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WAR DIARY

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UNIT 2/9 Aust. A. Fd Coy R.A.E.

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES
Aleppo	1	New Years Day. (Work started on Rd Demolitions RHAZOUIYE by 2 Sec.	
	2	Lt Dowie left for conference of CQMS's called by C.E. Work started on Rd demolitions preparations at SALKINE.	
	4	Lt McInnes left for 3 weeks Camouflage School. Lt Stewart left Coy HQ to carry out recce of HAMA and RASTANE areas. Lt Dowie returned to Coy HQ	
	5	Rd and Rail demolitions at RADJOU completed. Lt Parker started on Rd recce in ORONTES Valley.	
	6	RADJOU SADDLE demos completed. Capt Delbart and Lt Hasker inspected Demo preparation work in RADJOU area.	
	7	Demo preparation SALKINE-IDLIB Rd completed. Lts Parker and Stewart returned to Coy HQ on completion of their recces. Lt Daly marched in and attached for duty	
	8	Rd demo preparation started at KASR EL BENATE. Lt Gen. Allan, GOC 7 Div paid short visit to Coy HQ	
	9	Lt Daly started further rd recce in ORONTES Valley South of DJISRECH CHOGHOUR. Erection of NISSEN huts at POL dump started.	
	10	4" of snow fell during night, slight interference with work.	
	11	Stone huts being erected to house Guard at HERE DERE Viaduct collapsed when frozen mud mortar used thawed out.	
	13	Lts Daly & Parker completed rd recce reports of ORONTES Valley area.	
	14	Major Bleechmore rejoined unit after convalescent leave.	
	15	Demo preparation at SALKINE completed. Major Bleechmore started inspection of Coy works at SALKINE - TAFTANAZ.	
	16	Major Bleechmore inspected works in RADJOU area. 20 Aust Inf Bde relieved 18 Aust Inf Bde, Coy in support of 20 Aust Inf Bde.	

A150 Mob Print Sec AIF—25M—1/41—G.

C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH
(On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)

During the month the weather was very bad with heavy rains early and late in the month, two falls of snow, and 10 - 19 degrees of frost for 7 days. Weather conditions greatly hampered the Coy work The major proportion of the hutting programme was completed. Twelve rd blocks demolitions on roads from Turkish Frontier were prepared. These rd blocks consisted of two chambers 27 ft apart down 17 ft below the rd surface.

The extremely bad state of the rds in the RADJOU area made it impossible to extricate No 2 Compressor. Efforts are still being made to retrieve it.

The establishment of a Lieut. Quartermaster has proved very beneficial, and has resulted in noticable improvements in the general state of the Coy's personal and technical equip. and transport.

Coy movements necessitated the suspension of the School on Booby Traps and Minefields before the first course could be completed. For the short period it was running, the men proved very interested and the course will be resumed at the first opportunity.

Equipment is in good condition and all M.T. is in process of a thorough overhaul.

The health of the troops generally is good.

Conditions at the new Camp at QATANA are good and meals have been maintained at a high standard. This has helped towards the high pitch of the troop's morale.

Signature [illegible] Lieut A/Coy

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UNIT 2/9 Aust A. Fd Coy R.A.E.

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration etc.)
Aleppo	17	Major Bleechmore left for HQ R.A.E. I AUST CORPS TPS to take up duty as A/C.R.E.		
	19	Lt Daly marched out to HQ R.A.E. I AUST.CORPS TPS Intensive training school (strength 25 O.R's) on Booby Traps, Mines, Obstacles started.		
	20	Lt Coles im charge of advance party of 42 Fd Coy R.E. arrived Coy H.Q..		
	21	Capt Jelbart started to show Lt Coles R.E. Coy works in DJERABLOUS area.		
	22	Lt Coles shown over Coy works in SALKINE, IDLIB, DJISR ECH CHOGHOUR and LATTAQUIE areas.		
	23	Major Phillimore, O.C.42 Fd Coy R.E. arrived to take over Coy works. Coy received warning order to prepare to relieve and be relieved by 42 Fd Coy R.E.		
	24	Major Phillimore started to take over various works and contracts being done or supervised by the Coy. (25-Lt Dowie to be A/O.C.&Lt Stewart A/2 i.c.)		
	25	Capt Jelbart alloted to 7 Div, left immediately to report to H.Q.I AUST CORPS.		
	26	Coy moved from NERAB Aerodrome as Coy convoy at 0730 hrs - Lt Hasker and 14 O.R's left as rear guards - No 2 Compressor unable to be collected from near RADJOU due to adverse weather conditions.		
Camp "A" QATANA		Main body of Coy convoy moved to Camp "A" QATANA area, several trucks and all Coy D.R's arrived very late having first gone to JEBEL MAZAR which was our destination according to the movement order, destination change was NOT notified until head of convoy was 12 miles from DAMASCUS. Coy came under administration of 10 Corps, through H.Q. 85 Sub Area.		
	28	Lt F.P.Bridges marched in and taken on strength from R.A.E. I AUST.CORPS TPS.		
	29	Coy started to take over portion of works being carried out by 2/16 Aust.A.Fd Coy.R.A.E. 1 & 3 Secs repairing tracks to KAFER QOUQ from QATANA		

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UNIT 2/9 Aust. A. Fd Coy. R.A.E.

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
Camp "A" QATANA		2 Sec supervising native labour employment arrangements in area and digging of A TK ditches. 1 Sec supervising erection by contract of COW-SHED type concrete gun emplacement shelters. Lt Stewart started rd recce in BOURKOCH Fortress area to go through to RAKHLE. Complete check of all vehicles started, also new unit signs being painted. Lieut Hasker and part of rear party rejoined unit, several of rear party remained in N. SYRIA to extricate 2 Sec compressor, others could not be withdrawn due to snowing up of rds in RADJOU area.		
	30	Advance party of R.E. 70 Div arrived to arrange taking over all R.A.E. works. Coy mapping defence works in BOURKOCH area, getting information from 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.	80ff	
	31	1 Sec taking over ~~contracting~~ construction of rd to RAKHLE, recce by Lt Dowie suggested alteration in route. Pump failed at BIR BLAMEY watervpoint, to be replaced by L.& F. pump. Lt Parker to BEIRUT to conference with DADOS Corps Tps reference equpt.	80ff	

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2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R. A. E.

TECHNICAL TRAINING.

5 JAN 1942

1. PERIODS. Three 6 day periods intensive training.
1st period MONDAY 19 JAN.
2nd " " 26 JAN.
3rd " " 2 FEB.

2. PERSONNEL. (Each period)
2/9 Aust. A. Fd. Coy. R.A.E. 2 N.C.O.s and 8 men from each section.

Infantry. 1 pioneer platoon.

Other personnel. 8 (Allotted by Bde.)

3.

Day	Subject	Time	Instructor
1 & 2	MINES Laying of Mines Lifting of Mines	7 hours daylight 2 hours night	Lieut. PARKER
3 & 4	BOOBY TRAPS Placing & construction Disarming Bangalore Torpedoes Demolition of tank obstacles.	do.	Lieut. DOWIE.
~~3, 4 & 5~~ 5+6	TANK OBSTACLES Nature Sites Construction Placing Fougasses etc.	do.	Lieut. HASKER.

N. Hilbert .....CAPT.
A/O.C. AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. *(Unit)*

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
CAPT.	VX15214	JELBART N T	R.A.E. / AUST CORPS TPS	YES	A/O.C
LIEUT	VX38924	DOWIE D L	do	YES	A/ 2.I.C
LIEUT	SX 3420	STEWART E D J	do	YES	FLD OFFICER
LIEUT	VX16406	Mc INNES I	do	YES	SEC OFFICER
LIEUT	VX25348	PARKER W G L	do	YES	do do

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
LIEUT.	VX53939	HASKER J	AIF (ME.) RE-INF DEPOT	15.10.41	DUTY + EXPERIENCE

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E.
(Unit.)

3—1—42
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

7 AUST. DIV.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/9TH F.D. COY. R.A.E. (Unit). 3 JAN 1942 (Date)

(To be furnished by all Units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.	1		
Staff Serjeants.			
Serjeants.	4		1
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	23	2	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	216	4	
TOTALS.	244	* 6	* 2

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
VX72251 SGT BAXTER J	2 AUST BDE		
NX20604 SMITH H.N.	SEC RAE		
VX21288 GRIFFIN M	1 AUST CORPS TPS		
VX33549 SHEPHERD F.S.	ATT FOR TRAINING		
VX22925 A/BDR THATCHER F.S.	A.A.M.C.	ATT FOR DUTY	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
VX1700	SGT	CRAWFORD A	RAE 1 AUST CORPS TPS.	

2/9TH F.D. COY. R.A.E. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT. W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED. W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	REMARKS.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)								2	2		IN PLACE OF ENG HAND I.C.									
Driver-Mechanics																				
Driver-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters								1	1		FITTERS IN PLACE OF ENG ART.									
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																		1	1	
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters								2	2											
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary & Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																		1	1	
STOKERS:																				
PAINTERS								1	1											
TINSMITH								1	1											
MINER								1	1											
DRAUGHTSMEN																		1	1	
BLACKSMITHS																		4	4	
ENG HAND I.C.																		3	3	IF E.H. I.C.
ENG. ART.											FITTER CARPENTER IN PLACE							1	1	OF ENG ART.
General duty personnel								2	4	6										
	IN PLACE OF SGT + WOII																			
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)								2	12	14								10	10	

2/9TH F.D. COY. R.A.E. Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 3-1-42

7 AUST DIV. Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/9TH FD. COY., R.A.E. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
MAJOR	BLEECHMORE SJ	RAE 1 AUST CORPS TPS	14-1-42	RETURNED UNIT FROM RSL

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
NX12359 MAJOR		BLEECHMORE SJ	RAE 1 AUST CORPS TPS	YES	O.C
VX15214 CAPT		JELBART NT	do	YES	2/IC
VX38924 LIEUT		DOWIE DL	do	YES	FLD OFFICER
SX3420 LIEUT		STEWART EDJ	do	YES	SEC OFFICER
VX11404 LIEUT		MCINNES I	do	NO	ATTENDING CAM TRNG COURSE NSW
VX25348 LIEUT		PARKER WGL	do	YES	Q M

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
LIEUT	VX53979	HASKARD J	RE (FD) DEPOT	15-10-41	DUTY
LIEUT	VX50371	DALY JL	2/1 AUST CORPS TPS	2-11-41	EXPEDIENCY

2/9TH FD. COY., R.A.E.
(Unit.)

17-1-42
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

4 AUST DIV
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. (Unit) 17 - 1 - 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	5		
Corporals	23	2*	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	210		2
TOTALS	239	2	3

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
VX72351 SPR BAXTER J NX20604 " SMITH HW VX21238 " GRIFFIN M	2 AUST DOR SEC. RAE ATTACHED FOR TRNG.		
VX22925 A/CPL THATCHER FS AAMC.		ATT. FOR DUTY UNDER EST.	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
TX1700	SGT	CRAWFORD A	RAE 1 AUST CORPS TPS	
TX2478	SPR	TURNER GE	dr	
TX1946	"	WALKER RW	dr	
VX40525	"	TITCHENER HW	dr	
VX32972	"	DRUMMOND RD	dr	

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.		
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Cooks																	
STOKERS														1	1		
BLACKSMITHS														4	4		
DRAUGHTSMEN														1	1		
TINSMITH							1/2	1/2									
PLUMBER		-															
General duty personnel						2		2									* IN PLACE OF 2 ATTENDING SCHOOL
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)						2	3	5						6	6		

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E.
Unit.

Date of Despatch 17-1-42

Signature of Commander.

7 AUST DIV
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. (Unit) 24 JAN 1942 19 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	5		
Corporals	23	2	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	210		2
TOTALS	239	* 2	* 3

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
VX			
NX 72351 Spr	BAXTER J	2 AUST BOR SEC RAE	
NX 20604 "	SMITH H.W		
NX 21238 "	GRIFFIN M	ATTACHED FOR TRNG	
VX 22925 A/CH	THATCHER F.S. A.A.M.C.	ATT FOR DUTY UNDER EST	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
TX 1700	SGT	CRAWFORD A.	RAE 1 Aust Corps TPS	
TX 2478	Spr	TURNER G.E.	do	
TX 1946	"	WALKER R.W.	do	
VX 40525	"	TITCHENER H.W.	do	
VX 32972	"	DRUMMOND R.D.	do	

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
STOKERS															1		1	
BLACKSMITHS															4		4	
DRAUGHTSMEN															1		1	
TINSMITHS							1		1									
PLUMBERS							2		2									
General duty personnel						2			2									
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)						2	3		5						6		6	

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E.
Unit.

[signature] Lieut for Capt.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 24-1-42

9 AUST DIV.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/9TH F.D. COY.. R.A.E. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	1		
Lieutenants	4		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	6		1

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT.	DALY J.L.	RAE. 1 AUST CORPS TPS.	18-4-42	RE-JOINED HQ. RAE 1 AUST CORPS TPS.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank.	2 Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	3 Name and Initials	4 Corps	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR.		BLEECHMORE S.J.	RAE 1 AUST CORPS TPS	NO	DETACHED FOR DUTY
CAPT.		JELBART N.T.	~~1 TPS~~ DO.	YES	A/O.C.
LIEUT.		DOWIE D.L.	DO.	YES	A/2 i/c
LIEUT.		STEWART E.D.J.	DO	YES	SEC OFFICER
LIEUT.		McINNES I.	DO.	NO.	ATTENDING CAM. TRNG COURSE
LIEUT.		PARKER W.G.L.	DO	YES	9 M.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
LIEUT	VX53939	HASKER J.	A.I.F. (ME) REINF. DEPT	15-10-41	DUTY.

2/9TH F.D. COY.. R.A.E. (Unit.)

24-1-42 (Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

9. AUST. DIV. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.* deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			1
Captains	1		
Lieutenants	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	6		1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	DALY J.L.	R.A.E. 1 AUST CORPS TPS	8 JAN 42	

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
CAPT	VX15214	JELBART N.T.	R.A.E. 1 AUST CORPS TPS	YES	A/O.C.
LIEUT	VX38924	DOWIE D.L.	do	YES	A/2 i.c.
LIEUT	SX3420	STEWART E.D.J.	do	YES	FLD OFFICER
LIEUT	VX16406	McINNES I.	do	NO	ATTENDING CAMOUFLAGE SCHOOL 2/7 Army Tps Coy R.E.
LIEUT	VX25348	PARKER W.G.L.	do	YES	SEC OFFICER

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
LIEUT	VX53939	HASKER J.	9 I.F. (M.E.) REINF DEPOT	15-10-41	DUTY
LIEUT	VX50371	DALY J.L.	R.A.E. 1 AUST CORPS TPS	6-1-42	EXPERIENCE

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E.
(Unit.)

10—1—42
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

7 AUST DIV
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/9TH F.D. COY. R.A.E. (Unit) 10—1—19 42 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	5		
Corporals	23	2*	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	207		5
TOTALS	236	· 2	· 6

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
VX72351 SPR BAXTER J	2 AUST CORPS TPS		
NX20604 " SMITH HW	BDR SEC RAE		
VX21238 " GRIFFIN M	1 AUST CORPS TPS		
ATTACHED FOR TRAINING			
VX22925 A/CPL THATCHER F S			
1 AAMC UNDER EST ATT FOR DUTY			

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
TX1700	SGT	CRAWFORD A	RAE 1 AUST CORPS TPS	
TX2478	SPR	TURNER GE	do	
TX1946	"	WALKER RW	do	
VX40525	"	TITCHENER HW	do	

2/9TH F.D. COY. R.A.E. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Cooks														1		1	
STOKERS																	
PAINTERS																	
TINSMITHS																	
MINERS																	
DRAUGHTSMEN														1		1	
BLACKSMITHS														4		4	
ENGINE HAND 1 C ENG ART																	
General duty personnel						2		2									* IN PLACE OF 2 ATTENDING SCHOOL
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)						2		2						6		6	

2/9TH F.D. COY. R.A.E.
Unit.

Date of Despatch 10—1—42

Signature of Commander.

7 AUST DIV
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/9 AUST A FD Coy R.A.E. (Unit) 31-1-1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	5		
Corporals	23	2	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	210		2
TOTALS	239	* 2	* 3

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
NX 72351 SPR	BAXTER J		
NX 20604 "	SMITH H.W	2 AUST BOR SEC RAE	
NX 21238 "	GRIFFIN M	ATT FOR TRNG.	
VX 22925 A/CPL	THATCHER F.S.	2/13 AUST FD AMB.	
		ATT FOR DUTY UNDER ESTABLISHMENT	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
TX1700	SGT	CRAWFORD A	RAE 1 AUST CORPS TPS	
TX2478	SPR	TURNER G.E.	do	
TX1946	"	WALKER R.W	do	
VX40525	"	TITCHENER H.W.	do	
VX32972		DRUMMOND R.D	do	

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters							2		2									
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
DRAUGHTSMEN															1		1	
BLACKSMITHS															4		4	
STOKERS															1		1	
TINSMITH							1		1									
																		* REPLACING 2 AT SCHOOLS.
General duty personnel					*	2			2									
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)						2	3		5						6		6	

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E.
Unit.

[signature] Lieut. A/OC.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 31-1-42

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains			1
Lieutenants	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	6		1

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	BRIDGES F.P	RAE IAUST CORPS TPS		MARCHED IN FROM HQ RAE IAUST CORPS TPS

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	JELBART N.T	RAE IAUST CORPS TPS	25 JAN 42	TRANSFERRED TO HQ RAE IAUST CORPS TPS

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR	A/CRE	BLEECHMORE S.J	RAE IAUST CORPS TPS	NO	A/CRE HQ (REAR) RAE IAUST CORPS TPS.
LIEUT		DOWIE D.L	do	YES	A/O.C
LIEUT		STEWART E.D.J	do	YES	A/2 I.C.
LIEUT		M'INNES I	do	NO	AT CAMTRNG SCHOOL
LIEUT		PARKER W.G.L	do	YES	Q M
LIEUT		BRIDGES F.P	do	YES	SEC OFF

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
LIEUT		HASKER J	AIF REINF DEPN (ME)	15.10.41	DUTY + EXPERIENCE

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. (Unit.)

31—1—42 (Date of Despatch.)

[signature] Lieut A/OC. (Signature of Commander.)

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20 AUST INF BDE- MOVEMENT ORDER No 2.

1. AUTHORITY- 9 Army SD/1661 of 22 Jan 42 and 9 Aust Div Q22 of 23 Jan 42.

2. INTENTION. 2/9 Aust Fd Coy at ALEPPO AERODROME and 42 Fd Coy RE at JEBEL MAZAR relieve each other in their present locations. On completion of move 2/9 Aust Fd Coy come under comd 10 Corps, Admn by 85 SUB AREA, 42 Fd Coy RE comes under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.

3. MOVEMENT- By road in unit transport under the following arrangements:-

(a) Composition

PARTY.	DATE.	OFFRS.	ORs.	3-ton.	30-cwt.	1-ton	15-cwt.	MCs
Adv Party.	23 Jan.	1.	30.	-	3.	1.	-	-
Main Party.	26 Jan.	4.	193.	1.	21.	7.	3.	6.
Rear Party.	29 Jan.	1.	19.	-	3.	-	1.	-

(b) Times. All parties leave 0730 hrs.

(c) VFM. 10.

(d) MPH. 20.

(e) Route. HAMA- HOMS- NEBEK- QTAIFE- DAMASCUS- JEBEL-MAZAR.

4. ADMN.

(a) Stores. Unit will move with G 1098 scale of equipment. Tentage & Accomodation stores will be taken over by 42 Coy RE.

(b) Rations. Rations for 3 days will be carried by all road parties.

(c) Amn. 10 rnds amn will be carried on the man.

(d) POL. Sufficient fuel will be carried on each vehicle for whole distance.

(e) Personnel- left behind in hospital, will travel with rear party or to rejoin unit under arrangements of 20 Aust Inf Bde.

J Kelly Capt.
S/C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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3/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.
3 JAN 42.

MOVEMENT ORDER NO.28.

OBJECT. Movement of officer and batman on Course No.5, CAMOUFLAGE TRAINING.

PURPOSE. To attend Course from 5 JAN. to 24 JAN.42.

AUTHORITY.
R.A.E. I AUST CORPS TPS, Gb3/754.

PERSONNEL.
VX 16408 Lieut.I.McInnes,
NX 57676 Spr.J.Davis

TRANSPORT.
Unit transport to School near DA'AS.

REPORTING.
To 567 ARMY TPS COY.R.E.

EQUIPMENT.
Full equipment,Camp Kit;note books,pencils,rubbers,rulers, etc..

UNIT DESIGNATION.
Students are instructed when attending schools and courses that their unit is to be given R.A.E. I AUST CORPS TPS., NOT 3/9 Aust.A.Fd.COy.R.A.E.

NOTE.
Correspondence shall NOT be forwarded within 7 days prior to the end of the course.

DATE.
3 JAN.42.

.....CAPT.
A/O.C.3/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

This to certify that VX 16408 Lieut.I.McInnes and his batman NX 57676 Spr.J.Davis are to attend No.5 Course on CAMOUFLAGE TRAINING.

..... CAPT.
A/O.C.3/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY CAPT.H.T.JEFFERY A/O.C.2/3 AUST.A.ED.COY.R.A.E.

No.93/41 1 JAN 42.

1.DUTY OFFICER:- Lieut.J.Hacker.

2.GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Friday 2 Jan.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-L/Cpl B.Gray.

TX 2336 Spr.Guttrise L.W.
TX 1039 " Sturzaker J.
TX 2359 " Breen L.D.
TX 1688 " Belletto T.N.

3.PUNISHMENTS.
NX 70095 Spr.Taylor W.J.R.
OFFENCE:-A soldier on Active Service is charged with conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he at RABAUL on 24 Dec.41 specifically mentioned the location and described the nature of his work in three letters addressed to civilians.
AWARD:-Fined £3 and 14 days C.B..

H.T.Jeffery Lieut
.....CAPT.
A/O.C.2/3 AUST. A.ED.COY. R.A.E.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY CAPT.N.T.JELBART A/O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

No.94/42 2 JAN.42/

1.DUTY OFFICER:-Lieut.I.McInnes

2.GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Saturday 3 Jan.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-Cpl Humphrey J.A.

VX 40351 Spr Christie E.J.
VX 17005 " Cantwell J.P.
VX 20171 " Stone S.A.
SX 11317 " Riesk L.W.

3.The following letter has been received from Lt.Col.J.W.Main, C.R.E. I Aust.Corps Troops:-

I wish to convey to Coy. Commanders,Officers & men my appreciation of the sterling work they have done during the period in SYRIA.
It will now be appreciated by all ranks that work for the Engineer is constant,both in action and out,and that opportunities for training are,probably,not as great as with other units. It therefore behoves us to take our work and training seriously,as the work we are doing is essential,and the training even more so. This means that our whole time has to be wisely spent - to work and train hard and conscientiously and relax and rest when off duty in such a way as to improve our physical and mental standard.

The responce each of you have made has been consistently good,and has been such that it is noticed by,not only myself and staff,but the members of other units,and H.Q..

As such your work has been a good example to be followed by other units when they have the opportunity. And you have put the unit"on the map". For this we have to thank our C.E. for allotting us a man sized job,and yourselves for carrying it out so thoroughly.

It is with confidence in you that I look forward to whatever we may be called upon to do in the coming year,to win through early.

I wish you all,officers,NCO's and sappers,a bright and victorious New Year.

(Signed) John W.Main,Lt.Col.,
C.R.E. I AUST CORPS TPS.

4.CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK.

VX 11949	A/Sgt. Thompson R.F.	Rank Confirmed	Sgt.	
TX 1995	A/Sgt Hornsey C.E.	"	"	"
TX 2000	A/Cpl Curwood W.L.	"	"	Cpl.
VX 18374	A/Cpl Hogan E.A.	"	"	"
VX 15647	A/Cpl Martin R.E.	"	"	"
VX 24745	A/Cpl Capper C.E.	"	"	"

The above named N.C.O's are required to hand their Pay Books in to Coy.Orderly Room as soon as possible.

.....CAPT.
A/O.C.2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY CAPT.N.T.JELBART A/O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

No.85/42 3 JAN.42.

1. DUTY OFFICER:- Lieut.E.D.J.Stewart.

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Sunday 4 Jan.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-L/Cpl.Symonds S.E

TX 4108 Spr Campbell L.T.
VX 15897 S" Crooke T.G.
TX 74185 " Allen E.W.
VX 72082 " Saunders R.H.C.

3. USE OF RUNAWAY and TAXI-TRACK by M.T.
All drivers of M.T.vehicles are warned NOT to use the Runaway or TAXI-TRACK at NERAB Aerodrome under any circumstances. This is a highly dangerous practice and will cease immediately. Aeroplanes are likely to land or take off at any time and any obstruction would be liable to cause a crash.

4. NEW DAILY ROSTER.

Reveille	0630 hrs
Muster Parade	0635 hrs(in huts by Hut N.C.O.)
1st Breakfast	0640 hrs
2nd Breakfast	0715 hrs
Parade	0830 hrs
Lunch	1215 hrs
Parade	1330 hrs
DISMISS	1630 hrs
Tea	1730 hrs
Lights Out	2230 hrs
Muster Roll Call	2230 hrs(check by Hut N.C.O's).

Bell will be sounded 5 minutes before each Mess Parade by O/Cpl.
O/Cpl will be responsible to see that troops are woken at Reveille.
Huts must be in inspection order by 0825 hrs.

5. R.C.CHURCH PARADE.
This Parade will be at 0900 hrs in Fd Reg.Lines.

J Hasker Lieut.Jn CAPT.
A/O.C.2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY CAPT.E.T.JOLBART A/O.C.3/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

No.98/42 4 JAN 42

1. DUTY OFFICER :-Lieut,D.L.Dowie

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs Monday (5 JAN 42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-Cpl Maxley J.

TX 3064 Spr Thompson A.J.
VX 41503 " Busse W.G.
TX 5171 " Oliver L.C.
TX 2330 " Schofield R.E.

3. CANTEENS - TOBACCO.
Reports of AGF labels in GREYS Tobacco bought in Canteens have been replied to by AAGS .The following is the text of the reply:-

"Receipt is acknowledged of your memo enclosing file referring to the sale of GREYS fineout tobacco bearing AGF labels or the remnants of such labels in tins of the above which have been sold through canteens.
This matter is again being taken up strongly with the manufacturers in AUSTRALIA,as the fault definitely lies with them. Similar instances have occurred in the past,and the manufacturers have advised us that the mistakes have occurred in the packing department where canteen goods and AGF goods are packed at the same time.
It is apparent that the employees in this dpt do not appreciate the importance of accurate and careful packing of such stores and it;is there that the trouble arises.
In the case of the matter under reference we would state that all the tins so branded have arrived from AUSTRALIA in cartons branded "DDAG" and are the property of this unit.
We assure that the strongest representations will be made to the manufacturers in AUSTRALIA and copies of their reply and explanation will be sent to you in due course?
(Vide N.O's No.2 of 3 Jan.42.).

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4. REPORTING.
Any person given a job to do by a superior officer, or N.C.O. MUST report immediately on any hold-up,and on completion of job.

5. POSSESSION OF PISTOLS.
Any man in possession of a pistol not issued to him must report to Coy Orderly Room immediately.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY CAPT. N.T. JELBART A/O.C. 2/9 AUST. A.FD. COY. R.A.E.

No. 96/42. 5 JAN. 42.

1. DUTY OFFICER:- Lieut. J. Hasher

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Tuesday 6 JAN. 42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-L/Cpl Stevens L.R.

TX 1921 Spr Beston A.E.
TX 3149 " Croore W.W.
TX 3513 " Rouse V.T.
TX 1029 " Sturzaker J.

3. P.A.D.
(1) It has been ascertained that when the civilian sirens have sounded the electricity supply for the Town Area will be cut off at the Power Station. This makes the observance of Para 5(g) of 18 AUST. INF BDE P.A.D. INSTN No.1 of utmost importance.
(2) Civilian First Aid Posts and Emergency Hospitals have been established in the following places:-
(a) EMERGENCY HOSPITALS.
(i) Hospital - AVERNOES. (ii) Hospital - RAZES.
(iii) Hospital - ST LOUIS. (iv) Military Hosp. - ALBERT FOURNIER.
(b) FIRST AID POSTS.
(i) BAGDAD STATION. (ii) Department de l'Electricite.
(iii) Opposite JARDIN PUBLIC. (iv) International Library.
(v) CASERNES TURQUES Barracks.
(c) Each First Aid Post will be in charge of a civilian doctor.
(3) The above information is given in case an alarm is given while troops are in town, in which case they will know where to go for medical aid should the occasion arise.

PARA 5(g) of Bde P.A.D. INSTRN.1 instructs that:-
"All personnel will see that a strict BLACKOUT is observed each night".

[signature] .....CAPT.
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BY CAPT. H. T. JEFFARES A/O C. S/B AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

No.97/43. 8 JAN.43.

1. DUTY OFFICER:-Lieut. W.G.L. Parker

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Wednesday 7 JAN 43.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-Cpl Martin H.E.

VX 33387 Spr. Whitson W.B.
VX 4086 " Bryan E.W.
VX 18593 " Child J.W.
VX 17034 " Cantwell J.P.
VX 40361 " Christie E.J.

3. SKID CHAINS.
Skid chains fitted to tyres must NOT be used on bitumen or hard surfaced roads.

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NO.98/42 7 JAN.42.

1. DUTY OFFICER:-Lieut.E.D.J.Stewart.

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Thursday 8 JAN.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl.of Guard:-L/Cpl.Cowles R.E.

NX 70136 Spr Williamson J.E.
VX 54308 " King L A.
VX 72084 " Saunders R.C.
VX 24086 " Newman E.

3. CONTAINERS.
All containers for rations,petrol and other stores MUST be returned as soon as emptied.
Containers are NOT to be destroyed. It is the responsibility of drivers of all trucks delivering rations to ask for empty containers.

4. POSTAL CANTEEN ORDERS,etc..
Personnel are reminded that all purcheses of stamps,enquiries about mail,etc.,stamping of Canteen Orders,etc.,will be attended to through their A.Q. Cpls.
~~The Sexxx Postal Orderly~~
NOTE. Orderly Room is out of bounds to personnel except on legitimate business.
Enquiries concerning mail is NOT legitimate business and will be made through A.Q.Cpls.
Under NO circumstances will enquiries for mail be made at the Orderly Room except by authorised persons.

D.L.Davis Lieut for CAPT.
A/O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

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NO.99/42 8 JAN.42.

1. DUTY OFFICER:-Lieut;J.L.Daly;

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Friday 9 JAN.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl.of Guard:-L/Cpl.McDonald G.

TX 3281 Spr Fysh G.W.
VX 47082 " Walder H.P.
TX 3743 " Donovan T.C.
NX 65343 " Aitken R.D.

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NO. 100/42. 9 JAN. 42.

1. DUTY OFFICER:- Lieut. D.L. Dowie.

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs Saturday 10 JAN. 42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl. of Guard:- L/Cpl Simpkin A.R.

TX 3434 Spr Porte A.T.
TX 3101 " Gardiner D.E.
TX 1779 " Harman L.A.
TX 3078 " Cocking B.T.

3. WORKSHOP
Personnel requiring work done in carpenter's workshop must see Cpl. Barker.

4. SNAP KIT INSPECTIONS.
Snap Kit inspections are liable to be carried out at any time. Personnel in possession of any equipment or kit which should have been returned, will have disciplinary action taken against them. The excuse that the gear is personal property will not be accepted.

4. SECURITY.
(a) It is evident that tps are giving away to civilians items of military clothing. This practice must cease. Old and worn clothing should NOT be placed in rubbish bins etc., but handed in to Q.M. Store for correct disposal.

5. AIRMAIL TO AUSTRALIA.
Owing to the limited plane space available for conveyance of air mails to AUSTRALIA it is of prime importance that the weight of the mail loading should be kept as low as possible. For this reason, personnel should, as far as possible, use air mail letter cards and restrict letters to two sheets of air mail paper. Co-operation of all ranks in this matter will greatly help to avoid the necessity of holding mails for later despatch.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY REGULATIONS.
The following photographers ONLY are approved in ALEP area w;e;f; 8 JAN. 42:-
Photo GULBENK Boulevard de France.
Photo DEROUNIAN " " "

Films found being developed elsewhere will be confiscated and destroyed.
The following is a list of prohibited subjects with which all ranks will make themselves familiar:-
(i) Aerial views; (ii) Aerodromes, (iii) Aircraft, (iv) A.F.V's, (v) Arty weapons, (vi) Camps, (vii) Defences, (viii) Diagrams of weapons, (ix) Fortifications, (x) Military Operations, (xi) Ships of any kind, (xii) Signal Equpt, (xiii) All harbours and all naval and military oil installations.
Serious breaches of regulations have been discovered in films left by military personnel with photographers in ALEP for developing and printing.
In view of the serious results to security of non-compliance with photographical regulations, strict disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

[signature] .....CAPT.
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BY CAPT. N.T.JELBART A/O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY. R. A. E.

NO.101/43. 10 JAN. 1943

1. DUTY OFFICER:- Lieut. J.HASKER.

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs Sunday 11 JAN. 43.
Orderley Corporal and Cpl. of Guard :- Cpl. Humphrey. J.

V.X.18592	Spr.	Child J.M.
V.X.21888	"	Beckwith G.
V.X.16783	"	Postlethwaite O.R.
V.X.20171	"	Stone S.
V.X.17974	"	Potts J.T.

3. No fuel stoves will be left burning in huts, between 0800 hrs and 1700 hrs. except by special permission from C.S.M. Dressed timber, even scrap ends, will not be used in stoves or braziers.

4. CHURCH PARADE.
Church Parade will be held at 1030 hrs.

R.C. Church Parade. Mass will be at 0900 hours in Y.M.C.A. Hut.

5. LECTURE.
A lecture by Padre Silwood "The Mystery of the Luftwaffe." will be given in the mens mess at 1900 hours.

6. SECURITY OF INFORMATION.
Documents captured in the recent operations refer to valuable infm. which has been obtained from the diaries of British P.O.Ws. Personnel are warned that such documents are NOT to be taken into forward positions.

6. POL - ISSUE OF.
(i) Instances have been brought to notice of fraudulent demands for POL being made upon DIDs and although these demands have not been supported, they have been met by the issuers concerned.
(ii) Issue of POL will only be possible upon production of proper authority, which is:-
(a) for replenishment of a vehicle's tank or sump, the drivers AB 413 and (other than in forward area), AF G35 (transport work ticket) covering the service on which the vehicle is engaged.
(b) for packed POL to be taken away as such, whether for unit stocks or as travelling reserve, AB 55 or similar indent, SIGNED BY AN OFFICER OF THE DEMANDING UNIT.

7. STACKING AND HANDLING OF POL CONTAINERS.

Leakage is more likely to occur from caps or screw bungs of POL containers than from any other portion of the container. All POL containers, incl. cartons, crates and wooden cases will therefore be loaded and stacked with the caps or bungs uppermost.
Attention is drawn to the colour flashes on POL containers which are intended to indicate to illiterate labour the part of the container which should always be uppermost.
All concerned will be responsible for seeing that illiterate labour employed understands the meaning of the colour flashes.

9. ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.
Disposal to persons not entitled to the Customs Exemption of Tobacco & cigarettes admitted free to the M.E. for members of the Forces is prohibited and will be regarded as a serious offence.

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BY CAPT. N.T.JEMBART A/O.C. 3/8 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NO.108/42 11 JAN.43.

1. DUTY OFFICER :-Lieut.W.G.L.Parker.

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Monday 12 JAN.43.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl. of Guard:-L/Cpl.Symons

VX 33580 Spr. Short C.
VX 56165 " Riley N.
VX 46549 " Hudson A.A.
VX 31710 " Baker A.A.

.....CAPT.
A/O.C.3/8 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NOTICE.

The following is a message from the Prime Minister of AUSTRALIA.

"In the name of the Australian Government and the Australian people I send you warmest greetings from your homeland. As you stand guard at the outpost manning the battle station, be assured that our thoughts are ever with you and more particularly do we feel for you, as we know you do for your homefolk, at Xmas time. It is very that Xmas is among the vitalities for which we are fighting - not Xmas as holiday period but Xmas as a symbol of the Christian way of life - a way that our three enemies of the Axis would destroy along with all our free institutions should they emerge victorious from this struggle.
Today in AUSTRALIA, there is not the Xmas holiday period as you knew it. We are on a complete war footing and all that it involves brought vividly to the mind of the people. To you, our fighting men of the three services, I send the greetings of Xmas, with all the warmth of the great hearts of your kith and kin. And for 1943, let us be stouthearted, stand unitedly together, and we can have complete confidence in the outcome."

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BY CAPT.M.T.JELBART A/O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NO.103/42. 13 JAN.42.

1.DUTY OFFICER :-Lieut.E.D.J.Stewart.

2.GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Tuesday 13 JAN.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl. of Guard:-L/Cpl.W.Munday.

TX 2743 Spr.Baker J.H.
TX 4040 " Jackson K.S.
VX 45874 " Pilmore R.L.
VX 37585 " Lacco H.

3.SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS.
Captured German documents refer to the valuable information which has been obtained from the diaries of British P.O.W's. It is once more pointed out that personnel going into action, or going into areas where there is a possibility of contact with the enemy,are forbidden to carry any personal papers which could be of possible use to the enemy.

4.DENTURES - LOSSES AND REPAIRS.
In many instances C.O's are charging against Public Funds cost of renewals and repairs to dentures lost or damaged through the fault of the soldier.This practice will cease forthwith. Unless a C.O. is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that loss or damage to dentures was due to no fault of the soldier,cost of renewal will be charged to the soldier.

5.PUNISHMENT BY COURT MARTIAL.
The undermentioned sentences by Courts Martial are published for information.
(a)A W.O.class II,convicted of taking a bribe(A.A.41),was sentioned to two years' imprisonment.
(b)A lance corporal,convicted of common assault(A.A.41),was sentioned to six months' detention.
(c)A private soldier,convicted of charges of desertion(A.A.13(1)a),was sentenced to six months' detention.
(d)A private soldier,convicted on charges of stealing public property(A.A.18(4)),wassentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for 120 days.
(e)A private soldier,convicted on charges of forgery to Pay Book,(A.A.41)and uttering forged document,was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.
(f)A private soldier,convicted of desertion(A.A.13(1)(a))in that whilst a member of a draft en route to join his unit in the field,after having been warned that his draft was on six hours noticetom move,avoided such draft by absenting himself without leave for eight days with intention of avoiding the draft,was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for one year.
(g)A private soldier,convicted of disobeying a lawful command (A.A.9(1)),failing to appear on a place of parade appointed by his C.O.(A.A.15(2),and A.W.L.(A.A.15(1)), was sentenced to undergo detention for 120 days.
(h)A private soldier,convicted of striking his superior officer (A.A.8(2)),was sentenced to undergo detention for six months.

6.LOSSES OF PETROL.
(1)The strength of a mechanised army lies in its power to go far and fast,but this power comes through petrol.
PETROL is the LIFE BLOOD of a modern army. It is wasted through a variety of causes.
(2)Everyone concerned with the passage of petrol from the factory to the vehicle to which it finally gives the power to move,must realize that every gallon wasted is a help to the enemy.
CAUSES OF LOSS:-
(a) Rough handling during loading and unloading.
(b) Punctures from nails ,etc..
(c) Failure to decant leaking containers immediately on arrival at destination and have them repaired.
(d) From vehicle reserves carried in containers.

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(e)Spillage when filling vehicle from containers.
(f)Expansion and contraction of containers.
MEASURES TO AVOID LOSS.
Senior drivers of vehicles are responsible for seeing that petrol is properly loaded, and for refusing to accept "leakers". Senior tpt N.C.O. is responsible for correct handling at store, stacking, and checking to prevent leakage on receipt of petrol. (3)When carrying quantities of petrol, drivers will separate layers with dunnage such as reed or grass matting, tarpaulins, etc. Lorries containing POL will be driven slowly over rough roads. 2 gallon containers must be made fast in racks, using U/S rubber or matting, etc..

7. PUNISHMENTS.
The following personnel have been charged as follows:-

TX 1779 Spr. Harman L.A.
TX 3078 " Cooking B.T.
TX 3896 " Cuttriss L.M.
TX3369 " Breen L.D.

OFFENCE:-Neglecting to obey Coy. R.O's in that he at MERAB Aerodrome on 10 Jan.42 left his rifle unattended in his hut contrary to Coy R.O's of No.81/41 para.3 of 19 Dec.41 which states - Rifles must NOT be left in huts unless under lock and key. A.A.Sec.11.
AWARD:- Each Fined £1 and 7 days C.B..

8. AIR MAIL.
Air mail en route AUSTRALIA - MIDDLE EAST originating from all states and posted approximately 18th to 22nd December 41, has been lost by enemy action.

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BY CAPT.N.T.JELBART A/O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NO.104/43. 13 JAN.43.

1. DUTY OFFICER :-Lieut. J.L.Daly.

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Wednesday 14 JAN.43.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-L/Cpl.Ratcliff P.

TX	3896	Spr.Cuttriss L.M.
TX	1688	Spr Bellette T.H.
TX	2320	" Reid W.F.
TX	1689	" House C.R.
NX	72504	" Herbert S.G.
NX	62981	" Davis H.

3. AIR RAID ALARMS.
On receipt of the warning "AIR RAID RED", all units and sub-units will take the following action :-
(a) All ranks will wear respirator and steel helmet, and all personnel except those on duty will take cover in the nearest slit trench or shelter.
(b) Fire parties and rescue squads will report to their respective posts with such equipment as is available.
C.S.M. and Senior N.C.O's will always carry keys of rifle racks and on sounding of alarm will take up posts to issue arms.
Alarm will be "Trench Rattle".

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NO.105/42 14 JAN.42.

1.DUTY OFFICER :- Lieut.D.L.Bowie.

2.GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Thursday 15 JAN.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard :- L/Cpl.A.D.French

SX 11838 Spr Ahlberg D.S.
VX 43341 " Rogan J.F.
VX 17005 " Cantwell J.P.
VX 40351 " Christie E.J.

3.WOOD FOR STOVES.
NO timber dressed,sawn or even ends,will be burnt in stoves or braziers.
All collections of ends of timber,etc.,will be returned to ration wood dump for condemnation by officer if it is fit to be burnt or not,and he will issue out pro rata by storeman.
NO wood will be taken out of enclosure for stores,etc.,without a signature of hut N.C.O..
Each hut N.C.O. will be responsible that his hut collects its quota of wood each day at 1700 hrs from storeman and signs for same himself.
Anyone caught inside enclosure taking wood without permission, will be charged accordingly.
Hut N.C.O's will automatically charge any person contravening these orders.

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BY MAJOR S.J.BLEECHMORE O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NO.106/42. 15 JAN.42.

1.DUTY OFFICER :- Lieut.J.Hasker.

2.GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Friday 16 JAN.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:- L/Cpl.R.E.Cowles.

VX 18366 Spr.Hulands G.
VX 16569 " Nilon A.E.
VX 54398 " King L.A.
NX 70136 " Williamson J.E.

MAJOR.
O.C.2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

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BY MAJOR S.J.BEECHMORE O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NO.107/42 16 JAN 42.

1. DUTY OFFICER :- Lieut.W.G.L.Parker

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Saturday 17 JAN.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl. of Guard:-L/Cpl G.W.MacDonald.

TX 1963 Spr.Moffat J.
NX 34338 " MacDonald W.A.
TX 156 " Reaver J.
TX 3033 " Bessee R.A.R.

3. DISCIPLINE - CAIRO.
The following is repeated from Hdq R.O's No.5 of 14 JAN.42.

"Many reports have recently come to hand of the lack of discipline and behaviour of AIF tps whilst on leave in CAIRO.
It is requested that this matter be taken up with all C.O's to ensure that only such personnel as it is considered can be relied upon to behave themselves in a proper manner are granted leave in CAIRO.
Should reports continue to show that there is no improvement in behaviour,it will be necessary to take more drastic action, even to the cancellation of all leave in CAIRO"

4. AIR - MAIL SERVICE - AUSTRALIA.
The following is a report of AIF(ME)ADF 41/3953 of 3 JAN.
"The air mail service between xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
AUSTRALIA and MIDDLE EAST has been temporarily interrupted.
It is hoped to restore communications in the near future,but in the meantime no mails are being received by air. Air Mails are being despatched in the direction of MIDDLE EAST-AUSTRALIA but these also are being held up at an intermediate point,en route,awaiting the full or partial restoration of the through Service".

5. DENTURES - LOSSES AND REPAIRS.
In many instances,renewals and repairs to dentures lost or damaged through the fault of the soldier,have been charged against Public Funds. This practice will cease forthwith.
Unless a C.O. is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that such loss or damage was due to no fault of the soldier,cost of renewal and repair will be charged against the soldier.

6. FROST BITE.
(a)One of the effects of taking alcohol is a dilation of the blood vessels near the skin - consequently as most hot blood is brought to the xxxxxx,surface,more heat tends to be lost from the body.
(b)For this reason to take alcohol BEFORE exposure to cold is dangerous. To take alcohol after exposure tends to restore the circulation to the surface blood vessels.
(c)"Frost Bite" is brought about by the contracting effect of the cold on the blood vessels near the skin. As a consequence in the effected parts the deprivation of blood tends to local death or gangrene. Any constriction about the part is an additional factor in limiting the blood supply.
(d)To heat a "Frost Bitten" part suddenly is to court disaster. To rub the part also is to insult an already damaged skin.
(e)The treatment is to improve the blood supply to the affected part by stimulating the circulation by hot drinks or alcohol, at the same time protecting the affected part from further loss of h heat or injury by carefully wrapping in cotton wool and resting.

MAJOR.
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N O T I C E.

We acknowledge with thanks the following goods received from the Australian Comforts Fund.

70 Scarves,
250 Prs Sox,
50 " Mittens,
50 Scull Caps,
54 Pullovers.

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BY MAJOR S.J.BLEECHMORE O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY. R.A.E.

No. 109/42 17 JAN.42.

1. DUTY OFFICER :- Lieut. E.D.J. STEWART.

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on SUNDAY 18 JAN. 42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl. of Guard:- L/Cpl. B.GRAY .

V.X.36418	Spr.	Baker L;
T.X. 4127	"	Leale M.
T.X. 3028	"	Brett L.
T.X. 3448	"	Rouse V.T.
V.X.50710	"	Hee S.A.
T.X. 3513	"	Brooks W.

3. OUT OF BOUNDS.
I. The Aerodrome at ALEPPO is "out of bounds" to all ranks except on duty.
II. The streets named below are "out of bounds".

SHARIA HAMMAM-EL-TEL.
SHARIA BASITA.

These streets are situated east of Bab-el-FARAJ Square.

4. IN BOUNDS. All troops will be warned that they are not to visit Cafés unless the "IN BOUNDS" sign is displayed.

5. SPEED LIMITS - ALEPPO. All troops will be warned. No W.D. vehicle will exceed 20 m.p.h. within the built up area of ALEPPO. Traffic signs and signals by Gendarmerie will be strictly obeyed. Attention is drawn to the fact that "One way streets" are marked by Red Discs with a white horizontal bar across the centre.

6. STOLEN VEHICLES. No W.D. vehicle is to be left unattended in a City Street and strict precautions will be taken by all officers in charge of transport to ensure that the vehicles in their charge are not removedby any unauthorized person.

7. CANTEEN

Hours Dry Canteen - 1000 hrs to 2145 hrs daily.
" Wet Canteen - 1700 hrs to 2145 hrs daily.
Lunch is served between - 1300 hrs & 1400 hrs daily.
The following is brought to the notice of all tps:-
(a) Pilfering and breaking of glasses MUST cease. Glasses cannot now be purchased.
(b) It is an offence for Canteen goods to be bought and resold or traded to natives.
(c) The cost of meals and beer must be paid for by all tps served.
(d) Tps must take note of the No. of the waiter who serves them as this is required should any dispute arise.
(e) Tobacco, Chocolates and certain other items are rationed owing to the difficulty in obtaining supplies.
(f) A READING ROOM on the 1st Floor of the Building (adj. the Office) is available to tps.

8. R.C. CHURCH PARADE.
MASS will be held in Y.M.C.A. Hut at 1015 hrs Sunday 18 Jan. 42.

.....MAJOR.
O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY MAJOR S.J.BLEECHMORE O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NO.109/43. 18 JAN.43.

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1730 hrs on Monday 19 JAN.43.

Duty Officer :- Lieut.D.L.Dowie.

Orderly Corporal and Cpl. of Guard :- L/Cpl.A.D.French.

Guard :- VX 33387 Spr Whitson W.D.
VX 18598 " Child J.W.
VX 16783 " Postlethwaite O.R.
VX 31188 " Beckwith G.A.

2. WEARING OF RESPIRATORS.
The wearing of respirators by all ranks on Wednesdays of each week between ~~the hours of~~ 1000 and 1030 hrs is compulsory.

.....MAJOR.
O.C.2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

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BY MAJOR S.J.BLEECHMORE O.C. 3/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NO.110/43 19 JAN.43.

1.DUTIES :- To mount at 1730 hrs on Tuesday 20 JAN.43

Duty Officer :- Lieut.J.Hasker.

Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard :-L/Cpl R.Fletcher.

Guard:- VX 56165 Spr. Riley H.
VX 31710 " Baker A.A.
VX 46549 " Hudson A.A.
VX 34066 " Newman E.
VX 47153 " Rowe C.
NX 72062 " Saunders R.H.C.

2.PUNISHMENTS.

TX 3358 Spr Nichols R.J.
VX 44925 " Evans W.G.
VX 35513 " Bryson G F.

The above personnel have each been charged with the following offence :-

While on Active Service is charged with absenting himself without leave in that he, while on leave in ALEPPO on 16 JAN.43 failed to return to his camp until 2230 hrs on the 17 JAN.43. Total hrs absent 24 hrs.

AWARD:- Each forfeit 1 day's pay: fined 15/- and 14 days C.B.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY CAPT.N.T.JELBART A/O.C. 3/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NO.111/43. 30 JAN.43.

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1730 hrs on Wednesday, 31 JAN.43.
Duty Officer:- Lieut.W.G.L.Parker.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-L/Cpl N.T.Cook.
Guard:- NX 73038 Spr Abel J.S.
TX 2387 " Balcombe H.B.
VX 38301 " Pappin S.E.
TX 2536 " Cooper L.G.

2. UNSTAMPED LETTERS.
Letters without postage stamps ~~xxxxx~~ which have been censored and handed to the Postal Orderly will be opened and returned to senders.

3. PUNISHMENTS.

VX 44583 Spr Busse W.G.

OFFENCE :- While on Active Service is charged with absenting himself without leave in that he, while on leave in ALEPPO on 17 JAN.43 failed to return to his camp until 2330 hrs on 18 JAN. Total time absent 34 hrs.
AWARD :- Forfeit 1 day's pay & fined 15/-.

NX 73038 Spr Abel J.S.

OFFENCE :- A soldier on Active Service is charged with neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he at NERAB Aerodrome was NOT in possession of W.F.5(Pay Book) stating that he had lost his Pay Book.
AWARD :- Fined 10/-.

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CAPT.
A/O.C.3/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY CAPT.N.T.GILBART A/O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NO.112/42. 21 JAN.42.

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1730 hrs on Thursday 22 JAN.42
Duty Officer :- Lieut.E.D.J.Stewart.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-L/Cpl A.R.Sirkin.
Guard:- TX 1779 Spr Harman L.A.
TX 2331 " Richardson E.E.E.
TX 3101 " Gardiner D.E.
TX 3078 " Cooking B.T.
TX 2308 " McGuire L.W.
TX 1689 " House C.R.

2. CAFES IN BOUNDS.
Parisien Cafe;Ritz Cafe;Dixie Cafe;Al-Chab Cafe;Parc Palace Cafe; Bachour Cafe;Pierre Cafe;Manassian Cafe;Cafe du Brazil;Oxford Bar;Victoria Cafe;Novelty Cafe;Popadopolis Buffet;Palangian Cafe;Parisiana Cafe.
Officers only:-Lewis Tavern,Circle Orient.
Sgts,W.O's & Officers:-"Cafe Wattle".

3. BARBER'S SHOP.
AACS advise that a Barber's Shop has been opened in the Canteen. There are two chairs and charges are as follows:-
Shave - 3 Francs(15 piastres)
Haircut - 5 Francs(25 piastres).

4. PHOTOGRAPHY REGULATIONS.
(a)The following photographers ONLY are approved in ALEP area:
PHOTO DERDERIAN.....Boulevard de France.
PHOTO GULBENK.....Boulevard de France.
Films found being developed elsewhere will be destroyed.
(b)The following list of prohibited subjects is to be familiar to all ranks:-

(1)Aerial Views
(2)Aerodromes
(3)Aircraft
(4)A.F.V's
(5)Artillery Weapons
(6)Camps
(7)Defences
(8)Diagrams of Weapons
(9)Fortifications
(10)Military Operations
(11)Ships of any kind
(12)Signal Equipment.
(13)All harbours & all naval & military oil installations.

(c)Serious breaches of regulations have been discovered in films left by military personnel with Photographers in ALEP for developing and printing.
In view of the serious results to security of non-compliance with photographic regulations,strict disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

5. SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS.
It is the duty of every man to assist in the carrying out of Security Regulations,which are ineffective without 100% co-operation from all ranks.
RUMOURS: The prevalence of these is very noticeable and every attempt must be made early to discourage unfounded talk.
ENEMY AGENTS:Known to be very active. Every soldier should be suspicious without being antagonistic and when doubt,refer to higher authority.
THEFTS: It is unsafe to leave anything anywhere without a lock or guard. Stolen articles are very difficult to recover. This warning applies especially to such things as Pay Books,military papers,etc..
THEFTS OF ARMS,AMN.,etc. :-In some cases these are stolen ~~on religous~~ on religous principles,in others on political,but the fact remains that they are frequently stolen and seldom recovered. It is a matter of pride to us of the unit to guard against such losses. ~~Security~~

SECURITY REGULATIONS. cont.

SALE OF ARMS, AMN., etc.. :- This must be carefully watched and offenders, both military and civilian, dealt with at once.

INTERPRETERS.: These will on NO account be regarded as free to move as they like, nor hear and see military matters which are not their concern.

MAIL.

CARRYING: Many instances have occurred of military personnel carrying uncensored mail, both by military and civilian, to EGYPT, PALESTINE and even locally. The gravity of this breach is obvious and it must cease.

VISITING TRS, OFFRS, etc. :- These must be reported to higher authorities to ensure that their business is thoroughly learned.

LIFTS FOR CIVILIANS: Civilians are evading frontier posts and control posts by obtaining lifts on army vehicles. Drivers are forbidden to offer these lifts, not only to civilians, but also to soldiers in uniform.

PROSTITUTES: Much military information is released through this source and troops are warned against careless talk.

BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS:

At all times the smart appearance and good behaviour of troops is important to the prestige of their unit and the A.I.F. generally, but in this country that importance is increased. The people will be very much impressed one way or the other by the behaviour of troops, and it is our job to see that that impression is favourable. This will play a big part in the country's feelings towards us which are at present good, but which can still be improved.

Dudley Smith
.....CAPT.
A/O.C.2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY CAPT. R.T.WILBANK A/O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD. COY. R.A.E.

No.113/43 22 JAN. 43.

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1730 hrs. on Friday 23 JAN. 43.
Duty Officer :- Lieut. D.L. Dowie
Orderly Corporal and Corporal of Guard:-L/Cpl.F.J.Vernon.
Guard:-

T.X.4104	Spr.	Walford.	E.A.
T.X.4119	"	Campbell	T.C.
V.X.37936	"	Cantwell	F.L.
V.X.3014	"	Walters	G.H.
V.X.33336	"	Hogan	E.
V.X.15711	"	Prior	A.H.

.....CAPT.
A/O.C. 2/9 Aust.A.Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY CAPT.N.T.GILBART. A/O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD. COY. R.A.E.

No. 114/43 23 JAN. 43.

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1730 hrs. on Saturday 24 JAN. 43.

Duty Officer :- Lieut. J. Hasker.
Orderly Corporal and Corporal of Guard :- Bdr. Cpl. COTTON

Guard :-

T.X. 3086	Spr.	McLeod
T.X. 2743	"	Donovan
T.X. 2439	"	Colman
T.X. 2744	"	Lidster

2. CANTEEN STORES LABELLED WITH DEFENCE DEPT. LABELS.

It has been notified that a shipment of 500 cases(1000 doz.) 30 oz. tinned apricots from the Goulburn Valley Canners Pty Ltd has been branded with the marking D(arrow)D in addition to the usual D D A C brand.

These have been distributed ---- 250 cases to the Canteen Bulk Stores at REHOVOT and BEIRUT.

It is promulgated for information that A.I.F.(M.E.) have directed that as the Canteen Services purchased the stores, they are to dispose of them in the usual manner. This information is passed on to avoid complaints arising from the error in branding the cases.

3. CONSERVATION OF TINS.

Whenever possible drivers will fill up with petrol at bulk distribution points. Signs are being placed by units capable of su supplying bulk petrol, lettered " M.D.PETROL PUMP." with an arrow indicating its location.

.....Lieut.....CAPT.
A/O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY CAPT. N.T.JEBBART. A/O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

No. 115/42 24 JAN. 42.

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1730 hrs. on Sunday 25 JAN. 42.

Duty Officer :- Lieut. W.G. PARKER.

Orderly Corporal and Corporal of Guard :- L/Cpl. French A.D.

V.X. 17005	Spr.	Cantwell J.P.
V.X. 21888	"	Beckwith G.
T.X. 4131	"	Jameson J.
T.X. 4104	"	Walford E.A.
V.X. 30076	"	Blake E.

2. R.C. CHURCH PARADE. Mass will be at 1030 hrs in the Y.M.C.A. Hut.

.....CAPT.
A/O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY LIEUT. D.L. DOWIE A/O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

NO. 117/42 30 JAN. 42.

1. DUTIES :- Duty Officer :- Lieut. F.P. BRIDGES

Guard:- Orderly Corporal and Corporal of Guard, Corporal J.Z. YAXLEY.

T.X.	1759	Spr.	Eastner	A.
V.X.	37565	"	Lacco	H.
T.X.	3242	"	Dowd	H.J.
T.X.	2270	"	Eastwood	P.S.
T.X.	5171	"	Oliver	L.C.
T.X.	1930	"	Parker	W.C.

2.

..... Lieut.
A/O.C. 2/9 Aust.A.Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY Lieut. D.L. DOWIE A/O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

NO. 118/42 31 JAN. 42.

1. DUTIES.:- Duty Officer :- Lieut.

Guard to mount at 1800 hrs on Sunday 1 FEB. 42.:-

Orderly Corporal and Corporal of Guard :- L/Cpl. FRENCH A.

Guard :-

V.X. 24548	Spr.	Kramer	G.
V.X. 16272	"	Betts	D.A.
V.X. 33387	"	Whitson	W.D.
V.X. 15711	"	Prior	A.E.
V.X. 21655	"	MacEachern	H.
S.X. 11238	"	Ahlberg	A.B.

2. GRANT AND RELINQUISHMENT OF ACTING WARRANT AND NON-COMMISSIONED RANK.

A.I.F. (M.E.) Orders Nos. 17 of 20th July 1940, 240 of 7th March, 1941; 629 of 20th September 1941; and 774 of 17th November 1941 are cancelled and incorporated in the following instructions.:-

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE ORDERS (Middle East) No. 948

Appointments and promotions of warrant and non-commissioned officers within establishments to replace those struck off strength may be made as follows:-

(a) Permanent promotions may be made to replace those struck off strength as killed, deceased, prisoner of war, and transferred.

(b) In all other instances promotions to acting rank to replace those struck off strength may be made, but if the warrant or non commissione officer thus replaced does not return to duty within three months the promotion may then be made substantive.

(c) Promotions to acting rank may be made to fill temporary vacancies occasioned by the absence from units of warrant and non-commissioned officers attending schools or courses of more than one month's duration, such acting rank to be terminated when on the return of the person concerned.

(d) A warrant or non-commissioned officer whose place has been filled by a promotion that has been made substantive, will, on return to unit, be borne as supernumerary to establishment and absorbed into the first vacancy.

(e) Changes in allotment of pay will not be permitted on account of any acting rank granted.

(f) Pay sergeants or personnel responsible for alteration of "drawing rate" in pay books will ensure that "acting rank" is plainly shown as such in paybooks.

(g) All acting ranks will be notified to Oi/c 2nd Echelon A.I.F.(M.E. on A.F. W.3011 and the name of the warrant or non-commissioned officer vice, whom the acting promotion is made will be shown. In the case of promotion to acting warrant rank an indication that the necessary authority (vide A.I.F. (M.E.) Order No.427 of 28 th JUNE 1941) has been given will also be shogn on the A.F. W.3011.

RELINQUISHMENT.

(a) All personnel holding acting warrant or non-commissioned rank will relinquish such acting rank on transfer to "X" list, provided tha a warrant or non-commissioned officer holding acting rank will not be reverted to his permanent grade whilst a prisoner of war (unless it is certified by a Court of Inquiry that his capture was due to his own neglect or misconduct); provided also that the acting rank of a warrant or non-commissioned officer who dies of wounds sustained whilst holding such rank will not be relinquished

(b) Should a warrant or non-commissioned officer who has been replaced return to duty, the warrant or non-commissioned officer who was promoted to acting rank to replace him will revert to his permanent rank (subject to para 1.b. above)

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RELINQUISHMENT OF ACTING RANK (cont.)

(c) All reversions from acting rank will be notified on A.F. W.3011 the pay book number being shown as an indication of entry of relinquishment in pay book. With regard to the secon proviso to sub paragraph (a) above, units will invariably notify relinquishments of acting rank in case of warrant or non-commis officers reported wounded or missing and the subsequent adjustment of their records will be made by O.i/c 2nd Echelon A.I.F.(M.E.)

PROCEDURE FOR RELINQUISHMENT.

(a) Commanding officers will ensure that where possible, relinquishment of acting rank is entered in the soldiers pay book on the date that the relinquishment becomes effective. Where this is not possible owing to evacuation to hospital the A.A. Pay C. representative at the hospital will enter particulars.

Commanding officers should impress on all ranks the importance of early entry of relinquishments in paybooks as a precaution against financial embarrassment should the paybook become overdrawn as a result of delay in effecting adjustment in drawing rate.

3. POWERS OF PROVOST CORPS.

1. Any officer, warrant officer, noncommissioned officer or soldier who impedes a provost marshal or any officer, non-commissioned officer or member of the military police, commits an offence.

2. Any warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, or soldier who, when called on, refuses to assist in the execution of his duty a provost marshal or any member of the military police commits an offence.

3. Every warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier even though he is of superior rank, shall obey any orders given by the military police, and, on failure to do so, commits an offen

4. Officers of whatever rank, shall comply with the directions of any provost marshal or officer of the military police.

4. VEHICLES --- ANTI FROST PRECAUTIONS.

Anti frost precautions will be observed with all vehicles operating in SYRIA and LEBANON from 1st DEC. to 1st. MARCH.

5. REVERSIONS.

Reversion on completion of tasks for which temporarily appointed.

T.K. 2481 A/Cpl. Yaxley J.K. reverts to L/Cpl.

T.K. 4337 L/Cpl. Mishington J.J. reverts to Spr.

6. R.C. CHURCH PARADE.

Mass will be at 0930 hrs in Quntana. Transport will leave unit lines at 0900 hrs.

.....Lieut.
A/C.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

2/9 FD. COY., R.A.E.
22 NOV 1941

SECRET

18 AUST INF BDE

LOCATION STATEMENT NO 7

(as at 2359 hrs 18 Nov 41)

Ref Maps: Alep, Antioche, Lattaquie-Hama, Djerablous - 1/200,000.

Serial No	Units u/c	Location	Remarks.
1	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	18 Rue Salimieh, ALEPPO	
2	11 Pl Aust Hq Gd Bn	do	
3	HQ 2/9 Aust Inf Bn	Quartier Vincq, ALEPPO)	
4	HQ Coy	do)	Moving Lattakia
5	A "	do)	19 Nov 41.
6	B "	do)	
7	C "	do)	
8	D "	do)	
9	HQ 2/10 Aust Inf Bn	ALEPPO Aerodrome (288470)	
10	HQ Coy	do	Less 1 sec carriers.
11	One Sec Carriers	Djerah (351460)	
12	A Coy HQ	Djerablous (358542)	
13	One Pl	" "	
14	One Pl	Aleppo Aerodrome (288470)	
15	One Pl	Radjou (238525)	
16	B Coy HQ	Azaz (273514)	
17	One Pl	El Hammam (232491)	
18	One Pl	Akterine (299507)	
19	One Pl	Katma Tunnel (264515)	
20	C Coy HQ	Radjou (238525)	
21	Post	Meidan Ekbes (239541)	
22	Post	Ry Tunnel (237534)	
23	Post	Ry Viaduct (25654285)	
24	Post	Lookout (236538)	
25	Post	Ry Tunnel (237526)	
26	D Coy HQ	Idlib (335442)	
27	One Pl	Qehaye (206448)	
28	One Pl	Harim (225474)	
29	One Pl	Bab el Habua (244473)	
30	HQ 2/12 Aust Inf Bn	Idlib (335442)	
31	HQ Coy	" "	Two Coys moving to Quartier Vincq, Aleppo 19 Nov 41
32	A "	" "	
33	B "	" "	
34	C "	" "	
35	D "	" "	
36	Cav 6 Aust Div	Aleppo Aerodrome (288470)	Moving to Laboué (209250) 21 Nov 41.
37	Royals	Vanniere Barracks Aleppo	Less A Sqn.

Serial No	Units u/c	Location	Remarks
38	2/9 Aust A Fd Regt	Aleppo Aerodrome(388470)	
39	Sigs 7 Aust Div, "J" Sec	18 Rue Salimieh, Aleppo	
40	7 Aust Div Sup Coln	Mussy Factory, Azaz Rd Aleppo	
41	No 1 Aust DID Det AASC	FSD (near Damas Sta) Aleppo	
42	2/5 Aust Fd Amb	Italian Hospital, Aleppo	
43	10 Aust Dental Unit	Aleppo Aerodrome(388470)	
44	18 Aust Inf Bde Ord Dump	Quartier Vinq, Aleppo.	
45	39 Aust L/D	Aleppo Aerodrome(388470)	Moving to Labone (209250) 21 Nov 41.
46	47 Aust L/D	Quartier Vinq, Aleppo.	
47	68 Aust L/D	Aleppo Aerodrome(388470)	
48	18 Aust Inf Bde Cash Office	off Rue Salimieh, Aleppo.	
49	No 4 Sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy	near Bagdad Sta, Aleppo.	

UNITS IN SUPPORT

50	2/9 Aust A Fd Coy	Aleppo Aerodrome(388470)	

TPS IN BDE AREA BUT NOT UNDER COMMD

1 Aust Corps Tps.

1	B Div Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk	Vanniere Barracks, Aleppo	
2	No 7 Sub Sec No 3 Adv Amn Depot AACC	Kalet el Cherif, Aleppo.	
3	9 Aust Rec Sec, 2/3 Aust AFW	Vanniere Barracks, Aleppo.	
4	31 Aust Fd Post Office	Off Rue Salimeih, Aleppo.	
5	B Sec Aust FSS	Off Boulevard de France Aleppo.	
6	Det 1 Aust Boring Sec	Aleppo Aerodrome (388470)	u/c CRE 7 Aerodromes

BRITISH TPS.

1	CRE 7 Aerodromes	Rue de Bagdad. Aleppo.	
2	660 GE Coy RE	Aleppo Aerodrome (388470)	less 2 secs.
3	No 9 Sec 138 ME Coy	Djerah (351460)	No 8 Sec also u/c CRE 7 Aerodrome but is at Hama.
4	Garrison Engr Aleppo	Jamiliye, Aleppo	

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Serial No	Units	Location	Remarks
5	B Sec 3 Res MT Coy RASC	Aleppo Aerodrome(288470)	
6	224 Pet Depot RASC	near Damas Sta Aleppo	
7	No 4 Sec HT Coy RASC	Quartier Vinq. Aleppo	
8	Town Major, Aleppo	Rue Salimeih, Aleppo	
9	AHQ "	" " "	
10	PLCO "	" " "	
11	RTO "	Dämas Stä, Aleppö.	
12	255 FSS	Off Boulevard de France.	

F.F. FORCES

EM 1ere DL et TNS	Alep (Q Djémilié)
Cie de QG No 51	Alep de PAREM.
Ron de Transmissions No 1	Mouslimiye, Camp de Mouslimiye.
21e Cie Divisionaire N.A.	HOMS., Caserne Gallieno.
Ier Groupe d'Artillerie	Damas
Iere Cie de Sapeurs Mineurs	Homs, Camp Polonais.
IOE Compagnie Auto	Homs de
Groupe d'Exploitation I	Beyrouth, Direction de l'Intendance.
GSD No I	Damas, Hopital Henri de Verbizier.

Iere Brigade.

Compagnie de Commandement	Homs, Cité Militaire,
3 Bataillon de Légion	Homs de
2 Bataillon de Légion	Deir Ez Zor

2eme Brigade.

Compagnie de Commandement	Alep, Casernes Turques.
I Batallon du Pacifique	Alep de
2 Bataillon de Marche	Alep de
Atelier No I	Alep, PAREM.

STATIONNEMENT DES TROUPES SPECIALES DES T.N.S.

Compagnie de Garnison	Alep, Casernes Turques.
4 BDL	Alep, Quartier Mussy.
EM GSA	Alep, Casernes Turques.
Iere Batterie	Alep de
3eme Batterie	Alep de
5 eme Batterie	Alep de
Cie Spéciale Auto	Alep, Khan des Abattoirs.
Cie Spéciale Hippo	Alep, Khan de la Citadelle.
PAM 2	Alep
19 Escadron Léger	Idlib.
26 Escadron Léger	Idlib.
27 Escadron Léger	Azaz.
4eme Batterie	Deir Ez Zor, TES.

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LOCATION STATEMENT NUMBER 9
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Ref Maps:- ALEP, ANTIOCHE, LATTAKIA-HAMA, DJERABLOUS 1/200,000.

Serial No	Units u/c	Location	Remarks
1	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	18 Rue Salimieh, ALEPPO	
	11 Pl Aust Hq Gd Bn	do	
2	HQ 2/9 Aust Inf Bn	Lattakia area (15973999)	
	HQ Coy	do (16014007)	
	A Coy	do (15964000)	
	B "	QASSAB (17744418)	
	C "	LATTAKIA Area (15994002)	
	D "	do (15973994)	
3	HQ 2/10 Aust Inf Bn	Vannierre Barracks, ALEPPO	
	HQ Coy	do	
	A "	do	
	B "	Idlib (235442)	
	C "	Vannierre Bcks, ALEPPO.	
	D " HQ	IDLIB (235442)	
	One Pl	BAB EL HAOUA (244473)	
	One Pl	HARIM (225474)	
	One Pl	QENAYE (206442)	
4	HQ 2/12 Aust Inf Bn	ALEPPO Aerodrome (288470)	
	HQ Coy	do	
	A " HQ	DJERABLOUS (358542)	
	Two 2 Pls	do	
	One 1 Pl	DJERAH Aerodrome. (351460)	
	B " HQ	AZAZ (273514)	
	One 1 Pl	EL HAMMAM (232491)	
	One 1 Pl	AKTERINE (299507)	
	One 1 PL	KATMA TUNNEL (264515)	
	C " HQ	Ry Viaduct (23655287)	
	One 1 Pl	do (do)	
	One 1 Pl	Lookout + (236528)	
	One 1 Pl	Ry Viaduct (23655287)	
	D " HQ	RADJOU - (238525)	
	One 1 Pl	Ry Tunnel (237526)	
	One 1 Pl	Ry Tunnel (237534)	
	One 1 Pl	MEIDANE EKBES Sta (239541)	
5	7 Aust Div Cav	Quartier Vincq, ALEPPO.	
6	2/9 ust A Fd Regt	ALEPPO Aerodrome (288470)	
7	J Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div	18 Rue Salimieh, ALEPPO	
8	C Sec Sigs "	Quartier Vincq, ALEPPO	
9	7 Aust Div Sup Col	MUSSY Factory, Azaz Rd, ALEPPO.	
10	1 Aust DID det AACS FSD	(near Damas Sta) ALEPPO	Amn & Pet Secs at Luna Park, ALEPPO.
11	2/5 Aust Fd Amb	Italian Hospital, ALEPPO	
12	10 Dental Unit	ALEPPO Aerodrome (288470)	
13	18 Aust Inf Bde Ord Dump	Quartier Vincq, ALEPPO	att 18 Aust Inf Bde.
14	47 LAD	do	
15	50 Aust LAD	do	att Cav 7 Aust Div.
16	68 Aust LAD	ALEPPO Aerodrome (288470)	att 2/9 Fd Regt.
17	18 Bde Fd Ca h Offce	off Rue Salimieh, ALEPPO	
18	4 Sec 7 Div Pro Coy	ALEPPO Aerodrome (288470)	

UNITS IN SUPPORT

19	2/9 Aust A Fd Coy	ALEPPO Aerodrome (288470)	

TPS IN BDE AREA BUT NOT U/C

1.	2 Aust AA Regt Sec AASC	ALEPPO Aerodrome (288470)	

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AMENDMENT No.1 to LOCATION STATEMENT No.7 — 2359 Hrs 23 Nov 41. I/2/21

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New Locations of units are as under:-

Serial No.	Unit.	Location		
3.	HQ 2/9 Aust Inf Bn	Lattaquie Area	(15973999)	Formerly at Quartier Vincq, ALEPPO.
4.	HQ Coy	" "	(16014007)	
5.	A "	" "	(15964000)	
6.	B. "	Qassab	(17744418)	
7.	C. "	Lattaquie Area	(15994002)	
8.	I. "	" "	(15973994)	
9.	HQ 2/10 Aust Inf Bn	Idlib	(235442)	Formerly at Aleppo Aerodrome.
10.	HQ Coy	"	(")	" "
12.	A. Coy	Quartier Vincq (Aleppo	"	" Djerablous
13.	B. Coy	Idlib	(235442)	" " Azaz
20.	C. Coy	Quartier Vincq (Aleppo	"	" Radjou
26.	D. Coy	Idlib	(235442)	" " I
30.	HQ 2/12 Aust Inf Bn	Aleppo Aerodrome	(288479)	Formerly at Idlib
31.	HQ Coy.	" "	(")	
32.	A. Coy	Djerablous	(358542)	
33.	B. Coy	Azaz	(273514)	
34.	C. Coy	Idlib	(235442)	
35.	D. Coy	Radjou	(238525)	

Delete:- 36. Cav 6 Aust Div (Moved out of Area to Laboué 2.9250)

Add:- Cav 7 Aust Div Quartier Vincq, Aleppo.

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2	B Div Sec Ord Fd Pk	Quartier Vincq, ALEPPO.
3	7 Sub Sec 3 Adv Amn Dep AAOC	Kalet el Cherif, ALEPPO.
4	9 Aust Rec Sec 2/3Aust A Fd Wkshops	Vannierre Bks, ALEPPO
5	31 Aust Fd Post Off	off Rue Salimieh, ALEPPO
6	B Sec Aust FSS	off Boulevard de France, ALEPPO
7	Det 1 Aust Boring Sec	ALEPPO Aerodrome (288470) u/c CRE 7 A'dromes

BRITISH TPS

1	CRE 7 A'dromes	Rue de Bagdad, ALEPPO.
2	660 G Coy RE	ALEPPO A'drome(288470) less 2 secs.
3	9 Sec 138 ME Coy	DJERAH (351460) No 8 Sec also. u/c
4	Garrison Engr, ALEPPO	JAMILIYE, ALEPPO u/c CRE 7 A'dromes but is at HAMA.
5	224 Pet Dep RASC	nr Damas Sta , ALEPPO
6	4 Sec HT Coy RASC	Quartier Vincq, ALEPPO
7	Toen Major, ALEPPO	Rue Salimieh, ALEPPO
8	LHO, ALEPPO	do
9	PLCO, ALEPPO	do
10	RTO, ALEPPO (Damas Sta)	Damas Sta, ALEPPO
11	255 FSS	off Boulevard de France.

FREE FRENCH FORCES

EM I DL et TNS	ALEP	
Compagnie de QG No 51	"	
Peloton Transmissions No 1	"	Caserne Turques.
21 Cie Divisionairre NA	HOMS	" Gallieni.
1 Groupe d'Artilliere	"	Cité Militaire.
1 Cie de Sapeurs Mineurs	"	Camp Polonais.
101 Compagnie Auto	"	do
Groupe de Exploitation No 1	BEYROUTH	Direction de la Intendance.
Atelier No 1	ALEP	P.A.R.E.H.
GSD No 1	DAMAS	Hopital de Verbizier.
1 Brigade.		
Compagnie de Commandement	HOMS	Cité Militaire.
3 Bn de Legion	"	do
2 Bn "	ALEP	Casern Turques.
7 Bn de Marche	HAMA	
2 Brigade		
Compagnie de Commandement	BANIAS	
1 Bn du Pacifique	LATTAKIA	
2 Bn de Marche	TARTOUS	

STATIONEMENT DES TROUPES SPECIALES DES T.N.S.

Compagnie de Garrison	ALEP	Caserne Turques.
4 B.D.L.	"	Quartier Mussy.
I.G.S.A.	"	Caserne Turques.
3 Batterie	"	do
3 "	"	do
Cie Speciale Auto	"	Khan des Abattoirs.
Cie Speciale Hippo	"	Khan de la Citadele.
P.A.M. 2	LATTAKIA	
19 Escadron Léger	IDLIB	
26 do	"	
27 do	AZAZ	
1 Batterie	LATTAKIA	
5 "	DEIR EZ ZOR.	

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18 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 15

2/9 Aust Inf Bn.
2/10 Aust Inf Bn.
2/12 Aust Inf Bn
7 Aust Div Cav.

INTENTION

1. Units on frontier duties will keep HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde informed at all times as to whether conditions are normal or otherwise at the frontier posts in their respective areas.

METHOD

2. Unit comds will institute a system whereby they will be notified twice daily as to the conditions prevailing at all frontier posts in their areas.

3. The code word "DONALD" will be signalled to this HQ by 0900 hrs and 2100 hrs each day to signify that conditions at all posts are normal.

4. In the event of any unusual happenings this HQ will be informed immediately by message and a detailed report rendered as soon as possible.

5. Units will submit a copy of their instructions for the proposed scheme to reach this HQ by 1 Jan 42.

6. The above system will come into effect from 0600 hrs 1 Jan 42.

R A B Owis Lieut
for Maj.
B.M. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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PLAN DES DESTRUCTIONS DES TERRITOIRES NORD-SYRIE
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Voie ferrée d'Alep à Adana

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DISPOSITIF N°2

Viaduc du Héré-Déré au Km. 563 + 000

Renseignements Généraux
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pièces jointes:

-5 Plans,
numérotés de 1 à 5
-6 Annexes.

I.- Emplacement et description sommaire.-(Pièces N°s 1 et 1 bis.

Le Viaduc du Héré-Déré est situé sur la voie ferrée d'Alep à Adana au Nord de la Gare de Radjou au Km.563+00

Ce viaduc métallique d'une longueur de 307m,00 est constitué par 2 poutres maîtresses continues à treillis de 9m;50 de hauteur et 253m,00 de longueur reposant sur 2 piles métalliques formant appuis intermédiaires.

Les appuis extrêmes sont constitués par un bloc culée côté Alep et une pile maçonnerie côté Adana.

Les travées principales ainsi constituées sont complétées par 2 travées de rives.

La travée de rive côté Adana est constituée par une poutre métallique à treillis de 40m,00 de longueur et 5m,00 de hauteur reposant sur la pile maçonnerie et mm sur une culée terrassée.

La travée de rive côté Alep est constituée par une poutre à âme pleine de I4m,00 de long reposant sur l'about de la grande poutre continue et par une culée terrassée.

II.- Destruction prévue.- (Pièce N°I)

2 coupures du tablier dans la Ière travée de la poutre continue (Côté Alep).

III.- Personnel de mise en oeuvre.-

1 Officier 2 S/Officiers I6 Sapeurs

Pour la désignation nominative du personnel voir l'annexe N°I.

IV.- Mission.-

Destruction du viaduc par:

a)- Mise en place de 2 profils de rupture suivant les indications des pièces N°. I - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 et de l'annexe N°2 renseignements techniques sur la mise en oeuvre.

b)- Mise de feu - Obligatoirement la double mise de feu est prévue (Pièce N°6).

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V.- Personnel de protection (Annexe N°3)

VI.- Mission du personnel de protection.-

Le Chef du détachement chargé de la protection a pour mission d'assurer la liaison entre son détachement et le personnel technique et entre son détachement et l'Etat-Major des Troupes des Territoires Nord-Syrie par téléphone en gare de Radjou.

VII.- Moyens de transport.-

Pour le personnel et le matériel deux camionnettes seront fournies par la Compagnie Auto et rendues à la Compagnie du Génie dès l'alerte donnée.

VIII.- Itinéraire.-

Chefferie du Génie (chargement du matériel et de l'outillage). Parc d'Artillerie (chargement des explosifs).

Transport du détachement et du matériel en gare de Radjou (Itinéraire: Alep - Katma - Afrine - Radjou).

Transport de la gare de Radjou au Viaduc de Méré-Béré par draisine.

Le Chef du Poste de Djérablous prendra ses dispositions pour réquisitionner la draisine et la mettre à la disposition du détachement de mise en oeuvre.

IX.- Durée du transport.-

2 heures Alep - Radjou - (Gare)
Oh,45 Gare Radjou au Viaduc
au total 2 heures 45

X.- Calcul des charges.-

Pour la coupure de la travée 608 pétards de 135 grs.

Calcul détaillée des charges - Annexe N°4.

XI.- Explosifs et matériel nécessaires.- Annexe N°5.

XII.- Répartition du travail.- Annexe N°6.

XIII.- Temps prévu.-

Mise en place d'un profil de rupture (profil N°I) 2H,30

Mise en place des 2 profils de rupture (Destruction complète) 4H,15.

XIV.- Ordre de mise en oeuvre.-

L'ordre de mise en oeuvre sera donné par le Général Commandant les Troupes des Territoires Nord-Syrie au départ.

XV.- Ordre de mise de feu.-

L'ordre de mise de feu sera donné par écrit par le Général Commandant les Troupes des Territoires Nord-Syrie ou son délégué.

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"Assurer la sécurité de la mise en oeuvre et la garde des dispositifs si la mise de feu ne suit pas immédiatement le Chargement. Le Chef de détachement de protection est responsable de la liaison entre son détachement et le détachement de mise en oeuvre".-

Aucun dispositif préparé ne doit tomber intact entre les mains de l'ennemi. A cet effet tout Chef technique d'un dispositif doit procéder à la mise de feu à la dernière extrémité s'il est avéré que l'ennemi va s'en emparer.

XVI.- Compte-Rendu.-

Dès que le dispositif sera prêt un Compte-Rendu devra être adressé au Général Commandant les Troupes des Territoires Nord-Syrie sous la forme:

" Destruction N°2 prête "

Dès que le dispositif aura joué un 2°Compte-Rendu sera adressé au Général Commandant les Troupes des Territoires Nord-Syrie sous forme:

" Destruction N°2 exécutée à heure

si possible - Coupure totale - Demi coupure ou coupure nulle.

Ces compte-Rendus seront adressés par la liaison téléphonique établie par le Chef du détachement de protection et confirmés par écrit.

XVII.- Repli.-

Sur Radjou à pied ou avec la draisine et sur Alep par le camionnette.

Au passage à hauteur des ponts de Kurd Kulac l'officier quittera la camionnette pour rejoindre le détachement de la mise en oeuvre de ces ouvrages et prendra le Commandement de ces dispositifs.

Dès l'arrivée à Alep le détachement se mettra à la disposition du Capitaine Commandant la Compagnie 33/I.

Alep, le 18 SEPT. 1937

Le Capitaine FOURGO, provisoirement
Chef du Génie d'Alep

Fourgo

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2 heures Alep - Radjou - (Gare)
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au total 2 heures 45

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" Destruction N°2 prête "

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" Destruction N°2 exécutée à heure

si possible - Coupure totale - Demi coupure ou coupure nulle.

Ces compte-Rendus seront adressés par la liaison téléphonique établie par le Chef du détachement de protection et confirmés par écrit.

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Sur Radjou à pied ou avec la draisine et sur Alep par le camionnette.

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Dès l'arrivée à Alep le détachement se mettra à la disposition du Capitaine Commandant la Compagnie 33/I.

Alep,le 18 SEPT. 1937

Le Capitaine FOURGO,provisoirement
Chef du Génie d'Alep

Fourgo

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DISPOSITIF N°2

ANNEXE N°I

Désignation nominative du personnel de mise en oeuvre.

Chef technique du dispositif : 1 Officier (Lieutenant Grabet)

Adjoint : Sergent chef Coste

: Sergent Burguin

: caporal Pinaud

Sapeurs N° Mles. —

Guerin —

Mallejac

4114 (caporal)

4471 (caporal)

3543

4225

4078

4151

4106

4390

4392

4398

4059

4061

4064

4120

NOTA.- Cette liste est à tenir à jour par les soins du Capitaine Commandant la Compagnie 33/I.

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DISPOSITIF N°2

Viaduc du Héré-Déré au Km. 563 + 000

ANNEXE N°2

Notice résumant les opérations techniques de mise en oeuvre.-

I°.- Prise de possession du matériel.-

Vérifier que le matériel,outillage et explosifs soient au complet conformément à l'Annexe 5. En vérifier le bon état et provoquer l'échange immédiat de ce qui serait défectueux.

2°.- Transport.-

Effectuer le chargement sur la camionnette d'abord et ensuite sur la draisine de façon à éviter chocs et frottements entre l'outillage et les explosifs. Interdire formellement aux hommes de fumer pendant le transport.

Le Chef de détachement prend lui-même toutes précautions pour transporter sans danger les amorces fulminantes.

3°.- Mise en place des charges.-

Dès l'arrivée à pied d'oeuvre,le Chef de détachement fait décharger et allotir le matériel,outillage et explosifs.

Ce dispositif du viaduc de Héré-Déré étant un dispositif permanent le Chef du détachement fait mettre en place les charges (du profil N°I) dans les boîtes métalliques existantes suivant les renseignements contenus dans les plans et à l'annexe N°4.

Il aura soin de toujours faire placer les pétards des extrémités des boîtes les alvéoles tournées vers l'extérieur pour la mise en place du cordeau détonant.

Faire déboulonner le rail au droit de la coupure.

Les charges étant en place il fera procéder à leur jonction et à la double mise de feu (pièce N°5) sans toutefois mettre en place les 2 éléments constitués chacun par 1m. de cordeau 2 amorces 1m,50 de mèche lente.

Le Ier profil de rupture étant ainsi préparé le Chef de détachement fera mettre en place les charges du 2°profil de rupture.

4°.- Amorçage des charges.-

Le Chef de détachement vérifie que les charges sont bien reliées entre elles conformément au plan de mise de feu.

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5°.- Mise de feu.-

Placer dans l'alvéole libre de chacun des 2 pétards de 60 grs. 2 éléments préparés à l'avance et constitués chacun par 1m. de cordeau détonant, 2 amorces et 1m,50 de mèche lente.

Faire retirer le personnel et le matériel sous le tunnel.

L'officier procédera à la mise de feu des mèches lentes et rejoindra le détachement.

Après explosion noter les résultats obtenus pour pouvoir adresser les Compte-Rendus demandés au dossier.

Si l'ennemi tente de s'emparer de l'ouvrage avant que le dispositif complet soit prêt, mettre le feu dès que les charges de la Ière coupure sont prêtes.

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DISPOSITIF N° 2

Viaduc du Héré - Déré au Km. 563 + 000

ANNEXE N° 3

Mission du Personnel de Protection .-

" Assurer la Sécurité de la mise en oeuvre et la garde des dispositifs si la mise de feu ne suit pas immédiatement le Chargement. Le Chef de Détachement de protection est responsable de la liaison entre son détachement et le détachement de mise en oeuvre".-

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Viaduc du Héré-Déré au Km. 563 + 000

ANNEXE N° 5

Liste des explosifs et du matériel nécessaire .-

A)- Explosifs .-

Pétards de 135 grs.	700
- d° - 60 grs.	20
Amorce fulminante	1 boite
Mèche lente	10 mètres
Cordeau détonant	400 mètres

B)- Matériel nécessaire .-

a)- Consommable -

Chatterton	0Kg,200
Fil de fer ligature	5 Kgs.
Lattes à plafond	10 mètres
Madriers 22x8x4m,00	6
Planches de27 en 4m. de long.	4
Pointes de 60 m/m.	1 Kg.
-d°- de 120m/m.	1 Kg.
Ficelle	2 pelottes

b)- Non consommables -

Commandes de poutrelles	20
Cordages de 14m.	4
Marteaux	4
Pinces universelles (petites)	4
Scies égohines	2
Couteaux	2
Lampes (électriques ou portatives à acétylène)	4
Hâches	2
Clefs à tirefonds pour voie normale	4

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PLAN DE DESTRUCTIONB DES TERRITOIRES

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Viaduc du Héré-Déré au Km. 563 + 000

ANNEXE N° 6

Répartition du travail .

H - heure d'arrivée à pied d'oeuvre

1)-Préparation de la 1ère coupure (la plus éloignée de la culée).
2)-Préparation de la 2ème. coupure .

Personnel		H 0	H 0 + 1/2	H 0 + 2 1/2	H 0 + 4	H0+4½
S/Of.	s/m.	Déchargement et lotissement	OPERATIONS EFFECTUEES			
			1ère. coupure (profil N° 1)	2ème.coupure (profil N° 2)		
	(2h.	du matériel et explosifs.	Mise en place des charges sur une membrure supérieure d'une poutre de rive et les contreventements des membrures .	"		
1 S/O	(2h.	Déboulonner les rails au droit des coupures	Mise en place des charges sur une membrure supérieure d'une poutre de rive et les contreventements des membrures .	"	Amorçage	
	(2h.		Mise en place des charges sur les longerons et contreventements des longerons .	"		
	(2h.		Mise en place des charges sur les treillis d'une poutre de rive .	"		
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1 S/O	(2h.		Mise en place des charges sur une membrure inférieure d'une poutre de rive, le contreventement et un longeron de la passerelle .	"		
	(2h.		Mise en place des charges sur une membrure inférieure d'une poutre de rive, le contreventement et un longeron de passerelle .	"		
	(2h.		Mise en place des cordeaux maîtres puis aide aux autres équipes au besoin réalise l'amorçage du 1er. profil .	"		

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RADJOU TUNNEL ------ ORDERS FOR FIRING.

PART I. - DESCRIPTION.

1. This demolition consists of 4 haunch charges placed in the centre of the tunnel, and disposed 40 ft. on each side of one crown charge.

3. The haunch charges, each of 550 lbs. Ammonal are disposed 13 ft. from the side wall of the tunnel and 12 ft High high, offset 6 ft. from the drives.
The crown charge, of 550 lbs is disposed 10 ft. above the top of the tunnel and offset 15 ft. from a ventilating shaft, which is situated approximatly midway along the tunnel.

PART II. - MEANS OF FIRING.---- DETAILED DESCRIPTION.

Charges may be fired by two means.
(a) Electric ignition of primacord.
(b) Safety fuse ignition of separate primacord.

(a) Electric circuit. A junction box is placed at the top of the ventilating shaft. A lead passes down the shaft, and passes each charge and returns up ventilator shaft to complete the circuit. A loop is left opposite each charge and these will be bared and an electric detonator attached securely.
Near each charge two leads of primacord (which are the ends of the branch passing to each charge and back again) are placed bound together. To these two leads the electric detonator must be attached at least one feet from the end.
Five electric detonator s are to be connected.
A twin lead is placed in the junction box for running out to the exploder.

(b) Safety circuit. A primacord main passes down ventilating shaft passes each charge and returns. Each gallery has two separate leads at the entrance. These are the ends of a branch which passes to each charge and returns.
Each of two ends at each gallery entrance is to be joined to the primacord main by a cleve hitch joint, cleve hitch to be tied at least one feet from end of each lead branch.

TESTING.

1. Test electric circuit for continuity at least once per day and after each train passes.
2. Inspect cables for breaks or damage.
3. If resistance reading shows variation, inspect cables minutely for damage and test portions of circuits with pricker test comparing resistances of varying lengths of cable.
4. Record daily in log. book resistances of circuit and any difficulties or irregularities found and action taken.
5. Inspect all primacord for breaks or damage or excessive moisture.
6. Inspect every visible charge for movement or damage.
7. Test pieces of primacord, labelled, have been left in tunnel and drives and on bridge. These are to be tested when ordered.

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PART. III. — SUMMARY OF ACTION REQUIRED

1. Connect each of the two single primacord leads from each of five charges to primacord mains. Tie a tight cleve hitch joint at least one foot from end of lead.

2. Tie an electric detonator to two primacord leads bound together, (tie at least one foot from ends of primacord). Connect leads from detonator to main cable at tail provided. This to be done at each of five charges.

3. Run out cable in junction box at top of ventilating shaft to firing point. Test continuity and connect to exploder.

4. Tie safety detonator to ends of main primacord lead at top of ventilating shaft. Length of safety fuse is placed at top of shaft and a safety detonator has to be crimped to this. Safety fuse is 15 ft. long and has a time interval of 7.1/2 minutes.

5. Ignite safety fuse and retire to safe position near exploder.

6. Fire exploder within five minutes of lighting safety fuse.

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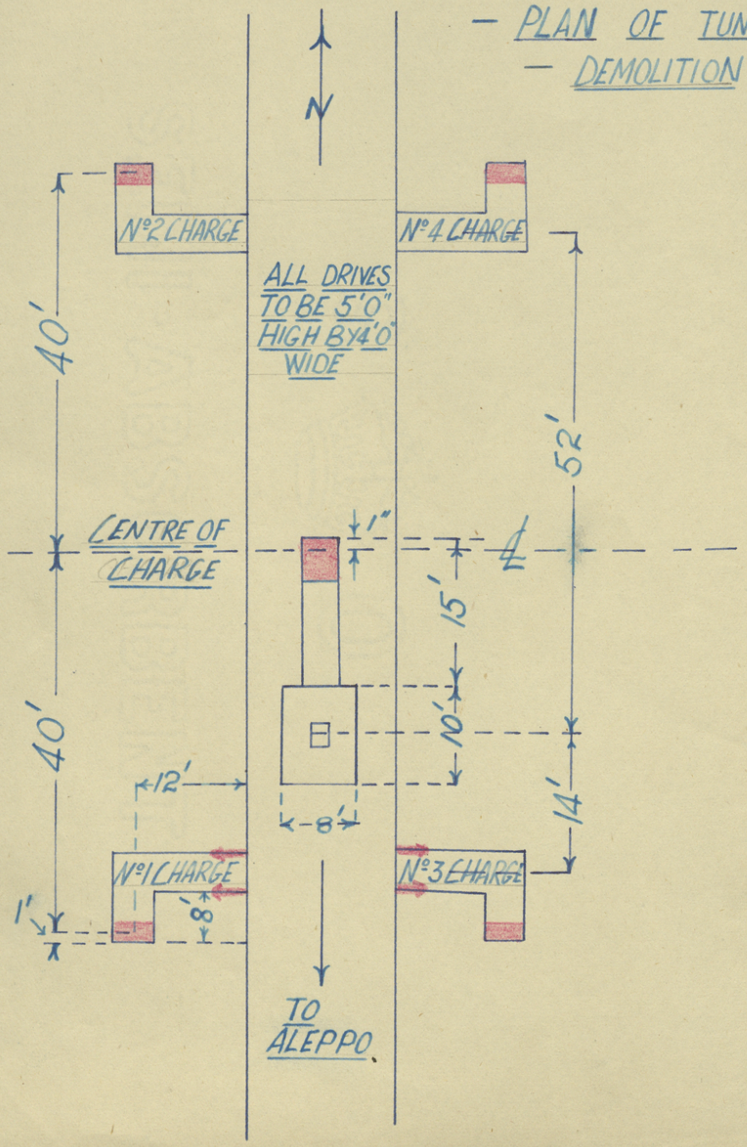
— DEMOLITION —



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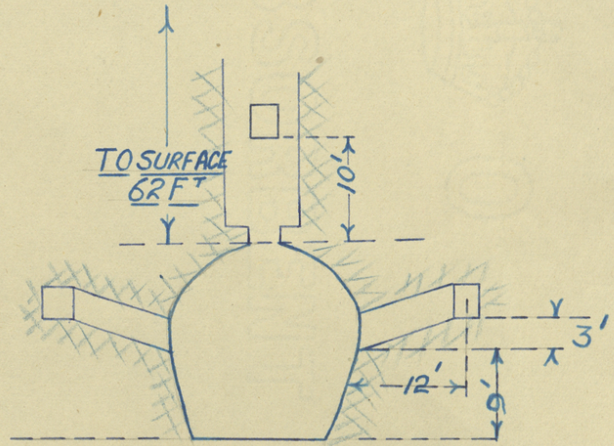

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KARA BABA TUNNEL - ORDERS FOR FIRING.

PART I. DESCRIPTION.

1. The demolition consists of

(a) 26 charges located in the haunches at approx. 32 ft. centres. Each charge consists of 450 lbs of Ammonal.
(b) 3 crown charges located as rises off galleries numbers 1,3,7. These charges are each of 350 lbs Ammonal.
(c) 4 crown charges located in boreholes as indicated in attached diagram. Each of these charges is 175 lbs Ammonal.

PART II. METHOD OF FIRING - DETAILED DESCRIPTION.

2. Charges may be fired by two means.

(a) Electric ignition of primacord.
(b) Safety Fuse ignition of separate primacord.

(a) ELECTRIC CIRCUIT. Main twin cable runs round each side of tunnel with two primacord leads bound ~~with~~ together will be found at the top of each gallery.
This primacord is run as a ring main to each charge and back again.
To these two leads one electric detonator must be attached at least one foot from the end and joined to the ~~both~~ loop provided in the main electric circuit. A joint in the cable has been left opposite each gallery bound with insulating tape. 14 detonators are required at the 14 gallery entrances.

A separate branch twin lead is coiled in the box at the SOUTH end marked "B.H" with wooden label, and will be run out over the tunnel.
Detonators must be connected to one of the primacord leads in each of four boreholes and connected in series to branch lead.
A total of 18 detonators is to be connected.
Lead on reel is to be marked "EX" with wooden label, and run out to Exploder.

(b) PRIMACORD CIRCUIT. A primacord main passes round inside and returns. Each gallery has two separate primacord leads at the entrance. These are the ends of a primacord branch which passes to each charge and returns.
Each of two leads at each gallery is joined to the primacord main by a clove-hitch joint, clove-hitch to be tied at least one foot from end of each lead branch.

A primacord lead is joined to main (passing round tunnel), then passes over top. and to other end of tunnel where it is again joined to main. This primacord is covered with conduit except at boreholes. The primacord lead passing down borehole is joined by means of a clove-hitch to the above lead which passes over the tunnel.
The clove-hitch at least one foot from the end of the primacord.

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PART III. SUMMARY OF ACTION REQUIRED.

1. Connect each of the two single leads (primacord) from each gallery to main passing round tunnel, by clove-hitch joint. Tie a tight clove-hitch at least one foot from end of lead.
2. Tie electric detonator to two primacord leads bound together(tie at least one foot from the ends of primacord). Connect leads from detonators to main cable at tail provided.
3. Connect one primacord lead from each borehole to primacord main passing over tunnel by means of clove-hitch . Tie tight clove-hitch at least one foot from end of primacord lead.
4. Run out twin electric cable from box over top of tunnel labelled "B.H"with wooden label, Connect electric detonators to other primacord lead in borehole and connect detonators to cable.
5. Run out cable on reel to firing point, test continuity and connect to Exploder.
6. Tie Safety Detonator to main primacord near box at SOUTH end of tunnel. This detonator is fixed to 15 feet length of Safety Fuse.
7. Ignite Safety Fuse and retire to safe position at Exploder.
8. Fire Exploder within 5 minutes of lighting Safety Fuse.

NOTE.

Exploder, Safety Fuse, 2/15 ft lengths, with detonators attached, electric detonators and insulating tape will be found in box at SOUTH end of tunnel. Also in box are a coil of twin lead which is run out over the tunnel to the boreholes, and a reel of twin cable which is run out 220 yards to the point where Exploder will be fired.

APPENDIX.

Sketch of tunnel showing charges.

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TESTING. 1. Test electric circuit for continuity at least once per day and after each train passes.
2. Inspect cables for breaks or damage.
3. If resistance reading shows variation, inspect cables minutely for damage and test portions of circuits with pricker test comparing resistances of varying lengths of cable.
4. Record daily in log. book resistances of circuit and difficulties or irregularities found and action taken.
5. Inspect every visible charge for movement or damage.
6. Inspect all primacord for breaks or damage or excessive moisture.
7. Test pieces of primacord, labelled, have been left in tunnel and drives and on bridge. These are to be tested when ordered.

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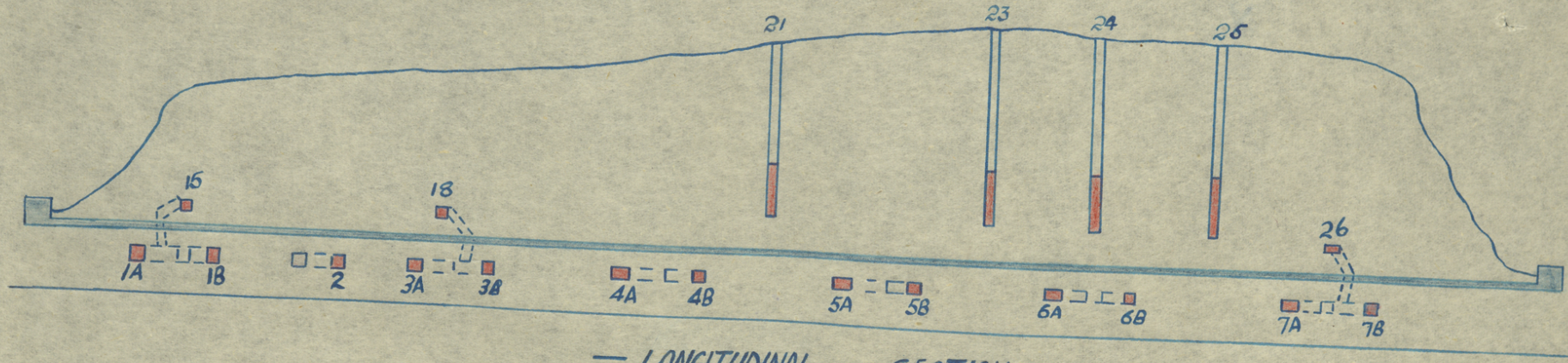

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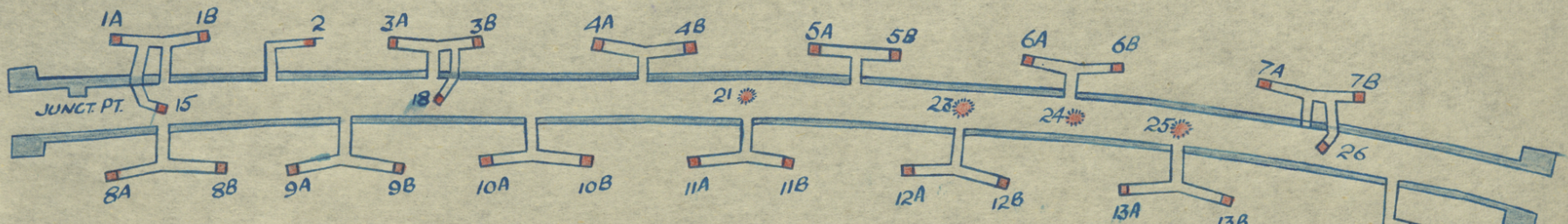

— PLAN —

Diagrammatic Sketch of Tunnel Showing position of Charges.- NOT TO SCALE

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PART I. - DESCRIPTION.

1. This demolition consists of 4 haunch charges placed in the centre of the tunnel, and disposed 40 ft. on each side of one crown charge.

3. The haunch charges, each of 550 lbs. Ammonal are disposed 12 ft. from the side wall of the tunnel and 12 ft high, offset 6 ft. from the drives.
The crown charge, of 550 lbs is disposed 10 ft. above the top of the tunnel and offset 1½ ft. from a ventilating shaft, which is situated approximately midway along the tunnel.

PART II. - MEANS OF FIRING.——— DETAILED DESCRIPTION.

Charges may be fired by two means.
(a) Electric ignition of primacord.
(b) Safety fuse ignition of separate primacord.

(a) Electric circuit. A junction box is placed at the top of the ventilating shaft. A lead passes down the shaft, and passes each charge and returns up ventilator shaft to complete the circuit. A loop is left opposite each charge and these will be bared and an electric detonator attached securely.
Near each charge two leads of primacord (which are the ends of the branch passing to each charge and back again) are placed bound together. To these two leads the electric detonator must be attached at least one foot from the end.
Five electric detonator s are to be connected.
A twin lead is placed in the junction box for running out to the exploder.

(b) Safety circuit. A primacord main passes down ventilating shaft passes each charge and returns. Each gallery has two separate leads at the entrance. These are the ends of a branch which passes to each charge and returns.
Each of two ends at each gallery entrance is to be joined to the primacord main by a clove hitch joint, clove hitch to be tied at least one foot from end of each lead branch.

TESTING.

1. Test electric circuit for continuity at least once per day and after each train passes.
2. Inspect cables for breaks or damage.
3. If resistance reading shows variation, inspect cables minutely for damage and test portions of circuits with pricker test comparing resistances of varying lengths of cable.
4. Record daily in log. book resistances of circuit and any difficulties or irregelarities found and action taken.
5. Inspect all primacord for breaks or damage or excessive m moisture.
6. Inspect every visible charge for movement or damage.
7. Test pieces of primacord, labelled, have been left in tunnel and drives and on bridge. These are to be tested when ordered.

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PART. III. — SUMMARY OF ACTION REQUIRED

1. Connect each of the two single primacord leads from each of five charges to primacord mains. Tie a tight clove hitch joint at least one foot from end of lead.

2. Tie an electric detonator to two primacord leads bound together, (tie at least one foot from ends of primacord). Connect leads from detonator to main cable at tail provided. This to be done at each of five charges.

3. Run out cable in junction box at top of ventilating shaft to firing point. Test continuity and connect to exploder.

4. Tie safety detonator to ends of main primacord lead at top of ventilating shaft. Length of safety fuse is placed at top of shaft and a safety detonator has to be crimped to this. Safety fuse is 15 ft. long and has a time interval of 7.1/2 minutes.

5. Ignite safety fuse and retire to safe position near exploder.

6. Fire exploder within five minutes of lighting safety fuse.

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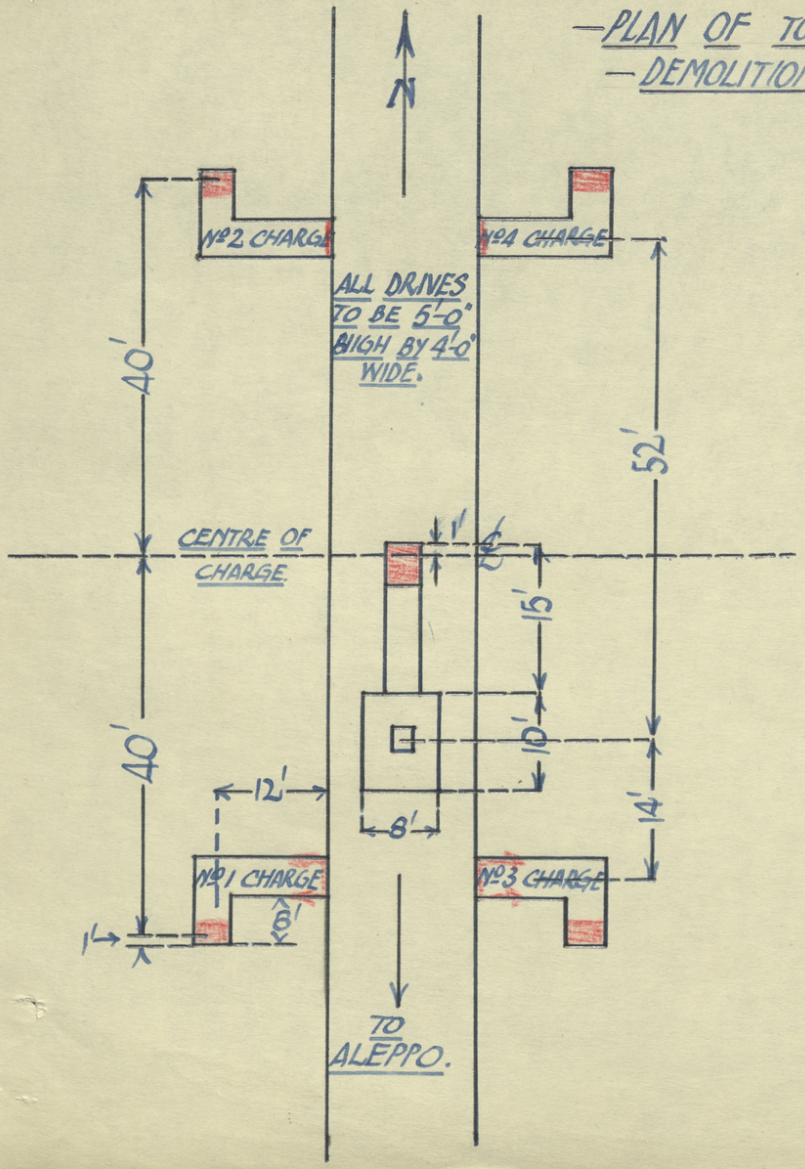

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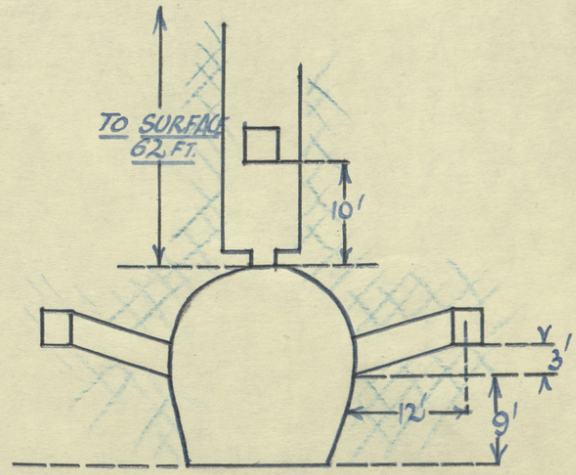

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PART I. DESCRIPTION.

1. The viaduct has been prepared for demolition by charges placed as follows :-

(1) Main Cutting Charge.
Located near No.1 Steel Pylon on the Southern Span. This consists of 146 slabs of wet guncotton(no dry primers have yet been placed).

(2) Subsidiary Cutting Charge.
Located on the small NORTH Span near the small masonry pier.
This consists of 94 slabs of wet guncotton(no dry primers placed).

(3) Pylon Charges.
Both large Steel pylons are supported on concrete piers, four to each pylon. In each of these concrete piers is a demolition chamber containing 2,000 lbs of Ammonal packed in 25 lbs tins. Four points of detonation in each charge.

(4) Small Masonry Pier.
This small pier supports the NORTH end of the main girder and the SOUTH end of the small subsidiary girder. It has been prepared for demolition by two mined charges each of 1000 lbs of Ammonal placed symmetrically within the pier. Two points of detonation in each charge.

PART II. METHOD OF FIRING DETAIL.

2. Charges may be fired by two means-
(a) Safety Fuse system of primacord,
(b) Electric ignition of separate primacord.

(a) A primacord ring main is provided at each of the following points:-

(i) Main girder cutting charge.
(ii) Subsidiary girder cutting charge.
(iii) Foot of each tower. (see diagram).

Single primacord main passes along handrail between (i) and (ii).

Two primacord leads pass down ti ring main at No.1 tower, one from (i), the other from single main mentioned above.
Two primacord leads pass down to ring main at No.2 tower, one from (ii), the other from single main mentioned above.
Two primacord leads pass down to two charges in pier from (ii). These two charges are joined by primacord. From (i) and (ii), tails pass to each charge or portion of charge. At least one foot must be cut from each tail, tail must then be inserted in guncotton primer securely.

At each pylon charge, there is a primacord lead coiled inside charge coming from a junction of several primacord branches, this is to be joined by a 2 ft long lap joint securely bound to a tail from the ring main.

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A second single lead at the chamber has to be joined to the ring main by a clove hitch joint tied tightly.

At each charge in the pier is a primacord lead which has to be joined by a three xxxxxxxx feet lap joint securely bound to a lead coming down from the ring main above.

A length of safety fuse is placed on the handrail near the charges on the main girder. Six inches should be cut from each end of this fuse and a safety detonator attached. The detonator shall be securely bound to the point labelled "A", with wooden label, where the ring main at the main girder cutting charge meets the single main which passes to the subsidiary girder cutting charge.

(b) Electric Firing.

Three separate electric circuits.

(1) To cutting charge on main girder.

(2) To all pylons in series.

(3) To cutting charge on subsidiary girder.

These are joined together in series at a junction boxplaced on cut walk towards the SOUTH end of viaduct. Two leads are joined to these in series and pass back to the firing point WEST of the block house.

Fourteen Detonators to be attached.

One detonator to be bound to primacord ring main at cutting charge on main girder at point labelled "B" with wooden label. This ring main has tails attached which are to be firmly inserted in guncotton primers on each charge or portion of charge.

Two detonators, one to be placed firmly in a guncotton primer on each of lower members of truss. One detonator to be bound to ring main on subsidiary girder at point labelled "C", with wooden label, This is same ring main as for Safety Fuse firing.

One detonator at each of eight pylons. These are to be securely bound to two primacord leads, bound together, at points labelled "E", "D", with wooden labels.

One detonator at each of two charges in pier. These are to be securely bound to two primacord leads (bound together) at points labelled "E" "D" with wooden label, loops in electric cable are provided at each of the above points and are covered insulating tape. These must be unfastened and the detonator leads firmly joined and taped.

TESTING.

1. Test electric circuit for continuity at least once per day and after each train passes.
2. Inspect cables for breaks or damage.
3. If resistance reading shows variation, inspect cables minutely for damage and test portions of circuits with pricker test comparing resistances of varying lengths of cable.
4. Record daily in log. book resistances of circuit and any difficulties or irregularities found and action taken.
5. Inspect all primacord for breaks or damage or excessive moisture.
6. Inspect every visible charge for movement or damage.
7. Test pieces of primacord, labelled, have been left in tunnel and drives and on bridge. These are to be tested when ordered.

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PART III. SUMMARY OF ACTION REQUIRED.

1. Place primers in each cutting charge or portion of each charge. Two to be placed in charges in one ~~xxkk~~ web of lower members.
2. Cut one foot off each tail on ring mains and place end of tail in each charge or portion thereof and wedge firmly with a match.
3. Place electric detonators at points marked "B" and "C" and on one web of each lower member.
4. Cut six inches off each end of Safety Fuse, fix safety detonator and bind to primacord at point labelled "A".
5. Fix electric detonators on cable and bind to points marked "E.D" at each of eight pylons.
6. At each pylon join tail from each ring main to one primacord lead by a two foot lap joint. The other primacord lead to ring main with clove hitch joint. Lap joint to be securely joined.
7. Fix electric detonators on cable and bind to points marked "E.D" at each charge in pier.
8. At each charge inpier join lead to tail from ring main by two foot lap joint securely bound.
9. Uncoil wire near Block House and run out to point on WEST side of Block House away from viaduct.
10. Test for continuity and connect to exploder.
11. Ignite Safety Fuse and return to a safe position.
12. Fire Exploder.

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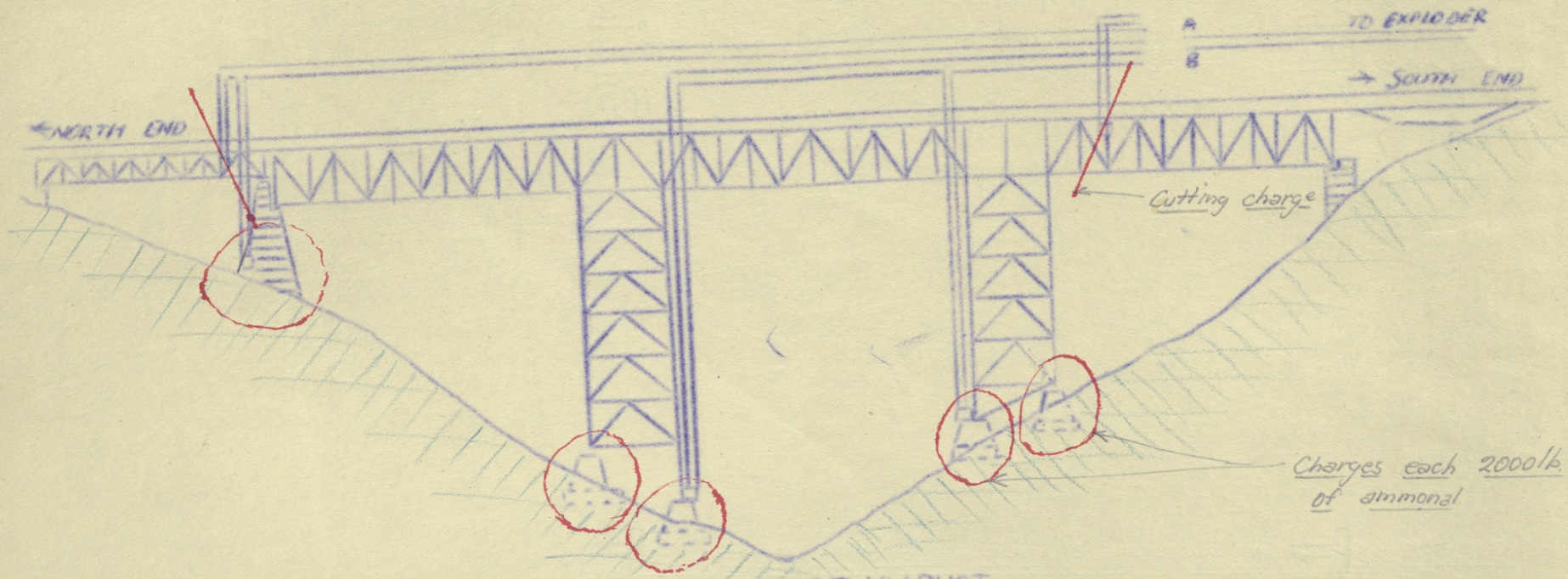

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Sketch showing wiring of sub-circuits & disposition of charges

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PART I. DESCRIPTION.

1. The viaduct has been prepared for demolition by charges placed as follows :-

(1) Main Cutting Charge.
Located near No.1 Steel Pylon on the Southern Span. This consists of 146 slabs of wet guncotton(no dry primers have yet been placed).

(2) Subsidiary Cutting Charge.
Located on the small NORTH Span near the small masonry pier.
This consists of 84 slabs of wet guncotton(no dry primers placed).

(3) Pylon Charges.
Both large Steel pylons are supported on concrete piers, four to each pylon. In each of these concrete piers is a demolition chamber containing 3,000 lbs of Ammonal packed in 25 lbs tins. Four points of detonation in each charge.

(4) Small Masonry Pier.
This small pier supports the NORTH end of the main girder and the SOUTH end of the small subsidiary girder. It has been prepared for demolition by two mined charges each of 1000 lbs of Ammonal placed symmetrically within the pier. Two points of detonation in each charge.

PART II. METHOD OF FIRING DETAIL.

2. Charges may be fired by two means-
(a) Safety Fuse system of primacord,
(b) Electric ignition of separate primacord.

(a) A primacord ring main is provided at each of the following points:-

(i) Main girder cutting charge.
(ii) Subsidiary girder cutting charge.
(iii) Foot of each tower.(see diagram).

Single primacord main passes along handrail between (i) and (ii).

Two primacord leads pass down ti ring main at No.1 tower, one from (i), the other from single main mentioned above.
Two primacord leads pass down to ring main at No.3 tower, from single main mentioned above.
Two primacord leads pass down to two charges in pier from (ii). These two charges are joined by primacord.
From (i) and (ii), tails pass to each charge or portion of charge. At least one foot must be cut from each tail, tail must then be inserted in guncotton primer securely.

At each pylon charge, there is a primacord lead coiled inside charge coming from a junction of several primacord branches, this is to be joined by a 3 ft long lap joint securely bound to a tail from the ring main.

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A second single lead at the chamber has to be joined to the ring main by a clove hitch joint tied tightly.
At each charge in the pier is a primacord lead which has to be joined by a three ~~xxxxjoint~~ feet lap joint securely bound to a lead coming down from the ring main above.

A length of safety fuse is placed on the handrail near the charges on the main girder. Six inches should be cut from each end of this fuse and a safety detonator attached. The detonator shall be securely bound to the point labelled "A" with wooden label, where the ring main at the main girder cutting charge meets the single main which passes to the subsidiary girder cutting charge.

(b) Electric Firing.
Three separate electric circuits.

(1) To cutting charge on main girder.

(2) To all pylons in series.

(3) To cutting charge on subsidiary girder.

These are joined together in series at a junction box placed on cut walk towards the SOUTH end of viaduct. Two leads are joined to these in series and pass back to the firing point ~~xxx~~ of the block house.
Fourteen Detonators to be attached.

One detonator to be bound to primacord ring main at cutting charge on main girder at point labelled "B" with wooden label. This ring main has tails attached which are to be firmly inserted in guncotton primers on each charge or portion of charge.
Two detonators, one to be placed firmly in a guncotton primer on each of lower members of truss. One detonator to be bound to ring main on subsidiary girder at point labelled "C", with wooden label. This is same ring main as for Safety Fuse firing.

One detonator at each of eight pylons. These are to be securely bound to two primacord leads, bound together, at points labelled "E", "D", with wooden labels.

One detonator at each of two charges in pier. These are to be securely bound to two primacord leads (bound together) at points labelled "E" "D" with wooden label, loops in electric cable are provided at each of the above points and are covered insulating tape. These must be unfastened and the detonator leads firmly joined and taped.

TESTING. 1. Test electric circuit for continuity at least once per day and after each train passes.
2. Inspect cables for breaks or damage.
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4. Record daily in log. book resistances of circuit and any difficulties or irregularities found and action taken.
5. Inspect all primacord for breaks or damage or excessive moisture.
6. Inspect every visible charge for movement or damage.
7. Test pieces of primacord, labelled, have been left in tunnel and drives and on bridge. These are to be tested when ordered.

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PART III. SUMMARY OF ACTION REQUIRED.

1. Place primers in each cutting charge or portion of each charge. Two to be placed in charges in one ~~xxxx~~ web of lower members.
2. Cut one foot off each tail on ring mains and place end of tail in each charge or portion thereof and wedge firmly with a match.
3. Place electric detonators at points marked "B" and "C" and on one web of each lower member.
4. Cut six inches off each end of Safety Fuse, fix safety detonator and bind to primacord at point labelled "A".
5. Fix electric detonators on cable and bind to points marked "E.D" at each of eight pylons.
6. At each pylon join tail from each ring main to one primacord lead by a two foot lap joint. The other primacord lead to ring main with clove hitch joint. Lap joint to be securely joined.
7. Fix electric detonators on cable and bind to points marked "E.D" at each charge in pier.
8. At each charge inpier join lead to tail from ring main by two foot lap joint securely bound.
9. Uncoil wire near Block House and run out to point on WEST side of Block House away from viaduct.
10. Test for continuity and connect to exploder.
11. Ignite Safety Fuse and return to a safe position.
12. Fire Exploder.

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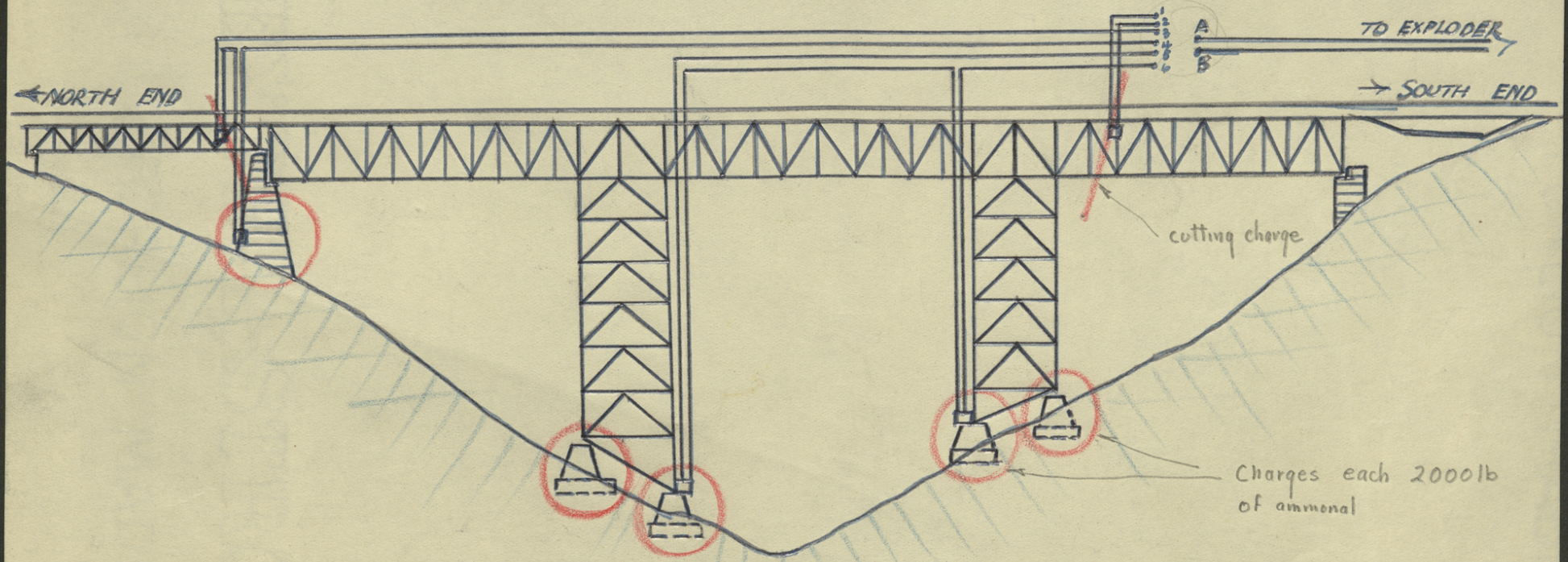

—HERE DERE VIADUCT—

Sketch showing wiring of sub-circuits & disposition of charges.

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GENERAL REPORT ON PREPARATION OF KARA BABA RAILWAY TUNNEL FOR DEMOLITION

(a) NATURE OF TUNNEL.

1. Tunnel was approximately 450 ft long, back of arch 19 ft above rail level lined with limestone blocks averaging 15" X 24" by 15" thick with a mortar bond.
2. A Gap of 18" to 2 ft separated the rock from the lining. This gap was filled with rubble in places loosely held together with weak mortar.

(b) NATURE OF ROCK

Two types of rock were encountered on the WEST side and top a soft decomposed serpentine and on the EAST side a hard fractured limestone.

(c) POSITION OF CHARGES

1. Charges were placed at 32 ft centres 13 ft above rail level on each side of tunnel. Three crown charges were placed by access from rises.
   Four crown charges were placed in boreholes sunk from the surface.
2. Access to side or haunch charges was from short 6'6" jump ups with 16 ft drives in either directions centres of charge being 11 ft from lining surface and 13 ft above rail level.
3. Rises were started from three drives on the WEST (soft) side of tunnel and rose at a grade of 1/1 for 18 ft. from which access to charge was by an 8 ft drive.
4. Borehole charges were placed at the bottoms of 4-34 ft X 10" boreholes drilled by percussion.
5. In all 14 jumps up, 3 rises and 4 boreholes were completed totalling 500 feet of driving and 136 feet of boring.

(d) METHOD OF WORKING

1. A staging was developed that could be placed in position and dismantled in 2 minutes. This staging which was used to avoid delays due to passing trains proved very satisfactory. A description is embodied in a supplement to report. (appendix I.)
2. Masons removed sufficient of the dressed rock lining to allow of a timbered opening 4 ft high by 3 ft wide.

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3. Miners working from the staging advanced the drives by the following methods :

i. In soft rocks a pneumatic spade could be used in places where harder 3 foot holes were drilled and lightly blasted with I/3 to one 4 oz. plug.

ii. In hard limestone "drag cuts" for rounds up to 3 feet and "diamond cuts" for larger rounds were used and blasted with 3 to 6 - 4 oz plugs per hole.

iii. Rates of drilling were 8 inches a minute for soft rock and 5 inches a minute for hard limestone.

iv. Timbering was only used where the mens safety required it. Opening out sets were necessary to support the arch ring and the loose rubble which proved the most difficult working. In the soft serpentine, sets were at about 3 ft centre.

In the limestone none was used except where local crush required short lengths of close setting and lagging.

Sets consisted of a simple square with caps of 8"XI I/2 to 8" with a I I/2" spreader, 8"X I I/2 to 8" legs and a sill of 3" X I I/2 to 8" with a I I/2" spreader. The sets were held in place by wedging.

v. Charge boxes 30" high, 30" deep and 18" wide in the clear to take 18 - 25 lb tins ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ (450 lbs) of Ammonal were made up as sets packed in position and tightly wedged.

vi. Broken rock was held in the "jump ups" by shoot boards and run into 30 cwt trucks through corrugated iron sheets, and dumped outside the tunnel. The use of shoots avoided delay when the truck was not available at any particular hole and saved double handling.

vii. Work commenced using carbide lamps and hurricane lamps and later was changed over to electric light using 33 Corps Fd Pk portable lighting set. The change was marked by more efficient work, due to better lighting conditions. Blasting was found to cause heavy breakage

in globe filaments particularly of the coil type and it was found necessary to remove globes on blasting.

viii. Three shifts of 8 hrs were worked in the 24 hrs. Night shift was found to be slightly less efficient then the other two shifts

ix. Boring was carried out by No I Boring Section percussion rig using a 7 1/2" bit to drill a 10' hole.

x. Bore holes were located and depths determined by theodolite survey.

xi. Rises were started by opening out from the back of the drives and put up at a grade of 1/1 and timbered where necessary. 8 ft drives to the position of the crown charges were driven off the top of drives. Rises were located by survey with compass and level.

xii. Towards the centre of the tunnel it was found there were insuff-icient lengths of hose to operate the required numbers of drills and pressure drops were too great. A 1 1/2" pipe line was laid and connected to one of the three compressors in use with two "take off" points and overcame the difficulty.

xiii. Charges were 450 lbs in haunch charges; 350 lbs in crown charges from rises and 175 lbs in bore hole charges.

xiv. With the exception of the borehole charges, charges were placed in the tins wedged and cleated in position. Borehole charges were poured into 10 ft X 8" D in clear cylinders made from G.I with soldered joints.

Two fuze holders to take the "primacord" fuzes and allow of water proof packing were soldered in the top. The cylinders complete were fitted into a steel frame made from 3"X 3/16 M.S strap. A length of 1/4" S.W.R. was attached at one end to the frame for lowering and raising, and the other end fixed to a heavy stake. The primacord leads were tied to cleats and to the S/W.R to prevent pulling out.

xv. FIRING CIRCUITS

The face of each charge consisted of 3 vertical rows of 3 tins. Each corner tin was pierced and 6" of primacord inserted as a tight fit. Two long leads main primacord led away

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from diagonally opposite corners and after being linked with the leads from other charges from the one "jump up" terminated at the entrance of each "jump up". Leads from each main lead were taken to the two other corner tins and the whole mutually interlinked.

A main primacord circuit in the form of a closed loop inside the tunnel with a branch to the borehole charges and a firing point at the SOUTH end was run at the height of the openings.

An electric circuit similar to the primacord circuit with a loop to the borehole charges and a 250 yd extention to the the firing point was run.

To fire, one lead from each group of charges is connected to the primacord circuit and one lead to an electric detonator in the electric circuit.

Fifteen feet (7 1/2 minutes) of safety fuze and a No 6 commercial detonator are connected for firing to the terminal of the primacord circuit.

Leads of both circuits were taken under track in piping inbedded in sand and sandbagged.

Short test pieces of primacord are taped to the leads near each charge.

xvi. A strong box with padlock to take exploder, box T & J all external leads which are coiled up inside out of the weather adhesive tape 30 electric detonator (18 requiring in circuit) and 3 25 ft lengths of safety fuze (one spare) is concreted in at the SOUTHERN entrance.

xvii. All charges were sandbagged by using chains of men.

Bore hole charges were tamped by a 10 ft X 8" "saurage" of heavy canvas filled with sand and attached to a length of S.W.R tied to an anchor picket. Loose earth is piled near the boreholes for final tamping just before firing.

xviii. Boreholes have storm water drains cut round them and are covered by a box to prevent flooding. The borehole work is camouflaged by branches and loose straw.

xix

ix. The timber sets were removed from the entrance of the "jump ups" and a re-inforced concrete collar poured to prevent any possible weaking of the stone lining and any "fretting" of the rock.

xx; The work required close cooperation with the railway authorities to prevent accidents. Two liasons men were placed at each of the stations above and below the tunnel Each shift had a flag man at either end of the tunnel to prevent trains going through nthe tunnel before the track was clear.

STATISTICS

Labour An average of 23 sappers per shift or 69 sappers per day.

Time From commencement to ready for demolition.
14 days .
Concreting and final cleaning up 3 days working day shift only.
Boring was completed in six days.
Delays due to trains averaged 3 hrs per day.

Total driving and rising done 500 feet
Total Boring done 136 feet
Average number of Compressors used 3 1/2.
Average number of drills used 4
Average advance per shift 13 feet
" " " " soft rock 4 feet per machine
" " " " hard rock 2 1/2 feet " "
Maximum advance per shift 35 feet
" " " " soft rock 6 ft per machine
" " " " hard rock 4 ft " "
Total man hrs. 7728
Feet advance per man hr. 0.04 feet.

		Total	per foot run
Detonators No	6 or 27	1900	3
Safety fuse	(Ft)	1300	2.4
Gelignite	57%	500 lbs	1.0 lbs
Sand bags		3000	

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	Total	Per foot run
Cement (14 openings)	35 bags	
Timber (all purposes)	6000 super ft	Galleries 50% timbered

JOB II -RADJOU TUNNEL.

This tunnel is approximately 600 yds long and drills could not be worked from compressors placed at the entrance. The tunnel at the centre has a small ventilation shaft 12 feet X 8 feet terminating in a small vent 2 ft square top and bottom.

The compressors were placed near this shaft and the hoses passed down the shaft. The lighting set was placed near the work inside the tunnel and operated satisfactorily.

Procedure was exactly similar to Job I. except two shifts averaging 18 men each were used.

The layout of the charges was a crown charge placed at the end of a 15 ft drive north from the air shaft and 10 FT from the crown of the arch and 4 haunch charges, two on each side at 40 ft centres from the crown charge, 12 feet from the face of the tunnel, and 13 ft above rail level.

Wiring for firing was similar to Job I except that the leads pass over the tunnel in 1/2" G.I. pipe and terminate at a junction box fitted to a padlock door at the top of the air shaft.

Work was slowed down due to long train delays and the dangerous state of the air shaft.

The rock was all hard limestone. Charges consisted of 22 - 35 lb tins, 550 lbs of Ammonal each.

STATISTICS.

Labour: Average 18 sappers per shift or 36 sapper per day

Time : From commencement to ready for demolition 11 days

Concreting and final clearing up 4 days working one shift only.

Delays due to trains averaged 3 hrs per day.

Delays due to state of ventilation shaft 2 days.

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Total driving done 95 feet

Average number of Compressors used 2

" " " Drills " 2 1/2"

Average advance per shift 4 1/2 ft.

Maximum advance per shift 12 ft.

Average advance per machine shift 1.8 feet.

Maximum " " " " 4 feet.

Total man hrs. 3168

Feet advance per man hr. = 0.03

	Total	Per ft Run
Detonators No 6	800	9
Safety Fuse	1400 ft	15 ft
Gelignite 57%	475 lbs	5 lbs
Cement (5 openings)	10 bags	
Sand bags	3000 bags	
Timber (3"-5") all purposes	1200 super ft.	

Apart from opening cut sets and charges bores Drives did not require timber.

APPENDICES I, 2, 3, 4 attached.

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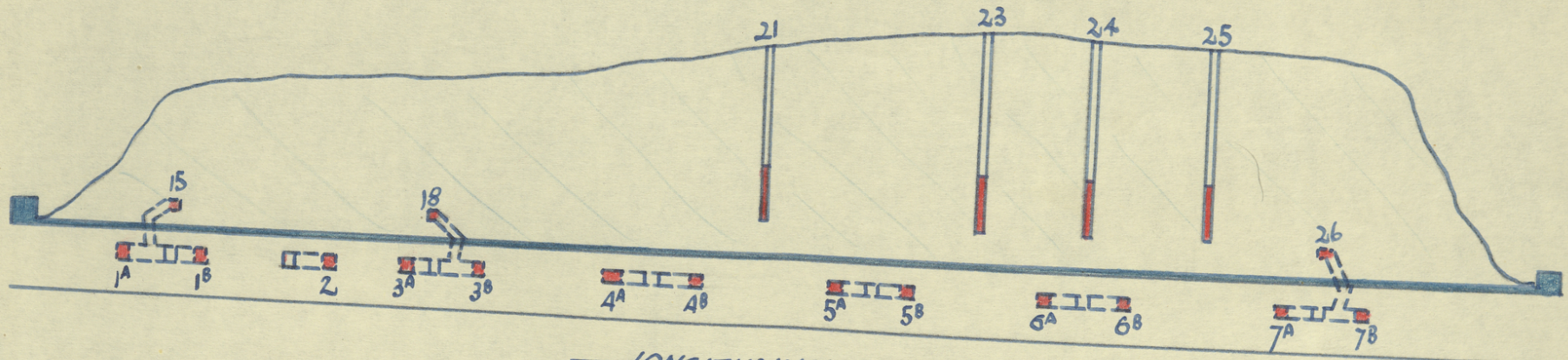

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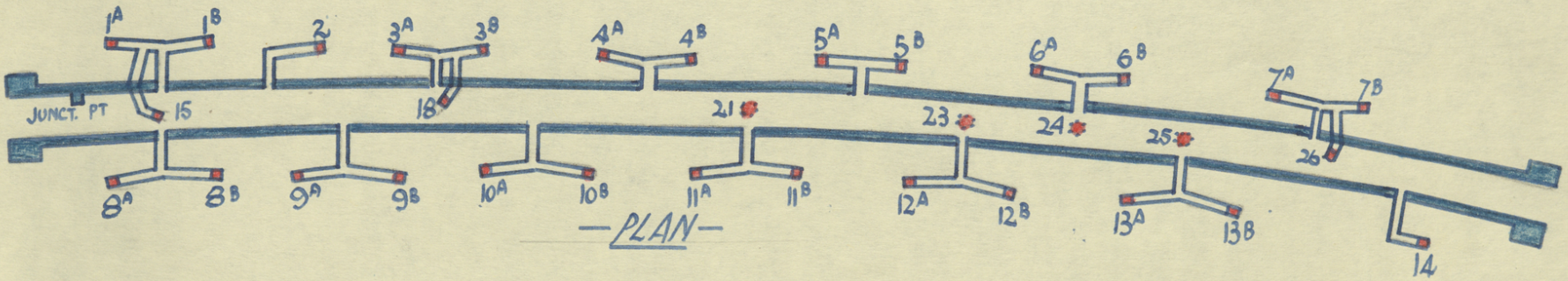

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— Diagrammatic Sketch of Tunnel Showing Position of Charges. — NOT TO SCALE —

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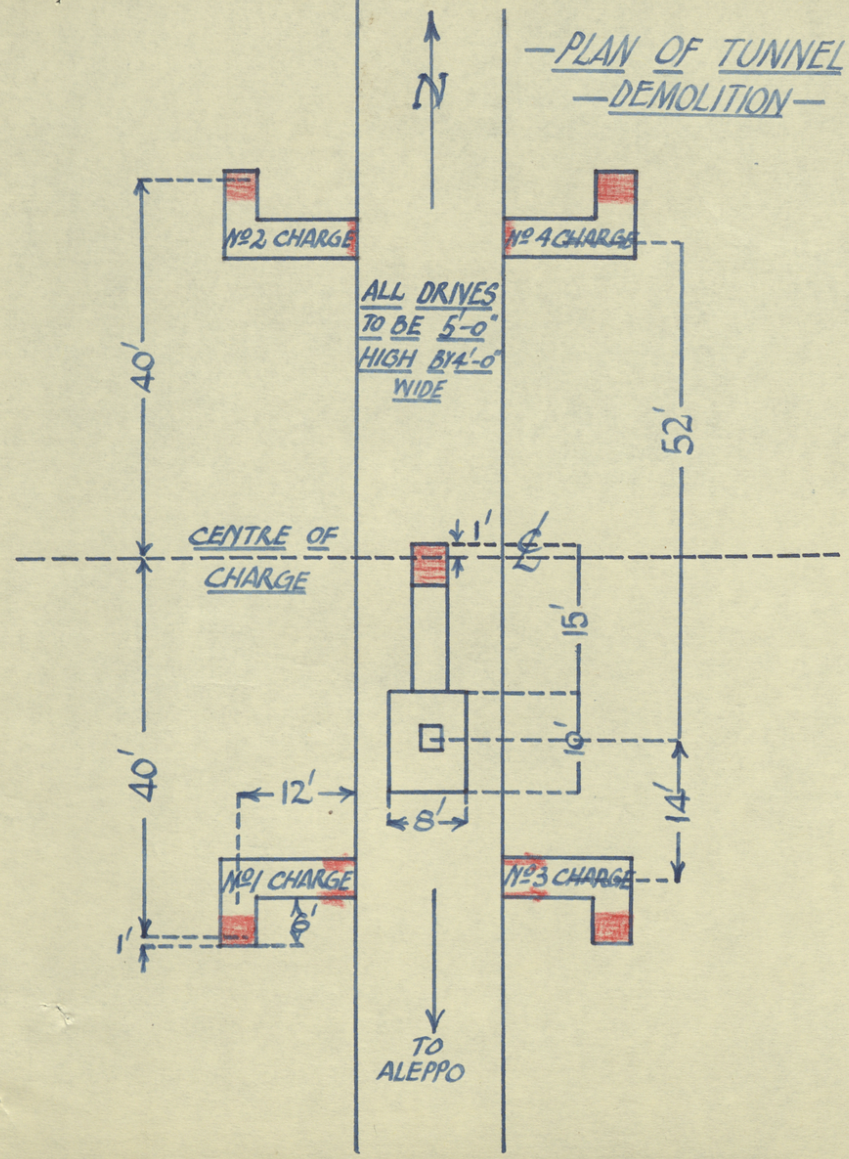

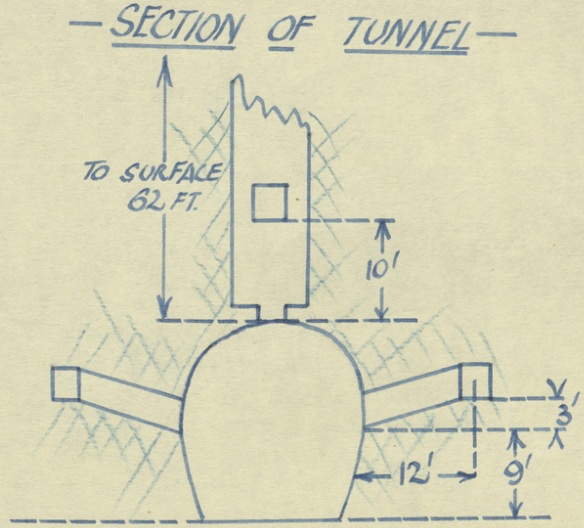

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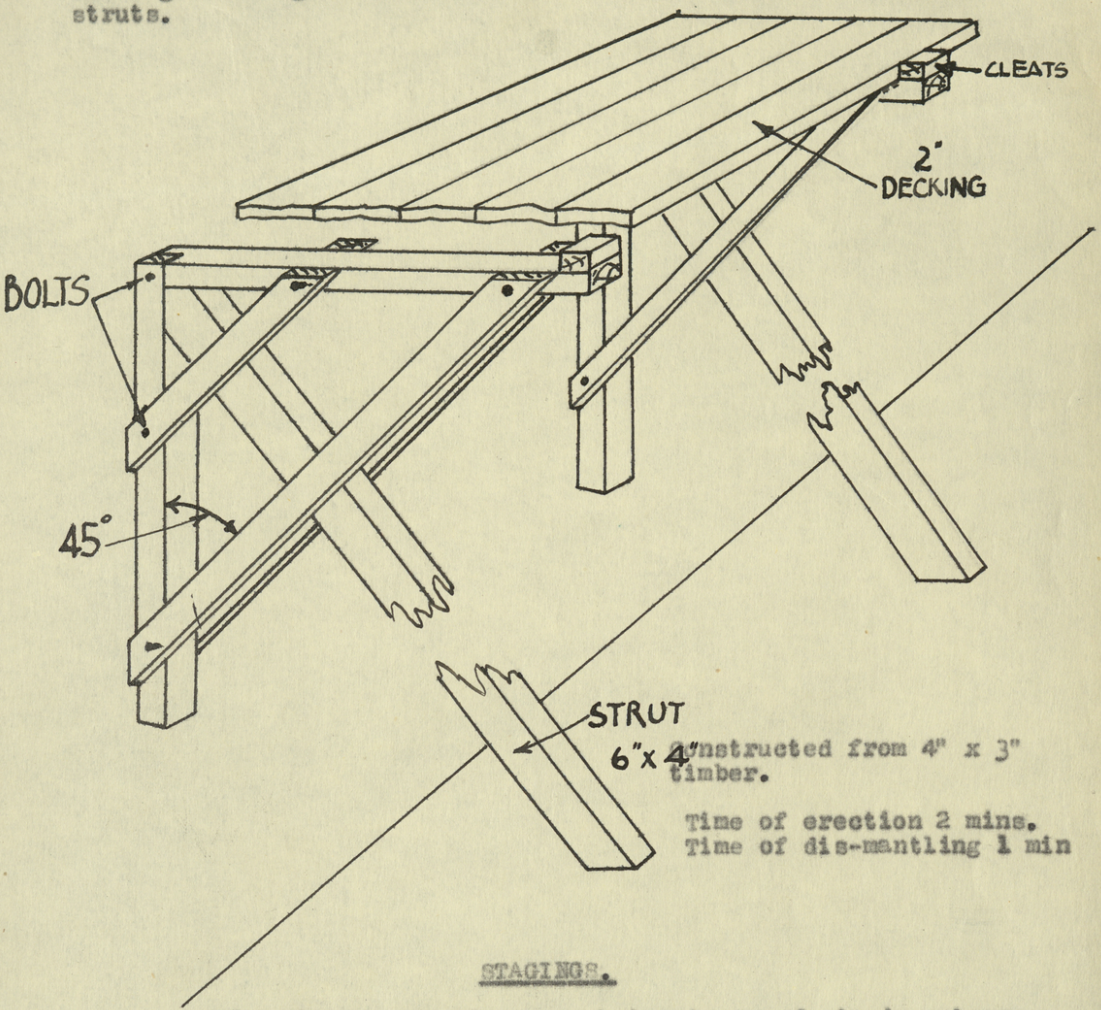
STAGINGS. APPENDIX 1

TYPE 1. COMPRESSION STRUT TYPE. Used when height of platform of stage above ground leveldoes not exceed length of available struts.



Constructed from 4" x 3" timber.

Time of erection 2 mins.
Time of dis-mantling 1 min

STAGINGS.

During the course of our work two types of stagings have been developed which have proved to be very rapid in erecting and very rigid in use. Both rapidity and rigity were of extreme importance, the former to avoid train delays etc. and the latter as drilling by jack hammer requires a strong push which tends to push any staging away from the wall.

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KARA BABA TUNNEL - ORDERS FOR FIRING

PART I. DESCRIPTION.

I. The demolition consists of

a. 36 charges located in the haunches at approx 33 ft centres. Each charge consists of 450 lbs Ammonal.

b. 3 crown charges located as rises off galleries numbers I,3,7. These charges are each of 350 lbs Ammonal.

c. 4 crown charges located in boreholes as indicated in the attached diagram. Each of these charges is 175 lbs Ammonal.

PART II. METHOD OF FIRING - DETAIL

2. The charges may be fired by two means :

Electrically, and

Safety fuze ignition of Primacord.

and the whole system is subdivided into two circuits, viz.

Charges inside the tunnel, and

Charges outside the tunnel i.e. (entry from above)

a. Primacord circuit.

I. Charges inside the tunnel are connected in pairs (in the case of the three rises, in threes) and sufficient cable is available inside each gallery entrance to connect to two main leads running the full length of the tunnel and on both sides. These terminate at a junc.pt. immediately inside the SOUTH end of the tunnel and on the WEST side.

ii; Charges located in boreholes are contained in G.I cylinders 10 ft 6 ins. long and 8 ins. diam. with a length of Primacord running from the charge to Ground level in each case. A sufficient length of Primacord is contained in a box at the junc.pt. to run out and allow the borehole charges to be connected to the main Primacord lead at the ~~junc pt.~~ NORTH end.

111 A length of safety fuze of 15 ft allowing a time interval of 7½ mins with a NO.37 detonator attached is coiled in the junc box and when firing

is necessary it is connected to the main Primacord by taping the detonator to the lead.

b. Electric circuit .

1. An extra primacord lead will be found at the entrance to each gallery and at the top of the boreholes. An extra det must be taped to the end of these leads. A main twin lead runs up both sides of the tunnel with loops at each gallery entrance for connection to the tails of each of the electric detonators.

   A branch twin lead will be found coiled in the box which will be run out over the tunnel and the tails of the dets at the head of the borehole charges connected to the loops made. The whole is connected as a series demolition and the exploder lead is then reeled out (330 yds) to the firing point SOUTH of the tunnel entrance.

   Daily continuity tests will have been carried out and the complete circuit will now be tested for continuity.

PART III. SUMMARY OF ACTION REQUIRED.

A. PRIMACORD CIRCUIT.

I. Connect all branch leads from galleries to main lead by round turn and two half hitches.

2. Reel out lead over top of tunnel.

3. Connect borehole leads to lead of 2 above

4. Connect lead 2 to main lead at ~~junc. pt.~~ NORTH end

5. Lay out safety fuze and see that the detonator is securely crimped in position. Tape det to main Primacord lead.

6. Ignite fuze and take cover.

B. ELECTRIC CIRCUIT.

I. Connect electric dets (No "I) to all branch leads from charges (primacord) by taping. See that all tails are clean and bright.

2. Reel out twin cable over top of tunnel. Connect dets of borehole charges to loops and tape.

3. Connect dets of charges inside tunnel to loops and tape.

4. Connect exploder lead, test continuity and fire.

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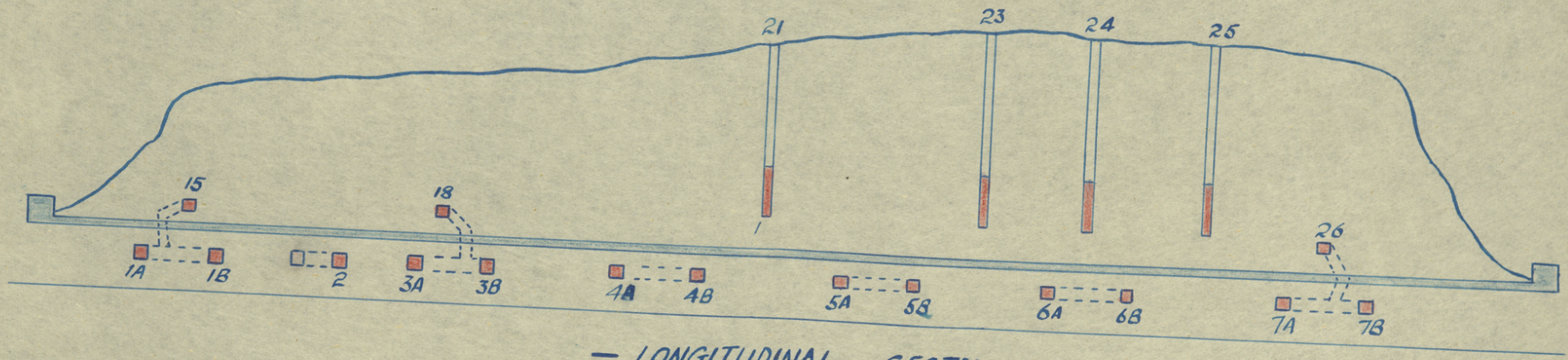

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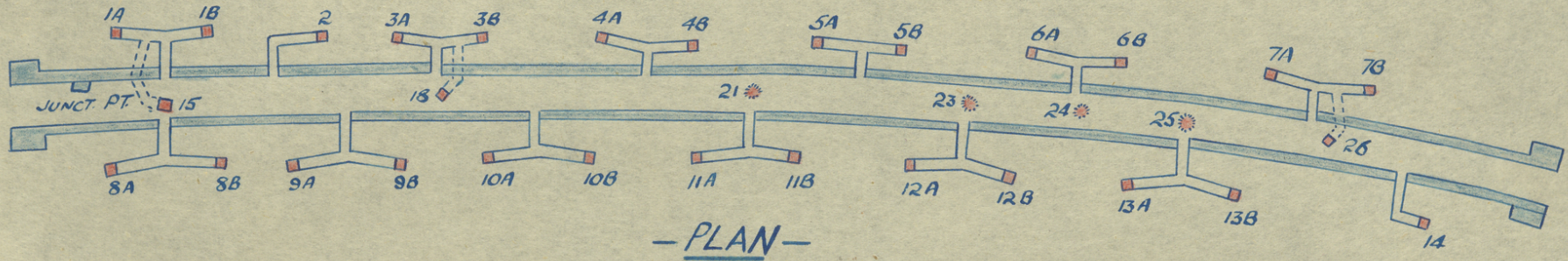

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HERE DERE VIADUCT - ORDERS FOR FIRING

PART I. DESCRIPTION

I. The viaduct has been prepared for demolition by charges placed as follows :-

(I) Main cutting charge

Located near No.I Steel Pylon on the Southern Span. This consists of I46 slabs of wet guncotton (No dry primers have yet been placed.)

(2) Subsidiary cutting charge

Located on the small NORTH Span near the small masonry pier.

This consists of 94 slabs of wet guncotton (No dry primers placed.)

(3) Pylon charges

Both large steel pylons are supported on concrete piers, four to each pylon. In each of these concrete piers is a demolition chamber containing 2,000 lbs of Ammonal packed in 25 lbs tins. Four points of detonation in each charge.

(4) Small Masonry Pier

This small pier supports the NORTH end of the main girder and the SOUTH end of the small subsidiary girder. It has been prepared for demolition by two mined charges each of I000 lbs of Ammonal placed symmetrically within the pier. Two points of detonation in each charge.

PART II. MEANS OF FIRING

2. There are two means of firing the charge.

(I) Primacord detonation of all charges, originated by safety fuze and a No.27 detonator.

(2) Electric firing with charges interconnected by primacord.

In the case of (1) above, all charges are interconnected by primacord leads. The main lead terminates at a junc.pt.

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located near the main cutting charge on the lower footwalk of the bridge.

At this point is a junc.or terminal box within which is a length of safety fuze allowing 5 mins delay, and a No.27 detonator.

In the case of electric firing the cable terminates near the charges with an electric detonator (not yet placed) which is to be taped to the primacord interconnecting the points of detonation within the charge.

The whole system is sub-divided electrically in sub-circuits as follows :-

(a) Main cutting charge

16 electric dets,firing charges as follows:-
I,II,III,IV,V,VI,VII,VIII,IX & X,XI,XII,XIII,XIV, XV & XVI,XVII,& XIX,XVIII & XX

The cable provides loops at points in proximity to each of these charges for attaching an electric det. which in turn is to be taped to a tail of primacord off the common primacord lead encircling the ~~numbered I and II~~ numbered I and II girder. The Sub-circuit terminates at two terminals in the junc.box.

(b) Subsidiary sutting charge and Masonry pier.

Subsidiary cutting charge is to be fired by 13 electric detonators,firing charges as follows:
I,II,III,IV,V,VI,VII,VIII,XI,X & XI,XII,XIII,XIV.

Masonry pier is to be fired by 2 electric dets. one at each mined charge.

The cutting charge and two mined charges are connected in series and the sub-circuit terminates at the fire box on two terminals (3 & 4).

(c) Pylon charges.

All 8 mined charges on the concrete piers are to be connected in series and loops are provided near the individual charge for the connection of electric dets.

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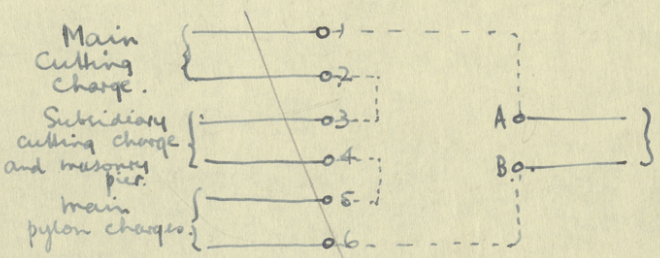
These dets are to be taped to a tail of primacord which will be found inside the demolition chamber entrance.
This sub-circuit terminates at the junc. box on terminals 5 and 6 at the junc;box and on the side opposing the six terminals will be found two main terminals A and B from which is taken off the main electric leads which pass along the lower footwalk and terminate at the concrete block house.
At this point the exploder will be connected.
The purpose of the terminal box is to enable separate continuity tests to be made for the 3 sub-circuits mentioned above and to localize to a certain extent faults which may occur in the electrical system.
When the charges are to be fired all terminals are connected in series.



PART III - SUMMARY OF ACTION TO FIRE.

4. Primacord and safety fuze circuit.

(I) Place dry guncotton primers in each wet guncotton slab in both the main and the subsidiary (first removing the card board ringaround each primer.)

(2) Insert all primacord tails in the primers nearest making sure that slabs,not in contact with each other are provided immediate with at least one point of detonation. (If the primacord fits loosely in the primer it will have to be packed with small strips of wood or bound with strips of cloth to make firm contact within the primer.)

(3) Connect all primacord leads to the mined charges in each of the concrete piers and the masonry pier.

(4) At the junc.box the safety fuze is run out to its fullest extent,taping if necessary.Crimp on a No. 27 detonator and tape the detonator onto the main primacord lead.

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(N.B.At least one foot of primacord should be cut off to ensure that moisture has not affected it.)

(5) Electric and primacord Circuit.

(I) Test each sub-circuit for continuity, then when this has been established, proceed as follows :-

(2) For the main and subsidiary cutting charges.

Cut and bare the two leads of each loop opposite the various individual charges, and attach electric detonators. Tape with pure rubber first and then with insulating tape.

Tape the detonators to the lead of primacord provided opposite each individual charge.

(3) Cut and bare the loops at each mined charge.

(8 for concrete piers and 2 for masonry piers) Attach an electric det to each pair of leads so produced, bind with pure rubber and tape.

Attach by taping the dets to the primacord tail which will be found inside the chamber entrances.

(4) Test each sub-circuit individually for continuity, care being taken to see that the Safety cell is in circuit.

(5) Connect all sub-circuits in series by connecting terminals A and I, 2 and 3, 4 and 5, 6 and B.

(6) Test for continuity at the exploder end of main circuit at the concrete block house.

(7) Attach exploder and lock.

(8) Ignite Safety fuze, withdraw to block house unlock the exploder and fire.

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N.B A. Tests for continuity of each sub-circuit will be made daily without detonators in circuit

B. At monthly periods when ordered by O.C.2/9 AUST A FD COY or Officer deputed by him insulation tests will be made and results recorded in the book provided.

C. At certain periods when ordered by O.C.2/9 AUST A FD COY or Officer deputed by him, tests for resistance will be made with all electric dets in circuit but NOT inserted in primers or attached to primacord.

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REPORT ON KARA BARA Tunnel.

1. Herewith copy of CE 390.

2. ~~Report in question has not been seen here; presumably you know the reference.~~

3. Please furnish report as suggested- para 3, if officer is still with you.

R J H Rixson LT-COL.
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This officer is at present at S.M.E.

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26 Nov 41.

CRE 7 AUST DIV.

Report on KARA BARA Tunnel by
2/9 Aust Fd Coy.

1. The preparation of this report shows zeal on the part of the author, and for this reason is to be commended. But the report is too verbose and has been distributed through the wrong channels.

2. Please direct the attention of 2/9 Aust Fd Coy to the following:-

(a) CE. Tech Instn No 9, re some remarks on the writing and assembling of reports.

(b) AIF Order No 392 re channels for submission to higher authorities:

(c) If it was desired to send a copy of the report to the GSO 11 of a CE, the report should have been addressed CE Pal & TJ (for GSO 11) or CE 9th Army (for GSO 11) , according to whom was intended, and be sent via CRE 7 Aust Div and CE 1 Aust Corps.

3. The importance of good military writing is so great that it is suggested the report be re-written briefly in the correct form, in say a maximum of one and a half pages exclusive of tables and sketches.

(SGD) C. Steele. Brig.
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KARA BABA TUNNEL : HERS DERS VIADUCT
RADJOU TUNNEL.

AMMONAL Contrary to general demolition practice, text book instructions and recent R.E. Intelligence Summaries all ammonal charges have, for initiating their detonation, only primacord (without primers) to initiate the detonation of the charge.

In reviewing the design of above demolitions it is my opinion that the arrangement is entirely unsatisfactory, and I could not accept responsibility for a satisfactory demolition.

In view of the above I had a series of tests carried out which confirm the above opinion. A report on these tests is attached.

It is recommended that charges be uncovered and primers placed in each charge on the primacord.

100 G.C. primers are required to do this.
Labour - 2 sub Secs. - 100 hrs. work.

Your instructions are awaited.

CUTTING CHARGES HERS DERS VIADUCT.

A single primacord length to each charge from a junction box for each group of charges is initiated by alternative electric and safety methods of firing.

It is considered that the primacord lengths should be replaced by primacord circuit giving 2 alternative directions of detonation wave to each charge thus halving risks of failure.

Labour required - 3 men - 40 hrs.

Please send instructions for action to be taken.

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PLAN PROPOSED FOR COMPLETE DEMOLITION

By

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2/9 AUST. A Fd. Coy.

Sept. I, 41

PART I - GENERAL :

I. The demolition involves five (5) distinct operations :-

1) Cutting the main girder with Guncotton charges.
2) Demolition of No.2 Pylon (NORTH) by four (4) charges - one in each of four (4) concrete plinths.
3) Demolition of No.I pylon (SOUTH) by four (4) charges - one in each of four (4) concrete plinths.
4) Cutting small subsidiary girder (NORTH ERMOST SPAN) with Guncotton charges.
5) Demolition of large masonry pier on NORTH end by two (2) mined charges.

2. There will be two distinct circuits - one electrical and one with cordtex, the latter with two alternative methods of ignition viz electrical and safety fuse.

PART II - DETAIL :

3. Main Girder.

1) This consists of two Warren trusses with sway bracing as shown in Appendix I - Main elevation. It carries the railway track and a small foot-bridge. For dimensions see Appendix I.
2) From calculations there are required I70 slabs of Guncotton to cut the girder completely. There are 58 points of detonation required for one circuit. A similar number will be required for the alternative firing circuit.
3) Means of firing:
   a) One complete electrical circuit with detonators in series. Approx. voltage required = 200 .
   b) An alternative means will be by cordtex, if necessary supplemented by electrical leads back to an exploder.
   c) An alternative method of ignition of (b) by safety fuse.

4. Main Pylon:

1) These are of fabricated steel of heights 133 ft. and 193 ft. respectively. All four legs of each pylon are supported on concrete piers of varying heights as shown in Appendix II.
2) Demolition chambers: All piers contain large demolition chambers of average cubic contents 60 c.ft.
This will allow the placing of 4000 c.ft. of Ammonial or other similar explosive.
It is considered that actual charges of 2000 c.ft. should be sufficient in each.

3) Four (4) points of detonation will be incorporated in each pier with a total of sixteen (16) per pylon and two alternative means of firing will be used :-
   a. Electric firing :
      Circuit coming up to a main terminal board on the footwalk near the main girder cutting charge.
   b. Cordtex circuit :
      This will pass from the charges up to the pylon and connect up with the cordtex circuit of the main cutting charge.

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PART II - DETAIL (Cont.)

5. Subsidiary Girder :

I) This is similar to the main girder in construction with two Warren trusses connected by sway bracing (See Appendix II) The inner end rests on a large masonry pier as indicated in the Main Elevation.
2) This is to be cut by Guncotton charges placed to produce a cut of approx. 60° at a point one third of the distance from the masonry pier.
Number of slabs required = 94.
3) Means of firing.
a. Points of detonation connected in series by an electric circuit taken out to a terminal plate near the main girder cutting charge.
b. A Cordtex circuit, to be incorporated with the circuit embracing the main cutting charge and the pylon charges.

6. Masonry Pier :

I) This has dimensions as shown in Appendix IVIand is composed of large masonry blocks of dimensions 27' x 18' x 54' high with an internal filling of rubble.
2) The pier is to be demolishsd by twin charges of 1000 Lbs. each placed symmetrically within it and in chambers of size 3' x 3' x 2' .
3) Means of firing.
Two circuits, electrical and cordtex. Both these circuits being in series with the respective circuits of the subsidiary cutting charges.
Number of points of detonation in each charge = 2 for each charge.

PART III - CALCULATIONS :

7. Main Girder Cutting Charges.

For details of the placing of charges and their number see Appendix IV. This also indicates the number of points or detonation and their location in seperate charges.
Len gth of electric cable to terminal board = 300 ft.
Length of Cordtex to enclose all the charges = 300 ft.

8. Pylon Charges :

For detail of existing demolition chambers see Appendix VI
Average capacity of chamber = 60 c.ft.
Density of Ammonal when packed in containers = 54 Lbs per c.ft.
i.e. Total weight in chamber if filled = 3240 Lbs.
Crater diameter D (ft) :

$$W = \frac{D}{50} \text{ Lbs.}$$

$$D^3 = 3240 \times 50 = 162{,}000$$

i.e. D = Approx. 54 ft.

This is actually more than is required. It is recommended therefore that there be a charge of 2000 Lbs which will give a crater of approx. 46 ft. which should completely demolish each pier.
Length of electric cable to termina l board near the main cutting charge = 1410 ft.

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PART III - CALCULATIONS (Cont.)

9. Subsidiary Cutting Charges:

For detail of placing charges see Appendix VI.

IO. Masonry Pier:

For dimensions see Appendix VII.
The chamber capacities are I8 c.ft. each, which could contain up to : I8 x 54 Lbs.
= 972 Lbs. i.e. approx. I000 Lbs.

This will be the charge employed (with slight increase in dimensions to accomodate the extra charge).

Crater Diameter $D = \sqrt[3]{I000 \times 50}$ ft.

= 36 ft.

This is more than enough to demolish the pier which has a total width of I8 ft. i.e. there is an overall F & S of 2 .
Length of electric cable required to connect 9 & IO in series and up to terminal board near main cutting charge : I400 ft.

Length of cordtex required to connect up 9 & IO and connect in with the combined circuit of the main cutting charge and the pylon charges : I680 ft.

II. Total length of electric cable :

1) From terminal board to point of firing for electric circuit : 800 ft.
2) From point of firing to the initiating detonator on the cordtex circuit : 800 ft.

I2. Length of safety fuse required to be attached to a branch of the main cordtex circuit which provides an alternative method of firing the cordtex circuit.

Time allowed = 5 mins.

i/e. length of safety fuse = IO ft.

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SUMMARY OF DEMOLITION STORES

Sept. I, 4I.

	EXPLOSIVE		DETS		CABLE EI MK II	CORDTEX (FT)	SAFETY FUSE (FT)
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3. SUBSIDIARY CUTTING CHARGE	C/C	94	28	56	-I400		
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5. CABLE TO FIRING POINT	---	----	I	I	800	---	I0
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TOTAL EXPLOSIVES AND CABLE

Guncotton, wet, slabs I6 oz.	274	
Ammonal tins 50 Lbs.	360	(or 8 tons)
Detonators electric (boxes 200)	I	
Detonators No. 8 or 27 (Tins200)	2	
Cable electric EI MK II	I	Mile
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Safety fuze	28	Ft.

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FIRING DATA

CIRCUIT	DETS	CABLE (FT)	RESISTANCE (OHMS) DETS	CABLE	TOTAL	VOLTS TO FIRE 0.8 AMPS.
MAIN CUTTING CHARGE	6I	300	I83	I.3I	I84.3	I47.5
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KARA BABA TUNNEL - ORDERS FOR FIRING.

PART I. DESCRIPTION.

1. The demolition consists of

(a) 26 charges located in the haunches at approx. 32 ft. centres. Each charge consists of 450 lbs of Ammonal.
(b) 3 crown charges located as rises off galleries numbers 1,3,7. These charges are each of 350 lbs Ammonal.
(c) 4 crown charges located in boreholes as indicated in attached diagram. Each of these charges is 175 lbs Ammonal.

PART II. METHOD OF FIRING - DETAILED DESCRIPTION.

2. Charges may be fired by two means.

(a) Electric ignition of primacord.
(b) Safety Fuse ignition of separate primacord.

(a) ELECTRIC CIRCUIT. Main twin cable runs round each side of tunnel with two primacord leads bound ~~with~~ together will be found at the top of each gallery.
This primacord is run as a ring main to each charge and back again.
To these two leads one electric detonator must be attached at least one foot from the end and joined to the ~~with~~ loop provided in the main electric circuit. A joint in the cable has been left opposite each gallery bound with insulating tape. 14 detonators are required at the 14 gallery entrances.

A separate branch twin lead is coiled in the box at the SOUTH end marked "B.H" with wooden label, and will be run out over the tunnel.
Detonators must be connected to one of the primacord leads in each of four boreholes and connected in series to branch lead.
A total of 18 detonators is to be connected.
Lead on reel is to be marked "EX" with wooden label, and run out to Exploder.

(b) PRIMACORD CIRCUIT. A primacord main passes round inside and returns. Each gallery has two separate primacord leads at the entrance. These are the ends of a primacord branch which passes to each charge and returns.
Each of two leads at each gallery is joined to the primacord main by a clove-hitch joint, clove-hitch to be tied at least one foot from end of each lead branch.

A primacord lead is joined to main (passing round tunnel), then passes over top and to other end of tunnel where it is again joined to main. This primacord is covered with conduit except at boreholes. The primacord lead passing down borehole is joined by means of a clove-hitch to the above lead which passes over the tunnel.
The clove-hitch at least one foot from the end of the primacord.

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PART III. SUMMARY OF ACTION REQUIRED.

1. Connect each of the two single leads (primacord) from each gallery to main passing round tunnel, by clove-hitch joint. Tie a tight clove-hitch at least one foot from end of lead.
2. Tie electric detonator to two primacord leads bound together(tie at least one foot from the ends of primacord). Connect leads from detonators to main cable at tabl provided.
3. Connect one primacord lead from each borehole to primacord main passing over tunnel by means of clove-hitch . Tie tight clove-hitch at least one foot from end of primacord lead.
4. Run out twin electric cable from box over top of tunnel labelled "B.H"with wooden label, Connect electric detonators to other primacord lead in borehole and connect detonators to cable.
5. Run out cable on reel to firing point, test continuity and connect to Exploder.
6. Tie Safety Detonator to main primacord near box at SOUTH end of tunnel. This detonator is fixed to 15 feet length of Safety Fuse.
7. Ignite Safety Fuse and retire to safe position at Exploder.
8. Fire Exploder within 5 minutes of lighting Safety Fuse.

NOTE.

Exploder, Safety Fuse, 3/15 ft lengths, with detonators attached, electric detonators and insulating tape will be found in box at SOUTH end of tunnel. Also in box are a coil of twin lead which is run out over the tunnel to the boreholes, and a reel of twin cable which is run out 220 yards to the point where Exploder will be fired.

APPENDIX.

Sketch of tunnel showing charges.

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TESTING. 1. Test electric circuit for continuity at least once per day and after each train passes.
2. Inspect cables for breaks or damage.
3. If resistance reading shows variation, inspect cables minutely for damage and test portions of circuits with pricker test comparing resistances of varying lengths of cable.
4. Record daily in log. book resistances of circuit and any difficulties or irregularities found and action taken.
5. Inspect al primacord for breaks or damage or excessive moisture.
6. Inspect every visible charge for movement or damage.
7. Test pieces of primacord, labelled, have been left in tunnel and drives and on bridge. These are to be tested when ordered.

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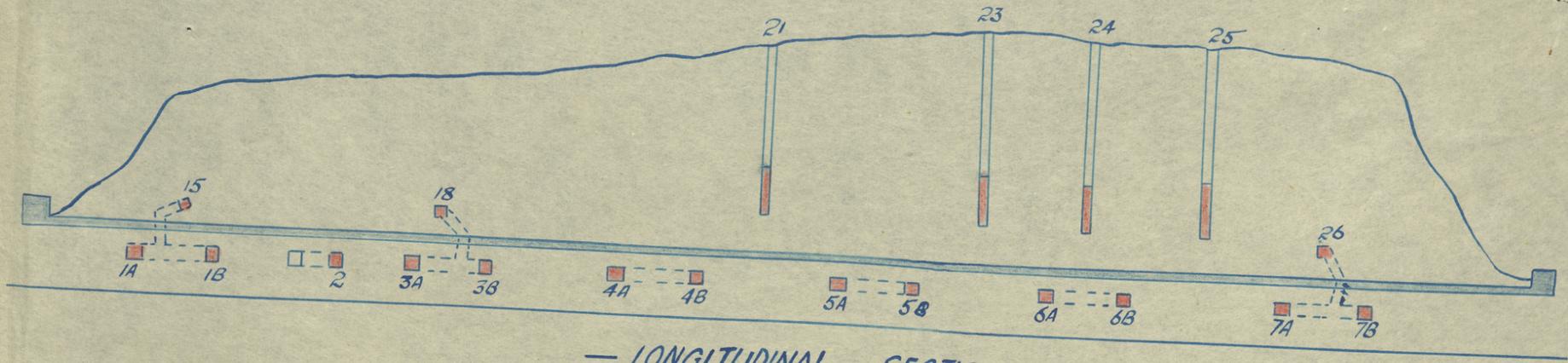

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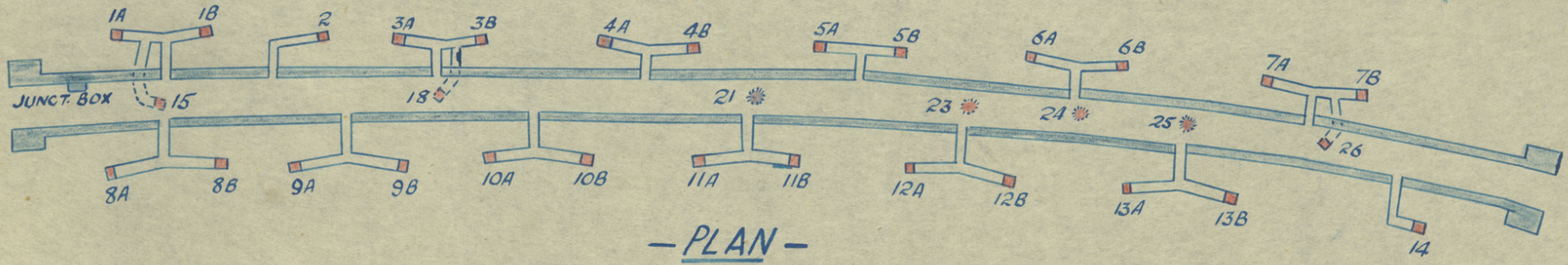

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Diagrammatic Sketch of Tunnel Showing position of Charges - NOT TO SCALE

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Plan proposed for Demolition.., Aug 29, 41

By

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OBJECT:

I. To secure a complete demolition by deliberate preparation. Task to be completed before I5 Sept.

Part I - General.

2. From an examination of the exposed ends of the overhead cover, the ground seems to be loose and fairly easy to work, but it may not move without assistance. Mine charges will be used in alternate pairs out from the haunches and intermediate single charges in the crown. Distance of charges from inner wall approx. half the width of the tunnel. The result should be a complete demolition along the entire length of the tunnel and consequently will require a new tunnel to be dug.

Part II - Considerations.

3. For dimensions of the tunnel see App. I .

4. Width of tunnel I6 Ft. and length 406 Ft.

5. Lining - Masonry, possibly limestone 9" to 2' thick.

6. Type of soil :
It is believed that it is solid enough to hold, but on the result of trial holes to be made will depend the use or not of timber cells.

Part III - Proposals.

7. Twin charges of min 350 Lbs. each (tobe increased to 700 Lbs if the explosives are available) to be placed normal to the haunches (as shown in diagram) one each side and at a distance of 8 Ft. from inner wall. These latter charges are alternate with a single charge in the crown of the same size and at the same distance from the inside of the tunnel wall. Distance between gallery centres = I6 Ft. Total haunch charge (Ammonal) :-

24 x 350 (700) = 8400 (I6800) Lbs.
II x 350 (700) = 3850 (7700) Lbs.
Total charge = I2250 (24500)
i.e. 5.5 or II Tons.

8. Dimensions of drive = 4' I0" x 2' 9"
Dimensions of chamber = '4 I0" x 2' 9" x 6'00

9. Chamber capacity = 79.9 c.ft.

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Plan proposed for demolition. (cont.)

Part IV - Calculations.

IO. Taking distance of 8 ft. for charge from inner side of tunnel wall, a theoretical crater diam would be indicated of, say, 24 ft.

If D = 24

∴ Charge (Ammonal) = $D^3/50$

= I5625/50

= 334 or 350 Lbs.

Taking overall F.of S. of 2
Charge = 700 Lbs.

With D = 24 ft. there should be an overlap of theoretical craters of D/3
∴ distance between centres = I6 ft.

Total charges = I2 double(i.e.one each side) and II single.

Total tunnel length = 406 ft.
∴ Dist. from each end = 27 ft. and then I6 ft. between centres.

II. Take two subsecs. working on two drives at the time (only one tool can be operated at a time, but is expected that while the compressor is used on one drive, hand tools can be used on the other); for average work IO ft. per diem. can be expected, i.e. one drive per day less the gallery. Allow, then, two days for a section to complete a series of 3 drives and galleries. Two sections therefore can complete task in I2 days.
This later will allow a certain time interval for train delays etc..

Total time for completion of 35 drives for 2 Sections=I2 Days.

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RADJOU TUNNEL - ORDERS FOR FIRING

PART I - DESCRIPTION .

1. This demolition consists of 4 haunch charges placed in the centre of the tunnel, and disposed 40 ft. on each side of one crown charge.

2. The haunch charges, each of 550 lbs Ammonal are disposed 12 ft from the side wall of the tunnel and ~~9~~ 12 ft high, offset 6 ft from the drives.
The crown charge, of 550 lbs Ammonal is disposed 10 ft above the top of the tunnel and offset 15 ft from a ventilating shaft, which is situated approximately midway along the tunnel.

PART II - MEANS OF FIRING

3. There are two means of firing the charges, viz.
(i) Primacord detonation of all charges initiated by safety fuze.
(ii) Primacord interconnection of all points of detonation within each charge and initiation of each charge by electric means.

4. In the case of (i) all charges are interconnected with primacord, the lead being disconnected from the main lead at the chamber entrance.
The main lead passes from the gallery entrance up the ventilating shaft to a junction box. In this box there is a length of safety fuze which is to have a detonator crimped on one end, and this detonator in turn taped onto the primacord lead. This safety fuze allows a time interval of 7½ ~~seconds~~ mins.

5. Regarding (ii) twin leads pass from the junction box down the ventilating shaft and pass all gallery entrances leaving a loop opposite each. These loops will be cut and bared an an electric det attached to each pair of tails and taped. This det is in turn to be taped to a primacord tail which will be found

Already cut & marked.

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just inside the gallery entrance for the purpose. When connecting up always cut off at least six inches of the primacord lead to ensure that moisture has not deteriorated it.

PART III. SUMMARY OF ACTION REQUIRED WHEN FIRING.

6. The following is the sequence of action required to fire the demolition ;

(i) Connect the main primacord lead to all charges.

(ii) At the junction box run out the Safety fuze and crimp on the No 27 detonator provided. Tape the detonator on to the main primacord lead, allowing about a foot for deterioration by moisture.

Electric method.

(iii) Cut and bare all loops near the charges.

(iv) Attach electric dets to the pairs thus produced bind with pure rubber and tape.

(v) Run out the twin lead found coiled in the junction box and test the whole circuit for continuity.

(vi) When continuity is established attach the exploder and lock.

Return to the junction box and ignite the safety fuze. Move to the exploder (in a covered position) unlock and fire the charges.

N.B

1. Continuity test will be carried out daily without electric dets in circuit.
2. At periods , as ordered by the O.C 2/9 AUST A FD COY RAE or Officer deputed by him, insulation tests will be made and the results recorded in the log book provided
3. Atperiods, as ordered by the O.C.2/9 AUST A FD.COY RAE or Officer deputed by him, resistance tests ~~XXX~~ will be carried out with electric dets in circuit but not connected to primacord leads.

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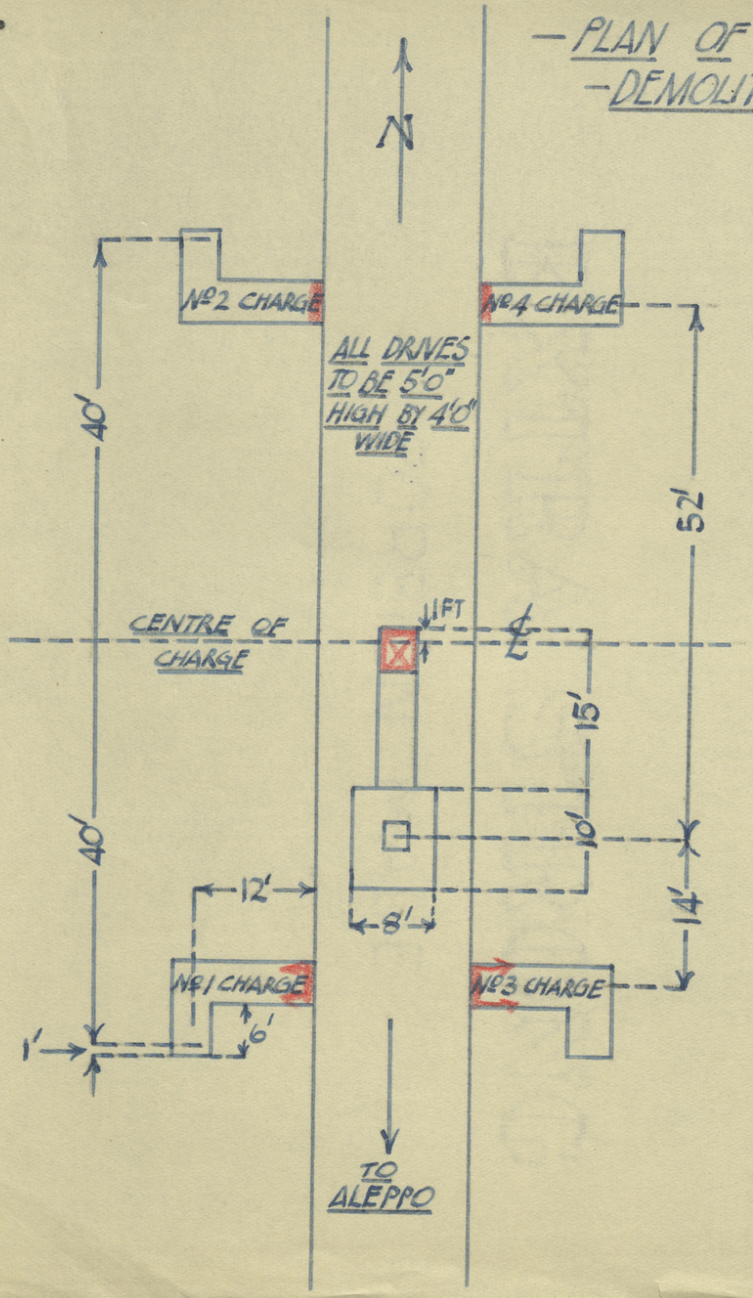
—DEMOLITION—



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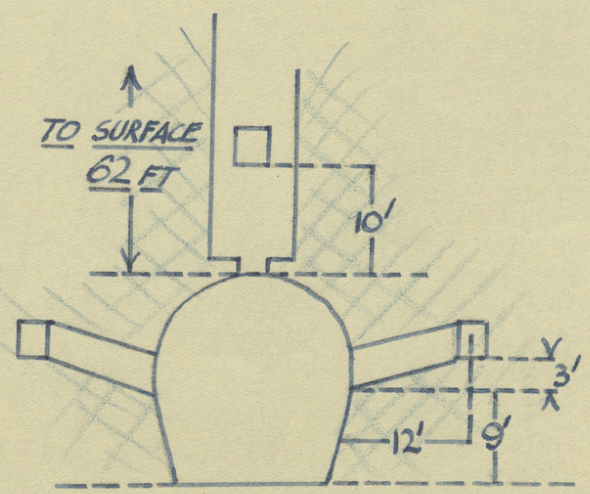

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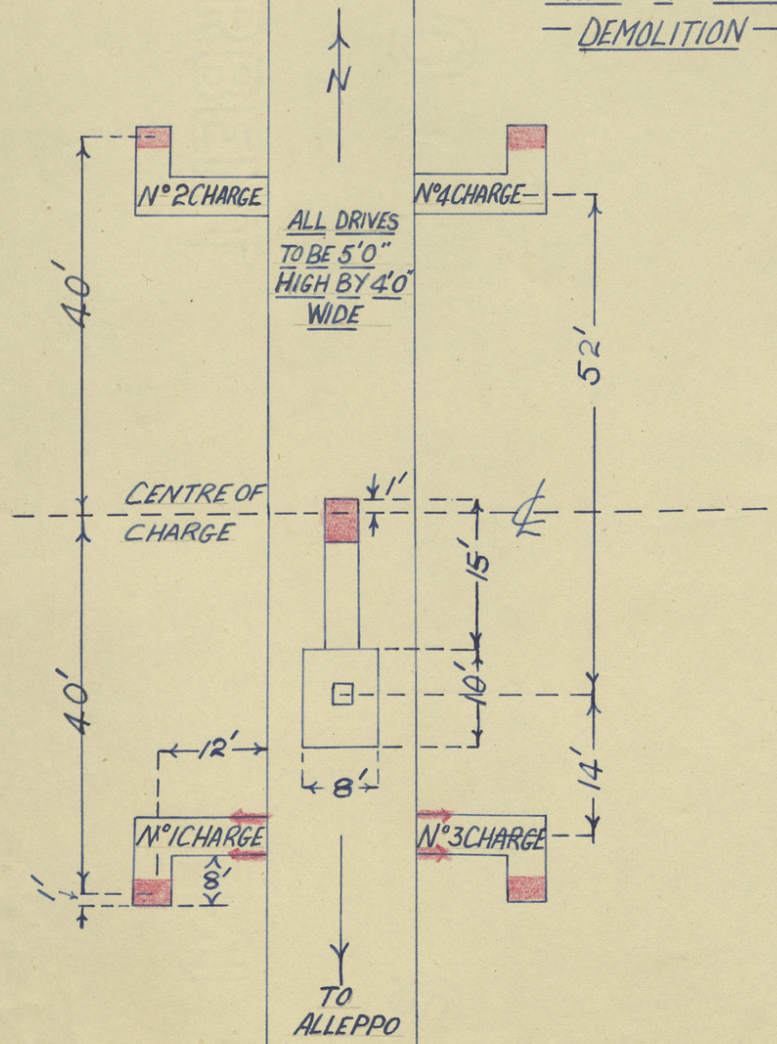

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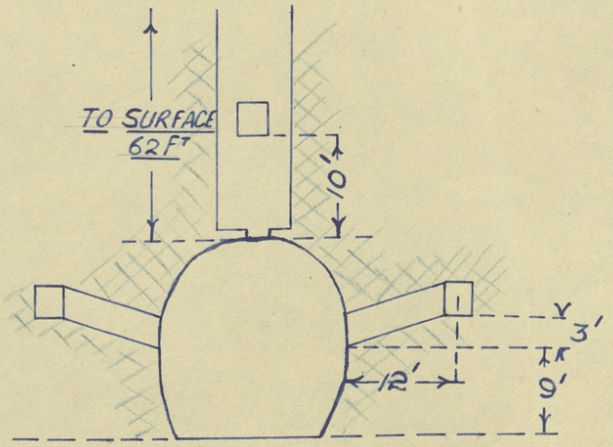

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WORK TO BE DONE.

A. KARA BABA Tunnel.

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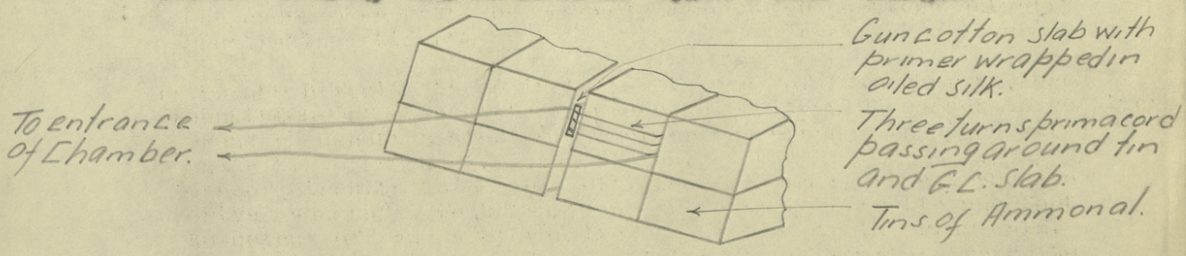

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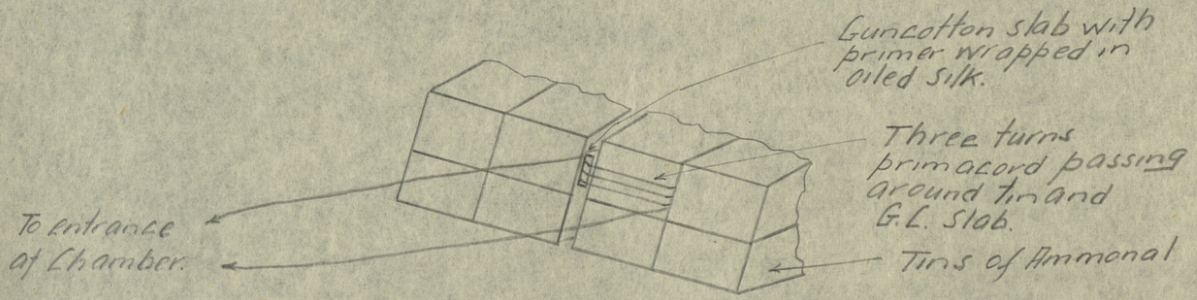

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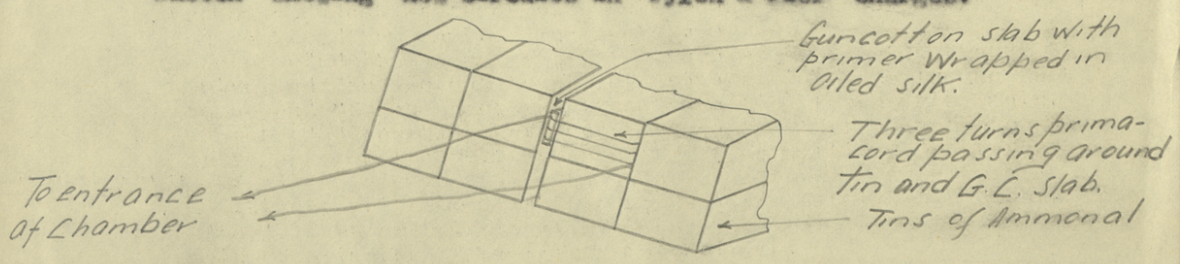

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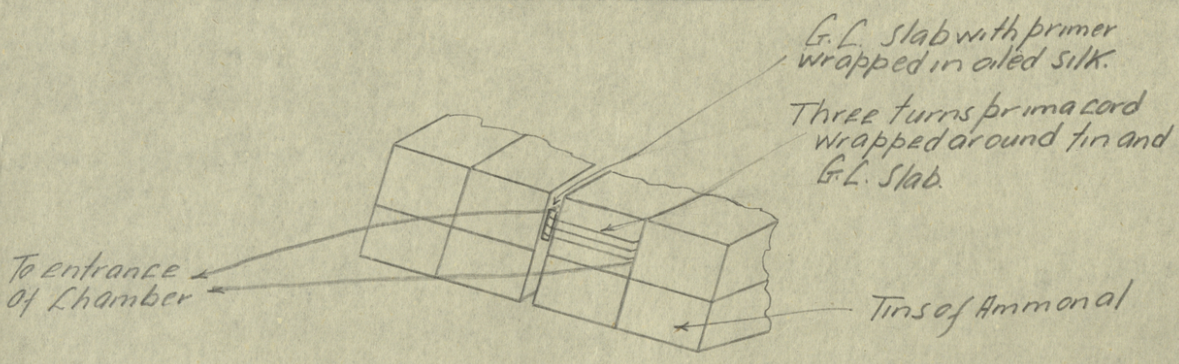

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REPORT on RECCE of ROADS in NORTHERN SYRIA
leading to the TURKISH FRONTIER by LIEUT E.D.J. STEWART.
2/9 AustA.FdCoy.R.A.E.
DATE: 18 JAN.42.

Ref.Maps - LEVANT 1:200,000 Series
ANTIOCHE,ALEP,LATTAQUIE - HAMA

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PART 111. Estimate of Stores, plant, vehicles and labour required to carry out the 6 months work programme.

OBJECT

1. To report on recce of roads in NORTH SYRIA leading to TURKISH FRONTIER to obtain information for the preparation of a works programme to improve the roads until they attain the following standard:- all weather surface, 6 metres wide to carry 600 tons daily and loads up to class 24; also to report on present condition and capacity of the roads.

PART 1.

SUMMARY

2. Roads recced at C.E.'s 1 Aust Corps request
(i) ALEP - OURUM ES SORHRA - TERIB - The FRONTIER.
(ii) ALEP - AFRINE - EL HAMMAM
(iii) LATTAQUIE - ZERHRINE - EL OUROU
(iv) ALEP - AFRINE Rd - AZAZ - KILLIS
(v) AFRINE - RADJOU - MEDAIN EKBES.

Except (v) all rds are in reasonable condition but surfaces are worn and would not take the quantity of traffic required at present under Army loads and normal traffic they are wearing quickly. Save (v), 150 tons a day maximum, class 24. Rd (v) for 10 miles is merely a roughly metalled track just passable in all weather, remainder is narrow macadam rd.

STONE USED

3. In ALEPPO area the soling and surface are generally a soft limestone which though binding well tears up under even light traffic. In some sections basalt is used as a surface but it binds poorly though it wears well.
In LATTAQUIE area ~~the selling and surface are generally~~ there are two types of stones used (i) a similiar lime stone is that in the ALEPPO area but better wearing (ii) A metamorphosed lime stone which wears excellently but binds poorly.
It is recommended that a bitumenised surface ~~to which~~ be laid on all roads to maintain the surface in reasonable condition. Macadam surface would be reasonably satisfactory for summer use only.
All sand and chippings required in both areas have to be crushed from rock.

FOUNDATIONS.

4. It was observed on the rds recced that in many places the soling was subsiding on the sides of the rd, makingthe surface very irregular and forming a very high crown. This is paraticularly so on main rds where army traffic has been heavy.
Three likely causes:-

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(i) Insufficient depth of soling.
(2) Poor formation drainage, causing weakness of formation
(3) Badly packed soling.
(2) is considered to be the dominating cause

WATER SUPPLY

5. On all routes, water can be secured at numerous points from wells or streams

TYPE OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION SUGGESTED

6. (i) In widening the road, use spall kerbs and hand pitch soling 20 cm deep, surface of 10 cm, 6 - 9 cm stone water bound and bitumen sealed, 5 1/2 kiles bitumen per square metre of rd.
(ii) Resealing the rd. Bitumen seal coat, 2 kiles to square metre with 8 cm coat of 5 cm chippings

For purposes of estimating the stores demands, local P.W.D. practices have been assumed, i.e.
(i) Aggregate for surfacing broken to size by hand labour
(ii) Carrying of spoil (earth) by hand in small baskets
(iii) All screenings and chippings by hand.

PRIORITY OF WORK.

7. Purely from point of view of ease of improvement with minimum labour, the order of priority of work would be -
Rd (i)
Rd (ii)
Rd (iv)
Rd (vi)
Rd (v)
There is a great deal of excavation work to be doneto improve rd (iii) to specification and there are 10 miles of new rd to be made to improve rd (v)

WEATHER.

8. Have assumed programme to be carried out during the dry and warm seasons.

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DETAILED ROAD RECCE.

PART 11.

1. ROUTE 1. YENI CHERIR - TERIB - OURUM ES SORHRA.

A. PRESENT CONDITION
The rd has mainly bitumen surface, width varying from 4-5 m, it would carry 600 tons per day for a short period but maintenance would become excessive and rd would rapidly deterierate. All bridges and culverts would take class 24 loads. Would not recommend traffic of more than 250 tons/day in emergency.

B. WORK REQUIRED TO BRING RD TO SPECIFICATION.
Widen 1 metre and reseal with bitumen, 14.9 miles
Widen 1 1/2 metres and reseal with bitumen, 6.3 miles.
(Two miles of this will need surface remetalling)
Widen 2 metres and reseal with bitumen 1.4 miles.
Widen 1 1/2 metres and seal with 2 coats, 2 miles.

NO steep gradients or sharp curves.

2. ROUTE 2. EL HAMMAN - AFRINE - ALEP.

A. PRESENT CONDITION
The rd has throughout a 4 1/2 metres wide macadam surface with approx 20 cm soling, the surface is generally worn and rd needs resurfacing practically throughout its whole length as well as widening.
This rd would NOT take over 150 tons a day for any time without very excessive wear and tear.
Two small masonry arch bridges on the route have bad cracks in them, due to subsiding of foundations, they were classified as class 18 and class 24 in the detailed recce, but would probably not take respected heavy loads.

B. WORK TO BRING ROAD TO SPECIFICATION
Widen 1.5 metres, resurface and bitumen seal, 28 miles
Widen 1.5 metres, and bitumen seal, 11 miles
Widen 1.5 metres, and seal widen strip

2 Masonry arch bridges also to be repaired.

3. ROUTE 3. LATTAQUIE - ANTIOCHE.

A. PRESENT CONDITION
Rd has generally 4 metre water bound macadem surface.
Rock used lime stone or metamorphosed lime-stone.
Selling 18-20 cm, filler 10 cm. Except for one bad patch the surface is good, but mountain section of rd has very poor binding and unless bitumen sealed would tear up under traffic of 150 tons a day.
P.W.D. classification bridges 16 ton, for Army purposes Class 24.
Slopes up to 1 in 13 in mountain section. Road is 29.3 miles long 15 miles through mountains and remainder over flat on gently undulating country with negligible cut and fill.

B. WORK REQUIRED TO BRING RD TO SPECIFICATION
Widen 1 metre, and seal with bitumen 2 miles
Widen 2 metres and seal with bitumen 22.5 miles
Widen 2 metres and seal widened portion 2.7 miles
Resurface (resole if required) widen 2 metres and seal with bitumen 2.1 miles

There are approx 70 concrete culverts in mountain section that will have to be replaced if rd is widened.
Height of cut referred to in Detailed Report is the height of the cut in the cut and fill sections of the rd.

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4. ROUTE 4. KILLIS - AZAZ - AFRINE - ALEP RD.

A. PRESENT CONDITION
4 metre wide water bound macadam surface, very worn. Would take class 24 loads but will tear up under traffics of 120 tons a day or over.

B. WORK REQUIRED TO BRING RD TO SPECIFICATION.
Widen rd 2 metres, resurface and bitumenize 6 miles

5. ROUTE 5. AFRINE - RADJOU - MEDAIN EKBES.

A. PRESENT CONDITION
From MEDAIN EKBES to AFRINE the rd will have to be completely remade, including quite an amount of extra cut and fill work to take the extra width, 5 culverts required. Lime-stone is abundant throughout the whole length of the rd.
The rd from RADJOU will have to be widened and resurfaced.

B. WORK REQUIRED TO BRING RD TO SPECIFICATION.
Complete construction of 6 metre rd bitumen surface:-
13 miles
Widen rd 1.8 metres, resurface and bitumenize :- 16 miles.

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ROAD RECONNAISSANCE REPORT

ROUTE YEMI CHERHIR - TERIB - OURUM ES SORHRA - AIE ALEP

WEATHER CONDITIONS FINE after light rain

DATE 2 JAN 42

VEHICLES USED Ford Van 15 cwt

REPORT By: Lt. E.D.J. STEWART RAE.

1 PLACE	2 Time	3 Meter Reading Miles Kms	4 Length of the Road	5 Aver Spd Running time Miles	6 Width of Road	7 Foundation or soling Specification State of Repair	8 Surface Macadam Bitumen Earth etc Specification State of Repair	9 Detail of Bridges Culverts Strength & Width	10 Proximity & type of stone gravel or sand available	11 Remarks (see note on reverse)
¾ mile from TURKISH Frontier Post	3081.7						Bitumen		Limestone along road side except where otherwise stated	x slope to 1 in 10 but very little extra cut req. to take 6M road
	3082.5				4M	18 - 20 on limestone soling	Worn			Flat country
							"			Bends 1 to 1½ m.
	3083.1	1.4								
	3084.0				4M		Bitumen good			
		.9			5M	"	Macadam			
ALEP 45	3084.3				4½M	"	starting to pot hole			
	3084.8	.8					Bitumen			
BAB EL HOUA	3085.1	.3			4½M	"	very worn			Road from hereon, about 3'6" to 4'6" above surrounding country.
	3085.4				5M		Bitumen			
	3086.3					Foundations subsided irregular surface	"			
		1.6			5M					
	3086.7									
New Aerodrome ALEP 40	3087.0				5M	high crown	"			

& Note possibility of strengthening existing bridges to take class 24 Ton loads

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Cross Roman Rd.		8088.1	1.4		4½M		Bitumen Macadam good			No spall kerbs
ALEP.35		8089.6								
		8091.1	.5		4½M	Foundations	intact			Rd approx same level as country up to 18" above.
ALEP.30		8092.3			4½M	"	Bitumen good			
TERIB		8092.4	4.6		4½M	"	"			
ALEP 25		8095.								Rd. about 18" above surrounding country.
		8095.7	.7		4½M	as before	Macadam good repair			
ALEP-HOMS Rd.		8096.4			4½M					
		8096.5			5M	20cm soling limestone	Bitumen pot holes recently patched but rapidly forming again whole road reseating	3 span Masonry arch 18" spans		
OURUM ES SORHRA		8096.6			"					

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ALEP 20		8097.8			5M	20cm soling limestone	Bitumen pot holes recently patched reforming			Road 2 - 4 ft above surrounding country.
OURUM EL KOUBRA		8099.1								
ALEP 15		8100.6								
ALEP 10		8102.3						3 span masonry arch 16 ft spans		
		8103.5								
KHAN ASSAL		8103.8								
ALEP 5		8106.5								
			12.4							
ALEP Tour de ville		8108.8			5M	as above	as above			

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PART 11 DETAILED RECCE

ROAD RECONNAISSANCE REPORT

ROUTE EL HAMMAN-AFRINE-ALEPPO

WEATHER CONDITIONS Overcast Occasional rain

DATE 11 Jan 42

VEHICLES USED Ford Van 15 cwt

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EL HAMMAN		1458.3			4½M	18-20 cm lime stone soling edges of road subsiding	8 cm Basalt good wearing poor binding		Lime stone within a few hundred yards of rd	Gently undulating country
ALEP 85										
HADJ		1460.1	1.8			Soling	Good Basalt			
ISKENDER		1461.0			4½M	intact	surface			
ALEP 80		1462.4	1.4				Basalt			350 yds of limestone macadam
		1463.0					worn off		None on sur	
		1463.5			Edges of	rd subsiding	Basalt 3-8% Potholes		face but lime stone beneath shallow soil	Irregular surface and high crown caused by failure of soling
		1464.7				Soling intact	Basalt 5% Potholes			
ALEP 75		1465.7								
		1466.6	4.2		4½M	as	above		Stone near rd	Flat country rd slightly elevated .5-.7m.

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PART 11 DETAILED RECCE

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VEHICLES USED Ford Van 15 cwt

REPORT B: Lt. E.D.J STEWART RAE

1 PLACE	2 Time	3 Meter Reading Miles Kms	4 length of the Road	5 Aver Spd Running time Miles	6 Width of Road	7 Foundation or soling Specification State of Repair	8 Surface Macadam Bitumen Earth etc Specification State of Repair	9 Detail of Bridges Culverts Strength & Width	10 Proximity & type of stone gravel or sand available	11 Remarks (see note on reverse)
		1467.1	.5		4½M	18-20cm lime stone soling	None but binding	Masonry arch Br span 5m	Limestone near rd	Crack in bridge needs repair Class 30 after repair
		1468.3				Edges subsided 30cm	only binding			
ALEPPO 70		1468.8	1.7		4½M	Soling intact	Good Lime Stone macadam		No surface stone but shallow soil	
ALEPPO 65		1471.6			4½M	as above			Basalt up to 14 cm guage on surface	
		1471.9	4.0					Masonry arch 4m span		Arch cracked now class 18 Class 30 after repair
		1472.8			4½M	Soling 10% worn	Surface 30% worn			½ mile high crown
		1473.4			4½M	Soling intact	Surface good			
AFRINE		1474.4				as above	Surface barely worn			
		1474.5	1.7					AFRINE Bridge		LARGE 3 SPAN STEEL TRUSS, CLASS 24

& Note possibility of strengthening existing bridges to take class 24 Ton loads

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ROAD RECONNAISSANCE REPORT ROUTE EL HAMMAN - AFRINE - ALEPPO

WEATHER CONDITIONS Overcast occasional rain DATE 11 JAN 42

VEHICLES USED Ford van 15 cwt. REPORT B: Lt. E.D.J. STEWART R.A.E.

1 PLACE	2 Time	3 Meter Reading Miles Kms	4 Length of the Road	5 Aver Spd Running time Miles /	6 Width of Road	7 Foundation or soling Specification State of Repair	8 Surface Macadam Bitumen Earth etc Specification State of Repair	9 Detail of Bridges Culverts Strength & Width	10 Proximity & type of stone gravel or sand available	11 Remarks (see note on reverse)
		1474.9	.5		4½m	Soling unevenly worn	75% worn			
		1475.6	.7		4½m	18-20 cm Lime stone soling	Good Basalt surface			Surface will tear up under heavy traffic
		1476.4				Soling intact	Surface gone			
		1476.6				do	Shallow Basalt surface			Starting to pothole
ALEPPO 55		1477.1								
		1477.7			4½m			Masonry arch bridge		Class 24 Bridge, .3 miles needs resoling
		1478.7			4½m	Soling intact	70% worn			
ALEPPO 50		1479.9				do				
		1480.6			4½m	Soling as before	Very thin signs of potholes			
		1481.0			4½m	do	Worn & potholes 60% of rd 10% Potholes			Short 100m strips of rd in between worn sections.
		1481.4								

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ROAD RECONNAISSANCE REPORT

ROUTE EL HAMMAN - AFRINE - ALEPPO

WEATHER CONDITIONS Overcast occasional rain

DATE 11 JAN 42

VEHICLES USED Ford Van 15 cwt

REPORT BY Lt. E.D.J. STEWART

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Turnoff AZAZ		1483.7			4½m	18-20cm lime stone soling	Very worn & irregular			
ALEPPO 40		1485.4			4½m	In parts foundations gone on sides	Irregular & 5-15% Potholes			
New Aerodrome		1486.5							Hill of basalt	
ALEPPO 35		1488.3							near TEIJ HADJAR	
		1488.8			4½m	Soling intact	20% worn exposing soling			
		1490.1			4½m	do	60% worn		Limestone being quarried	
ALEPPO 30		1490.9				do	15-20% potholes		All along	Flood waters damaging culverts
ALEPPO 25		1493.6			4½m	do	Worn but good		the roadside	
		1494.9	11.2		4½m	do	10% potholes			
ALEPPO		1495.4				do	Good			Surface recently repaired

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ROAD RECONNAISSANCE REPORT

ROUTE EL HAMMAN - AFRINE - ALEPPO

WEATHER CONDITIONS Overcast occasional rains

DATE 11 JAN 42.

VEHICLES USED Ford Van 15 cwt

REPORT BY Lt. E.D.J. STEWART R.A.E.

1 PLACE	2 Time	3 Meter Reading Miles Kms	4 length of the Road	5 Aver Spd Running time Miles	6 Width of Road	7 Foundation or soling Specification State of Repair	8 Surface Macadam Bitumen Earth etc Specification State of Repair	9 Detail of Bridges Culverts Strength & Width	10 Proximity & type of stone gravel of sand available	11 Remarks (see note on reverse)
		1497.0			4½m	18-20cm Lime stone soling	Good Macadam occasional shallow potholes		Plenty Lime stone beside rd	4 miles rd raised 5 ft.
ALEPPO 15		1498.1	3.4		4½m	do	5% potholes surface worn			
ALEPPO 10		1501.8	3			do	Resurfaced good macadam			
ALEPPO 5		1504.8				do	Bitumen			
ALEPPO Tour de ville.		1507.3	1							

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ROAD RECONNAISSANCE REPORT ROUTE ANTIOCHE - LATTAQUIE

WEATHER CONDITIONS Overcast DATE 15 JAN 42

VEHICLES USED Ford Van 15 cwt REPORT B: Lt. E.D.J. STEWART R.A.E.

1 PLACE	2 Time	3 Meter Reading Miles Kms	4 length of the Road	5 Aver Spd Running time Miles /	6 Width of Road	7 Foundation or soling Specification State of Repair	8 Surface Macadam Bitumen Earth etc Specification State of Repair	9 Detail of Bridges Culverts Strength & Width	10 Proximity & type of stone gravel of sand available	11 Remarks (see note on reverse)
1/3 mile from SYRIAN Frontier Post		319.6			5m	20dm hand placed soling metamorphased lime stone	10cm Macadam surface Stone has very poor binding qualities		From near KARAMANH 171436, Metamorphased lime stone for first part of road	
		319.7						Masonry Arch Bridge		
		321.2								Series of hairpin bends, rd slope 1-20 to 1-15
		321.5								
		321.6			4m	as above	as above			
		321.7	13			6½ M of formation				
		321.9	.5							Mountainous section starts all cut and fill. Cross slope 25 to 30 degrees 2-3 M ht cut 3-4 M ht cut 1-1½ M ht cut.
		322.4								
		322.7	.3		4m	as	above			
		323.4			4m	as	above			150 m of 8' embankment: Cut & fill average 2.7m ht cut
		324.1								

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ROAD RECONNAISSANCE REPORT Page 2. ROUTE ANTIOCHE LATTAQUIE

WEATHER CONDITIONS OVERCAST DATE ~~15 JAN 42~~

VEHICLES USED Ford Van 15 cwt. REPORT BY ~~Lt. E.D.J. STEWART~~ R.A.E.

1 PLACE	2 Time	3 Meter Reading Miles Kms	4 length of the Road	5 Aver Spd Running time Miles	6 Width of Road	7 Foundation or soling Specification State of Repair	8 Surface Macadam Bitumen Earth etc Specification State of Repair	9 Detail of Bridges Culverts Strength & Width	10 Proximity & type of stone gravel of sand available	11 Remarks (see note on reverse)
LATTAQUIE 45		325.0	.1		4m	18-20cm soling	10 cm Macadam rock poor binding quality			3½ m cut 75% rock
		325.1								2 hairpins rd down steep face 1/20 gradient
		325.8	.7		4m					Br cut 3½ ,
		325.6	.8							
			1.8			as above				Hrs cut 1½ m
		329.0								" " 5 .
BAGHD-JAJHA		329.2			4m					
Turnoff		329.5			4m	formation 6½ m wide				H T cut 1 m
LATTAQUIE 35		329.6	1.7							H T cut .5 or less
		330.7	.8							
		331.5								
		332.0			4m		soling only			Approach to ford
FORD		332.2					10 cm Limestone	good binding		Rd proper again
		332.3								

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ROAD RECONNAISSANCE REPORT ROUTE ~~ANTIOCHE LATTAQUIE~~

WEATHER CONDITIONS ~~Overcast~~ DATE ~~15 JAN 42~~

VEHICLES USED FORD VAN 15 cwt REPORT By: ~~Lt. E.D.J. STEWART~~ R.A.E.

1 PLACE	2 Time	3 Meter Reading Miles Kms	4 length of the Road	5 Aver Spd Running time Miles	6 Width of Road	7 Foundation or soling Specification State of Repair	8 Surface Macadam Bitumen Earth etc Specification State of Repair	9 Detail of Bridges Culverts Strength & Width	10 Proximity & type of stone gravel or sand available	11 Remarks (see note on reverse)
		332.8	.5		4m	18-20cm Limestone soling	10 cm Macadam surface limestone good binding			Hr cut 3 m
		333.1	.2							
		333.3								Hr cut 2-2½ m 50% earth
LATTAQUIE		334.9	2.2							
25		335.5	.1		4m	as above		R.C. beam and slab 9m span Masonry abutments Roadway 5m		Out of 1 m Earth for 50% of length
		335.6								
Lattaquie		3337.6	1.3			Soling in very bad state	none			Stone ready for repair beside the road
LATTAGUIE 20										
		335.9						Bridge as above		Hr cut 9"
		336.3			4m	18-20cm soling	excellent surface macadam as previously	15½ m span		Gradient of 1 in 11
		337.4	.5							End of repair work
		340.4								
LATTAQUIE		340.7	3.3							
15										Flat country, road ½m above surroundings.
								Large R.C. Bridge 3 span, central span 141' R.C. arch other span 41' slab and beam		

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ROAD RECONNAISSANCE REPORT Page 4. ROUTE ANTIOCHE LATTAQUIE

WEATHER CONDITIONS OVERCAST DATE 15 JAN 42

VEHICLES USED ~~FORD VAN 15 cwt~~ REPORT By: Lt. E.D.J. STEWART

1 PLACE	2 Time	3 Meter Reading Miles Kms	4 length of the Road	5 Aver Spd Running time Miles	6 Width of Road	7 Foundation or soling Specification State of Repair	8 Surface Macadam Bitumen Earth etc Specification State of Repair	9 Detail of Bridges Culverts Strength & Width	10 Proximity & type of stone gravel or sand available	11 Remarks (see note on reverse)
		341.1					Starting			
		341.4	.3		4M	20cm soling limestone	to pot hole Macadam			
LATTAQUIE 10		343.1			4M		good surface			
		344.0	2.3		4½M	as above		R.C. bridge 9m span slab beam		
LATTAQUIE 5		345.8	1.8		4M	"	Bitumen			
		348.5	2.7					R.C. bridge as above		
LATTAQUIE		348.9			6½M	as above	Bitumen			

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

To:- C.R.E. 9 Aust Div

REPORT on RECCEof ROADS in NORTHERN SYRIA.
leading to the Turkish Frontier by Lieut E.D.J. STEWART
2/9 Aust A. Fd. Coy. RAE
DATE: 24 Jan 42.

Ref. Maps LEVANT 1:200,000 Series
ANTIOCHE, ALEP, LATTAQUIE-HAMA.

PART 111 STORES LISTS

The lists given are merely rough estimates.

EXCAVATION ROUTE XV

The whole ten miles through the mountainous Section is cut and fill, no attempt is made to give a stores list for plant for carrying out excavation as it is considered that a far more extensive recce would be required to give any approximation to accuracy.

It is also thought that the work would be too extensive to be carried out in a six months programme.

A rough estimate gives work to be done as 1 - 1 1/2 metre wide cut average height 3 m., over a distance of 6 - 7 miles, replacement of 70 culverts.

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PART 1b1. STORES LIST

ITEM	Route 1	Route 2	Route 4	Route 5	Route 6 ⁂	REMARKS
ROLLERS	2/10 ton	3/12 ton 2/8 ton	1/12 tone 1/8 ton	4/12 ton 2/8 ton	2/10 ton	
BOILERS SPRAYERS (2ton)	2	4	1	4	2	
CRUSHERS (15MC/day)	3	7	1	7	2	
COMPRESSOR (G1098&tools)	4	8	2	8	4	QUARRYING 25% of stone
EXPENSE STORES						
BITUMEN	600 tons	1800 tons	640 tons	1600 tons	800 tons	
SOLAR OIL	80 tons	200 tons	90 tons	190 tons	110 tons	
COAL	60 tons	180 tons	80 tons	160 tons	60 tons	
PETROL	6000 gals	12000 gals	6000 gals	20000 gls	12000 gls	
VEHICLES						
TRUCKS 3 ton	3	6	3	8	6	
MULE CARTS	80-100	200	30- 40	250	50	
LABOUR						
UNSKILLED	350	600	300	600	350	Building forms, spreadin stone etc.
Laying soling & spall kerbs	80	160	70	160	100	
Breaking stone	30	150	30	150	40	3-4 NO/day

NOTE Small stores picks, shovels, earth baskets, etc., NOT included

⁂ Does NOT include stores for excavation work.

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ROAD RECONNAISSANCE REPORT

ROUTE KILLIS - AZAZ - AFRINE - ALEP RD.

WEATHER CONDITIONS OVERCAST WET.

DATE 13 JAN 42

VEHICLES USED FORD VAN 15 cwt

REPORT By Lt. E.D.J.STEWART R.A.E.

1 PLACE	2 Time	3 Meter Reading Miles Kms	4 length of the Road	5 Aver Spd Running time Miles	6 Width of Road	7 Foundation or soling Specification State of Repair	8 Surface Macadam Bitumen Earth etc Specification State of Repair	9 Detail of Bridges Culverts Strength & Width	10 Proximity & type of stone gravel of sand available	11 Remarks (see note on reverse)
1. mile NORTH of AZAZ		131.6			4M	Hand packed limestone approx 20cm deep	Macadam Limestone			Formation 5½ M wide. Surface slightly rough NOT 1st class Macadam
Outskirts AZAZ		132.5								Culverts Class 24
" AZAZ		132.9	.4		4M		Very worn 20% pot holes			
ALEP 45		134.3								The whole length of road needs widening to 6 M resurfacing and binding with bitumen
		134.1	18		4M		Surface 60% worn			
		134.8								
RLY LINE		134.9								
AFRINE - ALEP Rd		135.0	.1		4M	Foundation subsided on edges leaving irregular surface and high crown				

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PART II. DETAILED RECCE

ROAD RECONNAISSANCE REPORT ROUTE MEIDANE EKBES - BADJOU - AFRINE

WEATHER CONDITIONS OVERCAST, after heavy rains DATE 13 JAN 42

VEHICLES USED Ford Van 15 cwt REPORT By: Lt. E.D.J. STEWART R.A.E

1 PLACE	2 Time	3 Meter Reading Miles Kms	4 length of the Road	5 Aver Spd Running time Miles	6 Width of Road	7 Foundation or soling Specification State of Repair	8 Surface Macadam Bitumen Earth etc Specification State of Repair	9 Detail of Bridges Culverts Strength & Width	10 Proximity & type of stone gravel of sand available	11 Remarks (see note on reverse)
RLY STN MEIDANE EKBES		90.6				Mud track only			Limestone plentiful throughout whole length of road	
		91.3						5 Fords culverts 4'-10' span required		Fords have rough stone bottom to render them passable
		93.6	2.3		3M		Earth Binding			
		91.7				Rough formation 6-8 metalling extremely rough				
		93.1			3M	same	same			Rd runs around foot of hills
KARABABA Tunnel		95.7								
		95.9	.2		3M	"	"			Rd starts to climb up hillside Max. slope 1/40 cross slope 1/15
		96.4								
		97.2	.8		3M	"	"			
		98.6								Cross slope 1/15
		99.4	.8		3M	Track over outcrops of rock				
		101.5			3M		Rough metal			½ mile cut and fill ave. cut 7 ft Form 20- 25 ft wide

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PART II DETAILED RECCE

ROAD RECONNAISSANCE REPORT Page 2. ROUTE MEDDANE EKBES - RADJOU - AFRINE.

WEATHER CONDITIONS ~~OVERCAST, after heavy rains~~ DATE 13 JAN 42.

VEHICLES USED ~~Prod Van 15 cwt.~~ REPORT By Lt. E.D.J. STEWART R.A.E.

1 PLACE	2 Time	3 Meter Reading Miles Kms	4 length of the Road	5 Aver Spd Running time Miles	6 Width of Road	7 Foundation or soling Specification State of Repair	8 Surface Macadam Bitumen Earth etc Specification State of Repair	9 Detail of Bridges Culverts Strength & Width	10 Proximity & type of stone gravel of sand available	11 Remarks (see note on reverse)
RADJOU Tunnel Post beginning of Road proper		102.6			3M	Rough metal track	Rough macadam		Abundant Limestone near rd.	Rough track over stone outcrops
		103.1			4.2M	18 cm soling intact				
RADJOU.		103.6					10-15%			
		106.0					pot holes	6 culverts class 24 13' span		Rd. through rocky country all excavation in rock
In a gorge		106.2			4.2M					
		109.6	3.4				10% pot holes			Cut and fill cross slopw 1 in 6 to 1 in 4
		110.4			4.2M	Soling intact				
Flat country		111.1					5% pot holes			Cross slope 1 in 15
		112.3	1.2		4.2M	"				
In to Hills		112.5			4.2M	"	Irregular surface			
		118.5					"			Cross slope 1 in 30
							Surface de deteriorates			
AFRINE - ALEP Rd.		119.6			4.2M	Soling	15% pot holes			

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February MONTH
1942 YEAR

20 MAR 1942

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WAR DIARY

(RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

For material required, see F.S.R. Vol. I, Sec. 174

UNIT 2/9 Aust.A.Fd.Coy R.A.E.

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES
Camp "A" QATANA	1.	BOURKOCH and QATANA Gaps defence works taken over from 2/16 Aust.A.Fd.Coy.	
	2.	BAB EL QAALA - RAKHLE rd taken over from 2/14 Aust.A.Fd.Coy. Resurveyed and route modified by Lt.Dowie.	
	3.	No.2 Sec.Compressor & tools extricated from RADJOU area.Lt.Parker & 4 O.Rs left for PALESTINE as advance party.	
	4.	Major Bleechmore returned from ALEPPO.	
	5.	No.2 Sec.Compressor & tools returned to unit.	
	6.	BOURKOCH and QATANA Gap defence works handed over to advance parties of 2nd & 12 Fd.Coys.R.E.	
	7.	Preparations for move completed.	
	9.	Coy.departed 0725 hrs from QATANA,arrived AFFULA staging camp 1500 hrs.Movement Order App.1.	APP. I
	10.	Coy departed AFFULA 0730 hrs arrived DIMRA Camp PALESTINE 1520 hrs.Movement Order App.1.	APP. I
DIMRA.		Arrangements for moving are made by Lt.Parker.	
	11.	Lt.Parker left at 1800 hrs with 2 O.Rs as advance party. Crating of W.E. commenced.	
	12.	All Coy personnel received innoculations TAB & TT	
	13.	All M.T. except 2-1 ton vans,2-30 cwts,1-3 ton & 1 30 cwt water tank,& 2 M/Cs returned to DADOS M.T. BARBARA.	
	14.	Coy route march 16 miles under Major Bleechmore.	
	16,17,18.	Coy route march in morning,weapons and A.A. training afternoon.	
	20.	4-30 cwts,8-3 ton trucks received from V.R.P. BARBARA,2-30 cwt trucks received from 2/15 Aust. A.Fd.Coy.	
	23.	Commencement of 1 week's training syllabus,App.II	APP. II
	26.	Coy qualifying shoot at JAFFA rifle range.Grouping 100 yds,application & snap 200 yds,application & 10 rounds rapid 300 yds.	
	27.	Trials for Camp Sports.	
	28.	Completion of training syllabus - App.II.	

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C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH
(On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)

During the month, owing to the movement of the Coy from QATANA to DIMRA little progressive work was done. The soiling of the rd in the BOURKOCH area was completed and good progress made in its construction during the few days available.
Access to this area was difficult owing to mud & in the higher altitude, melting snow.
Weather became progressively better during the month although several days were experienced of cold winds.
In the DIMRA area no training equipt was available and the object aimed at was to harden men's feet and increase the standard of physical fitness.
Full opportunity was taken to deliver lectures of latest infm regarding engineer work to N.C.Os.
All personnel fired a modified classification practice.
Weather was generally warm.
Health of troops very good - incidence of sickness low.

Signature J Bleechmore Maj.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY MAJOR S.J. BLEECHMORE O.C. 2/9 AUST.A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

NO. 120/42. 2 FEB. 42.

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1730 hrs on Tuesday 3 Feb.42.

Duty Officer :- Lieut.J.Masker
Orderly Cpl & Cpl of Guard :-Cpl Watt R.R.
Guard:-

VX 17995 Spr Humphreys T.E.
VX 15897 " Crooke T.G.
VX 45740 " Pitcher F.L.
VX 22559 " Webster W.
VX 56165 " Riley N.
VX 16985 " O'Callaghan J.

2. REVERSIONS

VX 37311 L/Sgt. Ashton T.H. reverts to L/Cpl.
Completion of term of appointment-i.e.pending return of Sgt. Crawford

3. DRUNKENESS.
In addition to one or two general disturbances, there have been too many bad cases of drunkeness. These cause both annoyance and a most unfortunate impression. This may be partly due to the consumption of spirits. All shops that sell spirits are out of bounds, and cafes and restaurants that are in bounds are forbidden to sell spirits to British troops.
It should, however, be impressed on other ranks that, although such prohibitions are in force, an individual soldier will be held to blame if he buys or accepts spirits illegally offered to him.
The offence on the part of the civilian will NOT excuse the soldier and a proved charge of drinking or being in possession of spirits will make a soldier liable to severe disciplinary action.

While much can be done by the military police to correct the above faults, in the last event good behaviour will depend on the standards and discipline maintained in the units.
It is impressed on all ranks the necessity for a high standard of behaviour in DAMASCUS and in Camps.
Strong disciplinary action in all cases where proved charges are satisfactorily proved will be taken.

4. WASHING OF DIXIES.
Dixies must NOT be washed under taps of Water Truck. Any offender against this order will be liable to disciplinary action.

5. INTER-SECTION TRANSFERS.

VX 15144 L/Cpl Simpkin A.R. H.Q. to No 3 Section.
VX 43261 Spr O'Brien J.H. " to No 2 " .

Major
O.C.2/9 Aust. A.Fd.Coy. R.A.E.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY MAJOR S.J. BLENCHMORE O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

NO. 121/42 3 FEB. 42.

1. DUTIES :- Duty Officer : - Lieut. ~~W.C.L. PARKER~~ Bridges.

Guard will mount at 1800 hrs on Wednesday 4 FEB 42.
Orderly Corporal and Corporal of Guard :- L/Cpl. COSGROVE G.F.
GUARD :-

T.X. 2882	Spr.	Ikin	W.F.
V.X.23872	"	Kenneth	C.
N.X.68762	"	Jackson	L.A.
T.X. 2474	"	Sargent	H.V.
V.X.38301	"	Pappin	S.E.
N.X.73028	"	Abel	J.

2. PHOTOGRAPHY.
All personnel are responsible for seeing that cameras in their possession are registered in Coy. Register. Up-to-date security instructions, will be issued to each man in possession of a camera, through A.Q. Corporals. Any man having a camera in his possession, which has not been registered, commits a breach of the Security Regulations. Breaches of security are only triable by Court Martial. All ranks are warned that this is a most important matter, and there shall be no leniency in dealing with personnel found guilty of such an offence.

Regulations in regard to photography generally, have ~~xxxx~~ had much attention of late and have been tightened up by H.Q. A.I.F.(M.E.) — vide complete instructions — as it is appreciated that so much valuable information has passed to the enemy through members of the A.I.F. avoiding regulations etc.

When cameras change hands, the Orderly Room through the A.Q. Corporals, should be advised immediately.

[signature] Major.
O.C. 2/9 Aust.A. Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By MAJOR S.J. BLEECHMORE O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

NO7 122/42. 4 FEB. 42.

1. DUTIES. Duty Officer :- Lieut. F.P.BRIDGES.

Guard will mount at 1800 hrs on Thursday 5 FEB. 42.
Orderly Corporal and Corporal of Guard :- Cpl. FLAHERTY.E.W.
GUARD. :-

T.X. 4131	Spr.	Jameson
V.X.17961	"	Hutchins
V.X.23133	"	Petersen
V.X.23123	"	Teunon
V.X.40351	"	Christie
V.X. 3014	"	Walters G.H.

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By MAJOR B.J.B.BEECHMORE O.C. 3/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

No.135/43. 7 FEB. 43.

1. DUTIES. Guard will mount at 1600 hrs on Sunday 8 FEB.43.

Duty Officer:- Lieut. J.HASKER.
Orderly Corporal and Corporal of guard:-Cpl. Curwood.

Guard:-	V.X.33550	Spr.	Ord.
	T.X. 3499	"	Colman
	T.X. 3379	"	Baldwin
	T.X. 3287	"	Balcombe
	T.X. 3385	"	Trinder
	S.X.11379	"	Brine

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No.137/43. 18 FEB.43.

1. DUTIES. To count at 1800 hrs on Friday 19 Feb.43.

Duty Officer:- Lieut.D.L.Dowie.
Orderly Sgt :- L/Sgt Pearson J.

Cpl of Guard:- Cpl Martin S.R.T.
Guard:-

Spr Robertson D.J.	Spr Lacco H.
" Woolley F.	" Dowd H.
" Trinder F.J.	" Eastwood W.
" Flanigan K.	" King J.H.
" Filmore R.L.	" Schofield R.B.
" Watson J.H.	" Oliver L.G.
" Cooper L.G.	" Parker W.
" Kirby S.	" Bosece R.
" Lidster A.W.R.	" Lucas L.W.
" Moffat J.	" Thompson A.J.
" Russell R.G.	" Graves T.
" Easter A.	" Ikin W.F.

2. PUNISHMENTS.

TX 3395 Spr Ebdon A.R.

While on Active Service is charged with absenting himself without leave in that he, while on leave in AFFULE on 9 Feb;43 absented himself without from the Camp from 2200 hrs on 9 Feb.until 0700 hrs on 10 Feb.-total time absent 9 hrs.

AWARD:- 168 hrs Detention. Forfeits pay for 1 day A/M. and 168 hrs detention.

3. LOST PROPERTY.

A waist-belt and side-arms has been lost in latrines in WALKER LINES. Personnel who have any knowledge regarding same are to report to Coy Orderly Room immediately.

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No.128/42 13 FEB.42.

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1800 hrs on Saturday 14 Feb.42.

Duty Officer:- Lieut.J.Hasker.
Orderly Sgt.:- L/Sgt.J.French.
Opl of Guard:- Opl.Martin R.E.
Guard:-

VX 24578	Spr	Kraemer G.A.	VX 23133	Spr	Petersen R.E.
VX 30076	"	Blake E.H.	VX 7621	"	Thompson W.R.
VX 13711	"	Prior A.H.	VX 28123	"	Teunon G.
NX 55722	"	Kilduff C.E.	VX 40351	"	Christie E.J.
VX 16972	"	Potts D.A.	NX 11217	"	Dieck L.W.
VX 21655	"	McEachern J.	VX 3041	"	Walters C.H.
VX 33387	"	Chitson G.D.	NX 10773	"	Yates C.K.
VX 17974	"	Potts J T.	VX 20171	"	Stone S.A.
VX 41271	"	Robins C.	VX 16236	"	Atkinson J.A.
NX 11338	"	Ahlberg A.E.	VX 17371	"	Loffel F.D.
TX 4131	"	Jameson J.	VX 27936	"	Cantwell F.L.
VX 17961	"	Hutchins E.W.	VX 18592	"	Child J.E.

2. APPOINTMENTS,REVERSIONS,etc.

VX 17232 A/Opl. Mortimer J.E. appointed L/Sgt.as from 12 Feb.

TX 4201 L/Opl Fletcher R.L. reverts to Spr.as from 13 Feb.4

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NO.129/42 14 FEB.42.

1. DUTIES.

To mount at 1800 hours on Sunday 15 FEB. 42.

Duty Officer:- Lieut I.McInnes
Orderly Sgt. Sgt. A.Crawford
Orderly Cpl. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Cpl. Barker S.J.
Guard:-

T.X. 2369	Spr.	Brown	L.
V.X.24066	"	Newman	E.
T.X. 2261	"	King	C.D.
N.X.72504	"	Herbert	S.G.
V.X.24878	"	Westley	L.A.
V.X.50710	"	Hoe	S.A.
V.X.36418	"	Baker	L.G.
T.X. 1921	"	Beston	A.E.
T.X. 4127	"	Leale	H.
T.X. 1689	"	House	C.R.
T.X. 2231	"	Richardson	S.E.
T.X. 2213	"	Preddy	A.G.
T.X. 2308	"	McGuire	L.W.
T.X. 3028	"	Brett	L.
T.X. 3101	"	Gardiner	D.E.
T.X. 1954	"	Beattie	S.
T.X. 2448	"	Brooks	W.
T.X. 3078	"	Cocking	B.T.
T.X. 2896	"	Cuttriss	L.M.
N.X. 593	"	Smith	R.K.
V.X.16184	"	Pilmore	H.J.
N.X.73008	"	Butcher	A.C.
T.X. 4133	"	Fairbrother	E.
T.X. 1947	"	Walker	R.

2. CHURCH PARADES.

Church service will be held in the Cinema at 1030 hours on Sunday 15 FEB.

R.C. CHURCH PARADE.

Mass will be at 0915 hours at Burgess Lines, Dier Sunneid. Confessions from 0845 hours.

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130/42 15 FEB. 42

1. DUTIES.

To mount at 1800 hours on Monday 16 FEB. 42.

Duty Officer:- Lieut E.D.J. Stewart.

Orderly Sgt. L/Sgt. Finn C.V.
Orderly Cpl. Cpl. Carden R.
Guard:-

V.X. 22926	Spr.	Armstrong	T.H.W.
V.X. 16569	"	Nilon	A.E.
V.X. 23115	"	Londeryou	A.
V.X. 22870	"	Allison	C.C.
T.X. 4100	"	Griffin	A.T.
T.X. 3113	"	Dyson	C.F.
T.X. 4125	"	Allen	E.W.
N.X. 72082	"	Saunders	R.E.C.
V.X. 18011	"	Cassidy	J.
V.X. 25341	"	Perkins	H.J.
V.X. 25280	"	Cowling	I.C.
V.X. 30090	"	Warburton	J.
V.X. 56165	"	Riley	H.
T.X. 4182	"	Turvey	P.H.
V.X. 22926	"	Fenton	J.R.
V.X. 22995	"	Webster	W.
V.X. 16985	"	O'Callaghan	J.
V.X. 20418	L/Cpl.	Martin	G.H.
S.X. 11178	Spr.	Mudge	S.T.
V.X. 32580	"	Short	C.C.
V.X. 17444	"	Prickett	A.T.
V.X. 15656	"	Maddox	G.
T.X. 3257	"	Burnett	J.
V.X. 47137	"	Lange	G.J.

2. CLEANLINESS OF TENTS.

Blankets and equipment must be laid out in the correct manner, and all rubbish cleaned out of tents each morning.

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No.131/42 16 Feb.42.

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1800 hrs on Tuesday 17 Feb.42.

Duty Officer:-Lieut. F.P.Bridges
Orderly Sgt.:-~~L/Sgt~~ Pearson J.
Cpl of Guard:-Cpl. Cotton W.
Guard:-

TX 2743	Spr	Baker	J.H.
TX 2221	"	Rysh	C.W.
VX 23872	"	Kenneth	C.S.
TX 1727	"	Smith	A.E.
NX 66762	"	Jackson	L.A.
TX 2474	"	Sargent	H.V.
NX 65343	"	Aitken	R.D.
VX 33550	"	Ord	R.
TX 2499	"	Colman	T.C.
SX 11279	"	Brine	A.I.
TX 2379	"	Baldwin	L.C.
TX 2287	"	Balcombe	H.B.
TX 2285	"	Trinder	J.W.G.
VX 38301	"	Pappin	S.E.
TX 1780	"	Joyce	G.A.
NX 34238	"	Mc Donald	W.A.
VX 44583	"	Busse	W.G.
NX 73082	"	Abel	J.S.
TX 1958	"	Stewart	W.
TX 4040	"	Jackson	K.S.
VX 21106	"	Adlam	H.G.
TX 2481	L/Cpl	Yaxley	J.K.
TX 1717	"	Mc Donald	G.W.
TX 3160	"	Cosgrove	G.F.

2. LOSS OF ARMS.
Loss of arms, if occasioned by carelessness or neglect, will be the subject of a charge to be tried bt Court Martial

3. INTER-SECTION TRANSFERS.

VX 17232	L/Sgt	Mortimer	J.M.	from	H.Q.	to 1st Re-inforcements. (Acting Re-inf. Sgt).
TX 2744	Spr	Lidster	A.W.R.	"	No.1.	to 1st Re-inforcements.
VX 38301	"	Pappin	S.E.	"	No.1	to "
NX 66762	"	Jackson	L.A.	"	No.1	to "
VX 17961	"	Hutchins	E.W.	"	No.2	to "
VX 16236	"	Atkinson	J.A.	"	No 2	to "
VX 3014	"	Walters	G.H.	"	No 2	to "
VX 24878	"	Westley	L.A.	"	H.Q.	to "
NX 69978	"	White	F.C.	"	H.Q.	to "
NX 72504	"	Herbert	S.G.	"	H.Q.	to "
VX 50710	"	Roe	S.A.	"	H.Q.	to "
NX 70136	"	Williamson	J.E.	"	No.3	to "
NX 73028	"	Abel	J.S.	"	No.1	to "
NX 73008	"	Butcher	A.C.	marched in from Aust Eng Trng Bn and posted		to 1st Re-inforcements.
TX 1029	"	Sturzaker	J.S.			do

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TX 2261	Spr	King	C.D.	marched in from Aust Eng Trng Bn and transferred from 1st Re-inf. to No.1 Section.
TX 1947	"	Walker	R.W.	do
VX 43937	"	Broom	V.G.	do
VX 18905	"	Connell	W.C.	marched in and transferred to H.Q.
TX 4133	"	Fairbrother	E.G.	do No.2
VX 18630	Cpl	Chandler	T.E.	do No 2
NX 593	Spr	Smith	R.K.	do No 2
VX 32972	"	Drumsond	R.D.	do No.3
VX 22732	"	Hoyle Holdsworth	W.J.E.	do No
VX 24066	"	Newman	E.	do No
TX 4108	"	Campbell	L.T.	do No
TX 3982	"	Misson	A.H.	do No
VX 16184	"	Pilmore	H.J.	do No
VX 17227	"	Thornton	R.E.	do No
TX 2478	"	Turner	G.E.	do H.Q.
VX 21534	"	Emmett	J.A.	Transferred from No 3 to H.Q.
NX 68343	"	Aitken	R.D.	" " No.1 to H.Q.
SX 9842	"	Quigley	H.R.	" " No 3 to H.Q.
VX 18152	"	Russell	C.J.	" " No H.Q. to No 3
VX 15908	L/Cpl	Humphrey	J.A.	" " No 2 to No 3.

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No.132/42 17 FEB. 42.

1. DUTIES:-

To mount at 1800 hours on Wednesday 18 FEB. 42.

Duty Officer:-	Lieut.	D.L.	Dowie.
Orderly Sgt.	L/Sgt.	W.E.	Hartwig.
Orderly Cpl.	Cpl.	E.A.	Hogan.

Guard.:-

L/Cpl.	Dowse	T.H.C.	V.X. 21298	Spr.	O'Brien	J.H.	V.X.43261
Spr.	Allan	J.	V.X. 21555	"	Gissing	H.M.	V.X.21344
"	Beckwith	G.	V.X.21188	"	Walters	W.	V.X.21090
"	Scanlan	H.	V.X.34006	"	Bryson	G.L.	V.X.25513
"	Rogan	J.	V.X.43241	"	Knights	G.H.	V.X.17707
"	Campbell	T.	T.X. 4119	"	Caple	J.H.	V.X.20774
"	Hogan	B.	V.X.32236	"	Kramer	G.	V.X.24578
"	Postlethwaite		V.X.16753	"	Blake	G.H.	V.X.31076
"	Nichols	R.J.	V.X. 2258	"	Prior	A.N.	V.X.15711
"	Rendle	B.	V.X.25829	"	Betts	D.H.	V.X.16272
"	Taylor	W.J.R.	V.X.70095	"	MacEachern	J.	V.X.21655
"	Evans	W.G.	V.X.44925	"	Whitson	W.D.	V.X.33387

2. Dress---OFFICERS.
In future revolvers will be carried by all Officers of the A.I.F.(M.E.) when on duty and when proceeding to and from duty.

LEAVE.

3. Commander A.I.F.(M.E.) Base Area advises that all leave to Cairo is cancelled until further orders and no leave is to be granted for personnel to visit Haifa or for O.R's to visit Syria. Unauthorised leave parties have been despatched to various centres in Palestine. Also AIF transport has been used to transport unauthorised leave parties. Both these practices will cease immediately.

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133/42 18 FEB. 42.

1. DUTIES:-

Duty Officer:- Lieut.J.Hasker.
Orderly Sgt. L/Sgt. Watt. R.R.
Orderly Cpl. Cpl. Coghill D.M.

Guard.:-

T.X? 4201	Spr.	Fletcher	R.L.	V.X.21710	Spr.	Baker	A.A.
V.X.45740	"	Pitcher	P.L.	V.X.15656	"	Maddox	G.
V.X.54398	"	King	L.A.	T.X. 5044	"	Lee	L.F.
V.X.17795	"	Humphreys	T.E.	V.X.18266	"	Hulands	G.
V.X.15897	"	Crooke	T.G.	V.X.24066	"	Newman	E.
V.X.16985	"	O'Callaghan	J.	T.X. 2295	"	Ebdon	A.P.
V.X.38571	"	Williams	C.L.	V.X.22732	"	H-Holdsworth	W.
T.X. 3892	"	Misson	A.H.	T.X.4108	"	Campbell	L.T.
V.X.47153	"	Rowe	C.W.	T.X. 4125	A"	Allen	E.W.
V.X.47012	"	Rogers	M.S.	T.X. 3113	"	Dyson	C.
V.X.30097	"	Devine	R.P.	V.X.32972	"	Drummond	R.D.
V.X.46549	"	Hudson	A.A.	T.X. 2890	"	Davis	A.C.

2. DISCIPLINE — BREACHES OF CENSORSHIP.

Many breaches of censorship and cases of abuse of green envelope priveleges have been detected lately. Full disciplinary action will be taken in offences of this nature. Heavy fines and periods of detention have already been imposed in this respect.
All ranks are to be impressed with the prime importance of strictly observing security regulations in correspondance and informed that the scope of extra-unit censorship has been greatly extended. Although considerable time may elapse between the date of writing and the institution of disciplinary action, according to the stage in transmission at which the breach of censorship is detected, this will not lessen the severity of the penalty to be inflicted.

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NO. 134/42 19 FEB. 42

1. DUTIES:-

To mount at 1800 hours on Friday 20 FEB.42.

Duty Officer:- Lieut. I.McInnes.

Orderly Sgt. L/Sgt. Douglas.
Orderly Cpl. Cpl. Curwood.

Guard.:-

T.X. 1726	Spr.	Robertson	T.X. 2248	Spr.	Dowd
T.X. 1947	"	Woolley	T.X. 2270	"	Eastwood
T.X. 2284	"	Trinder	T.X. 2366	"	King. J.H.
T.X.4148	"	Pilmore	T.X. 2339	"	Schofield
V.X.45874	"	Watson	T.X. 5171	"	Oliver
T.X. 2536	"	Cooper	T.X. 3033	"	Boscoe
N.X.54494	"	Kirby	T.X. 2345	"	Graves
V.X.44583	"	Busse	V.X.44590	"	Flanigan
T.X. 1963	"	Moffat.	T.X. 2882	"	Ikin
T.X. 4120	"	Russell	T.X. 2743	"	Baker J.H.
T.X. 1759	"	Easther	V.X.37565	"	Lacco
V.X.43937	"	Broom	T.X. 2221	"	Fysh

2. CAMERAS.
All cameras will be collected by A.[illegible].Cpls. and handed in to Coy. Orderly Room by 0900 hours 20 FEB.42.
Each camera will have a label securely attached, showing No.& nam of owner.
This matter is to be treated as important, and any breach of this order will invoke serious disciplinary action.

A.S.Blanchmore
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No.135/42 — 20 FEB.42

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1800 hrs on Saturday 21 FEB.42.

Duty Officer :- Lieut.E.D.J.Stewart
Orderly Sgt :- L/Sgt.French J.
Cpl of Guard :- Cpl Martin R.E.
Guard :-

SX 11238	Spr	Ahlberg	A.E.
VX 33133	"	Petersen	R.W.
VX 7631	"	Thompson	W.R.
VX 33123	"	Teunon	W.G.
VX 40351	"	Christie	E.J.
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VX 18593	"	Child	J.W.
TX 4133	"	Fairbrother	E.G.
NX 593	"	Srith	R.K.
VX 37005	"	Cantwell	J.P.
NX 55722	"	Kilduff	C.E.
VX 30774	"	Caple	J.H.
VX 31555	"	Allan	J.
VX 31180	"	Beckwith	G.A.
VX 34006	"	Scanlan	H.J.
VX 43241	"	Rogan	J.F.
TX 4119	"	Campbell	T.C.
VX 33336	"	Hogan	B.
TX 2258	"	Nichols	R.J.
NX 70005	"	Taylor	W.J.R.

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No.136/42 21 FEB. 42.

1. DUTIES:-

To mount at 1800 hours 22 FEB. 42.

Duty Officer:- Lieut.F.P.Bridges

Orderly Sgt.:- L/Sgt. Finn C.V.
Orderly Cpl.:- Cpl. Garden R.A.

Guard.:-

Spr.	White	Spr.	Lange
"	Hoe	"	Burnett
"	Butcher	"	Prickett
"	Quigley	"	Pilmore H.J.
"	Perkins	"	Thornton
"	Cowling	"	Griffin
"	Warburton	L/Cpl.	Martin
"	Cassidy	"	Humphreys J.A.
"	Madge	"	Simpkin
"	Riley	Spr.	Webster
"	Short	"	Saunders
"	McFarland	"	Milon

2. CHURCH SERVICES.
A Church Service, Protestant, will be held in the Theatre DIMRA at 1030 hours on Sunday 22 FEB. 42.
Roman Catholic Mass will be celebrated in Recreation Hut, Johnson Lines at 0730 hours on Sunday 22 FEB. 42.

3. CANTEENS - Wet.
As from 21 FEB. 42. beer will NOT be taken from Canteens, but will be served in glasses over the counter.

4. CAMP CINEMA - LIQUOR.
Under no circumstances will alcoholic Liquor be taken into or consumed in Cinema Theatre. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

5. ~~PROMOTIONS~~.
V.X.17232

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6. INTER SECTION TRANSFERS.

~~V.X.17232 L/Cpl. Mortimer J.E. Re-inf. to H.Q. Sect.~~

~~V.X.18636 Cpl. Chandler T.E. No.2 Sect. to Re-inf.~~

~~T.X. 2927 Cpl. Flaherty E.W. Re-inf to No.2 Sect.~~

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137/42 22 FEB. 42.

1. DUTIES.

To mount at 1800 hours on Monday 23 FEB. 42.

Duty Officer:- Lieut. H.D.J. STEWART.

Orderly Sgt.:- L/Sgt. Pearson J.
Orderly Cpl.:- Cpl. Martin S.R.

Guard. :-

Spr.	Kenneth	Spr.	Adlam
"	Smith A.E.	"	Jackson L.A.
"	Sargent	"	McLeod
"	Ord.	"	Thompson A.J.
"	Colman	"	Heaver
"	Balcombe	"	Baker G.A.
"	Trinder J.W.	"	Donovan
"	Joyce	"	Woolley
"	Brine	"	Lidster
"	Baldwin	"	Pappin
"	MacDonald W.A.	"	Jackson K.S.
"	Lucas	"	Boattie.

2. REVERSIONS & RELINQUISHMENTS.

V.X. 17232 ~~A/Cpl.~~ L/Sgt. Mortimer J.E. Relinquishes rank of L/Sgt. & reverts to, rank of L/Cpl. 20/2/42

V.X. 22732 Spr. Hoyle-Holdsworth.W.J.E. Relinquishes Trade Group II Carpenter 20/2/42, (at own request) to take up Driving duties.

3. SECTION TRANSFER

V.X. 17232 L/Cpl. Mortimer J.E. Transferred from Re-inf. to H.Q.

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3. STRENGTH INCREASE.

T.X. 2927 Cpl. Flaherty E.W. Marched in. Taken on strength from Aust. Eng. Trng. Bn. 20/2/42

..... Major.
O.C. 2/9 Aust.A.Fd.Coy.R.A.E.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY MAJOR S.J.BLEECHMORE. O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

NO. 138/42. 23 FEB.42.

1. DUTIES.

To mount 1800 hours Tuesday 24 FEB. 42.

Duty Officer :- Lieut. J.Hacker.
Orderly.Sgt. L/Sgt. Hartwig.
Orderly Cpl. Cpl. Hogan. E.A.

Guard.:-

Spr.	Porte A.T.	Spr.	MacEachern J.H.
"	Hutchins N.W.	L/Cpl.	French. A.D.
"	Walters G.H.	Spr.	Whitson W.D.
"	Atkinson J.A.	"	Potts. J.T.
"	Child J.M.	"	Robins C.
"	Ahlberg D.B.	"	Caple J.H.
"	Evans W.G.	"	Jameson J.
"	O'Brien J.H.	"	Fairbrother E.
"	Kramer G.	"	Petersen H.M.
"	Blake.xxxxxM.	"	Thompson W.R.
"	Brianxxxxxxx.	"	Teunon G.
"	Betts. D.H.	"	Christie M.J.
"	Yates G.K.	"	Rádek L.W.

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A Bleechmore
.....MAJOR.
O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY MAJOR S.J.BLEECHMORE O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NO. 139/43 24 FEB.43.

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1800 hrs on Wednesday 25 FEB.43.

Duty Officer :- Lieut. I.McInnes.
Orderly Sgt. :- L/Sgt Watt R.R.
Cpl of Guard :- Cpl Carden.R.A.

Guard :-

Spr	Herbert	S.G.	Spr	Devine	R.P.
"	Williamson	J.E.	"	Davis	A.C.
"	Hulands	G.	"	Hudson	A.A.
"	Maddox	G.	"	Baker	A.A
"	Lee	L.F.	"	Drummond	R.D.
"	Campbell	L.T.	"	Williams	O.L.
"	Fletcher	R.L.	"	Russell	C.J.
"	Humphreys	T.E.	"	King	L.A.
"	Crooke	T.G.	"	Fenton	J.R.
"	Wisson	A.H.	"	Allison	C.C.
"	Dyson	C.F.	"	Landeryou	A.C.
"	Pitcher	P.L.	"	Allen	E.W.

2. FOOTBALL MATCHES.

A football match and a soccer match is to be held on Saturday 28 Feb.43 between
The Sports Committee of this Unit will select teams - the opposing teams are from 2/2 Army Fd Workshops.

S.J.Bleechmore. Major
O.C. 2/9 Aust.A.Fd.Coy.R.A.E.

..... Major.
O.C. 2/9 Aust.A.Fd.Coy.R.A.E.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

BY MAJOR S.J. BLEECHMORE O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

NO. 140/42. 25 FEB. 42.

1. DUTIES.

To mount at 1800 hours on Thursday 26 FEB. 42.

Duty Officer:- Lieut. E.D.J. STEWART.

Orderly Sgt. L/Sgt. Pearson.
Orderly Cpl. Cpl. Cotton.

Guard:-

V.X.45874	Spr.	Pilmore.	T.X. 3361	Spr	King C.D.
T.X. 4148	"	Watson	T.X. 3339	"	Schofield
N.X.54494	"	CooperL.G.	T.X. 5171	"	Oliver
T.X. 3536	"	Kirby.	T.X. 1930	"	Parker
V.X.44583	"	Busse	T.X. 3345	"	Graves
T.X. 1963	"	Moffat	T.X. 3883	"	Ikin
T.X. 4103	"	Russell	V.X.44590	"	Flanigan
T.X. 1759	"	Easther	T.X. 3743	"	Baker J.H.
V.X.43937	"	Broom	T.X. 3101	"	Gardiner
T.X. 3348	"	Dowd	N.X.73038	"	Abel
T.X. 3366	"	King J.H.	T.X. 3033	"	Boscoe
T.X. 3370	"	Eastwood	T.X. 2331	"	Fysh

2. MAIL.

It is notified that Air Mail Letters from all states except. N.S.W. & Qld., posted between 1st & 25th JAN.43 have been destroyed by enemy action. Consequent upon cancellation of air service from Australia, letters to & from A.I.F. are now despatched by sea. Mails will be conveyed by Air over certain stages of the route, in order to get Air Mails through as quickly as possible. Air Mail will probably take at least five weeks. The use of Air Mail is recommended as surface mail will probably take much longer.

3. BROADCASTING OF AUSTRALIAN NEWS.

News Bulletins, prepared in Australia, are issued daily, from P.B.S. Jerusalem at 1745 hours and from Radio Levant at 1900 hours.

4. CANTEENS.

After closing time, personnel are forbidden to loiter in the vicinity of the CANTEENS and in no circumstances will attempts be made to make purchases. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

4. LEAVE

Personnel are again reminded that leave to EGYPT is cancelled until further orders. Leave will NOT be granted to visit either HAIFA or any part of SYRIA.

5. OUT OF BOUNDS.

Personnel are warned that GAZA TOWN is out of bounds.

6. BEHAVIOUR OF TPS ON LEAVE.

It is again pointed out that leave is a privilege and one which may be withdrawn at any time and that the GOC AIF(ME) takes a personal interest in the leave question and views most seriously any cases of misbehaviour of members of the AIF(ME) whilst on leave.

7. GAMBLING.

(1) Attention is drawn to the following provision of A.M.R.& O. 333:- "Gambling in a camp or other military premises..... is forbidden."

(2) The game of "Two-up" is forbidden within or in the vicinity of any military camp, premises, club or institute in bounds to members of the A.I.F.

(3) Members of the A.I.F. are forbidden to take part in such game of "Two-up". Taking part in the game includes "keeping the ring" or being present at a "Two-up School".
This order will be rigidly enforced and offenders will incur severe disciplinary action.

8. LATRINES.

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8. LATRINES

It has been observed that men are using both Officer's and Sgt's Latrines. This practice MUST cease . O.R's will only use those latrines which have been marked for their use.

.....Major
O.C. 2/9 Aust. A. Fd. Coy. R. A. E.

NOTICE.

We acknowledge with thanks the following goods received from Australian Comforts Fund:-

4	Cricket Bats	2	Medicine Balls
3 Prs	" Pads	1	Girelos Net & Quoit
3	Compo Balls	6 Sets	Boxing Gloves
3	Leather Balls	2 "	Dominoes
1 Tin	Bat Oil	2 "	Draughts
1 Pr.	Wk Gloves	2 "	Chinese Checkers
1	Abdominal Protector	6 Pkts	Playing Cards
1 Set	Stumps & Bails	2	Crib Boards
1 Pr	Batting Gloves	1 Set	Chess
24	Hockey Sticks	1 "	Lotto
2	" Balls		

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY MAJOR S.J.BLEECHMORE O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

NO. 141/42. 26 FEB. 42.

1. DUTIES.

To mount at 1800 hours on Friday 27 FEB. 42.

Duty Officer:- Lieut. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ D.L.Dowie

Orderly Sgt. L/Sgt. French.
Orderly Cpl. Cpl. Chandler.

Guard.:-

Spr.	Turner	Spr.	Spaul W.G.
"	Blake	"	Walters W.
"	Prior	"	Bryson G.L
"	Smith R.K.	"	Bryan E.W.
"	Vernon	"	Beckwith G.
"	Cantwell J.P.	"	Walford
"	Stone	"	Scanlan
"	Knights	"	Campbell T.C.
"	Loffel	"	Hogan B.
"	House F.W.	"	Bryan T.G.
"	Cantwell F.L.	"	Nicholls R.J.
"	Gissing	"	Harmon

2. HYGIENE.

Several cases of Crabs have been reported recently. Personnel are reminded that it is most important that any such cases be reported promptly to R.A.P in order to prevent the complaint spreading.

3. CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

TX 2927 A/Cpl Flaherty E.W. Rank of Cpl confirmed 8 Feb.42.

[illegible] Major
O.C.2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

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BY MAJOR S.J.BLEECHMORE O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

No.142/42 27 FEB.42.

1. DUTIES.

To mount at 1800 hrs on Saturday 28 FEB.42.

Duty Officer :- Lieut.F.P.Bridges
Orderly Sgt :- L/Sgt. Finn C.V.
Cpl of Guard :- Cpl Coghill D.W.
Guard :-

Spr	Martin	G.H.	Spr	White	F.C.
"	Perkins	H.J.E.	"	Burnett	J.E.
"	Cowling	I.C.	"	Lange	G.
"	Warburton	J.L.	"	Pricket	A.J.
"	Cassidy	J.	"	Thornton	R.E.
L/Cpl	Humphrey	J.A.	"	Filmore	H.J.
Spr	Mudge	S.T.	"	O'Callaghan	J.
"	Ebdon	A.R.	"	King	L.A.
"	Riley	H.	"	Hoe	S.A.
"	Short	C.	"	Butcher	A.C.
"	McFarland	L.M.	"	Quigley	H.R.
"	Rogers	M.S.			

2. INTER-SECTION TRANSFERS.

VX 41271 Spr Robins C.G. No.2 Section to No.3 Section.
VX 17961 " Hutchins M.W. 1st Re-infs. to No.2 Section.
VX 22926 " Armstrong T.M.W. No.3 Section to H.Q.

A.Bleechmore Major
O.C.2/9 Aust.A.Fd.Coy.R.A.E.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY MAJOR S.J.BLEECHMORE O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

No.143/43 28 FEB.42

1. DUTIES

To mount at 1800 hrs on Sunday 1 Mar.42

Duty Officer :- Lieut.Hasker J.
Orderly Sgt :- L/Sgt.Douglas L.O.
Cpl of Guard :- Cpl.Curwood W.L.L.
Guard:-

Spr.	Kenneth	C.G.	Spr.	Jackson	K.S.
"	Smith	A.E.	"	McLeod	D.A.
"	Sargent	H.V.	"	Thompson	A.J.
"	Ord	R.	"	Heaver	F.
"	Colman	T.C.	"	Baker	G.M.
"	Trinder	J.W.	"	Donovan	C.T.G.
"	Joyce	G.A.	"	Lidster	A.W.R.
"	Brine	A.I.	"	Pappin	S.E.
"	Baldwin	L.C.	"	Jackson	L.A.
"	MacDonald	W.A.	"	Beattie	S.
"	Lucas	L.M.	"	Leale	M.
"	Adlam	H.G.	"	Breen	L.D.

2. AIRING OF TENTS.

As from Monday 2 Mar. all tents will be furled before personnel assemble for 0800 hrs parade each morning.

3. STERLING NOTES -PROHIBITION OF IMPORT INTO PALESTINE.

All ranks are warned that the import of Sterling Notes into PALESTINE is prohibited. Any Sterling Notes taken into PALESTINE are are liable to be confiscated without compensation.

.....Major
O.C. 2/9 Aust.A.Fd.Coy.R.A.E.

SPORTING NOTICES.

Football Results :- 3/2/Army.Fd Wk Shops 12 - 15 defeated
2/9 Aust.A.Fd.Coy.R.A.E. 2 - 4.

Soccer " :- Drawn Game: 3/2 Army Fd Wk Shops &
2/9 Aust.A.Fd.Coy. each scoring 2 goals.

Cricket " :- 2/9 Aust.A.Fd.Coy defeated 2/14 Aust.A.Fd.Coy.

Prizes for the best and fairest in the Football and Soccer Matches were donated by the Sergeants.
Best and fairest in the Football Match was Spr.House C.R. and in the Soccer Match Spr Allan J.

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2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R. A. E.
22 FEB. 43.

Sqn. Leader FREW,
972 BALLOON SQN.

The bearer Sgt. THOMPSON is authorised to collect on our behalf the small balloon of hydrogen, as arranged with you on 21 Feb. 43.

We have been able to arrange a suitable means of transferring the hydrogen to our practice balloons.

Return of stores will be made on Tuesday 24 Feb. 43.

Your very helpful co-operation is deeply appreciated.

.....Major
O.C. 2/9 Aust. A. Fd. Coy; R. A. E.

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RAE 1 AUST CORPS TPS.
22 Dec 41.

2/9 FD. COY., R.A.E.
26 DEC 1941
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O.C.

OC 23 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy.
OC 2/9 Aust A Fd Coy.
OC 2/14 Aust A Fd Coy.
OC 2/15 Aust A Fd Coy.

The following letter has been received from our Chief Engineer Brig C.S.Steele. D.S.O.,M.C., V.D..

" CE 590

HQ 1 Aust Corps.
20 Dec 41.

CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS.

I send you, your offrs, NCOs and men, Christmas greetings and best wishes for 1942, and take this opportunity of thanking you for the zeal and ability shown by all ranks in breaking the back of the works programme in the Corps' area since the occupation of SYRIA.

The road and hutting programmes, which were of great magnitude, are proving invaluable to the Corps, and I am certain that no other unit could have done more in the time available. In this connection the work of the 23 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy is worthy of special mention.

The work of the 2/9 Aust Army Fd Coy in preparing the viaduct and tunnels for demolition, and the work of the 2/15 Aust Army Fd Coy in constructing the reinforced concrete bridge at WADI ISHABY, both in very quick time, are greatly to be commended.

(Signed)

C.S.Steele. Brig.
CE 1 Aust Corps. "

Lt.-Col.
CRE. 1 AUST. CORPS TPS.

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RAE 1 AUST CORPS TPS.
29 Dec 41.

2/9 FD. COY., R.A.E.
2 JAN 1942
Col/55/2318

All members Aust Corps Engrs.

I wish to convey to Coy Commanders, Officers and men my appreciation of the sterling work they have done during the period in SYRIA.

It will now be appreciated by all ranks that work for the engineer is constant, both in action and out, and that opportunities for training are, probably, not as great as with other units. It therefore behoves us to take our work and training seriously, as the work which we are doing is essential, and the training even more so. This means that our whole time has to be wisely spent - to work and train hard and conscientiously, and relax and rest when off duty in such a way as to improve our physical and mental standard.

The responce each of you has made has been consistently good, and has been such that it is noted by, not only myself and staff, but the members of other units, and H.Q.

As such your work has been a good example to be followed by other units when they have the opportunity. And you have put the unit "on the map". For this we have to thank our CE for allotting us a man sized job, and yourselves for carrying it out so thoroughly.

It is with confidence in you that I look forward to whatever we may be called upon to do, in the coming year, to win through early.

I wish you all, officers, NCOs and sappers, a bright and victorious New Year.

John Williams
Lt.-Col.
CRE. 1 AUST. CORPS TPS.

Copies to:-

H.Q.	2
23 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy	2
2/9 Aust A Fd Coy	2
2/14 Aust A Fd Coy	2 + 1 (Aspel Wks)
2/15 Aust A Fd Coy	2 + 2 (JDEIDE)
2/16 Aust A Fd Coy	2
1 Aust Boring Section	2
2 Aust Boring Section	1 + 1 (CHEKKA DETACHMENT)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE. SECRET.

/'S/ TO:-O.C.3/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E. Copy No. 5

Date 31 Jan.42.

REPORT ON:

(A)UNIVERSAL GUN EMPLACEMENTS

(B)ROAD MAINTENANCE(GATANA-BIR BLAWEY)

by Lieut;F.P.BRIDGES,RAE.
3/9 Aust.A.Fd.Coy

Ref Map :- GATANA 1/:50,000.

A. GUN EMPLACEMENTS

Job was officially taken over from 3/16 Aust.A.Fd.Coy on 31 Jan, Responsibility of this Coy is to prepare sites for contractor and provide material as specified in contract.
The method practised before taking over was as follows :-
Two parallel trenches were excavated to required depth for the corner columns. The centre portion of each site was left to be excavated to floor level at a later date. As many sites are in rock,great difficulty will be encountered in carrying out this excavation without the use of explosives,the use of which will cause serious damage to the structures.
There is a serious shortage of empty bitumen drums which are at present being used for column forms. If none can be obtained from Stores Officer 10 CORPS it is suggested that G.I.sheets be obtained for the purpose.

B. ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Job was taken over from 3/16 Aust.A.Fd Coy on 31 Jan.
This Coy used one section to supervise approximately 180 native Labourers on maintaining a temporary road for traffic until a new contract road is completed.
The Coy is also responsible for the pouring of 1 concrete and culvert and the construction of 2 scupper drains(Irish Bridges). These cannot be completed as cement is unobtainable.
It is suggested that a maximum of 60 native labourers will be sufficient to maintain the existing road until the completion of the contract.

F.P.Bridges
.....Lieut.
R.A.E.

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WAR DIARY

SECRET.

Copy No 4

20 AUST INF BDE- MOVEMENT ORDER No 2.

1. AUTHORITY- 9 Army SD/1661 of 22 Jan 42 and 9 Aust Div Q22 of 23 Jan 42.

2. INTENTION. 2/9 Aust Fd Coy at [illegible] and 42 Fd Coy RE at JEBEL MAZAR relieve each other in their present locations. On completion of move 2/9 Aust Fd Coy come under comd 10 Corps, Admn by [illegible] ARMA, 42 Fd Coy RE comes under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.

3. MOVEMENT- By road in unit transport under the following arrangements:-

(a) Composition

PARTY.	DATE.	OFFRS.	[illegible]	[illegible] ton	[illegible] cwt	1- ton	15- cwt	[illegible]
Adv Party.	23 Jan.	1.	[illegible]	-	3.	1.	-	-
Main Party.	26 Jan.	4.	193.	1.	21.	7.	3.	6.
Rear Party.	29 Jan.	1.	19.	-	3.	-	1.	-

(b) Times. All parties leave 0730 hrs.

(c) VEH. 10.

(d) MIN. 20.

(e) Route. HAMA- HOMS- NEBEK- QTAIFE- DAMASCUS- JEBEL-MAZAR.

4. ADMN.

(a) Stores. Unit will move with @ 1098 scale of equipment. Tentage & Accomodation stores will be taken over by 42 Coy RE.

(b) Rations. Rations for 3 days will be carried by all road parties.

(c) Amn. 10 rnds amn will be carried on the mm.

(d) FUL. Sufficient fuel will be carried on each vehicle for whole distance.

(e) Personnel- left behind in hospital will travel with rear party or to rejoin unit under arrangements of 20 Aust Inf Bde.

J Kelly Capt.
S.I. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/9 Fd Coy. 2/3/4.
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains			1
Lieutenants	6	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	7	1	1

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	HASKER J	AIF (ME) RE INF DEPOT	26-1-42	PERIOD OF ATTACHMENT COMPLETED. TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank.	2 Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	3 Name and Initials	4 Corps	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR		BLEECHMORE S.J.	RAE Instr Cadre 8B.	YES	O.C.
LIEUT		DOWIE D.L.	do	YES	11/2 i/c.
LIEUT		STEWART E.D.F.	do	YES	Sec Off.
LIEUT		Mc INNES I	do	YES	do
LIEUT		HASKER J.	do	YES	do
LIEUT		PARKER W.G.L.	do	YES	Q.M.
LIEUT		BRIDGES F.P.	do	YES	FLD OFFICER

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. (Unit.)

7-2-42 (Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. (Unit) 7-2- 19 42 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	6	1	
Corporals	21		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	211		1
TOTALS	239	* 1	* 2

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
W22925 Pte.	THATCHER F.S.	2/13 Aust. Fd Amb.	
		AAMC. UNDER	ESTABLISHMENT
		ATT. FOR DUTY	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. Unit.

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

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

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E.
Unit.

Date of Despatch 7-2-42.

Signature of Commander.

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

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FD	COY	RE	under	orders	of	54
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. (Unit) 14-2- 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	6	1	
Corporals	22		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	226	*	*
TOTALS	255 incl 1st Reinf	* 1	* 1

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
VX22925	A/SGT. THATCHER F.S.	3/13 AUST. FD. AMB. ATT. FOR DUTY UNDER EST.	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers														1	1	
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators							1	1								
Plumbers and Gasfitters							2	2								
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
BLACKSMITHS														3	3	
TINSMITHS							1	1								
STOKERS														1	1	
Drivers Mechanical Engine Hand &c							3	3						2	2	
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							7	7					1	7	8	

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E.
Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 14-2-42

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains			1
Lieutenants	6	+	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	7	+	1

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	DALY J.L.	HQ RAE 1 AUST CORPS TPS	26 JAN 42.	TRANSFERRED FROM HQ RAE 1 AUST CORPS TPS & SUBSEQUENTLY SECONDED TO ADES AIF (ME) BASE AREA

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank.	2 Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	3 Name and Initials	4 Corps	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR		BLEECHMORE S.J.	R.A.E.	YES	O.C.
LIEUT		DOWIE D.L.	1 AUST CORPS TPS.	YES	A/2 I.C.
LIEUT		STEWART E.D.J.	do	YES	SEC. OFF.
LIEUT		M'INNES I.	do	YES	do
LIEUT		HASKER J.	do	YES	do
LIEUT		PARKER W.G.L.	do	NO	Q.M. ADVANCE PARTY
LIEUT		BRIDGES F.P.	do	YES	A/Q.M.
LIEUT		DALY J.L.	do	NO	SECONDED FOR DUTY WITH ADES AIF (ME) BASE AREA

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. (Unit.)

14—2—42 (Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. (Unit) 21-2- 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	6	1	
Corporals	22	1	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	226		
TOTALS	255 INCL 1 ATTD	* 1	* 1

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
~~4X 22925 A/Cpl~~	THATCHER F.S	A.A.M.C. - 2/13 ATTACHED FOR DUTY UNDER EST.	AUST. FD. AMB

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. Unit.

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(page 2)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers							1	1								
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners							1	1								
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians														1	1	
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons														1	1	
Painters and Decorators							1	1								
Plumbers and Gasfitters							2	2								
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks							1	1								
TINSMITH							1	1								
DRIVER MECHANICS							3	3								
BLACKSMITHS														3	3	
ENG HAND I C														2	2	
STOKER														1	1	
General duty personnel														2	2	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							10	10						10	10	

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E.
Unit.

Date of Despatch 21-2-42

Signature of Commander.

HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	6		1
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	7	—	1

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank.	2 Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	3 Name and Initials	4 Corps	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR		BLEECHMORE S.T.	RAE (AUST CORPS TP)	YES	O.C.
LIEUT		DOWIE D.L.	do	YES	A/2 I.C.
LIEUT		STEWART E.D.T.	do	YES	SEC. OFF.
LIEUT		M'INNES I.	do	YES	do
LIEUT		HASKER J.	do	YES	do
LIEUT		PARKER W.G.L.	do	NO	QM. ADVANCE PARTY
LIEUT		BRIDGES F.P.	do	YES	A/QM.
LIEUT		DALY J.L.	do	NO	SECONDED FOR DUTY WITH ADES HQ AIF(ME) BASE AREA

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E.
(Unit.)

21—2—42.
(Date of Despatch.)

J. Bleechmore Maj.
(Signature of Commander.)

HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

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3/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R. A. E. R. A. E. I AUST. CORPS. TPS.

T R A I N I N G S Y L L A B U S.

Coy Personnel
(Less Drivers, Fitters
and N.C.O. cmdr).

For week ending
Sat. 28 Feb. 42.

M	0800 - 1200 hrs	1330 - 1700 hrs
Monday 23 Feb. 42	Route March	A. A. TRAINING - RIFLE A. A. Defence Pamph. 6 : Direct Attacker : The lead Aiming off : Fire Discipline Trng.
Tuesday 24 Feb. 42	ditto	Section Drill : Company Drill
Wednesday 25 Feb. 42	ditto	Small Arms Training - Rifle Lying, Standing, Kneeling, Sitting Positions.
Thursday 26 Feb. 42	Range Practice Rifle	
Friday 27 Feb. 42	ditto	
Saturday 28 Feb. 42	Route March	Organised Sport

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O.C. 3/9 Aust. A. Fd. Coy. R. A. E.

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2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

TRAINING SYLLABUS.

	0800 hrs. - 1200 hrs.	1330 hrs. - 1700 hrs.
Monday 23FEB.42.	Inspection of Section Vehicles by Section Fitters & Repairs.	Repairs to Ford 30 cwts.
Tuesday 24FEB.42.	Servicing of C.A.S. Vehicles with drivers.	LECTURE. C.A.S. Chev. Operation of four wheel drive Transfer Gear Box,& Lubrication.
Wednesday 25FEB.42.	PRACTICAL. C.A.S. Dismantling of front axle.Universal joint.	PRACTICAL. C.A.S. Chev. LECTURE. Adjustments to Carburettor fuel pump, Engine tuning.
Thursday 26FEB.42.	PRACTICAL. Removal of distributor. adjustments & re-timing Engine.	LECTURE. C.A.S. Chev. Electrical system .
Friday 27FEB.42.	Electrical, System. FORD.	C.A.S. Chev. Braking System. Dismantling of Vacuum Booster. AND SMALL ARMS PRACTICE.
Saturday 28FEB.42.	NORTON Motor Cycles. Repairs.	Inspection of Vehicles.

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2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E. - R.A.E. I AUST.CORPS.TPS.

N.C.O's	TRAINING SYLLABUS. For week ending Sat.28 Feb.42			
	0800-1000	1000 - 1200	1330-1430,-1630	1900-2000
Monday 23 Feb.	BOOBY TRAPS Description of Types Available (Lt.Dowie)	BOOBY TRAPS Lecture-siting Practical-laying (Lt.Dowie)	BOOBY TRAPS Improvised (Practical) Mechanisms (Lt.Dowie)	BOOBY TRAPS (Lt.Dowie)
Tuesday 24 Feb.	A/TANK MINES Description of Dismantling & traps (Lt.Hasker)	TANKS & A.F.V's British German American Italian (LtStewart)	SECTION DRILL : COY. DRILL	Recce & Recce reports (O.C.)
Wednesday 25 Feb.	ANTI-TANK MINES Laying Fields & Recording (Lt.Dowie)	Practical Drill Laying & Recording Fields	SMALL ARMS TRNG Lying, Standing Kneeling, Sitting Positions (Section Control)	
Thursday 26 Feb	RANGE PRACTICES			
Friday 27 Feb.	RANGE PRACTICES			Lecture Roads (Lt.Thomas)
Saturday 28 Feb.	Elementary Section Drill	Aircraft Identification. British German American Italian (Lt.McInnes)	Organised Sport	

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O.C.2/9 Aust.A.Fd.Coy.R.A.E.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. (Unit) 28-2-1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	6		
Corporals	22	1	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	225		1
TOTALS	254	* 1	* 2

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
VX22925 A/CPL	THATCHER F.S.	AAMC - 2/13	AUST. FD. AMB
		ATT. FOR DUTY	UNDER ESTABLISHMENT.

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers							1	1								
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners							1	1								
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians														1	1	
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons														1	1	
Painters and Decorators							1	1								
Plumbers and Gasfitters							2	2								
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks							1	1								
TINSMITH							1	1								
DRIVER MECHS							3	3								
BLACKSMITHS														3	3	
ENG. HANDS I.C.														2	2	
STOKER														1	1	
ENG. ART.														1	1	
General duty personnel														2	2	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							10	10						11	11	

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E.
Unit.

[signature]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 28-2-42

HQ AIF (MF) BASE AREA
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains			1
Lieutenants	6		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	7	—	1

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR		BLEECHMORE S.J.	R.A.E. 1 AUST CORPS TRS	YES	O.C.
LIEUT		DOWIE D.L.	do	YES	A/2 I.C.
LIEUT		STEWART E.D.J.	do	YES	SEC. OFF.
LIEUT		McINNES I	do	YES	do
LIEUT		HASKER J.	do	YES	do
LIEUT		PARKER W.G.L.	do	NO	QM (ADIANA PARTY)
LIEUT		BRIDGES F.P.	do	YES	A/QM
LIEUT		DALY J.L.	do	NO	SECONDED FOR DUTY WITH ADES HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/9TH F.D. COY., R.A.E. (Unit.)

28-2-42 (Date of Despatch.)

[signature] Maj. (Signature of Commander.)

HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY CAPT. M.T. JELBART A/O.C.2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

No.93/41 1 JAN 42.

1. DUTY OFFICER:- Lieut. J. Hasker.

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Friday 2 Jan. 42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-L/Cpl B. Gray.

TX 2896 Spr. Cuttriss L.M.
TX 1029 " Sturgaker J.
TX 2369 " Breen L.D.
TX 1688 " Bellette T.H.

3. PUNISHMENTS.
NX 70095 Spr. Taylor W.J.R.
OFFENCE:-A soldier on Active Service is charged with conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he at HADJOU on 24 Dec. 41 specifically mentioned the location and described the nature of his work in three letters addressed to civilians.
AWARD:-Fined £3 and 14 days C.B..

[signature] CAPT.
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BY CAPT.N.T.JELBART A/O.C. 3/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

No.94/42 3 JAN.42/

1. DUTY OFFICER:-Lieut.I.McInnes

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Saturday 3 Jan.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-Cpl Murphrey J.A.

VX 40351 Spr Christie E.J.
VX 17005 " Cantwell J.P.
VX 30171 " Stone S.A.
SX 11317 " Risck L.W.

3. The following letter has been received from Lt.Col.J.W.Main, C.R.E. I Aust.Corps Troops:-

I wish to convey to Coy. Commanders, Officers & men my appreciation of the sterling work they have done during the period in SYRIA.
It will now be appreciated by all ranks that work for the Engineer is constant, both in action and out, and that opportunities for training are, probably, not as great as with other units. It therefore behoves us to take our work and training seriously, as the work we are doing is essential, and the training even more so. This means that our whole time has to be wisely spent - to work and train hard and conscientiously and relax and rest when off duty in such a way as to improve our physical and mental standard.

The response each of you have made has been consistently good, and has been such that it is noticed by, not only myself and staff, but the members of other units, and H.Q..

As such your work has been a good example to be followed by other units when they have the opportunity. And you have put the unit "on the map". For this we have to thank our C.E. for allotting us a man sized job, and yourselves for carrying it out so thoroughly.

It is with confidence in you that I look forward to whatever we may be called upon to do in the coming year, to win through early.

I wish you all, officers, NCO's and sappers, a bright and victorious New Year.

(Signed) John W.Main, Lt.Col.,
C.R.E. I AUST CORPS TPS.

4. CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK.

VX 11949	A/Sgt. Thompson R.F.	Rank Confirmed	Sgt.
TX 1935	A/Sgt Hornsey C.E.	"	"	"
TX 3000	A/Cpl Curwood W.L.	"	"	Cpl.
VX 18374	A/Cpl Hogan E.A.	"	"	"
VX 15647	A/Cpl Martin R.E.	"	"	"
VX 24745	A/Cpl Capner C.E.	"	"	"

The above named N.C.O's are required to hand their Pay Books in to Coy. Orderly Room as soon as possible.

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No.95/42 3 JAN.42.

1. DUTY OFFICER:- Lieut.E.D.J.Stewart.

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Sunday 4 Jan.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-L/Cpl.Symonds S.E

TX 4106 Spr Campbell L.T.
VX 15897 S" Crooke T.G.
TX 74185 " Allen E.W.
VX 72082 " Saunders R.H.C.

3. USE OF RUNAWAY and TAXI-TRACK by M.T.
All drivers of M.T.vehicles are warned NOT to use the Runaway or TAXI-TRACK at NERAB Aerodrome under any circumstances. This is a highly dangerous practice and will cease immediately. Aeroplanes are likely to land or take off at any time and any obstruction would be liable to cause a crash.

4. NEW DAILY ROSTER.

Reveille	0630 hrs
Muster Parade	0635 hrs(in huts by Hut N.C.O.)
1st Breakfast	0640 hrs
2nd Breakfast	0715 hrs
Parade	0830 hrs
Lunch	1215 hrs
Parade	1330 hrs
DISMISS	1630 hrs
Tea	1730 hrs
Lights Out	2230 hrs
Muster Roll Call	2230 hrs(check by Hut N.C.O's).

Bell will be sounded 5 minutes before each Mess Parade by O/Cpl.
O/Cpl will be responsible to see that troops are woken at Reveille.
Huts must be in inspection order by 0825 hrs.

5. R.C.CHURCH PARADE.
This Parade will be at 0900 hrs in Fd Reg.Lines.

J Maskar Lieut. CAPT.
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No.95/42 4 JAN 42

1. DUTY OFFICER :-Lieut.D.L.Dowie

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs Monday (5 JAN 42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-Cpl Yaxley J.

TX 3084 Spr Thompson A.J.
VX 44583 " Busse W.G.
TX 5171 " Oliver L.S.
TX 3338 " Schofield R.E.

3. CANTEENS - TOBACCO.
Reports of ACF labels in GREYS Tobacco bought in Canteens have been replied to by AACS .The following is the text of the reply:-

"Receipt is acknowledged of your memo enclosing file referring to the sale of GREYS fineout tobacco bearing ACF labels or the remnants of such labels in tins of the above which have been sold through canteens.
This matter is again being taken up strongly with the manufacturers in AUSTRALIA,as the fault definitely lies with them. Similar instances have occurred in the past,and the manufacturers have advised us that the mistakes have occurred in the packing department where canteen goods and ACF goods are packed at the same time.
It is apparent that the employees in this dpt do not appreciate the importance of accurate and careful packing of such stores and it is there that the trouble arises.
In the case of the matter under reference we would state that all the tins so branded have arrived from AUSTRALIA in cartons branded "DDAG" and are the property of this unit. We assure that the strongest representations will be made to the manufacturers in AUSTRALIA and copies of their reply and explanation will be sent to you in due course"
(Bde R.O's No.2 of 3 Jan.42.).

.....CAPT.
A/O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

4. REPORTING.
Any person given a job to do by a superior officer or N.C.O. MUST report immediately on any hold-up,and on completion of job.

5. POSSESSION OF PISTOLS.
Any man in possession of a pistol not issued to him must report to Coy Orderly Room immediately.

D L Dowie Lieut for
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No.96/43. 5 JAN.43.

1.DUTY OFFICER:- Lieut.J.Hasher

2.GUARD.To mount at 1730 hrs on Tuesday 6 JAN.43.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-L/Cpl Stevens L.R.

TX 1981 Spr Beston A.E.
TX 3148 " Groore W.W.
TX 3513 " Rouse V.T.
TX 1029 " Sturzaker J.

3.P.A.D.
(1)It has been ascertained that when the civilian sirens have sounded the electricity supply for the Town Area will be cut off at the Power Station. This makes the observance of Para 5(g) of 18 AUST.INF BDE P.A.D. INSTN No.1 of utmost importance.
(2)Civilian First Aid Posts and Emergency Hospitals have been established in the following places:-
(a)EMERGENCY HOSPITALS.
(i)Hospital - AVERNOES.(ii)Hospital - RAZES.
(iii)Hospital - ST LOUIS.(iv)Military Hosp. -ALBERT FOURNIER.
(b)FIRST AID POSTS.
(i)BAGDAD STATION. (ii)Department de l'Electricite.
(iii)Opposite JARDIN PUBLIC.(iv)International Library.
(v)CASERNES TURQUES Barracks.
(c)Each First Aid Post will;be in charge of a civilian doctor.
(3)The above information is given in case an alarm is given while troops are in town,in which case they will know where to go for medical aid should the occasion arise.

PARA 5(g) of Bde P.A.D. INSTRN.1 instructs that:-
"All personnel will see that a strict BLACKOUT is observed each night".

N.T.Jelbart Capt for.
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No. 27/43. 6 JAN. 43.

1. DUTY OFFICER:-Lieut. W. G. L. Parker

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Wednesday 7 JAN 43.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-Cpl Martin R.E.

VX 33387	Spr.	Whitson W.D.
TX 4066	"	Bryan E.W.
VX 18593	"	Child J.M.
VX 17005	"	Cantwell J.P.
VX 40351	"	Christie E.J.

3. SKID CHAINS.
Skid chains fitted to tyres must NOT be used on bitumen or hard surfaced roads.

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NO.98/42 7 JAN.43.

1. DUTY OFFICER:-Lieut.E.D.J.Stewart.

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Thursday 8 JAN.43.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl.of Guard:-L/Cpl.Cowles R.E.

NX 70136 Spr Williamson J.E.
VX 54398 " King L.A.
VX 73084 " Saunders R.C.
VX 24066 " Newman E.

3. CONTAINERS.
All containers for rations,petrol and other stores MUST be returned as soon as emptied.
Containers are NOT to be destroyed. It is the responsibility of drivers of all trucks delivering rations to ask for empty containers.

4. POSTAL, CANTEEN ORDERS, etc..
Personnel are reminded that all purchases of stamps,enquiries about mail,etc.,stamping of Canteen Orders,etc.,will be attended to through their A.Q. Cpls.
NOTE. Orderly Room is out of bounds to personnel except on legitimate business.
Enquiries concerning mail is NOT legitimate business and will be made through A.Q.Cpls.
Under NO circumstances will enquiries for mail be made at the Orderly Room except by authorised persons.

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NO.99/43 8 JAN.43.

1. DUTY OFFICER:-Lieut;J.L.Daly;

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Friday 9 JAN.43.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl.of Guard:-L/Cpl.McDonald G.

TX 2231 Spr Fysh G.W.
VX 47082 " Walder H.P.
TX 2742 " Donovan T.C.
NX 65343 " Aitken R.D.

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NO.100/42/ 9 JAN.42.

1.DUTY OFFICER:- Lieut.D.L.Bowie.

2.GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs Saturday 10 JAN.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl. of Guard:-L/Cpl Simpkin A.R.

TX 3434 Spr Porte A.T.
TX 3101 " Gardiner D.E.
TX 1779 " Harman L.A.
TX 3078 " Cocking B.T.

3.WORKSHOP
Personnel requiring work done in carpenter's workshop must see Cpl.Barker.

4.SNAP KIT INSPECTIONS.
Snap Kit inspections are liable to be carried out at any time. Personnel in possession of any equipment or kit which should have been returned,will have disciplinary action taken against them. The excuse that the gear is personal property will not be accepted.

4.SECURITY.
(a)It is evident that tps are giving away to civilians items of military clothing. This practice must cease. Old and worn clothing should NOT be placed in rubbish bins etc.,but handed in to the Q.M.Store for correct disposal.

5.~~(a)~~ AIRMAIL TO AUSTRALIA.
Owing to the limited plane space available for conveyance of air mails to AUSTRALIA it is of prime importance that the weight of the mail loading should be kept as low as possible. For this reason,personnel should,as far as possible,use air mail letter cards and restrict letters to two sheets of air mail paper. Co-operation of all ranks in this matter will greatly help to avoid the necessity of holding mails for later despatch.

6.PHOTOGRAPHY REGULATIONS.
The following photographers ONLY are approved in ALEP area w;e;f; 8 JAN.42:-
Photo GULBENK Boulevard de France.
Photo DERDUNIAN " " "

Films found being developed elsewhere will be confiscated and destroyed.
The following is a list of prohibited subjects with which all ranks will make themselves familiar:-
(i)Aerial views;(ii)Aerodromes,(iii)Aircraft,(iv)A.F.V's,(v)Arty weapons,(vi)Camps,(vii)Defences,(viii)Diagrams of weapons,(ix)Fortifications,(x)Military Operations,(xi)Ships of any kind,(xii)Signal Equpt,(xiii)All harbours and all naval and military oil installations.
Serious breaches of regulations have been discovered in films left by military personnel with photographers in ALEP for developing and printing.
In view of the serious results to security of non-compliance with photographical regulations,strict disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

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BY CAPT. N.T.JELBART A/O.C. 3/9 AUST.A.FD.COY. R. A. E.

NO.101/43. 10 JAN. 1943

1. DUTY OFFICER:- Lieut. J.HASKER.

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs Sunday 11 JAN. 43.
Orderley Corporal and Cpl. of Guard :- Cpl. Humphrey. J.

V.X.18592	Spr.	Child J.W.
V.X.31888	"	Beckwith G.
V.X.16783	"	Postlethwaite C.R.
V.X.30171	"	Stone S.
V.X.17974	"	Potts J.T.

3. No fuel stoves will be left burning in huts, between 0800 hrs and 1700 hrs. except by special permission from C.S.M.
Dressed timber, even scrap ends, will not be used in stoves or braziers.

4. CHURCH PARADE.
Church Parade will be held at 1030 hrs.

R.C. Church Parade. Mass will be at 0900 hours in Y.M.C.A. Hut.

5. LECTURE.
A lecture by Padre Silwood "The Mystery of the Luftwaffe." will be given in the mens mess at 1900 hours.

6. SECURITY OF INFORMATION.
Documents captured in the recent operations refer to valuable infm. which has been obtained from the diaries of British P.O.Ws. Personnel are warned that such documents are NOT to be taken into forward positions.

6. POL. - ISSUE OF.
(i) Instances have been brought to notice of fraudulent demands for POL being made upon DIDs and although these demands have not been supported, they have been met by the issuers concerned.
(ii) Any Issue of POL will only be possible upon production of proper authority, which is:-
(a) for replenishment of a vehicle's tank or sump, the drivers AB 413 and (other than in forward area), AF G35 (transport work ticket) covering the service on which the vehicle is engaged.
(b) for packed POL to be taken away as such, whether for unit stocks or as travelling reserve, AB 55 or similar indent, SIGNED BY AN OFFICER OF THE DEMANDING UNIT.

7. STACKING AND HANDLING OF POL CONTAINERS.

Leakage is more likely to occur from caps or screw bungs of POL containers than from any other portion of the container. All POL containers, incl. cartons, crates and wooden cases will therefore be loaded and stacked with the caps or bungs uppermost.
Attention is drawn to the colour flashes on POL containers which are intended to indicate to illiterate labour the part of the container which should always be uppermost.
All concerned will be responsible for seeing that illiterate labour employed understands the meaning of the colour flashes.

9. ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.
Disposal to persons not entitled to the Customs Exemption of Tobacco & cigarettes admitted free to the M.E. for members of the Forces is prohibited and will be regarded as a serious offence.

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NO.102/42 11 JAN.42.

1.DUTY OFFIVER :-Lieut.W.G.L.Parker.

2.GUARD.To mount at 1730 hrs on Monday 12 JAN.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl. of Guard:-L/Cpl.Symons

VX 33580 Spr.Short C.
VX 56165 " Riley N.
VX 46549 " Hudson A.A.
VX 21710 " Baker A.A.

.....CAPT.
A/O.C.2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NOTICE.

The following is a message from the Prime Minister of AUSTRALIA.

"In the name of the Australian Government and the Australian people I send you warmest greetings from your homeland. As you stand guard at the outpost manning the battle station, be assured that our thoughts are ever with you and more particularly do we feel for you,as we know you do for your homefolk, at Xmas time. It is very that Xmas is among the vitalities for which we are fighting - not Xmas as holiday period but Xmas as a symbol of the Christian way of life - a way that our three enemies of the Axis would destroy along with all our free institutions should they emerge victorious from this struggle.
Today in AUSTRALIA,there is not the Xmas holiday period as you knew it. We are on a complete war footing and all that it involves brought vividly to the mind of the people. To you,our fighting men of the three services,I send the greetings of Xmas,with all the warmth of the great hearts of your kith and kin. And for 1942,let us be stouthearted,stand unitedly together,and we can have complete confidence in the outcome."

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NO.108/42. 13 JAN.42.

1. DUTY OFFICER :-Lieut.E.D.J.Stewart.

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Tuesday 13 JAN.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl. of Guard:-L/Cpl.W.Munday.

TX 3743 Spr.Baker J.H.
TX 4040 " Jackson K.S.
VX 45874 " Pilmore R.L.
VX 37565 " Lacco H.

3. SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS.
Captured German documents refer to the valuable information which has been obtained from the diaries of British P.O.W's. It is once more pointed out that personnel going into action, or going into areas where there is a possibility of contact with the enemy, are forbidden to carry any personal papers which could be of possible use to the enemy.

4. DENTURES - LOSSES AND REPAIRS.
In many instances C.O's are charging against Public Funds cost of renewals and repairs to dentures lost or damaged through the fault of the soldier. This practice will cease forthwith. Unless a C.O. is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that loss or damage to dentures was due to no fault of the soldier, cost of renewal will be charged to the soldier.

5. PUNISHMENT BY COURT MARTIAL.
The undermentioned sentences by Courts Martial are published for information.
(a)A W.O.class II, convicted of taking a bribe(A.A.41), was sentioned to two years' imprisonment.
(b)A lance corporal, convicted of common assault(A.A.41), was sentioned to six months' detention.
(c)A private soldier, convicted of charges of desertion(A.A.13(1)a), was sentenced to six months' detention.
(d)A private soldier, convicted on charges of stealing public property(A.A.18(4)), wassentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for 180 days.
(e)A private soldier, convicted on charges of forgery to Pay Book, (A.A.41)and uttering forged document, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.
(f)A private soldier, convicted of desertion(A.A.13(1)(a))in that whilst a member of a draft en route to join his unit in the field, after having been warned that his draft was on six hours notice to move, avoided such draft by absenting himself without leave for eight days with intention of avoiding the draft, was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for one year.
(g)A private soldier, convicted of disobeying a lawful command (A.A.9(1)), failing to appear on a place of parade appointed by his C.O.(A.A.15(2), and A.W.L.(A.A.15(1)), was sentenced to undergo detention for 180 days.
(h)A private soldier, convicted of striking his superior officer (A.A.8(2)), was sentenced to undergo detention for six months.

6. LOSSES OF PETROL.
(1)The strength of a mechanised army lies in its power to go far and fast, but this power comes through petrol.
PETROL is the LIFE BLOOD of a modern army. It is wasted through a variety of causes.
(2)Everyone concerned with the passage of petrol from the factory to the vehicle to which it finally gives the power to move, must realize that every gallon wasted is a help to the enemy.
CAUSES OF LOSS:-
(a) Rough handling during loading and unloading.
(b) Punctures from nails ,etc..
(c) Failure to decant leaking containers immediately on arrival at destination and have them repaired.
(d) From vehicle reserves carried in containers.

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(e)Spillage when filling vehicle from containers.
(f)Expansion and contraction of containers.
MEASURES TO AVOID LOSS.
Senior drivers of vehicles are responsible for seeing that petrol is properly loaded, and for refusing to accept "leakers". Senior tpt N.C.O. is responsible for correct handling at store, stacking, and checking to prevent leakage on receipt of petrol.
(3) When carrying quantities of petrol, drivers will separate layers with dunnage such as reed or grass matting, tarpaulins, etc. Lorries containing POL will be driven slowly over rough roads. 2 gallon containers must be made fast in racks, using U/S rubber or matting, etc..

7. PUNISHMENTS.
The following personnel have been charged as follows:-

TX 1779 Spr. Harman L.A.
TX 3078 " Cocking B.T.
TX 2896 " Cuttriss L.M.
TX2369 " Breen L.D.

OFFENCE:-Neglecting to obey Coy. R.O's in that he at NERAB Aerodrome on 10 Jan.42 left his rifle unattended in his hut contrary to Coy R.O's ~~of~~ No.81/41 para.3 of 19 Dec.41 which states - Rifles must NOT be left in huts unless under lock and key. A.A.Sec.11.
AWARD:- Each Fined £1 and 7 days C.B..

8. AIR MAIL.
Air mail en route AUSTRALIA - MIDDLE EAST, originating from all states and posted approximately 18th to 22nd December 41, has been lost by enemy action.

[signature] CAPT.
A/O.C.2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

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NO.104/43. 13 JAN.43.

1.DUTY OFFICER :-Lieut. J.L.Daly.

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Wednesday 14 JAN.43.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-L/Cpl.Ratcliff P.

TX	2896	Spr.Cuttriss L.M.
TX	1688	Spr Bellette T.H.
TX	3330	" Reid W.F.
TX	1689	" House C.R.
NX	72504	" Herbert S.G.
NX	69981	" Davis M.

3.AIR RAID ALARMS.
On receipt of the warning "AIR RAID RED", all units and sub-units will take the following action :-
(a)All ranks will wear respirator and steel helmet and all personnel except those on duty will take cover in the nearest slit trench or shelter.
(b)Fire parties and rescue squads will report to their respective posts with such equipment as is available.
~~(c)~~
O.C.M. and Senior N.C.O's will always carry keys of rifle racks and on sounding of alarm will take up posts to issue arms.
Alarm will be "Trench Rattle".

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY CAPT.N.T.JELBART A/O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NO.105/42 14 JAN.42.

1. DUTY OFFICER :- Lieut.D.L.Dowie.

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Thursday 15 JAN.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard :- L/Cpl.A.D.French

SX 11938 Spr Ahlberg D.B.
VX 43341 " Rogan J.F.
VX 17005 " Cantwell J.P.
VX 40351 " Christie E.J.

3. WOOD FOR STOVES.
NO timber dressed,sawn or even ends,will be burnt in stoves or braziers.
All collections of ends of timber,etc.,will be returned to ration wood dump for condemnation by officer if it is fit to be burnt or not,and he will issue out pro rata by storeman.
NO wood will be taken out of enclosure for stores,etc.,without a signature of hut N.C.O..
Each hut N.C.O. will be responsible that his hut collects its quota of wood each day at 1700 hrs from storeman and signs for same himself.
Anyone caught inside enclosure taking wood without permission, will be charged accordingly.
Hut N.C.O's will automatically charge any person contravening these orders.

.....CAPT.
A/O.C.2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

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BY MAJOR S.J.BLEECHMORE O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NO.106/42. 15 JAN.42.

1. DUTY OFFICER :- Lieut.J.Hasker.

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Friday 16 JAN.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:- L/Cpl.R.E.Cowles.

VX 18266 Spr.Hulands G.
VX 16569 " Nilon A.E.
VX 54398 " King L.A.
NX 70136 " Williamson J.E.

.....MAJOR.
O.C.2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

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BY MAJOR S.J.BLECHMORE O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NO.107/42 16 JAN.42.

1. DUTY OFFICER :- Lieut.W.G.L.Parker

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on Saturday 17 JAN.42.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl. of Guard:-L/Cpl G.W.MacDonald.

TX 1963 Spr.Moffat J.
NX 34338 " MacDonald W.A.
TX 156 " Heaver J.
TX 3033 " Bescoe R.A.R.

3. DISCIPLINE - CAIRO.
The following is repeated from Bde R.O's No.5 of 14 JAN.42.

"Many reports have recently come to hand of the lack of discipline and behaviour of AIF tps whilst on leave in CAIRO. It is requested that this matter be taken up with all C.O's to ensure that only such personnel as it is considered can be relied upon to behave themselves in a proper manner are granted leave in CAIRO.
Should reports contunue to show that there is no improvement in behaviour, it will be necessary to take more drastic action, even to the cancellation of all leave in CAIRO"

4. AIR - MAIL SERVICE - AUSTRALIA.
The following is a report of AIF(ME)ADF 41/2953 of 3 JAN.
"The air mail service between xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
AUSTRALIA and MIDDLE EAST has been temporarily interrupted. It is hoped to restore communications in the near future, but in the meantime no mails are being received by air. Air Mails are being despatched in the direction of MIDDLE EAST-AUSTRALIA but these also are being held up at an intermediate point, on route, awaiting the full or partial restoration of the through Service".

5. DENTURES - LOSSES AND REPAIRS.
In many instances, renewals and repairs to dentures lost or damaged through the fault of the soldier, have been charged against Public Funds. This practice will cease forthwith. Unless a C.O. is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that such loss or damage was due to no fault of the soldier, cost of renewal and repair will be charged against the soldier.

6. FROST BITE.
(a)One of the effects of taking alcohol is a dilation of the blood vessels near the skin - consequently as most hot blood is brought to the xxxxxx, surface, more heat tends to be lost from the body.
(b)For this reason to take alcohol BEFORE exposure to cold is dangerous. To take alcohol after exposure tends to restore the circulation to the surface blood vessels.
(c)"Frost Bite" is brought about by the contracting effect of the cold on the blood vessels near the skin. As a consequence in the effected parts the deprivations of blood tends to local death or gangrene. Any constriction about the part is an additional factor in limiting the blood supply.
(d)To heat a "Frost Bitten" part suddenly is to court disaster. To rub the part also is to insult an already damaged skin.
(e)The treatment is to improve the blood supply to the affected part by stimulating the circulation by hot drinks or alcohol, at the same time protecting the affected part from further loss of h heat or injury by carefully wrapping in cotton wool and resting.

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N O T I C E.

We acknowledge with thanks the following goods received from the Australian Comforts Fund.

70 Scarves,
350 Prs Sox,
50 " Mittens,
50 Scull Caps,
54 Pullovers.

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BY MAJOR S.J.BLEECHMORE O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY. R.A.E.

No. 108/42 17 JAN.42.

1. DUTY OFFICER :- Lieut. E.D.J. STEWART.

2. GUARD. To mount at 1730 hrs on SUNDAY 18 JAN. 42.
Orderly Corporal and Opl. of Guard:- L/Opl. B.GRAY .
V.X.36418 Spr. Baker L;
T.X. 4127 " Leale W.
T.X. 3038 " Brett L.
T.X. 3448 " Rouse V.T.
V.X.50710 " Hoe E.A.
T.X. 3513 " Brooks W.

3. OUT OF BOUNDS.
I. The Aerodrome at ALEPPO is "out of bounds" to all ranks except on duty.
II. The streets named below are "out of bounds".

SHARIA HAMAM-EL-TEL.
SHARIA BASITA.

These streets are situated east of Bab-el-FARAJ Square.

4. IN BOUNDS. All troops will be warned that they are not to visit Cafés unless the "IN BOUNDS" sign is displayed.

5. SPEED LIMITS - ALEPPO. All troops will be warned. No W.D. vehicle will exceed 20 m;p;h; within the built up area of ALEPPO. Traffic signs and signals by Gendarmerie will be strictly obeyed. Attention is drawn to the fact that "One way streets " are marked by Red Discs with a white horizontal bar across the centre.

6. STOLEN VEHICLES. No W.D. vehicle is to be left unattended in a City Street and strict precautions will be taken by all officers in charge of transport to ensure that the vehicles in their charge are not removedby any unauthorized person.

7. CANTEEN
Hours Dry Canteen - 1000 hrs to 2145 hrs daily.
" Wet Canteen - 1700 hrs to 2145 hrs daily.
Lunch is served between - 1300 hrs & 1400 hrs daily.
The following is brought to the notice of all tps:-
(a)Pilfering and breaking of glasses MUST cease. Glasses cannot now be purchased.
(b)It is an offence for Canteen goods to be bought and resold or traded to natives.
(c)The cost of meals and beer must be paid for by all tps served.
(d)Tps must take note of the No. of the waiter who serves them as this is required should any dispute arise.
(e)Tobacco, Chocolates and certain other items are rationed owing to the difficulty in obtaining supplies.
(f)A READING ROOM on the 1st Floor of the Building(adj.the Office) is available to tps.

8. R.C. CHURCH PARADE.
MASS will be held in Y.M.C.A.Hut at 1015 hrs Sunday 18 Jan.42.

.....MAJOR.
O.C.2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

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NO.108/43. 18 JAN.43.

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1730 hrs on Monday 18 JAN.43.

Duty Officer :- Lieut.D.L.Dowie.

Orderly Corporal and Cpl. of Guard :- L/Cpl.A.D.French.

Guard :- VX 33387 Spr Waitson W.D.
VX 18593 " Child J.M.
VX 16783 " Postlethwaite O.R.
VX 21188 " Beckwith G.A.

2. WEARING OF RESPIRATORS.
The wearing of respirators by all ranks on Wednesdays of each week between ~~the~~ 1000 and 1030 hrs is compulsory.

MAJOR.
O.C.2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

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BY MAJOR S.J.BLEECHMORE O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NO.110/42 19 JAN.42.

1.DUTIES :- To mount at 1730 hrs on Tuesday 20 JAN.42

Duty Officer :- Lieut.J.Hasker.

Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard :-L/Cpl R.Fletcher.

Guard:- VX 56165 Spr. Riley H.
VX 31710 " Baker A.A.
VX 46549 " Hudson A.A.
VX 34068 " Newman E.
VX 47153 " Rowe C.
NX 72082 " Saunders R.H.C.

2.PUNISHMENTS.

TX 3258 Spr Nichols R.J.
VX 44925 " Evans W.G.
VX 35513 " Bryson G F.

The above personnel have each been charged with the following offence :-

While on Active Service is charged with absenting himself without leave in that he, while on leave in ALEPPO on 16 JAN.42 failed to return to his camp until 2330 hrs on the 17 JAN.42. Total hrs absent 24 hrs.

AWARD:- Each forfeit 1 day's pay: fined 15/- and 14 days C.B.

S.J.Bleechmore Capt
.....MAJOR
A/O.C.2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

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BY CAPT. N.T.JELBART A/O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

NO.111/42. 30 JAN.42.

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1730 hrs on Wednesday, 31 JAN.42.
Duty Officer:- Lieut.W.G.L.Parker.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-L/Cpl N.T.Cook.
Guard:- NX 73038 Spr Abel J.S.
TX 2387 " Balcombe H.B.
VX 38301 " Pappin S.E.
TX 2536 " Cooper L.G.

2. UNSTAMPED LETTERS.
Letters without postage stamps ~~stamps~~ which have been censored and handed to the Postal Orderly will be opened and returned to senders.

3. PUNISHMENTS.

VX 44583 Spr Busse W.G.

OFFENCE :- While on Active Service is charged with absenting himself without leave in that he, while on leave in ALEPPO on 17 JAN.42 failed to return to his camp until 2330 hrs on 18 JAN. Total time absent 24 hrs.
AWARD :- Forfeit 1 day's pay & fined 15/-.

NX 73038 Spr Abel J.S.

OFFENCE :- A soldier on Active Service is charged with neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he at HERAB Aerodrome was NOT in possession of W.F.5(Pay Book) stating that he had lost his Pay Book.
AWARD :- Fined 10/-.

Lieut
..... CAPT.
A/O.C.2/9 AUST.A.FD.COY.R.A.E.

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BY CAPT.N.T.JELBART A/O.C. S/S AUST.A.TD.COY.R.A.E.

NO.113/42. 31 JAN.43.

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1730 hrs on Thursday 32 JAN.43
Duty Officer :- Lieut.E.D.J.Stewart.
Orderly Corporal and Cpl of Guard:-L/Cpl A.R.Simkin.
Guard:- TX 1779 Spr Harman L.A.
TX 3331 " Richardson E.E.E.
TX 3191 " Gardiner D.E.
TX 3078 " Cocking B.T.
TX 3308 " McGuire L.V.
TX 1889 " House C.R.

2. CAFES IN BOUNDS.
Parisien Cafe;Ritz Cafe;Dixie Cafe;Al-Chab Cafe;Parc Palace Cafe; Bachour Cafe;Pierre Cafe;Manassian Cafe;Cafe du Brazil;Oxford Bar;Victoria Cafe;Novelty Cafe;Popadopolis Buffet;Palangian Cafe;Parisiana Cafe.
Officers only:-Lewis Tavern,Circle Orient.
Sgts,W.O's & Officers:-"Cafe Wattle".

3. BARBER'S SHOP.
AACS advise that a Barber's Shop has been opened in the Canteen. There are two chairs and charges are as follows:-
Shave - 3 Francs(15 piastres)
Haircut - 5 Francs(25 piastres).

4. PHOTOGRAPHY REGULATIONS.
(a)The following photographers ONLY are approved in ALEP area:
PHOTO DERDUNIAN.....Boulevard de France.
PHOTO GULBENK.....Boulevard de France.
Films found being developed elsewhere will be destroyed.
(b)The following list of prohibited subjects is to be familiar to all ranks:-
(1)Aerial Views
(2)Aerodromes
(3)Aircraft
(4)A.F.V's
(5)Artillery Weapons
(6)Camps
(7)Defences
(8)Disgrace of Weapons
(9)Fortifications
(10)Military Operations
(11)Ships of any kind
(12)Signal Equipment.
(13)All harbours & all naval & military oil installations.

(c)Serious breaches of regulations have been discovered in films left by military personnel with Photographers in ALEP for developing and printing.
In view of the serious results to security of non-compliance with photographic regulations,strict disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

5. SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS.
It is the duty of every man to assist in the carrying out of Security Regulations,which are ineffective without 100% co-operation from all ranks.
RUMOURS: The prevalence of these is very noticeable and every attempt must be made early to discourage unfounded talk.
ENEMY AGENTS:Known to be very active. Every soldier should be suspicious without being antagonistic and when doubt,refer to higher authority.
THEFTS: It is unsafe to leave anything anywhere without a lock or guard. Stolen articles are very difficult to recover. This warning applies especially to such things as Pay Books,military papers,etc..
THEFTS OF ARMS,AMN.,etc. :-In some cases these are stolen ~~on~~ religious on religous principles,in others on political,but the fact remains that they are frequently stolen and seldom recovered. It is a matter of pride to of the unit to guard against such losses. ~~Security~~

SECURITY REGULATIONS. cont.

SALE OF ARMS, AMN., etc.. :- This must be carefully watched and offenders, both military and civilian, dealt with at once.

INTERPRETERS.: These will on NO account be regarded as free to move as they like, nor hear and see military matters which are not their concern.

MAIL.

CARRYING: Many instances have occurred of military personnel carrying uncensored mail, both by military and civilian, to EGYPT, PALESTINE and even locally. The gravity of this breach is obvious and it must cease.

VISITORS, OFFRS, etc. :- These must be reported to higher authorities to ensure that their business is thoroughly learned.

LIFTS FOR CIVILIANS: Civilians are evading frontier ~~xxxx~~ and control posts by obtaining lifts on army vehicles. Drivers are forbidden to offer these lifts, not only to civilians, but also to soldiers in uniform.

PROSTITUTES: Much military information is released through this source and troops are warned against careless talk.

BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS:

At all times the smart appearance and good behaviour of troops is important to the prestige of their unit and the A.I.F. generally, but in this country that importance is increased. The people will be very much impressed one way or the other by the behaviour of troops, and it is our job to see that that impression is favourable. This will play a big part in the country's feelings towards us which are at present good, but which can still be improved.

.....CAPT.
A/O.C. 3/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

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BY CAPT. N.T.JELBART A/O.C. 2/9 AUST.A.FD. COY. R.A.E.

No.113/43 23 JAN. 43.

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1730 hrs. on Friday 23 JAN. 43.
Duty Officer :- Lieut. D.L. Dowie
Orderly Corporal and Corporal of Guard:-L/Cpl.F.J.Vernon.
Guard:-

T.X.4104	Spr.	Walford.	E.A.
T.X.4119	"	Campbell	T.C.
V.X.27936	"	Cantwell	F.L.
V.X.3014	"	Walters	G.H.
V.X.32236	"	Hogan	B.
V.X.15711	"	Prior	A.N.

.....CAPT.
A/O.C. 2/9 Aust.A.Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY CAPT. N.T. JELBART. A/O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

No. 114/43 23 JAN. 43.

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1730 hrs. on Saturday 24 JAN. 43.

Duty Officer :- Lieut. J. Hasker.
Orderly Corporal and Corporal of Guard :- NX8. Cpl. COTTON

Guard :-

T.X. 2055	Spr.	McLeod
T.X. 2743	"	Donovan
T.X. 2498	"	Colman
T.X. 2744	"	Lidster

2. CANTEEN STORES LABELLED WITH DEFENCE DEPT. LABELS.

It has been notified that a shipment of 500 cases(1000 doz.) 30 oz. tinned apricots from the Goulburn Valley Canners Pty Ltd has been branded with the marking D(arrow)D in addition to the usual D D A C brand.

These have been distributed — 250 cases to the Canteen Bulk Stores at RENOVOT and BEIRUT.

It is promulgated for information that A.I.F.(M.E.) have directed that as the Cantech Services purchased the stores, they are to dispose of them in the usual manner. This information is passed on to avoid complaints arising from the error in branding the cases.

3. CONSERVATION OF TIRES.

Whenever possible drivers will fill up with petrol at bulk distribution points. Signs are being placed by units capable of supplying bulk petrol, lettered " W.D. PETROL PUMP." with an arrow indicating its location.

.....CAPT.
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BY CAPT. N.T.JELBART. A/O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

No. 115/42 24 JAN. 42.

1. DUTIES. To mount at 1730 hrs. on Sunday 25 JAN. 42.

Duty Officer :- Lieut. W.G. PARKER.

Orderly Corporal and Corporal of Guard :- L/Cpl. French A.D.

V.X. 17005	Spr.	Cantwell	J.P.
V.X. 21868	"	Beckwith	G.
T.X. 4131	"	Jameson	J.
T.X. 4104	"	Walford	E.A.
V.X. 30076	"	Blake	E.

2. R.C. CHURCH PARADE. Mass will be at 1030 hrs in the Y.M.C.A. Hut.

.....CAPT.
A/O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

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BY LIEUT. D.L. DOWIE A/O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

NO. 117/43 30 JAN. 43.

1. DUTIES :- Duty Officer :- Lieut. F.P. BRIDGES

Guard:- Orderly Corporal and Corporal of Guard ,
Corporal J.K. YARLEY;

T.X.	1759	Spr.	Easther	A.
V.X.	37565	"	Lacco	H.
T.X.	3348	"	Dowd	M.J.
T.X.	2370	"	Eastwood	W.B.
T.X.	5171	"	Oliver	L.C.
T.X.	1930	"	Parker	W.C.

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.....Lieut.
A/O.C. 2/9 Aust.A.Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY Lieut. D.L. DOWIE A/O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

NO. 113/42 31 JAN. 42.

1. DUTIES.:- Duty Officer :- Lieut.

Guardcto mount at 1800 hrs on Sunday 1 FEB. 42.:-

Orderly Corporal and Corporal of Guard :- L/Cpl. FRENCH A.

Guard :-

V.X. 24548	Spr.	Krammer	G.
V.X. 16272	"	Betts	D.A.
V.X. 33387	"	Whitson	W.D.
V.X. 15711	"	Prior	A.N.
V.X. 21655	"	MacMachern	H.
S.X. 11238	"	Ahlberg	A.B.

2. GRANT AND RELINQUISHMENT OF ACTING WARRANT AND NON-COMMISSIONED RANK.

A.I.F. (M.E.) Orders Nos. 17 of 20th July 1940, 240 of 7th March, 1941; 629 of 20th September 1941; and 774 of 17th November 1941 are cancelled and incorporated in the following instructions.:-

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE ORDERS (Middle East) No. 948

Appointments and promotions of warrant and non-commissioned officers within establishments to replace those struck off strength may be mad as follows:-

(a) Permanent promotions may be made to replace those struck off strength as killed, deceased, prisoner of war, and transferred.

(b) In all other instances promotions to acting rank to replace those struck off strength may be made, but if the warrant or non commission officer thus replaced does not return to duty within three months the promotion may then be made substantive.

(c) Promotions to acting rank may be made to fill temporary vacancies occasioned by the absence from units of warrant and non-commissioned officers attending schools or courses of more than one month's duration, such acting rank to be terminated on the return of the person concerned.

(d) A warrant or non-commissioned officer whose place has been filled by a promotion that has been made substantive, will, on return to unit, be borne as supernumerary to establishment and absorbed into the first vacancy.

(e) Changes in allotment of pay will not be permitted on account of any acting rank granted.

(f) Pay sergeants or personnel responsible for alteration of "drawing rate" in pay books will ensure that "acting rank" is plainly shown as such in paybooks.

(g) All acting ranks will be notified to Oi/c 2nd Echelon A.I.F.(M.E. on A.F. W.3011 and the name of the warrant or non-commissioned office vice, whom the acting promotion is made will be shown. In the case of promotion to acting warrant rank an indication that the necessary authority (vide A.I.F. (M.E.) Order No.427 of 28 th JUNE 1941) has been given will also be shogn on the A?F? W.3011.

RELINQUISHMENT.

(a) All personnel holding acting warrant or non-commissioned rank will relinquish such acting rank on transfer to "X" list, provided tha a warrant or non-commissioned officer holding acting rank will not be reverted to his permanent grade whilst a prisoner of war (unless it is certified by a Court of Inquiry that his capture was due to his own neglect or misconduct); provided also that the acting rank of a warrant or non-commissioned officer who dies of wounds sustained whilst holding such rank will not be relinquished

(b) Should a warrant or non-commissioned officer who has been replaced return to duty, the warrant or non-commissioned officer who was promoted to acting rank to replace him will revert to his permanent rank (subject to para 1.b. above)

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RELINQUISHMENT OF ACTING RANK (cont.)

(c) All reversions from acting rank will be notified on A.F. W.3011 the pay book number being shown as an indication of entry of relinquishment in pay book. With regard to the secc proviso to sub paragraph (a) above, units will invariably notify relinquishments of acting rank in case of warrant or non-commis officers reported wounded or missing and the subsequent adjustment of their records will be made by O.i/c 2nd Echelon A?I.F.(M.E.)

PROCEEDURE FOR RELINQUISHMENT.

(a) Commanding officers will ensure that where possible, relinquishment of acting rank is entered in the soldiers pay boo on the date that the relinquishment becomes effective. Where this is not possible owing to evacuation to hospital the A.A. Pay C. representative at the hospital will enter particulars.

Commanding officers should impress on all ranks the importance of early entry of relinquishments in paybooks as a precaution against financial embarrassment should the paybook become overdrawn as a result of delay in effecting adjustment in drawing rate.

3. POWERS OF PROVOST CORPS.

1. Any officer, warrant officer, noncommissioned officer or soldier who impedes a provost marshal or any officer, non-commissioned officer or member of the military police, commits an offence.

2. Any warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, or soldier who, when called on, refuses to assist in the execution of his duty a provost marshal or any memberof the military police commits an offence.

3. Every warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier even though he is of superior rank, shall obey any orders given by the military police, and, on failure to do so, commits an offen

4. Officers of whatever rank, shall comply with the directions of any provost marshal or officer of the military police.

4. VEHICLES --- ANTI FROST PRECAUTIONS.

Anti frost precautions will be observed with all vehicles operating in SYRIA and LEBANON from 1st DEC. to 1st. MARCH?

5. REVERSIONS.

Reversion on completion of tasks for which temporarily appointed.

T.X. 2481 A/Cpl. Yaxley J?K? reverts to L/Cpl.

T.X. 4337 L/Cpl. Dishington J?J? reverts to Spr.

6. R.C. CHURCH PARADE.

Mass will be at 0930 hrs in Qantara. Transport will leave unit lines at 0900 hrs.

.....Lieut.
A/O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY LIEUT. D.L. DOWIE A/O.C. 2/9 AUST. A. FD. COY. R.A.E.

NO. 119/42 1 FEB. 42.

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Orderly Corporal and Corporal of Guard :- L/Cpl. STEVENS L.A.

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T.X. 4337	"	Dishington
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T.X. 3149	"	Groome
T.X. 2448	"	Brookes

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Repair of equipment is the function of the mechanical engineering staff, who should be called upon in the event of doubt or where technical assistance is required.

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