C.I. 649 is republished for urgent compliance by all troops in M.E.

1. An increasing number of cases of misuse of W.D. transport are being brought to notice. Misuse includes not only the employment of transport for purposes which have been strictly forbidden, but also flagrant mishandling amounting practically to wilful damage, during authorized journeys.

2. In view of th e imperative need of economy, both in the expenditure of petrol and oil and in resources of mechanical vehicles, offences of this nature are of particular gravity.

3. It is clear to all sub-units for what journeys W.D. vehicles are not to be used and that a properly completed Transport Work Ticket (AF G 3518) must be in possession of every driver of a W.D. vehicle on an authorised journey.

4. In addition to any other action which is taken with this object, the fullest use ill be made of the Military Police for the purposes of checking up on all W.D. transport at uncertain intervals. Any breach of regulations or of instructions brought to notice as a result of these checks, or in any other manner, will be dealt with immediately from a disciplinary point of view.

Sub-unit comds. will be held directly responsible for the above A.C.I. being brought to the notice of all ranks under their command.

A J O'Gorman Capt., R.A.A.

Adjt. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

NOTICES.

Received from A.C.F.:-

1 Ping Pong Table
1 Crib Board
3 Bask et Balls
50 Pullovers
3 Footballs
1364 Pkts. Papers.
1 Ping Pong Set
2 Pks. Cards
3 Pair s B.B. Rings
100 Prs. Mittens
682 Tins Tobacco

Received from A.I.F. Amenities:-

1 Punching Ball
1 Set Jerseys
15 Prs. Shorts
2 Football Covers & Bladders
3 Power Lamps
15 Prs. Sox
15 Prs. Boots
3 Kerosene Lamps

Purchase from Regtl. Fund:-

20 Primus Stoves
1 Wireless Set
1 Library
3 Pressure Lamps
1 Loud Speaker
Spare Parts for Stoves & Lamps

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101 DUTIES.

Duty Bty. ---------- 15 Aust. Fd. Bty.

R.O.O. ---------- Lieut. F.W. ROWLANDS.

R.O.S. ---------- Sgt. THERAPOS A.A.

102 BREACHES OF CENSORSHIP. (Extract from A.I.F. (M.E.) R.O. No. 1004).

1. Many breaches of censorship and cases of abuse of green envelope privileges have been detected recently.

2. Disciplinary action will be taken in offences of this nature and it is pointed out that, within the A.I.F., heavy fines and periods of detention have already been imposed in this respect.

3. All ranks must realize the prime importance of strictly observing security regulations in correspondence, and it is notified that the scope of extra-unit censorship has been greatly extended.

4. Although considerable time may elapse between the date of writing and the institution of disciplinary action, according to the stage in transmission at which the breach of censorship is detected, this will in no way lessen the severity of the penalty to be inflicted.

103 PICQUETS. (1) It is impressed on all personnel that when posted as sentries and prowling picquets, they must be particularly vigilant in carrying out their duties.

2. Recent instances have occurred of prowling picquets moving out of their areas without orders. In view of the large number of thefts, and need for strict security at all times, offences of this nature will be treated very severely.

104 PUNISHMENTS.

NO.	RANK.	NAME.	CHARGE.	PUNISHMENT.
VX 36960	Gnr.	GAYLARD I.D.	Leaving his picquet without orderssfrom his superior officer.	Fined £3.
TX 3148	"	SWAN J.	Leaving his picquet without orders from his superior officer.	Fined £3.

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Adjt. 8 Aust. Fd. Regt.

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