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7 FIELD COMPANY
R.A.E.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 16.12.41 To 19.12.41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Redbank Q.	16/12/41		N. Comd. Fd. Engrs. to raise an entirely new Field Coy. within 6 days. One Officer and 16 O.R. taken on strength of 7 Fd. Coy. Officer taken on strength Q119785, Capt. A.T. FitzGerald.	Apendices A to C re formation and personnel of Unit.
Redbank Q.	17.12.41		7 Fd. Coy., R.A.E. now being formed. 10 O.R. taken on strength. Strength: 1 Officer and 26 O.R.	
Redbank Q.	18.12.41	1900	1 Officer (Q13608, Lt. T. Dutton) and 4 O.R. taken on strength. Technical War Equipment commenced to be collected and packed at Kelvin Grove. Continued throughout the night under the constant supervision of Capt. A.T. FitzGerald and W.O.II W.E. Robertson. Strength: 2 Off. and 30 O.R.	
Redbank Q.	19/12/41		2 Officers (N.P.9885, Capt. M.G. McKenzie and Q13306 Lieut. C.H.V. Harding) and 40 O.R. taken on strength.	

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6/253 Appendix A

7 Fd. Coy. Fd. Engrs.
Chermside.
15th. Dec. '41.

Area Officer,
Area 49,
KELVIN GROVE.

DEMAND FOR TRADESMEN.

I have been instructed verbally by the A.D.E.S. through the C.R.E. (Fd) N. Comd. to raise an entirely new Field Company within the next 6 days. I have been instructed to allot men from the 7 Fd. Coy. and the balance to bring the new unit up to establishment is to come from Area Officer.

Please allot the following trade specialists to the 24 Field Coy. immediately.

TRADESMEN	NO. REQUIRED FROM AREA
T.G. 1	
Blacksmiths	7
Bricklayers	9
Draughtsmen	1
Engine Artificers	15
Fitters	7
Plumbers	4
Surveyors (Eng.)	1
T.G. 11	
Carpenters	32
Cooks	5
Electricians	5
Masons	3
Miners	3
Painters	7
T.G. 111	
Clerks	5
Concretors	6
Engine hands I.C.	6
Stokers (stationery engine)	3
Storemen	2
Tinsmiths	3
Transport Drivers	35
Non-specialists	71 ← From 7 Fd Coy

They will report to Lieut.L.Nicholls. C/- Engr. Trg. Depot, A.I.F. Redbank.

..... Capt.
O.C. 7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

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Appendix B

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Address 7 Bde Area H.Q.,
Date Drill Hall,
Wellington Rd.,
EAST BRISBANE. S.E.I.
16th December, 1941.

Copy to H.Q. Fd.Engrs.N.Comd. Kelvin Grove.

REQUIREMENTS - U.S.P. FOR FULL TIME DUTY

Memo No. 1941.T.4 from H.Q.Fd.Engrs.N.Comd.

Engineer Depot, Kelvin Grove of the 16th Dec.,1941, sets out the requirements for the new Unit, 24 Fd.Coy., copy of which was dispatched direct to Areas 9,15, & 49 from the Unit Adjt.

Please be prepared to ring Area Brigade H.Q. at 1500 hrs. Wednesday, 17/12/41, to advise this office the numbers selected for each category and for whom Mob.31 notices to report are prepared for posting.

Please have R.M.P.O. mark papers "Available for service if used at occupation".

Metropolitan Personnel : To report H.Q.Fd.Engrs. N.Comd. Engineer Depot, KelvinGrove.
Time : 0900 hours 22.12.1941.

Country Personnel from Areas 9,15 and 49. Areas to issue rail warrants (concession rate) direct to Redbank.

Personnel from Area 25 and 47. To entrain for Redbank, 22.12.1941.

A.Os. to advise 7 Bde. Area H.Q. and O.C. Engineering Training Depot, Redbank, by telegram, the total of numbers to be dispatched by train and approximate time of arrival at Redbank.

Draft Conducting Officers or N.C.O. to be provided by Fd.Engrs.N.Comd.

Sgd. Capt.
For Area Bde.Major. 7 Bde.Area.

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Appendix C.

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H.Q.Fd.Engrs.N.Comd.
Eng.Depot. Kelvin Grove.
16 Dec.'41.

Area Bde Major,
7 Bde Area,
ANNERLEY.

DEMAND FOR TRADESMEN

In order to raise an entirely new Fd. Coy within the next 6 days, please allot the following tradesmen to 24 Fd. Coy.

They are to be instructed to report to Lieut. L. Nicholls, Engr. Tng Depot, Redbank.

TRADESMEN	NO. REQUIRED FROM AREA
T.G. I.	
Blacksmiths	7
Bricklayers	9
Draughtsmen	1
Engine Artificers	15
Fitters	7
Plumbers	4
Surveyors (Eng)	1
T.G.II	
Carpenters	32
Cooks	5
Electricians	5
Masons	3
Miners	3
Painters	7
T.G.III	
Clerks	5
Concretors	6
Engine hands I.C.	6
Stokers (Stationery engine)	3
Storemen	2
Tinsmiths	3
Transport Drivers	35
Non-specialists	71

Lieut.
Adjt. Fd.Engrs.N.Comd.

Copies have been forwarded
to Areas 9,49 and 15.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 19/12/41 To 20/12/41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	19.12.41		Technical War Equipment packed all day - 24 hours. 1 Officer (Lieut. T. Dutton) and 3 O.R. left Redbank for Sydney as advance party. Personnel of Company being fully equipped Strength: 4 Off. and 79 O.R.	Appendices D, E, F & G re issue and packing War Equipment. Command of Unit. Also Postal Address of Unit.
Redbank Q.	20.12.41	0900	38 O.R. taken on strength of 7 Fd. Coy., R.A.E. War equipment packed and forwarded per rail to port of embarkation	
			Report on packing of Technical War Equipment:--- Packing party under supervision of Capt. A.T. FitzGerald and W.O.II Robertson, W.E. worked continuously for 39 hours and obtained only 5 hours break. Personnel of Company being fully equipped. N.P. 9885 Capt. M.G. McKenzie appointed to command of 7 Fd. Coy., R.A.E., now in process of concentration. Postal address of Unit to be called EMU FORCE. Strength: 4 Off. 117 O.R.	

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D.

ORD. 17th December, 1941.

C.R.E.

MOVE OF 7th FIELD CO.

weight per package to be kept under 100 lbs when practicable

Arrangements have been made for complete issue of W.E. to above Unit, and this should be packed up ready for shipment in medium sized packages, ~~each approximately 100 lbs.~~ to enable quick handling. The W.E. includes the stores now being delivered, plus balance already in possession of Unit and shown on Ledger Charge.

~~Write-off~~ Transfer Requisition should be forwarded immediately covering all articles of W.E. shown on Ledger Charge.

With regard to the new Unit being formed, please instruct Unit to forward A.A.F. F.20 for stores required based on W.E. Tables, and arrangements will be made to change the designation of the Account from 7th Co. to 24th Coy. bearing the same A/c. number.

Capt. Fitz Gerald for your information
17/12/41

D. Carnegie ..... Major,
Area D.A.D.O.S., Northern Cd.

COPIES TO -

O.C., 7th Field Co. (2)
Command D.A.D.O.S.
O.O., Petrie Terrace
O.O., Requisitions
O.O., Audit
O.O., Gaythorne
O.O., Clothing

E. S. B.
17 DEC. 1941
N. COMD.

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Australian Military Forces—Northern Command.

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Address H.Q.Fd.Engrs.N.Comd.
Date Eng.Depot. Kelvin Grove.
20 Dec.'41.

A.I.F. Tng.Depot,
REDBANK.

7 FD. COY. A.M.F.

Please note that Capt. M.G. Mc KENZIE has been appointed to the command of the 7 Fd. Coy., now in process of concentration at Redbank.

Major.
C.R.E.(Fd) N.Comd.

Copy :- Capt. M.G. McKenzie A.I.F. Eng.Tng.Depot.
A.I.F. Eng. Tng. Depot.

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Australian Military Forces—Northern Command.

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Address H.Q., A.I.F. Tng Depots, N.Comd
Date REDBANK.
20 Dec 41.

C.O. 24 Fd. Coy R.A.E.
Lieut F. H. Attridge.

POSTAL ADDRESS - Q PERSONNEL AT PRESENT CONCENTRATING-REDBANK.

Q. Personnel at present concentrating at Redbank will be informed that the following will be their Postal Address.

NO..... NAME.....RANK..... .

UNIT.....

E.M.U FORCE.

J. Archibald
Capt
Adjt H.Q. A.I.F. Tng Depots N.Comd.

TA/GC.

Lt Col A.S. Kafl.1

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Australian Military Forces—Northern Command.

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Address H.Q.Fd.Engrs.N.Comd.
Date Eng.Depot. Kelvin Grove.
22 Dec.'41.

Capt. M.G. McKenzie,
O/C. 7 Fd. Coy.

Please note that your command of 7 Fd. Coy also includes 1 A.T. Coy (E.& M. Sec.), while the 7 Fd. Coy and E.& M. Sec. are under command of N.Comd.

[signature] Major.
C.R.E.(Fd) N.Comd.

[signature] 23/12

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ACCOUNTANCY DIRECTIONS

7 FD. COY.

1. Personnel drawn from other Units will march in with clothing issues only. These clothing issues will be covered by A.A.F. F.52 to be made out in triplicate. Two copies of the F.52 to be forwarded to 7 Fd. Coy. at Redbank.

2. Scale of Issues (Clothing) applicable to 7 Fd. Coy. is as laid down in M.B.I. 046/40 (as amended by S.M.2462 of 5/5/41).

3. On receipt of F.52s. from other Units, 7 Fd. Coy. to withdraw those items not issueable under M.B.I. 046, any deficiencies to be recovered by stoppage (W.F.22). Items on F.52 issueable under M.B.I. 046 to be transferred to Card F.200.

4. Supplementary issues to bring these issues up to the scale prescribed to be made and recorded on F.200.

5. It will be necessary for the Unit whilst at its present Station to carry stocks of clothing on ledger charge. These stocks will be accounted for under the Peace Accountancy system, as for A.I.F.

6. Personnel allotted direct from Area will receive all clothing including initial issues from 7 Fd. Coy. These will be recorded on F.200 and written off on F.201. In the event of the Unit moving to a War Station, authorised maintenance stock of clothing will be taken from the stocks held on ledger charge and written off ledger charge in total by F.2 endorsed "Maintenance Stock taken as War Equipment".

7. Personal equipment will be issued as war equipment only. This will not go on ledger charge, but will be recorded on the War Table. The issue of this equipment will be recorded on special Equipment Cards, which will be drawn from the Stationery Officer.

8. Bedding, i.e., Blankets and Ground Sheets, will be drawn as war equipment in accordance with the prescribed scale, and will be packed immediately it is drawn. It will not be issued to Troops.

9. Bedding required by Troops at their present Station, i.e., 2 Blankets and 1 Palliasse per man, will be drawn from stocks to be supplied to, and held by 7 Fd. Coy. on ledger charge. These will be issued on Bedding Cards which will be drawn from the Stationery Officer. In the event of a Unit moving to a War Station, these items will be totally withdrawn from Troops and returned to Ordnance.

Mess Equipment, i.e., Pannikins, tin, and Plates, dinner, tin, will be issued in the same way as Blankets and Palliasses, from stock held on ledger charge. The issues will be recorded on the Bedding Cards, and will be withdrawn before the Unit leaves its present Station.

Knives, forks and spoons are issued as personal clothing under M.B.I. 046, and these will be used by Troops whilst at their present Station.

10. War equipment other than personal equipment already dealt with, will be drawn for the Unit by 24 Fd. Coy. R.A.E., and charged to the latter's account. (A/c. No. 80).

11. 24 Fd. Coy. will pack the War Equipment for 7 Fd. Coy. in packages not exceeding in weight 100 lbs. Each package will be given a distinctive number, which will be plainly branded on the outside, and a separate Packing Note F.14, will be made out for each package. The number of the package is to be shown plainly on the Packing Note.

Packages will be branded with allotted colours in accordance with A.H.Q. Instructions;; Movement — 401 Chapter V, Paragraph 166.

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12. 24 Fd. Coy. is to prepare a Transfer Voucher (F.6) for all items of War equipment thus packed, crediting A/c. No. 80, and debiting War Equipment — 7 Fd. Coy. Captains Stafford and Fitzgerald to sign this Transfer Voucher as Transferror and Transferee respectively.

13. Capt. Fitzgerald is to detail a representative to be present at 24 Fd. Coy. to check the contents of packages before they are closed down. This representative is to sign the Packing Notes as the contents of the packages are checked.

14. So much of the Accountancy as is carried out under the Peace Time System will be subject to check by Ordnance Audit Staff.

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Lieut. Colonel
Assistant Director Ordnance Services
Northern Command.

18 DEC 1941.

Distribution:

O.C. 7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.	2
" " 24 " " "	2
Camp Commandant, Redbank.	2
O.A.E. Staff, Redbank.	1
Ordnance — Reqrs.	1
" — Ledgers.	1
D.A.Q.M.G. (Adm)	1
Command D.A.D.O.S.	1
A.D.E. Serv.	1
C.R.E.	1
Ordnance Audit (H.Q.)	1

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 21.12.41 To 24.12.41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Redbank Q.	21.12.41		1 Officer (N278390 Lieut. H.E. Muntz) and 15 O.R. taken on strength. Personnel being fully equipped. Strength; 5 Off. 132 O.R.	Appendix H attached re inclusion E & M Section under Command of 7 Fd. Coy.
Redbank Q.	22.12.41		1 Officer (Q13422, Lieut. K.E. Oelrichs) and 80 O.R. taken on strength. N. Comd. advised that Capt. M.G. McKenzie command of 7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E., to include 1st. Army Tp. (E. and M Section), whilst 7 Fd. Coy. and E. and M. Section were under N. Comd. Strength: 6 Off. 212 O.R.	
Redbank Q.	23.12.41		37 O.R. taken on strength. All personnel blood-grouped. Personnel being fully equipped. Strength; 6 Off. 249 O.R.	
Redbank Q.	24.12.41		3 O.R. taken on strength. Personnel being fully equipped. Strength; 6 Off. 252 O.R.	

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[signature] Capt

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ORIGINAL

Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E

Date and Time.—From 25.12.41 To 28.12.41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Redbank Q.	25.12.41		Movement of Emu Force:--	Appendices I & J
		2000	Entrainment cards distributed final parade, Unit's parade grounds.	attached re Movement
		2115	Departed from H.Q., A.I.F. Tng. Depot. Parade Ground.	
		2140	Arrived at Redbank Station.	Emu Force.
		2150	~~Departed from Redbank Station.~~	
		2225	Arrived at South Brisbane Station.	
		2315	~~Departed from South Brisbane Interstate Station for Sydney.~~	
			Strength: 7 Fd. Coy: 6 Off. and 228 O.R. (include advance party). E. and M Section: 1 Off. and 33 O.R.	
Train En Route Brisbane to Sydney	26.12.41	0552 to 0720	~~Breakfast at South Grafton~~	
		1128 to 1300	Dinner at Kempsey	
		1710 to 1840	Tea at Gloucester	
Embarkation ~~Sydney~~	27.12.41	0130	Arrived Sydney via Kyogle Line	
		0200	~~Embarked on ferry for transport to ship.~~	
		0300	Unit embarked H.M. Transport "P.A.". Rest of day settling in. Advance party of Lieut. T. Dutton, 1 Sgt. 2 O.R. joined.	
			Strength of Unit; 6 Off. 228 O.R. H.M.T. "P.A." R.O. 1/41	
At Sea	28.12.41	0910	Left Sydney. Clear day, troops in good spirits. Movement from quay made in secret.	
		1500	~~Comforts Fund issue to troops. H.M.T. "P.A." 2/41.~~	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
H.Q. A.I.F.TNG DEPOTS, N.COMD

REDBANK,
24 Dec 41.

MOVEMENT OF EMU FORCE

1. Emu Force, less Advance Parties will move from REDBANK under the following arrangements.

2. Date of movement will be advised later.

3. C.C. TRAIN AND DRAFT - Capt M.G.McKenzie, 7 Fd Coy R.A.E.
ADJT - Lieut D.R.Wilmot.

4. Complete Force will move in one body and will consist of the following personnel -

UNIT	Offrs	W.Os.& Sjts	O.R.	Total
Det H.Q., 8 M.D.	4		11	15
" 8 M.D. Sec Int Corps			8	8
7 Fd Coy & 1 reinfts.	6	9	245	260
Det 1 A.Tps Coy (Det E & M Secs.)	1	2	31	34
" 49 Bn.	5		34	39
" Camp Hosp.			8	8
" 16 Fd Hyg Sec.	1	4	9	14
" 8 M.D. Coy A.A.S.C.	1		29	30
30 Bde Gp Pro Pl.	1	3	35	39
Det 8 M.D. District Accounts Office	1		6	7
8 M.D. Postal Unit.	1	3	10	14
Det 8 M.D. District Records Office.			6	6
" H.Q. 8 M.D. (Sjt Jordan W.H.)		1		1
" 8 M.D., A.A.S.C. (Lieut V.McCluskey)	1			1
	22	20	434	476

5. TIMES OF MOVEMENT

All units and dets as per para 4 will assemble on H.Q. A.I.F.Tng Depots, N.Comd Parade Ground on day of movement ready to move off at 2045 hrs.

DEPART - H.Q. A.I.F.Tng Depots, N.Comd Parade Ground 2115 hrs.
ARRIVE - REDBANK RY STA 2140 hrs.
DEPART - REDBANK RY STA 2150 hrs.

6. MEALS

Meals will be provided en route. The charge for meals will be 1/3d. This price will be endorsed on F.59s.

7. KITS

Tps will carry kit, rifles and equipment, and will be taken in compartments of Ry Carriages.

8. BAGGAGE

Offrs' baggage and unit stores will be packed and ready for tpt at Offrs' cubicles and Orderly Rooms respectively by 2015 hrs on day of movement, and will be conveyed by M.T. to REDBANK RY STA, and placed in baggage van at front end of train by baggage party. D.T.O. will arrange.

EMU UNIT will supply baggage party of 1 N.C.O. and 4 O.R. to report to D.S.M. at 2000 hrs on day of movement for the purpose of loading baggage on M.T. and train at REDBANK.

9. ENTRAINING

Lieut R.H.Sherrington, R.T.O., will supervise entraining arrangements at REDBANK and detraining at INTERSTATE RY STA, SOUTH BRISBANE. Assistant Entraining and Detraining Offr will be detailed by Duty Unit. Assistant Entraining Offr will inspect train before entraining at REDBANK and after detraining of tps at INTERSTATE STA, SOUTH BRISBANE. This Offr will report to H.Q. A.I.F.Trng Depots, N.Comd at 2015 hrs on day of movement.

Tps will entrain from front to rear of train in sequence of Units and dets by consecutive numbers corresponding to nominal rolls A.F.206.

This order will be maintained to detraining sta, E.Comd.

Carriages will be numbered 1 to 9. No. 1 being the carriage nearest to the engine; Offrs will be accommodated in compartments adjacent to their tps.

At REDBANK STA tps will be drawn up well clear of edge of platform.

10. ENTRAINMENT CARDS

Entrainment cards will be distributed at Redbank on final parade on Unit's Parade Ground, before marching to Depots Parade Ground.

This card will be carried in the top left-hand breast pocket, and after detraining at SOUTH BRISBANE will be carried in the right hand and delivered to the representative of N.Comd Records Office.

11. DISCIPLINE.

Offrs and N.C.Os. will command and it will be impressed on all ranks before marching from Unit lines that good discipline is essential. Attention to orders and lack of talking is imperative. Damage to Govt and private property is an offence and will be treated as such. Writing with chalk on Ry Carriages is strictly forbidden. It will be the responsibility of Offrs and N.C.Os. to ensure that no intoxicating liquor is carried by tps from Camp.

Attention of all tps is to be particularly drawn to Military Board Instruction A.103, the following extract from which MUST be read to tps -

"No member of the Military Forces when in uniform shall carry or cause to be carried on any train on which he is about to travel, or have in his possession or control, or consume whilst travelling in any train any intoxicating liquor unless it be supplied to him as part of a normal service in a dining car."

12. BAND

N.Comd H.Q.Band under Sjt Kelly will report to Depots S.M. at 2040 hrs on day of movement. 8440

13. GUARD

Gd will turn out to departing tps. to be notified?

14. DRESS web equipment

Water bottle slung over left shoulder hanging on right side; Haversack slung over right shoulder, slung on left side; Respirator slung over left shoulder hanging on right side; Steel Helmet carried on left shoulder with arm through chin strap; Rifle on right shoulder (slung); Greatcoat inside ground sheet, worn bandolier fashion over right shoulder; 2 kit bags over left shoulder.

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15. INTOXICATIN LIQUOR

No intoxicating liquor will be sold or in any way disposed of by any Offrs' and Sjts' Messes or members thereof after an hr on day of movement to be advised later. 1630

No bottled liquor will be sold or in any way disposed of by any Offrs' and Sjts' Messes or members thereof after an hr on the day prior to the day of movement to be advised later. 1630

All bottled liquor found in the possession of an Offr, N.C.O. or O.R. after the hr fixed in sub-para 2 of this para will be confiscated.

16. TRAFFIC CONTROL

Members of the public will not be permitted to Sta Platforms. From 2115 hrs to 2150 hrs on day of movement the rd from the Overbridge on the main BRISBANE-IPSWICH RD to Camp Entrance will be kept clear of all traffic - vehicular and pedestrian. ONLY tps and M.T. covered by this order are excepted. During the entrainment no persons will be allowed on or adjacent to the premises of the REDBANK RY STA, except Ry Staff and tps covered by this order.

The Duty Unit will furnish an Offr's Piquet of 1 Offr 2 Sjts 2 Cpls and 25 O.R. for this duty. This piquet will report to H.Q. A.I.F.Tng Depots N.Comd at 2000 hrs on the day of movement.

17. RAIL WARRANTS

R.T.O. Redbank will arrange for Rail Warrants for journey from REDBANK to SOUTH BRISBANE. ✓

18. TELEGRAMS, POSTAGE

The despatch of telegrams at Ry Stas is strictly forbidden, except in cases of extreme urgency, and then only with approval of the Offr i/c Draft.

Letters must not be thrown from trains or ships or posted on the journey.

Facilities for posting of correspondence will be provided by Embarkation Staff, E.Comd.

All personnel departing with this Force are to be instructed to arrange for their correspondence to be addressed -

No.
Rank
Name
Unit
Emu Force.

Upon arrival at destination the postal arrangements for the Force will conform with those in operation for other units in the locality.

19. SECRECY

Care must be taken by all concerned to observe secrecy regarding destination, dates and times of movement.

J Archibald
Capt.
Adjt H.Q. A.I.F.Tng Depots, N.Comd.

DISTRIBUTION:

Engr Tng Depot	1.	R.T.O.	7.	S.M.O.	13.
T.R.H.W.T.D.	2.	D.T.O.	8.	D.S.M.	14.
O.C. Draft ✓	3.	N.Comd	9.	File	15 - 16.
Adjt Draft	4.	Comd	10.	War Diary	17 - 18.
Camp Paymaster	5.	Adjt	11.		
O.A.E.	6.	Sen Chaplain	12.		

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War Diary

GAS/OLC (24/12) IMMEDIATE S.M. 1422/41
N. Comd. M.O. 105/41

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NORTHERN COMMAND

No. 04801

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Victoria Barracks,
Brisbane. Qld.

24 Dec 1941.

MOVEMENT OF EMU FORCE

With reference to N. Comd. Secret Memo No. 04756, it is advised that personnel shown therein, less Advance Parties, will move on Thursday, 25 Dec 41.

TIMETABLE:

Redbank	- depart	2150 hours
South Brisbane	- arrive	2225 "
South Brisbane Interstate Station	- depart	2315 "

MEAL ARRANGEMENTS:

26 Dec 41 - South Grafton	-	0552-0720 hours
Kempsey	-	1128-1300 "
Gloucester	-	1710-1840 "

The charge per head for meals will be 1/3. This price will be endorsed on F.59s.

Allotment to carriages will be advised later by R.T.O.

Officers and W/Os. will be accommodated in compartments adjacent to their troops.

Units will entrain by Companies or equivalent sub-units in Nominal Roll order, both at Redbank and Interstate Station. Original order of entrainment must be adhered to throughout the journey.

Troops will entrain from front to rear.

FIRST-AID ON TRAINS:

The D.D.M.S. will arrange for First-Aid to be available on special train.

BAGGAGE:

1 Labour Coy. will supply baggage party of one (1) N.C.O. and twelve (12) men to transport baggage and war equipment from Local to Interstate Station, South Brisbane.

This party will place baggage in baggage van allotted.

G A Stubbs
Major,
D.A.Q.M.G.(M), N. Comd.

Hd Q S (Capt)

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NO 3 FN.	8	I x 6	(I x 6 (6 x 7	54
NO 4 ~~FN~~ BN	8		I x 6 7 x 7	55
NO 5 ~~FN~~ BN	8	I x 6	I x 6 6 x 7	54
NO 6 ~~BN~~ FN	8		2 x 8 5 x 7	5I
NO 7 ~~BN~~ FN	8	I x 6	7 x 8	62
NO 8 HFN.	7		I x 6 6 x 7	48
NO 9 LFX	6		6 x6	36
No IO LFX	6		6 x 6	36

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WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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ORIGINAL

Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 29.12.41 To 31.12.41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
At Sea	29.12.41	0930	Boat Muster Parade. Balance of day regimental training. H.M.T. "P.A." R.O. 3/41. Coy. R.O. 1/41	Appendices K & L attached re Company
At Sea	30.12.41	0930 1500	Boat Muster Parade. Balance of day regimental training. Comforts Fund tobacco issue. H.M.T. "P.A." R.O. 4/41	Routine Orders. 1/41
At Sea	31.12.41	0930 1400	Boat Muster Parade. Regimental training. Pay to personnel of all sections. H.M.T. "P.A." R.O. 5/41. Company R.O. 2/41.	and 2/41

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A. J. Fitz Gerald (Major)
O/C 7 Fd Coy RAE.

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29th December, 1941.

EMU FORCE.

7th Field Coy., R.A.E.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 1.

1/41

by

Capt. M. G. McKenzie Commanding 7th Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

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1. ORDERLY DUTIES.

Orderly Officer: Lieut. H. E. Muntz.
Orderly Sergeant: Sgt. B. B. Johnson.

2. DRESS.

All ranks shall, at all times, wear at least shorts, shirt, socks and footwear. When cardigans are worn these should be worn beneath shirts.

3. PARADES.

(a) Reveille: All troops shall turn out of bunks on sounding of reveille and parade on specified parade deck adjacent to bunks.

(b) Sick: Troops reporting on sick parade shall report to Orderly Sgt., who will parade them to R.A.P. at 0630 hrs.

(c) Boat Stations: All ranks shall parade at 0930 hrs. at their respective boat stations and shall, at all times, carry life-belts.

4. BLACKOUT.

Occupants of cabins with port-holes are responsible for closure during hours set down for blackout.

5. CANTEEN HOURS.

W.O's and Sergeants (soft drinks only), 1400 to 2200 hrs daily.
The Canteen is situated in the smoke room, "A" Deck aft.

Other ranks (soft drinks only), 1130 to 1300 hrs.
1630 to 1800 hrs.
1900 to 2100 hrs.

Canteens (3) are situated on "B", "C", and "D" Decks aft.
Dry canteen (all ranks), 1200 to 2100 hrs daily.
The canteen is situated on "E" Deck midships.

6. POSTAL.

All letters for posting will be received by the senior man in each quarters and handed to the Orderly Sgt. at the orderly room at 0900 hrs. and 1330 hrs. daily, but will not be received at the Post Office. Letters are to be left unsealed for censoring. No charge is made on letters posted on boat before arrival at port.

Postal Notes may be cashed at Post Office subject to satisfactory identification.

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7. MEDICAL.

Field dressing kit must be carried by all ranks in hip pocket.

Capt.
C.O. 7th Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

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EMU FORCE

7th Fd. Coy. R.A.E. H.M.T. "P.A." Voyage 41

ROUTINE ORDERS PT. II

by

Capt. M.G. McKenzie Commanding 7th Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

31/12/41. 2/41.

1. ORDERLY DUTIES.

Orderly Officer Lieut. H. E. Muntz.
Orderly Sgt. Sgt. B. B. Johnson.

2. Blackout shall be in operation from 1835 hrs. to 0450 hrs.

3. BOAT MUSTER PARADE.

All personnel shall know what to do in case of emergency. Life-belts shall be worn and correctly adjusted on such parades.

4. FIRE EMERGENCY.

All baths in cabins and bathrooms must be kept approximately two-thirds full of water at all times as fire emergency.

5. & Sleeping on Boat or "A" Decks is strictly forbidden.

6. MESSING CERTIFICATES.

All Officers shall parade to-day at Purser's Office "D" Deck Square at 1630 hrs. All W.O's and Sergeants shall parade at 11.45 hrs.

7. ENTERTAINMENT.

A New Year Eve concert is being arranged for troops' entertainment in the men's mess room at 2000 hrs. to-day, Wednesday, December 31.

8. DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH.

Rubbish and floating material must not be thrown overboard but must be placed in bins provided for that purpose on "D" Deck aft, starboard side. Non compliance with this might prove a useful guide to a raider.

9. Boots shall be worn on all parades from first parade on Thursday, January 1.

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10. Mess orderlies are to report to Orderly Room at end of breakfast duties and remain there until 1100 hrs. under N.C.O. in/Charge.

11. MEDICAL.

A full parade of all personnel will be held on parade grounds at 1015 hrs., December 31.

.....Capt.

C.O. 7th Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 1.1.42 To 8.1.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
At Sea	1.1.42	0930	Boat muster parade. Regimental training.	Appendices A, B & C
		1500	~~Fruit issue to all personnel. H.M.T. "P.A." R.O. 6/41~~	
At Sea	2.1.42		Clocks advanced 1 hour at 0001 hrs.	attached re disembarkat-
		0930	Boat muster parade, Packing of kits etc. H.M.T. "P.A.".7/41.	ion of Unit. Company
Disembarkation	3.1.42		Packing of kits finalised.	
		1630	First of personnel disembarked from H.M.T. "P.A." to H.M.S. ~~Achilles for conveyance to wharf at Port Moresby.~~	Routine Orders 1/42
		1830	Personnel landed at wharf.	and 2/42.
		1930	Personnel arrived at Murray Barracks, approximately three miles from Port Moresby proper. By 2130 hrs. all members of Company had arrived at Murray Barracks.	
Murray Barracks	4.1.42		Settling in at Murray Barracks. Headquarters established. 14 O.R. taken on strength, transferred from Moresby Field Engineers.	
Murray Barracks	5.1.42		Regimental training.	
Murray Barracks	6.1.42		Regimental training. Company R.O. 1/42. attached.	
Murray Barracks	7.1.42		Regimental training. Company R.O. 2/42. attached.	
Murray Barracks	8.1.42		Regimental Training.	

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Appendix 'A'

H.M.T. "P.A".
2nd. January 1942.

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DISEMBARKATION ORDER.

Disembarkation will take place on arrival of destination to-morrow, Saturday 3rd. January 1942, and the following arrangements will be observed.

I. DISEMBARKATION: Disembarkation will be from "E" Deck commencing at 1630 hours as follows:-
(a) Starboard Side, Midship, into H.M.S."ACHILLES"
(b) Portside, Midship, into H.M.S."Achilles" Life-boats.
(c) Portside Fwd. into H.M.T. "P.A". Lifeboats.

2. ORDER OF DISEMBARKATION: Units will disembark into Boats in the order and at the times set out in the table attached(Appendix I) Disembarkation must be carried out in an orderly, quiet, and speedy manner.

3. DRESS. Summer dress with Steel Helmet, respirator, full equipment and Rifle (Rifles will be slung) Felt-hats will be attached to left shoulder strap.

4. WATER-BOTTLES: Water bottles will be filled.

5. AMMUNITION: All troops will be issued with, and carry 10 rounds ammunition .303 -

6. MESSING UTENSILS: Messing Utensils will be carried in Haversacks and easily accessible for evening meal.

7. TORCHES: Officers will carry Electric Torches ready accessible in Haversack.

8. ASSEMBLY: Immediately after the mid-day meal all Ranks, less Mess Orderlies, will assemble in sleeping quarters and be marched to positions allotted on "A" or "B" Deck (details of allotment will be issued later) with Arms, Equipment and Kit-bag which will be stacked under Unit arrangements.

9. APPROACH TO POINT OF DISEMBARKATION: (a) Units trans-shipping to "~~Achilles~~ Starboard Boats" will proceed down main stair-way to "E" Deck keeping to the ~~left~~ Right, and in "single" file.
(b) Units trans-shipping to Life-boats will proceed by main stair-way keeping to the "~~right~~ Left", and in "single" file.
Parties will be guided to disembarkation points.

Personnel other than disembarking parties will not be permitted to use main stair-way during Troop disembarkation movement.

10. BAGGAGE PARTIES: The following Units will detail Baggage Parties as under to proceed on board "Achilles" and act as a Picquet on all baggage disembarked. The parties will continue to care for the baggage until relieved by Unit Commanders:-

39th. Bn.	1 Officer	1 N.C.O.	4	Privates
7th.Fd.Coy.	"	1 "	3	"
23 AA. Bty.	"	1 "	2	"
13th.Fd.Regt	"	1 "	4	"
3rd.Fd.Amb	"	1 "	2	"

11. CABINS & QUARTERS: Cabins & Quarters will be left in a thoroughly clean and tidy condition. Mattresses will be rolled bac blankets etc. neatly folded, and left on Bunk.
Life-belts left tidily on Bunk. Pillows, neatly folded, and placed on top of blankets on the Bunk Pillow Slips will be removed from

(SEE OVER).

DISEMBARKATION ORDER (Continued)

I2. SHIP'S INSPECTION: An inspection of the Ship will be made at I530 hours, and Officers commanding all Units will submit to Ship's Orderly Room not laterthan this hour, a Certificate to the effect that the Quarters occupied by Personnel of their respective Units are in a thoroughly clean and tidy condition.

I3. EVENING MEAL: Officers' I530 hours, W/O's & Sergeants I530 hours, O/R's Ist. Sitting (Units disembarking I630 hours) I530 hours.

Second sitting(Units disembarking later than I630 hours) I6I5 hours.

Mess Room and messing utensils must be left in a perfectly clean and tidy condition.

I4. CHECH OF PERSONNEL DISEMBARKING: Officers commanding Units will lead their men to the head of the gang-way where they will count and certify to the Examining Officer that all the men of the Unit have disembarked.

L. C. Allen

.....Major.
Ship's Officer H.M.T. "P.A".

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DISEMBARKATION SCHEDULE.

SECRET.

Operation "B"

Serial	Detachment	Strength			Camp Area		Instructions after Disembarkation at Wharf Area	General Remarks.
1.	Det. H.Q. 8 M.D.	6	4	10	Town Area	1	(a) Town Major (Capt. Edmunds) will conduct Dets. via Musgrave St. to Douglas St.	(1.) 2 Representatives from 39Bn, A/A Bty. 3"Station, 7Fd. Coy, 3fd. Amb., 53Bn, A/A Bty. 3.7"Station will disembark with Serial 1. They will carry all personal kit. C.R.E. will arrange for 5 Engrs. personnel & 2 Trucks to meet representatives at Wharf side & conduct them to Camp Sites. Engr. personnel will remain at Camp sites to advise on water and sanitation matters.
	" 8 M.D. Sec. Int. Corps	-	6	6	"	1		
	" 8 M.D. Coy. A.A.S.C.	2	28	30	"	3		
	" 8 M.D. Dist. Accts. Offc.	1	6	7	"	3	(b) Personnel will carry all personal kit.	
	8 M.D. Postal Unit	1	13	14	"	3		
	30 Bde. Gp. Provost Pl.	1	36	37	"	3	(c) Representations from Units already located in Port Moresby will take over Dets. at Douglas St. and conduct to Unit Billets.	
	Det. 8 M.D. Ord. Depot.	2	49	51	"	4		
	109 Inf. Bde. Gp. Wkshop.	2	114	116	"	4		
	Graves Registry & enquiry Office	1	7	8	"	3		
2.	H.Q. 30 Inf. Bde.	6	49	55	Camp Konedobu.		(a) W.O. Steele will conduct Det. via Lower Port Rd. to Camp. Detchs. will carry own Personal kit.	(2) Tentage as under will be made available as a first issue, at the earliest possible time at Camp Sites.
	30 Inf. Bde. Sig. Sec.	2	37	39	"	"		
	30 Inf. Bde. H.Q. Def. Pl.	1	42	43	"	"		

Unit	Oblong	Marquee	Store.
39 Bn.	207	1	5
3"A/A Bty	30	-	1
53Bn. less 2 Coys	170	1	4
2 Coys. 53Bn. 13fd. Regt. & Sig. Sec.	50	-	2
	50	-	3

3.	Det. Camp Hosp.	-	8	8	Camp 3 Mile Gp.	4	(a) Capt. King O.C. Camp Hosp. to arrange guide to meet Detch. on arrival at wharf & conduct to Gp. 4 3 Mile Camp.	(3) Det. 8 M.D. Dist. Records Office will remain on board and report to D.R.O.
	Det. 300 Dental Unit	-	1	1	" " "	"		
	" 253 " "	1	3	4	" " "	"		
	" 256 " "	1	4	5	" " "	"		
	" 274 " "	1	4	5	" " "	"	(b) All Personal kit will be dumped at wharf area, 12 men to remain as baggage guards. A.D.S&T to arrange transport of kit to Camp.	
	Det. 16 fd. Hygiene Sec.	1	13	14	" " "	"		
	109 Lnd. Gp. Ord. Fd. Pk.	1	18	19	" " "	"		
	3 Fd. Amb.	10	230	240	" "	Gp. 1		

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4.	Det. 49 Bn. Det. 1A.Tps.Coy.(E & H Sec) 7 Fd. Coy.	5 1 6	27 33 228	32 34 234	Camp 3Mile Gp 1 " " " " " " " "	(a)C.R.E. to arrange guide. (b)Personal Kits dumped at wharf area. (c)1 from 49bn,& 8 from 7fd.coy. remain as baggage guards. (d)A.D.S&T to arrange Transport.
5.	13 fd. Regt. 13 fd. Regt. Sig. Sec.	31 1	473 35	504 36	Camp 3Mile Gp.2 " " " "	(a)O.C. Paga Bty. will supply a guide for each of serials 5,6,7,8,9, 10,12,13 & 14 (9 Guides). (b)Personal Kits other than serials 6 and 14, will be dumped in wharf area. c)A.D.S.& T. will arrange transport of Kit to Camp Areas. d)Serials 6 & 14 will carry their own Personal kits to Camp Areas. (e)Baggage guards as under will remain with Kit.
7.	A.A. Bty. (H.Q. (3.7" Station (3" Station	8	200	208	Camp Konedobu Camp Tuagubu Camp McGraths.	
8.	39 Bn.	43	640	1083	" 3 Mile	
11.	53 Bn. less H.Q. & 2 Coys 2 Coys. 53 Bn.	31	837	868	" Tuagubu " Napa Napa	
12.	Det. 3fd. Amb.	1	4	5	" 3Mile Gp. 4	
13.	H.Q. 53 Bn.	12	208	220	" Tuagubu	
14.	8 M.D. Bulk Issue P & O Depot.	1	24	25	Town Area 3.	

Serials	Guards.
13	4 [illegible]
5 & 12	10 "
7 & 8	2 men each.
9 & 10	18 men each.

E B Penny Major.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 8 M.D.

Appendix "C"

H.M.T. "P-[illegible]" — 2nd. [illegible]

DISEMBARKATION ORDER.

APPENDIX NoI.

Units will disembark in the order and at the time set out below:-

I. FIRST PARTY:- (I630 Hours) Disembarks into H.M.S."Achilles" from "E" Deck, Starboard-side, Midship.

53rd. INF.BN.	862		
Less M.G.Coy.	I46	7I6	
Baggage Party		25	
Det.Camp Hosp. Nurses	I4		
Det. Camp Hosp.	8	22	
Sick		I0 (?)	
Det.H.Q. 8.M.D.		I5	
Det.Int.Sec 8.M.D.		8	
Air Force		I	
Chaplain		I	
Dist. Accounts		7	805

2. SECOND PARTY :-Disembarks into Cruisers Lifeboats, (I630 Hours) from "E" Deck Port Side Midship:

53rd.Bn.M.G. Coy	I46)		
I09th.Ind.Bge.Gp.	)		
W.Shp.	I22)	268	268

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8 M.D.Ord. Depot	53		
Postal Unit	I4		
D.R.O.	6	73	73

3. THIRD PARTY :- (I730 Hours)

Cruisers Life Boats			
Port Side Midship.			
3rd.Fd.Amb. & Reinf.	240		
30 Bde.Sigs.	40	280	280
Ships Life Boats.			
Port Side Fwd.			
Det.39 Bn.	39		
I6 Fd.Hyg.Sec.	I4		
8 M,D. AASC.	30	83	83

4. FOURTH PARTY (I830 hours)

Cruisers Life Boats			
Port Side Midship.			
I3 Fd.Reg.& Rein	223		
I3 Fd.Reg.Sigs.	36		
Dental Unit	I7	276	276
Ship's Life Boats			
Port Side Fwd.			
I3 Fd.Regt.	80		
H.Q. & I Reinf			
Mess 9 Officers		80	80
H.M.A.S."Swan"			
Star Board Side M'ship			
I3 Fd.Regt.	203	203	203

5. FIFTH PARTY. (~~I930~~ Hours) 1830

H.M.A.S." SWAN"			
Starboard Side M'ship.			
23 AA Bty.	208	208	208
Cruisers Life Boats			
Port Side M'ship.			
7 Fd.Coy & I Reinf.	260		
I09 Ind.Bde.Gp. Ord.Fd.Pk.	20	280	280

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5. FIFTH PARTY (Contg). I930 Hours.	Ships Life Boats			
	Port Side Fwd.			
	30 Bde.H.Q. Def Pl	47		
	30 Bde.Provost Pt.	39	86	86
6. SIXTH PARTY (2030 Hours)	H.M.A.S. "SWAN"			
	Star-board side M'Ship			
	39 Bn.H.Q.Coy.	I86		
	Plus I4 Officers	I4	200	200
	Cruisers Life Boats			
	Port Side M'ship.			
	30 Bde.H.Q.	57		
	39 Bn. M.G.	I46	-	-
	39 Bn. H.Q.	80	283	283
	Ships Life Boats.			
	39 Bn.(Part I Reinf	80	80	80
7. SEVENTH PARTY (2I30 Hours)	H.M.A.S."SWAN"			
	Starboard side M'Ship			
	39 Bn. I Rifle Coy	I24		
	39 Bn. I Reinf (Balance)	80	204	204
	Cruisers Life Boats			
	Port Side M'ship.			
	39 Bn.I Rifle Coy	I24		
	39 Bn.I " "	I24	248	248
	Ship's Life Boats.			
	Port Side Fwd.			
	39 Bn. I Rifle Coy (Part)	80	80	80
8. EIGHTH PARTY (2230 Hours)	Ship's Life Boats			
	Port Side Fwd.			
	39 Bn. Bal.I Reif.	46		
	I A. Troops Coy.	34	80	80

Bishop. H.
Collins.
Hansen.
~~Henderson.~~

H M T "P A".
3 Jan 1942.

DISEMBARKATION ORDER.

CORRIGENDA.

Disembarkation Order of 2/1/42 is amended as follows :-

Para 9 -
For "Achilles" read "Starboard Boats" and for "left" read "right" in line two and for "right" read "left" in line five.

Para 11 -
Add "pillow slips will be removed from pillows, neatly folded and placed on top of blankets on the bunk".

ALTERATION OF MOVEMENT TIMES.

Disembarkation will now commence 1 hour earlier and all times will be advanced accordingly.

Messing hours are advanced half an hour; i.e. first sitting will now be 1500 hours.

L. C. Allen
Major,
Staff Officer H M T "P A".

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

Capt. N. C. McKenzie Commanding 7th Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

6/1/42. 1/42.

1. ORDERLY DUTIES.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. GELRICHS, K.E.
Next for Duty	Lieut. DUTTON, T.
Orderly Sergeant	Sgt. HARPER, J.H.
Next for Duty	Sgt. McKENZIE, R.I.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. BURROWS, G.H.H.
Next for Duty	Cpl. HALE, P.E.

2. MESS ORDERLIES.

To report daily at 0645 hrs. to Spr. Murphy at men's mess until further notice.—

Spr. BAILEY, L.
Spr. HICKEY, J.M.
Spr. JONES, E.
Spr. SYLVESTER, H.
Spr. HARRIS, H.
Spr. DICK, G.S.
Spr. BELL, W.E.
Spr. RANKIN, P.C.

Corporal in Charge of mess orderlies.—

Cpl. TUITE, E.J.

3. SECURITY.

All ranks are now informed that their address is as follows:

No.,
Rank, Name
7th Fd. Coy., R.A.E.,
PORT MORESBY.

No mention will be made in correspondence of the strength or position of any other unit. No mention will be made of the name or destination of any ship.

4. DRESS.

In order to be prepared to move at short notice, personnel will pack the following items of clothing and necessaries in their haversack and pack.—

In Haversack: Pannikin, plates, knife, fork and spoon, mess tin and cover, towel and soap, shaving gear.
The above articles can be removed for meals and then replaced in haversack.

In Pack (in the following order): Pullover, shorts and shirts (two of each), spare towel and soap, two singlets, socks (two pairs), handkerchiefs, K.D. trousers, sand shoes.

All other items will be packed in kit bag, boot cleaning materials on top.

Capt.

Ground sheets to be rolled length-wise and carried on top of pack under straps and tied together under pack.

All personnel will carry at all times unless otherwise ordered, the following equipment.—

1. Respirator in slung position.
2. Helmet steel hung on respirator.

5. Rifles will not be loaded unless authorised by a responsible officer.

6. All empty bottles must be returned to the canteen stock, otherwise the wet canteen will be closed.

A.J. Fitz-Gerald
.....Capt.
2 i/c 7th Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

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7TH FIELD COY., R.A.E.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

Capt. M. G. McKenzie — Commanding 7th Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

7/1/42 — 2/42.

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1. ORDERLY DUTIES.-- Mounting "Retreat" 7/1/42.

Orderly Officer	Lieut. MUNTZ, ~~H.~~ H.E.
Next for Duty	Lieut. HARDING, C.H.V.
Orderly Sergeant	L/Sgt. HONESS, H.B.
Next for Duty	Sgt. JOHNSON, B.B.
Orderly Corporal	Cpl. MEEHAN, L.D.
Next for Duty	L/Cpl. GRAHAM, L.P.

2. DUTY SECTION.

Duty Section: No. 2 Section. Next for Duty: No. 3 Section.

3. DRESS.

Attention of all ranks is drawn to Para 4 of R/O No. 1-42. A copy of this R.O. is posted outside the Orderly Room.

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4. CAMP CLEANLINESS.

Empty bottles to be returned to the Canteen.

Each hut is responsible for cleanliness of hut area.

R.J. Fitz-Gerald ...Capt.

O.C. 7th Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 9.1.42 To 12.1.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Barracks	9.1.42		Section camp locations to Bn. Areas chosen as follows --	Appendix D re Movement
			No. 1 Section, Seven Mile: 39 Bn. No. 2 Section, Vabukori: 49 Bn.	of Sections to Camp
			No. 3 Section, Napa Napa: 53 Bn. Regimental Training.	Locations.
Murray Barracks	10.1.42	1400	Movement: No. 1 Section, with Lieut. K.E. Oelrichs in charge moved to camp location at 6 Mile in 39 Bn. Area.	
		1400	No. 2 Section, with Lieut. T. Dutton in charge, moved to camp location at Vabukori in 49 Bn. Area.	
		1400	No. 3 Section, in charge of Lieut. H.E. Muntz, moved to camp location at Napa Napa in 53 Bn. Area.	
			Movement completed by 2359 hrs.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	11.1.42	1100	H.Q. transferred to huts originally occupied by P.I.B. Sections establishing camps at new locations.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	12.1.42		H.Q.: Establishing H.Q., Q Store and making of camp. No. 1 Section: Cementing of tanks and location of water at plantation for 39 Bn. No. 2 Section: Pegging out of works and taking grades on road work at Vabukori. Commenced Road job at Kirra for Artillery. No. 3 Section: Commenced installation of tanks and water supply for 53 Bn.	

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Appendix "D"

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SECRET.

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7 FD. COY. MOVEMENT ORDER
NO.1.

COPY NO. 6.....

JANUARY 9, 1942.

MOVEMENT. No's 1, 2 and 3 Sections will move from Murray Barracks to BN areas to locations as previously chosen on January 10, 1942.

Movement to be completed by 2359 hrs., January 10, 1942.

COMMAND. For purpose of direction and priority of work Section Commanders will be under command of BN Commander.

For purpose of administration and discipline Section Commanders will be responsible to Fd. Coy. Commander.

TRANSPORT. Present allotment of vehicles is as follows.--

No. 1 Section: 1-M/C, 1-30 cwt. truck.
No. 2 Section: 1-M/C, 1-30 cwt. truck.
No. 3 Section: 1-M/C, 2-1 ton van.

Final allotment will be as follows.--

No. 1 Section: 1 M/C, 1-1 ton, 1-30 cwt.
No. 2 Section: 1 M/C, 1-1 ton, 1-30 cwt.
No. 3 Section: 1/M/C, 1-1 ton, 1-30 cwt.

ROUTE. Route from Murray Barracks to Section locations will be chosen by Section Commanders.

TENTS. Each Section will draw 13 tents from C.Q.M.S.

PERSONAL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT. All troops will take all personal clothing and equipment, including mosquito nets and one blanket.

FIELD DRESSINGS. All troops will carry field dressings in right hip pocket of shorts and trousers at all times.

IRON RATIONS. All personnel will be issued with iron rations by C.Q.M.S. before leaving Murray Barracks. These will only be used in emergency.

RATIONS. Section Commanders will draw rations for January 11, 1942 before leaving. Rations for January 12, 1942 will be sent from Coy. H.Q. on evening of January 11, 1942. Further rations will be from BN. C.Q.M.S. to detach section personnel to BN for rations.

COOKING. Cooks will be attached to sections as follows.--

No. 1 Section: Spr. ROUND, W.J.
No. 2 Section: Spr. REILLY, J.
No. 3 Section: Spr. ROBERTS, J.E.

Cooking utensils will be equally divided by C.Q.M.S. and issued to 4 Sections on signature.

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One Fowler stove will be sent to Sections as available. Temporary stoves will have to be made for present requirements.

CONCEALMENT. It is essential that the disposition and quarters of all sub-units should be concealed from observation, particularly from the air.

The following will form a basis for the plan of concealment of tents, buildings, vehicles, etc.--

(1) Each will be pitched or parked at least 100 yards from all other quarters or vehicles.

(2) All will be concealed or camouflaged, and where possible, dummy objects will be constructed.

(3) Lights will be used only for administrative purposes between sunset and sunrise, and these will be ~~x~~ shaded so as to show minimum light.

PROTECTION. All personnel will carry rifles and ammunition at all times.

One L.M.G. will be drawn from C.Q.M.S. and located and manned at Section H.Q. at all times.

Section Commanders are responsible to see that each man is provided with a slit trench at least 4 ft. long, 3 ft. deep, 3 ft. 6 in. wide at top, and 2 ft. wide at bottom as soon as possible.

AMMUNITION. 100 rounds of S.A.A. .303 Mk. V11 per man will be forwarded to Sections and will be issued by Section Commanders as necessary.

100 rounds per man will be maintained at Coy. H.Q. at all times as reserve.

WATER. The water supply for personnel will be the responsibility of Section Commanders and the greatest possible use should be made of natural resources. No water should be consumed until it has been inspected by a Medical Officer and a certificate obtained by Section Commander to that effect.

In case of failing water supply containers can be sent to nearest point of reticulation system.

It is to be impressed on all ranks, however, that the greatest economy in the use of water is to be observed and that they should

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be able to manage with one water bottle per day.

Where possible, troops should be allowed to swim in sea for washing purposes, but on these occasions they will wear shoes gymnasium to protect their feet.

SANITATION. Section Commanders are responsible for the sanitary condition of the area.

It is most important that this should be fully realised and acted upon especially in this locality where fly-breeding is so rapid and dysentery endemic.

LATRINES. Latrines must be made and kept fly-proof and the usual precautions strictly observed.

If in suitable country the deep trench 8 ft. deep, 3 ft. wide and 10 ft. long, with wooden fly-proof cover, all the most suitable.

In stony ground shallow trenches must be resorted to and immediate covering with ample earth must be done. Once the fly has an opportunity to lay its eggs on the excreta subsequent covering is useless as the larval can burrow up through three feet of soil.

QUININE. Section Commanders will draw quinine solution daily and administer 1 teaspoon of this in three teaspoons of water to troops daily in the evening.

COMMUNICATIONS. Communications will be effected by M/C orderly attached to Sections or any other method at disposal of Section Commander. The receipt of all communications will be acknowledged.

STANDING AND ROUTINE ORDERS. These will be issued from time to time from Coy. H.Q. for notation and action where necessary. Where these differ from previous instructions they will automatically cancel same.

Capt.
O.C. 7th Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. C.O.
2. 2 i/c.
3. No. 1 Section Commander.
4. No. 2 Section Commander.
5. No. 3 Section Commander.
6. File.
7. War Diary.
8. Bde. H.Q.
9. Spare.
10. Spare.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E

Date and Time.—From 13.1.42 To 16.1.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Murray Barracks	13.1.42		H.Q.:Established and ready for supply. No. 1 Section: Cementing of tanks, location of water at plantation for 39 Bn. No. 2 Section: Completion of pegging and settling down in new camp site. Continued Kirra Road job. No. 3 Section: Continuation of water supply 53 Bn.	Appendix E Company Routine Order 3/42
H.Q., Murray Barracks	14.1.42		H.Q.: Essential camp duties. No. 1 Section: Continuation of 39 Bn. work. Pipe laying and work on showers at D.Y. Camp. No. 2 Section: Further excavation and making of wall. Bulldozer arrived. (Vabukori job). Kirra road job continued. No. 3 Section: Continuation of Water Supply 53 Bn.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	15.1.42		H.Q.: Engaged in digging of slit trenches. Coy. R.O.3/42 attached. No. 1 Section: Continuation of 39 Bn. work. Cementing of tanks suspended. Well being sunk. No. 2 Section: Road work proceeding with Bulldozer. Continuation of Kirra Road work. No. 3 Section: Continuation of water supply 53 Bn.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks.	16.1.42		H.Q.: Erection of cookhouse. No. 1 Section: Continuation of 39 Bn. work. No. 2 Section: Bulldozer worked 1 hr. on Road and returned to base. Pegging out and checking grades its correct camber and super elevation of 1/20. Continued Kirra Road work. No. 3 Section: Completed Water Supply 53 Bn.	

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Appendix "E"

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7 TH FD. COY., R.A.E.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

Capt. M. G. McKenzie Commanding 7th Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

15.1.42.

1. POSSESSION OF AND FIRING OF SPORTING RIFLES AND GUNS.

Units will withdraw all sporting rifles and guns from members and will only release them when the owner is proceeding on approved leave. No such rifles and/or guns will be fired within 1000 yards of any camping area or native village.

2. PILFERING.

It has come to notice that various members of the Army are removing without authority canteen stores, supplies, Ordnance stores, Engineer stores and civilian property. These offences are most prevalent. Such acts are offences under Army Act 44, and the maximum penalty is penal servitude.

Action is to be taken to bring to the notice of all persons the seriousness of such offences, and also of the fact that such pilfering has caused a serious setback to the war effort. In future all such acts will be dealt with with the utmost severity.

Officers and N.C.O's, under whose notice such offences are committed, will be held responsible for such acts and dealt with accordingly.

3. LEAVE.

(a) Attention is directed to District Routine Orders No. 1, para 5, sub-para C.

(b) Units may grant 24 hours' leave in every 21 days for each member of their Unit.

(c) Units will ensure that not more than 6 per cent of their Unit is on leave at any one time.

(d) Members on leave may proceed to any locality within 20 miles of their Headquarters.

(e) All members on leave must be in possession of a leave pass.

(f) Leave personnel proceeding to Port Moresby may be transported by Supply launch or A.A.S.C. M.T. when available.

4. PASSES.

All personnel stationed in Port Moresby will be issued with a pass signed by their Commanding Officer stating the nature of the duty which necessitated the member moving within the Town Area.

All Units not stationed in Port Moresby will similarly issue passes to members of their Units who are required to proceed to the Town Area on duty. Such personnel will be reduced to a minimum. Officers of and above field rank need not be in possession of passes.

When more than five members are proceeding in one group they will be under the control of a responsible N.C.O. or officer, who will be in possession of a pass to cover the group. Such personnel will not be permitted to break off from the group.

5. SPEED LIMITS (ALL VEHICLES, PORT MORESBY).

The following speed limits will be observed by drivers of all vehicles.--

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Area.	Maximum Speed.
Roadway passing Administration Area and R.A.A.F. Headquarters, the Wharf Area, Port Road and Musgrave Street.	5 M.P.H.
Elsewhere in Port Moresby Town Area.	20 M.P.H.
Areas other than those referred to above.	20 M.P.H.

6. PERSONNEL EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL.

On being evacuated to hospital, personnel will take with them blankets, respirator andsteel helmet and such personal property as is needed -- e.g., shaving gear. Section leaders or platoon commanders of personnel being evacuated will take action to have the remainder of the soldier's belongings, including arms and equipment, packed, labelled and forwarded to Q.M. of Unit for transfer to kit store, G.D. and T. Depot. Unit Q.M's will obtain a receipt for delivery of these kits to G.D. and T. Depot on A.A.F., F. 14 (packing note), one copy of which will be delivered to or held in safekeeping for the soldier. Upon discharge from hospital, soldiers will present their ceceipt to N.C.O. i/c of Kit Store to obtain delivery of his belongings. In the case of those personnel who will not be returned to their units an A.A.F., F. 6 (transfer voucher) will be passed to G.D. and T. Depot by the unit transferring. This, together with card A.A.F., F. 200 or form F. 52 will be forwarded with the soldier's kit and papers.

7. COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK AND PAYBOOK FACILITIES.

The following arrangements at the Commonwealth Savings Bank will operate forthwith.--

DEPOSITS. Not less than £25 will be accepted.

WITHDRAWALS. Not more than one withdrawal per fortnight.

To avoid any inconvenience to personnel owing to the restrictions imposed on Savings Bank deposits it is advised that pay may be allowed to accumulate in paybooks.

8. PARKING OF VEHICLES.

Unit transport officers will instruct M.T. drivers when parking vehicles behind one another, the minimum distance between vehicles (radiator to tail board) will be 12 ft.

9. SUPPLIES.

A.A.S.C. D.I.D. stores are established at the following places (for Port Moresby area).--

Town Area: Ela Beach (for Town Units and P.I.Bn.).
Four Mile: Mr. Field's residence, Four Mile (for three and seven mile Units, until further notice).
Napa Napa: Mr. Stewart's store shed (for units on Napa Napa side of Fairfax Harbour).

Units will collect their rations at the above depots between 0400 hours and 0600 hours daily.

Units will be issued with and hold in reserve four days reserve rations on the scale of the field rations as set out below.

The quantities are those for one man per day.

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STANDARD COMMODITIES AS PER FIELD RATION.	QUANTITY.	ALTERNATE LINES AND QUANTITIES.
Fresh or frozen meat	1¼ lb.	Pres. meat, 12 oz.; M. and V. rations, 1¼ lb.; fish (salmon), etc.; pork and beans, 1¼ lb.
Bread	1 lb.	Biscuits, 12 oz.; flour, 12 oz.
Oatmeal (thrice weekly)	3 oz.	Vita Brits or wheat Bix, 2 oz.; biscuit, 3 oz.
Bacon	3 oz.	Sausage (luncheon), 6 oz.
Butter (thrice weekly)	4 oz.	Suet or dripping, once weekly, ½ oz.
Cheese	2 oz.	Cream, ½ oz.
Vegetable, fresh	12 oz.	Fresh fruit, 3 oz; dried vegetables, 3 oz; tinned vegetable, 8 oz; spaghetti, 8 oz.
Jam	4 oz.	Syrup, 4 oz; honey, 2 oz; vegemite, or meat extract, 1 oz.
Condensed milk	1½ oz.	Powdered milk, 1½ oz.
Tea	2/3 oz.	Coffee, 1 oz; cocoa, 2/3 oz.
Sugar	3 oz.	
Salt	½ oz.	
Pepper	1/32 oz.	
Mustard	1/64 oz.	Baking powder or bicarb. soda, 1/32 oz; custard powder, 1 oz; curry powder, ⅛ oz; cornflour, ½ oz.
Pickles (thrice weekly)	1 oz.	Tomato sauce, 1 oz; Worcester sauce, 1 oz; vinegar, 1 oz; chutney, 1 oz.
Lime Juice	1/320 gal.	
Fruit, Preserved	4 oz.	Dried fruit, 2 oz; jelly, 1 oz; rice, 1 oz; tapioca, 1 oz.

This ration is an expansion of the field ration as promulgated in 8 M.D. Routine Orders, No. 1, dated January 1, 1942.

The Supply Officer will decide which ration items have to be turned over and he will compute weekly what alternate lines will be issued each day for the ensuing week and arrange issues accordingly.

All unconsumed rations, other than four days' reserve rations, will be returned on Sunday morning of each week.

Adjustments will be made from time to time in the ration commodities as found expedient. This will be gauged from the average weekly consumption of each commodity and the amount of each returned.

10. INSPECTION OF M.T.

With reference to District Routine Orders, No. 2, dated January 7, 1942, para 28 Q., arrangements have now been made for a mobile M.T. Inspection squad to commence operations immediately.

An Inspector, will from time to time, visit all units for the purpose of examining M.T. on charge and will make a thorough examination of the mechanical condition of the vehicles. If, in the opinion of the Inspector, or any Ordnance Workshop Officer, a vehicle is considered unfit foruse, that vehicle will be grounded and will not under any circumstances (excepting enemy action), be used until released by one of the officers abovementioned.

The M.T. Inspector is empowered to halt --

(a) Any vehicle which is, in his opinion, being driven in a manner considered to endanger its mechanical efficiency.

(b) Any vehicle damaged to such an extent that he considers it unfit for service.

(c) Any driver deemed by him to be inefficient.

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The attention of C.O's is again directed to the necessity for ensuring that all M.T. personnel are conversant with "Standing Orders" for the operation and maintenance of mechanical vehicles.

11. CAMP EQUIPMENT.

Owing to greatly increased demands on stocks, the scales of Camp Equipment, authorised in Standing Orders for Equipment App. V., will not be exceeded.

Tonnage will be issued on the following scale:--

Lt. Col.	1 to a tent.
Majors	2 to a tent.
All other officers (below the rank of Major)	3 to a tent.
W.O.	3 to a tent.
All other ranks	6 to a tent.

Items to which particular attention must be paid to prevent uneconomic distribution to and within Units are tents, marquees, blankets, stoves 12 gal., tables and forms.

Camp commandants and C.O.s will ensure that the above instruction is strictly adhered to.

12. STORES -- REQUISITIONS TO ORDNANCE.

(a) Requisitions for stores will be submitted, where possible, seven (7) clear days prior to date stores are required for issue or return.

(b) Urgent demands must be kept to a minimum. Supplies cannot be expected on URGENT REQUISITIONS in less than 48 hours. from the time the requisition is lodged.

(c) Requisitions should be forwarded per D.R.L.S. and not delivered to requisitions section by hand with various personal requests.

(d) Requisitions must be correctly prepared by Units as regards nomenclature, vocabulary sections and grouping. Separate A.A.Forms - F. 1 and F. 1A, and F. 2 (return reg.), and F. 20 requisitions are required for each group. A statement showing grouping of sections in Ordnance storehouses will be supplied to units by D.A.D.O.S. if requested. It is not an Ordnance duty to amend and correct badly prepared requisitions. Such will be returned to units for re-submission.

(e) The more time unit representatives spend in requisitions sections bringing requisitions in by hand, requesting information etc., which normally available to units in Standing Orders, etc., and making requests for priority issue, the less time the section has to deal with requisitions submitted.

(f) Units will help themselves by restricting visits and time spent in requisitions section to a minimum.

13. ORDNANCE OFFICE.

Ordnance Office, 8 M.D., is now situated in the Masonic Hall, upper Port Road. All requisitions must be submitted to this office in triplicate.

14. MAINTENANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR CYCLES.

Due to the conditions under which motor vehicles are operating in this district, it is essential that particular attention be paid drivers' maintenance by units and as far as possible, daily inspection will be made to ensure that this has been carried out. Where motor cycles are being used by officers, unit commanders will take action to have personnel allotted, who will be responsible for thismaintenance.

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As the replacement of these vehicles and cycles is unlikely, it is requested that this matter be treated as extremely important.

15. RETURN OF LICENSED M.T. DRIVERS.

A return will be submitted to A.D.S. and T. not later than January 20, 1942 at 1200 hours by all units showing total numbers of licensed M.T. drivers on strength.

Nil returns are not required.

16. ARMY POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Units are advised that outgoing mails for air despatch must reach Base Postal Office not later than 0900 hours each Friday. O.C's will arrange that Unit mail be posted to reach Orderly Room in ample time to allow of censorship requirements being fulfilled.

In the event of additional mails being despatched from Base Postal Office, units will be advised at earliest opportunity.

A. J. Fitz Gerald .....Capt.
A/ O.C., 7th Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

PROMOTIONS.

Q 14359 Spr. SILVERS S.W. to A/Cpl. from 20/1/42.

H.B. Capt.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 17.1.42 To 19.1.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Murray Barracks	17.1.42		H.Q.: Completion of cookhouse. No. 1 Section: 39 Bn. work - showers etc. No. 2 Section: Further grading. Filling of road. By 17.30 hrs. 146ft. roadway completed (Vabukori). Kirra Rd. work continued. No. 3 Section: Engaged in sinking of well. Construction of causeway on road to Porebada. Recce for water Koderica. General recce over area. Work on road ~~deviation on Napa Rd. $\frac{3}{4}$ Mile from Coy. Camp.~~	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	18/1/42		H.Q.: Completion of slit trenches. No. 1 Section: Construction of Gun Emplacement and Roads ~~leading to Gun Emplacement for 13 Fd. Reg.~~ No. 2 Section: Kirra Rd. work continued and carried forward. No. 3 Section: Engaged in sinking of well and construction of causeway on Road to Porebada - $\frac{3}{4}$ Mile from Porebada.	
H.Q. ~~Murray Barracks~~	19.1.42		H.Q.: Camp cleaning and duties. ~~No. 1 Section: Continuation of 13 Fd. Reg. work. Commencement~~ of repairs and maintenance 7 Mile - Bootless Rd. No. 2 Section: Further work on Road (Vabukori Hill). Road work Kirra completed 1600 hrs. No. 3 Section: Continuation of Road work - general improvements to Road.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 20.1.42 To 22.1.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Murray Barracks	20.1.42		H.Q.: Commenced work on Dugout for Sigs. Bde H.Q. No. 1 Section: Commenced water supply and construction of camp site for 39 Bn. D. Coy. No. 2 Section: Work commenced on Vabukori Rd - Quarry work begun, clearing line, pegging roads, marking drains and levelling. Continued work on Vabukori Rd. Hill. No. 3 Section: Continuation of Road work etc.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	21.1.42		H.Q.: Continuation of work on Bde. H.Q. Dugout. No. 1 Section: Continuation of 13 Fd. Regt. and Road works. No. 2 Section: Road work proceeded with. 45yds. formed and drained ready for gravel. Work on Vabukori Hill Rd. completed by 1100 hrs. No. 3 Section: Engaged on improvements to Road between Camp and Napa - in very bad condition. Completed well at Koderica - 450 gals. capacity.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	22.1.42		H.Q.: Continuation of work on Brigade H.Q. Dugout. No. 1 Section: Continuation of 39 Bn. and Road works. No. 2 Section: Road work continued - spreading of gravel, and forming and draining carried forward. Party engaged on Gun Emplacement for Artillery - compressor operated 5½ hrs. No. 3 Section: Continuation of road improvements etc. Camp and Napa Rd.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 23.1.42 To 26.1.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q. Murray Barracks	23.1.42		H.Q.: Work on Brigade H.Q. Dugout continued. No. 1 Section: Works - 39 Bn., 13 Fd. Regt., and Road repairs and maintenance 7 Mile - Bootless Bay Road. No. 2 Section: Road work continued - 30 yds. completed. Quarry work for gravel. Compressor at work 4 hrs. No. 3 Section: Continuation of road improvements etc. Camp and Napa Rd.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	24.1.42		H.Q.: Brigade H.Q. Dugout continued. No. 1 Section: Continued works 39 Bn. and 13 Fd. Regt. No. 2 Section: Road work progressing - 50 yds. completed. Compressor at work in Quarry. No. 3 Section: Completed improvements Camp & Napa Road.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	25.1.42		H.Q.: Water Supply to H.Q., 13 Fd. Regt. No. 1 Section: Continued works 39 Bn. and 13 Fd. Regt. No. 2 Section: Camp cleaning etc. 1 Officer and 2 N.C.O's operated Compressor at Kirra on Artillery job - 2½hrs. No. 3 Section: Road works commenced - maintenance and improvements to c/ Aro Ck - Napa Napa Rd. and c/ Aro Ck - Porebade Rd. Recce for water.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	26.1.42		H.Q.: Commenced Rock excavation A.A. Artillery Sigs. and sapping for Paga Battery. No. 1 Section: Commencement of preliminary work at Smelters for Gun Emplacement. No. 2 Section: N.C.O. & 10 sprs. on Quarry work. N.C.O. & 27 sprs. on Road to Vabukori. Party on cleaning of camp and work on Latrines. No. 3 Section: Road works continued.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 27.1.42 To 30.1.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Murray Barracks	27.1.42		H.Q.: Rock excavation A.A. Artillery Sigs. and Sapping Paga Battery.	Appendix F
			No. 1 Section: Work proceeding on Road 7 mile to Bootless Bay.	Company Routine
			No. 2 Section: Continuation of Road and Quarry works.	
			No. 3 Section: Continued road work etc.	Order 4/42
H.Q., Murray Barracks	28.1.42		H.Q.: Overhaul and repairs to Pumping Engine at Bootless Inlet. Coy. R.O. 4/42 attached.	
			No. 1 Section: Progress on 39 Bn. work. Water supply completed.	
			No. 2 Section: Road and Quarry work continued. Metal in quarry becoming more difficult to excavate.	
			No. 3 Section: Continuation of road works etc.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	29.1.42		H.Q.: Rock excavation A.A. Artillery Sigs.	
			No. 1 Section: Continuation of 13 Fd. Regt. work and progress made on Gun Emplacements at Smelters.	
			No. 2 Section: Road and Quarry work continued. 9 Yds. metal used to fill in holes in deviation.	
			No. 3 Section: Continuation of road works etc.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	30.1.42		H.Q.: Sapping Paga Battery	
			No. 1 Section: Cookhouses and Mess Huts completed 39 Bn.	
			No. 2 Section: Road and quarry works continued. Vehicle C4669 bogged 6 times.	
			No. 3 Section: Location of Camp shifted to 3 Mile Valley.	

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O.C. 7 Fd Coy RAE

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ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Captain M. G. McKenzie. Commanding 7th Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

4.42. January 28, 1942.

REQUISITIONS — MILITIA, A.I.F., R.A.A.F.

Returns required vide R.O. 2, para. 21A, in connection with this are cancelled.

PASSAGE OF M.T. THROUGH NATIVE VILLAGES.

In order to minimise the risk of accident and ensure the safety of small children and domestic animals, drivers of M.T. will not exceed a speed of 10 m.p.h. when passing through native villages.

PROGRESS OF TRANSPORT PAST CAMP HOSPITAL AREA, MURRAY BARRACKS.

The Camp Hospital Area at Murray Barracks is not to be used by drivers of transport as a turning or passing point. Drivers will wait at the passing point or at the top of the road until the way is clear for their vehicles to proceed.

LOSSES OF RIFLES AND EQUIPMENT — WHARF.

The following losses have been reported by men employed at the Wharf during unloading operations:—

(a) Rifle No. 68300, full set of equipment with 150 rounds, S.A.A. in pouches, knife, fork, spoon and mug in haversack.

(b) Rifle No. 68228, full set of equipment, respirator, steel helmet and puttees on issue to Q. 24828, Pte. E. Kingsman, 49 Bn. Respirator and steel helmet branded with name and number.

All Units are to make enquiries and reports to be forwarded to this H.Q.

ECONOMY IN THE USE OF ROPES, CORDAGE, TWINES AND STRING.

The Department of Supply and Development has pointed out that because of the difficulty of obtaining supplies of fibre for the manufacture of ropes, cordage, sewing twines, binder twine and string, it is essential that everybody, and particularly Government Departments, should exercise the utmost economy in the use of these articles. They should be used as many times as possible before being discarded.

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All old rope, binder twine and similar types of cordage should not be discarded, but saved for teasing and manufacture again into other commodities. Dirty sisal from Gas Producer Units should not be discarded, but should be cleaned and used several times until it is of no further use.

All specifications should be revised with the object of saving as much fibre as possible. It is felt that everybody must be prepared to accept and use the type, size and quality of rope, cordage or twine that will do the particular job in hand, regardless of colour, appearance and special preferences. It is particularly important to conserve supplies of Manila fibre and Manila rope.

DRESS.

Respirators, helmets steel and pistols need not be worn at all times. However, they must be in a position where they are available for use within five minutes.

REMOVAL OF SAND (ELA BEACH). Sand must not be removed within 15 yards of any telephone and electric light post on Ela Beach. Several poles have fallen down in this area, thus disrupting communications.

BLACKOUT.

Total blackout conditions will be enforced in Port Moresby from 1900 hours, 27.1.42 until further notice.

A.T. Fitz-Gerald
.....Capt.
O.C., 7th Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 31.12.41 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q.: Murray Barracks.	31.1.42		H.Q.: Blasting Battle H.Q. for 13 Fd. Regt. No. 1 Section: Preparation of work for demolition of 7 Mile 'Drome. Commenced work on Magazine for 7 Fd. Coy. No. 2 Section: Intermittent rain to 1000 hrs. Road and quarry work continued. No. 3 Section: Road works etc. completed.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 1.2.42 To 3.2.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Murray Barracks	1.2.42		H.Q.: Continuation of work on Dugout for Brigade Sigs. No. 1 Section: Demolitions job at 7 Mile 'Drome continued satisfactorily. Continuation of 39 Bn. work. No. 2 Section: Camp rests and duties in Camp. No. 3 Section: Preparation of New Camp and general duties in connection therewith.	Appendix A Company Routine Order 5/42
H.Q. Murray Barracks	2.2.42		H.Q.: Work on Dugout for Brigade Sigs. Coy. R.O. 5/42 attached. No. 1 Section: Commenced Bridge 7 Mile- Bootless Rd. No. 2 Section: Road work at Vabukori. Compressor operated in digging Gun position for Artillery along Vabukori Rd. - 7 hrs. Quarry work 7 hrs. No. 3 Section: Engaged in preparation of new Camp.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	3.2.42		H.Q.: Engaged on Dugout for Brigade Sigs. Air Raid Alarm 0250 hrs. Raiders overhead. Bombs dropped. All clear 0355 hrs. No. 1 Section: Work at Smelters proceeding. Continuing construction of Bridge. Door on Magazine not quite completed. No. 2 Section: Vabukori Rd. work continued. Operation of Compressor in digging of Gun position for Artillery Quarry work 7 hrs. No. 3 Section: =Recce Road Murray Barracks to 7 Mile 'Drome. Improvements to Road Murray Barracks to Camp.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 4.2.42 To 6.2.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Murray Barracks	4.2.42		H.Q.: Dugout for Brigade Sigs. completed. Air Raid Alarm 0400 hrs. Bombs dropped. All clear 0455 hrs. No. 1 Section: 'Drome job held up - 2 holes collapsed before lining tibes could be inserted. Essential improvements to Camp effected. No. 2 Section: Vabukori Rd. work continued. Rain stopped work for 4 hrs. Quarry work - excavation of gravel. No. 3 Section: Improvements to Camp Site and Road Murray Barracks to Camp. Commenced laying pipe line Murray Barracks to 53 Bn. Repairing washaway Murray Barracks - Port Moresby Road.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	5.2.42		H.Q.: Air Raid Alarm 0300 hrs. Raiders overhead. Bombs dropped. All clear 0355 hrs. No. 1 Section: 'Drome job completed also cementing at "A" Coy, except for drains. Essential improvements to Camp. No. 2 Section: Vabukori Rd. work continued - metalling 18" deep. Quarry work, 1 N.C.O. & 10 Sprs. preparing new camp site at 4 mile valley. No. 3 Section: Improvements Road Murray Barracks to Camp. Pipe laying to 53 Bn. Work on washaway.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	6.2.42		H.Q.: Air Raid Alarm 0215 hrs. No bombs dropped. All clear 0350 hrs. Preparing to shift Camp site H.Q. No. 1 Section: Commenced repairs to alternative road to Smelters. Cementing at "A" Coy. completed. Duckboards constructed for showers in Unit Camps. No. 2 Section: Vabukori Rd. work continued - completing culverts, boning and metalling. Quarry work. Preparation and clearing of new Camp Site continued. No. 3 Section: Work on washaway completed. Continuation of pipe laying. Recce and traverse Hanuabada- 3 Mile Rd.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 7.2.42 To 9.2.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Murray Barracks	7.2.42		H.Q.: Proceeding with shifting of Camp Site H.Q. No. 1 Section: Camp Duties. 20 men despatched for duties at Coy. H.Q. No. 2 Section: Vabukori Rd. and Quarry work continued. 32 yds. metal excavated. Party at work on Camp Duties. No. 3 Section: Road improvements, pipe laying etc.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	8.2.42		H.Q.: Shift to new Camp Site proceeding smoothly. No. 1 Section: Section off Duty except M.T. and Carpenters who were employed at Coy. H.Q. No. 2 Section: Engaged in moving Camp to 4 Mile Valley - settling in. Vehicle C299 broken down and handed to L.A.D. for repairs. No. 3 Section: Repairing of Bakehouse at Ella Beach. Construction of store room.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	9/2/42		H.Q.: Proceeding with shifting of Camp Site. No. 1 Section: Construction of shelter for stove and fires at Kitchen. M.T. and Carpenters employed at Coy. H.Q. No. 2 Section: Engaged in general Camp Duties etc. Setting up Q.M. Store and checking stores. No. 3 Section: Carting stores from E.S.B. for Coy. H.Q. Continuation Road repairs Murray Barracks to Camp.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 10.2.42 To 12.2.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Murray Barracks	10.2.42		H.Q.: Continuation of building of Camp Site for H.Q. No. 1 Section: M.T., Carpenters and Plumbers employed at H.Q. Untrained personnel given instruction in S.A.T. and D.A.G. Others on camp cleaning. Overhaul of K. & L. pump from DY Hosp. No. 2 Section: Vabukori Rd. 1 N.C.O. & 21 sprs. boning and draining & boxing of 95 yds. of roadway - 45 yds. boxed & drained. Remainder engafed in work on Camp and conveying water from Moresby Wharf. No. 3 Section: Commenced work on Dugouts for Brigade H.Q.	Appendix B Company Routine Order 6/42
H.Q., Murray Barracks.	11.2.42		H.Q.: Camp site for H.Q. in course of being built. No. 1 Section: Continued repairs to 14 mile Rd. and bridge demolished. Work on 7 Mile Bridge progressing. Carpenters and plumbers employed at Coy. H.Q. No. 2 Section: Vabukori Rd. 1 N.C.O. & 22 sprs. completed 25 yds. boxing and draining in 5hrs. Air Raid Alarm 2 hrs. Remainder of section on camp work and conveying pipes to H.Q. from Wharf. No. 3 Section: Continuation of work on Brigade H.Q. Dugouts and construction of Road to Coy H.Q.	
H.Q., Murray Barracks	12.2.42		H.Q.: Camp Site for H.Q. in process of being built. Coy.R.O 6/42 No. 1 Section: Road works continued. Carpenters and plumbers at Coy. H.Q. No. 2 Section: Vabukori Rd. N.C.O. & 21 sprs. completed 25yds, boxing and draining. Repairs to existing road. 1 Culvert commenced. Remainder on camp work and conveying material from Wharf. No. 3 Section: Continuation of work on Brigade H.Q. Dugouts and construction of road to Coy. H.Q. Recce of Road Hanuabada to 7 Mile 'Drome in Bren Carruer - beating down proposed track.	

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Appendix "A"

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ROUTINE ORDERS — PART 1.

by

Capt. M. G. McKenzie — Commanding 7 Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

2.2.42. — 5/42.

The following orders of dress will prevail as from 2.2.42.—

MARCHING ORDER: Boots, socks and hose tops, puttees, shorts, shirts, and hats khaki fur, full webbing equipment, including pack and haversack, rifle and sidearms.

Respirators to be carried at "alert" position.

BATTLE ORDER: Boots, socks rolled down, shirt and shorts, steel helmet, with chin strap at back of neck, respirator at "alert," rifle and sidearms.

In battle order, as packs will not be carried, the haversack will be carried in the position normally occupied by thepack, and will contain the following items of clothing and necessaries only:—

Mess tin, iron rations, knife, fork and spoon, water bottle and carrier, shaving gear, soap and towel, bottles, tin oil.

Ground sheets will be spread out on the ground, mosquito nets folbd to the same size and placed on top. The two will then be folded into three along the longest edge, and then rolled tightly from one end. The end of this roll will be tucked into the top of the haversack and the roll held by the straps.

PACKS: Packs will be transported by M.T. and will contain only items listed below:—

Two shirts, two pairs of shorts, two pairs of socks, two pairs of hose tops, one pair of puttees, one pair of sandshoes, one towel, one blanket, two plates and one panniikin, two sets of underclothing. Packs will be secured and straps fastened through the "Dees" at top and bottom.

MARKING OF EQUIPMENT: All articles of equipment will be marked with man's Reg. No., Rank and Name, but NOT unit.

Kit bags will bemarked as on the voyage, i.e. A 896, and man's serial number.

Any man who does not remember his serial or Reg. number will be told same on application to the Orderly Room.

Respirators will be marked on outside of haversack as laid down for other equipment and one red identity disc will be securely tied to neck of container.

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FIELD DRESSINGS: Field Dressings will at all times be carried in the right hip pocket of shorts.

AMMUNITION: Ammunition will be carried in pouches of webbing equipment at all times.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS: All personal belongings and all items of clothing, both military and civil, not mentioned in these orders, will be packed in the kit bag.

All ranks are warned that they will onlypack in their packs and haversacks, those items mentioned above.

All clothing and equipment will be packed in Battle Order unless otherwise ordered, at all times when not directly in use. After use they will be immediately repacked.

All ranks, when not actually in camp area, will carry arms and equipment as for Battle Order, less haversack, and with respirator in slung position on left hip. Steel helmets will be worn.

Working parties, on reaching their tasks, may, at the discretion of Officer or N.C.O. in Charge and depending on the proximity of the enemy, remove their equipment and place it on ground behind them.

.....Capt.
O.C., 7th Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

Captain M. G. McKenzie Commanding 7 Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

12.2.42. 6/42.

AIR RAID ALARM.--- During hours of daylight the Air Raid alarms will be the firing of the "Ack Ack" batteries. Other air raid alarm signals will be discontinued during daylight.

PORT MORESBY - TOWN AREA.--- Your attention is directed to R.O. 3/42., Para 4.

INSIGNIA OF RANK - ALLIED FORCES.--- The following particulars of the badges of rank worn by Officers of the U.S.A. and Netherlands Armies are published for the information of all ranks:-

— NETHERLAND ARMY —

RANK	BADGES OF RANK (WORN ON COLLARS).
Lieut.-General	4 Silver Stars on Gold Ground, Black Border.
Major-General	2 Silver Stars and 2 Gold Stars on Gold Ground, Black Border.
Colonel	3 Silver Stars on Gold Ground, Black Border.
Lieut.-Colonel (Cavalry etc.).	2 Gold Stars on Silver Ground, Black Border.
Lieut-Colonel (General Staff)	2 Silver Stars on Gold Ground, Blue Border.
Major (Infantry etc).	1 Silver Star on Gold Ground, Black Border.
Major ("Q" Branch)	1 Silver Star on Gold Ground, Red Border.
Captain (General Staff)	3 Silver Stars on Blue Ground.
Captain (Q" Branch)	3 Silver stars on Maroon Ground, Gold Braid.
Captain (Mil. Admn.).	3 Gold Stars on Maroon Ground, Silver Braid.
1st Lieutenant	2 Silver Stars or 1 Silver Star and 1 Gold Star on Black Ground, Gold Braid.
2nd Lieutenant	1 Silver Star on Gold Ground, Gold Braid.
Ensign	2 Silver Buttons on Black Ground, with or without Gold Braid.

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Under Officer (in line for commission).	1 Silver Button and 1 Gold Button on Black Ground.
Regt. Sgt.-Major.	1 Silver Button on Black Ground.
Regt. Sgt.-Major ("Q" Branch).	1 Silver Button on Maroon Ground, Black Briad.
Regt. Sgt-Major (not instructing)	1 Silver Button on Black Ground, Blue Stripe.
Regt. Sgt-Major (Administration).	1 Gold Button on Maroon Ground, Black Braid.
Quarter-Master Sgt.	1 Narrow, 1 Wide Gold Braid Band with Blue Stripe.
European Sgt (1st Class)	1 Narrow, 1 Wide Gold Braid Band, Field Green Ground.
Sergeant (Second Class)	1 Gold Braid Band, Field Green Ground.
Sergeant (Medical)	1 Narrow, 1 Wide Gold Braid Band, Field Green Ground.
Corporal (Mil. Police)	1 Narrow, 1 Wide. Yellow Band, Field Green Ground.
Corporal (Cavalry)	1 White Band, Field Green Ground.
Soldier (1st Class)	1 Red Band, Field Green Ground.
Corporal (Medical)	1 Narrow Yellow Band, Field Green Grd.

U.S.A. ARMY. Worn on Shoulder Strap.

General	4 Silver Stars.
Lieut-General	3 Silver Stars.
Major-General	2 Silver Stars.
Brigadier-General	1 Silver Star.
Colonel	1 Silver (spread) Eagle.
Lieut-Colonel	1 Silver Oak Leaf.
Major	1 Gold Oak Leaf.
Captain	2 Silver Bars.
1st Lieutenant	1 Silver Bar.
2nd Lieutenant	1 Gold Bar.
Warrant-Officer	An eagle rising with wings displayed standing on a bundle of two arrows, all enclosed in a wreath.

Chevrons, non-commission officers worn on sleeve, shown below:-



1st Grade Master-Sergeant.



2nd grade Tec. Sgt.



1st Sgt.



3rd Grade Staff Sgt.



4th Grade Sergeant.



5th Grade Corporal.



6th Grade Pte. 1st Grade.

GENERAL APPEARANCE OF TROOPS.--- All ranks are to maintain as smart and soldierly an appearance as circumstances permit. Troops will shave regularly and the hair will be cut short.

LOSSES OF EQUIPMENT - ARTILLERY.--- Baskets cane for packing ammunition totalling (64) sixty four are missing from (2) trailers Artillery.

Also small box approximately 15" x 10" containing keys setting fuses, and boxes percussion for spare primers essential to Artillery for setting fuses on T. and P. 80's, useful for artillery only. Latter stores last seen aboard "P.A." with Officers' baggage.

All Sections are to make enquiries and reports to be forwarded to this H.Q.

MISUSE OF TRACKED AND F.W.D. VEHICLES.--- Tracked and F.W.D. vehicles must not, under any circumstances, be used for any purpose other than that for which they are designed.

It cannot be too strongly emphasised that these types of vehicles have a comparatively short working life. It is pointed out that replacements are not obtainable and should a vehicle be grounded through misuse the force as a whole loses that much fighting efficiency.

CENSORING OF MAIL.--- Unit Censoring Officers will, in future, insert their rank when franking mail matters.

DISPOSAL OF WASTES -- ALL UNITS.---- All wastes, faeces, urine, wet and dry garbage, and waste water shall be effectively disposed of as listed below.--

FAECES: With fly-proof deep pit latrines. Shallow trench latrines shall be used in the interval prior to establishment of deep trenches.

URINE: Into covered soakage pits.

GARBAGE: Shall be incinerated as completely as possible and deposited in a deep pit and immediately covered with a layer of earth. This instruction applies in all areas not provided with a garbage service.

WASTE WATER: Shall be run through straw or grass traps into covered soakage pits.

Information of the above method of disposal will be found in F.S.P.B., Pam. 10, and Manual of Hygiene and Sanitation.

Action against C.O's of Units under A.M.R. and O, 1425 will be taken in cases of default.

.....Capt.
O.C. 7 Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	13.2.42		H.Q.: Progress on building of Camp Site. No. 1 Section: Bridge work on 14 mile Rd. progressing. Completed Bridge on 7 Mile Rd. Overhaul of K & L ~~Pump completed and pump returned to DY Hosp. Carpenters~~ and plumbers at Coy. H.Q. No. 2 Section: Vabukori Rd. N.C.O. & 21 sprs. on Road work. Remainder on Camp work and loading and carting galvanised iron and cement from Wharf. No. 3 Section: Continuation of Brigade H.Q. job and construction of Road to Coy. H.Q.	
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	14.2.42		H.Q.: Construction of Camp Site progressing. No. 1 Section: Repair of 7 Mile Rd. continued. 14 Mile Bridge construction continued. ~~No. 2 Section: N.C.O. & 6 sprs. 7 hrs. work on Vabukori Rd.~~ N.C.O. & 6 sprs. working party to Coy. H.Q. Remainder on Camp work. No. 3 Section: Commenced pipe line from 53 Bn. to Camp Site for Water Supply. Continuation of Brigade H.Q. Job ~~without Compressor. Improvement of Road Murray Barracks~~ to Coy. H.Q.	
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	15.2.42		H.Q.: Essential Camp Duties - digging of slit trenches, latrines &c. No. 1 Section: Continuation of repairs to 14 Mile Road. Work 39 Bn. A Coy. completed. ~~No. 2 Section: Section engaged in laying pipes. Digging H.Q.~~ Dugout. Digging Latrines. Work on Mess Hut and other work. No. 3 Section: Continuation of Brigade H.Q. job. CAPT. M.G. McKENZIE TRANSFERRED TO COMMAND ROYAL ENGINEERS.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 16.2.42 To 18.2.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	16.2.42		H.Q.: Commenced erection of Ration Store. No. 1 Section: Continuation of repairs to Bridges on 14 Mile Road. No. 2 Section: ~~1 N.C.O. & 5 sprs. on excavation for H.Q.~~ Remainder of section engaged in laying pipes for Section Water Supply, loading party 2hrs., excavating concreting and building of Mess Hut. 12.05 hrs. Recce plane over Camp. Section carried on normal operations. No. 3 Section: Continuation of Brigade H.Q. job.	
~~H.Q.,~~ 3 Mile Valley	17.2.42		H.Q.: Continued erection of Ration Store. Mess Hut commenced. No. 1 Section: Repairs to Bridges on 14 Mile Road continued. No. 2 Section: 5 Sprs. completing concrete work at H.Q. Rest of Section engaged on drainage, pipe laying, dugout excavation, building of Mess Hut etc. ~~No. 3 Section: Continuation of Brigade H.Q. job.~~	
~~H.Q.,~~ 3 Mile Valley	18.2.42		H.Q.: Mess Hut progressing. Slit trenches and latrines completed. No. 1 Section: Continued repairs to Bridges 14 Mile Rd. ~~Preparation demolition of Road from turnoff Kila Rd.~~ to 3 Mile. No. 2 Section: Preparation of Camp Site proceeding. ~~No. 3 Section: Continuation of Brigade H.Q. job.~~ Commenced Bridge construction job for tactical road.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 19.2.42 To 21.2.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	19.2.42		H.Q.: Mess Hut completed. Water supply to Camp and 13 Fd. Regt. new H.Q. commenced. No. 1 Section: Continued repairs to Bridges 1/4 Mile Road. Continued preparations for demolition of Rd. from turnoff Kila Rd. to 3 Mile. No. 2 Section: Preparation of Camp Site proceeding smoothly. Breakdown of vehicle for 3½ hrs. - water in petrol. No. 3 Section: Continuation of Brigade H.Q. job and bridge construction. Supervision of small bridge culvert for 53 Bn.	
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	20.2.42		H.Q.: Water Supply to Camp and 13 Fd. Regt. No. 1 Section: Continued repairs to Bridges 1/4 Mile Rd. Continued preparations for demolition of Rd. from turnoff Kila Rd. to 3 Mile. No. 2 Section: Continued work on building of Camp Site and development of slit trenches. ~~No. 3 Section: Continued Brigade H.Q. job and Bridge~~ construction.	
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	21.2.42		H.Q.: Water Supply to Camp completed. No. 1 Section: Continued repairs to Bridges 1/4 Mile Rd. Continued preparations for demolition of Rd. from turnoff Kila Rd. to 3 Mile. No. 2 Section: ~~Engaged in preparation of Camp Site. Proceeding~~ smoothly. ~~No. 3 Section: Continuation of Brigade H.Q. job and~~ Bridge construction.	

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ORIGINAL

Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E Date and Time.—From 22.2.42 To 24.2.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	22.2.42		H.Q.: Water Supply to 13 Fd. Regt. completed.	
			No. 1 Section: Continued repairs to Bridges 1¼ Mile Rd. Continued preparations for demolition Rd. from turnoff Kila Rd. to 3 Mile. Repairs to pipe lines destroyed by Air Raids.	
			No. 2 Section: Section engaged in cleaning of Camp, washing and improving living conditions.	
			No. 3 Section: Completion of Brigade H.Q. job and Bridge construction including camouflage.	
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	23.2.42		H.Q.: General Camp Duties.	
			~~No. 1 Section: Continued repairs to Bridges 1¼ Mile Rd.~~ Repairs to pipe lines destroyed by Air Raids.	
			~~No. 2 Section: Preparation of Camp proceeded with.~~	
			No. 3 Section: Continuation Bridge Main Road 7 Mile.	
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	24,2,42		H.Q.: Essential Camp Duties - camouflage of trucks etc.	
			~~No. 1 Section: Continuation of repairs to Bridges 1¼ Mile Rd.~~ Repairs to Pump at Mission Station.	
			No. 2 Section: N.C.O. sent to 8 M.D. to work compressor - returned at 16.30 hrs. compressor not used. Party engaged carting material from Dickson's Dump to Brigade H.Q. (Mess Hut job etc.). 8 sprs. marking out and ~~digging holes for Brigade H.Q. Mess Hut and cookhouse~~ - all post holes completed and 4 posts erected. Remainder of Section engaged in preparation of Camp.	
			No. 3 Section: Recce for Water.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 25.2.42 To 27.2.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 12 Mile Valley	25.2.42		H.Q.: Road improvements Murray Barracks to 3 Mile.	
			No. 1 Section: Continued repairs to Bridges 14 Mile Rd. Sinking of wells - Mission Station Vivi Ck. and Bomana Ck.	
			No. 2 Section: 7 sprs. on construction of building at Brigade H.Q. - all posts erected, top plates fixed and whole frame braced. Remainder of section on essential work in Camp.	
			No. 3 Section: ~~Good water found at Coconut Grove. Camp Duties.~~	
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	26.2.42		H.Q.: Road improvements Murray Barracks- 3 Mile.	
			No. 1 Section: Completion of works in progress at 39 Bn. ~~Companies including Bn. H.Q., H.Q. Coy, Don Coy,~~ M.G. Coy., and R.A.P.	
			No. 2 Section: 4 Carpenters and 2 sprs. working on Brigade H.Q. buildings. 8 sprs. laying pipes and 2 grease traps on same job. Parties on conveyance of materials to H.Q. job.	
			No. 3 Section: Completion of Bridge giving access to main road between Aerodrome and Morris Hill	
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	27.2.42		H.Q.: Drainage of Camp Site.	
			No. 1 Section: Commenced demolition of Huts at Murray Barracks for re-erection at Koitaki,	
			~~No. 2 Section: 1 spr, to 8 M.D. to operate compressor.~~ Remainder of section on general camp duties with exception of 1 N.C.O. and 18 sprs. engaged on Brigade H.Q. job.	
			No. 3 Section: Maintenance roadway Murray Barracks to Camp.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 28.2.42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	28.2.42		H.Q.: Road improvements completed.	
			No. 1 Section: Commenced erection Kitchens & Latrines B Coy. 39 Bn. Comcreted and repaired tanks & tested for water at Manager's Home Smelters, Bootless.	
			No. 2 Section: Part of Section engaged on Brigade H.Q. job. Remainder of section on general camp duties. 1327 to 1400 hrs. all men under cover - Air Raid.	
			No. 3 Section: Essential camp improvements.	

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A. J. Fitz-Gerald (Major)
O.C. 7 Fd Coy R.A.E.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E.

Date and Time.—From 1st. MARCH 1942 To 5th. MARCH 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	1.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. Work on Water Supply to A.A. Battery Morris Hill. Concreting floors Kitchen, Showers, Ablution benches etc. for all 39 Bn. works. Completed demolition of Huts Murray Barracks. Continued B Coy. 39 Bn. work. Shifted and re-erected Tanks Brigade H.Q. Brigade H.Q. Job continued.	
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	2.3.42		Work on construction of culverts Bootless Road. Work on pipe line to Artillery, H.Q. Dugout, Boring for water and general Camp Duties. Continuation of Water Supply to A.A. Battery Morris Hill and 39 Bn. works.	Mar '42
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	3.3.42		Continued construction of culverts Bootless Road and continuation of other works - 39 Bn. works, H.Q. Dugout, Boring for Water, Erection of Fence and general Camp Duties. Work on drainage at Brigade H.Q.	
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	4.3.42		Continuation of pipe line to Artillery. Drainage job at Brigade H.Q. Camp work continued - camouflaging Dugouts, Boring for Water, etc. Continuation of other works - Water Supply to A.A. Battery Morris Hill, Construction of Culverts Bootless Road, 39 Bn. works, and work on Brigade H.Q. Mess and Cookhouse.	
H.Q., 3 Mile Valley	5.3.42		Continuation of pipe line to Artillery. Drainage work at Brigade H.Q. Construction of Culverts Bootless Road continued. Brigade H.Q. work progressing. Preparation of new Camp Site and packing of stores preparatory to shifting to new location.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E.

Date and Time.—From 6th. MARCH 1942 To 11th. MARCH 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Bootless Road	6.3.42		Shifting to new Camp Site and settling in. Essential Camp Duties - digging Latrines, erection Q. Store, etc. Continued work on Brigade H.Q. Buildings.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	7.3.42		Essential duties in Camp - digging of slit trenches and conveniences. Continuation of work on Brigade H.Q. buildings.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	8.3.42		Essential works in Camp - completion of slit trenches, erection of Mess Huts, etc. Continued work on Brigade H.Q. buildings.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	9.3.42		Essential duties in Camp - erection of Mess Huts, digging of Magazine. Continuation of Brigade H.Q. buildings.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	10.3.42		Essential Camp Work - erection of Mess Huts, and continuation of Magazine. Completed Brigade H.Q. job.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	11.3.42		Essential Camp duties. Work on High Level and Low Level Bridges. Commenced work on Ops. H.Q., Bakery Oven at Koitaki, Printing Machine Huts at Koitaki, S. William Huts.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 12th. MARCH 1942 To 16th. MARCH 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Bootless Road	12.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., High Level and Low Level Bridges, S. William Huts, Bakery Oven at Koitaki (sand to be carted from Ela Beach ~~hold up for want of transport~~), ~~Printing Machine Huts~~ (slight hold up for want of timber).	
H.Q., Bootless Road	13.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. Works continued - Ops. H.Q., High Level and Low Level Bridges, S. William Huts, Bakery Oven at Koitaki, Printing Machine Huts at Koitaki.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	14.3.42		Essential Camp work. Progress on works - Ops. H.Q., High Level & Low Level Bridges (progress somewhat restricted owing to lack of transport), S.William Huts, Bakery Oven at Koitaki, Printing Machine Huts at Koitaki.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	15.3.42		Engaged on Camp Duties. Continuation of works (progressing satisfactorily) - Ops. H.Q., High Level & Low Level Bridges, S. William Huts, Bakery Oven at Koitaki, Printing Machine Huts at Koitaki.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	16.3.42		Essential Camp duties. Works continued - Ops. H.Q., High Level & Low Level Bridges, S. William Huts, Bakery Oven at Koitaki, Printing Machine Huts.	

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ORIGINAL

Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 17th. MARCH 1942 To 22nd. MARCH 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Bootless Road	17.3.42		Essential Camp duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., High Level & Low Level Bridges, S. William Huts, Bakery Oven at Koitaki, Printing Machine Huts at Koitaki.	Appendix A - Coy. R.O. 8/42
H.Q., Bootless Road	18.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. Works continued - Ops. H.Q., High Level & Low Level Bridges, S. William Huts, Bakery Oven at Koitaki, Printing Machine Huts at Koitaki.	Appendix B - Coy. R.O. 9/42
H.Q., Bootless Road	19.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., High Level and Low Level Bridges, S. William Huts, Bakery Oven at Koitaki, Printing Machine Huts at Koitaki. Coy.R.O.8/42	
H.Q. Bootless Road	20.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., High Level & Low Level Bridges, S. William Huts, Bakery Oven at Koitaki, Printing Machine Huts at Koitaki. Coy. R.O. 9/42	
H.Q., Bootless Road	21.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., High Level & Low Level Bridges, S. William Huts, Bakery Oven at Koitaki, Printing Machine Huts at Koitaki. Commenced Ordnance Huts (bush timber).	
H.Q., Bootless Road	22.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., plus extension, High Level & Low Level Bridges, S. William Huts, Bakery Oven at Koitaki, Printing Machine Huts at Koitaki, Ordnance Huts.	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES. APPENDIX 'A'

A.M.R. & O. 1587
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ROUTINE ORDER

PART I

by

Capt. A.T. Fitz-Gerald — Commanding 7th. Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

8/42 — 19th March 1942

1. CAMP HYGIENE.

All ranks will use latrines provided and will take all possible precautions to combat the fly menace.

Occupants of tents will keep their tent and surrounding area clear of rubbish, papers, bottles etc.

After meals, scraps of food from plates will be placed in the receptacles provided and subsequently burnt. Plates will be washed in tubs provided and under no circumstances, at the tanks.

2. PERSONAL CLEANLINESS.

Personnell will shave daily and arrangements will be made for them to swim at least once daily.

3. DRESS.

The practice of wearing swimming trunks around camp or on loading parties will be discontinued, shorts at least will be worn.

Personnel leaving camp area will wear boots, socks (rolled down), shorts, shirt (if desired) and steel helmet, webbing equipment with ammunition and bayonet and water bottle and will carry respirators slung. Working parties may carry Hat khaki fur or Hats working. These may be worn on jobs, at the discretion of the Officer or N.C.O. in charge of party.

4. DISCIPLINE.

Personnel are warned that they must at all times promptly obey any order given by his superior officer without question. The term superior officer may be taken to include all N.C.O's. The safety of a whole company may be threatened by the failure of even a few men to obey an order as soon as it is given.

5. MESS PARADES.

Sections will be paraded in their section area and marched to kitchen by an N.C.O.

Sergeants will take the name of any man late for mess parade and hand the list to the Orderly Sergeant. These men will be put on fatigues.

On arrival at kitchen, Coy. Orderly Sgt, will supervise the serving and will see that Sections are served in rotation.

6. GENERAL.

The following times will be adhered to as from 19 March 1942:

Reveille	0600 Hrs.	
Mess Parade	0645 Hrs.	
Work Period	0720 Hrs.	- 1200 Hrs.
Midday Meal	1215 Hrs.	
Work Period	1300 Hrs.	- 1630 Hrs.
Evening Meal	1715 Hrs.	
Guard Mounting	1800 Hrs.	

7. GUARDS.

Instructions issued separately.

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8. AIR-RAIDS.

The senior officer present will decide whether an alarm is to be given and personnel will not take cover until an alarm is sounded. The practice of diving into slit trenches as soon as a plane is heard will be discontinued.

All ranks will don steel helmets as soon as enemy aircraft are heard and are warned not to stand in the sun and gaze upwards.

9. BATTLE ORDER.

Equipment will be kept packed in battle order at all times unless otherwise ordered. The haversack will be carried in place of the pack and will contain the following articles;

Mess tin and Iron Rations
Soap, towel and shaving gear.
One pair socks, one pr. puttees, one pr. hose-tops.
Mosquito Net.
Pannikin, knife, fork and spoon.

The pack will contain the following items:

2 prs. shorts, 2 shirts, 1 towel, spare soap,
1 pr. socks, 1 pr. hose-tops, 1 blanket, 1 pr. sandshoes.

Ground sheets will be rolled along the shortest edge and carried under the flap of the haversack.

Water bottle will be carried on right side, in normal position and will be kept filled if possible.

All other items of clothing and personal effects will be packed in kit bag.

Pack, haversack and kit-bag will be kept packed as laid down above and any item, including mess gear, taken out will be replaced as soon as possible.

10. MARKING OF EQUIPMENT.

Attention is drawn to R.O. No. 542 which directed that all equipment would be marked as follows:

Webbing to be marked with No., Rank, Name - Not Unit.
Kit Bag to be marked with man's serial No. and A 896.
Respirator, Haversack to be marked as for webbing.
Respirator - 1 Red Identity Disc to be attached to stem of container.

11. SWIMMING.

Personnel will be permitted to swim in parties, provided they are not on duty and inform the Orderly Sgt. before leaving. Sandshoes may be worn otherwise dress will be as laid down in Para. 3 of this order.

..... Capt.
O.C., 7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

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APPENDIX "B"

7th. FIELD COY., R.A.E.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

Major A.T. Fitz-Gerald Commanding 7th. Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

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1. KITS AND EQUIPMENT.

In order to comply with instructions contained in Para. 122Q of D.R.O. No. 9 of 17th. March 1942, personnel will pack in their kit bags all items of clothing and kit not required in Pack and Haversack. Kit bags will be labelled with Owner's No., Tank, Name, and "A896" on one side and the bottom, and after packing and marking will be handed into Q.M. Store at 1100 hrs. on 22 March 1942.

2. M.T. VEHICLES.

Drivers, on completion of their tour of duty, will see that:

(a) All wheel bolts and nuts etc. are tight;
(b) Tyres are properly inflated;
(c) Petrol tank and radiator are full;
(d) Engine has correct level of oil in sump.

Petrol will be strained through a cloth before being used in M.T. and empty 4 gal. drums will have their caps screwed in tightly and be stacked on their sides in order to minimise the risk of water entering.

..... Major.
O.C., 7th. Field Coy., R.A.E.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 23rd. MARCH 1942 To 27th. MARCH 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Bootless Road	23.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. High Level Bridges completed. Completed S. William Huts and Bakery Oven. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q. plus Extension, Low Level Bridges, Printing Machine Huts at Koitaki, Ordnance Huts. Coy. R.O. 10/42	Appendix C - Coy. R.O. 10/42.
H.Q., Bootless Road	24.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q. plus Extension, Low Level Bridges, Printing Machine Huts at Koitaki, Ordnance Huts.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	25.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., plus Extension, Low Level Bridges, Printing Machine Huts at Koitaki, Ordnance Huts. Commenced work on A.A.S.C. Huts 9 Mile (4 Huts extra to 8 M.D.)	
H.Q., Bootless Road	26.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q. Printing Machine Huts at Koitaki, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, A.A.S.C. Huts 9 Mile. Commenced Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	27.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, A.A.S.C. Huts 9 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb, & 7 Fd. Coy.	

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7th. FIELD COY., R.A.E.

ROUTINE ORDERS. PART I

by

Major A.T. Fitz-Gerald. Commanding 7th. Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

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1. ARMS and EQUIPMENT.

All ranks, including M.T. personnel, will wear steel helmets when travelling or working beyond Camp Area, and will carry webbing equipment, with ammunition, side arms, water bottles, rifles and respirators slung. Personnel proceeding to river for a swim will comply with this Order.

D.R's. are not required to carry rifles or equipment on motor cycles but will wear steel helmets and carry respirators slung.

2. MESS PARADES.

Instructions re Mess Parades promulgated in R.O. No. 8/42 are not being adhered to. Mess Parades will be conducted as follows:-

An N.C.O. from each section will be detailed to fall in personnel of each section in their own area five minutes before time laid down for meal.

These N.C.O's will march their sections to the kitchen area and will hand over to the Orderly Sergeant, together with a list of personnel late for parade.

3. CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS.

Personnel are warned that reference to any of the following subjects will result in their letters being returned to them:

(a) Ports of embarkation of any unit or towns visited on journey;
(b) Names or number of ships in convoy or seen at ports;
(c) Number or type of aircraft in use or destroyed;
(d) Number of troops or distance of camp from well known landmarks - such as Port Moresby.
(e) Damage caused by bombs or hostile aircraft or distance bombs fell from any important place, building or installation.

Personnel are again warned that they must put their "No. Rank Name
Section
7 Fd. Coy., R.A.E.
Port Moresby"
in the top right hand corner of the first page, otherwise letters will be returned.

A. T. Fitz-Gerald. Major.
O.C., 7th. Field Coy., R.A.E.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 28 MARCH 1942 To 31 MARCH 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Bootless Road	28.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., ~~Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, A.A.S.C. Huts~~ 9 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy. Commenced work on Ordnance Huts Segeri and Baggage Huts Segeri.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	29.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, A.A.S.C. ~~Huts 9 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance~~ Huts Segeri and Baggage Huts Segeri.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	30.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, A.A.S.C. Huts 9 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance ~~Huts Segeri and Baggage Huts~~ Segeri.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	31.3.42		Essential Camp Duties. Works continued (progressing satisfactorily) - Ops. H.Q., Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, A.A.S.C. Huts 9 Mile, Water Supply ~~3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts Segeri and~~ Baggage Huts Segeri.	

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ORIGINAL.

Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E.

Date and Time.—From 1st. APRIL 1942 To 4th. APRIL 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Bootless Road	1.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, A.A.S.C. Huts 9 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts Segeri, Baggage Huts Segeri. Supervision of Roof of Brigade Dugout.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	2.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Works continued (progressing satisfactorily) - Ops. H.Q., Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, A.A.S.C. 9 Mile Huts, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts and Baggage Huts at Segeri. Supervision of Roof of Brigade Dugout.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	3.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Works continued - Ops. H.Q., Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, A.A.S.C. Huts 9 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts and Baggage Huts at Segeri. Supervision of Roof of Brigade Dugout.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	4.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, A.A.S.C. Huts 9 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts and Baggage Huts at Segeri. Supervision of Roof of Brigade Dugout.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E.

Date and Time.—From 5 APRIL 1942 To 8 APRIL 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Bootless Road	5.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Works continued - Ops. H.Q., Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, A.A.S.C. Huts 9 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts and Baggage Huts Segeri, supervision of Roof of Brigade Dugout. Commenced Repairs to Oven at Hanuabada. Work on small Bridges Rouna - Koitaki Road.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	6.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, A.A.S.C. Huts 9 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts and Baggage Huts Segeri, Repairs to Oven Hanuabada and work on small Bridges Rouna-Koitaki Road.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	7.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works (progressing satisfactorily) - Ops. H.Q., Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts and Baggage Huts at Segeri, Repairs to Oven Hanuabada. Completed work on small Bridges Rouna-Koitaki Road, and A.A.S.C. Huts 9 Mile.	
H.Q., Bootless Road.	8.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., Printing Machine Huts Koitaki, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts and Baggage Huts at Segeri, Repairs Oven Hanuabada. Supervision Roof of Brigade Dugout. Commenced Ordnance Fd. Pk. Hut, Garage 8 M.D. Cipher Hut. Work on Bridges Base Depot-Koitaki Road.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 9 APRIL 1942 To 12 APRIL 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Bootless Road	9.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., Repairs Oven Hanubada, Printing Machine Huts Koitaki, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts and Baggage Huts Segeri, Ordnance Fd. Pk. Hut. Completed Garage 8 M.D. Cipher Hut.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	10.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Works continued - Ops. H.Q., Bridges Base Depot-Koitaki Road, Printing Machine Huts Koitaki, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts Segeri (work suspended owing to attention to Baggage Huts), Baggage Huts Segeri, Ordnance Fd. Pk. Hut, Repairs to Oven Hanuabada.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	11.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., Bridges Base Depot-Koitaki Road, Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Baggage Huts Segeri, Ordnance Fd. Pk. Hut. Work on removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile and on Ordnance Huts 8 M.D. Completed repairs to Oven at Hanuabada.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	12.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Ops. H.Q., Bridges Base Depot-Koitaki Road, Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Baggage Huts Segeri, Ordnance Fd. Pk. Hut, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, Ordnance Huts 8 M.D.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 13 APRIL 1942 To 15 APRIL 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Bootless Road	13.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Work on Ops. H.Q. completed. Continuation of other works - Bridges Base Depot-Koitaki Road, Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd/ Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Baggage Huts Segeri, Ordnance Fd. Pk. Hut, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, Ordnance Huts 8 M.D. Work on erection of Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. Q. Store, and Commandant's Quarters.	Appendix A - Company R.O. 11 of 1942.
H.Q., Bootless Road	14.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Works continued (progressing satisfactorily) - Bridges Base Depot-Koitaki Road, Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Baggage Huts Segeri, Ordnance Fd. Pk. Hut, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, Ordnance Huts 8 M.D., Erection of Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. Q. Store, and Commandant's Quarters.H.Q. 8 M.D. Coy. R.O. 11/42.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	15.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Bridges Base Depot-Koitaki Road, Printing Machine Huts, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Baggage Huts Segeri, Ordnance Fd. Pk. Hut, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, Ordnance Huts 8 M.D., Erection of Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. Q. Store, and Commandant's Quarters H.Q. 8 M.D.	

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APPENDIX "A"

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POSTAGE NEWS

by

Major A.T. FitzGerald Officer Commanding 7 Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

PART I

11/42 14 April, 1942.

1. RATES OF POSTAGE.

On and from Wednesday, 15 April, the following Rates of postage will apply ;

Postal articles not bearing postage stamps, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted by all members of the Services in this District, will be delivered in Australia per rail, free of any postage charge to the addressee. The concession will not, however, apply as regards:

(a) the registration fee on registered articles;
(b) the postage on registered articles exceeding or unregistered articles exceeding four ounces in weight, and;
(c) articles for transmission by air mail.

Articles for transmission by air mail on the mainland must bear the Air Mail surcharge of 3d. per half ounce. Arrangements have been made with R.A.A.F. that whilst present conditions prevail all first class mail from Moresby will be conveyed per Air, to mainland.

In each case where postage is payable by the troops the postage should be prepaid in Australian stamps, and will be calculated on the full weight of article. These special rates are :-

Letters	1d. per oz.
Printed matter	1d. per 8oz.
Merchandise	1d. per 4oz.
(On packages weighing over 1 lb. parcels rate applies)	
Books, periodicals & newspapers	1d. per 12 oz.
Parcels - Not exceeding 1 lb.....	6d.
2 lb.....	9d.
3 lb.....	1/-
5 lb.....	1/3
8 lb.....	1/6
11 lb.....	1/9

The following facilities will be available at Base Post Office and Field Post Offices:

Registration of Letters
Sale & Encashment of Postal Notes
Sale of Postage Stamps (Australian)

Field Post Offices will be established at the following centres:

13 Fd. Reg. - Murray Barracks
39 Bn. 7 Mile
Base Depot - Koitaki

Telegrams may be lodged at Field Post Offices and Base Post Office, for transmission from first port of call on mainland.

Further particulars may be obtained from Post Orderly.

2. PICQUETING OF SUPPLY DUMPS AND STORES.

All Ranks are informed that from 10/4/42 all supply dumps will be picqueted by guards armed with ball ammunition. Persons loitering round or attempting to interfere with dumps will be challenged. Failure to satisfactorily answer challenge will result in their being placed under arrest

Picquets have been instructed to open fire in accordance with D.R.O. 440 of 18/3.

3. DEMOLITIONS - WARNING TO ALL RANKS.

All ranks are warned that they are not to interfere with any stores which are now prepared for demolitions such as - drums and bottles of petrol, boxes and cartons of explosive etc.

These stores can be recognised by the presence of a red circle of varying dimensions painted on the demolition stores.

4. GUARD DUTIES.

Guard will mount Duty at RETREAT (1800 hrs.) and dismount at REVEILLE (0600 hrs) the following morning.
Guard will consist of 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal and 12 men.
Sentries will do 2 hours on duty and 4 hours off duty.

The Sergeant will arrange the reliefs and the Sergeant and the Corporal will alternately march the reliefs on to their respective posts and will absolutely make certain that the sentries know their duties. No sentry will leave his post under any circumstances whatsoever until relieved.

No. 1 Post.

ORDERLY ROOM:- One man will stay at the Orderly Room to answer the phone, and in event of hearing enemy planes will ring through to the G.C. and advise him accordingly. He will also communicate with 12 Mile switch. This sentry will wake the Sergeant or Corporal in time for him to march the reliefs to their posts.

No. 2 Post.

One man to be posted at the Barricade at the Southern Entrance to the camp and will challenge anybody attemptingto pass this point. He will not allow any unauthorised person to pass. In the case of Vehicles the Sentry will challenge from the side of the road, making himself as inconspicuous as possible.

No. 3 post.

One man shall stand guard over the MINE GOOKHOUSE and RATION STORE. All persons entering this area will be challenged, and any unauthorised person prevented from entering.

No. 4 Post.

One man will be posted at the Barricade at the Northern Entrance to the Camp and will challenge everybody attempting to pass this point. He will not allow any unauthorised person to pass. In the case of vehicles the Sentry will challenge from the side of the road, making himself as inconspicuous as possible.

The Sergeant of the Guard will be held responsible to see that these duties are strictly adhered to at all times.

The Sergeant and Corporal of the Guard will use the Orderly Room as their Head Quarters and will not allow any papers in the Orderly Room to be disturbed.

Sentries will challenge twice in a LOUD and CLEAR voice and any persons not answering a challenge may be charged with the bayonet.

Sergeant of the Guard will immediately place under arrest any person or persons misbehaving while the Guard is being mounted whether that person or persons is a member of the Guard or not.

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5. [redacted].

Members of unit will report immediately to the nearest officer any aeroplane crash or parachute descent they observe. This applies also to Allied aircraft.

6. [redacted].

It is advised that the Red Circle embodied in the AMERICAN insignia on all aircraft concerned will be painted WHITE.

The purpose of this order is to avoid the possibility of our Aircraft being mistaken for ENEMY planes particularly by ground troops.

7. [redacted].

Large numbers of vehicles are concentrating on the road about 7 MILE AERODROME on occasions when our own aircraft land.

This practice will cease forthwith.

All traffic routed past the 7 MILE AERODROME will halt in the area when forced to do so by break down or official duty only. This instruction is important as regards security.

8. [redacted].

Camr R.A.S. Vans and empty vehicles will give right of way to loaded Lorries at all times. Travelling by night vehicles at widest section of road will stop and allow oncoming vehicles to pass. Owing to narrow sections of road vehicles have been forced off the road and capsized, causing unnecessary repairs and delay.

R.J. Fitz-Gerald: ..... Major.

O.C., 7 Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

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NOTICE.

Other Ranks may utilise a light in their tent blacked out to the best of their ability [redacted].

All lights must be extinguished when ANY aircraft is heard or on a warning given by the Guard.

Failure to comply will result in the privilege being withdrawn.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Bootless Road	16.4.42		Essential Duties in Camp. Continuation of works - Commandant's Quarters H.Q. 8 M.D., Printing Machine Huts Koitaki, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts Segeri, Baggage Huts Segeri, Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. Q. Store, Officers' Quarters 7 Fd. Coy. Work on 2 A.A.S.C. Huts 8 M.D.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	17.4.42		Essential Duties in Camp. Continuation of works - Commandant's Quarters H.Q. 8 M.D., Printing Machine Huts Koitaki, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts Segeri, Baggage Huts Segeri, Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. Q. Store, Officers' Quarters 7 Fd, Coy. Work on 2 A.A.S.C. Huts 8 M.D.	
H.Q., Bootless Road.	18.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Commandant's Quarters H.Q. 8 M.D., Printing Machine Huts Koitaki, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts Segeri, Baggage Huts Segeri, Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. Q. Store, Officers' Quarters 7 Fd. Coy., A.A.S.C. Huts 8 M.D. Work on erection of Steam Laundry and Installation of Machinery, Kitchen John's Gully and Kitchen 3 Fd. Amb. A Coy.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 19 APRIL 1942 To 21 APRIL 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Bootless Road	19.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Commandant's Quarters H.Q. 8 M.D., Printing Machine Huts Koitaki, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts Segeri, Baggage Huts Segeri, Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. Q. Store, Officers' Quarters 7 Fd. Coy., A.A.S.C. Huts 8 M.D., Erection Steam Laundry and Installation of Machinery for Laundry & Decontamination Unit, Kitchen John's Gully and Kitchen 3 Fd. Amb. A Coy.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	20.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Commandant's Quarters H.Q. 8 M.D., Printing Machine Huts Koitaki, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts Segeri, Baggage Huts Segeri, Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. Q. Store, Officers' Quarters 7 Fd. Coy., Erection Steam Laundry and Installation of Machinery, Kitchen John's Gully and Kitchen 3 Fd. Amb. A. Coy. Completed A.A.S.C. Huts 8 M.D.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	21.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Completed Kitchen A.D.S. John's Gully and Kitchen 3 Fd. Amb. A Coy. Continuation of other works - Commandant's Quarters H.Q. 8 M.D., Printing Machine Huts Koitaki, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts Segeri, Baggage Huts Segeri, Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. Q. Store, Officers' Quarters 7 Fd. Coy., Erection Steam Laundry and Installation Machinery, Commenced work on further Kitchen John's Gully Camp.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 22 APRIL 1942 To 24 APRIL 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Bootless Road	22.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works (progressing satisfactorily) - Commandant's Quarters H.Q. 8 M.D., Printing Machine Huts Koitaki, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water ~~Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts Segeri, Baggage~~ Huts Segeri, Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. Q. Store, Officers' Quarters 7 Fd. Coy., Erection Steam Laundry and Installation of Machinery, Kitchen John's Gully Camp.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	23.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Commandant's Quarters H.Q. 8 M.D., Printing Machine Huts Koitaki, Ordnance ~~Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance~~ Huts Segeri, Baggage Huts Segeri, Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. Q. Store, Officers' Quarters 7 Fd. Coy., Erection Steam Laundry and Installation of Machinery, Kitchen John's Gully Camp. ~~Commencement of work on Water Supply Bakery at Koitaki.~~	
H.Q., ~~Bootless Road~~	24.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works (progressing ~~satisfactorily) - Commandant's Quarters H.Q. 8 M.D.,~~ Printing Machine Huts Koitaki, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts Segeri, Baggage Huts Segeri, Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. Q. Store, Officers' ~~Quarters 7 Fd. Coy., Erection Steam Laundry and Installation~~ of Machinery, Kitchen John's Gully Camp and work on Water Supply Bakery at Koitaki.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 25 APRIL 1942 To 27 APRIL 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Bootless Road	25.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Completed Printing Machine Huts at Koitaki, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile and Water Supply for Bakery at Koitaki. ~~Continuation of other works - Commandant's Quarters H.Q. 8 M.D., Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts Segeri, Baggage Huts Segeri, Hut for Bakery 18 Mile,~~ Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy.,Q. Store, Officers' Quarters 7 Fd. Coy., Erection Steam Laundry and Installation of Machinery, Kitchen John's Gully Camp.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	26.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Commandant's ~~Quarters H.Q. 8 M.D., Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy.,~~ Ordnance Huts Segeri, Baggage Huts Segeri, Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. Q. Store, Officers' Quarters 7 Fd. Coy., Erection Steam Laundry and Installation of Machinery. Work on Kitchen John's Gully Camp suspended. Commenced work on 4 60x20 Wooden Huts 8 M.D. and Water Supply for American Engineer Coy,	
H.Q., Bootless Road	27.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Commandant's Quarters H.Q. 8 M.D., Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., ~~Ordnance Huts Segeri, Baggage Huts Segeri, Hut for Bakery~~ 18 Mile, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. ~~Q. Store, Officers' Quarters 7 Fd. Coy., Erection Steam~~ Laundry and Installation of Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Water Supply for American Engineer Coy.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 28 APRIL 1942 To 30 APRIL 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Bootless Road	28.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Commandant's Quarters H.Q. 8 M.D., Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts Segeri, Baggage Huts Segeri, Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. Q. Store, Officers' Quarters 7 Fd. Coy., Erection Steam Laundry and Installation of Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Water Supply for American Engineer Coy.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	29.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Commandant's Quarters H.Q. 8 M.D., Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts Segeri, Baggage Huts Segeri, Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. Q. Store, Officers' Quarters 7 Fd. Coy., Erection Steam Laundry and Installation of Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Water Supply for American Engineer Coy.	
H.Q., Bootless Road	30.4.42		Essential Camp Duties. Completed Commandant's Quarters and Baggage Huts Segeri. Other works progressing satisfactorily - Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. & 7 Fd. Coy., Ordnance Huts Segeri, Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven from Ela Beach to 18 Mile, 7 Fd. Coy. Q. Store, Officers' Quarters 7 Fd. Coy., Erection Steam Laundry and Installation of Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Water Supply for American Engineer Coy.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 1.5.1942 To 3.5.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., Bootless Road	1.5.42		Packing stores etc. and shifting to new Camp Site. Erection of Camp Installations at new site. Continuation of works - Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb., Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven Ela Beach to 18 Mile and Re-erection, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Kitchen John's Gully Camp, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Water Supply American Engineer Coy., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggage Huts Segeri being constructed by native labour. Road construction to Camp & Drainage.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	2.5.42		Settling in at new Camp Site. Essential Camp Duties - Erection Mess Huts etc. Work on 7 Fd. Coy. Q Store. Continuation of works - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven Ela Beach to 18 Mile & Re-erection, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Kitchen John's Gully Camp, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Water Supply American Engineer Coy., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggage Huts Segeri, Road Construction to Camp and Drainage.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	3.5.42		Completed Water Supply 3 Fd. Amb. Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven Ela Beach to 18 Mile & Re-erection, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Kitchen John's Gully Camp, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggage Huts Segeri, Road Construction to Camp & Drainage. Completed Water Supply American Engineer Coy.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 4.5.1942 To 7.5.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	4.5.1942		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven Ela Beach to 18 Mile & Re-erection, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggage Huts Segeri, Road Construction to Camp & Drainage. Work on Kitchen John's Gully Camp suspended after 50% completed.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	5.5.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven Ela Beach to 18 Mile & Re-erection, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Wooden Huts 8M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggege Huts Segeri, Road Construction to Camp & Drainage.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	6.5.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works (progressing satisfactorily) - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven Ela Beach to 18 Mile & Re-erection, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggage Huts Segeri, Road Construction to Camp & Drainage.	
H.Q., 18 ½ Mile	7.5.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven Ela Beach to 18 Mile & Re-erection, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggage Huts Segeri, Road Construction to Camp & Drainage.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 8.5.1942 To 11.5.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	8.5.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven Ela Beach to 18 Mile & Re-erection, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggage Huts Segeri, Road Construction to Camp & Drainage.	Appendix "A" - Coy. Routine Orders 13/42.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	9.5.42		Essential Camp Duties. Works continued - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven Ela Beach to 18 Mile & Re-erection, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggage Huts Segeri, Road Construction to Camp & Drainage.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	10.5.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven Ela Beach to 18 Mile & Re-erection, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggage Huts Segeri, Road Construction to Camp & Drainage. Company Routine Orders 13/42.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	11.5.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven Ela Beach to 18 Mile & Re-erection, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggage Huts Segeri, Road Construction to Camp & Drainage. Commenced work on extension to Post Office,	

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

PART I.

- by -

Major A.T. Fitz-Gerald Commanding 7th. Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

10.5.1942 13/42

1. KILLING OF PIGS AND STEALING OF FRUIT FROM NATIVE GARDENS:

All ranks are warned that the killing of pigs owned by natives and stealing of fruit from Native Gardens is prohibited. Disciplinary action will be taken against any offenders.

2. FIRE MENACE:

With the near approach of the Dry Season the danger from the bush fire menace becomes infinitely greater. All ranks are warned of the consequences which may ensue from careless use of fire, matches and cigarette butts etc., and will be careful in their uses of same.

3. REMOVAL OF PETROL DRUMS FROM DUMPS:

All ranks are warned that the removal of petrol drums from dumps is prohibited and action will be taken against offenders.

4. CARE OF TOOLS:

Care must be taken of all tools on issue from Q.M. Store and they are to be returned in same condition each night.
If broken in any manner a report will be furnished by the person concerned to the C.Q.M.S., giving full particulars.

5. VACANCIES FOR PATROL OFFICERS IN AUST. N.G. ADM. UNIT.

Vacancies exist for Patrol Officers in the Aust. New Guinea Administrative Unit, with the rank of T/W.O. II.
Applicants should not be more than 24 years of age, and must have reached "Leaving Certificate" standard.
Applications should be made in writing and submitted to the Orderly Room.

6. COMMONWEALTH BANK:

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia advises as follows:-
With the cessation of Civil Administration in Papua the Papuan Agency of this Bank is now closed.
The Ledgers have now been forwarded to Sydney for safety and on return of depositors to Australia, arrangements can be made for withdrawal at any Bank or Agency of the Bank. To facilitate this, depositors are requested to safeguard Passbooks.

.....Major.
O.C., 7 Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 12.5.42 To 14.5.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	12.5.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of Works - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven Ela Beach to 18 Mile & Re-erection, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggage Huts Segeri, Road Construction to Camp & Drainage, Extension to Post Office. Commenced work on 2 Sawtooth S.W. Huts 8 M.D., Removal Hospital Wards Murray Barracks & Re-erection 18 Mile. Commenced and completed Tray for Graves Registration.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	13.5.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven Ela Beach to 18 Mile & Re-erection, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggage Huts Segeri, Road Construction to Camp & Drainage, Extension to Post Office, Sawtooth S.W. Huts 8 M.D., Removal Hospital Wards Murray Barracks & Re-erection 18 Mile. Instruction & supervision of laying A.T. Mine Field. 1 Officer (Q13306 Lieut. C.H.V.Harding) marched in as Reinf. Officer from M.V. Macdhui.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	14.5.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven Ela Beach to 18 Mile & Re-erection, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggage Huts Segeri, Road Construction to Camp & Drainage, Extension to Post Office, Sawtooth S.W. Huts 8 M.D., Removal Hospital Wards Murray Barracks & Re-erection 18 Mile. Commenced work on Water Supply Bakery 18 Mile and M.D.S. 18 Mile.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 15.5.1942 To 17.5.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	15.5.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven Ela Beach to 18 Mile & Re-erection, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggage Huts Segeri, Road Construction to Camp & Drainage, Extension to Post Office, Removal Hospital Wards Murray Barracks & Re-erection 18 Mile, Water Supply Bakery 18 Mile and M.D.S. 18 Mile. Work on Sawtooth S.W. Huts 8 M.D. held up - shortage of transport.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	16.5.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Removal Oven Ela Beach to 18 Mile & Re-erection, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggage Huts Segeri, Road Construction to Camp & Drainage, Extension to Post Office, Removal Hospital Wards Murray Barracks & Re-erection 18 Mile, Water Supply Bakery 18 Mile and M.D.S. 18 Mile. Commenced repairsto Bakery Oven Koitaki.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	17.5.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Ordnance & Baggage Huts Segeri, Road Construction to Camp & Drainage, Removal Hospital Wards Murray Barracks & Re-erection 18 Mile, Water Supply Bakery 18 Mile and M.D.S. 18 Mile, Repairs to Bakery Oven Koitaki. Completed Removal Oven Ela Beach and Re-erection at 18 Mile, also Extension to Post Office.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 18.5.1942 To 20.5.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	18.5.42		Works continued - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Water Supply Bakery 18 Mile and M.D.S. 18 Mile, ~~Removal Hospital Wards Murray Barracks and Re-erection~~ 18 Mile, Repairs to Bakery Oven Koitaki, Road Construction to Camp, Drainage & Sanitation. Commenced Hut at Ordnance Field Park (demolishing, carting and re-erecting). Camp Duties. Coy. R.O. 14/42.	Appendix "B" - Coy. R.O. 14/42
H.Q., 18½ Mile	19.5.42		Essential Camp Duties. Continuation of works - Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery, Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Water Supply ~~Bakery 18 Mile and M.D.S. 18 Mile, Removal Hospital Wards~~ Murray Barracks and Re-erection 18 Mile, Repairs to Bakery Oven Koitaki, Ordnance Field Park Hut. Completed Repairs to Road to Camp, Drainage and Sanitation. Commenced and completed Repairs Water Supply 253 Dental Unit. Commenced ~~work on 3 (40x20) Wooden Huts 8 M.D.~~ (demolished, carted and re-erected.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	20.5.42		Completed Wooden Huts 8 M.D. (60x20), and Repairs to Bakery Oven Koitaki. Works continued (progressing well) - Erection Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, Erection Steam Laundry & Installation ~~Machinery, Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Wooden Huts (40x20)~~ 8 M.D., Water Supply Bakery 18 Mile and M.D.S. 18 Mile, Removal Hospital Wards Murray Barracks and re-erection 18 Mile, Hut at Ordnance Field Park. Commenced Construction of Camp and Water Supply Base Depot, and 5 Wooden Troughs for Bakehouse.	

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R. I. Lt. Scrafe (Major)
O.C. 7 Fd Coy R.A.E.

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

PART I.

- by -

Major A.T. Fitz-Gerald Commanding 7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

18.5.1942 14/42

1. ENGAGEMENT OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT BY SMALL ARMS FIRE.

Unidentified Aircraft will not be engaged until they prove hostile by actually preparing for attack or attacking our positions or installations.

Enemy Aircraft positively identified as such will be engaged by small arms fire when within effective range only, viz: 600yds., and then only at the command of the Senior Officer present.

2. P.O.W's. and SOUVENIRING.

Under no circumstances whatsoever will any part of a Prisoner of War's equipment or clothing be souvenired.

No personnel will endeavour to interrogate prisoners of war.

No member of the Force will fraternise in any way with prisoners of war.

3. HOME FORCES ADDRESS.

Letters addressed to service personnel in the field in Australia must not be addressed to the location of the Unit. Such letters will bear the indicator HOME FORCES or A.I.F. AUSTRALIA - e.g.

Q10000
Spr. Smith J.J.
16 A. Fd. Coy. R.A.E.
HOME FORCES.

or;

QX23456,
Spr. Jones W.W.,
2/7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.,
A.I.F. AUSTRALIA

4. SERVICE ADDRESSES IN CORRESPONDENCE.

All Ranks may give the name of their Unit in correspondence only to:-

(a) Persons resident or stationed in Australia or its territories;
(b) Persons resident in the United Kingdom or New Zealand;
(c) Service personnel in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, India and the Middle East.

In all other cases including for example correspondence to:-

(a) Crews of Merchant Ships;
(b) Australian or British prisoners of war;
(c) Foreign countries whether Allied or Neutral;
(d) British or Allied Pacific Islands;
(e) Persons resident or stationed at Gibraltar;

no members will give the name of their Unit but will request their correspondents to reply to them care of the District Field Censor at H.Q., New Guinea Force.

It is essential that any soldier who adopts this course should notify his correct address in writing to the District Field Censor who will arrange to forward the reply when received.

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5. CAMP CLEANLINESS.

Before leaving Camp all personnel will ensure that their beds are made and pack and haversack are placed neatly on top of the bed. Tents will be kept neat and tidy at all times.

Tent flaps will be rolled up, unless wet, so that only the camouflaged portions of the tent are showing.

H.C. [illegible] (Capt) for Major.
O.C., 7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 21.5.1942 To 23.5.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	21.5.1942		Completed Erection Hut for Bakery 18 Mile, also Erection Steam Laundry & Installation Machinery. Commenced work on 2 Huts for Ordnance 14 Mile (demolished, carted and ~~re-erected~~). ~~Continuation of other works – Sigs. & Ops.~~ Tunnel 8 M.D., Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Water Supply Bakery 18 Mile and M.D.S. 18 Mile, Removal Hospital Wards Murray Barracks and Re-erection 18 Mile, Ordnance Field Park Hut, Construction of Camp and Water Supply Base Depot, Wooden Troughs for Bakehouse.	Appendix "C" - Company Routine Orders 15/42.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	22.5.42		Commenced Repairs to Bakery Oven Acme Bakery. Commenced and ~~completed Road Signs for Brigade for Bootless Road Camp.~~ Other works continued - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Water Supply Bakery 18 Mile and M.D.S. 18 Mile, Removal Hospital Wards Murray Barracks and Re-erection 18 Mile, Ordnance Field Park Hut, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, ~~Construction of Camp and Water Supply Base Depot,~~ Wooden Troughs for Bakehouse . Coy. R.O. 15/42.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	23.5.42		Completed Ordnance Field Park Hut. Commenced Temporary Water Supply Bootless Road. Other works continued - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Water Supply Bakery ~~18 Mile and M.D.S. 18 Mile, Removal Hospital Wards Murray~~ Barracks and Re-erection 18 Mile, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Construction of Camp and Water Supply Base Depot, Wooden Troughs for Bakehouse.	

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

PART I

- by -

Major A.T. Fitz-Gerald Commanding 7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

22.5.1942 15/42.

1. CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS.

(a) OBJECT.

To prevent leakage of information which is likely to be of use to the enemy. In order to ensure this, strict adherence to these rules must be observed. Severe disciplinary action will follow any infringement.

(b) POSTAL ADDRESS.

(i) Outgoing letters from all ranks MUST bear at the head of the text the FULL postal address of the writer.

(ii) The correct postal address is -

Army No.	e.g.	Q12345
Rank.		Spr.
Name.		Jones J.
Unit.		No. 1 Section, 7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E., HOME FORCES.

(iii) Only authorised abbreviations may be used in this address.

(iv) The above applies equally to parcels and packets.

(v) A civil address will not be used.

(vi) No sender's address at all will be put on postcards. They should only be signed.

(vii) The name and address of the sender will not be shown on the back of envelopes.

(c) HEADED STATIONERY.

(i) The use of headed or embossed stationery, such as regimental notepaper etc. is forbidden.

(ii) The use of hotel, ship or similar stationery is forbidden.

(d) CODES, CIPHERS, SHORTHAND.

All the contents of the communication will be written in one language only and must be written in plain language. Codes, ciphers and shorthand are not permitted.

(e) POSTING OF CORRESPONDENCE.

All postal articles from all ranks must be posted in accordance with unit orders.

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(f) SUBJECTS WHICH MUST NOT BE MENTIONED IN CORRESPONDENCE.

All ranks must avoid making reference in their correspondence to the following :-

(i) Military.

(a) Strength, efficiency, morale or organisation of our own or allied naval, army or air forces including any comment on the absence of, or presence in the theatre of operations of a unit or formation, or disclosure regarding the formation to which any unit is attached or belongs.
(b) Location, movement or projected movement, of any naval army or air force units or detachments, including the arrival or lack of reinforcements.
(c) Distinguishing signs used for the identification of units or transports.
(d) Plans, forecasts or orders for future operations whether known or merely rumoured or surmised.
(e) The use, condition or probable extension of roads, railways or other transport facilities, bridges, wharves, etc.
(f) State of maintenance services including any reference to reserves.
(g) Description of billets, bivouacs or camps which would help to indicate their position and extent.
(h) Casualties before official publication.

(ii) Equipment.

(a) Description of armament or equipment of any kind.
(b) State of equipment or armament including the plentitude or lack thereof.
(c) Location of dumps of any kind.

(iii) Criticism and Matters likely to affect Civilian Morale.

(a) Effect of any action by the enemy, such as remarks which may tend to encourage the enemy or cause despondency in our own forces or people, or to incite a feeling of hostility among the civil population either at home or abroad.
(b) Criticisms and statements calculated to bring into disrepute our forces or those of our Allies.

(g) ADVERTISEMENTS, CIRCULARS, "PEN PALS" ETC.

(i) All ranks are forbidden to insert advertisements or letters inviting correspondence with strangers in any newspaper or magazine. Nor must they enter into correspondence with any stranger in response to such advertisements or invitations.
(ii) Correspondence with "Pen Pals" is prohibited.
(iii) All ranks are forbidden to reply to circulars.
(iv) All ranks are warned to exercise the greatest care in acknowledging presents from unknown "friends".

(h) COMMUNICATION TO THE PRESS.

It is forbidden to communicate with the Press, either in the form of letters for publication or by sending for publication articles dealing with military matters.

(i) UNIT PUBLICATIONS.

Articles and photographs for unit magazines or similar publications will be submitted to censorship prior to printing or publication.

(j) CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Messes, Units or Formations considering a design for Christmas Cards are reminded that these must not disclose a Unit's location, or exploits in the present war, or any similar information.

A.I. Lt-Seelal
O.C., 7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E. ..... Major.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 24.5.1942 To 26.5.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	24.5.42		Completed Repairs to Bakery Oven Acme Bakery, Wooden Troughs for Bakehouse. Continuation of other works - Temporary Water Supply Bootless Road, Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., ~~Water Supply Bakery 18 Mile and M.D.S. 18 Mile~~, Removal Hospital Wards Murray Barracks and Re-erection 18 Mile, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Construction of Camp and Water Supply Base Depot, Wooden Huts 8 M.D.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	25.5.42		Commenced demolishing wrecked Huts at Murray Barracks and ~~carting to Camp, Camouflage Huts 8 M.D. and Camouflage~~ Ordnance Huts. Other works continued - Temporary Water Supply Bootless Road, Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Water Supply Bakery 18 Mile and M.D.S. 18 Mile, Removal Hospital Wards Murray Barracks and Re-erection 18 Mile, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Construction of Camp and Water Supply Base Depot, Wooden Huts 8 M.D.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	26.5.42		Continuation of works - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Wooden ~~Huts 8 M.D., Water Supply Bakery 18 Mile and M.D.S. 18 Mile~~, (job temporarily suspended - shortage of pipe & fittings and lack of medical information), Removal Hospital Wards Murray Barracks and Re-erection 18 Mile, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Construction of Camp and Water Supply Base Depot (work held up on account of shortage of pipe fittings), Temporary Water Supply Bootless Road (shortage of pipe & fittings delayed job), ~~Extensions to Steam Laundry~~, Demolishing Wrecked Huts Murray Barracks and carting to Camp, Camouflage of Huts 8 M.D. and Ordnance Huts. Commenced Road Signs for traffic Main Road. Commenced work on Ration Store.	

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 27.5.1942 To 29.5.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	27.5.42		Completed Ration Store, Other works continued - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Removal Hospital Wards Murray Barracks and Re-erection 18 Mile, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Construction of Camp and Water Supply Base Depot, Temporary Water Supply Bootless Road, Extensions to Steam Laundry, Demolishing Wrecked Huts Murray Barracks and carting to Camp, Camouflage Huts 8 M.D. and Ordnance Huts, Road Signs for Traffic Main Road.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	28.5.42		Completed Wooden Huts 8 M.D., Removal Hospital Wards Murray Barracks and Re-erection 18 Mile (completed 5 Huts and carted 2 others). Temporary Water Supply Bootless Road completed as far as possible with pipe available. Completed demolition of wrecked Huts Murray Barracks and carting to Camp. Continuation of otherworks - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction of Camp and Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions to Steam Laundry, Road Signs for Traffic Main Road, Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Camouflage Huts 8 M.D. and Ordnance Huts. Preliminary Recce Bridge Laloki - at Camp Site. 1 Officer (Q13422 Lieut. Oelrichs K.E.) marched out to A.D.S. Murray Barracks for evacuation South.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	29.5.42		Completed Ordnance Huts 14 Mile, Camouflage Huts 8 M.D., Commenced work obtaining Water Tanks and Erecting at Inf. Bn. Area Bootless. Commencement of Anti-Gas Training of Company personnel. Continued other works - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction of Camp and Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Road Signs for Traffic Main Road, Camouflage Ordnance Huts.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 30.5.1942 To 31.5.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	30.5.42		Works continued - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction of Camp and Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Road Signs for Traffic Main Road, Camouflage Ordnance Huts, Obtaining Water Tanks and Erecting at Infantry Bn. Area Bootless. Continuation of Anti-Gas Training of Company personnel.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile.	31.5.42		Anti-Gas Training of Company personnel continued. Continuation of works - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction of Camp and Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Road Signs for Traffic Main Road, Camouflage Ordnance Huts. Instruction Inf. Bn. and plotting Minefields.	

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A. J. Fitz Gerald (Major)
O.C. 7 Fd Coy RAE

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 1.6.1942 To 3.6.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	1.6.42		Completed Camouflage of Ordnance Huts. Other works continued - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions ~~Steam Laundry, Road Signs for Traffic Main Road, Instruction~~ Inf. Bns and plotting Minefields, Construction of Bridge over Laloki River at 18 Mile, Obtaining Water Tanks and Erecting at Inf. Bn. Area Bootless. Commenced Construction Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile and ~~Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki.~~ Anti-Gas Training of Company personnel continued.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	2.6.42		Completed Erection Water Tanks Inf. Bn. Area Bootless. ~~Continuation of other works~~ - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction of Camp and Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions ~~Steam Laundry, Road Signs for Traffic Main Road, Instruction to~~ Inf. Bns and Plotting Minefields, Construction of Bridge over Laloki River at 18 Mile, Construction Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki. Anti-Gas Training of Company personnel continued.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	3.6.42		Repairs effected to Refrigerator 8 M.D. Progress on other works - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions ~~Steam Laundry, Road Signs for Traffic Main Road, Instruction~~ to Inf. Bns & Plotting Minefields, Construction of Bridge over Laloki River at 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki.	
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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 4.6.1942 To 6.6.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	4.6.42		Commenced Erection Steps for House 8 M.D., and Water Supply C.C.S. (shortage of pipe & connections delayed job). Other works proceeded with - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., ~~Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot~~, Extensions to Steam Laundry, Road Signs for Traffic Main Road, Instruction to Inf. Bns & Plotting Minefields, Construction of Bridge over Laloki River at 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki.	
H.Q., ~~18½ Mile~~	5.6.42		Commenced Removal of Hut from Murray Barracks and Construction at 8 M.D. (A.D. of W.). Completed Steps for House 8 M.D. ~~Other works continued - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D.~~, Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Road Signs for Traffic Main Road, Instruction to Inf. Bns & Plotting Minefields, Construction of Bridge over Laloki River 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance ~~14 Mile, Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki~~, Water Supply C.C.S. Anti-Gas Training of Company Personnel continued.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	6.6.42		Completed Road Signs for Traffic Main Road. Commenced Dismantling and Removal 2 Hospital Wards from Murray Barracks to C.C.S., Sorting and Erecting S.W. Hut ~~8 M.D. (Recreational). Erection of Stand for Punching Ball~~ 8 M.D. Other works proceeding - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Instruction to Inf. Bns & Plotting Minefeilds, Construction Bridge over Laloki 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Removal Hut Murray Barracks & Erection 8 M.D., Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki, Water Supply C.C.S.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 7.6.1942 To 8.6.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	7.6.42		Instruction to Inf. Bns. & Plotting Minefields completed. ~~Continuation of other works - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D.,~~ Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions ~~Steam Laundry, Dismantling & Removal 2 Hospital Wards from~~ Murray Barracks to C.C.S., Construction of Bridge over Laloki River at 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Removal Hut Murray Barracks & Construction at 8 M.D. (A.D. of W.), Sorting and Erecting S.W. Hut 8 M.D. (Recreational), ~~(Material does not comply with plan), Erection Ordnance~~ Huts Koitaki, Water Supply C.C.S. Anti-Gas Training continued. 1 Officer (Q119785 Major A.T. Fitz-Gerald) marched out to attend S.M.E. E. Comd.	Appendix "A" - Report on Instruction to Inf. Bns. on Plotting etc. of Minefields.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	8.6.42		Commenced Erection of Operating Theatre Eirana Creek. ~~Progress on works - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction~~ of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions to Steam Laundry, Dismantling & Removal 2 Hospital Wards from Murray Barracks to C.C.S., Construction of Bridge over Laloki River at 18 Mile (P.I.B. Troops withdrawn from Bridge), Construction ~~of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Removal Hut Murray Barracks~~ & Erection 8 M.D. (A.D. of W.), Sorting & Erecting S.W. Hut 8 M.D. (Recreational), Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki, Water Supply C.C.S.	

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APPENDIX "A"

7th. FIELD COY. R.A.E.

REPORT

- ON -

INSTRUCTION TO INFANTRY BATTALIONS ON PLOTTING, LAYING, AND MAPPING OF MINEFIELDS.

On 15.6.1942 1 N.C.O. was detailed to report to Brigade Major, 30 Inf. Brigade, with the object of giving instruction to Officers of 39 Bn., 49 Bn., and 53 Bn. in the correct procedure in plotting, laying and mapping of Minefields,

Instruction on plotting and laying of Fields was carried out by using squared 1" ruled paper (10 unit squares to 1"). Thus the length of the Field front is represented on plan by a scale e.g. 1" represents 10 yds. or 200 yds = 10".

The use of the Datum line, Datum pegs and points was fully explained. A blackboard description was given, showing open and close spacing and also the method of planning unequal distances between rows and between Mines.

By this description Bns. were shown how Fields can be pre-planned accurately far beyond the reach of enemy action.

Bns. were informed of the necessity of making a reliable map of the area and field. A suitable map used for instructional purposes was compiled by use of plain table, sight rule and prismatic compass.

At conclusion of instruction, Officers present were asked that if at any time doubtful of a point in the laying of a Field to immediately contact 7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

Upon inspection of the Fields that had previously been laid by the Bns. it was found that the correct procedure had not been observed in the laying of two of the Fields.

It is anticipated that these Fields will have to be lifted owing to thecondition of the Mines themselves, therefore the Fields will best remain in their present state until tested and re-laid.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	9.6.42		Commenced Dismantling Boxing at Konedobu and carting to Bridge Site (Laloki). Continuation of works - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Dismantling and Removal 2 Hospital Wards from Murray Barracks to American Hospital (C.C.S. Area), Construction of Bridge over Laloki River at 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Removal Hut Murray Barracks and Erection 8 M.D. for A.D. of W., Sorting & Erecting S.W. Hut 8 M.D. (Recreational), Erection Ordnance Hut at Koitaki, Water Supply C.C.S. and American Hospital, Erection Operating Theatre A.D.S. Eirana Creek, Anti-Gas Training continued. 1 Officer - appointment to first commissioned rank (Q14146 Lieut P.S. Pond). vide L.H.Q. Radio Message MS26835 of 17.6.42.	Appendix "B" - 1st. Appointment to Commissioned Rank Q14146 Lieut P.S. Pond
H.Q., 18½ Mile	10.6.42		Completed Removal of Hut Murray Barracks and Construction at 8 M.D. for A.D. of W.. Commenced Plotting of Minefield 39 Bn. Area. Other works progressing - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Dismantling & Removal 2 Hospital Wards from Murray Barracks to American Hospital (C.C.S. Area), Construction of Bridge over Laloki River at 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Sorting & Erecting S.W. Hut 8 M.D. (Recreational), Erection Ordnance Hut Koitaki, Water Supply C.C.S. & American Hospital, Erection Operating Theatre A.D.S. Eirana Creek, Dismantling Boxing at Konedobu and Carting to Bridge Site. Anti-Gas Training continued. 7 O.R. marched out to attend S.M.E. Course No. 50.	

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FIRST APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSIONED RANK -

Q14146 W.O. II P.S. POND 7 FD. COY., R.A.E.

The first appointment of the abovenamed in the rank of Acting Lieutenant has been approved for Order-in-Council to date 9 June '42, vide L.H.Q. Radio Message MS26835 of 17 June '42.

E.N. Serisier
Lieut-Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G.

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A/O.C. 7 Fd. Coy. for information.

M.G. McKenzie Maj.
C.R.E. N.G. Force 21/6

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Unit ..... Date and Time.—From 11.6.1942 To 12.6.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	11.6.42		Completed Plotting of Minefield 39 Bn. Area. Commenced Demolition for Slit Trenches at 49 Bn. Area, Demolition for Slit Trenches 53 Bn. Area. ~~Other works proceeded with - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D.,~~ Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Dismantling & Removal 2 Hospital Wards from Murray Barracks to American Hospital (C.C.S. Area), Construction of Bridge over Laloki River 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Sorting & Erecting S.W. Hut 8 M.D., (Recreational), Erection Ordnance Hut Koitaki, Water Supply ~~C.C.S. and American Hospital, Erection Operating Theatre~~ A.D.S. Eirana Creek, Dismantling Boxing at Konedobu and carting to Bridge Site. Anti-Gas Training continued.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	12.6.42		Commenced Repairs to Pump 8 M.D., and Demolitions for Deep ~~Latrine C.C.S.~~ Other works continued - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., ~~Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam~~ Laundry, Dismantling & Removal 2 Hospital Wards from Murray Barracks to American Hospital (C.C.S. Area), Construction of Bridge over Laloki River at 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Sorting & Erecting S.W. Hut 8 M.D. ~~(Recreational), Erection Ordnance Hut Koitaki, Water Supply~~ C.C.S. & American Hospital, Erection Operating Theatre A.D.S. Eirana Creek, Dismantling Boxing at Konedobu and Carting to Bridge Site, Demolition for Slit Trenches at 49 Bn. Area, Demolition for Slit Trenches 53 Bn. Area.	
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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 13.6.1942 To 14.6.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	13.6.42		Commenced 15 Road Signs for Traffic, Repairs to Refrigerator 8 M.D., Supervision of Erection of Canteen 30 Inf. Brigade, Foundations and Cover for Pump at 12 Mile Gardens. ~~Completed Dismantling Boxing at Konedobu and Carting to~~ Bridge Site, and Repairs to Pump 8 M.D. Other works progressing - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Dismantling and Removal of 2 Hospital Wards ~~from Murray Barracks to American Hospital (C.C.S. Area),~~ Construction of Bridge over Laloki River at 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Sorting and Erecting S.W. Hut 8 M.D. (Recreational), Erection Ordnance Hut Koitaki, Water Supply American Hospital and C.C.S., Erection Operating Theatre A.D.S. Eirana Creek, Demolitions for Deep Latrine C.C.S., Demolitions for Slit Trenches 49 Bn. Area, ~~Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn. Area.~~ Supervision Dugout for Artillery. Anti-Gas Training continued.	
H.Q., ~~18½ Mile~~	14.6.42		Works continued - Sigs, & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot (shortage of material and transport), Extensions Steam Laundry, 15 Road Signs for Traffic, Dismantling and Removal Hospital Wards ~~from Murray Barracks to~~ American Hospital (C.C.S. Area), Construction Bridge over Laloki 18 Mile, Construction Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Sorting & Erecting S.W. Hut 8 M.D. (Recreational), Repairs Refrigerator 8 M.D., Erection Ordnance Hut Koitaki, Water ~~Supply C.C.S. & American Hospital, Erection Operating Theatre~~ A.D.S. Eirana Creek, Demolitions for Deep Latrine C.C.S., Demolitions for Slit Trenches 49 Bn. Area, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn. Area, Supervision Erection Canteen 30 Inf. Bde., Foundations & Cover for Pump at 12 Mile Gardens. Supervision Dugout for Artillery.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	15.6.42		Commenced making Tanks, Laying Mines 53 Bn. Area . Works proceeded with - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, 15 Road Signs for Traffic, Dismantling and Removal Hospital Wards from Murray Barracks to American Hospital (C.C.S. Area), Construction Bridge over Laloki 18 Mile, Construction Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Sorting and Erecting S.W. Hut 8 M.D. (Recreational), Repairs Refrigerator 8 M.D., Erection Ordnance Hut Koitaki, Water Supply C.C.S., & American Hospital, Erection Operating Theatre A.D.S. Eirana Creek, Demolitions for Deep Latrine C.C.S., Demolitions for Slit Trenches 49 Bn. Area, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn. Area, Supervision Erection Canteen 30 Inf. Brigade, Foundations and Cover for Pump at 12 Mile Gardens. Supervision Dugout for Artillery.	Appendix "C" Company R.O. No. 16 of 1942.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	16.6.42		Commenced Digging Urinals for 5 C.C.S., Dismantling and Replacing Partitions in A.D. of W. Hut 8 M.D. Continuation of works - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Road Signs for Traffic, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 49 Bn. Area, Dismantling, Removal and Re-erection Hospital Wards from Murray Barracks to American Hospital (C.C.S. Area), Construction of Bridge over Laloki River at 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection of Ordnance Hut Koitaki, Erecting S.W. Hut 8 M.D. (Recreational), Water Supply C.C.S .& American Hospital, Erection Operating Theatre A.D.S. Eirana Creek, Demolitions for Deep Latrine C.C.S., Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn. Area, Supervision Erection Canteen 30 Inf. Bde., Foundations & Cover for Pump 12 Mile Gardens, Making Tanks, Laying Mines 53 Bn. Supervision Dugout for Artillery. Company R.O. 16/42.	

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

PART I

- by -

Major A.T. Fitz-Gerald Commanding 7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

16.6.1942 16/42

1. ENLISTMENT OF C.M.F. PERSONNEL IN A.I.F.

It is advised that personnel can now volunteer for enlistment in the A.I.F. All personnel intending to volunteer will hand in their names to the Orderly Room where full particulars will be taken and a Medical Examination will be arranged.

2. PAYBOOKS.

All ranks will be in possession of Paybooks before being evacuated to Hospital or Convalescent Camp etc. or transferred from this Unit. It is the duty of every man to make sure he has his Paybook before evacuation or transfer.

3. USE OF IRON PICKETS AND BRIDGE CLASSIFICATION SIGNS.

(a) Owing to the shortage of iron pickets for protective works it is essential that all pickets used as tent pegs shall be withdrawn and returned to Q.M. Store for return to Dickson's Dump.

(b) Bridge Classification signs are used by the Unit for specific purposes and will not be used as tent pegs. All Bridge Classification signs will be returned to Q.M. Store by 1800 hrs. on 18th. June 1942.

4. CARE OF TOOLS.

It has been noticed that personnel have been returning tools to Store in a bad condition. N.C.O's will make sure that tools are used correctly and returned in a fashion befitting of Engineers. Broken or damaged tools will be reported.

5. URINALS.

Urinals will be dug in positions throughout the Camp and must be put to proper use. It is the duty of everyone to find out the positions of such Urinals. A serious view will be taken against all offenders.

6. IDENTIFICATION DISCS AND FIELD DRESSINGS.

All personnel must at all times wear a green and a red identification disc, also carry in right hip pocket of shorts one field dressing. These dressings must not be used unless in extreme emergencies.

A red identification disc will also be affixed to first corrugation of connecting tube of respirator nearest the container. Section Sergeants will make sure that this order is carried out.

7. WEARING OF STEEL HELMETS.

Steel Helmets must be worn by all troops when travelling per M.T.

At other times helmets will be in possession of personnel or in a position where they can be obtained in an emergency.

Drivers will carry Steel Helmets together with other equipment with the vehicle of which they are in charge and shall wear their helmet during any enemy action.

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8. MESS PARADES.

Sections will move to Mess Parades in order, under the supervision of an N.C.O. The habit of men wandering to Mess independently will cease forthwith. Personnel late for Mess will report to Orderly Sergeant.
Orderly Sergeant will attend all Mess Parades.

Hours of Mess Parades:

Breakfast	0630 hrs.
Midday Meal	1215 hrs.
Evening Meal	1715 hrs.

9. LUNCHES FOR WORKING PARTIES.

Each Section will submit to N.C.O. in charge of cookhouse by 1900 hrs. each day a list showing the number of men in each party that will be out of Camp for mid-day meal the following day. Also the names of N.C.O's responsible for collecting such meals.

10. ISSUE OF CORDIAL.

Cordial has arrived for the Force in large casks. Therefore it is necessary before any distribution of such cordials can be made that all cordial bottles be returned to Q.M. Store in a clean and serviceable condition. C.Q.M.S. to forward bottles to A.A.S.C. as soon as possible.
Section Officers will take the necessary action.

11. PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM HOSPITAL.

All personnel on evacuation to Unit from Hospital or Convalescent Depot, or on return from duty with another Unit will report to Orderly Room immediately on return to Camp.

J.D. Sutton ..... Lieut.
For O.C., 7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	17.6.42		Commenced Plumbing for Brigade H.Q. Completed Supervision Dugout for Artillery. Other works proceeded with - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., ~~Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions to~~ Steam Laundry, Road Signs for Traffic, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 49 Bn. Area, Dismantling Removal and Re-erection Hospital Wards from Murray Barracks to American Hospital (C.C.S. Area), Construction of Bridge over Laloki River at 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection of Ordnance Hut Koitaki, Erecting S.W. Hut 8 M.D. (Recreational), Water Supply C.C.S. and American Hospital, Erection Operating Theatre A.D.S. Eirana Creek, Demolitions for Deep Latrine C.C.S., Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn. Area, Supervision Erection Canteen 30 Inf. Bde., Foundations & Cover for Pump 12 Mile Gardens, Making Tanks, Laying Mines 53 Bn., ~~Digging Urinals for 5 C.C.S., Dismantling and Replac-~~ ing Partitions in A.D. of W. Hut 8 M.D. 1 Officer - appointment to Commissioned Rank (Q14324 Lieut. R.T. Walker) vide A.L.H.Q. Radio Message MS27036 of 18.6.42.	Appendix "D" - re 1st. Appointment to Commissioned Rank Q14324 Lieut. R.T. Walker. Appendix "Dd" - re Tests on Mk.II Mines
H.Q., 18½ Mile	18.6.42		Completed Road Signs for Traffic, Demolitions for Deep Latrine ~~C.C.S., Digging Urinals C.C.S. Continuation of works -~~ Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 49 Bn. Area, ~~Dismantling Removal & Re-erection~~ Hospital Wards from Murray Barracks to American Hospital, Construction of Bridge over Laloki River 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection Ordnance Hut Koitaki, Erection S.W. Hut 8 M.D. (Recreational), Water Supply C.C.S. & American Hospital, Erection Operating Theatre A.D.S. Eirana Creek, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn. Area, Supervision Erection Canteen 30 Inf. Bde., Foundations & Cover for Pump 12 Mile ~~Gardens, Making Tanks, Laying Mines 53 Bn., Plumbing for~~ Brigade H.Q. 1 Officer (VP3931 Lieut. W.E. Robertson) marched out - transfer to R.A.E. H.Q., New Guinea Force. Thorough tests carried out on Mk.II Mines.	

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FIRST APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSIONED RANK -

Q14234 W.O. II R.T. WALKER. 7 FD. COY. R.A.E.

The first appointment of the abovenamed, in the rank of Acting Lieutenant, has been approved, to date 17 June, '42, vide A.L.H.Q. Radio Message MS27036 of 18 June, '42.

.E.N. Serisier
Lieut-Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G.

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7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

For your information.

W.E. Robertson Lieut.
A/Adj. H.Q. R.A.E. N.G.F.

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7th. FIELD COY. R.A.E.

REPORT

- ON -

DEFUSING OF MINEFIELD PINEAPPLE VALLEY.

MAP. REF. 046006.

This Minefield containing 284 Mines at Pineapple Valley was defused in 70 man hours by 2 N.C.O's and 6 Sappers on 25th. and 26th. June 1942.

Field was plotted, laid and mapped by 7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E. and through an accurate record having been kept, little trouble was experienced in defusing.

Field had been laid 30 days previously and it was found that in most cases positions of Mines could not be discerned.

Even though, in the laying of the Field, every care was taken, slight errors were found in measurements between Mines. Where this occurred defusing party took the necessary precautions of testing ground in proximity to Mines by bayonet point until Mine was located.

By having accurate datum points from which to start and by working through on straight Mine lines, party was able to completely defuse Field by 1400 hrs. on 26th. June 1942.

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.....W.Dutton..... Lieut.
7 FD. COY. R.A.E.

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7th. FIELD COY. R.A.E.

REPORT

- ON -

DEFUSING OF MINEFIELD KOKI BEACH.

MAP REF. 032001 to 036998.

Two N.C.O's and Six Sappers were detailed to defuse Minefield at Koki Beach, on 27th., 29th. & 30th. June 1942.

120 man hours were taken to locate and defuse the Mine Field which contained 528 Mines and covered a large frontal area.

Field had been laid approximately 21 days previously and owing to this being marshy area positions of mines were still fairly visible.

Owing to very full tide it was found that in a small area 10 Mines had been under water for short periods, and, on examination, to all appearances Mines were unaffected by the water.

When Field was plotted and laid this area was considered to be above normal tide levels.

Part of Field crossed through Barbed Wire Entanglement and greater difficulties were encountered in locating and defusing of Mines. Thus slight errors in measurements between Mines were found but owing to the correct procedure and precautions in the defusing of this Field being carried out, little trouble was experienced, and Defusing was completed by 1500 hrs. on 30th. June 1942.

J.D.

..... J. Dutton ..... Lieut.
7 FD. COY. R.A.E.

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APPENDIX "Dd"

7th. FIELD COY. R.A.E.

18th. JUNE 1942

REPORT ON TESTS CARRIED OUT ON Mk.II MINES.

1. I examined four cases containing Mk.II Mines at PARI at 1130 hrs. 16 June 1942. The Mines in three of these cases appeared to be in good condition. In the fourth case all the mines were in a rusty and corroded condition. The fuses were similarly oxidised. It appears that salt water had come into contact with both the mines and the fuses.

2. I also received a Mine from Capt. Benson, B Coy. 49 Bn., and this Mine had been tested by Lieut. Plant of 49 Bn.
The Mine had a dent on the cover and the bottom was nearly pushed off by the explosion of the fuse during the test carried out by Lieut. Plant.

3. This Mine was completely dismantled and it was found that:-

(a) The TNT was in a solid mass.
(b) The primer failed to detonate.
(c) The fuse detonated completely.

4. A test was carried out by placing a No. 6 Commercial Detonator with a short length of fuse in direct contact with the Composition Exploding (C.E.) (which makes up the priming charge for the Mk.II Mine). The fuse was then ignited. This primer was taken out of the Mine tested by Lieut. Plant.
Result: The detonator exploded and the C.E. was scattered over an area of approx. 4ft. radius.

5. The priming charge was taken out of a rusty mine and a No. 6 Detonator and fuse was placed in contact with the aluminium casing of the priming charge and fired.
Result: Completed detonation.
Note: The aluminium casing showed no sign of corrosion.

6. The priming charge was taken out of a Mine and 2ozs. S.N. 50% N.G. Gelignite was pressed into the chamber. A No. 6 Detonator was placed in the gelignite with a safety fuse attached. The fuse was then ignited.
Result: Complete detonation of Mine.

7. The centre plug was withdrawn and a No. 6 Detonator was inserted in the Mine with a safety fuse attached instead of a Mk.II fuse. Then ignited.
Result: No. 6 Detonator exploded and caused slight damage to priming charge. The Mk.II fuse could still be inserted in the Mine.

8. A S.A.A. case was filled with earth and suspended 6ft. from the ground by a rope passing over a branch of a tree and running back and fixed behind a rock. The weight of the case of earth was 45 lbs.
The Mine used in previous test was fused and placed beneath suspended weight. The rope was then cut.
Result: Weight fell squarely on top of mine. Fuse only detonated and bottom was blown out of Mine.

9. The same test was carried out with a fresh Mine with the same result.

10. 1 Oz. S.N. 50% N.G. Gelignite was placed in a Mine instead of fuse. A No. 6 Detonator and fuse was placed in gelignite. The priming charge remained in the Mine. The fuse was then ignited.
Result: Complete detonation of mine. A crater was blown 3ft. in diameter and 15inches deep. The grass was cleared by blast for a radius of 6 feet from centre of crater.
Throughout the tests this Mine gave the best results.

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11. The priming charge was taken out of a Mine and 2 ozs. of S.N. 50% N.G. Gelignite was shaped and placed in the mine as a priming charge. A Mk.II fuse was placed in the Mine and the 45lbs. weight was again dropped on Mine from a height of 6 feet.
Result: TNT was thrown everywhere on fire.

12. The C.E. primer was taken from a Mine and used as in para. 5.
Result: The primer blew to pieces and did not detonate.

From the tests carried out it appears that the Mines have been damaged by moisture. The priming charges appear to be in a very bad condition as there was only one primer that detonated out of the five tested. The TNT also seems to be damaged in some Mines as some of the composition is black in colour.

The Mines tested were taken from cases numbered:

68 Lot 3. Four Mines.
200 Lot 3. One Mine.
148 Lot 3. One Mine.
One Mine of Case 148 Lot 3. is still with 7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

The fuses of the Mines, although the outside covering is affected by moisture, all seem to be in good condition as they were 100% effective.

All the Mines of Case No. 68 are in a bad condition and rusty. The test was made with four of these Mines. The Mines in this case are the first I have found to be rusty.

Although the other mines laid appeared in good condition when laid, I suggest that a few of these Mines be lifted and tested also, as they too are part of Lot 3.

.....H.L.Dutton..... Lieut.
7th. Field Coy. R.A.E.

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MINE ANTI-TANK.

MARK. II. (T.N.T. filled).

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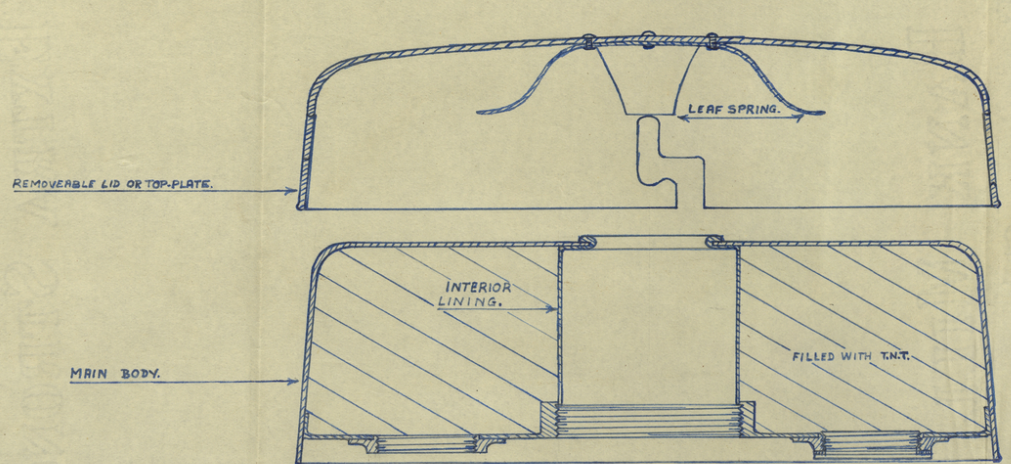

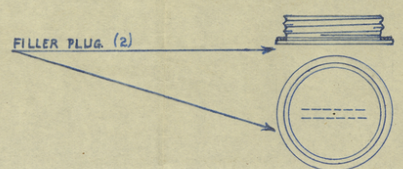

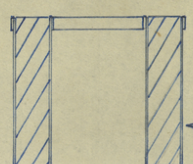

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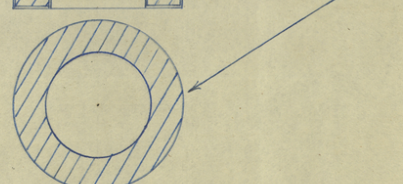

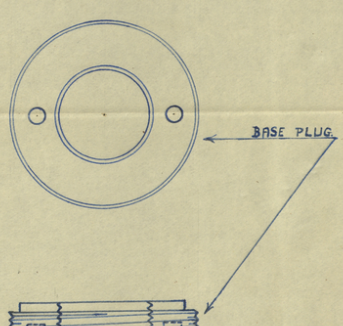

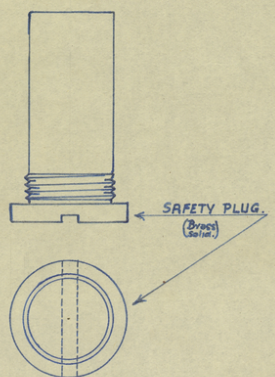

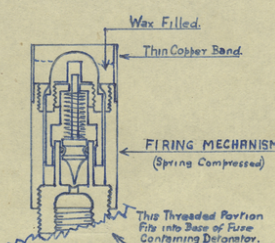

— HALF-SECTIONAL ELEVATION. —

— DETONATING FUSE. —

Lt. Holmes B
1 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	19.6.42		Completed Erection Operating Theatre A.D.S. Eirana Creek. ~~Commenced Sign for 5 C.C.S., Concreting Showers etc. C.C.S.,~~ Demolitions for Slit Trenches 39 Bn. Area. ~~Other works proceeded with - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D.,~~ Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 49 Bn. Area, ~~Dismantling Removal & Re-erection Hospital Wards from Murray Barracks to American Hospital (C.C.S. Area), Construction of Bridge over Laloki River at 18 Mile, Construction of Huts &~~ Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki, Erection S.W. Hut 8 M.D. (Recreational), Water Supply C.C.S. & American Hospital, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn., Supervision Erection of Canteen 30 Inf. Brigade, Foundations ~~& Cover for Pump 12 Mile Gardens, Making Tanks, Laying Mines~~ 53 Bn. Area, Plumbing at Brigade H.Q., ~~Dismantling~~ and Replacing Partitions in A.D. of W. Hut 8 M.D.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	20.6.42		Completed Dismantling Removal & Re-erection Hospital Wards from Murray Barracks to American Hospital (C.C.S. Area), ~~Dismantling & Replacing Partitions A.D. of W. Hut 8 M.D.~~ Erected Towel Racks 8 M.D. Other works continued - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D., Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, ~~Sign for 5 C.C.S., Demolitions~~ for Slit Trenches 49 Bn. Area, Construction of Bridge over Laloki at 18 Mile, Construction Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki, Erection S.W. Hut 8 M.D. (Recreational), Concreting Showers etc. C.C.S., Water Supply C.C.S. & American Hospital, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn., Supervision Erection Canteen 30 Inf. Brigade, Foundations & Cover for Pump 12 Mile Gardens, Making Tanks, Laying ~~Mines 53 Bn. Area (work suspended owing to condition of Mines),~~ Plumbing at Brigade H.Q., Demolitions for Slit Trenches 39 Bn. Area.	
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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 21.6.1942 To 22.6.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	21.6.42		Works proceeding satisfactorily - Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D. (only cleaning up to be done), Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Sign for 5 C.C.S., Demolitions for Slit Trenches 49 Bn. Area, Construction of Bridge over Laloki River at 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki, Erection S.W. Hut 8 M.D. (Recreational), Concreting Showers etc. C.C.S., Water Supply C.C.S. & American Hospital (essential water laid on to American Hospital. Pipes or fittings not available to complete job), Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn., Supervision Erection Canteen 30 Inf. Brigade, Foundations & Cover for Pump 12 Mile Gardens (Engine to be overhauled), Making Tanks (3Tanks completed), Plumbing at Brigade H.Q., Demolitions for Slit Trenches 39 Bn. Area. Camp Services (Camp Hygiene).	Appendix "E" - re Progress of Work Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	22.6.42		Completed Sigs. & Ops. Tunnel 8 M.D. Commenced Lifting of Minefields (Pineapple Valley, Smiths Saddle, Near Kila 'Drome, and Koki). Other works continued - Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Sign for 5 C.C.S., Demolitions for Slit Trenches 49 Bn. Area, Construction Bridge over Laloki River 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki, Erection S.W. Hut Recreational 8 M.D., Concreting Showers etc. C.C.S., Water Supply C.C.S. & American Hospital, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn., Supervision Erection Canteen 30 Inf. Brigade, Making Tanks, Plumbing Brigade H.Q., Foundations and Cover for Pump 12 Mile Gardens.	
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APPENDIX 'E'

7th. FIELD COY. R.A.E.

REPORT ON SIGS. & OPERATIONAL H.Q. DUGOUT.

This work was commenced on 27/4/1942 with 4 shifts of 6 hours each per day - N.C.O. & 12 men to each shift.

Work proceeded with open cut of 47 feet at each entrance ranging in depth from 1 foot to 12 feet. Conglomerate formation was encountered in the open cut and there was no occasion to use explosives until this portion of the work was completed. Rock formation and Heady Shale were encountered immediately the tunnelling was commenced and it was necessary to use explosives and power tools.

Timbering was commenced after having tunnelled 15 feet on both entrances. Dimensions of both tunnels, approx. 7 feet high by 6ft. 6ins. wide (over-all measurements). Type of timber required was hardwood bush timber. Great difficulty was experienced in procuring this class of timber as most bush timber was very crooked and the lengths necessary were hard to obtain. A great deal of trouble was encountered with the Power Tools, viz: Compressor which was a 1925 Model Ingersoll Rand Type and used approx. 3 gallons of petrol per hour. This Compressor was continually breaking down. The Drilling Machine also gave a certain amount of trouble, the bits (star-bit type) attached to drills, when becoming bluntened, could not be replaced by new ones as none were procurable on the Island. As these bits are case-hardened, it was difficult to sharpen them with improvised tools, equipment and methods.

More trouble was encountered with the Jack Hammer. On the Rubber Washers wearing out on same it was found that it was necessary to improvise rubber washers from old Air Hoses. As the Tunnel was driven approximately 50 feet the men began to feel the strain of the conditions under which they were working. Owing to lack of fresh air, heat and compressed air fumes, also the fumes from the explosives used, it was difficult to keep all shifts at full strength; sometimes working with 8 men per shift, the remainder being in Hospital.

The explosives used (Gelignite) were apparently a very old stock and were soft and contained a considerable amount of water. The Detonators used (No. 6) apparently had been damp or wet at some time. The sawdust in same has to be removed by a straw of grass or some other method. This dangerous practice took quite a while to do, and had to be done carefully to lessen the possibility of the Detonator exploding in the hand. A number of mis-fires were experienced with these faulty Detonators, incurring more risk to the workmen and loss of time spent withdrawing unexploded charges. This class of work was carried out under the dim-light of lanterns. A fresh issue of Detonators was obtained a fortnight prior to completion of work. Electric Lights were installed by the use of a 6 Volt Battery. This lessened the heat under which the workmen laboured.

Sawn timber

The class of timber usedfor the roof being mainly 8"x2", and 6"x2". The last 30 feet of roofing was timbered with any hardwood timber on hand as suitable timber was hard to procure at this stage.

The length of tunnelling was 82 feet for the tunnel facing South and 88 feet for the tunnel facing West.

During the last week's work on the tunnels the shifts were altered and re-arranged so that there were two shifts of 6 hours each daily.

On the break through at the meeting point of both drives, it was found that the tunnels were in perfect alignment and level.

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It is strongly recommended that a fan be used for clearing the tunnel of dust, foul air and fumes of explosives on any further work of this nature.

The men carried this job through with stamina and skill under very trying conditions.

The work was completed on 22.6.1942.

.....P.S.Pond.. Lieut.
Officer in Charge of
Tunnel Work.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 23.6.1942 To 24.6.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	23.6.42		Completed Foundations & Cover for Pump 12 Mile Gardens. ~~Commenced Drainage C.C.S.~~ Other works proceeded with - Lifting of Minefields, Construction of Camp and Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Sign for 5 C.C.S., Demolitions for Slit Trenches 49 Bn. Area, Construction of Bridge over Laloki 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki, Erection S.W. Hut Recreational 8 M.D., ~~Concreting Showers etc. C.C.S., Water Supply C.C.S. &~~ American Hospital, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn., Supervision Erection Canteen 30 Inf. Brigade, Making Tanks, Plumbing Brigade H.Q.,	Appendix "F" re Pump 12 Mile Gardens. Appendix "G" re Lifting & Defusing of Minefield ~~Smith's Saddle.~~
H.Q., 18½ Mile	24.6.42		Commenced Construction Dark Room C.C.S. and Extensions to ~~Operating Theatre, Carpentering & Concreting at Base Post~~ Office. Effected Repairs to Galvanised Iron Curving Machine. Other works continued - Construction Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Sign for 5 C.C.S., Demolitions for Slit Trenches 49 Bn. Area, Construction of Bridge over Laloki River 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki, Erection S.W. Hut ~~Recreational 8 M.D., Concreting Showers etc. C.C.S., Water~~ Supply C.C.S. & American Hospital, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn., Supervision Erection Canteen 30 Inf. Brigade, Making Tanks, Plumbing for Brigade H.Q., Drainage C.C.S., Lifting Minefields.	
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APPENDIX 'F'

7th. FIELD COY. R.A.E.

REPORT

- ON -

INSTALLATION OF PETTER DEISEL ENGINE & PUMP - 12 MILE GARDENS.

Work was commenced on 13th. June 1942 and completed on 23rd. June 1942. Work party consisted of 1 N.C.O. and 4 Sappers.

Owing to Engine and Rotary Pump having been left out in the weather for a considerable period prior to installation it was found necessary to completely dismantle, overhaul, and adjust the Fuel Pump and Feed, Lubrication Pump and Rotary Pump.

It was also necessary to make a Syphon Cooling Tank and also to weld an exhaust pipe to silencer fitting.

On completion of the job, inspection found the pump quite satisfactory.

J. Dutton ..... Lieut.

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APPENDIX "G"

7th. FIELD COY. R.A.E.

REPORT

- ON -

DEFUSING OF MINE FIELDS - 30 INF. BRIGADE AREA.

(SMITH'S SADDLE; MAP REF. 053996).

Work was commenced at 0900 hrs. 23.6.1942. The Mine Field consisting of 58 Mines was defused by 1 N.C.O. and 6 Sappers and the work was completed at 1200 hrs. 23.6.1942.

Slight difficulties were encountered in locating the Mines because of the failure of the Battalion or Company concerned to carry out correct procedure and precautions in laying of Field, e.g. No datum pegs or points to mark positions etc., incorrect measurements between rows and between Mines, failure of Battalion or Company concerned to supply a reliable Map of Area and Field.

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.....T. Dutton..... Lieut.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 25.6.1942 To 26.6.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	25,6.42		Commenced Water Supply 3 A.D.S. Bootless, Hut for Censor 8 M.D. (Removal Konedobu & Re-erection), Water Reticulation at Gardens, Loading Party Transport Beams for Bridge at Camp (Tractor etc. loaned by R.A.A.F.), Camouflage of Tents. Repairs effected to Truck Body. Proceeding with other works - Construction Dark Room & Extensions to Operating Theatre, Carpentering & Concreting at Base Post Office, Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Sign for 5 C.C.S., Demolitions for Slit Trenches 49 Bn. Area, Construction of Bridge over Laloki River 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki, Erection S.W. Hut Recreational 8 M.D., Concreting Showers etc. C.C.S., Water Supply C.C.S. & American Hospital, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn., Supervision Erection Canteen 30 Inf. Brigade, Making Tanks, Plumbing for Brigade H.Q., Drainage C.C.S., Lifting Minefields.	Appendix "H" re Lifting and Defusing of Mine Field at Kila. Appendix "I" re Water Reticulation 12 Mile Gardens.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	26.6.42		Completed Water Reticulation at Gardens and Camouflage of Tents. Continuation of works - Water Supply 3 A.D.S. Bootless, Hut for Censor 8 M.D., Loading Party Transport Beams for Bridge at Camp, Construction Dark Room & Extensions to Operating Theatre C.C.S., Carpentering & Concreting at Base Post Office, Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Sign for 5 C.C.S., Demolitions for Slit Trenches, 49 Bn. Area, Construction of Bridge over Laloki 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki, Erection S.W. Hut Recreational 8 M.D., Concreting Showers etc. C.C.S., Water Supply C.C.S. & American Hospital, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn., Supervision Erection Canteen 30 Inf. Brigade, Making Tanks, Plumbing for Brigade H.Q., Drainage C.C.S., Lifting Minefields.	

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APPENDIX 'H'

7th. FIELD COY. R.A.E.

REPORT

- ON -

DEFUSING MINEFIELD AT KILA (MAY REF. 048993).

Work on defusing of this Field commenced on 24th. June 1942 and was carried out by 1 N.C.O. and 6 Sappers.

Owing to the Battalion concerned not adhering to the correct procedure in laying of this Field the defusing party were temporarily unable to locate 2 Mines. Not only did this necessitate a complete re-checking of the mined area but also unnecessary difficulties and excessive risks had to be overcome by the defusing party.

The report of the N.C.O. in charge of the party stated that the two mines were at least 9 feet off the correct Mine line.

In the lifting of the Field it was found that 6 Mines were not fused and still contained safety plugs. Also one Mine was devoid of either fuse of safety plug.

Field was completely defused and rendered a safety area by 1500 hrs. 25th. June 1942. TOTAL NO. OF MINES IN FIELD: 165

[signature] ..... Lieut.
7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

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APPENDIX "1"

7th. FIELD COY. R.A.E.

~~JOB No. 140.~~

REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF NOONAN TYPE IRRIGATION PIPES AT GARDENS 12 MILE.

Date Commenced:- 24.6.1942.

Date Completed:- 25.6.1942.

Employed:- 3 Sappers.

Amount of pipe to be repaired:- 30 chains.

Man hours taken to complete Job:- 42[redacted].

R.Walker..... Lieut.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 27.6.1942 To 28.6.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	27.6.42		Commenced Extensions to Water Supply A.D.S. Eirana Creek. Progress on other works - Water Supply 3 A.D.S. Bootless, Hut for Censor 8 M.D., Loading Party Transport Beams for Bridge at Camp, Construction of Dark Room & Extensions to Operating Theatre C.C.S., Carpentering & Concreting at Base Post Office, Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Sign for 5 C.C.S., Demolitions for Slit Trenches 49 Bn. Area, Construction of Bridge over Laloki 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki, Erection S.W. Hut Recreational 8 M.D., Concreting Showers etc. C.C.S., Water Supply C.C.S. & American Hospital, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn., Supervision Erection Canteen 30 Inf. Brigade, Making Tanks, Plumbing for Brigade H.Q., Drainage C.C.S., Lifting Minefields.	
H.Q., 18½ Mile	28.6.42		Completed Plumbing for Brigade H.Q. Effected Repairs to Pump Camp Water Supply. Camp Duties. Attention to Camp and Personal Hygiene. Checking, cleaning and airing of equipment.	

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 29.6.1942 To 30.6.1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	29.6.42		Completed Extensions Water Supply A.D.S. Eirana Creek and Water Supply 3 A.D.S. Bootless. Progress on other works - Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry (1 Plumber on job), Demolitions for Slit Trenches 49 Bn. Area, Construction of Bridge over Laloki 18 Mile (a number of the men withdrawn from this job for Road work at Koitaki), Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki, ~~Erection S.W. Hut Recreational 8 M.D., Concreting Showers etc.~~ C.C.S., Water Supply C.C.S. & American Hospital, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn., Supervision Erection Canteen 30 Inf. Brigade, Making Tanks, Construction of Dark Room & Extensions to Operating Theatre C.C.S., Drainage C.C.S., Lifting Minefields, Carpentering & Concreting at Base Post Office, Hut for Censor 8 M.D. (Job suspended, men withdrawn ~~for Road work at Koitaki), Loading Party Transport Beams for~~ Bridge at Camp. No. 3 Section of Company packed and moved to Camp Site in preparation for Road Work Koitaki to Kokoda. Company Routine Orders No. 17/42.	Appendix "J" - Company Routine Orders 17/42. Appendix "K" - re Extensions Water Supply A.D.S. Eirana Creek.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	30.6.42		Completed Sign for 5 C.C.S., Concreting Showers etc. C.C.S., ~~Construction of Dark Room & Extensions to Operating Theatre~~ C.C.S., Lifting of Minefields. Other works proceeding satisfactorily - Construction of Camp & Water Supply Base Depot, Extensions Steam Laundry, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 49 Bn. Area, Construction of Bridge over Laloki River at 18 Mile, Construction of Huts & Stores Ordnance 14 Mile, Erection Ordnance Huts Koitaki,	

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APPENDIX "J"

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

PART I

- by -

Capt. H.E. Muntz — A/Commanding Off. 17 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

29.6.42 — 17/42

1. Camp Hygiene.

The practice of disposing of rubbish and scraps in Slit Trenches and in grass surrounding Tents will cease forthwith. Incinerators are provided for this use. Disciplinary action will be taken against all offenders.

2. CHANGE OF BLANKETS.

All ranks will hand in blankets on issue to Q Store by 0700 hrs. Thursday 2 July 1942. C.Q.M.S. will arrange for blankets to be conveyed to Laundry & Decn, Unit and for issue of clean blankets in lieu thereof.

3. VISITS TO PLANTATIONS.

Parties on leave who are desirous of visiting plantations must be under the control of an Officer or N.C.O. of or above the rank of Sgt. and for each party over 10 an additional N.C.O. must be included.

All personnel must be in possession of a Leave Pass authorising them to visit plantations. Officer or N.C.O. in charge of party will report to O.C., Base Depot for Plantation Pass.

4. DENTAL TREATMENT.

On and after 16.6.42 all personnel who are in need of dental treatment will report to M.O. at R.A.P. at approx 1115 hrs. M.O. will refer personnel to Dental Officer at 5 C.C.S. Under no circumstances will personnel report to Dental Officer 5 C.C.S. or any other Dental Officer without first reporting to M.O.

5. PILFERING - BAKERS' PREMISES.

Instances have occurred of pilfering and stealing of personal effects from Quarters occupied by the Bakers in the Town Area whilst they are on duty.

The Quarters allotted to the Bakery Section are Bank of New South Wales and Papuan Club Buildings.

These buildings are out of bounds to all ranks and persons found on these premises will be severely dealt with.

6. EVACUATION TO HOSPITAL.

Personnel who are evacuated to Hospital will, at the earliest opportunity, advise the Postal Orderly the Hospital to which they have been admitted and all subsequent changes of address e.g. Transfer from 5 C.C.S. to 113 Con Depot. These particulars are required so that any mail can be re-addressed and forwarded immediately.

Change of Address Cards can be obtained upon application at Orderly Room or at Hospital.

7. CARE OF EQUIPMENT.

All personnel will at all times take the utmost care of their

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equipment. It has been noticed that personnel are in the habit of hanging rifles and respirators etc. in the boughs of trees; consequently these articles have upon occasions been left out in wet weather. This practice will cease.

8. CROSSING OF RUNWAY BY M.T. - 7 MILE 'DROME.

The crossing of the landing strip of 7 Mile 'Drome by M.T. is forbidden.

Disciplinary action will be taken in respect of any breach of this order, as the crossing of the runway by motor vehicles is damaging the strip.

9. CENSORSHIP LOCAL PUBLICATIONS.

M.A.N.S. and all other publications are banned for transmission by any means, outside the Moresby Area until further notice.

Publications the subject matter of which has been submitted to and passed by N.G. Force Censorship Authorities, only, will be transmitted outside Aust. New Guinea.

Arrangements will be made by censors concerned direct with N.G. Force Printing Section for the endorsement of each Publication.

10. RECOGNITION OF AIRCRAFT - MARKINGS.

It is advised that the National Markings on U.S. Operational Aircraft, both Army and Navy, are now a five pointed Star white on a Blue circle. The Red & White stripes on rudder are eliminated.

11. INDISCRIMINATE FIRING OF RIFLES.

Attention of personnel is again drawn to Para 46G of D.R.O. No. 12 of 1942 which reads as follows:-

Many instances are occurring wherein irresponsible personnel fire rifles and other weapons at game or other objects. This practice while indicating lack of discipline, may cause injuries to natives or our own troops with serious repercussions.

While much practice is needed in handling and firing of Small Arms, indiscriminate firing of live ammunition will cease forthwith.

Any firing practice, in future, will be carried out under the control of a responsible officer or warrant officer in an area which, having been reconnoitred, is found to be safe and fulfils the following requirements:-

(a) Provides a natural Stop Butt.
(b) Avoids the vicinity of Native Villages and habitations.
(c) Avoids frequented roads and tracks.
(d) Provides flanking safety of 90° in regard to camps troop positions etc.
(e) Provides reasonably free views of entrances and exits.

Troops near the selected area will, at all times, be warned when firing practice with ball ammunition is proposed.

Disciplinary action will be taken against personnel who, in future, fire ball ammunition indiscriminately.

12. INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION.

Considerable looting is taking place from crashed and/or damaged enemy and allied aircraft.

The loss of information for Intelligence from the taking of portions of these planes and manufacturers and inspection plates is very serious and damaging to our cause.

The taking of any portion of a crashed or damaged aircraft

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is absolutely forbidden and severe disciplinary action will be taken against any personnel found looting or in possession of any such portion of aircraft without proper authority.

13. RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIVES.

Native races of any country which exist by tribal economy will give allegiance to what they consider the strongest power. The power of the British race has been shown in the past by the administration of justice and general maintenance of dignity.

General familiarity of our troops with natives breeds the latters' contempt and reduces our control. Personnel are warned to have no relationship with natives whatsoever, except when on duty.

All matters of native discipline posting etc. will be referred to A.N.G.A.U. and native police will be stationed in all native camps by that Unit for security and disciplinary purposes therein.

The striking or maltreating of natives by members of the Forces will be regarded as an offence and dealt with accordingly.

14. HYGIENE.

All ranks will at all times:

(a) Be properly shaven
(b) Attend to personal hygiene at least once per day
(c) Be clothed in clean and correct uniform as far as circumstances permit.

Daily inspection of Camp Site will be carried out and particular attention will be given to cleanliness of cookhouse, the hygienic disposal of waste therefrom and the personal hygiene and efficiency of cookhouse personnel.

Untidiness or slackness in camp cleanliness will be severely dealt with.

PERSONAL HYGIENE AND CLEAN HABITS OF LIVING ARE BIG FACTORS IN RAISING INDIVIDUAL MORALE.

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Actg. O.C., 7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

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APPENDIX K.

7th. FIELD COY. R.A.E.

REPORT

- ON -

INSTALLATION OF WATER SUPPLY TO OPERATING THEATRE A.D.S. EIRANA CREEK.

Work was commenced on Saturday 27th. June 1942 and continued and completed on Monday 29th. June 1942.

The work was carried out by 1 N.C.O. and 2 Sappers.

Material used :

33 feet of 1" piping and 2 Taps.

On completion of work, inspection found installation satisfactory.

P.S. Pond Lieut.
7 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

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Unit 7 FD. COY. R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 30.6.1942 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q., 18½ Mile	30.6.42 (Cont'd)		Erection S.W. Hut Recreational 8 M.D., Concreting and Carpentering at Base Post Office, Water Supply C.C.S. & American Hospital, Demolitions for Slit Trenches 53 Bn., Supervision Erection Canteen 30 Inf. Brigade, Making Tanks (6 Tanks completed), Drainage C.C.S., Loading Party Transport Beams for Bridge at Camp.	
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