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WESTERN AUSTRALIA LINES OF COMMUNICATION AREA

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15th Aust Field Regiment,
AUSTRALIA.

17th June, 1943

Officer in charge,
Military History Sec, LHQ,
2 Aust Base Post Office,
MELBOURNE.

OBSOLETE DOCUMENTS : GRO A216/43

1. Enclosed herewith please find list of documents taken from the files of this Unit on the monthly review of documents.

2. The documents enumerated in the list are also forwarded for disposal in accordance with FSR Vol 1, Chap XVIII Section 171 (3)(ii).

3. Please acknowledge receipt.

29 JUNE 1943

(F.RICHARDSON) LT.-COL.
CO 15 AUST FD REGIMENT.

22 Bty.
23 Bty.
24 Bty.
Orderly Officer.
O.C. F Sec Sigs.
O.C. 218 L.A.D.

(43/188/30)

15 Aust Field Regiment.
AUSTRALIA.
20th Jany. 1943.

SAFEGUARDING OF UNIT VEHICLES.

1. Cases are continually occurring of vehicles being unlawfully removed from the unit lines.

It is apparent that the seriousness of this offence is not fully realised, nor has it been made known the punishment which will normally be inflicted.

2. An extract of GRO A48, which is being reproduced in ROs, gives the form of charge which will always be laid :-

"1. Whenever it appears that an officer or soldier has used both a Government motor vehicle and Government petrol for an unauthorised purpose he will be charged with the unauthorised use of both the vehicle and the petrol.
2. The charge of unauthorised use of the vehicle will normally be laid under section 11. of the Army Act with an alternative charge under Section 40 of that Act. If, however, it appears from the evidence that the member charged used the vehicle with the intention of stealing it, the charge will be laid under section 18(4) of the Army Act as one of stealing public property with an alternative charge under section 40 of that Act.
3. The charge of unauthorised use of the petrol (consumed by the unauthorised use of the vehicle) will be laid under section 18(4) of the Army Act as stealing public property and an alternative charge under section 40 of the Army Act will always be laid.
4. The charges laid concerning the one incident should all be on the one charge sheet and ~~[illegible]~~ may be heard together."

Invariably the case will be one requiring to be dealt with by Court-Martial and, if found guilty, a sentence of detention will be inflicted.

3. Previous instruction that Glls will be signed by the Adjt. for all vehicles and H/Cs moving out of the Regt area will be strictly observed.

4. In order to prevent further offences of this nature, Traffic Control Points will be established on all approaches to and exits from the Regt ~~[illegible]~~ area and will be manned as under, commencing at 1800 hrs 21st JANY.

22 Bty. T C P at point 200^{x} N. of road intersection adjacent to 22 Bty office.
23 Bty. T C P on road in vicinity of open air stage in North of area.
24 Bty. T C P on road at a point 200^{x} W. of R.H.Q. office.

(a) T C P will consist of 1 Bdr and 3 ORs.
(b) Tour of duty will be 24 hrs per day.
(c) Sentries will be instructed that the Glls of ALL Regtl vehicles entering or leaving the area will be examined. Only vehicles whose Glls have been endorsed by the Adjt will be permitted to leave the area.
(d) The N C O i/c will submit a report at the conclusion of his duty listing all unauthorised vehicles attempting to leave the area. This report will be forwarded through his B.C. to R.H.Q.
(e) The T C Ps will be responsible that speed limits through the area are observed.
(f) Sentries will be properly turned out at all times and will pay all compliments.

[signature] Lt-Col.

(C.R.R186) C.O. 15 AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

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11 FEB 1943
TIME 43/147/1708
No.

Address HQ RAA 4 AUST DIV (AIF)

11 Feb 43

3 AUST FD REGT
10 AUST FD REGT
15 AUST FD REGT
109 AUST A TK REGT

ECONOMY OF POL - PETROL RATIONING

1. Allotment of petrol for trg during FEB is

3 Aust Fd Regt	3500 gals	
10 Aust Fd Regt	4000 gals	(from 2 Aust Inf Bde)
15 Aust Fd Regt	4000 gals	
109 Aust A Tk Regt	2000 gals	

CO 109 Aust A Tk Regt will allot ration to btys under his command.

2. It is realised that the above ration is insufficient to cover both trg and movement to trg areas. HQ 4 Aust Div has been asked to allot an additional ration for

(a) moves to trg areas
(b) tactical moves

3. Units will cover their trg program as planned, and will apply to this HQ for further petrol as required.

R.M. Poulter Capt for
E.F. CAMPBELL Major
BMRA 4 AUST DIV (AIF)

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H.Q. R.A.A. 4 AUST. DIV. 24 MAR 1943 TIME 43/147/3078 No. .....

HQ 4 AUST DIV (AIF)
AUSTRALIA

22 MAR 43

RECEIVED 25 MAR 1943 15 Fd. Regt.

RAA 4 AUST DIV
AASC "

PETROL ALLOTMENT - 15 AUST FD REGT - MARCH 1943

Reference 15 Aust Fd Regt memo Q/82/43 of 18 Mar 43, and RAA 43/147/3021.

Approval is given for the issue of 2500 gals of petrol to 15 Aust Fd Regt for training during the month of March 1943, in addition to the quantity of 4000 gals already authorised.

- 2 -

15 Aust Fd Regt

Forwarded.

for R.M. Pontey Capt
R.M. Pontey Capt.
SCRA 4 Aust Div (AIF).
24 Mar 43

(M.H. Becher) MAJ
DAQMG 4 Aust Div

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Checking Staff,
Pay Office,
MELVILLE.

26/3/43.

O.C.
15 Aust. Fld. Regt.
PT. WALTER.

RECEIVED
27 MAR 1943
15 Fd. Regt.

RE P.O.L. CHECK FEB. 1943.

As requested the following is a resume of above :-

G.2's In fair condition with the exception of Battery 23, the G.2's of which were so badly executed as to be of little value for accurate figures. One of the worst examples was Veh. 13754 which was as follows :-

	OUT.	DRAWN.	IN.	USED.
2.2.43	3½	-	-	-
4.2.43.	7½	-	5	2½
12.2.43.	5	-	3½	1½
13.2.43.	2½	-	7½	2½
15.2.43.	7½	-	6½	1
23.2.43.	6½	-	-	-
25.2.43.	6	-	-	-
26.2.43.	1	4	5	2
27.2.43.	5	2	3	-

When a vehicle is inactive for over a month but carries Petrol in the tank, it is desirable that a new G.2 be issued at least monthly showing this balance.

Also that G.2's be closed at end of each month.

G.5's & 6's. Made up from G.2's they would naturally reflect errors in same.

R.H.Q's were in good order as G.2's were balanced on a basis of Out + Drawn = In + Used, and it is suggested that this system be applied to each Battery under centralised control.

F.78's Separate F.78's for issues to other Units, and Battery Charger, Cable Layer and Guns, should be maintained, as none of these items appear on G.2's.

A.B.55A's. There is no need for each Battery to maintain a numbered book of these forms, which were intended only for indenting from outside sources, and not for internal use.

P.O.L. supplied by R.H.Q. to each Battery only requires a signature for receipt of same on F.78 of issuing point.

GENERAL. Observance of the above would improve the accuracy of your records in regard to P.O.L. used, as finally recorded in G.6's.

Your records of receipt and issue of P.O.L. as kept by R.H.Q. were satisfactory.

A. Barry
CPL.
CHECKING STAFF.

O.C. 23 Bty
For info, and action and return to R.H.Q.

Capt.
Adjt. 15 Fd. Regt.

15th FIELD REGIMENT

43/180/4

REGIMENTAL SYLLABUS FOR FEBRUARY, 1943

Day	Item	Gnrs	Dvrs	Acks	Sigs	Remarks
		hrs	hrs	hrs	hrs	
1	Gun Drill	9	-	-	-	(a)
	Laying & Fire Discipline	4	-	-	-	(a)
	Maintenance	1	13	-	2	(b)
	Mountain Exercises	7	7	7	7	(d)
	Personal Maintenance	2	2	2	2	(c)
	Morse and W/T	-	-	-	6	6
	Bty Layout	-	-	4	4	
	Map reading & Panaromas	-	-	6	-	
	Computations incl barrage	-	-	4	-	
	Distance judging	-	1	-	-	
	Foot & Rifle Drill	6	6	6	6	
	Saluting & Compliments	2	2	2	2	
	R/T procedure	-	-	-	2	
	A/Tk drill	-	-	-	-	
	S.A.T. (Range practice)	10	10	10	10	
6	P.A.G.	1	1	1	1	
8						
9						
10						
11 12	P & R.T. Course	All personnel				Under Instructors supplied from Div.
13						
15						
16						
17						
18	A/Tk practice					Gun Crews only
19	" "					
20	Maintenance					

	22 Bty	23 Bty	24 Bty	Remarks
22	SAT TOET	Bty Tng	Bty Tng	
23	SAT Range	SAT Toet		
24		SAT Range	Bty Manoeuvre	Particular attention to Road
25	Bty Manoeuvre			Discipline, Dispersion, Camflge
26		Bty Manouvre		and concealment.
27			SAT TOETS	Organization for Manoeuvre
28			" Range	in accordance with WE 11/8/5 of 16 NOV 42 will be employed.

NOTES :

Min range for Offrs & Senior NCO's will be conducted daily
PAG Respirators will be worn at the alert for one complete day each week.

REMARKS COLUMN

(a) Will include 25 pr gun drill
(b) 2 hrs per day & weekly maintenance on Saturday afternoon
(c) Bty doing SAT on day 3 will arrange another day.
(d) To be arranged by BCs in consultation with C.O.

NIGHT TNG

(1) Day 1. Lecture to Offrs by RMO on Prevention of Malaria at 1700
(2) hrs in RMO Offrs mess.
(3) At least one Night Occo will be done each week.
(4) Opposing patrols or compass marches - Silence must be insisted upon There is still too much noise in night ops.
(5) The following colours will be used on Bty picketlights :-

22 Bty - RED
23 " - BLUE
24 " - GREEN

C R Rigg LT.-COL.

(C.R.RIGG) C.O. 15 AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

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15 Aust Field Regiment.
AUSTRALIA.

43/180/4.

8th MAR 1943.

R.A.A. 4 Aust Div.(AIF).

REGTL. SYLLABUS - 9.- 31. MAR 43.

1. In view of the change of circumstances the following syllabus is submitted in accordance with your instructions.

2. Previous syllabus submitted for month of March is cancelled.

Mar. 9. Move by road to GIN GIN.

10. Day spent in making camp.

11. T.E.W.T. - all officers to participate.

12. 24 Bty Exercise - on T.E.W.T. of 11th Mar.

13. 23 Bty Exercise - " " "

14. 22 Bty Exercise - " " "

Note: Bty next for exercise will be duty Bty and provide umpires for exercises of that day. Other remaining Bty will carry out own exercise.

15) Syllabus to be arranged by B.Cs. R.H.Q. to be notified of
16) proposed syllabus.

17. Regtl. move to ROCKINGHAM - less "E" Troop. 24 Bty. Adv. Party to move to C.O.T.C. PT. WALTER.

18. 23 Bty Arty Practice in Fire and Movement, and Artillery in the Advance.

19. 22 Bty. do. do. do.

20. A/Tk Practice ROCKINGHAM Range.

21. Regt. less "E" Troop will move to C.O.T.C. PT. WALTER.

LT-COL.

(F. RICHARDSON) C.O. 15 AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

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H.Q. R.A.A. AUST. DIV. 10 MAR 1943 TIME 0415/1/1523

HQ RAA 4 AUST DIV.,(AIF)
AUSTRALIA,

10 MAR 43.

4 Aust Div (AIF),
RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF),

RECEIVED 10 MAR 1943 15 Fd. Regt.

ARTY PRACTICES - MARCH
Amended Programme.

1. Remaining Range practices during MARCH will be conducted as under:-

Serial	Date	Unit	Type	Location	Spectators. RVs	Spectators. Times
1	11	33 Aust A Tk Bty	Sub calibre	ROCKINGHAM	747030	0830
2	12/13	do	Full calibre	do	do	do
3	18	34 Aust A Tk Bty	Sub calibre	do	do	do
4	19/20	do	Full calibre	do	do	do
5	21/22	15 Aust Fd Regt	Bty practice	do	782032	0800
6	23	do	A Tk practice	do	do	do
7	21/23	10 Aust Fd Regt	Bty practice	NORTHAM	10 Aust Fd Regt will notify above to this HQ by 18 Mar. 43.	
8	25	do	Regtl prac	do		
9	26	do	A Tk practice	do		

2. 15 Aust Fd Regt will move direct to CCTC from ROCKINGHAM on 24 MAR 43.

3. Units conducting practices will be responsible for the organisation and conduct of spectators from RV stated.

L. Campbell Capt
D.L.KITTO Brigadier.
CRA 4 AUST DIV. (AIF)

Copies to:-
10 Aust Fd Regt.
15 " " "
109 " A Tk Regt.
33 " " " Bty.
34 " " " "
2 " Inf Bde.
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4 Aust Div (AIF)
RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)

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Arty Practice - MARCH
Revised Programme

1. Range Practice will be conducted as under

ref Map ROCKINGHAM 1 ml = 1 in.

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT	TYPE	LOCATION	Spectators	RV&Times
1	11	33 Aust A Tk Bty	Sub Calibre	ROCKINGHAM	747030	0830 hrs
2	12/13	do	Full Calibre	do	do	do
3	18	34 Aust ATk Bty	Sub Calibre	do	do	do
4	19/20	do	Full Calibre	do	do	do
5	21/23	10 Aust Fd Regt	Bty practice Quick support	do	732032	0800 hrs
6	24	do	Regtl practice	do	do	do
7	25	do	A Tk practice	do	747030	0830 hrs

2. 10 Aust Fd Regt will move from COTC to ROCKINGHAM TRG AREA 17/18 Mar for deployment exercises 18/20 Mar.

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(D.L.KITTO) Brig
CRA 4 Aust Div (AIF)

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10, 15 Aust Fd Regt
109 Aust A Tk Regt
2 Aust Inf Bde
W A L of C Area (G Branch) for info

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HEAD-QUARTERS,
Melbourne,

H.Q. R.A.A. AUST. DIV. 16 FEB 1943
TIME
No. 13/2/202

H.Q. RAA 4 Aust Div (AIF)
Australia
16 Feb 43

4 Aust Div (AIF)
RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)

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Arty Practice - MARCH

1. Range practice & deployment will be conducted as under:-

Serial	Date	Unit	Type of Practice	Location
1	4/6	10 Aust Fd Regt	Bty practice Continuous Sp	NORTHAM
2.	7	do	A Tk Practice	do
3	11	33 A Tk Bty	Sub Calibre	ROCKINGHAM
4	12/13	do	Full calibre - from emergency posn Telescope & open sights	do
5	15	34 A Tk Bty	as for serial 3.	do
6	16/17	do	as for serial 4.	do
7	18	35 A Tk Bty	as for serial 3.	NORTHAM
8	19/20	do	as for serial 4	do
9	22/24	15 Aust Fd Regt	Bty practice Continuous sp	ROCKINGHAM
10	25	do	Tp practice close observation with T & P 80	do
11	29/31	3 Aust Fd Regt	Bty practice Continuous sp	ROCKINGHAM

2. Times & RVs for spectators will be notified later.

Copies to:-
~~3,~~10,15 Aust Fd Regt
109 Aust A Tk Regt
2 Aust Inf Bde
WA L of C Area(G Branch)for infm.

A.T. Watts
(A.T.WATTS) Lt-Col
A/CRA 4 Aust Div (AIF)

Applic made for Rifle Range 15 - 18 Mar

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HQ RAA 4 Aust Div (AIF)
Australia
3 Feb 43

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3 Aust Fd Regt
10 Aust Fd Regt
15 Aust Fd Regt

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15 Fd. Regt.

Arty Practice - FEB

1. Dates allotted for shooting are as per att schedule.

2. Continuous Support

   a. Each Bty will do ONE Days fire & movement as per AT Vol 1 Pam 2B. Sec 5,(5 iii) Sec 5 (7iii) and Sec 6 (3 ii) & use of FOO Sec 3 (13)

   b. Schemes will be prepared by CO and a copy submitted to this HQ, TWO days before shoot.

   c. CO will direct exercise, and 2 i/c and offrs of other btys will be used as DS and umpires.

3. ATk Practice

   This will be conducted as a course shoot on the lines laid down in METP 12 Pt 1V.

4. Jnr Offrs Practice

   a. All subaltern offrs excl Tp Comds of 3 Aust Fd Regt and six from 15 Aust Fd Regt will shoot on 20 Feb.

   b. 15 Aust Fd Regt will arrange for six subalterns with sixty rounds HE 117 to report 3 Aust Fd Regt. 1800 hrs 19 Feb.

   c. Practice will take the form of course shoot- engagement of targets by Flank observation.

E.T. Campbell Maj.
BMRA 4 Aust Div (AIF)

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3 FEB 1943
TIME G 13/1/909
No.

HQ RAA 4 Aust Div (AIF)
Australia
3 Feb 43

4 Aust Div (AIF)
RAA 3 Aust Corps(AIF)

Arty Practice - FEB

1. Range practice will be conducted as.

Serial	Date	Unit	Type of Practice	RV. Visitors
1	9	One tp 35 ATk Bty	Sub calibre	HQ 109 Aust ATk Regt. KWINANA 0730 hrs
2	10	do	Full calibre	
3	18-19	15 Aust Fd Regt	ATk Practice	HQ RAA KWINANA
4	20	3&15 Aust Fd Regts	Jnr offrs Course Shoot Engagement of Tgts by Flank Obsn	HQ RAA KWINANA
5	~~21-23~~ 22-24	3 Aust Fd Regt	Bty ex.Continuous Sp	HQ RAA KWINANA 0730 hrs.
6	~~24~~ 25	do	Regt Practice	
7	26	34 ATk Bty	Sub Calibre	HQ 109 Aust ATk Regt KWINANA 0730 hrs
8	27	do	Full Calibre	

2. Variations in detail of above practices may be notified.

(D.L.KITTO) Brig
CRA 4 Aust Div(AIF)

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WA L of C Area (G Branch)

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SIGNAL SECURITY.

1. The basis of all military preparations and plans must be good information. Due to the particular role of signals, which broadly speaking may be defined "as providing facilities for the passing of information back to a Comd and for the passing of the Comd's orders forward", signals are a very vulnerable source of information to the enemy. Comds and staff have placed in Signals the grave responsibility of preserving the security of all messages and information entrusted to them.

   In other words it is expected of signals that they will not unwittingly or otherwise divulge movements, locations, impending actions, or adm reports of stores, sickness etc.

2. The Signal Office is a veritable fund of information. It contains not only the signal situation, but the order of battle, and the location of units, and the staff is entrusted with details of vital information. Almost any information could be gained from discussion with the Sig Office Staff, and vital documents and messages are liable to become the subject of common discussion. Personnel in a Sig Office are prone to forget that a diagram conspicuously displayed is in itself a breach of security. The security aspect of many signal offices is often deplorably absent, and this must be watched carefully. Sigmaster must take every precaution to prevent leakage and to deny unauthorised access to this information.

3. Breaches of Wireless Security can be a constant and reliable means available to the enemy, unless they are carefully and energetically policed by every officer, N.C.O. and Signalman.

   The chief points of criticism are:-

   (a) Dummy Cipher

   (b) Unauthorised codes.

   (c) Practice messages.

   (d) Unauthorised abbreviations.

   (e) Bad operating.

   (f) Use of plain language.

   (g) Operators characteristics.

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3. (Continued.)

(a) DUMMY CIPHER:

It is laid down that:-

"Dummy Cipher messages must not be recognisable as dummy traffic by the enemy."

This most important condition is not being observed. No supervision appears to be given to the preparation of this type of traffic.

Faults are:-

(i) Time lapse between TOO and THI is too short to allow of genuine enciphering.

(ii) The same groups are being repeated in the same message and are used again in succeeding messages.

(iii) Numerical sequences such as 6789, 8756, appear too often.

(iv) Terminal figures of groups have unduly high frequency. Example from one message:

6954, 9554, 6654, 2154, 3154, 9954.

These and other characteristics which are obvious to the trained eye make dummy traffic of this type useless.

(b) UNAUTHORISED CODES:

These have been detected frequently and take three forms:

(i) A meaningless jumble of letters with recurring alphabetic sequences such as ABCDE, JKLMN, TSRQP, ZYXWV.

(ii) Five letter groups which end in a vowel: RAFKO, MEURO etc.

(iii) Five letter groups which consist of Plain language.

1. THECO MPANY WILLA DVANC EIN COLUM.

2. DOOGY NAERA SAWAE HTKNI HTUOY ODXXX.

These are both actual examples of messages received. In the first instance the words were merely divided into five letter groups, but in the second case the sentence was reversed. This is particularly serious because operators have fallen into the error of thinking such a method is secure and have passed information of operational value by this means.

(c) PRACTICE MESSAGES:

Two examples from one group, Call Signs being ABC, DEF, GHI are:-

1. Rations received today. All supplies condemned by M.O.

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3. (c) (Continued.)

2. Practice: All Paratroops have been mopped up; everything under control.

These were apparently sent by a group which was carrying out a training exercise. The calls were not taken from training rows which is a breach of regulations.

Further it has been ordered that plain language will not be used except in certain exceptional circumstances.

The transmission of practice messages of this type is definitely prohibited.

(d) UNAUTHORISED ABBREVIATIONS:

Certain abbreviations used freely by amateur operators in pre-war days continue to be used. AS CUL GN GB OK SBK are examples. Their use is forbidden and it should be emphasised to operators that the dangers are threefold.

(i) The operator who continually uses them becomes identifiable.

(ii) Enemy stations seeking to make contact with us for the passing of bogus messages will, it is assumed, be manned by operators who were also amateurs. If one of our operators labels himself as an ex-amateur he will become an obvious target for such an attempt.

(iii) They are an invitation to the operator at the receiving end to indulge in chat.

(e) BAD OPERATING:

The standard of operatingis, in many cases, very good; but there is much room for improvement particularly on established channels where frequencies are constant, and regular schedules are maintained.

(i) Call Signs are used too much.

(ii) There is excessive repetition of X operating signals such as X279.

(iii) Irritation at the less experianced operator is too often shown.

(iv) The short and long figure check are mixed indiscriminately in a confusing fashion necessitating frequent repeats.

(v) Operators will endeavour to send faster than their receiving speed. If the latter is 15 w.p.m. and an operator sends at 20 w.p.m. it is an invitation for the reply to come at the same speed. Constant repeats then become necessary with the result that delays occur.

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(f) USE OF PLAIN LANGUAGE:

This still occurs, but a marked improvement has been noted. There was a tendency on established channels for operators to identify themselves. "Ted here - who there?" was a common occurrence.

X operating signals are frequently elaborated "X538 night" or"X540 day frequency" are examples. Although it is assumed that the enemy is aware of the meaning of the X signals, any addition of plain language in this manner compromises them still further

(g) OPERATORS CHARACTERISTICS:

Peculiarities in the style of sending are almost unavoidable and constant self-discipline is needed to prevent this becoming too obvious. The practice of opening or closing transmission with a long dash, the use of the abbreviations previously referred to, and the sending of rhythmic signals ESEEM known as "playing the drum" are faults which are frequently noted.

Every officer and N.C.O. must study and police every method of preserving Signal Security.

When reports of breaches of security are substantiated take energetic action against the offender.

Be vigilant in this matter and the outcome will be good reports.

SIGNAL SECURITY WILL BE MAINTAINED

..... Col.
C.S.O. 3 Aust. Corps.

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IMPROVISED METEORS BY GROUND OBSERVATIONS.

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Copy of CCRA's memo on above subject is attached.

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ADDRESS BY G.O.C. 4 AUST DIV TO OFFRS AND NCOs
OF 13 AUST INF BDE - 8 FEB 43

1. The following is a report of the address given by Maj.Gen. J.J. MURRAY. DSO. MC. VD. to officers and NCOs of 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp. prior to departure from his comd. It is emphasised the address has NOT been taken down verbatim.

OPENING REMARKS

2. Your Bde is now passing from my comd but I feel I would be doing less than my duty if I did not pass on my experiences so that these in turn may help you in commanding your secs, pls, coys and so on.

3. You will remember that in assuming comd as G.O.C. 4 Div I was particularly insistent that the Jnr Ldrs be left with their own men as much as possible. On going round among the units I received many diverse answers on questioning leaders as to whether these were their own men. In many cases it was NOT so and in the early stages there was not sufficient effort to keep sub-units together. Later this was a good deal rectified. It should be clear that if a comd wishes to be successful, he must comd his men in all places. You must be with them always, in their work and in their play.

INITIATIVE

4. Before proceeding to the domestic and man management side I would like to clarify a few of those things that are so often mis-understood.

5. Initiative is often taken to mean a reason for disobeying or altering orders, but experience has shown there is plenty of scope for real initiative within the actual orders themselves. It must be borne always in mind that the letter and spirit of orders must not be changed - keep in mind the derivation of the word itself, "initio" - I begin - but begin based on your comds orders. As an illustration, if your Bde Comd orders that the piece of ground for 1000 yards outside the wire belongs to us and must be denied to the enemy then surely within the scope of that order there is plenty of room for initiative.

6. And initiative too, means sticking to your job whatever comes. It doesn't mean that if the going becomes hard that one retires to some more secure place. It means for each of us, I will carry out my comds orders, carry out his wishes, fight on, do the job I was intended to do.

MAN MANAGEMENT

7. For the most part extremely young soldiers as junior leaders are not experienced in the handling of men. This inexperience is expressed in many ways, often in pride in himself and his rank, forgetting that pride in his unit is the only thing that matters.

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8. Your attitude to your men must always express complete justice. Injustice and favouritism however small is very quickly resented. You must remember that as the comd of a sub-unit or unit you are inthe position of a high judge to your men.

9. Show a great understanding of the man himself, of his difficulties, and do so you must know him. Get to know him quickly. It is your privilege to know and to share his hardships. Put his interests before your own, make them your own.

TRAINING

10. Just to touch briefly on training, particularly in regard to the care of equipment. In every unit you will meet the fellow who is careless of himself and his equipment. He takes no care of his arms probably because he is inefficient in their use. He doesn't realise what a good friend his weapon can be. He must be taught to like it, to care for it, and to realise that in his care of it may depend his own life, more the safety of his whole section.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

11. Physical fitness has always meant a lot, but in this war you just cannot do without it. There are many things which prevent 100% fitness. Among them is the improper use of alcohol. But in this regard do not be intolerant. If you don't drink it may be because you don't like it, or cannot afford it. Remember there are many that both like and can afford it. So again be tolerant but see that alcohol is used at the right time and that its use does not affect the fitness of your men.

12. The misuse of their spare time may impair their fitness. A man cannot be out all night and ride a bike back in the early hours of the morning and do a good day's work. Sometimes to such occurrences it may be best to turn a blind eye. But be careful of him, see that it does not affect his fitness.

13. Your duty then is to care for your men as much in their leisure hours as in training periods. Have a regard to their spare time, then, not in a "sticky beakish" way but tolerantly and wisely.

CARE OF THE BODY

14. You must remember that we all come from different homes with varying standards and types of home training. It is very essential that you instil the necessity for care of the body in every one of your men - it is your duty to do so.

15. Recently I asked for a demonstration of the mobile bath unit. I had a platoon strip and go through the bath so that I could judge of its efficiency. As often happens things did not turn out the best. Much improvement could have been effected in the way of forms for sitting while drying feet, foot boards, foot powder etc. Unless properly used and supervised by officers and NCOs the best results will not be obtained. Officers and NCOs should be present while the men are using such facilities in order to observe any physical defects and report to the R.M.O. A clean change at least of underclothes should be available after hot showers.

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KIT

16. You should have frequent kit inspections, and, in having them know what to look for. See that the men have not got over-weight gear. Ensure they have a supply of soap, clean towel, clean under-linen. They should know how to knit and darn - holes in socks just pulled together are no good and give considerable discomfort. Good boots are essential. Make the inspection a real and informative one.

17. In some places troops are issued with tommy cookers - as in NEW GUINEA. They must be trained in their use. A stub of candle and a box of matches have proved invaluable often. Remember light and heat are life itself to a soldier. Know how to obtain them and teach your troops - you and your men will not suffer nearly the same privations as you would without them.

18. Generally when going into action soldiers dump their kits in a kit store. How many think to warn their men that after all every one will not come out of the battle and not to leave in their kits obscene literature etc which could give offence to their next of kin or relations. I have seen this occur and real hurt given.

19. Certainly before kits are returned they are gone through by the man responsible at the kit store, but this official has not the same intimate knowledge of your men as you have. One of your men for instance may be engaged to a nice decnt girl and be writing to another. Such letters found in a kit bag would cause real distress. You can prevent it - in fact it is your job to do so.

20.
ALWAYS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

20. On going around and questioning junior leaders I generally find that when asked for a state they could perhaps produce a scrap of paper saying where their men were, but information was generally lacking as to what they were doing if away from the platoon. Maybe they were away on a digging job, kitchen fatigue etc. Whatever it is it is your responsibility. See they do their job properly, that the OC party has no trouble with them.

21. Do your men know how to behave on leave? Instruct them. Ensure that if a man gets into trouble there are always plenty of his mates to get him out of it. I do not mean to thwart authority but to take him away to some quiet place where he may rest and do no harm, and eventually return him to camp. A very real mateship as this will begin and grow if the leader understands his men and instructs them to work as a team.

22. Take time to give your men instructions in dress. See yourself, too, as others see you. I have seen too many NCOs not well turned out. It is not possible to do one thing yourself and insist on the men doing another. After all " Example is the best precept". You have no right to insist on certain instructions being carried out if you are not prepared to abide by them your-self.

OBEDIENCE

23. Obedience is your first duty and that of your men. Not the unshakeable kind of obedience when you are present but the kind that remains true when you and all authority are away.

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SPORT

24. In the matter of sport I am very insistent that the men must play in competitive sports. Very often the junior leader does not feel it necessary to be present but remember that whether your men are at work or play they are always your interest. At least be present at their sport if you do not participate. Men resent it if an officer is not ready to give a word and cheer of encouragement in their sport.

YOUR MANNER

25. A lot is said and has been written about developing a sense of humour. You will not be much good without it, nor will you get the best results. A spot of humour at the right place and in the right time may direct events the way you want them to go.

26. Whatever you do don't resort to bullying. Men do not like condescension, they like to be talked to as man to man, not as inferiors. Don't call a man "sonny" or "laddy". If you can't remember his name call him "soldier" - its what he is or should be and what he is entitled to be called. Always remember that whatever your rank there is in the ranks someone who, given the opportunity could do the job better than you can.

27. Illustration - CSM and catcalls from a platoon in billets during last war.

RELIGION

28. Have a full respect for the religious beliefs of your men. Each man has a right to his faith and it is your duty to assist and protect him in this right. He should be enabled to attend the services of the religion to which he belongs. And if he has no religious beliefs it is none of your business. Remember tolerance always brings results.

LETTERS

29. How many of you have thought to write to the next of kin of your men when they are sick or have met with an accident. It is not difficult. Just say "Dear Mr or Mrs Blank, so and so is one of my men." the rest will follow easily. You will find your trouble will be repaid. Not only will the relative reply to you but will mention your letter when next writing to your man concerned, and a bond will grow between you because he will feel you have his interest at heart.

30. Soldiers are careless in letter writing -- they forget to write home or put it off, and in putting it off become unhappy in their mind. Their happiness is your concern. Encourage them to write. Make them be happy.

31. It is the duty of an officer to censor a letter for security reasons only. It is not to afford the opportunity to pry into private affairs and indulge in idle chatter. Apart from security censorship is inviolate and every officer should respect it.

COOKING

32. Teach your men how to cook. This pays dividends; cooked rations may come up the line on very rare occasions. Teach them section cooking and you will probably find it a difficult thing to get them to go back to company cooking later.

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33. Illustration - CO 2/15 Bn having his best meal at a section post and the sequel in TEL AVIV.

LOYALTY

34. Loyalty is a qualification absolutely necessary in every soldier. I feel I am not wrong in saying without it you cannot fight.

35. Some soldiers have loyalty to their particular NCO or officer. It is not enough. They must be loyal to any, to every leader because he is a leader.

36. Remember though that there is no " one way traffic" about loyalty. It must be given in the same way as you receive it. It will be found that where loyalty exists there is no trouble in getting the job done.

37. Illustration - Lieut BOAD and Sgt PATRICK at TOBRUK.

REINFORCEMENTS

38. The reception of reinforcements is most important. Too often all ranks look down on them and do not put them into the picture. Actually all should assist to do so to their utmost and make them feel as if they belong.

39. Often after given a chance to prove themselves you will find reinforcements by their actions poking words back down the throats of those who uttered them. After action, too, many of the original unit are casualties. Reinforcements are brought in to build up the unit. They become the unit. Their reception must make them feel part of it.

40. Illustration - Reinforcements at TOBRUK.

CLOSING REMARKS

41. I don't know for sure where you are going and certainly not where you will end up. But somebody has described soldiering as a life of monotonous hardship interspersed with moments of real danger. I am certain that the monotonous hardship will come and it is then real leadership counts. The moments of real danger will also come; again real leadership will be required. I am certain too that one day you will fight. Prepare for that day and ensure that you can face with confidence what comes and deal with it.

42. That is all, but I hope that this talk and my experiences which I have passed on will be of some help in your new role. I wish you every success in the future

Report on talk by
Maj.Gen. J.J. MURRAY.
G.O.C. 4 AUST DIV.

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NOTES ON FD ARTY IN THE ADVANCE

1. Recent Inf Bde exercises have demonstrated clearly that Arty Comds are not producing Fire Support with the requisite speed and volume. This is particularly noticeable in the case of Arty in the Adv Od.

2. The causes are mainly:-

   (a) Neglect to carry out the standard procedure laid down in the various textbooks and

   (b) Unsound positioning of Arty in the order of march

3. The attached appendices are issued in order to obtain an immediate improvement. They consist of -

   (a) Brief notes to be read in conjunction with

   F.S.R. 11 Sec 63
   A.T. 1 Pamphlet 2B pp 2, 27-43
   R.A.T.M. 6 pp 17-18

   (b) A diagram indicating the disposition of Arty in an Adv Od. This will be subject to modification in the light of ground and the tactical situation.

4. Immediate action will be taken to -

   (a) Discuss with pivot officers and ORs

   (b) Rehearse in miniature on foot

   (c) Based on diagram attached, practice a series of rapid deployments on the ground likely to be used in operations.

Signed W.L.RAU Col.
A/CRA 4 Aust Div.

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APPX 'A'

TRG NOTES ON EMPLOYMENT OF FD ARTY IN THE ADVANCE

1. In order to brush aside resistance and permit the uninterrupted march of the main body, Arty will be prepared to support the inf with rapid concentrations. The ideal to be aimed at is the standard times laid down in RATM War No.4. The attention of all offrs is also directed to ATM (War) (Australia No.6, 8 Jan 42, pp 17 & 18)

2. These timings cannot be achieved without constant practice in rapid Tp and Bty deployments. In this regard the procedure laid down in AT Vol 1, pamphlet 2B, pp 40, 41 & 42, will be practised and priority given to the alternative method in pp 42, viz "action", "Tp Tgt" etc. Guns deploy into action as close as is possible to their position when orders are received. 1st round should be fired in 8 minutes. In the present circumstances where Bty chargers are deficient, sufficient R/T eqpt will be concentrated in the Bty allotted to the adv gd to ensure RT functioning. With the present equipments, and in the type of country envisaged, the 4.5 How Bty appears most suitable for this work.

3. Arty Comds must advise inf comds fully on all non-technical aspects of the handling of arty essential to attaining the object, viz rapid and effective support.

4. Arty must be able at all times to fulfil and A Tk role at the shortest notice. When on the move, the first round should be fired within 30 seconds.

5. Regtl Comds can expect in many occasions to be asked to support a Bn attack with their whole regt, and will manoeuvre accordingly. The inf attack must never have to wait for the Arty. Survey must be fast in order to convert the simple tp shoot rapidly to effective Regtl concentrations. The quick barrage drill will be learnt and frequently practised.

6. It will be noticed in the diagram and notes that amn vehicles of the fwd tp have been retained back with Bty in order to reduce the amount of MT fwd. These vehicles are readily abailable when required.

7. In adv gd work time will rearely permit the accurate indication of tgts by inf to arty. Area shoots will predominate. Where amn supply is normal, a general "softening up" of enemy areas will be the normal policy.

8. All ranks will be lectured and fully advised as to the object of this trg. Only in this way will the intelligent co-operation and interest essential to speed be obtained.

9. The drill is clear - it must be practised constantly. Bold use must be made of the guns. <u>The inf must never be used when metal will suffice</u>.

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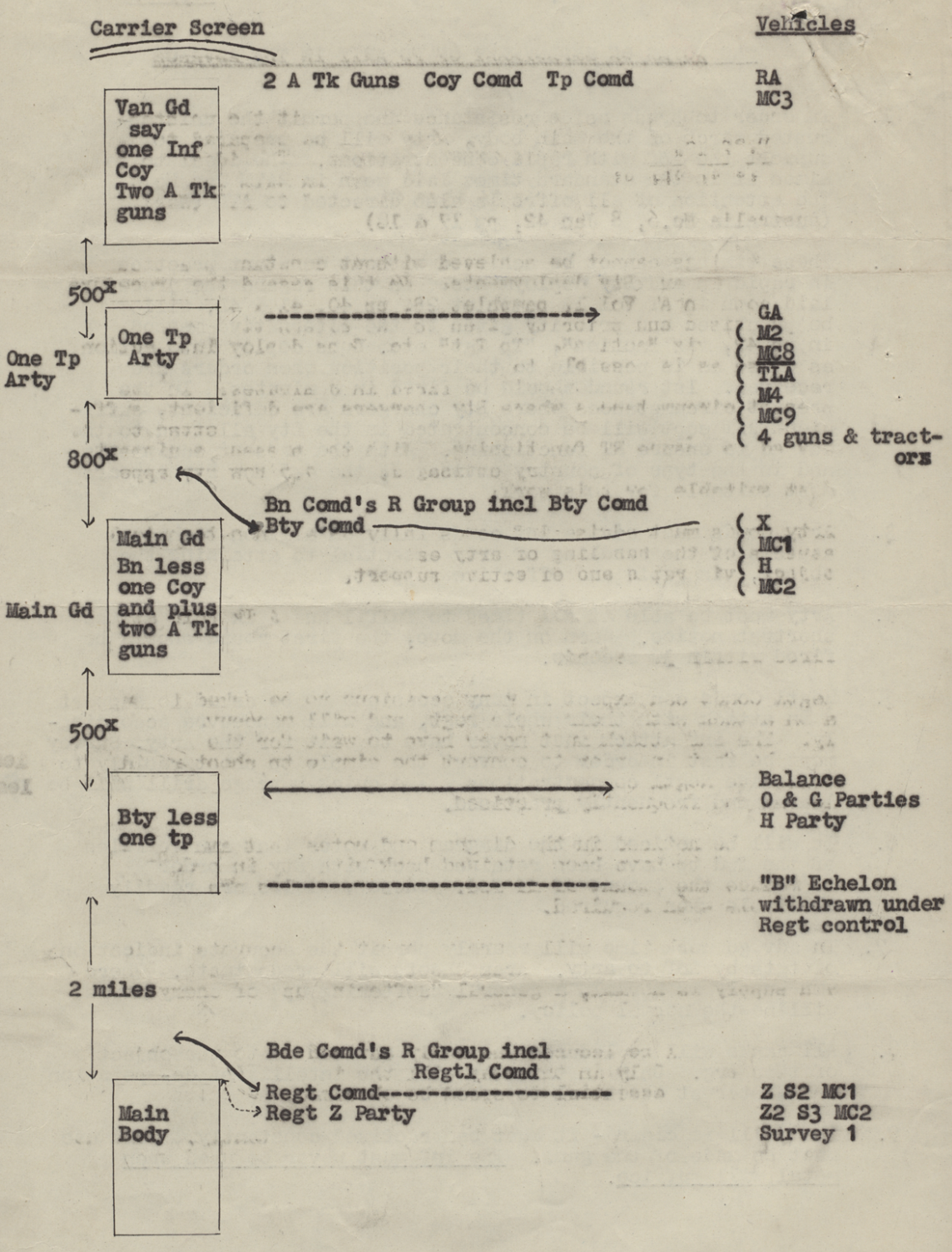
APPX "B"

Diagram illustrating one method of disposing fd arty in an Adv Gd.



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ALL UNIT COMMANDERS

The attached memo from GOC 3 Aust Corps to GOC 4 Aust Div is forwarded for immediate attention.

2. I am directed to state that Commanders will address officers personally and ensure that the spirit and letter of the memo is fully understood, acted on, and policed.

COL
AA & QMG 4 Aust Div

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4 Mar 43

Maj-Gen J.J. Murray, DSO, MC, VD,
GOC Commanding,
HQ 4 AUST DIV;

I am seriously concerned with the fact that notwithstanding repeated appeals and numerous orders on the matter the standard of saluting still remains deplorably low.

I am satisfied that a large proportion of the blame for this rests upon the shoulders of the officers, and I am desirous that all officers under your command be personally addressed drawing attention to their duties in this regard.

An officer should set an example to his men by being most punctilious in saluting a superior officer, standing to attention when being addressed by a superior officer, and otherwise observing the details of conduct associated with respect for superiors.

Superior officers who are not saluted by junior officers, and any officer not saluted by an other rank should immediately stop the offender and draw his attention to the omission and require the compliment to be given. Unless satisfied from the demeanour of the offender that there is unlikely to be a similar omission in the future the particulars of the offender should be taken and reported direct to his CO.

The attention of all officers should be drawn to the desirability of returning a salute in a courteous manner, and a serious view should be taken of any failure to return a salute.

It should be impressed on all officers and other ranks that saluting involves no servility but is the Army's method of indicating comradeship and loyalty.

It appears also that there is a widespread lack of knowledge as to certain deta ils connected with saluting, such as saluting with no hat on, saluting when engaged in work or carrying parcels etc., saluting after dark. It is desired that steps be taken to ensure that full instructions are given on these matters.

I would like to emphasise particularly that those of higher rank, Lt-Colonels and upwards, will be expected to be particularly active in these matters and to take prompt action in respect of junior officers and other ranks who fail to give the necessary salute.

(Sgd.) H. Gordon Bennett
Lt-Gen
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ALL OFFICERS TO NOTE.

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CIPHER WORK IN UNITS

1. Herewith copy of LHQ SM 23380 of 30 Nov 42.

2. It is advised that LHQ SM 15940 of 21 Aug 42, referred in LHQ SM 23380 was issued on a limited distribution and is NOT applicable.

"Further to SM 15940 of 21 Aug 42 and SM 21343 of 4 Nov 42.

2. In formations and units which have no cipher officer, the responsibility for the safe custody of cipher documents and equipment will be entrusted to the senior signals officer where one is appointed and, in other cases, to an officer selected by the formation or unit commander.

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4. When OR personnel accompanied by secret cipher equipment, are posted or attached to formations or units with which no cipher officer or signals officer is serving, the senior OR will, immediately on arrival, report with his equipment to the officer commanding the formation or unit, who will make the necessary arrangements for the safe custody of such equipment.

(Signed) F.L.BURTON Lt-Col
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15 Aust Fd Regt
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2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt
109 Aust Lt AA Regt
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3 AUST CORPS MOBILE CW TRG UNIT.

1. The CW unit makes periodical visits to units with the following objects:-

(i) To assist unit gas offrs generally
(ii) To inspect and report upon standard of unit CW trg.
(iii) To inspect and report upon standard of unit gas eqpt.
(iv) To advise unit gas offrs in regard to the conduct of cadre trg for instrs.
(v) To provide unit gas offrs with latest infm on gas eqpt, maintenance of eqpt and methods of instn.

2. It is NOT intended that CW unit should conduct courses during visits to units, but merely that it should inspect gas trg which will be in progress.

3. Arrangements have been made for the unit to visit units of 3 Aust Corps Arty on the following schedule:-

Date	Unit		Location
13-16 May	HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps	-	MT LAWLEY
	12 Aust A Fd Regt)	-	MELVILLE
	2/3 Aust F Sp Bty)		
	8 Bty, 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt	-	PEARCE AIRFIELD
17-20 May	109 Aust Lt AA Regt	-	NAVAL BASE
	RHQ, 116 Aust Lt AA Regt	-	BIBRA LAKE
	172 Bty, 116 Aust Lt AA Regt	-	FREMANTLE-CRAWLEY
21-23 May	15 Aust Fd Regt	-	MUNDIJONG
	4 Aust Svy Bty	-	JARRAHDALE
	173 Bty, 116 Aust Lt AA Regt	-	QUINDANNING
24 May	2 Aust Med Regt	-	HOPE VALLEY

4. Comds of units will make every facility available to the CW Trg Unit to inspect unit gas trg. Arrangements will be made for gas trg in each sub-unit to be conducted during visit of CW Trg Unit.

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SO Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps.

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TENTATIVE PROCEDURE FOR DEPLOYMENT OF FD BTY IN CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

This procedure is to cover a method of deploying a fd bty giving the continuous support of one tp to a bn moving along an axis rd on foot prior to making contact and up to the time for the deployment of the whole bty.

BASIS OF METHOD

1. One OPO will move with fwd inf and will control the fire of the tp which is in action when contact is first made regardless of whether this is his own or the other tp.
2. One wireless frequency will be used for bty.
3. One truck (M2) follows leading OPO laying cable and another truck (M1) follows rear tp reeling in.
4. One tp is in action at all times, the rear tp not moving fwd until advice is received that other tp is in action fwd and ZLs recorded.

PROCEDURE

1. TX moves with Bn Comd.
2. TA (or TB) moves with Coy Comd of fwd coy
3. TB (or TA) moves some 1500 yds in rear of TA (or TB) ready to move fwd and establish second OP if bty deployment is required.
4. CPO in H moves well fwd and carries out recce for bty posns. He will wait at posn selected for next tp to occupy until GPO has arrived, if necessary leaving guide or indicator to guide GPO into posn. He will inform GPO of posn selected for second tp in that area so that he (GPO) can pass the infm on to the other GPO should rapid bty deployment be necessary. As soon as CPO has completed this he will again move fwd to select next posn some 2000[X] further fwd.
5. GPO of tp moving fwd will move well fwd of the gun gp and will take with him sig truck (M4 - A tp and M3 - B Tp). Upon arrival at posn indicated by CPO make usual arrangements for occupation. When ZLs are recorded GPO will advise rear tp by L/T.
6. GPO of tp in action will, as soon as all work at gun posn is completed, leave TL in comd of guns and move fwd to meet CPO. This move should take place about the time the guns of the other tp are about to occupy new posn or earlier.
7. TL of tp in action will take over comd of tp posn from GPO as in para 6. When advice is received from other tp that ZLs have been recorded he will move guns onto rd and proceed along rd until guide or indicator left by GPO at new posn is reached and occupy posn.
8. Signal arrangements are as follow:-

   L/T

   M2 moves in rear of TA (or TB) laying cable having same removed from surface of rd.
   M1 moves in rear of rear tp reeling in cable up to "tap in" of rear tp in action.
   M3 moves with GB to lay from arterial cable to B tp posn. This short length of cable will be reeled in by hand by sigs at tp posn.
   M4 moves with GA in similar capacity to M3
   M5 establishes maintenance post between M2 and fwd tp in action.

   R/T

   Using one bty frequency TA can communicate with TX, TB, GA, GB, H and K2.

   To enable R/T comns to be maintained to gun posns at all times it is necessary for GPOs and staffs to change trucks with TLs. This will give R/T comns from OPOs to guns in action when GPOs have moved fwd. This change should only be made while this procedure is being adopted, a change back being made when normal deployment is again used.
9. A minimum of vehs should be in the fwd area while tps are leap frogging. The following should move some 3000 yds in rear of rear tp K1, K2, Y, X, RA, RB, Sec Ammn Vehs.

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9. (Contd) These would normally be under cond Bty Capt who will have R/T comms through K2.

10. Should it be necessary to deploy whole bty, TX would issue orders by R/T or M/C orderly to H, TB (or TA), GB (or GA) and Capt. H will immediately return to meet GB (or GA) and indicate posn. Should H be delayed, GPO of tp moving fwd should contact other GPO to obtain tp posn. TB (or TA) will proceed fwd and occupy second OP. M3 (or M4) will lay second OP line, if necessary assisted by M5. M1 stops reeling in and proceeds fwd to carry out normal role. M4 and M5 then establish rtue terminals. K2 and Y move fwd to carry out normal roles. K1 after disposing of other vehs in temporary WL would also move fwd in normal role arranging for vehs to be brought fwd later to bty WLs.

11. A bty ZL will be ordered prior to the first tp deployment and will not be altered except under orders of H who must see that TA (or TB) is advised of any alteration.

12. Arrangements must be made by NCO i/c Sigs for full cable drums from M1 to be transported to M2 when necessary.

A sketch is attached showing diagramatically the layout of essential vehs in two situations.

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LAYOUT OF ESSENTIAL VEHICLES OF BTY GIVING CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

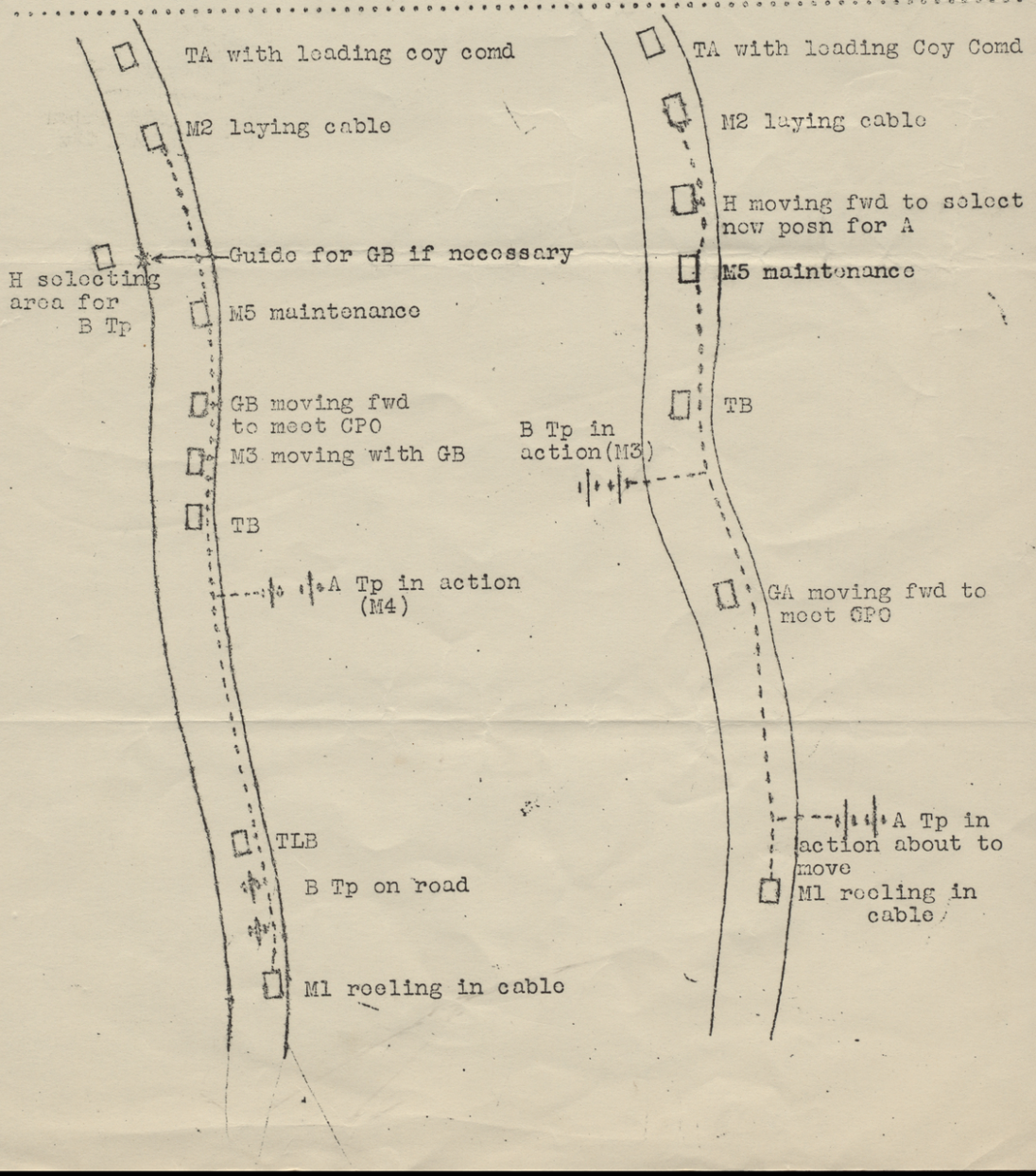
TX (Not shown) would be with Bn Comd.
K1,K2,Y, X, RA, RB, & Sec Amn Vehs (Not shown) moving as gp some 3000[x] in rear.

SITUATION NO.1

A Tp in action
B tp just out of action and moving fwd.
CPO selecting new posn for B Tp
GPO B Tp moving fwd to meet CPO

SITUAT ON NO.2

B Tp in action and have just advised A Tp that ZLs are recorded.
A Tp just about to move onto rd.
CPO moving fwd to recce new posn for A Tp.
GPO A Tp well fwd to contact CPO.
M1 waiting until A Tp clear before reeling in further cable.



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Extract from RATM (Fd Branch & A Tk) WAR No.2

Appx II

The following typical lists may prove useful to battery and troop commanders in arranging their weekly gun park inspections. The object of such inspections should be to ensure that during a certain period the whole of the gun park stores are checked, inspected and tried out for serviceability and interchangeability.

The lists are compiled for arty units armed with 25-pr Mk II or Mk I Carriage of 25-pr Mk I on Carriages 25/18-pr Mks I,VP and VP. It should be comparatively simple to adapt them to other equipments.

The lists should be prepared in the form of a table and hung up in gun parks, battery and troop offices, etc. The battery or troop commander can then order "No..... Inspsction", as required.

Officers, WOs, BQMS, Nos 1, etc, should be in attendance as usual, and distribution lists should be available for checking purposes.

Unless a system such as this is followed, many important stores and parts of the equipment may not be tried out or inspected until actually required for use.

SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO SPLIT PINS AND RIVETS. The equipment generally and the shield particularly should be examined for cracks.

Loose barrels should be removed every three months for cleaning. Attention is directed to Regulations for Care and Preservation of Artillery Equipment, 1930, para 55a.

EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

No.1 Inspection

1. Off Trailer Wheels (Alltrailers)

(a) Remove wheel. Lubricate all points after cleaning. Remove Cap from axle, and top up with grease, MT. Renew grease if necessary.

(b) Examine tyres and remove any flints or nails; see that pressures are correct (40 lb) and tyre valves efficient.

2. Air Pump attached and connected to recuperator ready for pumping. (1 and 3 Guns)

Object - to see that pumps are working correctly. This ensures pumps being seen working once a month. (See that all pumps held on charge are used.)
Note time taken to charge full pressure on to the valve.
NB. Pumps should be worked every day by a few strokes.

3. Sights - Test for elevation (2 and 4 guns)

See that this is done in accordance with Drill Book for the particular equipment. Prior to this being carried out the field clinometer should be tested for index error.

4. Striker. (All guns)

Object - To see that spare striker is complete, clean (inside and out) and fitting correctly, and that spare firing pins are fitting correctly.
Remove striker and replace by spare striker. In fitting:-
(a) Examine for protrusion
(b) Remove firing pin and substitute spare firing pin and examin for protrusion. Examine all spare firing pins in this way.

5. Guns Horizontal (All guns)

(a) 25-pr Mk II or Mk I Carriage.
(i) Examine buffers to see that oil is up to the bottom of threads of plug "M".
(ii) Examine recuperators to see that tail rod is flush with the rear end of the slot in the floating piston rod cover. If not, pump back.

(b) 25-pr Mk I on Carriages 25/18-pr Mks I,VP and VP.
Isolating valve open by means of key adjusting valve. (All guns).
(i) Examine buffers to see that oil is half-way up the inspection glass.
(ii) Examine recuperators to see that tail rod is flush with front cap.

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6. Trailer (Open)
   (a) Lubricate hinges and catches of
   (b) Remove ammn trays and clean inside/trailer
   (c) Lubricate bearings of brake, inside trailer
   (d) Examine ammn trays.

No.2 INSPECTION

1. Rear Gun Wheels (All Guns)

   As for trailer wheels, No.1 inspection.

2. Apparatus illuminating sight No.5 and Apparatus illuminating aiming point (All Guns)

   Test all lamps and fittings in position. Check up components.

3. Trigger (All guns)

   Remove and dismantle trigger. Replace by spare trigger

4. Breech Mechanism. (All guns)
   (a) Open and close breech to see that it works easily
   (b) Test catch retaining breech mechanism lever

25-pr Mk II on Mk I Carriage

5. Traversing Gears (All guns)
   (a) See that gear works freely and that pivot is well lubricated
   (b) Traverse gun completely over to each side and see that traversing screw is clean. See that the traversing stop is in position. This is situated at the left front of the saddle.

6. Elevating Gears (All guns)
   (a) Examine elevating gears by having them fully elevated and depressed.
   (b) See that cradle clamping gear works correctly.

7. Range scale gear
   (a) Examine range scale gear to see if the arm is working correctly
   (b) See that the range scale plate is clean and not polished
   (c) See that indicators are set correctly for the MV of the gun for each charge and securely clamped.

25-pr Mk I on Carriages 25/18-pr Mks IVP and VP

5. Traversing gears (All guns)

   Mk IVP Carriage. Unstrap dust covers on axletree.
   (a) Traverse gun over completely to each side, pull back covers and see that axletree is clean.
   (b) See that:-
      (i) Rollers are bearing correctly on axletrees and spring discs are correct. Adjust if necessary.
      (ii) Traversing gear is well lubricated
      (iii) The spindle operating quick and slow gearing works correctly
      (iv) Right hand traversing gear works correctly
      (v) Traversing clamp is working

   Mk VP Carriage
   (a) See that gear works freely and that pivot is well lubricated
   (b) Traverse gun completely over to each side and see that traversing arc is clean

6. Elevating Gears (All guns)
   (a) Examine elevating gears by having them fully elevated and depressed.
   (b) See that cradle clamping gear works correctly

7. Range Gear Indicator
   (a) Examine range gear indicator whilst gun is fully elevated and depressed by range gear hand wheel to see if the arm is working correctly
   (b) See that the plate is clean and NOT polished
   (c) See that the indicators are set correctly for the MV of the gun for each charge and securely clamped

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NO.3 INSPECTION

1. Near Trailer Wheels (All trailers)

As for No.1 Inspection

2. Sights - Test for Line

See that this is done in accordance with drill book for the particular equipment.

3. Sighting Gear (All guns)

Object - A thorough examination of the sighting gear and fittings.

Examine the sighting gear generally for play, clamping of dial sight, or whether dial sight can be raised or lowered comparatively easily, see that the plane testing sight fits correctly in the dial sight socket. Examine cross level gear of sight, seeing that it clamps correctly.

4. Plates Recording Zero Lines (All guns)

See that:-
(a) Plates are clean and free from grease
(b) They are not broken or cracked (Change if necessary)

5. Recoil Indicator and Slider

Examine slider; see that it works freely and is not too loose.
NOTE: Sliders can easily be lost.

6. Test - Pressure and Pressure Gauge

(a) Fit adapters and pressure gauges to recuperator and see that outer end of adapter is blanked by cap.
(b) Open valve to see that pressure is 600lb per sq in
(c) Check date and results of last test of pressure gauges by RAOC.

7. All drill amn to be laid out on a blanket for inspection

See that:-
(a) Each cartridge is fitted with a clip
(b) A percentage of shell are painted to represent HE, Smoke, etc.
(c) Shell and cartridge are fit to be loaded
(d) Drill fuzes are painted black and stamped "drill"

25-pr Mk I on carriages 25/18-pr Mks IVP and VP

8. Trails (Mk VP Carriage)

See that:-
(a) Spades are clean and pawls and pedals work freely
(b) Pawl locking trail legs works correctly
(c) Pin locking trail bracket and pins securing spades are correct with chains

25-pr Mk II on Mk I Carriage

8. Spade-box

See that spade-box screw clamps are oiled and working freely.

NO.4 INSPECTION

1. Off Gun Wheels (All guns).

As for trailer wheels, No.1 Inspection

2. Springs (All guns)

(a) 25-pr Mk II on Mk I Carriage
Exchange:-
(i) Mainsprings in striker
(ii) Springs safety catch
(iii) Springs trigger, sear

(b) 25-pr Mk I on Carriages 25/18-pr Mks IVP and VP
Exchange:-
(i) Mainsprings in:-
(a) Striker
(b) Spare trigger
(ii) Springs Safety Catch

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(iii) Springs trigger
(iv) Springs tripping piece

3. Handbooks and gun drill
Nos 1 to have handbooks and gun drills on parade
See that books are amended to date

4. Brakes (Gun and trailers)

Jack up and test brakes. If necessary, adjust so that they act together.
Release brake handles and see that wheels are free

25-pr Mk II on Mk I Carriage

5. (a) See if any liquid is in reservoir

Secure gun to cradle. Elevate to 30 degrees, remove plug H.
Open valve K ONE TURN
Liquid if present will be forced out of H
When air only is escaping close valve K

(b) Test for aeration in recuperator

Unscrew plug N (Nearest front cap) one complete turn
When clear liquid flows the plug should be screwed up

(c) Bring gun horizontal. Remove stop running back or ashing
(d) i. Test air pressure and recharge if necessary (using reservoir compressed air)
ii. Make up liquid by means of the force pump until the telltale is in the correct position. Replace plugs N and H.

25-pr Mk I Gun on Carriages 25/18-pr Mks IVP and VP

5. See if any liquid in air reservoir

See that stop running back is in position or lash the gun to the cradle. Gun elevated to 25 degrees, and plug H removed. (All guns)
(a) Open valve K one turn and close quickly, when oil which may have leaked overfloating piston is dispelled.
(b) Test air pressure and recharge if necessary (using reservoir compressed air)

6. Cross level bubbles (1 and 3 guns)

Plane testing sights in position. Field clinometer at zero (or index error) traversely on plane and bubble central.
Range scale indicator at zero. T.E. and gun horizontal.
See that cross level bubble is central.

7. Lubrication (All carriages)

See that all points on the carriage shown on lubrication charts in handbooks and gun drills are lubricated correctly.
Particular attention should be given to the lubrication of nut securing trail eye and the metal centring bush.

NO.5 INSPECTION

1. Off trailer wheels removed. (All trailers)

As for No.1 Inspection.

2. Air Pump attached and connected to recuperator ready for pumping (2 and 4 guns)

As for No.1 Inspection.

3. Trailers (All trailers)

Examine and lubricate lifting handles.

4. Sights - test for elevation (1 and 3 guns)

As for No.1 Inspection

25-pr Mk II on Mk I Carriage

5. Sockets for handspikes lifting

Fit handspikes into sockets and see that they catch correctly (i.e. try lifting trail) and that working parts of catches are clean and lubricated.

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25-pr Mk I on Carriages 25/18-pr Mks IVP and VP

5. Traversing levers (All Mk IV Carriages)

Examine by throwing them into position for traversing. See that they catch correctly, (ie., try lifting trail), and that working parts are clean.

6. Bores (All guns)

Examine bores of guns for:-

(a) Scoring
(b) Coppering
(c) Cracks

7. Split Pins

Examine equipment to see that split pins are in generally, paying special attention to the following:-

(a) Brush screw retaining plate and bolt striker guide block (breech mechanism). (25-pr Mk I on carriages 25/18-pr Mk IVP and VP)
(b) Dust caps and handwheels
(c) Any part which is constantly being removed for cleaning.
(d) Special inspection of all split pins is necessary owing to greater vibration due to mechanisation.

8. Rivets

Test periodically as they occasionally work loose due to speed of travelling.

25-pr Mk I on Carriages 25/18-pr Mks IVP and VP)

10. Gravity tank

Remove plug and examine:-

(a) interior of gravity tank
(b) valve of gravity tank
(c) spare spring valve gravity tank
(d) strainer to see if clean

NO.6 INSPECTION

1. Near Gun Wheels (All guns)

As for trailer wheels, No.1 Inspection.

2. Skeleton Order

Object - To check stores and make all NCOs conversant with parts of equipment, occasionally asking what spare parts are for.

Have all stores laid out on blankets, and one junior NCO in each sub-section, as well as No.1, present;
BQMS to bringnledgers for checking stores.

After a general checking of stores, BQMS reads nomenclature in full fromnledger. Nos I hold up articles as called out by BQMS above their heads.

3. Firing lever

Examine firing lever of carriage, seeing that springs and lever are correct.

4. Trail eye

Examine trail eye to see if the swivel works freely, that the stop is in position, and inspect the bracket for cracks.

5. Platforms

(a) 25-pr Mk II on Mk I Carriage

(i) See that the locking links and pawls work freely by releasing and lowering the platform.
(ii) Raise and lock the platform to the trail.

(b) 25-pr Mk I on Carriages 25/18-pr Mks IVP and VP

(i) See that rods are easily connected and disconnected
(ii) See that split pins are in position and that spring catches on tie rods work freely

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NO.7 INSPECTION

1. Marching order

2. Drag ropes, aiming posts, firing lanyard (25-pr Mk I on Carriages 25/18-pr Mk IVP and VP); No. 4 cocking lanyards (25-pr Mk II on Mk I Carriage)

   (a) Examine ropes and lanyards for fraying, etc.
   (b) Examine crosshead clamps and plunger on aiming posts.

3. Sight Clinometers (All guns)
   Examine by testing for back-lash and index error. In case of 25-pr Mk II on Mk I Carriage, end-for-end test should also be carried out.

25-pr Mk II on Mk I Carriage

4. Breech mechanism dismantled and laid out

   Inspect breech for burrs and wear. If in doubt have reassembled and test. Special attention should be paid to burrs on the cocking lever.

25-pr Mk I on Carriages 25/18-pr Mks IVP and VP

4. Breech mechanism and trigger dismantled and laid out

   Inspect screw and breech for burrs, and carrier and lugs for wear. If in doubt have re-assembled and test. Special attention should be paid to wear on trigger.

5. Near Trailer wheels (All trailers)

   As in No.1 Inspection.

NO.8 INSPECTION

1. Apparatus pulling back or tackle ready and fixed for hauling back guns (Extra men in gun park)

   Examine guides and general lubrication when gun is back. Watch gun run up when released.
   Apparatus or tackle should immediately be sent to next gun to fit up.
   NB. Each gun must be pulled back AT LEAST once a month

2. Test and adjust for air pressure
   In accordance with drill book for particular equipment (Air pressure should be tested weekly)

3. Air pump, liquid pump No.2 with connections fitted to pump, and pump screw suction and force laid down (All guns)
   Examine pumps by seeing them worked two or three strokes.
   NOTE: If it is desired to see screw pump working, let a little oil out of recuperator and make up again, using liquid in correct proportion.

4. Shields (All guns)
   (a) 25-pr Mk II on Mk I Carriage
      (i) Examine upper shield catches
      (ii) Examine sight port cover
      (iii) Lubricate hinges
   (b) 25-pr Mk I on Carriages 25/18-pr Mks IVP and VP
      (i) Examine upper shield catch
      (ii) Examine flaps sight port
      (iii) (Mk VP Carriage) Traverse full extent in both directions and see that there is a clearance between upper and lower portions of front shield. Tend to foul due to vibration.
      (iv) Lubricate hinges

5. Guns elevated to full extent by elevating gear handwheel (All gu
   (a) 25-pr Mk II on Mk I Carriage
   examine position of cut-off gear
   (b) 25-pr Mk I on Carriages 25/18-pr Mks IVP and VP
   examine position of cut-off gear. After examination of gea
   remove pin Y and insert in hole [illegible]. See that pin of hand adjustment is secured by tie.

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6. Cross levels (2 and 4 guns)
As for cross levels in No.4 Inspection.

7. Lubrication (All trailers)
Lubricate at all points on trailer not previously mentioned.

8. Off gun wheels (All guns)
As for trailer wheels No.1 Inspection.

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3 AUST CORPS EXERCISE "ROBBER"

1. Hereunder extract from the Artillery Umpires Consolidated Report.

(a) Comd. In some cases Batterys were placed under command of Battalions and in one case a troop was placed under command of a Company. This is NOT sound, unless Battalions are operating some distance from Brigade HQ and are no longer under Brigade control. Regimental Commander loses control over his Regiment under such conditions.

(b) Liaison between Regimental Commanders and Brigade Commanders and between BCs and Battalion Commanders was good in period prior to operations, but in some cases was NOT good during operations. Battalion Commanders did NOT always appreciate artillery point of view and in one case Battalion Commander forgot artillery and could NOT be found by BC. Battalion Commanders did NOT give sufficient information to BCs and the latter were NOT always insistent in obtaining information.

J.C.W.O'Connor Lt-Col
(J.C.W.O'CONNOR)
GS 4 Aust Div

Distribution

2	Aust	Inf	Bde 4
6	"	"	" 4
13	"	"	" 4

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H.Q. 4 Aust. Div.
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4 AUST. DIV.
- 3 JAN 1943
TIME 43/194/87
No.

3 AUST CORPS EXERCISE "ROBBER"

ARTILLERY UMPIRES' CONSOLIDATED REPORT

1. COMD CONTROL and LIAISON :

(i) Control exercised by regimental commanders was fair. BCs and Tp Commanders were kept in tactical picture, although in some cases Troop Commanders were slow in their appreciation of tactical requirements.

(ii) Orders generally were well issued and clear.

(iii) In some cases a tendency was observed for Commanders to do the work instead of controlling it.

(iv) Comd. In some cases Batterys were placed under command of Battalions and in one case a troop was placed under command of a Company. This is NOT sound, unless Battalions are operating some distance from Brigade HQ and are no longer under Brigade control. Regimental Commander loses control over his Regiment under such conditions.

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2. MOVEMENT OF GROUPS :

(i) Organisation and movement of groups was good at first but in some cases, when pressure was on, was bad. Too much time was spent at RVs and too long was taken over reconnaissances.

(ii) Track discipline generally was bad, guns and vehicles were too close together on the road. Orders in regard to speeds, density, etc, did NOT always reach drivers.

(iii) Concealment and Camouflage was bad on roads, at halts and at wagon lines, but generally good at gun positions and OPs. In some cases, fires were lit at night.

(iv) Noise. Too much noise was made during moves and at night. Positions would easily be disclosed.

3. OCCUPATION OF POSITIONS AND SITING :

(i) OPs were generally well occupied.

(ii) Gun positions were fairly well occupied, but occupations in some cases were too slow. Night occupations were too noisy.

(iii) Wagon lines were badly organised and occupied and badly sited. There was insufficient control exercised over drivers. Wagon lines were in some cases sited in the open with insufficient cover or dispersion.

(iv) Unit Signs. More use should be made of unit directing signs at RHQ, gun positions and WLs, particularly at night.

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4. TECHNICAL WORK :

(i) Operations.
(a) OPOs were NOT always certain of the position of own troops.
(b) Organisation in OPs was bad and too much movement was permitted.
(c) OPs NOT always sited to cover whole zone.
(d) Panoramas and silent registrations were satisfactory, but too slow.

(ii) Gun Positions
(a) A.Tk sectors were NOT always allotted.
(b) Guns were well staggered, but sometimes too close together, although A.Tk defence usually considered.
(c) GPOs and Nos. 1 did NOT exercise sufficient control and gun drill generally was slack.
(d) Too much time was taken in laying out the line, and director work was too slow.
(e) In few cases did GPOs keep records of rounds fired for Memos of Exam.

(iii) OPs were well organised, but artillery board work, although accurate, was too slow.

(iv) Communications
(a) Signal message pads at OPs were NOT well kept.
(b) Cable routes were NOT well reconnaissanced, with the result that cable was laid too close to roads, thus suffering damage from carriers.
(c) Passage of messages by W/T was bad, but fair by L/T and R/T.
(d) Wireless sets did NOT always function efficiently and further training of signallers in operation and maintenance of sets appears necessary.
(e) Wireless communications with Bde HQ were NOT good.

(v) Regimental Survey Parties generally did good work. Survey personnel and vehicles must pay more attention to concealment, camouflage and track discipline.

5. ADMINISTRATION :

(i) Cooking and feeding arrangements were generally fair, although when operations became active, organisation fell down and meals were delivered late in some cases.

(ii) Ammunition and POL arrangements were well handled.

(iii) Maintenance of MT was fairly good in most cases, although in others drivers did NO maintenance at WLs.

6. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS :

(i) Morale generally seemed good.

(ii) Turnout was fair although some personnel did NOT shave regularly.

(iii) Troops generally were kept in picture as far as information was available.

(iv) Synchronisation of watches was NOT good and the drill should be practised.

(v) PAD was fair at gun positions but bad in bivouacs and WLs. Insufficient slit trenches were dug. Drivers and DRs frequently ignored presence of hostile AC and drove on or rode to RHQ, thus disclosing its position.

(vi) Local Protection generally was good although in several cases OPs were captured or cut off.

Distribution :
2 Aust Div (4)
4 Aust Div (5)
CCRA (2)
BGS
DA & QMG

[signature] Aug Bns
a/ BGS 3 Aust Corps.

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C.O.	29/5
ADJT.	15 Mtd Regt
Qr.Mr.	
R.S.M.	
24/5	

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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
27 May 43.

33/P/9527.

"BLITZ" Courses

1. It has come to notice of 3 Aust Corps that, as a result of the exercising of troops over "blitz courses", one unit has at present three of its members in hospital, each with a fractured pelvis.

2. Although is is appreciated that troops should be "toughened", the Corps Comd directs that exercises over "blitz courses" which involve the possibility of injury to personnel, be discontinued.

3. Some "blitz courses" are considered too easy and, subsequently, they fail in their object of improving the physical fitness of the troops.

4. Unit Comds will examine the "blitz" courses in their areas, and ensure that troops only carry out such exercises as will raise the standard of physical fitness but do NOT allow the possibility of injury to personnel.

Gerhardt

Capt
A/SO Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps.

List "A" (less 4 Mob Met Flt)

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15 Aust Field Regiment.
AUSTRALIA.
18th Mar.43.

RAA. 4 Aust Div.(AIF).

SPECIALISTS.

1. Ref RAA. 4 Aust Div Memo 42/163/3899 dated 27 JUL 42, and the above.

2. The following is the return of specialists as required :-

t.g.	W.E.	On Strength.	Deficient.
T.G.1.			
Computers	2	3	-
Fitters Gun	6	6	-
T.G.11.			
Cooks	18	17	1
CPOA	6	4	2
Sigs	123	63	60
Mechs M.V.	10	7	3
B.C.A.	3	3	-
T.G.111.			
Gun Layers	48	44	4
Dvrs Mech.	27	5	22
Surveyors (Bty)	14	14	-
Tech Storemen	5	5	-
Equpt Repairer	3	3	-
Clerks	9	9	-
Butchers	1	2	-
CPOA	6	4	2
Tailor	1	-	1

LT-COL.

(F. RICHARDSON) C.O. 15 AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

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15 Aust Field Regiment.
AUSTRALIA.

17th. FEB 1943

RAA. 4 Aust Div.

S P E C I A L I S T S.

1. Ref R A A. 4 Aust Div Memo 42/163/3899 dated 27 JUL 42 and the above.

2. The following is the return of specialists as required :-

T.G.	W.E.	On Strength.	Deficient.
T.G.1			
Computors	2	3	-
Fitters Gun	6	6	
T.G.11			
Cooks	18	17	1
OPOA	6	~~6~~4	~~-~~2
Sigs	123	63	60
Mechs M.V.	10	~~10~~7	~~-~~3
B.C.A.	3	3	-
T.G.111			
Gun Layers	48	~~43~~4	~~5~~4
Dvrs. Mech,	27	~~4~~6	~~23~~2
Surveyors (Bty)	14	~~13~~4	~~1~~-
Tech Storeman	5	5	
Equpt Repairer	3	3	
Clerks	9	~~8~~9	~~1~~-
Butchers	1	2	-
GPOA	6	4	2
Tailor	1	-	1

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43/163/38.

15 Aust Field Regiment.
AUSTRALIA.

22nd JAN 1943.

RAA. 4 Aust Div.

S P E C I A L I S T S.

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2. The following is the return of specialists as required :-

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Computors	2	3	-
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T.G.11.			
Cooks	18	17	1
OPOA	6	6	-
Sigs	123	63	60
Mechs M.V.	10	~~6~~ 8	~~4~~ 2
B.C.A.	3	3	-
T.G.111.			
Gun Layers	48	~~41~~ 13	~~7~~ 35
Dvrs Mech	27	4	23
Surveyors (Bty)	14	~~10~~ 3	~~4~~ 11
Tech Storemen	5	5	-
Equpt Repairer	3	3	-
Clerks	9	8	1
Butchers	1	2	-
GPOA	6	4	2
Tailer	1	-	1

C.R.Rigg LT-COL.

(C.R.RIGG) C.O. 15 AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

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15 Aust Field Regiment,
AUSTRALIA.

24th April 1943.

RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF).

REGIMENTAL LIST - 15 AUST FD REGT.

1. Ref RAA 3 Aust Corps memo 17B/8043 of 22 APR 43, 3 Aust Corps (AIF) memo A165/45/1 of 20 APR 43 and the above.

2. Following is report on officers set out in para 1 of 3 Aust Corps memo :-

NX 52086 Lieut N.L.F. MOSES - attending 3 A.C. Rifle and Bayonet Crse R43/6 Harvey - Duration 1 month. and transferred to "X" List.

VX107063 Lieut A.D. Mc KINLAY) Attending Sch of Arty - Offrs'
VX 60339 Lieut D.C. COCHRANE) Ref Crse Serial No. 3. and transferred to "X" List.

VX107065 Lieut H.E. VICKERS - This offr has been on "X" List for approx 6 mos - whilst at MVTTC and 4 MTTD - Northam.

3. As these officers were on "X" List on 9 APR 43 they were not shown on the W 3008 of that date.

Lt-Col.

(F. RICHARDSON) C.O. 15 AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

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~~HQ RAA~~ 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
20 Apr 43

HQ RAA 3 AustCorps.

A165/45/1

REGIMENTAL LIST 15 AUST FD REGT.

The undermentioned Officers borne on the Regimental List of the above Regiment are n t recorded on AF W 3008 for week ending 9 Apr 43, as being with the regiment.

NX31086	Lieut H L F MOSES on "X" List
V51674	A/Lieut A D McKINLAY on "X" List
VX60339	Lieut D C COCHRANE on "X" List
V67614	Lieut H E VICKERS was on "X" List.

2. Please advise the present posting of these officers.

3. The following seconded officers should be added to Regimental List.

V145144 Lieut W E McBRIDE (Lieut from R of O 5 Jan 42) trans to Regt 30 Apr 42 (AG32) Sec 3 Aust MG Bn 10 Sep 42.

V4126 Lieut (Prob) C E BAKER (Lieut prob 14 Nov 41) trans to Regt 1 May 42 (ExM235/42) Sec Arty Trg Regt Vic L of C Area 1 May 42.

V5949 Lieut A C A'B CHOMLEY 16 Sep 40.
Sec Arty Trg Regt Vic L of C Area (Lieut from R of O 1 May 42) trans to Regt 1 May 42 (Ex M235/42).

SIGNED ? Maj
For Brig DA & QMG.

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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
22 Apr 43

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15 Aust Fd Regt.

REGIMENTAL LIST.

1. Attached is a copy of 3 Aust Corps Memo A165/45/1 of 20 Apr for your attention.

Capt.
SC Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

43/164/45.

15 Aust Field Regiment.
AUSTRALIA.

8th APR 43.

RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF).

15 AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

AIF Statistics up to 1000 hrs 8th APR 43.

(1) Present strength of unit (all ranks).		634.
(2) AIF Enlistments completed. " "		476.
(3) Percentage of (2) to strength.		75%.
(4) No. between 19 & 21 yrs actually volunteered but awaiting parents' consent.		4.
(5) No under 19 years.		4.
(6) No. not eligible for other than para 4.		
	RAAF.	2
	RANR.	2
	Other than paras 4 & 5 (medical).	7
(7) Eligible but not volunteered.		139.

Not included in the above are 2 offrs attached awaiting transfer to this Regt.

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15 Aust Field Regiment.
AUSTRALIA.

8th APR 43.

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15 AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

AIF Statistics up to 1000 hrs 8th APR 43.

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(4) No. between 19 & 21 yrs actually volunteered but awaiting parents' consent.		4.
(5) No under 19 years.		4.
(6) No. not eligible for other than para 4.		
	RAAF.	2
	RANR.	2
	Other than paras 4 & 5 (medical).	7
(7) Eligible but not volunteered.		139.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

43/164/45.

15 Aust Field Regiment.
AUSTRALIA.

8th APR 43.

RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF).

15 AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

AIF Statistics up to 1000 hrs 8th APR 43.

(1) Present strength of unit (all ranks).		634.
(2) AIF Enlistments completed. " "		476.
(3) Percentage of (2) to strength.		75%.
(4) No. between 19 & 21 yrs actually volunteered but awaiting parents' consent.		4.
(5) No under 19 years.		4.
(6) No. not eligible for other than para 4.		
	RAAF.	2
	RANR.	2
	Other than paras 4 & 5 (medical).	7
(7) Eligible but not volunteered.		139.

Not included in the above are 2 offrs attached awaiting transfer to this Regt.

Lt-Col.

(F. RICHARDSON) C.O. 15 AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

43/164/45.

15 Aust Field Regiment.
AUSTRALIA.

20th Mar. 43.

RAA. ~~4~~ 3 Aust ~~Div.~~ Corps (AIF).

15 AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

AIF Statistics up to ~~2200~~ 19 hrs ~~20th~~ 8 April, Mar. 1943.

(1) Present strength of unit (all ranks)	~~635~~ 647
(Ø) (2) AIF enlistments completed. " "	~~458~~ 476
(3) Percentage of (2) to strength.	~~72%~~ 75%
(4) No. between 19 & 21 yrs actually volunteered but awaiting parents' consent.	~~5~~ 4
(5) No. under 19 years.	4
(6) No. not eligible for other than para 4. RAAF.	2
RANR.	2
(Under age &) other than paras 4 & 5. (Medical)	~~313~~ 487
(7) Eligible but not volunteered	~~115~~ 139

(Ø) (Includes 2/AIF Offrs and O/Rs reinfts on strength.)

Not included in the above are 2 Offrs attached awaiting transfer to this Regt.

L.M. Davis Maj. Lt-Col.

(F. RICHARDSON) C.O. 15 AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

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AUST. DIV.
11 FEB 1943
TIME 43/163
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HQ 4 AUST DIV (AIF)
AUSTRALIA

9 FEB 43

RAA 4 AUST DIV

FIELD RETURN AF W3009
15 AUST FD REGT

The preparation of AF W3009 needs more care and, in many instances, greater accuracy.

2. Details shown in columns 3 and 4 of Part A of AF W3009 must agree with the totals shown in the corresponding columns in Part D. Return submitted by 15 Aust Fd Regt on 6 Feb shows a surplus of 5 NCO's in Part A, but shows no surplus whatever in Part D. Such NCO's, if NOT specialists, are to be shown as General Duties, and details of their appointments shown on the back of Part D, as required by Note (a).

3. Column 4 of Part A shows 65 reinforcements required, but this does NOT agree with the details given in Part D, according to which the number of specialists actually required by the unit is 49. It is assumed that the balance, viz., 16, consists of General Duty personnel, but if this is so, this must also be shown in Part D, so that the totals may be reconciled with column 4 of Part A.

4. In Part B, the two columns on the left are reserved for OR, for whom provision is made under WE. Other personnel attached, such as 2/5 Aust Dental Unit, are to be shown in the two columns on the right of Part B.

5. It is desirable that in column 1 of Part A, the authorised establishment should be typed, so as to facilitate checking, both within the unit and at other HQ's.

FRBeasley

(F.R. Beasley) MAJ
DAAG 4 Aust Div

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AUST. DIV.
11 FEB 1943
TIME 43/163 1690
No.....

HQ 4 AUST DIV (AIF)
AUSTRALIA

9 FEB 43

RAA 4 AUST DIV

FIELD RETURN AF W3008
15 AUST FD REGT

The preparation of AF W3008 needs more care and, in many instances, greater accuracy.

2. Column 2 of Part A of AF W3008 must agree with the details shown in Part D, but the return submitted by 15 Aust Fd Regt on 6 Feb shows 34 officers on posted strength in Part A, and 45 officers in Part D. Of these latter, 6 are shown as being X-listed, and 4 as being seconded; none of these should be shown in Part D.

3. This leaves one officer NOT accounted for, and it will therefore be appreciated if the details shown in Part D are very carefully checked before the next return is submitted.

4. It is desirable that in column 1 of Part A, the authorised establishment should be typed, so as to facilitate checking, both within the unit and at other HQ's.

FRBeasley

(F.R. Beasley) MAJ
DAAG 4 Aust Div

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AUST. DIV.
-4 MAR 1943
TIME 43/195 A 199

HQ 4 AUST DIV (AIF),
AUSTRALIA.

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RAA 4 AUST DIV.

VX102630	Lieut	D.B. ARCHER	16	AUST	FD	REGT.
VX102634	"	G.F. LYNCH	15	"	"	"
VX102633	"	J.C. SIMMONS	"	"	"	"

VX102630 Lieut D.B. ARCHER was transferred to 16 Aust Fd Regt on 30 Apr 42 (Adjutant-General's List No. 35).

2. Military Secretary has now approved the transfer of VX102634 Lieut G.F. LYNCH and VX102633 Lieut J.C. SIMMONS from 15 Aust Fd Regt to 16 Aust Fd Regt, to date 30 Apr 42.

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15 Aust Fd Regt

Forwarded for information.

4 MAR 43

for R.M. PONTEY Capt
SCRA 4 Aust Div

(F. R. Beasley) ... Maj,
DAAG 4 AUST DIV.

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HQ RAA 4 AUST DIV (AIF)

11 MAR 43.

File

10 AUST FD REGT
15 AUST FD REGT
109 AUST A TK REGT (AIF)

ITENERARY - MGRA's VISIT 18/26 MAR 43

Fixtures affecting RAA 4 Aust Div are as follows:-

Date	Time	Itenerary	Remarks
19 MAR 43	0900 hrs	Call on Corps Comd 3 Aust Corps.	
	1030 hrs	Call on Comd Task Force 51 USN. Confer CCRA.	MGRA's Staff confer with RAA Staff
	1300 hrs	Lunch 'A' Mess	
	1400 hrs	Depart 'A' Mess for ROCKINGHAM.	
	1500 hrs)	109 A Tk Regt shooting	G2 to arrange RV
	1600 hrs)	ROCKINGHAM Area	
	1630 hrs)	2/3 F Sp Bty - Short Base-	G2 to arrange RV
	)	Double Post Exercise	
	1730 hrs)	ROCKINGHAM Area.	
	1900 hrs	Dinner RAA 4 Aust Div	
25 MAR 43	0900 hrs	Depart Perth for Northam	CI 3 Aust Corps
	1000 hrs)	Inspect 12 Aust Trg Bty and	S of A to arrange
	1200 hrs)	3 Aust Corps S of A Northam	sub-itenerary.
	1230 hrs	Lunch 3 Aust Corps S of A	
	1330 hrs	Depart for Arty Range NORTHAM	
	1400 hrs)	Fd Regt Practice (RAA 4 Aust	
	1600 hrs)	Div)	
	1600 hrs	Depart for PERTH	
	1800 hrs	CCRA's dinner - ESPLANADE HOTEL	

Note:- MGRA will be accompanied by two LHQ Staff Officers.

G Campbell

G.CAMPBELL Capt
A/BMRA 4 Aust Div (AIF)

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29 Mar 43

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CAPT F. McASKILL AND LIEUT M.T. MATTNER

The MGRA agreed to adjust the posn in regard to these offrs on his return to MELBOURNE. Notification of tfr will be promulgated in due course.

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CRA
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Lt-Col.
GSO II RAA 3 Aust Corps.

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15 ~~16~~ Aust Fd Regt

Forwarded.

R.M. Pontey Capt.
SCRA 4 Aust Div (AIF).

31 Mar 43

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15th Aust Fieldn Regiment.
AUSTRALIA.

12th April, 1943

RAA 3 AUST CORPS.

TRANSFER : LIEUT J.S. CATOMORE VX.112207

1. The following message RAQ 74 of 11 APR 43 has been received from RAA 1st Aust Armd Div :-
" It is proposed to transfer VX112207 Lieut J.S.Catomore from 15 Aust Fd Regt to 121 Lt AA Regt and appoint him Adjt. Does C.O. 15 Fd Regt concur. "

2. No objection is raised by this Unit to the proposed transfer.

LT.-COL.

(F.RICHARDSON) C.O. 15 AUST FD REGIMENT.

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File 43/124/

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

Ref Map Rockingham 1".

INTENTION

15 Fd Regt with 33 A/Tk Regt under command will move from ROCKINGHAM Area to BELLEVUE Area night of 8/9 JAN 43.

METHOD

ROUTE - Rockingham area (375014) - Spearwood (37650375) Canning Highway - Causeway - Guildford Bridge (39650535)- Midland Junct - Greenmount - Bellevue.

ORDER OF MARCH - RHQ,22,23,24 Btys,33 A/Tk Bty, RAP, LAD.

S.P. - Road Junction 376015.

START TIMES - 1st Group - R.H.Q. - approx 25 vehs.--0100hrs 9 Jan.

2nd	"	22 Bty	20	0108
3rd	"	"	20	0115
4th	"	23 Bty	20	0122
5th	"	"	20	0129
6th	"	24 Bty	20	0136
7th	"	"	8	0143
8th	"	33 A/Tk	20	0148
9th	"	do. & LAD	13	0155

Each group leader will prepare 2 slips of paper showing Group No. and exact No. of vehs in group. One slip to be handed to Prov Coy at S P and 2nd slip to Provost at D P.

DISTANCE BETWEEN GROUPS - ½ mile.

HALTS - Duration 10 mins at 10 mins to the hour.

LIGHTING - Head and tail lights will be used.

SPEED AND DENSITY - 15 M I H. 20 V T M.

D.P. - Mundaring 1" to 1 mile. 025555.
RHQ and 24 Bty will turn right at D.P. and enter camp area from west.
22 and 23 Btys will proceed past D.P. along York Rd and enter camp area from east end.

ADMIN.

B Echelon - will move with Bty's.

STORES - All camp stores will be carried except latrine pans which will be left on site.

RATIONS - for 9 JAN will be collected from R.Q.M. store by Btys on 8th JAN.

P O L - Fuel Tanks and reserve POL will be carried.

TRAFFIC CONTROL - will be arranged by 4 Aust Provs.Coy.

CARRIERS. - will be transported by 3 tonners provided. For loading of carriers Carrier Ramp is being constructed and Btys will be notified of location when completed.

RECOVERY - 818 LAD responsibility.

MEDICAL - RAP will travel at rear of column and in front of LAD.

DRESS - Shorts, shirts, hats turned down.

OFFICERS & SGTS MESSES

22 Bty will provide working party for striking Sgts Mess marquee.
24 Bty will provide party for striking Officers mess marquee.
Marquees will be struck at 1900hrs 8 JAN and handed to R.Q.M.

ADVANCE PARTY - one officer 5 ORs from RHQ, Bty Capts and 3 ORs per Bty will move at 1300hrs under comd Capt Richardson.

REAR PARTY - No rear party - site will be left in inspection order.

INTERCOMMUNICATION - wireless silence en route - Line Comm will close at 1600 hrs 8 JAN. D.R. comm until reopening of line comms at new site.

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ADJT. 15 AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

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Ref maps PERTH- PINJARRA 4 miles to 1 inch.

3 Jan 43

1. MOVE

15 Aust Fd Regt GROUP move ROCKINGHAM AREA to BELLEVUE AREA, night 8/9 Jan 43, vide movement table attached as Appendix "A".

2. ADVANCE PARTIES

One officer three other ranks per Regimental Headquarters, and Battery move new location 8 Jan 43-independent running.

3. REAR PARTIES

No Rear parties; area to be left in inspection order

4. RATIONS

For consumption on day of 9 Jan to be carried-Rations of consumption on day of 10 Jan to be drawn in BELLEVUE AREA.

5. P.O.L

Full tanks and reserve POL to be carried

6. WATER

Water carts and containers to be full at commencement of move.

7. TRAFFIC CONTROL

Will be arranged by 4 Aust Div Pro Coy

8. RECOVERY

218 LAD responsibility

9. MEDICAL

Unit arrangements

10. ACK

Signed at 0830

R.M. PONTEY lieut
SCRA 4 Aust Div

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MOVEMENT TABLE

APPX"A" to RAA 4 AUST DIV ADM ORDER No.3

ROUTE:- ROCKINGHAM AREA(375014)-SPEARWOOD-(376/0375)-CANNING HIGHWAY-CAUSEWAY-GUILFORD BRIDGE(396/0535)-MIDLANDS JUNCTION-GREENMOUNT-BELLVUE.

HALTS
Short halts for 10 minutes at ten minutes to the hour.

GROUPS
Approx 20 vehs per group. ½ mile between groups.

UNIT	PLACE From	PLACE To	VEHICLES	S.P.	Time Past S.P.	SPEED M.I.H.	DENSITY V.T.M.	REMARKS
15 Fd Regt Group	ROCKINGHAM	BELLVUE	163	Rd Junc 376015	COs discretion Not before 0100 hrs, 9Jan Rear of Column clear of MIDLANDS JUNC by 0500 hrs 9 JAN 43	15	20	

0100 hrs

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

INFORMATION Enemy landings at GERALDTON and DENHAM have been repulsed.
Main enemy thrust is now defined as JURIEN BAY Landing.
13 Inf Bde are heavily engaged in DANDARRAGAN area.
6 Aust Inf Bde will move to support 13 Aust Inf Bde.
Concentration to be effected without disclosing identity.

INTENTION 15 Aust Fd Regt will move from present location to MOORA.

METHOD

Route - Main rd GERALDTON-MOORA.

S.P. - Entrance to 32 Bn old site area.

S.T. - RHQ Zero
22 Fd bty Zero plus 5
23 " " Zero plus 12
24 " " Zero plus 20
LA D Zero plus 27

Lighting - Headlights will be used.

SPEED & DENSITY 12 m.i.h. 20 v.t.m. (Cruising speed 15 mph)

HALTS Last 10 mins in each hour until 2350 hrs when halt will be until 0020 hrs. Breakfast halt will be 0550 - 0700 hrs.

ORDER OF MARCH RHQ less RA P, 2 2, 2 3, 2 4 Fd Btys, RAP , 218 LAD.

DISPERSAL AREAS Bty Capt 24 bty will move on fwd recce 1200 hrs 20 NOV
Sep instns. Btys notified on arrival.

ADMINISTRATION B Echelon will be under regtl control and move under separate orders. Bty Capt, 23 fd bty to Comd.
"A" Vehs (Carriers) will be railed. Sep instns.

AMN - 50 rds SAA will be carried by each man with rifle.
1000 rds SAA per LMG and 400 rds SAA TSMG.
All Ist line and remainder of practice Amn will be carried.

STORES - All tentage will be taken and camp stores to scale "A"
It is recommended that paliasses be emptied to save bulk.

WATER - Water bottles full and all water tins on vehs full. Water discipline will be enforced.

P.O.L. PP at 40102138 Ref map MOORA 4 miles to 1 inch.
A ll vehs will have tanks full and full reserve.

INTERCOMMUNICATION - Wireless silence - Commn by DR. Progress reports to Head of column 0000 hrs, 0400 hrs.

GUIDE PARTY 22, 23 Fd Bty will each provide 1 DR complete with torch and sign for Rly Xing MARCHAGEE. To report to Adjt at Z-10 at RHQ.

G. CAMPBELL CAPT.
2 I/C 15TH AUST FIELD REGT.

15th Aust Field Regiment,
AUSTRALIA.

8th October, 1942

R.H.Q.
22,23,24 Btys
"F" Sec Sigs,
218 L.A.D.

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

1. Further to RHQ sig message A867 of 7 OCT 42.

2. 6 Aust Inf Bde less 38 Bn & 55 DOW will move by road from present location to STRAWBERRY area on days 9/10 OCT 42.

3. Route MINGENEW - DONGARRA Rd.

4. S.P. : Rd crossing - Mullewa-Dongarra rds. Ref map DONGARRA Strat 340383.

5. 15 Aust Fd Regt will move in 5 gps as follows :-

Group	Sub-Unit	Time past S.P.	Date
1	24 Bty incl "B" Ech.	0800 hrs	10 OCT 42
2	23 " " " "	0815 "	"
3	RHQ, Sigs, LAD " "	0830 "	"
	"F" Sec Sigs	0835 "	"
	218 L.A.D.	0840 "	"
4	22 Bty " "	0845 "	"
5	All Carriers	1330	

6. Group 1 to 4 : 10 v.t.m. 15 m.i.h.
" 5 : 10 v.t.m. 8 m.i.h.

7. All brush structures on present camp site will be left standing intact. Areas will be left in a clean and satisfactory condition. As rear parties must be comprised of minimum number of pers it will be necessary that areas be thoroughly cleaned before main bodies move out. All areas will be inspected by Hygiene Offr 8 Bde.

8. All tents will be struck and transferred to new site.

9. Each bty will supply ammn loading party of 4 men to be at RHQ 0900 hrs 10 OCT 42.

10. Great care must be taken to see that all latrines and cesspits are completely filled in and labelled "FOUL" in a permenant manner. As far as possible Old sump oil is to be used to cover these areas. Regtl O.O. will make a complete inspection of Unit area when main body have departed and will not dismiss each rear party until completely satisfied of ~~its~~ cleanliness of its site

11. No timber will be cut on new site except to make fire breaks and roads.

12. Fire breaks are to be constructed around bty & troop areas and ammn dumps.

13. Owing to uncertainty of water being available immediately on arrival, at new location, care must be taken to see that water lorries, bottles and containers are filled before leaving present site.

CAPT.

(E.W.CODE) ADJT. 15TH AUST FIELD REGT.

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H.Q. 6 AUST INF BDE GP
AUSTRALIA

7 OCT. 42

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

Ref 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp Sig Message 0343 of 6 OCT. 42.

2. RD. MVT.

(a) Route MINGENEW - DONGARRA RD.

(b) S.P. Rd Crossing MULLEWA - DONGARRA RDS. Ref Map DONGARRA (Strat) 340383.
D.Ps. - D.P.1 38 Bn turn off. D.P.2 rd junc ref map DONGARRA (Strat) 322380.

(c) T.Ps. to be established as follows by Bde Sec 4 Div Pro Coy.

T.P.1	S.P.
T.P.2	D.P.2
T.P.3	D.P.1

(d) Speed - All serials excepting serial 6, 20 m.i.h.
Serial 6 - 15 m.i.h.
All carriers M.G. - 10 m.i.h.
Density - 10 v.t.m.

(e) Units will be met by guides at their respective D.Ps. and shown to the unit areas.

(f) Rd Mvt table :-

Serial No	Unit	Route to S.P.	Time Past S.P.	Date OCT	D.P.	Remarks
1	33 A/Tk Bty	Main DONGARRA Rd.	0900	9	DP1	
2	14 Bn	MULLEWA-MINGENEW RD	0930	9	DP1	
3	6 Bde H.Q.		1030	9	DP2	
4	32 Bn	Main DONGARRA RD	1430	9	DP1	Reinfts to 14 Bn & 38 Bn will be moved in 2 sps at close intervals
5	6 Fd Coy		1515	9	DP2	
6	15 Fd Regt		0800	10	DP2	Incl 218 LAD
7	23 Coy AASC		0900	10	DP2	& F Sec Sigs
8	6 Bde HQ		1000	10	DP2	Incl 269 LAD & K Sec Sigs & Pro Sec.
9	6 Fd Amb		1030	10	-	
10	23 Coy AASC		1300	10	DP2	

(g) 269 L.A.D. will remain in present location until 0900 hrs 10 OCT, then move to new location as per mvt table above. Service will re-commence 0830 hrs 11 OCT in new location.

(h) Units requiring additional tpt for move will reqn on 23 Coy AASC through these HQ.

(i) Carriers will move so as to cross over S.P. close on the tail of the unit convoy.

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3. [redacted]:-

(a) All brush structures on present camp sites will be left standing intact.

(b) Areas will be left in a clean and satisfactory condition. As rear parties must be comprised of minimum number pers it will be necessary that areas be thoroughly cleaned before main bodies move out. All areas will be inspected by Bde Hygiene Officer. C.O's will be held responsible that the areas are satisfactory.

Lewis L Zilles
Capt.
for Staff Captain 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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(S E C R E T)

R.H.Q.
15 Aust Fd Regt

22nd August, 1942

22, 23, 24 Btys
F Sec & 218 L.A.D.

CHANGE OF LOCATION

1. 6 Aust Inf Bde will move to MINGENEW part by rail & part by road on Aug 24-25-26, 1942.

2. 15 Aust Fd Regt, less carriers, will move by road as detailed hereunder:-

3. Carriers will be loaded at Midland Junction as shown herewith.

Train Serial No	Bty	No of Carrs	Depart M'Lands		Date arr Mingenew		At loading point by	
B	22	2	1000	24th	2200	24th	1500	23rd
D	23	2	1800	24th	0600	25th	1030	24th
F	24	2	1800	25th	0600	26th	1030	25th

Bty QMs will ensure that carrier personnel are supplied with the necessary rations as from 0700 hrs Monday 24th until completion of movt. Carrier pers to carry ration of tea, sugar, milk. Hot water at Watheroo.

4. ROAD MOVEMENT
Group C 15 Fd Regt, 218 LAD F Sec Sigs , one Sec 6 Fd Amb - will move on 24th Aug 42 O.C. column Major A.W.Taylor
Route BULLSBROOK - WALEEBING - MOORA - COOROW - MINGENEW.
Start Point Brickworks on Moora Rd. Ref map PERTH 4 miles to 1" 401059.
Route to S.P.via Upper Rd York Rd - Sayer St - Moora Rd.
T.C.Ps. supplied by Bns will be situated.
(1) S.P.
(2) MOORA (Sth entrance to town)
(3) MINGENEW (At turn near Showgrounds)

5. (a) 15 Aust Fd Regt will travel in Bty col of route, RHQ, 22, 23, 24, Btys in tactical order of march. B echelons regimented under Regtl QM.
(b) 22 Bty will provide 1 sec 18 prs with RHQ; 24 Bty will supply 1 sec 18 prs to move with B echelon.
(c) 6 Fd Coy will be at the rear of Gp B moving ahead of 15 Fd Regt, which is at rear of the Bde road group.
(d) Times past S.P. RHQ 0715 hrs ; 22 Bty 0720 : 23 Bty 0732
24 Bty 0744 hrs : B echelon 0845 hrs.
(e) Speed of column 15 M.I.H.: Density 15 V.T.M.: Maximum catching up speed 25 mph.: 1 mile between Bty blocks.
(f) Stops Stop at 10 mins before each hour, start punctually on the hour. Midday lunch stop 1150, evening stop 1700 hrs. At evening halt vehicles will block up to 40 VTM. B.Cs will synchronise watches at R.H.Q. 0600 hrs 24 & 25 Aug. Time of commencement on 25th Aug - 0700 hrs.

6. ROAD DISCIPLINE Offrs will ensure that strict road discipline is maintained throughout the movement. Particular attention to be paid that vehicles travel on extreme left of road and that personnel keep off roads at all halts. In the absence of Bty Capts. B.Cs. will post an Offr at the rear of each Bty column.

7. R.A.P. will move at rear of gun groups i.e. at rear of 24 Bty. L.A.D. will move at rear of B echelon.

8. PETROL Vehicles will start with tanks full & full complement of reserve tins. P.P.at MOORA . Head of column will halt 5 mls North of town. On arrival vehicle tanks will immediately be replenished from reserve tins, the tins dumped on side of road beside the vehicles where they will be collected and replaced by A.A.S.C.

9. BIVOUAC RECCE PARTY One Offr and Orderly from each Bty to report to ADJT at 1300 hrs 24 Aug 42 and 0700 hrs 25th Aug to recce bivouac area. B echelon will send one NCO or W.O. on M/C.

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CHANGE OF LOCATION (Cont)

10. RATIONS Normal rations will be issued for move. Cut lunches will be distributed for mid-day meal. Rations for carrier personnel as para 3. Breakfast and evening meal for 24th & 25th Aug will be cooked in bivouac area on previous night and supplied by hot boxes during move.
Each Bty to supply one M/C orderly to move with B echelon to report to Q.M. at 0700 24 Aug.

11. Lights and fires at night shall be kept to an absolute minimum.

12. Latrines to be dug and biv area must be left tidy.

13. DRESS S.D., gaiters, hats turned up, belts for all ranks.

14. CAMP STORES will be deposited in RHQ marquee except for floor boards which will be piled neatly in each Bty area.

15. CLEANLINESS OF BELLEVUE AREA Special attention is to be paid to this most important matter and Bty sites MUST be left in a perfect state of cleanliness.

16. All tents will be struck and transported to new site.

17. INTERCOMMUNICATION Each Bty and Each group will be responsible for maintaining touch by D.R. with Bty or Group immediately ahead.

CAPT.

ADJT.15 AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

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R.H.Q.
IN THE FIELD

20th July ,1942

S E C R E T.

CHANGE OF LOCATION

MOVE BY ROAD :

15 Aust Fd Regt., 218 LAD, "F" Sec Sigs will move from present site and take over site No 5 from 3 Fd Regt at BELLEVUE and hand over present site to 10 Aust Fd Regt. Regt will move tactically by road and be prpared to fight at all times.

1ST GROUP : will move in following order :-

14 Bn.
1 Sec 6 Fd Coy.
22 Bty 15 Aust Fd Regt.
R.H.Q. " " " "
A Coy 6 Fd Amb.
218 LAD

S.P. Greenough P.O.

Head of column will pass S.P. at 0645 hrs 24 July.
22 Bty will pass S.P. at 0655 hrs.
R.H.Q. will pass S.P. at 0703 hrs.
218 LAD " " " " 0708 hrs.
O.C.column will be C.O.14 Bn.

2ND GROUP :

32 Bn
2nd Sec 6 Fd Coy
23 Bty 15 Aust Fd Regt
HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde.
B Coy 6 Fd Amb.
269 LAD

S.P. UTAKARRA RY CROSSING

Head of column will pass S.P. at 0600 hrs 24 July
23 Bty will pass S.P.at 0612 hrs.
O.C.column will be C.O. 32 Bn.

3RD GROUP :

38 Bn.
3 Sec 6 Fd Coy
24 Bty 15 Aust Fd Regt
33 Bty 109 A/Tk Regt
HQ 6 Fd Amb
D.O.W. and Fd Park Coy.

S.P. GERALDTON HOSPITAL

Head of column will pass S.P. at 0630 hrs 25 July
24 Bty will pass S.P. at 0640 hrs.
O.C.column will be C.O.38 Bn.

Liason by Btys with O.C. columns is necessary during the whole journey and specially important with regard to biv. areas. Each gp will stop at 1220 hrs north of CARNAMAH and at 1900 hrs north of NEW NORCIA to bivouac for night.
Groups will recommence at 0600 hrs next day.

SPEED & DENSITY

15 V.T.M. 20 M.I.H. Maximum pick up speed 30 M.P.H.

ADVANCE PARTY

Advance party consisting of following personnel will proceed to new location on 22nd July at 0600 hrs.

Lt BOURNE, 2 dvrs., [redacted]. 11 O.Rs. 22 Bty to supply 1 VBS (Not WD) 1 Dvr 1 Sgt 5 O.Rs.

MOVE BY RAIL

6 carriers of 15 Aust Fd Regt will be transported by No 7 train leaving GERALDTON Rly Stn at 1400 hrs 28 July arriving at MIDLANDS JUNCT. at 0600 hrs 29 July.
2 Personnel will travel in each carrier. 22 Bty providing one Sgt to take charge and supervise entraining and detraining.

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CHANGE OF LOCATION (Cont)

2 carrs will be loaded on each flat top. Carrs must be loaded on train one hr before scheduled departure.
O.C. train O.C. 33 Bty 109 A/Tk Regt.

RATIONS One day's iron rations will remain in QM store or vehicle as emergency rations and will not be used. Each Bty will be issued with 2 days rations for consumption on journey.

PETROL Every vehicle will commence journey with petrol tanks full, and will carry in addition to authorised number of petrol drums, the following extra drums.

	Authorised No	Addition	Total
Car	2	1	3
VBS	3	2	5
MCs	1	2	3
3 Tonner	4	4	8
Tractors	4	12	16

Btys will on NO account carry more than this number of drums.

AMMUNITION : 50 rds SAA will be issued to each man in possession of a rifle and will be carried on person. AALMGs must be tactically sited throughout each column and 1000 rds of SAA is to be made available beside each gun. Arty trailers are to be filled with amn and all other boxed amn is to be placed in dumps at RHQ QM Store afternoon of Tuesday 21st July, 24 Bty will not dump practice amnbut will transport same to new location.

WATER : All water bottles, tins and water lorries must be filled at commencement of journey and if necessary replenished at the following refilling points.
DONGARRA : MINGENEW : MOORA :

Strict discipline must be enforced with regard with regard to conservation of water.

CLEANLLNESS OF CAMP SITE : Special attention is to be paid to this most important matter and Bty sites MUST be left in the same state of cleanliness as when first occupied. Areas used for latrines or rubbish pits must be clearly labelled with signs "Foul Ground". Latrine pits will be completely sealed Thunder boxes will be scrubbed & left in present location.
Slit trenches will be cleaned out.

TENTS ; Will be left standing in present locations.

CAPT.
ADJT 15 AUST FD REGIMENT.

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R. H. Q.,
15 Aust Fd Regt,
AUSTRALIA

22 July, 1942

S E C R E T

22 Bty
23 Bty
24 Bty
218 L.A.D.
"F" Sec Sigs

CHANGE OF LOCATION (NO.2)

These instructions shall be read in conjunction with those issued under date 20 JUL, and where there is any inconsistency shall supersede the earlier instruction.

1. The 15 Fd Regt, "F" Sec Sigs and 218 LAD will move as one group to new location Camp No. 13 Bellevue. For information of all concerned, the composition of the column appears in Appendix "A".

2. Order of March (all less "B" Echelon).
(a) R.H.Q. & "F" Sec Sigs
(b) 22 Bty
(c) 23 Bty
(d) 24 Bty
(e) (i) "B" Echelon regimented in above orders under Q.M.
(ii) 218 L.A.D.

3. Start point :-
(a) Main body GERALDTON HOSPITAL Cr.
(b) "B" Echelon UTAKARRA RAIL X.

4. ROUTES to S.P's :-
(a) Main Body
(i) 22 Bty & RHQ Main East road.
(ii) 23 Bty assemble UTAKARRA under Bty arrangements thence Main East road to S.P.
(iii) 24 Bty Main Northhampton-Geraldton Road.

(b) "B" Echelon
(i) 22 Bty Main East Road.
(ii) RHQ, 23 and 24 Btys assemble WONTHELLA-UTAKARRA rd. past Golf links.

5. TIME TO PASS S.P's
(a) Main body - 0700 hrs
(b) "B" Echelon - 0730 "

6. SPEED - 15 m.i.h. (inclusive of 10 minute halts)
DENSITY - 15 v.t.m.
Overtaking or Catching up speed not to exceed 25 m.p.h.
Distance between Btys - 500x
Distance between 24 Bty & "B" Echelon - 800x

7. (a) Halts 0750 - 0800 and thereafter 10 minutes before the hour till 1150 hrs halt for lunch, till 1300 hrs thereafter 10 minute halts hourly till 1700. Bivouac for night.
(b) DR TCP's will be established as necessary by RHQ and relieved successively by Btys reaching the T.C.P.
(c) Each Bty will arrange for at least 1 D.R. to travel with "B" Echelon.

8. At evening halts, vehs will be closed to 40 v.t.m.

9. Total distance to be covered - 310 miles
1st day approx. - 135 "
2nd " " - 135 "
3rd " " - 40 "

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10. Lights and fires at night shall be kept to absolute minimum.

11. At first halt after lunch on 1st and 2nd days, 1 Officer and 1 M.C Orderly from each Bty will report to Adjt and then go forward to recce night bivouac area.

12. Carriers will assemble in R.H.Q. area before 0700 hrs on Friday 24 JUL and remain there under Sgt of 22 Bty till entrainment. Ration arrangements will be notified later.

13. ADM. Hard rations are not available.

FIRST DAY

Breakfast	Cooked in bivouac areas and eaten before departure.
Lunch	Cold meat sandwiches.
Tea	Cooked in present bivouac area, carried in hot boxes and brought up from "B" Ech. after evening halt.

SECOND DAY

Breakfast	Cooked in bivouac areas and brought up in hot boxes, together with sufficient bread, preserved meat etc. for lunch.
Lunch	As above.
Tea	Cooked on preceding night with breakfast and brought up in hot boxes after halt.

THIRD DAY

Breakfast and Lunch as on day 2.

14. Careful maintenance of MT must be carried out at all halts. Camouflage nets must be rolled up and not carried spread over canopies.

15. Strict march and road discipline must be observed and in particular personnel must be kept off the road at halts.

16. Latrines to be dug & bivouac areas to be left tidy.

17. Service Dress, gaiters, hats turned up, belts. Offrs caps worn at correct angle no cap covers.

18. An Anbulance will travel with "B" Ech., A3 with R.H.Q.

INTER COM

19. (a) S2 will travel at head of column and S6 behind gun group of 24 Bty and it is hoped to maintain communication.

(b) At night halts "H" vehicles will maintain R/T with R.H.Q. under arrangements to be made by Sig Officer.

(c) Each Battery and each group will be responsible for maintaining touch by D.R. with Bty or group immediately ahead.

[signature]
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APPENDIX "A".

MAIN BODY.

Sub- Unit	Vans	3 Ton	Tractors	M/C	Water Cart
R.H.Q.	6	5	-	3	
22 Bty	15	-	10	10	
23 "	15	-	~~9~~ 10	9	
24 "	14	-	~~9~~ 10	9	
Total	50	5	~~28~~ 30	31	

"B" ECHELON

R.H.Q.	~~3~~ 2	~~5~~ 4	-	1	1
22 Bty		~~10~~ 9	-	1	1
23 Bty		~~11~~ 10	-	1	1
24 Bty		~~9~~ 6	-	1	1
218 L.A.D.	1	4	-	1	
TOTAL	4	39	-	5	4

GRAND TOTAL (less M/Cs)

Main body - ~~83~~ 85

"B" Echelon - 47

~~130~~ 132

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE No. .....

Adjt

R.H.Q.
15th Field Regiment,
HOME FORCES.

24th March, 1942

SECRET

22 Bty
23 Bty

CHANGE OF LOCATION

MOVE

1. 15th Field Regiment(less 1 Bty) 218 L.A.D. and "P" sect. Sigs (4 Div) will move to new location as per appendix A.

2. O.C. TRAINS

Train No.9 - Capt. E.P. Drake - 38 Bn.
" " 10 - Capt. E.H. Bush - 38 Bn.
" " 11 - Major J.F. Strachan - 15 Fd. Regt.
" " 12 - Lieut.E.W. Code - 15 Fd. Regt.

Capt G.S. Boyd will act as 2 i/c. Train No.11, and will become O.C. 2nd Division train at Tailem Bend.

3. Capt. Dobinson will arrange for A.A. Defence of train No. 10 in accordance with 3 M.D.C.F. S/memo No. C201 of 16 March, 1942.

4. ORDNANCE STORES

Attention is directed to 3 M.D.C.F. no. c226 of 21st March, 1942 re disposal of ordnance stores and camp equipment and must be rigidly adhered to.

5. CLEANLINESS OF CAMP SITE ETC.

Units will forward to Bde H.Qs by 1600 hrs on the final days of their moves certificates that : (a) Provisions of memo no. C226 have been complied with. (b) That the Camp site has been left in a clean and sanitary condition. (c) Revelant paras of memo 2253 have been explained to ALL ranks.

6. RATIONS

Three days hard rations will be placed in carriages for consumption beyond PORT PIRIE JUNC. Two days supply of bread will be put on each train, at PORT PIRIE.

7. A.A. DEFENCE TRAIN 10

38 Bn will provide crews and guns to be mounted on vehicles of 15 Fd. Regt.

8. DRESS

Full marching order, kit-bags, water proof sheets and blankets to be carried.

9. Lieut. Devlin will act as entraining and detraining officer train 10./1
Capt. Boyd will appoint detraining Officer for Second division.

10. Meals as per Appendix B.

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ING AND UNLOADING OF M.T. VEHICLES

(End loading facilities at GHERANG and MORNINGTON, side loading GEELONG.)

(a) Approach.
Unit transport Drivers will be responsible for driving mechanized vehicles on Railway flat trucks. As the vehicle approaches the rly. waggon over the end of loading ramp, it will be lined up as accurately as possible with the sides of the wagons and a responsible person will be detailed to guide the driver onto the wagon. After the vehicle enters upon the ramp, all movement will be in bottom gear. Particular care is to be taken at GEELONG, where vehicles are side loaded.

(b) Positioning
Vehicles will be positioned centrally on the rly. wagons both endways and side ways. When more than one vehicle is loaded onto one wagon, a clearance of not less than 6 inches will be left between the vehicles. The over hang, if any, at either end of the wagon, will be equalised as far as possible, and must in no case exceed six (6) inches beyond the end of the wagon, unless space is left on trailing ry wagon to compensate for over-hang.

(c) Securing of M.T.
Each mechanized vehicle, when loaded, will be secured as follows:-
(1) To be left in the lowest gear with brakes on.
(2) In the case of M.G. Carriers, ropes will be attached to the towing shackels or other suitable points and tightened to prevent swinging or lateral movement. Chocks will be wedged in front of and rear of the tracks.
(3) In the case of wheeled vehicles, chocks will be inserted under the front wheels and at the rear of the rear wheels. Each vehicle will also be lashed securely to the wagon in such a manner as to prevent movement. The Ry. staff will be responsible for the lashing and securing of vehicles for travel; any assistance required by the ry staff in this regard to be provided by the R.T.O. in conj. with H.Qs 4 Div.

(d) Escorts
Two other ranks will travel on each ry wagon on which mechanized transport is loaded and will, from time to time, inspect the lashings.

(e) Driving Off
Driving off the wagon will be done in bottom gear, and a responsible person will direct the driver.

(f) Petrol supplies and Batteries etc.
The amount of petrol in the fuel tanks of mechanized vehicles will be so regulated that tanks are not less than half full at the time of entrainment to permit of transfer at break of gauge stations and detrainment at destination. After detrainment, the petrol tank will be turned off and engine started and run until carburretor is dry. Batteries are to be disconnected, positive leads removed and securely tied away from battery terminals. One set of keys is to be tied to the steering wheel of the vehicle after entrainment, the duplicate keys are to be placed in an envelope plainly marked with the vehicle number, and handed for safe keeping to the O.C. train.

(g) CANOPIES OF 30-CWT AND 3 TON LORRIES WILL BE LOWERED AND PROPERLY SECURED BEFORE BEING LOADED ON THE RAILWAY TRUCKS.

(h) M.G. CARRIERS.
Two carriers ONLY to be loaded on ry vehicles.

12. Troops will be formed up ready for entrainment 30 minutes prior to departure of time of train.

13. TRAIN ACCOMDATION Troops will take personal equipment with them into ry carriages. Officers and W.O.s will be accomdated in compartments adjacent to their tps. Two personnel will travel in each M.T. loaded on flat trucks.

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14. INTOXICATING LIQUOR

No member of the Military Forces when in uniform shall carry, or cause to be carried, on to any train on which he is about to travel, or have in his possession or control or consume whilst travelling on any train, any intoxicating liquor (M.B.I. 103).

15. WATER BOTTLES will be filled prior to departure and refilled at every available opportunity en route. It is essential that water be conserved particularly on trans-continental line.

16. CLEANLINESS ON TRAIN

On the trans-continental line the ry authorities will supply a broom in each car, so that personnel in their own interests may keep cars clean. O.C. train will ensure that brooms are handed over to the guard of the train upon arrival at KALGOORLIE.

17. SECRECY

It is imperative that the utmost secrecy be preserved regarding destination, dates and time of movement.
WRITING ON CARRIAGES OR VEHICLES IS FORBIDDEN.

APPENDIX A.

DATE	TRAIN NO	UNIT	PERSONNEL	M.T.	REMARKS
31 MAR (Tuesday)	9	38 Bn	280	4	Ex GHERANG
		15 Fd.Regt.	60	28	
1 APRIL (Wednesday)	10	38 Bn	268	0	
		15 Fd.Regt.	72	32	Ex GHERANG
2 APRIL (Thursday)	11	15 Fd.Regt.	296	25	
		218 L.A.D.	16	2	Ex GHERANG
		"P" Sec.Sigs.	28	4	
3 APRIL (Friday)	12	15 Fd.Regt.	88	12	Ex GHERANG
		6 Bde H.Q.	41	9	

TIME TABLE FOR TRAINS 9 TO 12

Day 1 Leave GHERANG 1820 hrs (evening meal before leaving)
Arr. GEELONG 1935 "
Depart GEELONG 2010 "

Day 2 Arrive TAILEM BEND 1510 hrs (S.A. Time)
Train divides

1st Portion 290 PERSONS
Departs TAILEM BEND 1525 hrs
Arrives ADELAIDE 2217 "

2nd Portion M.T. 60 PERSONS
Dpt. TAILEM BEND 1640 hrs
Arr. ADELAIDE 2300 "

Combined Train
Dpts. ADELAIDE 2340 hrs

Day 3 Arr. PORT PIRIE JUNC. 0455 hrs

CHANGE TRAINS

1st Portion
Dpt. PORT PIRIE 0900 hrs

2nd Portion
Dpt. PORT PIRIE JUNC. 1700 hrs

Day 5 Arr. KALGOORLIE 0632 hrs
Arr. KALGOORLIE 1304 hrs

CHANGE TRAINS
Dpts. KALGOORLIE 1000 hrs

CHANGE TRAINS
Dpts. KALGOORLIE 1700 hrs

Day 6 Arrs. Destination 0231 hrs
Arrs. Destination 0941 hrs

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APPENDIX B.

MEALS

MEALS have been arranged en route as set out herein

Station	Times		Arranged by
HORSHAM	0610 - 0710 (R) Day 2		Vic Rlys.
SERVICETON	1025 - 1105 (R) "		
	1st Portion	2nd Portion	
MURRAY BRIDGE	1558-1658 (R) Day 2	1713-1735 (R) Day 2	S.A. Rlys.
	1st Portion	2nd Portion	
PT PIRIE JNC	0455-0900 Day 3 (1 meal)	0455-1700 Day 3 (3 meals)	H.Q. 4 M.D.
BOOKALOO	1307-1407 (R) "	2107-2117 "	RATIONS
WIRRAMINNA	1833-1933 (R) "	0143-0149 DAY 4.	Rations
TARCOOLA	2322-0002 Day 3/4	0558-0638(R) Day 4	"
IMMARNA	0515 Day 4	1151-1307 (R) "	"
COOK	0830-0938 (R) "	1630-1645 "	"
HUGHES	1122-1128 "	1825-1910 (R) "	"
REID	1328-1428 (R) "	2110-2130 "	"
NARINA	1815-1915 (R) "	0113-0123 Day 5	"
ZANTHUS	0111-0131 Day 5	0703-0803 "	"
KALGOORLIE	0632-1000 (R) "	1304-1700 (R) "	H.Q. W. COMD.
DURI	1319-1404 (R) "	2019-2104 "	"
MERRIDAN	1915-2050 (R) "	0220-0240 Day 6	"
NORTHAM	-	0624-0800 (R) "	"

(R) Refreshments

A.A.F.59s to be issued by R.T.O. GEELONG for meals at SERVICETON, HORSHAM, and MURRAY BRIDGE. F.59s to be endorsed "SM 5247"

ALL PERSONNEL TO USE OWN MESSING UTENSILS AT MURRAY BRIDGE AND SUBSEQUENT MEALS THROUGHOUT. HOT WATER WILL BE PROVIDED AT REFRESHMENTS STATIONS BOOKALOO TO ZANTHUS INCLUSIVE.

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ADJT. 15TH FIELD REGIMENT.

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11 Jan 43

15 Aust Fd Regt

Notes on Move KWINANA-BELLEVUE-Night 8/9 Jan

1. The following points were noted during the move.

   a. Times at SP - Most gps were late. Gps 7 8 9 did NOT cross SP until 8 mins after scheduled time. THIS IS FATAL in a co-ordinated move. Gp comds MUST cross SP on time.

   b. Intervals - These were ragged at the SP and during the move varied from 5 yds to 2 miles.(between Gps 4 and 5). Only bright spot was the driving of the tractors. Please convey praise to drivers.

   c. Speed - variable at SP and throughout. Again tractor drs were outstanding.

   d. Passing Sigs - Again NO passing sigs given by drs.

2. It is considered that some of the above faults were due:-

   a. to vtm & mih given, being unsuitable.
   Night moves will be practised in future at 12 mih & 40 vtm.

   b. to faults in MARCH TABLE issued by RHQ, this is discussed in the succeeding para.

3. MOVEMENT ORDER

   To indicate what is required your order has been analysed below and a suggested OO & MOVEMENT TABLE att as Appx 1 to this memo

   a. Form of Order - should be in OO form with correct headings and have correct abbvns. Note correct ending.

   b. Ref Maps - ROCKINGHAM 1" stated, but map refs were given from PINJARRA 4 in to 1 ml.
   MUNDARING 1" NOT stated.

   c. 33 Aust ATk Bty - NO statement made of this unit coming under comd. Should be in INFM para.

   d. Details of Move - following details are better given in a Movement Table.
   SP, Route, mih & vtm, Gps & Start Times. Dis Pt.

   e. Details of Gps - Specific statement of the units in each gp must be given.

   e.g. 2nd Gp - 22 Bty 20 vehs
   3rd Gp - 23 Bty 20 vehs

   should read

   Gp 2 22 Fd Bty less..... 20 vehs
   Gp 3 Remainder 22 Fd Bty 20 vehs.

   f. Timings

      i. Distance between gps stated as ½ mile which at 15 mih equals approx 2 mins.

      ii. Time allowed between gps was 3 mins.
      This incorrect timing plus the late start of some gps was chiefly responsible for the ragged movement.
      Compare your times with those in Appx A of att OO which are worked on basis of TPP for Gps 1 -5 mins
      2-6&8 -4 mins
      7 -2 mins

   g. ADM Details for closing camp
   A separate Adm Order should be issued & include the paras on STORES. OFFRS & SGTS MESSES. CARRIERS.

   h. Abbreviations

   Use correct abbvns in OOs
   Dispersal Point - Dis Pt
   Administration - Adm

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Intercommunication - Intercomn
B Echelon - B Ech

1. Points Covered in SO - such as POL should NOT be included if normal.

4. Movement in General

Attention is drawn to FSPB pam 6 (1939) and pam 13 (1940)

G.J. Campbell
Major.
BMRA 4 AUST DIV

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8 Jan 43

15 AUST FD REGT OO No.1.

ref maps PINJARRA 4 in to 1 ml
MUNDARING 1 in to 1 ml

INFM

1. Tps Under Comd

33 Aust ATk Bty less one tp under comd at 2359 hrs 8 Jan in present location.

INTENTION

2. 15 Aust Fd Regt with under comd 33 Aust ATk Bty less one tp will move from KWINANA to BELLEVUE.

METHOD

3. Adv Party

a. Comd Capt RICHARDSON

b. Composition RHQ - 10 offrs 3 ORs
Btys- Bty Capts and 3 OR s per Bty

c. Movement Indep from RHQ at 1400 hrs.

4. Main Body

a. Route. Times etc as per MARCH TABLE. Appx A att.

b. Lights head and tail all vehs

c. Halts 10 mins at 10 mins to each clock hour.
NO halt until 0250 hrs.

5. TRAFFIC CONTROL

a. 4 Aust Div Pro Coy will control movement

b. OC of each gp will prepare TWO slips showing
i. Gp No.
ii. No of vehs in Gp
Slip will be handed to Pro pers at SP and Dis Pt

6. Action on BREAKDOWN

a. Veh will pull to side of rd and sig succeeding vehs on.
b. 218 LAD will carry out repairs up to 30 mins.
c. Breakdowns taking more than 30 mins will be recovered when move completed.

ADM

7. Rations - To be collected by btys from RQM at 1800 hrs on 8 Jan.

8. 'B' Ech - will move with btys

9. Recovery - 218 LAD will move at rear of convoy.

10. Medical - RAP will move in Serial 9 in front of LAD

11. Dress - Shorts - shirts, hats down.

INTERCOMN

12. L/T Line comn close down 1600hrs. DR thereafter btys to RHQ.

13. Wireless - Silence during move.

14. RHQ - Closes KWINANA } 0055 hrs 9 Jan
reopens BELLEVUE }

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ACK

Issued through DR
Signed at.....hrs.

.....Capt
Adjt 15 Aust Fd Regt

DISTRIBUTION

Unit	OO Copy No.	Appx A No.
22 Fd Bty	1	1
23 Fd Bty	2	2
24 Fd Bty	3	3
33 ATk Bty	4	4
218 LAD	5	5
RAA 4 Aust Div	6	6
CO	7	7
File	8-9	8-9
War Diary	10-11	10-11

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MOVEMENT TABLE

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ref maps PINJARRA 4 ins to 1 ml
MUNDARING 1 in to 1 ml

SP - rd junc 376015 (PINJARRA)
ROUTE - SP- SPEARWOOD - HAMILTON HILL - CARRINGTON ST - CANNING H'WAY - GUILFORD RD - MIDLAND JUNC - GREENMOUNT - DIS PT.
SPEED - 15 mih
DENSITY 20 vtm
DIS PT rd junc 025555 (MUNDARING)

SERIAL	UNIT	No Of VEHS	Time Past SP
1.	RHQ less A 3 and 218 LAD	25	0100 hrs
2.	22 Fd Bty less.....	20	0107 "
3.	Remainder 22 Fd Bty	20	0113 "
4.	23 Fd Bty less.....	20	0119 "
5.	Remainder 23 Fd Bty	20	0125 "
6.	24 Fd Bty less.....	20	0131 "
7.	Remainder 24 Fd Bty	8	0137 "
8.	33 ATk Bty less two Tps	20	0141 "
9.	One tp 33 ATk Bty A3 (RAP) 15 Aust Fd Regt 218 LAD	13	0147 "

REMARKS

1. DISTANCE BETWEEN GPS - 2 mins at 15 mih=880yds
2. DIS PT action at:-
   a. Serials 1,6 & 7, turn right and enter camp from west
   b. Serials 2,3,4,5,8 & 9 continue past dis pt along YORK RD and enter camp from east.
3. HALTS - NO halt until 0250 hrs.

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CHANGE OF LOCATION.

Ref Map Rockingham 1".

INTENTION

15 Fd Regt with 33 A/Tk Regt under command will move from ROCKINGHAM Area to BELLEVUE Area night of 8/9 JAN 43.

METHOD

ROUTE - Rockingham area (375014) - Spearwood (37650375) Canning Highway - Causeway - Guildford Bridge (39650535)- Midland Junct - Greenmount - Bellevue.

ORDER OF MARCH - RHQ,22,23,24 Btys,33 A/Tk Bty, RAP, LAD.

S.P. - Road Junction 376015.

START TIMES - 1st Group - R.H.Q. - approx 25 vehs.--0100hrs 9 Jan.

2nd	"	22 Bty	20	0108
3rd	"	"	20	0115
4th	"	23 Bty	20	0122
5th	"	"	20	0129
6th	"	24 Bty	20	0136
7th	"	"	8	0143
8th	"	33 A/Tk	20	0148
9th	"	do. & LAD	13	0155

Each group leader will prepare 2 slips of paper showing Group No. and exact No. of vehs in group. One slip to be handed to Prov Coy at S P and 2nd slip to Provost at D P.

DISTANCE BETWEEN GROUPS - ½ mile.

HALTS - Duration 10 mins at 10 mins to the hour.

LIGHTING - Head and tail lights will be used.

SPEED AND DENSITY - 15 M I H. 20 V T M.

D.P. - Mundaring 1" to 1 mile. 025555.
RHQ and 24 Bty will turn right at D.P. and enter camp area from west.
22 and 23 Btys will proceed past D.P. along York Rd and enter camp area from east end.

ADMIN.

B Echelon - will move with Bty's.

STORES - All camp stores will be carried except latrine pans which will be left on site.

RATIONS - for 9 JAN will be collected from R.Q.M. store by Btys on 8th JAN.

P O L - Fuel Tanks and reserve POL will be carried.

TRAFFIC CONTROL - will be arranged by 4 Aust Provs.Coy.

CARRIERS. - will be transported by 3 tonners provided. For loading of carriers Carrier Ramp is being constructed and Btys will be notified of location when completed.

RECOVERY - 218 LAD responsibility.

MEDICAL - RAP will travel at rear of column and in front of LAD.

DRESS - Shorts, shirts, hats turned down.

OFFICERS & SGTS MESSES

22 Bty will provide working party for striking Sgts Mess marquee.
24 Bty will provide party for striking Officers mess marquee.
Marquees will be struck at 1900hrs 8 JAN and handed to R.Q.M.

ADVANCE PARTY - one officer 3 ORs from RHQ, Bty Capts and 3 ORs per Bty will move at 1300hrs under comd Capt Richardson.

REAR PARTY - No rear party - site will be left in inspection order.

INTERCOMMUNICATION - wireless silence en route - Line Comm will close at 1600 hrs 8 JAN. D.R. comm until reopening of line comms at new site.

E.W.CODE. CAPT.

ADJT. 15 AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

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MOVEMENT ORDERS-G.R.O. Q 635

Special attention is drawn to the above and also to GRO 600 of 4 Jan 43.

The Movement Order referred to is as per pro forma attached.

Brigades will ensure that supplies of this form are made available to all Units under their Commands.

Headquarters of Div. troops will arrange own supplies of this form.

All pers travelling on duty whether an individual or a party of troops and to whom GRO Q 635 is applicable must be in possession of such Movement Orders.

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List "B"

Signed. G.B. Miscamble..Capt
for Col.
AA & QMG 4 Aust Div

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COPY NO — 10.
16 FEB 43

15 AUST FD REGT O.O. NO. 1

Ref maps MUNDARING 1 in to 1 mile
FREMANTLE 1 in to 1 mile
ROCKINGHAM 1 in to 1 mile

INFM
1. NIL.

INTENTION
2. All Bdys of 15 Aust Fd Regt will carry out A/Tk practice on days 18 and 19 FEB 43 at ROCKINGHAM. A/Tk range in sq 7402.

METHOD
3. My Party
(a) Road Offr detailed by 24 Bty.

(b) Composition 1 Offr and 2 ORs as detailed by 24 Bty.

(c) Movement Move independently to ROCKINGHAM on 17 FEB 43. Report 109 A/Tk LAD at 1400 hrs.

(d) Stores Party will collect target from RHQ.

(e) Accomdation 109 A/Tk Regt will arrange accomdation night 17/18 FEB. Blankets & eating utensils will be taken.

(f) Rating To arrange for shooting to commence 0900 hrs 18 FEB 43.

4. Main Body
(a) Route, Times etc As per Appx A.

(b) Halts 10 mins, at 10 mins to each even clock hour.

5. Traffic Control
2 M/C Orderlies will accompany each convoy for Traffic Control purposes.

6. Guns
22 and 24 Bty will each take two 18 prs. 23 Bty will use 22 Bty guns

7. Fuel
Each Bty will use 3-ton vehs to tpt gun crews to range.

8. March Discipline
(a) One Offr will travel in Each Bty veh except gun tractors. Nos 1 will travel with their own vehs.
(b) Strict march discipline will be enforced and no smoking en route will be permitted.

ADM
9. Rations Cut lunches and filled water bottles will be taken.

10. L.A.D. Maintce Det will move with 22 Bty & 24 Bty convoy on respective days.

11. Amn 3 rds 18 pr SHRAP per det will be taken.

12. Medical Bty medical orderlies will accompany each Bty.

13. Dress Shorts, shirts, hat down.

ACK.
Issue per RHQ Orderly.

Signed at 1615 hrs.

CAPT.
(E.W.CODE) ADVT. 15 AUST FD REGIMENT.

Distribution:

22 Bty	2	C.O.	1
23 "	3	QM	7
24 "	4	ADST	8
LAD	5	W.O.	9
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MOVEMENT TABLE.

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ISSUED WITH 15 AUST FD REGT O.O. 1 as APPX "A"

Ref maps MUNDARING 1 in to 1 mile
FREMANTLE 1 in to 1 mile
ROCKINGHAM 1 in to 1 mile

SP - rd junc 026555 (Elders Paddocks corner).

ROUTE - SP - Midland Junc - Guildford Rd - thence rd S.E. of river to Causeway - Canning Highway.- Carrington St - Hamilton Hill - Spearwood - via Mandurah Rd to Defence Rd at 781031 - then WEST to range.

SPEED - 15 m.i.h.

DENSITY - 10 v.t.m.

DIS PT. - At Range site.

Serial	Unit	No of Vehs	Times past SP	Remarks
1	22 Bty plus det LAD	6	0500 hrs 18/2/43	Ready to shoot at 0900 hrs
2	23 Bty	4	0900 " "	" " " " 1500 "
3.	24 Bty plus det LAD	6	0500 " 19/2/43	" " " " 0900 "

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STAFF TABLES

1. You are requested to prepare a Staff Table (pro forma attached) and to forward a copy to this HQ by 25 FEB 43.

2. WE figures will be used in compilation.

3. a. TPP will be calculated on formula

$$\frac{60 \times \text{No of Vehs}}{\text{vtm x mih}}$$

b. Allow 400 yds between gps.

4. Gps will NOT include more than 16 vehs.

E.F. Campbell

E.F. Campbell Major
BMRA 4 Aust Div (AIF).

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(a) Rd Staff Table :

RD AND RY STAFF TABLES.

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"B" Echelon Regimented

16 veh per group - (A. 7 7) (B. 3 3)

Serial	Unit of Formation	Personnel WE STRENGTH Offrs	ORs	Total	Offrs	ORs	Total	Vehicles "A" Ech	"B" Ech	Total	Pet for 100m gal "A" Ech	"B" Ech	Total	TPP on one rd 5vim-20mih or 10 - 10 mins			10 - 20 or 20 - 10 mins			15 - 20 or 40 - 7½ mins			20 - 20 or 40 - 10 mins			40 - 15 or 60 - 10 mins		
15	Fd Regt & att incl Sigs & LAD	46	700	746	38	636	674	107	40	147	1570	580	2150	69	26	95	37	14	51	27	10	37	21	8	29	17	6	23
15	Fd Regt.	42	646	688	34	585	619	99	34	133	1490	510	2000	64	23	87	35	12	47	25	9	34	20	7	27	16	6	22

(b) Ry Staff Tables :

Serial	Unit or Formation	Personnel Offrs	ORs	Total	Vehicles Cars DS	Vans 15cwt	Lorries 1 ton	Lorries 30cwt	Lorries 3 ton	Trucks Carriers	Trucks Tanks	Trucks Tractors	Carriages & Trailers 18pr & 45hw	25pr	Arty	4 Wheel	2 Wheel 18	2 Wheel 45	2 Wheel 25	MC	Tons	Baggage	Remarks
1	15 Fd Regt plus att. incl LAD & Sigs.	38	636	674	1	56	7	-	40	9	-	30	24	8	-	1 Wiles Cooker	32	16	16	54	18	Baggage is assumed to mean Pers Bag and eqpt.	
2	15 Fd Regt	34	585	619	1	50	6	-	33	9	-	30	24	8	-	1 "	32	16	16	46	17		

NOTE : Any of the above columns not applicable may be deleted.

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8 APR 1943
15 Fd. Regt.

12 Aust A Fd Regt
15 Aust Fd Regt
2 Aust Fd Regt
2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt
109 Aust Lt AA Regt
2/3 Aust F Sp Bty
4 Aust Svy Bty
116 Aust Lt AA Regt (for infm)

DEMONSTRATION OF FIELD HYGIENE and FIELD IMPROVISATION.

1. The above demonstration is to be seen at HQ 116 Aust Lt AA Regt (Ref FREMANTLE 1"=1 mile 811 314)

2. The following will attend at 1500 hrs Tuesday 13 Apr 43:-

Staff Offrs, RSM RAA 3 Aust Corps.
Regt Comds
Quartermasters
Unit Amenities Offrs.

3. Personnel attending should realise in advance that what they see cost nothing, nor was any outside labour employed.

B E Klein Brig.
CCRA 3 Aust Corps.

Copy to 3 Aust Corps.

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R.H.Q.,
15th Aust Field Regiment,
A U S T R A L I A.

16th January, 1943

RHQ,
22,23,24 Btys
"F" Sec Sigs
218 L.A.D.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION - LEAVE

PERTH LEAVE - To commence 17 JAN 43.

1. Daily leave trains to PERTH have been arranged.

2. Trains will depart in accordance with the following timetable :

MONDAYS TO SUNDAYS INCLUSIVE

Depart	BELLEVUE	1235 hrs
"	MIDLAND JUNC	1240 "

Trains depart PERTH 2340 hrs for return journey.

3. Trains are allocated to units as set out hereunder :

UNIT	ENTRAINING STA	NO OF PERSONNEL
15 Aust Fd Regt	BELLEVUE	~~50~~ 85 – 72 per bty 13 RHQ Sigs & LAD.
33 Aust A Tk Bty	"	20
14/32 Aust Inf Bn	MIDLAND JUNC	80
38 Aust Inf Bn	"	80 No one to go more than 1 leave in 6 days
2/2/ Aust Pnr Bn	"	80
6 Aust Fd Amb	BELLEVUE	25
4 DOW AEME & DOFP	"	15

When unit is unable to meet quota this HQ will be advised immediately.

4. Entraining offr and an OC train will be provided by duty bty in accordance with following schedule :

Sunday	15 Fd Regt
Monday	2/2 Pnr Bn
Tuesday	14/32 Bn

and thereafter in rotation until further notice.

Entraining offr for the day will report to RTO MIDLAND JUNC at 1130 hrs daily to inspect leave train and proceed to BELLEVUE per train.

5. Tickets must be purchased by unit arrangement between 0900 hrs and 1000 hrs daily at place of entrainment.

6. Leave parties will be inspected prior to departure from unit lines and anybody improperly dressed, unshaven or with long hair will NOT be permitted to proceed on leave.

7. All pers will carry paybooks and leave passes.

8. Leave pers will parade at RHQ at 1145 hrs daily and will march to BELLEVUE STA in one body, senior offr i/c.

ALLOTMENT

17 Jan 43 -	RHQ	8	18 JAN 43 -	22 Bty	40	21 JAN 43	22 Bty	40
	Sigs	3		R.H.Q.	10		R.H.Q.	10
	L.A.D.	1	19 JAN 43 -	23 Bty	40	22 JAN 43	23 Bty	40
	22 Bty	15		R.H.Q.	10		R.H.Q.	10
	23 Bty	15	20 JAN 43 -	24 Bty	40	23 JAN 43	24 Bty	40
	24 Bty	8		R.H.Q.	10		R.H.Q.	10
24 JAN 43	22 Bty	40	25 JAN 43 -	23 Bty	40	26 JAN 43	22 Bty	40
	R.H.Q.	10		R.H.Q.	10		R.H.Q.	10
27 JAN 43	23 BTY	40	28 JAN 43 -	24 Bty	40			
	R.H.Q.	10		R.H.Q.	10			

and thereafter in rotation until further notice.

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9. Attention is drawn to GRO 35. The necessity for the strictist control of dress, demeanour and conduct of troops on leave is stressed. Strong disciplinary action will be taken in respect of tps NOT maintaining a high standard of conduct.

Breaches will have the effect of cancelling all local leave.

R M Davis MAJOR.

2 I/C 15TH AUST FIELD REGT.

H.Q. 6 INF. BDE.
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HQ 6 AUST INF BDE (AIF)
AUSTRALIA

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33 Aust A Tk Bty	"	20
14/32 Aust Inf Bn	MIDLAND JUNC	80
38 Aust Inf Bn	" "	80
2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	" "	80
6 Aust Fd Amb	BELLEVUE	25
4 DOW AEME & DOFP	"	15

When unit is unable to meet quota this HQ will be advised immediately.

4. ~~Movement to and from entraining stations will be by M.T. and will be strictly supervised.~~
~~Convoys will move at 15 m.i.h. and 20 v.t.m.~~
Units will appoint an O.C. leave party who will be responsible for movement to and from camps.
~~Vehicles reporting at detraining stations for returning personnel will be in charge of an officer.~~
~~Personnel must sit in centre of truck back to back, feet towards side boards.~~
It is imperative that units pay particular attention to proper road discipline and correct loading.

5. This HQ must be notified by units 24 hours ahead of any cancellation of train allotment.

6. Entraining officer and an O.C. train will be provided by ~~units~~ duty bty in accordance with following schedule:

Sunday 15 Fd Regt
Monday 2/2 Pnr Bn
Tuesday 14/32 Bn
and thereafter in rotation until further notice.

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RHQ & AH 8
22 15 14
23 15 14 /2
24 8 10
Sgt & AD 4

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(F.R. Higgs) Capt.
Staff Capt 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

15 JAN 43

Leave pers. will parade at RHQ at 1145 hrs daily + will march to Bellevue St in own body sensor offr. i/c

DISTRIBUTION

14/32 Aust Inf Bn
38 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Pnr Bn
15 Fd Regt
F Sec Sigs
218 L.A.D.
6 Aust Fd Coy
23 Coy AASC
33 Aust A Tk Bty
4 Aust DOW AEME 6 Bde
4 Aust DOFP 6 Bde
4 Aust Div
4 Aust Mov Control (2)
RTO Midland Junc
Brig
BM
SC
War Diary
File
Spares (3)

Allotment ~~17 Jan 43~~

17 Jan 43 RHQ 8
F Sec Sigs 3
LAD 1
22 Bty 15
23 Bty 15
24 Bty 8

18 Jan 43 22 Bty 40
RHQ 10

19 Jan 43 23 Bty 40
RHQ 10

20 Jan 43 24 Bty 40
RHQ 10

21 22
22 ~~23~~ above
23 24
24 22 40
25 23 40
26 22
27 23
28 24

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

HEADQUARTERS - WESTERN AREA,

Tel. B.9051

44 St. George's Terrace,

PERTH.

2nd April, 1943,

PERMIT FOR CRAFT TO ENTER PROHIBITED AREA - SWAN RIVER.

TILLEY & COMPANY's launch, in charge of Military Officer Commanding Combined Operational Training Cadre, is permitted to pass through the prohibited area, Swan River, UPSTREAM and DOWNSTREAM, between the hours and on the dates shown below, for the purpose of proceeding from and returning to POINT WALTER to and from BARRACK STREET WHARF (2 trips each way each night):-

SATURDAY	3/4/43	from	1730H	to 0130H	4/4/43.
SUNDAY	4/4/43	"	1300H	to 0130H	5/4/43.
~~MONDAY~~	~~5/4/43~~	"	~~1730H~~	~~to 0130H~~	~~6/4/43.~~
TUESDAY	6/4/43	"	1730H	to 0130H	7/4/43.
WEDNESDAY	7/4/43	"	1730H	to 0130H	8/4/43.
THURSDAY	8/4/43	"	1730H	to 0200H	9/4/43.
FRIDAY	9/4/43	"	1730H	to 0130H	10/4/43.
SATURDAY	10/4/43	"	1730H	to 0130H	11/4/43.
SUNDAY	11/4/43	"	~~1730H~~	to 0130H	12/4/43.
TUESDAY	13/4/43	"	1730H	to 0130H	14/4/43.

23 Bty

It is a condition of the issuance of this permit that the Naval Auxiliary Patrol be advised before the vessel enters the prohibited area.

NOTE:- This is a special permit issued on specific authority from Fleet Air Wing Ten, U.S. Navy.

Robert C. Taylor F/O

Flying Officer,
AREA SECURITY OFFICER.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

HEADQUARTERS - WESTERN AREA,

Tel. B.9051

44 St. George's Terrace,

P E R T H.

30th March, 1943.

PERMIT FOR CRAFT TO ENTER PROHIBITED AREA - SWAN RIVER.

TILLEY & COMPANY's launch, in charge of Military Officer Commanding Combined Operational Training Cadre, is permitted to pass through the prohibited area, Swan River, UPSTREAM and DOWNSTREAM, between 1730 hours and 0130 hours on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, 30th and 31st March and 1st and 2nd April, 1943, for the purpose of proceeding from and returning to POINT WALTER to and from Barrack Street Wharf (2 trips each way each night).

It is a condition of the issuance of this permit that the Naval Auxiliary Patrol be advised before the vessel enters the prohibited area.

NOTE:- This is a special permit issued on specific authority from Fleet Air Wing Ten, U.S. Navy.

Robert C. Taylor

Flying Officer,
AREA SECURITY OFFICER.

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45/112/AGS

15 Aust Field Regiment,
AUSTRALIA.

HQ
22, 23, 24 Btys
Fd Amb
2/3 Aust Fd.R.

LEAVE PERIOD

1. REST DAYS One rest day per week will be allotted to each bty, and on these respective rest days the following leave instns will apply.

2. HOURS OF LEAVE - Leave will NOT be granted before 1200 hrs nor after 2400 hrs, except to the pers travelling on the morning train to PERTH (see below)

3. DESTINATIONS - Both local & Perth leave may be granted. Local leave will include ARMADALE, SERPENTINE, JARRADALE as well as MANDURAH.

4. TRAIN PASSES - No pers is permitted to leave the camp area without a leave pass, except when on duty. Leave passes will be endorsed with the name of the town to which the holder is proceeding.

5. MASS LEAVE - RAIL TRAVEL - 30 pers are permitted to travel on train ex MANDURAH at 1800 hrs each day (excl Sun). In addition 30 pers may travel on morning train ex MANDURAH :
1215 hrs MON, 1030 hrs TUES, WED, THURS, SAT, 0900 hrs FRI.
Those pers proceeding on morning train will be marched to station. Party will be i/c of an Officer. Returning train leaves PERTH at 2345 hrs. Leave passes of pers travelling by train will be so endorsed.

6. DRESS ON LEAVE - TPS - SD uniform, webbing belts not turned up. Gaiters and boots. Caps and ties will NOT be worn. Tps will be instructed before leaving camp and any person not dressed as above, or whose clothing is slovenly, will be refused leave.

7. DISCIPLINE - Attention is drawn to the necessity for the strictest control of the gross demeanour and conduct of tps on leave. Strong disciplinary action will be taken in respect of tps not maintaining a high standard of conduct. In addition, it will be the duty of all offrs, WOs and NCOs at all times to assist in this respect in regard to all pers.

8. TOWN PICQUET - MANDURAH
Bty on rest day will provide a town picquet of 1 WO, 1 Sgt, 4 Cbs with a veh. Duties :-

(i) To ensure that all pers in MANDURAH are either on duty or in possession of a leave pass.
(ii) To check all troops for dress, conduct etc.
(iii) To ensure that all pers going to PERTH by train are correctly turned out, clean and in possession of leave pass endorsed for train travel.

Pers not conforming to the above instns will be returned to camp immediately.
Tour of Duty - 0830 hrs until 0830 hrs.

9. EVENING LEAVE - MANDURAH ENTERTAINMENTS
On evenings when pictures, dances concerts are held, an allotment of ~~leave tickets to these bldgs will be made~~ attendance will be made by R.H.Q.

P. Richardson LT.-COL.
(P.RICHARDSON) C.O. 15 AUST FD REGIMENT.

Army Form C.2128
(Pads of 100)
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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	No. of Groups GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP
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(ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO RAA 4 Aust Div

FROM 15 Aust Fd Regt

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
O 558	21	

Reg	RAA	3	Aust	Corps	memo
G 18/1/1537 Return	05	10	MAR	0	NIL

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN * (EXCEPT) BY ANY MEANS: ( ) WIRELESS

SIGNATURE.....

* ORIGINATOR MAY DELETE "EXCEPT" AND INSERT "INCLUDING."

THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CYPHER IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS.

SIGNATURE R K Johnston Capt

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN 1442

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TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES. ~~SOUTHERN COMMAND~~

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No. G 18/1/1537

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
10 Mar 43

24B/6579

Encl

RAA 2 Aust Div
RAA 4 Aust Div
16 Aust Fd Regt.
2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt
109 Aust Lt AA Regt
116 Aust Lt AA Regt

MEMORANDA OF EXAMINATION - PROVISION

1 A signal has been received from United Kingdom requesting information as to the types and registered numbers of equipments received from that source for which Memoranda of Examination have NOT been received.

2. In view of this, it is urgently requested that returns be submitted by Units giving the particulars required so that the necessary information may be cabled to UK

3. To facilitate compilation of these returns, a list of types and registered numbers of equipments which are held in the Commonwealth; but for which Memoranda of Examination have NOT been received at LHQ is ap appended.

4. It is assumed, however, that the Memoranda of Examination for a large proportion of equipment enumerated on this list have already been received and i sued direct to Units holding the associated equipments, without having first been forwarded to LHQ(DME) for duplication.

5. In this regard it is requested that a careful check of Unit records be made; and this HQ advised if any of the Memoranda of Examination are held for equipments enumerated on appended list.

6. It is further requested that all Memoranda of Examination for which associated equipments are NOT held be returned urgently to this HQ.

Signed R. BUCHANAN Capt
for Staff Capt RAA 3 Aust Corps

(2)

3 Aust Fd Regt
10 Aust Fd Regt
15 Aust Fd Regt ✓
109 Aust A Tk Regt

1. Attached hereto List of Equipments for which Memoranda of Examination Have not been received at LHQ. Return to reach this HQ by 17 Mar 43.

(R.M.PONTEY) Capt
SCRA 4 Aust Div (AIF)

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SECRET

LIST OF EQUIPMENTS FOR WHICH MEMORANDA OF EXAMINATION HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT L.H.Q.

(a) Ordnance, B.L. 6-in How. Mark I Regd. Nos. L.362, 572, 630, 646, 1061, 1169, 1982, 2334, 2378, 2808, 2819, 3104, 3615, 4713, 5038, 5043, 5052, 5058, 5073, 5082, 5120,

(b) Ordnance, B.L. 5.5-in. Mark III Regd. Nos. L. 92.

(c) Ordnance, Q.F. 3.7-in. How. Mark II, Regd. Nos. L. 6057, 6101, 6105, 6106,

(d) Ordnance, Q.F. 3.7-in. Mark II, Regd. Nos. L. 944, 1269, 1270, 1271, 1272, 1285, 1286, 1287, 1288, 1304, 1305, 1306, 2185, 2195, 2197, 2199, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2205, 2294, 3501, 3836, 4001, 4011, 4012, 4052, 4054, 4056, 4077, 4147, 4943, 5007, 5008, 5009, 5010, 6071, 6141, 6153, 6208, 6562, 6573, 6631, 6655, 6703, 8312, 8429, 12922, 12965, 12972, 12981, 13021, 13024, 13040, 13900, 13903, 14266, 15791, 15859, 16054, 16074, 16083, 16090, 19332, 20360, 24486, 28302, 29271,

(e) Ordnance, Q.F. 25-Pr. Mark II. Regd. Nos. L. 92, 171, 174, 205/830, 651, 728, 805, 806, 815, 1546, 1583, 1620, 1641, 1686, 1702, 1808, 1830, 1841, 1842, 1873, 1974, 2005, 2014, 2026, 2077, 2081, 2096, 2102, 2119, 2130, 2137 or 3127, 2236, 2245, 2255, 2276, 2279, 2359, 2360, 2391, 2542, 2543, 2555, 2562, 2567, 2577, 2599, 2747, 2751, 2792, 2816, 2822, 2831, 2833, 2841, 2844, 2850, 2858, 2860, 2869, 2871, 2929, 2943, 3098, 3100, 3128, 3130, 3133, 3147, 3153, 3157, 3168, 3179, 3203, 3208, 3210, 3212, 3216, 3238, 3239, 3250, 3256, 3267, 3275, 3276, 3289, 3292, 3421, 3423, 3427, 3439, 3444, 3452, 3490, 3492, 3505, 3514, 3518, 3527, 3550, 3551, 3599, 3639, 3657, 3658, 3665, 3679, 3684, 3700, 3706, 3710, 3762, 3792, 3793, 3798, 3800, 3807, 3811, 3814, 3821, 3863, 3884, 3977, 4048, 4061, 4083, 4088, 4095, 4102, 4106, 4139, 4231, 4301, 4324, 4360, 4392, 4487, 4512, 4534, 4704, 4720, 4851, 4860, 4874, 4875, 4918, 4920, 4929, 4957, 4979, 5055, 5071, 5083, 5085, 5221, 5262, 5276, 5295, 5334, 5341, 5342, 5344, 5352, 5353, 5356, 5364, 5365, 5404, 5480, 5831, 5891, 5984, 5985, 6049, 6054, 6060, 6066, 6071, 6072, 6078, 6082, 6087, 6088, 6090, 6091, 6099, 6104, 6105, 6108, 6109, 6110, 6111, 6114, 6119, 6120, 6121, 6122, 6124, 6127, 6130, 6131, 6132, 6137, 6143, 6144, 6145, 6146, 6148, 6152, 6153, 6154, 6155, 6160, 6161, 6163, 6164, 6192, 6193, 6196, 6204, 6208, 6212, 6213, 6214, 6216, 6222, 6223, 6226, 6229, 6230, 6231, 6318, 6357, 6365, 6366, 6381, 6396, 6397, 6398, 6399, 6403, 6404, 6546, 6772, 6959, 6960, 6961, 6962, 6965, 6971, 6974, 6975, 6980, 7245, 7255, 7289, 7415, 7417, 7455, 7459, 7461, 7466, 7477, 7483, 7495, 7498, 7501, 7507, 7517, 7529, 7531, 7537, 7548, 7556, 7607, 7792, 7959, 8037, 8057, 8130, 8147, 8150, 8202, 8225, 8607, 8855, 8863, 8864, 8867, 8881, 8888, 8889, 8897, 8899, 8910, 8914, 8921, 11653, 11802, 12141, 12253, 12337, 12344, 12423, 12432, 12622, 13611, 14291, 15121, 15131, 15193, 31628, 39872, 54775,

(f) Ordnance, Q. F. 3-in How. Mark Ia. Regd. No. L. 295.

(g) Ordnance, Q.F. 6-Pr. 7-cwt. Mks. II & III. Regd. Nos. L. 7, 115, 976, 1482, 2006, 2896, 2923, 2951, 3018, 3933, 4747, 6669, 6991, 7033, 7230, 46605, 64735,

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(h) Ordnance, Q.F. 2-Pr. Mark Xa. Regd. Nos. L. 29, 33, 41, 48, 51, 56, 86, 88, 428, 750, 897, 941, 1021, 1161, 1189, 1233, 1608, 1628, 1747, 2232, 2354, 2441, 2472, 2563, 2616, 2663, 2707, 2730, 2732, 2753, 2776, 2783, 2804, 2817, 2831, 2860, 3097, 3104, 3113, 3168, 3459, 3907, 3920, 4477, 4537, 4546, 4547, 4600, 4671, 4698, 4702, 4714, 4717, 4722, 4723, 4724, 4726, 4731, 4755, 4776, 4820, 4837, 4847, 4900, 4978, 5028, 5029, 5073, 5086, 5101, 5123, 5141, 5228, 5233, 5303, 5328, 5359, 5520, 5561, 5565, 5578, 5589, 5597, 5809, 5842, 5877, 5886, 5896, 5907, 5947, 5949, 5982, 6018, 6025, 6358, 6389, 6565, 6681, 6804, 6985, 7422, 7653, 7863, 7883, 7884, 7888, 7973, 8139, 8377, 8400, 8484, 8556, 8567, 8607, 8627, 8824, 9080, 9149, 9182, 9224, 9228, 9230, 9252, 9317, 9407, 10135, 10194, 10246, 10538, 10543, 10554, 10558, 10600, 10738, 10742, 10752, 10756, 10760, 10763, 11025, 11034, 11199, 11327, 12632, 12647, 14223, 15852, 16278, 16318, 19747, 19749, 19955, 20330, 20335, 21606, 23773, 23886, 24070, 24182, 24208, 24270, 24585, 24593, 25510, 25558, 25594, 26503, 26573, 26589, 26912, 26913, 26921, 26935, 26960, 26985, 27402, 27653, 27799, 27949, 28643, 29781, 29822, 29963, 31288, 32762, 32805, 32886, 33092, 33101, 33147, 33238, 33364, 33487, 33586, 33866, 33886, 35481, 36052, 37945, 44962, 46014, 46192, 56056, 56085, 56175, 63378, 73800, 74045, 74063, 85279, 113875, 145707, 299259, 3137103,

(i) Ordnance, Q.F. 40-m.m. Mark I. Regd. Nos. L. 211, 238, 248, 708, 752, 1138, 1209, 1215, 1262, 1305, 1360, 1363, 1379, 1529, 1637, 2423, 2458, 2471, 2476, 2478, 2496, 2581, 3024, 3202, 3211, 3221, 3242, 3249, 3253, 3295, 3588, 3712, 3891, 3940, 4001, 4011, 4012, 4052, 4054, 4056, 4077, 4273, 4312, 4736, 4771, 4791, 4792, 4806, 4874, 4878, 5091, 5322, 5416, 5550, 5622, 6208, 6327, 6369, 6429, 6588, 6796, 6813, 6888, 6976, 7035, 7072, 7077, 7500, 7570, 8021, 8073, 8074, 8102, 8119, 8330, 8350, 8444, 8445, 8496, 8503, 8989, 9039, 9052, 9196, 9232, 9235, 9256, 9271, 9274, 9311, 9312, 9316, 9322, 9884, 9888, 9959, 9997, 9998, 10048, 10197, 10202, 10261, 10266, 10279, 10291, 10300, 10309, 10316, 10319, 10330, 10334, 10354, 10358, 10359, 10361, 10386, 10388, 10450, 10489, 10498, 10607, 10714, 10776, 10909, 10921, 10936, 11018, 11045, 11257, 11311, 11312, 11356, 11398, 11408, 11441, 11472, 11495, 11521, 11565, 11606, 11619, 11685, 11863, 11866, 11957, 11964, 11990, 11995, 11999, 12158, 12322, 12332, 12363, 12776, 12915, 13006, 13257, 13276, 13458, 13477, 14074, 14163, 14286, 14425, 14463, 14503, 14581, 14610, 14616, 14642, 14659, 14660, 14662, 14664, 14665, 14666, 14667, 14670, 14672, 14674, 14699, 14708, 14711, 14712, 14714, 14718, 14720, 14730, 14764, 14792, 15151, 15165, 15215, 15322, 15324, 15360, 15374, 15408, 15417, 15483, 15487, 15499, 15559, 15560, 15615, 15618, 15633, 15671, 15683, 15711, 15728, 15835, 16006, 16021, 16110, 16306, 16446, 16454, 16455, 16456, 16463, 16678, 16914, 18120, 18571, 18589, 18591, 18592, 18610, 18612, 18662, 18663, 18739, 18804, 18805, 18858, 19261, 19977, 20023, 20101, 20127, 20180, 20181, 20226, 20230, 20251, 20252, 20278, 20280, 20330, 20897, 20905, 20917, 20922, 20924, 20928, 20939, 20944, 20949, 20952, 20986, 21196, 21228, 21233, 21248, 21249, 22308, 22334, 22344, 22439, 22459, 22469, 22654, 23294, 23308, 23539, 23551, 23607, 23631, 23632, 24173, 24435, 24440, 24467, 24472, 24473, 24475, 24478, 24479, 24480, 24482, 24483, 24487, 24496, 24499, 24500, 24507, 24509, 24513, 24703, 24790, 26296, 26545, 36857, 38239, 38387, 39236, 39285, 45146,

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(j) Ordnance, Q.F. 75-m.m. Regd. Nos. 3669, 2848,

(k) Ordnance, B.L. 155-m.m. Gun. Regd. Nos. 12, 437, 780, 824, 903, 1246.

(l) Ordnance B.L. 155-m.m. How. Regd. No. 532.

(m) Ordnance Q.F. 75-m.m. Model M2 . Regd. Nos. B 175, 284, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1313, 1488, 1749, 1764, 3008, 3034, 3045, 3046, 3054, 3067, 3069, 3092, 3100, 3113, 3114, 3116, 3117, 3118, 3122, 2123, 3124, 3127, 3128, 3135, 3139, 3141, 3142, 3143, 3144, 3145, 3146, 3147, 3148, 3150, 3151, 3153, 3154, 3155, 3157, 3158, 3163, 3166, 3169, 3171, 3173, 3174, 3177, 3179, 3180, 3182, 3183, 3188, 3190, 3191, 3192, 3198, 3201, 3203, 3205, 3208, 3213, 3215, 3217, 3218, 3219, 3221, 3222, 3223, 3224, 3225, 3226, 3216, 3230, 3231, 3232, 3235, 3236, 3240, 3241, 3242, 3243, 3245, 3247, 3248, 3249, 3251, 3253, 3254, 3256, 3258, 3259, 3260, 3262, 3263, 3370, 3400, 3413, 3421, 3459, 3473, 3485, 3488, 3506, 3513, 3537, 3538, 3764, 3954, 3990, 5398,

(n) Ordnance Q.F. 37-m.m. Models M5 and M6. Regd. Nos. B521, 537, 550, 557, 558, 562, 564, 574, 617, 634, 659, 706, 720, 845, 894, 974, 993, 1124, 1201, 1665, 1735, 1855, 1916, 1973, 2000, 2116, 2518, 2553, 2606, 2696, 2706, 2794, 2906, 3527, 3540, 3565, 3575, 3579, 3600, 3625, 3636, 3647, 3654, 3664, 3670, 3672, 3673, 3676, 3682, 3683, 3685, 3688, 3691, 3693, 3702, 3704, 3706, 3707, 3709, 3711, 3713, 3714, 3715, 3718, 3722, 3726, 3728, 3737, 3739, 3741, 3742, 3743, 3746, 3751, 3758, 3763, 3767, 3772, 3773, 3776, 3779, 3780, 3782, 3783, 3784, 3786, 3787, 3791, 3792, 3796, 3798, 3799, 3801, 3802, 3803, 3807, 3808, 3809, 3810, 3811, 3812, 3816, 3817, 3819, 3820, 3821, 3823, 3825, 3826, 3830, 3831, 3836, 3837, 3838, 3840, 3842, 3843, 3845, 3846, 3848, 3849, 3850, 3851, 3852, 3853, 3855, 3881, 3891, 3899, 4016, 4127, 4144, 6727, 6819, 6858, 6899, 7098, 7140, 7419, 7517, 7629, 7635, 7642, 7662, 7692, 13899, 13918, 14063, 14099, 14223, 14339, 14980, 15029, 15083, 15096, 15546, 135978,

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R. H. Q.,
15th Aust Field Regiment,
AUSTRALIA.

15th February, 1943

B.Cs,
22, 23, 24 Btys

EXAMINATION OF EQPT.

Lt.Col Milledge, Armament Director, will visit this Regt to examine eqpt on afternoon of 25 FEB 43. It will be necessary therefore, for all Guns and Hows to be in camp on that day. Please see that he has no cause for complaint regarding the upkeep in your Bty.

LT.-COL.

(C.R.RICE) C.O. 15TH AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
28 Apr 43

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15 Aust Fd Regt.

DCM: V51804 A/L/Sgt HOFFMAN S T - 15 AUST FD REGT

1. 3 Aust Corps memo relative to above is att.

2. Please inform Sgt HOFFMAN and amend records as required in para 4.

22 Bty

For promulgation and return to RHQ
Record of 2nd charge to be erased
1/5/43

Capt

C. L. Solomon
Capt.
SC Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps.

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27 Apr 43.

HQ - RAA 3 AUST CORPS.
HQ - 2 AUST DIV.

DCM: VX73567 A/L/SGT. CRAMERI, W.C - 10 AUST FD REGT.
V51804 A/L/SGT. HOFFMAN, S.T.- 15 AUST FD REGT.

1. With reference to 4 Aust Div memo 67/1/220 of 23 Feb 43, the above NCOs were tried by DCM on 8 Feb 43 on charges of:

1. WOAS neglecting to obey Standing Orders in that he, WOAS in the field on the 24 Dec 42 took from its lines without the authority Army Vehicle 60204 contrary to para 9 (a) of Standing Orders for Drivers of Motor Vehicles and damage was occasioned to such vehicle causing loss to the army of £7/6/8.

2. WOAS, stealing public property, in that he, WOAS in the field on 24 Dec 42 unlawfully consumed by the unauthorised use of Army Vehicle 60204 a quantity of petrol, the property of the Commonwealth of Australia.

3. WOAS, conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he, in the field on the night of 24/25 Dec 42 improperly used Army Vehicle 60204 and petrol for private purposes and damage was occasioned to such vehicle causing loss to the army of £7/6/8.

2. They were found guilty on the second and third charges, but not guilty of the first.
Each were sentenced to undergo detention for 28 days and to be put under stoppages of pay untilthey have made good the sum of £3/13/4. The finding and sentence were confirmed by Comd, 4 Aust Div on 14 Feb 43.

3. The attached copy memo from LHQ shows the findings of guilty on the second charge in each case have now been quashed.

4. It is requested that each of these soldiers be so informed and that the record of conviction on this charge be removed. The sentence imposed upon each accused remains unaffected by the quashing.

Brigadier.
for DAandQMG.

Copy for information to:

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LHQ,
MELBOURNE.

21 Apr 43.

Headquarters,
3 AUST CORPS.

DCM VX73567 A/L/SGT. CRAMERI W. C2, 10 AUST FD REGT.
V51804 A/L/SGT. HOFFMAN S. T., 10 AUST FD REGT.

With reference to your memorandum A71/382/3 of 26th February, 1943, relative to the above matter, it is advised that the findings of guilty of the second charge of stealing petrol the property of the Commonwealth of Australia on 24th December, 1942 made against each of the abovenamed accused by this Court Martial on 11th February 1943, have been quashed.

It is requested that each of these soldiers be so informed and that the record of the conviction upon this charge be removed.

The finding in each case was quashed because there was no evidence in the proceedings to support the conviction of either accused.

The sentence imposed upon each accused remains unaffected by the quashing.

Sgd. J. W. Flannagan Major.
for Major-General,
Adjutant-General.

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15 Aust Field Regiment.
AUSTRALIA.

1st FEB. 1943.

R.A.A. 4 Aust Div.(A.I.F.)

UNLAWFUL USE OF M.T.

1. Ref RAA 4 Aust Div memo 43/200/1174 of 29 th JAN and the above, following report is submitted.

2. The type of vehicle removed from the Unit lines was a W.D. CVT 15-cwt 4x2, with this type of vehicle the ignition switch. keys are not removable.

3. It has been the practice in the Regt, due to persistant warning of air attack, and local disturbances in the form of bush fires, to leave all ignition keys in vehicles.

4. Regt'l guards on duty on the night of the occurrance consisted of 4 N.C.Os and 58 ORs. The guard of each Battery consisted of 1 N.C.O and 18 ORs. divided into three posts, each of two men as prowler picquets.

5. Owing to the large area occupied by the dispersed Bty and the number of exits, it would be sometimes possible for a vehicle to leave the lines unchallenged, if the driver waited an opportune moment.

Lt-Col.

(C.R.RIGG) C.O. 15 AUST FD REGIMENT.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No. .....
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24 Bty
15 Aust.Fd.Regt;
AUSTRALIA
1/2/43

R.H.Q.
15 Aust.Fd.Regt.

Unlawful Use of M.T.

Ref attached memo and in particular para. 2.

Report is as follows:-

(a) The type of vehicle removed from Unit Lines was a W.D. CVT. 15 cwt 4x2. With this type of vehicle the ignition keys are not removable.

(b) It has been the practice in the Regiment due to persistant warnings of air attack, and local disturbances in the shape of bush-fires to leave all ignition keys in vehicles.

(c) Vehicles are not drawn up into vehicle parks- they are dispersed with a minimum of 100 yds between vehicles.

(d) System of guards consisted of three posts each of two men as prowler picquets. Total guard 1 N.C.O. 18 O.R.s.

(e) It is the ~~Bty~~ Regt standing order that no vehicle will be removed from lines without prior approval of B.C. or Bty.Capt. and with properly made out AAF G2

B.A. Yott .....Capt
O.C.24 Bty 15 Aust.Fd.Regt.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

~~WESTERN AUSTRALIA LINES OF COMMUNICATION AREA~~

FB/NB 28.1

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H.Q. R.A.A.
AUST. DIV.
29 JAN 1943
TIME
No. 1174

HQ 4 AUST DIV (AIF)
AUSTRALIA

28 JAN 43

RAA 4 AUST DIV

UNLAWFUL USE OF MT - VX73567 L/SGT CRAMERI W., 15 AUST FD REGT
V 51804 L/SGT HOFFMAN S.T., "

The above-named NCO's admitted, in evidence given by them before Court of Inquiry convened by order of Offr Adm Comd 6 Aust Inf Bde, that they had taken a vehicle without permission from their unit lines.

2. I am directed to ask for a report as to how these NCO's managed to obtain the ignition key of the vehicle, and as to what practice is adopted for the safe custody of such keys when vehicles are parked in unit lines.

- 2 -

15 Aust Fd Regt

Forwarded for early report.

R.M. Pontey Capt.
SCRA 4 Aust Div (AIF)

29 Jan 43

(F.R. Beasley) Maj
DAAG 4 Aust Div

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O.C. 24 Bty

Fwd for report as per para 2 and also system of guards that were in operation on night of event.

To reach this HQ. by 1200 hrs 1 Feb 43

31.1.43

Capt.
Adjt. 15 Fd. Regt.

Hd Q RAA. 3 Aust Corps

HQ 3 AUST CORPS

43/60/143

4/3/ 43.

Court of Inquiry

ORD DEBIT NO accident veh. 19049 UNIT 15 Aust Fd Regt.

It is advised that amount of above debit £34-18-0

has been written off at Public Expense.

R.A.A. 3 AUST CORPS
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5 MAY 1943
REG. No. 0940
TIME

Issued to 15 Aust Fd Regt.

A Galloway Lieut for Col.
DA & QMG.

Capt.

Telephone No. 43/60/143

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

WESTERN AUSTRALIA LINES OF COMMUNICATION AREA

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File

Headquarters,
6 Aust Inf Bde,
AUSTRALIA.
28 nov 42

accident - 6 cwt 3 ton watercart

On the 30 Oct 42 an accident occurred involving 3 ton watercart 19089 also injuries to personnel

2. A C of I has been convened to investigate the circumstances of this occurrence.

3. The Court will sit at this HQ on Sunday the 29th day of November 1942 at 0900 hrs.

4. Unit will arrange for the attendance before the Court of all personnel having a personal knowledge of the occurrence to give evidence.

5. Where army veh is concerned drs will bring with them and produce to the Court relevant Work Ticket G2 and Army Drivers Licence G11 also G4 (Inspection report) if available.

6. Where injuries to personnel are involved unit will advise this HQ at once of all personnel NOT in unit lines and will advise where such personnel now are and the nature and extent of injuries so far as known. D11 will be fwded if available.

B Seletto

(F.R. HIGGS) Capt.
Staff Captain 6 Aust Inf Bde (Hp.

15 Aust Fd Regt.

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INSPECTION REPORT—MECHANICAL VEHICLES (WHEELED)

A.A. FORM G.4 (Reprinted December, 1941)

Unit 15 Field Regt. Type Water Tank. 3 ton. Army No. 19089.

Place Field Make G.M.T. 1941. Mileage 3913

General performance as reported by Transport N.C.O.:— Date 18/11/42.

RECEIVED
30 NOV 1942
15 Fd. Regt.

Damaged as the result of an accident.

LAST OIL CHANGE. Engine ..... Gear Box ..... Differential ..... (miles)

Inspection to investigate reported defects, examine all assemblies for apparent defects, make a short road test and check records, noting condition and items requiring attention.

ENGINE and TRANSMISSION.	STEERING and AXLES.	GENERAL.	ROAD TEST.
1. Engine condition	7. Steering	13. Elec. system	19. Gen. performance
2. Cooling system	8. Springs	14. Body	20. Pulling ability
3. Carburation	9. Front axle assy.	15. Chassis and Lub.	21. Braking
4. Ignition	10. Rear axle assy.	16. Cleanliness, etc.	22. Steering
5. Clutch	11. Wheels	17. Tools and equipment	23. Vehicle records
6. Gear box, etc.	12. Tyres	18. Towing attachment	24. Petrol consumption

25. C. in W.M. or L.M. outstanding .....

LEGEND:—

Correct ..... S	Not to be Used XX	Unit to submit F3 ..... B	For attention by	
Remarks below X	Fair wear ..... FW	Attention by unit C	Unit	W'shop
Repairable ..... R	Not fair wear ..... NFW	D.V. report to V.R.D. ..... DVR		

REPAIRABLE.	REPLACEMENTS.
Fenders front	Shock absorber link front L.H.
Radiator Grille.	Hydraulic brake hose front L.H.
Cab, cab doors.	Gear lever knob.
Running boards (2)	Tyre 900-18(Track grip.)
Bumper bar and brackets.	Rear cab glass
Straighten front axle and track rods.	Galvanized flanges 1½" (2)
Check front wheel assemblies.	Tank taps. ½" (4)
Check steering gear assembly	Stop cocks ½" (2)
Remove motor, repair front end of chassis and front spring hanger (rear) L.H.	34' Leather.
	Water Tanks. (2)
Steering wheel.	
Shock absorber link R.H.	
Bracket running board L.H.	
Repairs & Replacements to water tank system	
Check radiator.	
Recover cushion and squab.	
Repairs and replacements to body.	
Retrim cab interior.	

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For Unit

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GENERAL REMARKS:—

Deficiencies. Ignition keys. Fire extinguisher, Rear vision mirror.
1,3,4,6,13,19,20,21,22, Unable to check.

MATERIAL. 34/18/ 0
LABOUR. 64/13/ 4
Total Cost. 99/11/ 4

CONDITION OF VEHICLE—Class .....

A	B	AASC

Strike out non relevant.

3M Pds. T.S.—12/41

W Stafford Capt
Inspecting Officer.
O i/c M.T. section.
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INSPECTION REPORT—MECHANICAL VEHICLES (WHEELED)

A.A. FORM G.4
(Reprinted December, 1941)

Unit 15 Aust Fd. Regt. Type Water Tank. 3 Ton. Army No. 19089.

Place Field. Make C.V.T. 1941. Mileage 3913

General performance as reported by Transport N.C.O.:— Date 18/11/42.

Damaged as the result of an accident.

LAST OIL CHANGE. Engine ..... Gear Box ..... Differential ..... (miles)

Inspection to investigate reported defects, examine all assemblies for apparent defects, make a short road test and check records, noting condition and items requiring attention.

ENGINE and TRANSMISSION.	STEERING and AXLES.	GENERAL.	ROAD TEST.
1. Engine condition	7. Steering	13. Elec. system	19. Gen. performance .....
2. Cooling system	8. Springs	14. Body	20. Pulling ability .....
3. Carburation	9. Front axle assy.	15. Chassis and Lub.	21. Braking .....
4. Ignition	10. Rear axle assy.	16. Cleanliness, etc.	22. Steering .....
5. Clutch	11. Wheels	17. Tools and equipment	23. Vehicle records .....
6. Gear box, etc.	12. Tyres	18. Towing attachment	24. Petrol consumption .....

25. C. in W.M. or L.M. outstanding .....

LEGEND:—

Correct ..... S	Not to be Used XX	Unit to submit F3 ..... B		For attention by	
Remarks below X	Fair wear ..... FW	Attention by unit C		Unit	W'shop
Repairable ..... R	Not fair wear ..... NFW	D.V. report to V.R.D. ..... DVR			

REPAIRABLE.	REPLACEMENTS.
Fenders front.	Shock absorber link front L.H.
Radiator Grille.	Hydraulic brake hose front L.H.
Cab, Cab doors.	Gear lever knob.
Running boards (2).	Tyre 900-18 (Track grip).
Bumper bar & brackets.	Rear Cab glass.
Straighten front axle and track rods.	Galvanised flanges 1½" (2)
Check front wheel assemblies.	Tank taps ½" (4)
Check steering gear assembly.	Stop cocks ½" (2)
Remove motor, repair front end of chassis and front spring hanger (rear) L.H.	34' Leather.
	Water Tanks. (2)
Steering wheel.	
Shock absorber link R.H.	
Bracket running board L.H.	
Repairs & Replacements to water tank system.	
Check radiator.	
Recover cushion and squab.	
Repairs and replacements to body.	---- I certify that this is a
Retrim Cab interior.	true copy of original.
	Capt.

GENERAL REMARKS:—

Deficiencies; Ignition Keys. Fire extinguisher, Rear vision mirror.

1,3,4,6,13,19,20,21,22, Unable to check.

MATERIAL. 34/18/ 0.

LABOUR. 64/13/ 4.

Total Cost. 99/11/ 4.

CONDITION OF VEHICLE—Class .....

A	B	AASC

Strike out non relevant.

3M Pds. T.S.—12/41

(Sgd) S.W. Stafford. Capt.
Inspecting Officer.
O i/c M.T. Section.
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INSPECTION REPORT—MECHANICAL VEHICLES (WHEELED)

A.A. FORM G.4.
(Reprinted July, 1941)

Unit 15th Fld Regt. Type 3.Ton. Army No. 60478

Place Make Chevrolet W.D. Mileage 1080

General performance as reported by Transport N.C.O.:— Date 31/8/42

LAST OIL CHANGE. Engine Gear Box Differential (miles)

Inspector to investigate reported defects, examine all assemblies for apparent defects, make a short road test and check records, noting condition and items requiring attention.

ENGINE & TRANSMISSION.	STEERING & AXLES	GENERAL	ROAD TEST
1. Engine condition	7. Steering	13. Elec. system	19. Gen. performance
2. Cooling system	8. Springs	14. Body	20. Pulling ability
3. Carburation	9. Front axle assy.	15. Chassis and Lub.	21. Braking
4, Ignition	10. Rear axle assy.	16. Cleanliness, etc.	22. Steering
5. Clutch	11. Wheels	17. Tools & equipment	23. Vehicle records
6. Gear box, etc.	12. Tyres	18. Towing attachment	24. Petrol consumption

25. C in W.M. or L.M. outstanding

LEGEND:—

Correct	S	Not to be Used	XX	Unit to submit F3	B	For attention by	
Remarks below	X	Fair wear	FW	Attention by Unit	C	Unit	W'shop
Repairable	R	Not fair wear	NFW	D.V. report to V.R.D.	DVR		

Removal, repair, replacement, Cabin and L.Hand guard W'Screen frame
Left Hand door and overflow return tank, Spare wheel box.

Labour. £ 23-8-0-

12	Set Screws	1" x 5/16"	3-0
12	" "	1" x 1/4"	3-0
12	" "	1½" x 3/16"	3-0
18	C/S Screws & nuts	2" x 1/4"	4-6
	Welding materials - gas etc		15-0
	Total cost of Material		£1-8-6

GENERAL REMARKS:—

CONDITION OF VEHICLE—Class

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L. A. Thomson Lieut.
Inspecting Officer.

5th Bde Group

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File 43/60/217

7th March '43.

O.C.
No. 2. boy.,
Sigs & Aust Div..

Sir,

Report on Fire at Greenmount - 6/3/'43.

At 2110 hrs. on the 6th inst. Sig Stokes went to the charger shed to start the charger. As he did not have a torch he took with him a hurricane lamp. He placed the lamp on the ground about a yard behind the charger and filled the petrol tank of the charger from a drum. He replaced the cap of the tank but not the cap of the drum. Whilst leaning over the charger to unscrew the oil-filler cap the fumes from the petrol ignited and the shed caught afire. The stores damaged as a result are as follows:-

1. charger B.T.S. - 12V-300W.
4 Batteries - 6V-85 amp. hour & boxes.
1 " - 6V-150 " - & box.
1 " - 6V-15 plate car battery
2 " - Handylite.
2 jars - stone (electrolyte)
2 pourers - petrol.
1 " - oil ½ gallon.
1 Lamp - hurricane.
1 Drum - (petrol)

C.H. Toner Lieut.
OC "F" Sec.

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O.C.
15th.Art.
D.A.P.M.
D.R.O.
D.F.O.

5th. AUST. L. OF C.
PROVOST COY.

18 FEB. REC'D

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VX.107106 Pte.King V.J. 15th ~~Art~~ Field Regt.

The above named soldier was arrested by the Civil Police at 1500hrs.on 11-2-43.

attention CRS PAY SGT

Charged, (I) Stealing £7 in cash
(2) Stealing a fountain pen valued 20/-.

Detained in custody.

Appeared before the Police Court Perth at 1000hrs.on 12-2-43 and was bound over to be of good behaviour for 6 Monthson the first charge in a bond of £5 and one surety of a like amount and to pay costs 7/- in default 15 Days imprisonment.To make Restitution of the £7.(2) Cautioned and to pay costs 2/6.

Paybook No 474504 taken.

Attention is drawn to A.M.R.& O.1243,(I)(c) & D.A.119.

H.Q. R.A.A. AUST. DIV. 19 FEB 1943 TIME 43/56 No. 1988

To H.Q. 4 Aust. Div (A.I.F) for transmission phase
B.G. Marshall Lieut.

3 Aust. Corps. Staff Capt. A.

H.J. Murphy Lieut for O.C.
5th.Aust.L.of C.Provost Coy.
13 FEB.43

RAA 4 Aust Div.
Please forward.

18 FEB 1943

J.R. Beasley Maj.
D.A.A.G. 4 Aust. Div.

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15 AUST. [illegible]

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S.C.R.A. 4 AUST. DIV.

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attention OPS Pay SGT

5th.AUST.L.OF C.
PROVOST COY.

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15th.Art.
D.A.P.M.
D.R.O.
D.F.O.

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NX.129947 Pte.Priest J.B. 15th.~~Art.~~ Field Regt.

The above named soldier was arrested by the Civil Police at 1500hrs.on 11-2-43.

Charged,Stealing goods to the value of 15/-

Detained in Custody.

Appeared before the Police Court,Perth at 1000hrs.on 12-2-43 and was bound over to be of good behaviour for 6 months in a Bond of £5 and one surety of a like amount and to pay costs 7/- in Default 15 Days imprisonment.Paybook No441905 taken.

Attention is drawn to A.M.R.& O.1243,(I)(c) & D.A.119.

H.Q. R.A.A.
AUST. DIV.
19 FEB 1943
TIME 43/56/1989
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To H.Q. 4 Aust. Div (AIF) for transmission please

B.G. Marshall Lieut.
Staff Capt. A.
3 Aust. Corps.

H.J. Murphy Lieut for O.C.
5th.AUST.L.OF C.PROVOST COY.
13 FEB.43

Rcd 4 Aust Div.

Please forward.

18 FEB 1943

G.R. Beasley
Maj
D.A.A.G., 4 Aust

15 AUST. FD.

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R M Pontey Capt.
S.C.R.A 4 AUST. DIV.

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HQ 3 AUST CORPS (AIF)

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R.A.A. 3 AUST CORPS.
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15 MAY 1943
REG. No.

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps
43/60/433

FIRE INQUIRY REPORT DAMAGE TO S/C 86423

UNIT 15 Aust Fd Regt.

It is advised that the amount of £ 15-14-0 has been written off at Public Expense.

G. H. Walker Capt for Brig.

DA & QMG.

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SEEN	DATE
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Qr.Mr.	
R.S.M.	

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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps
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HQ 3 AUST CORPS (AIF)

14/5/43.

FIRE INQUIRY REPORT DAMAGE TO R/C 86423

UNIT 15 Aust Fd Regt.

It is advised that the amount of £ 15-14-0 has been written off at Public Expense.

Fwd to 15 Aust Fd Regt

[signature]

Capt. 16/5

Staff Capt. RAA 3 Aust Corps

G H Walker Capt for Brig.

DA & QMG.

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15 Aust Field Regiment,
AUSTRALIA.

4th May 1943.

RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF).

DAMAGE BY FIRE - M/C 86423.

1. Ref our message 0940 of 3 MAY 43 and the above.

2. During Regtl Arty practice exercises on the ROCKINGHAM range, Motor Cycle No. 86423 caught fire when being ridden by VX74458 L/Sgt BATTEN, 24 Fd Bty. Fire occurred at 1515 hrs 28 APR 43.

3. Damage to the extent of £15.14.0. to equipment and £4.16.0. for labor was caused.

4. No personnel were injured.

5. Fire Inquiry Report, in accordance with GRO 177/43, is enclosed herewith.

Lt-Col.

(F. RICHARDSON) C.O. 15 AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

15 Aust Field Regiment,
AUSTRALIA.

3rd May 1943.

FIRE INQUIRY REPORT ON M/C 86423 - 15 AUST FD REGT.

1. Fire was first discovered about 1515 hrs 28 APR 43.

2. Fire was discovered by VX74458 L/Sgt BATTEN, J.J.

3. VX74458 L/Sgt BATTEN dismounted from the cycle, stopped the engine and turned off the petrol.

He then placed his hand over carburettor air intake. This proved ineffective and heat forced him to take his hand away.

He then rested the cycle on its side on the ground and scooped sand over the burning parts.

4. No general fire alarm was sounded.

5. No fire picquet, fire party, or fire squad was summoned.

Bdr WILSON, W.E. ran up with a carbon tetra-chloride fire extinguisher and used it on the fire. It was not sufficient to extinguish the flames.

Fire was eventually put out by Gnr SCOTT, J.H., who shovelled sand onto the flames.

6. Bdr WILSON, W.E. took charge of the fire fighting operations.

7. One carbon tetra-chloride fire extinguisher was not sufficient to cope with the fire.

8. Fire Brigade was not summoned. It was not necessary.

9. Fire was extinguished about five minutes after outbreak.

10. The cause of the fire is unknown, but from evidence given, it appears that a back fire occurred and set alight the petrol in the carburettor.

11. As wilful neglect, carelesness or breach of instructions is not evident, no person can be held responsible.

12. The following damage was caused :-

(a) to persons - Nil.

(b) to equipment - £15.14.0.

(c) to property - Nil.

T. F. Roberts Capt.

Bty Capt. 24 Fd Bty.

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO 24 Bty

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
RHQ	O G41	3	

For	attention	Capt	ROBERTSON	⊙	Ref
attached	reports	G4s	and	GRO 177/42	⊙
FIRE	ENQUIRY	REPORT	to	be	completed
in	triplicate	and	forwarded	to	this
HQ	as	soon	as	possible	

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS: (* (EXCEPT)) WIRELESS

SIGNATURE [signature] Capt

* ORIGINATOR MAY DELETE "EXCEPT" AND INSERT "INCLUDING."

THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CYPHER IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS.

SIGNATURE .....

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN 1250

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No. .....
....

24 Battery,
15 Aust.Fd.Regt.
AUSTRALIA.
30/4/43

R.H.Q.
15 Aust.Fd.Regt.

ACCIDENT TO M.C. NO86423-24 Bty

1. Attached is a copy of the report received from ~~Xx~~ VX74458, L/Sgt Batten J.J. reporting the damage to the above M/C.

2; The cause of the accident cannot be ascertained definitely.

3. The MC was ridden without proper authority and both L/Sgt.Batten and V111738, Bdr Tamblyn W. displayed negligence.

4. G4 prepared by 218 LAD is attached.

B.A. Yott
.....Capt
B.C. 24 Bty, 15 Aust.Fd.Regt..

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Telephone No.....

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

WESTERN AUSTRALIA LINES OF COMMUNICATION AREA

Please quote this Number when replying

VX 74458
L/Sgt. Batten,J.J.
24 Bty
15 Aust.Fd.Regt.
AUSTRALIA.

In reference to B.S.A. M/C No86423, damaged by fire on the afternoon of the 28th April 1943. I wish to make the following statement:-

As I anticipated going for licences in the very near future,I asked Bdr.Tamblyn to explain to me the method of starting his motor-cycle. He was to use this motor-cycle in the manoeuvres just completed and was in possession of a work ticket for the said motor-cycle After comlying with my request, I asked his permission to ride it round t the track encircling our troop eraea. He gave me permission to do so and I had proceeded about 400 yds around the track, when I felt a burn on my leg. I looked down, and saw flame issuing from the carburettor intake. I stopped and immediately turned off the petrol, and endeavoured to extinguish the flame by placing my hand over the air intake, but this was not successful. I then threw sand over the burning portion,and failing to extinguish the fire in this manner, I called Bdr, Wilson for assistance.

He immediately came to my aid with a fire extingisher which was played upon the flames, but failed to extinguish them. We did everything possible to put the fire out, and finally succeeded in doing so by smothering the vehicle with sand.

SignedVX74458..L/SGT..Batten. J.J.

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INSPECTION REPORT—MECHANICAL VEHICLES (WHEELED)

A.A. FORM G4 (Reprinted) March 1942)

Unit 15th Aust Fld Regt Type M/Cycle Army No. 86423

Place Field Make B.S.A. Mileage

General performance as reported by Transport N.C.O.:— Date 1st May 1943

Accident Report.

LAST OIL CHANGE. Engine Gear Box Differential (miles)

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25. C. in W.M. or L.M. outstanding

LEGEND:—

Correct	S	Not to be Used	XX	Unit to submit F3	B
Remarks below	X	Fair wear	FW	Attention by unit	C
Repairable	R	Not fair wear	NFW	D.V. report to V.R.D.	DVR

For attention by: Unit | W'shop

Repair and replacement of the following. Supplying and fitting of new parts.

Replace knee pads, Wiring system Complete, Carburettor Complete,

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Battery (Squat type)	£ 1-0-0.		
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Twist Grips	£ 17-6		
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Wiring Complete	£ 1-19-6.	Cost of Material	£15-14-0.
Carburettor Complete	£ 2-10-0	Total Costs	£20-10-0.
	£15-14-0		

GENERAL REMARKS:—

CONDITION OF VEHICLE—Class

A	B	AASC

Strike out non relevant.

Boyce Capt

120th Ind Bde Gp W/Shops Inspecting Officer.

3M Pds. T.S.—12/41

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Inspecting Officer.

3M Pds. T.S. 20 4th Ind Bde Gp W/Shops

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3M Pds. T.S.—12/41

120th Ind Bde Gp W/Shops

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Inspecting Officer.

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120th Ind Bde Gp W/Shops

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AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE CANTEENS SERVICE

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LOAN OF CANTEEN HUTS.

I F. Richardson Commanding 15 Aust Fd Regt. acknowledge receipt of the undermentioned property, on loan from the Australian Defence Canteens Service, District Board of W.A., and I agree that this property will not be removed from the site at which it is at present located, and that it will be handed back, in the same good order and condition as it is at present, to the Australian Defence Canteens Service, District Board of W.A. when I have no further use for the property, or when at any time the Australian Defence Canteens Service, District Board of W.A. requires to retake possession of same and that the cost of any damage incurred will be made good.

The property referred to being:-

1only "Wet" Canteen hut.

~~1 " "Dry" " "~~

~~1 " "Dry" counter grill.~~

~~1 pr. " " grills.~~

1 set Cyclone yards.

~~1 only " " canvas cover.~~

~~1 set duck boards.~~

1 Water tank.

~~1 " " stand.~~

~~1 set Beer coils~~

~~1 single extractor~~

~~1 double "~~

~~1 gas cylinder.~~

~~1 " " gauge.~~

~~1 set gas cylinder hose.~~

~~1 only Ice Box.~~

~~*~~ Strike out words and figures not applicable.

Signed _____

Rank Lieut-Col C.O, 15 Fd. Regt.

Date 14-3-43

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AWM2019.366.796

43/56/273 AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE CANTEENS SERVICE

File

DISTRICT CANTEENS BOARD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MINUTE PAPER

SUBJECT: CANTEEN HUT ON LOAN:

File No. 105 / P1 / 2
C / 3425 CP

	SEEN	DATE
	C.O.	
✓	ADJT.	
	Qr.Mr	
	R.S.M.	
✓	2/C	

MEMORANDUM TO:

11th May, 1943.

RECEIVED
12 MAY 1943
15 Fd. Regt.

C.O.
15 Aust. Field Regt.,
AUSTRALIA.

In reply to your memorandum 43/56/273 of the 3rd May,1943, I have to advise you that one of my Officers proceeded to Gingin on the 10th May,1943 and after examining the Hut in question was of the opinion that it was the one which was on loan to your Unit.

He states that due to a misunderstanding he was under the impression that this Hut was the one which was loaned to another Unit.

I sincerely regret any inconvenience you may have been put to over the locating of this Hut.

Major.
C.F. PILLEY,
Acting Staff Officer.,
District Canteens Board of W.A.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AWM2019.366.796

43 56 273

15th Aust Field Regiment,
AUSTRALIA.

3rd MAY 43

DISTRICT CANTEEN BOARD OF WA.

CANTEEN HUT ON LOAN.

1. Further to your memo 105/P1/2 of 28 APR 43 and to this Unit's 43/56/273 of 1 MAY 43, and the above.

2. In conformation of information telephoned to Major C.F. Pilley this morning, the following is the report of an officer of this Regiment who visited the GINGIN area on 2 MAY 43 for the purpose of locating the missing hut.

3. A hut now in the possession of the 10 Aust Light Horse Regt was identified as being identical to the hut on issue to this Regiment while in that area.

4. The 10 Aust Light Horse Regiment stated that the hut was removed with the knowledge and consent of the Canteen Board and that it is now on charge to that Unit.

5. Would you please notify this unit as to whether this information is correct.

LT.-COL.

(F.RICHARDSON) C.O. 15 AUST FD REGIMENT.

Opened 4 MAY

43/56/273

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE CANTEENS SERVICE

DISTRICT CANTEENS BOARD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MINUTE PAPER

SUBJECT: RE CANTEEN HUT ON LOAN: **File No.** 105/P1/2
C/3167.CP

MEMORANDUM TO:

28th April,1943.

RECEIVED
30 APR 1943
15 Fd. Regt.

C.O.,
15th Aust. Fld. Regt.,
AUSTRALIA.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum 43/56/273 of the 18th April,1943 and note your remarks in connection with the Canteen Hut which was loaned to your Unit and that same was left in the location which you were occupying.

For your information we hold the signature from your Unit in which you agree to take over the Hut and that same would be handed back in good order and condition when you had no further use for same.

Your attention is also drawn to 3rd Aust. Corps' instruction Q18 Supplement No.1 of the 10th December,1942, paragraph 4 (a) which states that the conditions of the loan of these Huts is that they will be handed back to Canteens Service whena Unit leaves the area.

Lieut. Best, the Divisional Officer of Canteens Service, was advised that the Battery would be coming back and would require the Hut. When he next inspected the area, it was discovered that no-one was in the locality and further that the Hut had disappeared.

In view of the agreement entered into by your Unit, it is considered that the responsibility of returning the Hut is entirely the Units and therefore it would be appreciated if you would make a search and advise these H.Q's. as to what has become of the Hut in question.

Major.
C.F.PILLEY,
Acting Staff Officer,
District Canteens Board of W. A.

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#8/66/273.

15 AUST FD REGT.
AUSTRALIA
3 MAY 43

C.O.
15 AUST FD REGT

REPORT ON WHEREABOUTS OF CANTEEN ON CHARGE TO 15 AUST FD REGT AT GIN-GIN

: On the 2 MAY 43 the C.O. 10 AUST LIGHT HORSE supplied me with the following information:-

1. The Canteen was removed from ECLIPSE HILL area with the permission of the Canteen Board.

2. The canteen is now on charge to the 10 AUST LIGHT HORSE.

The Canteen in question was identified by Bdr L.L. Kiefl. (VX 75464).

A.B. Mursell.
.....Lieut.
(V.B. MURSELL.)
NX 131991

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AB/56/273

15th Aust Field Regiment,
AUSTRALIA.

1st MAY, 1943

District Canteens Board of W.A.

CANTEEN HUT ON LOAN.

1. Ref your memo 105/P1/2 of 28 APR 43 concerning the above.

2. An officer of this Regiment will be proceeding to GINGIN area within the next few days for the purpose of making a search for the missing hut and you will be advised as to the result of the investigation.

LT.-COL.

(F.RICHARDSON) C.O. 15 AUST FD REGIMENT.

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MESSAGE FORM.

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Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No. of Groups GR. 25	OFFICE DATE STAMP
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TO 15 AustA Field Reg

FROM RAA 4 AustA Div | Originator's Number RAQ/1575 | Date 29 | In Reply to Number

Please	expidite	reply	Ao	4	ausA
Div	memo	14/1/D1	20 of	22	march

CANTEEN Hut

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** by any means.

SIGNED

If liable to be intercepted or fall into Enemy Hands, this message must be sent **IN CIPHER.**

SIGNED

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin. 1230

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

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T.H.I. 1242

T.O.R.

D.S.170/11.37.—C.14240.

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15th. Aust. Field Regiment,
AUSTRALIA
18 April 43

DISTRICT CANTEENS BOARD OF W.A.

CANTEEN HUT - GIN GIN AREA.

1. Ref your memo C/2977/CP of 15 Apr 43 and the above.

2. It is advised that the above hut, which was on loan to this Unit was not removed from the Gin Gin site when the Regiment moved out, but was left in the area where it was found on arrival. During the Regiment's stay the hut was moved approx. 300 yards EAST from its original location.
3. On investigation, it is found that the hut was still in the area on 5 Apr. 43 when this Unit's rear party departed.

Richardson.
LT-COL.
C.O. 15th. AUST. FIELD REGIMENT.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AWM2019.366.796

43/56/273

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE CANTEENS SERVICE

DISTRICT CANTEENS BOARD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MINUTE PAPER

D. C. B. R.
105 / P1 / 12
W.A. L of C AREA.

SUBJECT: CANTEEN HUT ON LOAN: **File No.** C./2977/ CP.

MEMORANDUM TO:

15th April, 1943.

RECEIVED
16 APR 1943
15 Fd. Regt.

C.O.,
15th Field Regt.,(A.I.F)
AUSTRALIA.

A report has been received by these Headquarters from my Divisional Officer, that the Canteen Hut which was loaned to your Unit whilst you were located in the Gingin area, has not been returned to the Issuing Point.

Recently a search was made of the locality in which you were camped, but no Hut could be found.

Would you please advise these Headquarters as to whether the Hut in question was removed by you when leaving the Gingin area and if so, where it is now located.

Major.
C.P. PILLEY,
Acting Staff Officer,
District Canteens Board of W.A..

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15th Aust Field Regiment,
AUSTRALIA.

26th March, 1945

4 AUST DIV (AMF),
RAA 4 AUST DIV (AMF) For Info.

CANTEEN HUT : 24 BTY : 15 AUST FD REGT.

1. Ref 4 Aust Div memo 141/1/30 of 22 MAR 45 and the above.

2. Report is as follows :-

(a) The Canteen Hut is now complete as regards missing portions mentioned. In addition a further section of the Cyclone Yard and the Cyclone gate was recovered from the area.

(b) Two shelves were temporarily used in the Bty mess until other arrangements were effected for mess tables. This occasioned no damage to either the tables or the hut.

(c) The time of the inspection was the day after the storm and this storm caused the dirty state of the hut.

(d) The officer placed in charge of the erection of the huts has been interviewed and he states that the roofing after erection was in no worse condition than prior to the removal of the hut from its original position.

(e) Whilst it is not intended to use the storm as an excuse for the condition of the hut, it is apparent from the damage caused to most other structures in the area, that such a storm must have had an effect on the state of the roof at the time of the inspection.

LT.-COL.

(P.RICHARDSON) C.O. 15TH AUST FIELD REGIMENT.

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TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
NO. .....
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24 Bty,.
15 Aust.Fd.Regt.,
AUSTRALIA
27/3/43

R.H.Q.
15 Aust.Fd.Regt.,

CANTEEN HUT + 24 BTY, 15 AUST.FD.REGT.

Report on above is as follows:-

1. The Canteen Hut is now complete as regards those portions that were taken over by 24 Bty. In addition a further section of the Cyclone Yard and the Cyclone Gate was recovered from the area.

2. Two shelves were used in the Sgt's.Mess until other arrangements were made for mess tables. This occasioned no damage to either the tables or the hut.

3. The day of the inspection was the day after the storm and it was perhaps, the reason for the dirty state of the hut. The officer in charge of the erection of the hut states that the roofing after erection was in no worse condition than prior to the removal of the hut from its original position. Again, whilst it is not intended to use the storm as an excuse for the condition of the hut, it is apparent from the damage occasioned to other roofing in the area, that such a storm must have had an effect on the state of the roof at the time of the inspection.

B.A. Yott
.....Capt
B.C. 24 Bty., 15 Aust.Fd.Regt..

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HQ 4 AUST DIV (AIF)
AUSTRALIA

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15 AUST FD REGT

CANTEEN HUT - 24 BTY 15 AUST FD REGT

... Herewith copy of letter received from HQ 3 Aust Corps.

2. Please submit the report called for forthwith.

(M.H. Becher) MAJ
DAQMG 4 Aust Div

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21 MAR Recd

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20 Mar 43.

4 AUST DIV. (2).

CANTEEN HUT ON LOAN TO 24 BTY 15 AUST FD REGT.

1. An Officer of Canteen Services recently inspected Canteen Huts on loan to units and reports as follows :-

"The Hut on loan to the 24th Bty, 15th Field Regt, was found to be in a bad condition. The Hut in question was removed from another area by this Unit and had been badly erected. Portion of the Cyclone yard was missing, also three shelves and the door of the Canteen. The roofing iron was badly knocked about and the Hut generally in a very dirty state.

Two of the shelves in question were found in the Sergeants' Mess and the other shelf, plus the portion of the Cyclone yard was recovered, but the door is still missing."

2. Canteen Huts are the property of the Canteen Services and are loaned to Units on the condition that they are taken care of and properly looked after.

3. Please request 15 Aust Fd Regt to confirm that the Hut has been repaired and missing portions replaced and advise these Headquarters accordingly.

Brig.
DA & QMG.

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Camp Staff Headquarters.
Bellevue.

C. O.

CAMP SANITATION.

Attached is extract from report made by Headquarters, 12 L. of C. Sub-area, Hygiene Inspector, for your information and consideration.

H. P. Newman. Major.
H. P. Newman.
Camp Staff Officer.
23. Feb 43.

O.C. 23 Bty
For info and
return to RHQ

Capt.
Adjt. 15 Fd. Regt.

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13/14 Camps. 15 Field Regt.

Site.	On gentle slope.
Soil.	Hard gravel & rock.
23 Bty Kitchen.	Food scraps thrown on ground adjacent to kitchen attracting flies.
24/22Bty ,,	Clean and tidy. Nets provided to exclude flies.
Conservancy.	60 pans removed daily. All latrine seats clean and fly proof.
Wet & Dry Refuse.	Disposed of by D.D. incinerators. Drums cut lengthwise filled with boiling water are provided for troops to sterilize utensils before use.

Recommendations:- The practice of throwing food scraps on ground to cease. All scraps to be placed in bins provided.

Sam. Gilderson Capt

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Advise Bty

W.A. L. of C. Area,
Disposal Section,
Claremont.
13 5 43

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15 Fd. Regt.

~~15 Aust Fd Regt.~~

D.R.O.

V.51778 Bdr. McCREDDEN, D.H. - 15 Aust Fd Regt.

The above named soldier has been medically boarded, the confirmation by D.D.M.S. being:- on 11.5.43.

"Class B. Asthma."

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SEEN	DATE
C.O.	[illegible]
ADJT.	[illegible]
Qr Mr.	
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Bty notified 1500hrs
15/5/43.

[signature] Capt.
O.C. Disposal Section G.D.D.

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OPS arrange movement

W. Aust. L. of C. Area.
Standing Medical Boards,
Hardy Road,
HOLLYWOOD ..... W.A.

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The Adjutant,.....
15th. Aust. Fld. Regt.

V311861 Gnr. Reading A.
Re VX75020 G nr. Scott W.F.....

Approval has been given by D.D.M.S. for a Medical Board for the above named soldier.

Please arrange his transfer to this Depot as soon as possible. A.A.F. Mob.3. should be endorsed "For Medical Board", A.A.F. F.200 to be attached, together with Form W.A. A10.

Soldier should be in possession of Paybook and all clothing (as per A.A.F. F200) in order to facilitate discharge in the event of his being classified permanently medically unfit for service.

D. D. McCormack .....Capt.

For President Standing Med.Bds.

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ADJT.	
Qr.Mr.	
R.S.M.	
15 F. Regt.	

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W.A. L. of C. Area,
Disposal Section, G.D.D.
CLAREMONT.
17/5/43

D.R.O.

V.51969 Bdr. MUNRO, E.N. - 15 Fd Regt.

The above named Soldier has been Medically Boarded, the confirmation by D.D.M.S. on 14/5/43 being as follows:-

"Class D. Recommend Discharge.

Discharge Authorised.

.....Capt.
O.C. Disposal Section G.D.D.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 4 AUST DIV.

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HQ 15 Fd Regt.

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15 Fd. Regt.

MUSICAL RECITAL - ISADORE GOODMAN

Further preliminary advice has been received to the effect that the recital for Div HQ and certain other units will take place in Midland Junction Town Hall on the evening of Tues 2 FEB 43.

(J.A.Turnbull)

J A Turnbull
Lieut.
A/Educ Offr 4 Aust Div.

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4. Piano.

Arrangements have been made with Nicholsons Ltd. for hiring of Gulbransen baby grand piano, which will be used on all occasions, with the possible exception of performances at Melville, Midland Junction Town Hall and Northam, where a full concert grand piano may be supplied. In each case transport will be provided by D.A.D. Educ. By courtesy of C.O. 19 Grn Bn, Pte. Willcox, G. will be attached to Lieut. Goodman throughout his tour for purposes of tuning the piano and otherwise ensuring its safe passage. Where performances are held out of doors, the formation concerned will be responsible for providing adequate lighting and firm stage (tent floors or mess tables on petrol drums will be sufficient) and canvas or other background so arranged that the pianist does not play into the wind.

5. Accommodation.

Educ. Offs, 2 Aust Inf Bde, 5 Aust Inf Bde, 2 Aust Div and, if necessary, 1 Aust Armd Div, will provide accommodation, preferably at a hotel, for nights of 3 Feb, 4 Feb, 5 and 6 Feb and 7 Feb, respectively.

6. Previous experience suggests that certain units and formations may find it helpful to adopt a system of quota allotments. Admission by ticket supplied on request by Unit Educ Offs is recommended for performances such as 31 Jan 43 at Y.M.C.A. Hall, Melville, and 8 Feb at Northam. To facilitate this and to ensure adequate publicity, printed posters are enclosed for unit distribution with this circular.

7. Lieut. Goodman's recitals to troops in Victoria and New South Wales have been uniformly successful. He is not only an artist of distinction, but has proved exceptionally skilful in attracting and holding the attention of troops. It is desired and confidently anticipated that attention to details as suggested above, by those responsible for organising performances in Western Australia, notwithstanding the difficulties imposed by conditions in forward areas, should ensure similar success among Military personnel in Western Australia.

Fred. Alexander Major.
D.A.D. Educ. W. Aust L of C Area.
a/D.A.D. Educ. 3 Aust Corps.
25 Jan 43

Distribution:

2 Aust Div (25)
4 Aust Div (25)
1 Aust Armd Div (25)
H.Q. W. Aust. L. of C. Area Tng Depots (8)
C.O. 118 A.G.H. (2)
C.O. 2/1 A.G.H. Guildford (2)
C.O. 7 Army Tps (5)
C.O.O. 7 A.O.D. (5)
Camp Staff Officer, Melville (12)
" " " Midland Junction (1)
C.O. 19 Grn Bn. (5)
O.C. 12 Aust Empl Coy (2)
O.C. 5 Aust Lt Fd Amb. (2)

For information:
Comd. W. Aust. L. of C. Area.
A.A. & Q.M.G. W. Aust. L. of C. Area.
A.A.G., 3 Aust Corps (2)
Amenities Officer, 3 Aust Corps.
" " W. Aust. L. of C. Area.

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15 Fd Regt.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Western Australian Lines of Communication Area.

Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
PERTH

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ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE

VISIT OF LIEUT. ISADOR GOODMAN.

1. Lieut. Isador Goodman, Staff Captain, (Music) of the Directorate of Education and Vocational Training, L.H.Q., will give a series of pianoforte recitals to Military personnel in Western Australia during the fortnight commencing 29 Jan 43.

2. Tentative programme is as follows :

Date.	Location	Time.
Fri. 29 Jan 43	Chidlows.	As arranged by Educ Off. 13 Aust Inf Bde.
Sun. 31 Jan 43	YMCA Hall, Molvillo	2000 hrs.
Tues. 2 Feb 43	Midland Junction Town Hall.	2000 hrs.
Wed. 3 Feb 43	Gingin.	As arranged by Educ Off. 2 Aust Inf Bde.
Thur. 4 Feb 43	Strawberry.	As arranged by Educ Off. 5 Aust Inf Bde.
Fri. 5 Feb 43	Mullowa	As arranged by Educ Off. 3 Aust Mot Bde.
Sat. 6 Feb 43	Geraldton Town Hall.	2000 hrs.
Sun. 7 Feb 43	Morawa	As arranged by Educ. Off. 1st Aust Armd Div.
Wed. 10 Feb 43	Lower YMCA Hall Northam Camp.	2000 hrs.

3. Above programme has been drawn up on the following assumptions :

(a) That C.O. 19 Grn Bn would collaborate with Educ Off, 2 Aust Div and 8 Aust Inf Bde, in arrangement for performances in Geraldton Town Hall.

(b) That a quota of personnel from 12 Aust Empl Coy be admitted to the performance at Y.M.C.A. Hall, Molvillo.

(c) That a quota of personnel from 118 A.G.H. be admitted to performance in Y.M.C.A. Hall, Northam.

(d) That a sufficient audience is likely to be obtained from personnel at H.Q. 4 Aust Div and attd units and units formerly in 6 Aust Inf Bde, at 2/1 A.G.H., Guildford, at 5 Aust Lt Fd Amb, at 7 A.C.D. and at 7 Army Tps to warrant holding of performance in Midland Junction Town Hall. It is also proposed to permit certain/members of A.E.S. "Everyman's Music" teams to attend this performance arrangements for which will be made by W.O. (Music) at Education Section, H.Q. W. Aust. L. of C. Area. Units participating should advise D.A.D. Educ., through formation, numbers of personnel likely to attend. /civilian

RHQ 25
LAD 5
SIGS 6
22 20
23 40
24 80
175

H.Q.
15 Fd Rgt.

H.Q.
4 Aust Div

20 Jan 43

MUSIC RECITAL - LIEUT. ISADORE GOODMAN

(ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE)

It is anticipated that Lieut. Goodman will present a programme in the Midland Junction Town Hall during the first week in Feb. Now confirmed for Tues 2 Feb '43 @ 2000 hrs.

In the event of allotments being made to 4 Div Hq Units it is requested that the return below be forwarded to this HQ. for attention of Educ Offr., by 1500 hrs. 29 Jan 43.

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DISTRIBUTION

Camp
Sig 4 Aust Div
R.A.E.
A.A.S.C.
15 Fd Rgt
6 Fd Amb
4 Div A.E.H.E.

6 Fd Coy R.A.E.
15 Fd Rgt —
33 Bty 109 A/Tk Rgt.
56 Fd Pk
4 Div Provost Coy
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J.A. Turnbull
Lieut.

a/Educ Offr.
4 Aust Div.

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Hq 4 Aust Div (AIF)
Australia

1 Feb '43

H.Q. 15 Aust Fd Rgt
(For Inf U.E.O.)

MUSIC RECITAL - LIEUT ISADOR GOODMAN

It has been possible to allot seats to 175 for the above recital at the Midland Junction Town Hall tomorrow, Tuesday 2 Feb '43 at 2000 hrs.

It would be appreciated if steps were taken to ensure that personnel be seated by 1945 hrs.

HQ 15 Aust Fd Rgt 175 seats

(J.A.Turnbull) J.A.Turnbull Lieut.
A/Educ Offr HQ 4 Aust Div

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HQ AASC
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HQ 6 Fd Amb
4 Div Pro Coy
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