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AMARIYA.	1		R.H.Q., H.Q., "B" and "C" Sqns. moved to HELUAN: "A" Sqn. remained at AMARIYA and continued with Troop Training, whilst personnel who were on six day's leave returned to Camp.	Appendix 1c.
		1200	C.O. and Regimental H.Q. arrived from AMARIYA. Regimental Camp Area inspected and huts allotted to Squadrons. Advance party cleaned out huts ready for occupation.	
		1600	Squadrons arrived and moved into their respective areas.	
			The return to comfortable quarters, hot and cold showers, etc., is welcomed by all.	
			No leave until further notice.	
			Weather:-- mild and clear.	
HELUAN.	2	0600	Reveille.	
		0630	P.T. Parades.	
		0900	Squadron O.C. Parades. Maintenance of weapons and vehicles carried out.	
			Arms and ammunition handed in to the Q.M. Stores.	
			Q.Stores issued clothing replacements.	
			Weather:--clear and warm.	
AMARIYA.			"A" Squadron prepared for move to HELUAN.	
HELUAN.	3	0630	Reveille.	
		0800	Mess Parades. Party going on five day's leave issued with new clothing.	
		0900	O.C. Parades. Party going on leave inspected.	
			Remainder of Squadrons personnel continued with weapon and vehicle maintenance.	
			Re-organisation of Regiment : new manning sheets drawn up for Squadrons. Changes in Posting of Officers.	Appendix 1d.
			Fatigue parties prepared huts for "A" Squadron.	
AMARIYA.		0530	Reveille for "A" Sqn.	
		0915	"A" Sqn. commenced move to HELUAN to rejoin Regiment.	
		1530	"A" Sqn. arrived at HELUAN and moved into Sqn. area and settled in.	
			Weather:--overcast and sultry.	
HELUAN.	4	0600	Reveille.	
		0800	Mess parades.	
			Approximately 50 per cent of "B", "C", and H.Q. Sqns. personnel on five day's leave.	
			"A" Squadron proceeded with maintenance.	
			Weather:--fine and warm, N to NW wind.	

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HELUAN=	11	0900	Good Friday. Church Service in Shafto's Cinema. Slit trenches cleaned out.	
		1400	Pay Parades. Re-issue of respirators, handed in at SIWA, to "C" Sqn. Weather:--clear and warm.	
HELUAN.	12	0900	Training Cadres commenced, under English Instructors. Warning order to move . Personnel on leave recalled and Training Cadres cancelled. T.A.B. injections given by the R.A.P. throughout the day. Re-issue of arms and ammunition. Weather:--clear and warm.	Appendix 2b.
HELUAN.	13		Move to MATRUH AREA as per Appendix 1c.	Appendix 1c.
		0615	Advance party left by road.	
		0945	Road party left Camp Area.	
		1000	Rail party transported to AERODROME SIDING.	
		1200	Rail party moved off.	
AMARIYA.		2200	Hot meal served at AMARIYA RLWY.STA. Weather:--cold, dusty night.	
MERSA MATRUH.	14	1140	Rail party arrived at MERSA MATRUH. Party moved to roadside vicinity of RLWY.STA. and awaited transport.	
		1600	Rail party arrived in Regimental Camp Area (MATRUH,1:100,000 ----71503450). Squadrons dispersed and personnel settled in. Troops took up defensive positions. A/A L.M.Gs. placed ready for immediate use if necessary. Weather:-- cold and overcast.	
MERSA MATRUH.	15	0600	Reveille.	
		0800	Squadron vehicles distributed breakfast to dispersed troops. Squadron leaders made recces. of their areas and improved upon troop positions where necessary. Maintenance of vehicles and weapons occupied personnel throughout the day.	
		1500	Clocks advanced one hour. "C" Sqn. advised of patrol work for tomorrow: Operation Order No.1.	Appendix 1e.

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HELUAN.	5.		One day's leave available to 25% of Squadrons : camp practically deserted. L.A.D. staff very busy repairing and overhauling vehicles. Small per-centage of personnel left in camp engaged on fatigues and duties. Weather:--fine and warm.	
HELUAN.	6.	0600 0630 0900	Reveille. Mess Parades. One day's leave granted. Church Services in Shafto's Theatre. Remainder of day free. Weather:-- fine and warm.	
HELUAN.	7.		Reveille, hours of parades, etc., detailed in R.O's. Regiment moves to new location as per Movement Order No.5. Day spent in cleaning out quarters and area and settling in. With approximately 50 % of the Regiment on leave the movement was made more difficult. Weather:--cloudy and muggy.	Appendix 1c.
HELUAN.	8		One day's leave to CAIRO available. Vehicles were serviced and checked in preparation for movement of same. "A" Sqn. had Medical Inspection and Dental Parade. Syllabus of Training commenced this morning.	
		1305 1320	No.1 Convoy moved off as per Movement Order. No.2 Convoy moved off as per Movement Order. Personnel on Five Day's leave returned to Camp. Weather:--fine and warm with NW wind.	Appendix 1c - v.
HELUAN.	9		Squadrons occupied in tidying quarters and laying kit uniformly. One day's leave to CAIRO available. Weather:--warm and clear.	
HELUAN.	10		Personnel from "A" Sqn. moved to ABBASSIA to collect eight (8) Tanks Light, as per App. Personnel detailed to attend tank training Course at R.A.O.C. Workshops, as per appendix. Weather:-- warm, clear with northerly wind.	Appendix 2a, App. 2a-2.

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MERSA MATRUH.	15		Weather:--cold northerly wind: cloudy.	
MERSA MATRUH.	16	0330	Reveille for "C" Sqn.	
		0430	"C" Sqn. moved off for CHARING CROSS to commence patrol, as per Operation Order No.1.	Appendix 1e.
			Remainder of Regiment on maintenance of vehicles and weapons.	
		1745	"C" Sqn.returned to Camp Area. N.M.S. during the patrol: report attached.	Appendix 3b.
			Weather:--cloudy and cold with SE wind.	
MERSA MATRUH.	17	0330	Reveille: "A" Sqn. on patrol today. Operation Order No.2.	Appendix 1e.
		0400	"A" Sqn. moved to CHARING CROSS.	
			Remainder of Regiment on maintenance of vehicles and weapons.	
			Reinforcements drafted to Squadrons.	
		1800	Patrol arrived in Camp Area; no enemy movement seen during the day.	
			Weather:--strong , cold, NE wind and heavy clouds of dust.	
MERSA MATRUH.	18	0400	Reveille: "B" Squadron on patrol today, and tomorrow.Operation Order No.3.	Appendix 1e.
			Remainder of Regiment on Troop Training and maintenance.	
			Issue of new type respirator container and return of old type.	
			Weather:--clear and cold.	
			Comfort Fund issue of 50 cigarettes, 2 Oz.flake tobacco, and tube of tooth paste per man.	
MERSA MATRUH.	19		"C" Sqn. personnel tested on maintenance efficiency by Technical Officer.	
			"B" Sqn. on Patrol.	
			General maintenance carried out.	
			Pay Parades.	
			Weather:--cloudy and warm: wind EAST to NE.	
MERSA MATRUH.	20	0900	"B" Sqn. arrived Camp Area, relieved by "C" Sqn.	
			Squadrons in Camp Area on maintenance.	
			Regimental Canteen, under supervision of Padre Hume-Moir, commenced business today.	
			H.Q.tank and carrier personnel on map reading and maintenance.	

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MERSA MATRUH.	20	..continued...		
		1700	Steady rain fell till 2100 hrs.	
(71503450)	21		"C" Sqn. in patrol area: Troops carried out firing practice during the day.	
		1000	"B" Sqn. Troop Leaders conference: discussed duties of Cpl.Drs., servicing of tracked vehicles every 50 miles. and importance of Stand-to at 0660 hrs. Troops are widely dispersed in this area: parades are only held on special occasions: training is carried out under Troop arrangements. Weather:--fine and warm with some clouds.	
MERSA MATRUH.				
(71503450)	22.	0500	Reveille for "A" Sqn., who moved off at 0545 hrs. for patrol area.	
		0930	"C" Sqn. arrived in Camp Area. Regt. promotions read out to the Sqn. and warning order issued concerning minefields in MATRUH AREA and German booby traps. Troop training in Camp Area. Weather:--Light fog in early morning: day cool and fine.	
MERSA MATRUH. (71503450)	23		"A" Sqn. on Patrol. "B" Sqn. on maintenance and Troop Training.	
		0830	Tool check by technical officer in "C" Sqn. lines. Weather:--dull, cloudy and cold.	
MERSA MATRUH. (71503450)	24.	0500	Reveille for "B" Sqn. who moved out on patrol relieving "A" Sqn. who returned to Camp Area at 1000 hrs., and proceeded with servicing and maintenance.	
		0900	Party of Engineers, escorted by sub-unit our Regt., moved off for GIARABUB, report attached. Dental treatment can now be obtained at MATRUH. Weather:--coll and cloudy with northerly wind.	Appendix

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			ANZAC DAY.	
MERSA MATRUH. (71503450).	25		"B" Sqn. continued with patrol of area, and reported NMS.	
			One troop from "A" Sqn. on patrol main road MATRUH-SIDI BARRANI to a point 15 miles WEST of CHARING CROSS.	
		1100	Two minutes Silence observed.	
			Troops in camp on troop training and maintenance.	
		1800	Air Raid on MATRUH: bombing heard.	
		1630	Party moving to GIARABUB, arrived destination, after travelling via MELFA and Oasis Road.	
			Weather:--fine and clear.	
MERSA MATRUH. (71503450).	26	0615	"C" Sqn.moves out on patrol.	
		0845	"B" Sqn. returns to camp and proceeds with maintenance.	
			One Troop from "A" Sqn. on patrol SIDI BARRANI Road.	
			Party in GIARABUB proceeded with recce of area in preparation for demolitions by the Engineers.	
			Weather:--light cloud, with northerly wind,	
		1400	Withdrawal route EAST to ALEXANDRIA ROAD reconnoitred and found unsatisfactory.	
MERSA MATRUH. (71503450).	27		"C" Sqn. on patrol.One troop from "A" Sqn. on road patrol.	
		0900	ALERT alarm issued: Sqns. must be ready to move at short notice.	
			"B" Sqn. received balance of Carriers bringing Squadron up to W.E.	
			Engineers in GIARABUB continued with preparations for blowing-up of wells and ammunition, etc.	
			The whole party moved out of the Fort Area to a distance of two miles.	
			Demolitions commenced at sundown and continued until mid-night.	
			Weather:--cloudy and mild with NW breeze.	
MERSA MATRUH. (71503450)				

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MATRUH.				
71503450	28	1330	Movement Order issued and "A"., "B" and R.H.Q. personnel moved to area EAST CHARING CROSS.	
		1600	Map Ref. 71883382. Arrived in area and Sqns allotted positions.	
			O.C. "B" Sqn proceeded on recce for suitable withdrawal route along track commencing SIWA RD. at CHARING CROSS AND terminating at ALEXANDRIA - MATRUH RD.	
HUKAMA 69453223			"C" Sqn continued patrol work - N.M.S.	
			Weather -, Overcast with Southerly wind.	
EAST OF CHARING CROSS (71883382).	29		"A" Sqn. on maintenance and replenishing vehicles: Morse Class for Officers and Sjts. One Troop "A" , and two "B" Sqns. cleared area SOUTH of MATRUH FORTRESS in preparation for artillery shoot from FORTRESS. Visibility limited to 50 yards owing to dense fog.	
			"C" Sqn. on patrol KANAYIS AREA -- NMS.	
		1330	GIARABUB demolition party and escort returned to Camp Area.	
			Weather:--cold and foggy early: later warm and clear.	
EAST OF CHARING CROSS. (71883382).	30		"A" Sqn. on general maintenance. One Troop guarding crashed BLENHEIM 'plane at 71103385. One Troop on road patrol in vicinity 68003488.	
			"B" Sqn. relieved "C" Sqn. of patrol in area KANAYIS -HUKUMA, (68103315--69453223).	
			"C" Sqn. retunred from patrol area and carried out maintenance , etc.	
			Weather:--sultry, NORTH to NW wind.	

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS BY MAJOR S.A.MORRISON

ADM COMD 6 AUST CAV.

PART I. NO.22 NOT TO BE PUBLISHED WEDNESDAY 30 APR '41.

1. IDENTITY DISCS & 1st FD DRESSING.

A recent AIF casualty was found to be not wearing identity disc. He required a blood transfusion, but the infm necessary as to blood type was NOT available.

Sqns will ensure that all ranks wear their identity discs at all times and that 1st Fd Dressing is carried constantly.

2. SPEED LIMIT.

The speed limit for MT in MATRUH FRT will be 20 mph.

3. BREACH OF CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS.

One member of 7 Aust Div was charged with "that on active service he neglected to obey AIF SO Sec 5 para 71 in that he at ----- on or about 26 Jan '41 did quote in a letter 'We are at present at -----. I managed to get this bit in after it was censored. I came from ----- in the ----. I have been to ----, ----, and ----. I will try to get a bit more news in another letter later on.'" Second charge :"on active service committing an act to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he on or about 26 Jan '41 at ---- did tamper with a letter already censored by opening same and inserting material which had not been censored."

The above member was fined the sum of £3 on the first charge and sentenced to detention for 240 hrs on the second charge.

4. OUT OF BOUNDS.

The dock is out of bounds to ALL tps excepting those on duty.

5. MISCHIEVOUS SHOOTING.

Vital harbour facilities have been dangerously reduced by tps shooting at buoys which mark channels and moorings. All tps are warned that shooting at buoys and all other Naval property is strictly forbidden.

6. MT. VEHS - PARKING 7 DIV HQ.

Vehs will not be admitted to the HQ enclosure. All MT vehs must park not less than 100 yds from HQ.

7. STORES - REMOVAL OF

Cases have come to notice of personnel removing rations from DID and ration dumps without authority. All ranks are warned that this practice will cease forthwith. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

8. REDIRECTION OF MAIL. - Personnel absent from the unit are advised to notify the Postal NCO as to the address for the forwarding of their postal matter.

9. UNIT SALVAGE OFFICER. - The asst QM will perform the duties of Unit Salvage Officer.

10. IMMEDIATE AWARD. - The Commander-inChief, Middle East has approved of the immediate award of the Military Medal to :-

SX 238 Tpr. Marchant E.G. - 6 Aust Cav.

11. POSTAGE FACILITIES EGYPT. - In future special postal rates will be payable by AIF personnel in EGYPT. Postage will be prepaid in Aust Stamps.

Rates. Air Mail Letters.- Up to 14 grammes 9d Aust. Over 14 grammes 1/6 Aust for each 14 grammes or part (e.g. 16 grammes = 3/-) Regn Air Mail fee 3d Australian. Ordinary Mail - letters 4 oz (113 gms) Free. Other rates - may be had on application to the Postal NCO.

Distribution.
List "A"

J. C. HOLDEN, Capt.,
Adjt., 6 Aust Cav.

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ADM. COMD 6 AUST CAV.

PART I. NO. 21 NOT TO BE PUBLISHED FRIDAY 25 APR '41.

2. OFFICERS VISITING CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA.

(a) All officers of the AIF visiting CAIRO on duty or leave will report to HQ, AIF Details, CAIRO, situated at Flat 10, 13 Midan Ismailia, and will furnish to the C.O. thereof particulars of visit, address whilst in CAIRO, and duration of stay.

(b) All officers of the AIF visiting ALEXANDRIA from places other than the AMIRIYA-IKINGI area, either on duty or on leave, will report to AIF, HQ, 1 Rue de Musee. On reporting the nature of the visit and other relevant particulars will be recorded in a book kept for this purpose in A Branch.

(c) If accommodation is available, officers under Field Rank, when in CAIRO on leave, will stay at the Leave Hostels - Nile Steamers "Victoria" and "Sudan" - unless otherwise authorised by Formation, etc, Commanders but the Nile Steamer "Victoria" is for the accommodation of convalescent officers only.

The following addresses and telephone numbers of the "Sudan" are published for information :-

Postal Address	- s.s. "Sudan", Bahr el Aama, Ghezira, CAIRO.
Telegraphic Address	- "Austboat", CAIRO.
Telephone	- B.T.E. 289 Civil 49848.

(d) Officers proceeding to ALEXANDRIA on duty or leave will NOT carry revolvers or pistols.

3. REPLACEMENT OF UNSERVICEABLE SD UNIFORMS.

Personnel proceeding on leave from the Western Desert and CYRENAICA, whose Uniforms, SD, are in an unserviceable condition, may obtain an exchange issue from the RAOC Laundry, ALEXANDRIA, near No. 14 ~~War~~ Wharf.

Issues will be made on presentation of a written demand signed by the C.O., application for which should be made in the first instance to the QM through SQMSs.

4. LEAVE - RAILWAY TRAVEL - EGYPT.

Troops proceeding on leave may travel on the Egyptian State Railways at ordinary half-fare rates whether travelling by special or ordinary train.

Fares are to be paid by the troops themselves and tickets must be obtained at the departure station.

5. ORDERS OF DRESS AIF.

(a) Officers and WOs will acquaint themselves with the contents of AIF Order (ME) No. 296 of 11 Apr '41 a copy of which may be inspected at RHQ.

(b) Belts, Sam Browne, with cross belts or brace, are not authorised for AIF (ME), and the wearing of these belts will cease forthwith.

Waist Belts, Sam Browne, may be worn.

6. EXPLOSIVES IN KITS.

Numerous instances have occurred recently of explosives of various types having been discovered in kits deposited in AIF Kit Stores for safekeeping.

On no account will ammunition of any kind, whether enemy or otherwise, be deposited in AIF Kit Stores.

Sqns will ensure that this order is repromulgated prior to the depositing of Kits in AIF Kit Stores.

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7. PERSONAL KITS.

(a) Difficulty is being experienced in locating and handling personal kits deposited other than with AIF Kit Store, ALEXANDRIA, when such depositor becomes a casualty.
(b) No responsibility devolves on AIF (ME) in cases where kits are deposited in other than AIF Kit Store.
(c) It is desired to emphasise the advantages attached to all deposits being made with AIF Kit Store, thus enabling expeditious and systematic treatment of effects.

8. STOLEN VEHICLES.

Reports have been received that vehicles are being stolen under varying circumstances. In some cases they have been taken from city streets, and in other removed from unit lines.

The stealing or unauthorised use of military vehicles by AIF personnel will be made a Court Martial offence.

No army vehicle is to be left unattended in a city street, and strict precautions will be taken by all officers in charge of transport to ensure that the vehicles in their charge are not removed by any unauthorised person.

9. UTILISATION OF ARMY VEHICLES.

The utilisation of Army vehicles for private purposes is prohibited.

Private persons, members of the A.A.N.S. below the rank of Matron, and masseuses will not be conveyed in any Army vehicle except with the written authority of an officer of the rank of Colonel or higher, or the Commanding Officer of a medical unit.

Any officer contravening these instructions will be tried by Court Martial, unless, in the opinion of the Divisional Commander or Commander, AIF Base Area, the contravention is justified by special circumstances of emergency.

10/ MAIL - INCORRECT POSTING OF.

~~Re~~ An increasing amount of mail is being posted in civilian Post Offices. All ranks are notified that, in future, mail posted in civilian Post Offices will be intercepted by the censor and disciplinary action taken against the offender. After such action has been taken the letter will be destroyed.

11. OCCUPIED ENEMY TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION.

A political branch has been set up at GHQ, ME to deal with all questions affecting occupied enemy territory (OET) and its administration (OETA)

All military formations, units, and individuals are, subject to the overriding consideration of the exigencies of the service, to be guided in their dealings with the OETA and its officers, and with the inhabitants of occupied territories, by the same general rules as govern their relations with the civilian authorities and in habitants of British territory.

In all questions affecting the local population of OET officers should seek information and guidance from the officers of the OETA and should, if there is no military reason to the contrary, conform to their advice and reasonable requests.

Officers of the OETA of the rank of full colonel and upwards wear white gorget patches and white hat bands. All other officers wear green and white (green uppermost) arm bands on the right arm.

Sqns will ensure that this order is brought to the notice of and explained to all ranks. It is to be re-promulgated to all ranks on arrival in OET.

12. CONTROL OF PHOTOGRAPHY.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the Egyptian Government Proclamation No. 60, republished hereunder, any contravention of the proclamation will result in disciplinary action being taken against the offender.

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EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION No. 60.

All persons are forbidden, unless in possession of a special permit delivered by the Ministry of National Defence, to take pictures or effect designs within or even outside a forbidden military zone, showing :-

(a) Military works or buildings, such as fortifications, aerodromes batteries, searchlights, barracks, camps, bivouacs, cantonments;
(b) Arsenals, munition or supply depots or all establishments or yards performing works of national defence;
(c) All military formations (troops or convoys) of the Egyptian or British Armies ;
(d) Hospital trains or ambulances;
(e) The principal telegraph, telephone or wireless stations; water, gas, and electricity works, gasometers, and petrol and oil tanks;
(f) Port installations or installations on the Suez Canal or boats moored or navigating thereon.

13. FIELD CENSORSHIP - CASUALTIES.

The next-of-kin of each casualty is notified officially as soon as possible after the casualty occurs. It is earnestly desired to avoid the unnecessary suffering that may be caused to relatives through wrong information sent with the best intentions by individuals. Therefore, private cables and telegrams from all ranks reporting individuals casualties are forbidden. Details in regard to casualties may be given in letters only, one month after known date of casualty.

14. SUPPLEMENTARY NEXT-OF-KIN.

Arrangements have been made to keep a record of "supplementary" next-of-kin to enable casualty advices to be forwarded to near relatives on active service in addition to the normal notification of next-of-kin in Australia.

All ranks may apply through Sqns to RHQ for registration.

Army No., Rank, Name and Initials and Unit of the relative MUST be stated together with the latter's relationship.

15. WAR BADGES.

Authority has been issued in Australia for the issue of the following badges :-

(a) Returned from Active Service Badge.
(b) General Service Badge.
(c) Medically unfit Badge.
(d) Reserved Occupation Badge.
(e) Female Relative Badge.
(f) Mothers' and Widows' Badge.

16. PAY BOOKS, CARRYING OF.

Personnel will carry pay books at all times, except when required to be called in for pay purposes.

17. PAYMENTS TO HOSPITAL PATIENTS WITHOUT PAY BOOKS.

Personnel without pay books who are hospital inmates may be paid as follows :-

In Palestine:	Officers	- £P 1 per week
	Other Ranks	- 500 mils " "
In Egypt:	Officers	- £E 1 per week
	Other Ranks	- P.T.50 " "

Should the pay book still be missing at the end of 30 days from date of admittance to hospital, application should be made to the visiting representative of the Chief Paymaster for a duplicate pay book.

Where no representative is available, application should be made direct to Chief Paymaster.

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18. VENEREAL DISEASE - FORFEITURE OF PAY IN RESPECT OF.

A member who is absent from duty on the ground of illness shall, if that illness is venereal disease, forfeit one-third of his daily rate of pay and of his deferred pay, provided that no forfeiture of pay shall be made :-

(a) For any period not exceeding 35 days when a member contracts venereal disease for the first time;
(b) When a member accidently becomes infected with the disease in the course of his duties, and whose condition is certified by an Army Medical Officer to be not due to the default of the member;
(c) When a member requires periodic treatment for syphilis subsequent to his being pronounced fit for duty after the initial course of the treatment;

For the purpose of determining the first occasion of contracting venereal disease, any occurrence of such disease prior to date of enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force may be disregarded.

19. DAMAGE TO CAPTURED AIRCRAFT.

The Royal Air Force report that continued damage is being done to crashed or captured aircraft by Army souvenir hunters.

Recently on SOLLUM landing ground, aircraft, including C.R.42's which might possibly have been made serviceable, were damaged by having areas of fabric torn off in order to secure the markings and crests. Cockpit instruments were also removed. Other aircraft shot down by the R.A.F. have also had crests, markings and instruments stripped.

Even if the aircraft is obviously unserviceable, crests and markings must be left intact until inspected by a Royal Air Force Intelligence Officer. If there is then no objection to the removal of the insignia, these should naturally be given to the squadron responsible for shooting down the aircraft.

20. AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE CANTEEN SERVICE - CANTEEN ORDERS.

It is notified that orders are no longer issued in the denominations of 10/- and 20/- and can now be obtained only for 5/-, 3/-, and 2/-.

21. REPLACEMENT OF KIT LOST ON SERVICE.

(a) Equipment, clothing and necessaries lost on active service will be replaced by Ordnance issues, and monetary compensation in respect of such losses will not be admissable.
(b) Replacement of articles of kit which are not an Ordnance issue will be made by special purchases by Ordnance Department as a charge against Australian Funds. The articles replaced by special purchase by Ordnance Department will not exceed in cost the total amount of £A15, and will be restricted to those articles which may be considered a fair and reasonable requirement of active service.
(c) Replacement by special purchase will only be made when :-
(i) There is conclusive evidence of loss;
(ii) The loss was due to the exigencies of the service and is not attributable to negligence on the part of the officer concerned.
(d) All claims for special purchase will be referred through Sqns to the QM who will submit them on AIF Form Q 2.

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Routine Orders by Major S. A. MORRISON

Comd 6 AUST CAV

Part I. No. 11. NOT TO BE PUBLISHED. WEDNESDAY, 2 Apr 41.

1. Duties.

Orderly Officer - Lt BLACK
Next for Duty - Lt CORY

Orderly Sjt - L/Sjt ATHORN
Next for Duty - Sjt BENNETT

Flying Patrol - 1 Sjt, 1 Cpl and 9 Men from "B" Sqn
Next for Duty - 1 Sjt, 1 Cpl and 9 Men from HQ "

Regtl Orderly Officer and Regtl Orderly Serjeant will remain at RHQ nightly until 2230 hrs. They will mount duty at 1700 hrs.

Flying Patrol will report to Regtl Orderly Officer at 1700 hrs daily. Tour of duty - 24 hrs.

HQ Sqn will detail daily 1 Moter Cycle Orderly to report to RHQ at 0830 hrs.

2. DRESS. When leaving the camp area on either leave or duty, personnel will be correctly dressed in Service Dress OR Shirts and Shorts. The wearing of S.D. Tunics with shorts is prohibited. Pullovers may not be worn outside the camp area except when training.

3. PUNCTUALITY. Instances have recently occurred of unpunctuality. In future, all orders, verbal or written, specifying times, will be strictly adhered to.

4. CANTEEN HOURS. Trading hours at the Canteen are as follow:-

Dry. 1100 - 1400 hrs daily
1630 - 2130 " "

Wet. 1630 - 2130 hrs daily.

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"B" "
"C" "
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"C" Sec Sigs
2 Echelon
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NOTICE.

The programme at Shafto's Cinema commences at 2000 hrs daily.

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ROUTINE ORDERS BY MAJOR S. A. MORRISON.

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PART I. NO. 12. NOT TO BE PUBLISHED. THURSDAY 3 APR. '41.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer - Lt. KNOX
Next for Duty - Lt. REYMOND

Orderly Sjt. - Sjt. TIMMS
Next for Duty - S/Sjt. BATCHELOR

Flying Patrol - 1 Sjt, 1 Cpl. and 15 Men from HQ Sqn
Next for Duty - 1 Sjt, 1 Cpl. and 15 Men from "C" Sqn.

Flying Patrol is increased by 6 ORs who will mount duty at 1800 hrs until 0700 hrs the following morning, as Vehicle Park Piquet.

Flying Patrol will report to Regtl Orderly Officer at 1800 hrs daily.

Dress for Flying Patrol - From Sunset to Sunrise - Service Dress
From Sunrise to Sunset - Shorts & Shirts.

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2. VEHICLES. Speed Limit for Vehicles through lines is 10 m.p.h. Vehicles moving out of Camp Area will report to R.H.Q. prior to departure and immediately on return.
Work Tickets. - No vehicle, other than those used for training purposes, will leave the Camp Area without the Driver being in possession of a work ticket. Beyond roundabout at entrance to Camp Area is outside the camp area.

3. LAUNDRY. Laundry will be delivered only to Regtl Contractor, T.A. GAWARD and noone else. Price list is as follows :-

Outer Clothing -	Shirts, Shorts, WD Jackets, slacks, etc.	1 PT per article.
	Under Clothing	5 millemes "
	Socks & Stockings	5 " "
	Handkerchiefs	Free
	SD Jackets	2 PT each
	SD Slacks	2 PT each

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PART I. NO. 13 NOT TO BE PUBLISHED FRIDAY 4 APRIL '41.

1. DUTIES.

Orderly Officer - Lt. REYMOND Orderly Sjt. - S/Sjt.BATCHELOR
Next for Duty - Lt. MILLARD Next for Duty - Sjt. COYLE
Flying Patrol - 1 Sjt, 1 Cpl, and 15 Men from "C" Sqn.
Next for Duty - 1 Sjt, 1 Cpl, and 15 Men from "A" Sqn.
Fatigue Party (Pioneer) who will report to Q Store at 0630 hrs from "C" Sqn. Next for Duty "A" Sqn.

2. MEAL PARADES. Meal Parades will be conducted as proper parades. Special attention is drawn to evening meal parade - Punctuality is essential.

3. VEHICLES. It has been noticed that vehicles are not being parked on the vehicle park.
ALL vehicles must be on the Park by 1630 hrs unless on a specific duty.
Vehicles will not be used for carrying personnel to Canteen, Sjt's Mess, Kitchens, Mess Rooms etc.

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NOTICE.

CHURCH PARADE. AChurch Service will be held on Sunday April 6 (Palm Sunday) in SHAFTO'S THEATRE. After this Service a Service of Holy Communion will be held to which all communicant members of Protestant Churches are invited.
EASTER DAY Sunday April 13 the following Services will be held:-
Holy Communion 0700 hrs
Church Parade 0900 followed by Holy Communion Service. This will be a Special Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service.

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PART I. NO. 14. NOT TO BE PUBLISHED. SATURDAY 5 APRIL '41.

ORDERLY OFFICER - LT. MILLARD ORDERLY SJT. - SJT. COYLE
NEXT FOR DUTY - LT. RYRIE NEXT FOR DUTY - SJT. McLEOD

DUTIES TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE UNDERMENTION SQNS.

SQN.	FLYING PATROL	PIONEER FATIGUE PARTY.
"A" Sqn.	1 Sjt., 1 Cpl. & 15 Men	6 Men
	Next for Duty - "B" Sqn	

2. MEAL PARADES. Commencing tomorrow morning, 6 Apr '41, times for meal parades will be as under :-

Breakfast	0730 hrs
Lunch	1230 "
Tea	1730 "

3. HOURS OF PARADE. Commencing Monday, 7 Apr '41 the following normal routine will be observed :-

Reveille	0600 hrs
Admin. Parade	0630 - 0700 hrs
Morning "	0845 - 1200 "
Afternoon "	1345 - 1630 "

4. DISCIPLINE IN N.A.A.F.I.

(a) In future all bottled beer sold in the N.A.A.F.I. will have the tops removed by the N.A.A.F.I. Staff before being handed to the purchaser.
(b) NO beer is to be taken outside the N.A.A.F.I. building.
(c) Gambling is strictly forbidden in the N.A.A.F.I. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.
(d) Beer may now be purchased at the N.A.A.F.I. only between the hours of 1630 - 2100 daily.
(e) The N.A.A.F.I. will close at 2100 hrs daily as from this date.

5. PROMULGATION OF ROUTINE ORDERS.

Sufficient promulgation is not being given to Regtl Routine Orders.

In future Sqns will ensure that they are read on at least one parade daily.

6. LEAVE. Daily leave may now be granted to personnel of the Regt. Application will be made in the normal manner.

All personnel granted this leave will ensure that they return to Camp by 0100 hrs.

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NOTICES.

CHURCH SERVICE. R.C. Mass will be celebrated in SHAFTO'S Cinema at 0815 hrs on Sunday 6 Apr '41.

LOST. A Wristlet Watch was lost in 7 Aust Cav Showers. Finder please return to "C" Sqn Orderly Room.

a Silver Wristlet Watch with leather cover has been lost. Finder please return to R.H.Q.

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PART I. NO. 15. NOT TO BE PUBLISHED. SUNDAY 6 APRIL '41.

ORDERLY OFFICER - LT. RYRIE
NEXT FOR DUTY - LT. PHILLIPS

ORDERLY SJT. - SJT. McLEOD
NEXT FOR DUTY - SJT. EDWARDS

DUTIES TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE UNDERMENTIONED SQUADRONS.

SQN.	FLYING PATROL.	PIONEER FATIGUE PARTY.
"B" Sqn.	1 Sjt, 1 Cpl, & 15 Men.	6 Men
	Next for Duty - "HQ" Sqn.	

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2. HONOURS AND AWARDS.

The Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, has approved of the undermentioned awards to personnel of this unit for gallant and distinguished services in action during the recent operations in CYRENAICA.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

NX 135 Major. Denzil Macarthur-Onslow.

THE MILITARY CROSS.

NX 8676 Lieut. Eric Claude Hennessy
NX 174 Lieut. Thomas Mills.

THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

QX 4682 Sjt. Vincent Daniel McQuillan.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

QX 394 Tpr. Charles Archibald Amos
NX 550 " Cecil Leonard McCarthy

3. POSTAL.

Outwards mail closes at Sqn Orderly Rooms at 1800 hrs each day.

Rates for Cables - 2 P.T. per word.

Air Mail rates are as under :-

Weight.	P.T.
10 Grs	4
20 "	7
30 "	11
40 "	14
50 "	18
60 "	21
70 "	25
80 "	28
90 "	32
100 "	35

Parcel Rates are as under :-

500 grs to 2¼ lb. - 17½ P.T.
6¾ lb. - 36 P.T.
11 lb. - 56 P.T.

Two Customs declarations, obtainable ~~for~~ from Regtl. Post Office must be lodged with each parcel.

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4. TROPHIES OF WAR AND OTHER CAPTURED MATERIAL.

(a) Captured material claimed as trophies of war will be notified forthwith through Sqns to R.H.Q. with particulars of the circumstances of capture. Decisions on claims will be given by G.H.Q. M.E.

(b) Captured material required for issue for further use will not, as a general rule, be regarded as trophies of war. Amongst this material are the following items :-

Revolvers and Pistols
Rifles
Ammunition.
Rangefinders.
Dial sights and parts.
Telescopes.
Binoculars.
Optical Stores.
Technical Equipment.
Cine and other Cameras.
Wireless sets.
Signalling Instruments and parts.
Surveying and Drawing Instruments.
Gun Parts, Tools, Spares, Magazines, etc.
M.T. Spares and Tools.
Typewriters, Duplicators etc.
Military Literature, including Maps, and Manuals.
Private Cars and other vehicles.
Medical Equipment.
Money in Italian Currency.
Other items which are clearly of value.

(c) Any of the above items in possession will be handed over immediately to Sqn Stores for disposal to the Salvage Organisation or to Ordnance Depots. The retention of any such items will involve disciplinary action. Sqns will ensure that such is taken in all such cases.

(d) It is notified that loot includes any property or money in the possession or under the control of any officer or soldier wh which has not been obtained by issue, by free gift on the part of the lawful owner, or by lawful purchase for fair value. So-called souvenirs of battle are included in the term. The possession of loot by any member of the A.I.F. is forbidden.

(e) Any officer of the A.I.F. detected in the possession of loot will be tried by Court Martial. Other ranks will be dealt with as may be considered fit by superior authority not below the rank of Colonel.

(f) This order will be read three times on Sqn Parades and posted on Sqn Notice Boards. Sqns will ensure that this ~~notice~~ is brought to the notice of all ranks.
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PART I. NO. 16 NOT TO BE PUBLISHED. MONDAY 7 APRIL '41.

ORDERLY OFFICER - LT. PHILLIPS ORDERLY SJT. - SJT. EDWARDS
NEXT FOR DUTY - LT. ROBERTS A. NEXT FOR DUTY - SJT. GROVES

DUTIES TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE UNDERMENTIONED SQN.

SQN.	FLYING PATROL	PIONEER FATIGUE PARTY.
"HQ" Sqn.	1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., & 9 Men 1 Sjt., & 2 Men for Canteen Piquet. Next for Duty - "C" Sqn.	6 Men

2. VD. PROPHYLAXIS. Although prophylactic treatment for V.D. may be obtainable at the R.A.P. all ranks are requested to use prophylactic facilities provided in CAIRO. Blue Light outfits and rubber sheaths may be obtained on request at the R.A.P.

3. SICK PARADE. Sick parade will be conducted under Sqn arrangements at 0700 hrs daily. Personnel requiring dressings only will report at 1600 hrs.

4. VEHICLE PARKS. Vehicled will be parked in Sqn areas under Sqn arrangements. Sqns are responsible for the security of their own vehicles.

5. N.A.A.F.I. - CANTEEN HOURS. The following hours will be observed daily :-

1200 hrs to 1300 hrs - DRY
1600 " to 2115 " - WET
2115 " to 2130 " - DRY

6. CANTEEN PIQUET. Canteen Piquet as detailed every second weekly period will mount duty from 1600 hrs to 2130 hrs and will be under orders of Regtl. Orderly Officer.

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PART I. NO. 17. NOT TO BE PUBLISHED. TUESDAY, 8 APR 41.

ORDERLY OFFICER - LT TAYLOR
NEXT FOR DUTY - LT ROBERTS, E.B.

ORDERLY SGT - SJT GROVES
NEXT FOR DUTY - SJT ROBINSON

DUTIES TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE UNDERMENTIONED SQNS.

SQN	FLYING PATROL	FATIGUE PARTY	CANTEEN PIQUET
"C" Sqn	1 Sjt, 1 Cpl & 9 Men	6 Men	1 Sjt, 1 Cpl & 4 Men

Next for duty - "A" Sqn.

2. CANTEEN PIQUET. The Canteen Piquet will consist of a detail of 1 Sjt, 1 Cpl and 4 Men as from to-day.

3. CANTEEN ORDERS. It is notified that Aust Army Canteen Orders will be accepted at the Regtl Canteen on the same terms as prevail in the Aust Army Canteens.

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NOTICES.

FOUND. 1 Wristlet Watch in Leather Case. Owner apply at RHQ.

CHURCH SERVICES. The following Church Services will be held in Shafto's Cinema over the Easter period:-

Good Friday, 11 Apr 41. 0900 hrs - short Service followed by Holy Communion.

Easter Day - Sunday next, 13 Apr 41.

0800 hrs - Holy Communion,
0900 hrs - Church Parade,
1000 hrs - Holy Communion.

All Communicant members of Protestant Churches invited to Holy Communion.

"HE IS RISEN".

Sunday next, 13 Apr 41. 0715 hrs - R.C. Mass will be celebrated, in Shafto's Cinema.

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PART I. NO. 18. NOT TO BE PUBLISHED. WEDNESDAY, 9 Apr 41.

ORDERLY OFFICER - LT ROBERTS, E.B. ORDERLY SJT - SJT ROBINSON
NEXT FOR DUTY - LT WRAY NEXT FOR DUTY - A/SJT SILVER

DUTIES TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE UNDERMENTIONED SQNS

SQN.	FLYING PATROL	FATIGUE PARTY	CANTEEN PIQUET
"A"	1 Sjt, 1 Cpl & 9 Men	6 Men	1 Sjt, 1 Cpl & 4 Men

Next for Duty - "B" Sqn.

2. BLACKOUT PRECAUTIONS. Blackout precautions will be taken in all buildings, tents, etc, in this unit's lines as from this date.

3. SPECIALISTS - HELWAN HOSPITAL. Various Specialists may be consulted at HELWAN Hospital. Applicants will report on Sick Parades at 0700 hrs daily, when such consultations will be arranged.

4. MEDICAL. Personnel requiring dressings will report at RAP at 1645 hrs instead of 1600 hrs daily.

5. ROAD ACCIDENT REPORTS. Sqns will ensure that all drivers are familiar with the instructions on Army Form A.3676 (Inner Sheet A), a copy of which is issued to each Sqn herewith. All drivers will strictly comply with these instructions. The sketch required will be properly and neatly drawn, and will show all relevant distances.

6. REGTL TIME. As from this date, local time will be corrected in camp from BBC Wireless time. Sqn Orderly Officers will synchronise their watches with Regtl Orderly Officer at 0800 hrs daily.

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PART I. NO 19. NOT TO BE PUBLISHED. THURSDAY, 10 APR 41.

ORDERLY OFFICER - LT PHILLIPS
NEXT FOR DUTY - LT BOYD

ORDERLY SJT - L/SJT SMITH
NEXT FOR DUTY - SJT CRAMP

DUTIES TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE UNDERMENTIONED SQNS.

SQN.	FLYING PATROL	FATIGUE PARTY	CANTEEN PIQUET
"B"	1 Sjt, 1 Cpl & 9 Men	6 Men	1 Sjt & 2 Men

Next for Duty - HQ Sqn.

2. WORK TICKETS. Work Tickets will be used on all vehicles as from this date.
Previous instructions issued in connection with Work Tickets will be rigidly adhered to.

3. DRESS - GUARD. As from 1800 hrs 10 Apr 41, shirts and shorts will be worn by Regtl Guard during tour of duty.

4. POSTAL. There will be no outward or inward delivery of mail tommorrow, Good Friday.

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NOTICE.

LOST. 1 Webbing Haversack. Finder please return to RHQ.

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PART I. NO 20. NOT TO BE PUBLISHED. FRIDAY, 11 APR 41.

ORDERLY OFFICER - LT BOYD
NEXT FOR DUTY - LT BRAIN

ORDERLY SJT - SJT CRAMP
NEXT FOR DUTY - SJT BENNET

DUTIES TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE UNDERMENTIONED SQNS.

SQN.	FLYING PATROL	FATIGUE PARTY	CANTEEN PIQUET
HQ Sqn	1 Sjt, 1 Cpl & 9 Men	6 Men	1 Sjt & 2 Men

Next for Duty - "C" Sqn

2. P.A.D. Lieut T. MILLS is detailed to supervise all P.A.D. measures.

3. SECURITY. All workmen in the camp area MUST be in possession of an identification pass. NO civilian is allowed to enter the camp unless in possession of a pass.

These passes are issued by Camp Custodian (in lieu of Camp Adjutant) and all have Official Stamp, as well as photographs attached.

Mess Vendors, Hawkers, etc, will NOT be encouraged to enter the camp. Any unauthorised person found in camp is to be taken to the Guard Tent to be handed over to the Civilian Police for ejection.

All ranks will co-operate in policing these security instructions.

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Substitute Army Form C.2126.

To :- (1) 6 Aust Div Cav Regt (HELWAN) (2) Q(M)

rptd CAIRO AREA MATRUH FORTRESS ALEX AREA.

copy to A. Q. O.S. S.T. G.H.Q., M.E.

From :- EGYPFORCE. O.407. 12

6 Aust Div Cav Regt move HELWAN MATRUH road and rail 13 Apr (.) Strengths rail party 20 Offr 300 ORs 28 Lt Tanks 20 carriers (.) Road party 190 all ranks 46 vehicles (.) Acc stores scale 'B' taken (.) F.S. tentage will be drawn at MATRUH (.) Q(M) will issue detailed orders (.) AOK

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent in CIPHER.

IMMEDIATE

IN CIPHER

T.O.O. 1300 hrs

Signed. [signature]

Captain.

By authority G.I.

6 Aust. Cav.,
AMIRIYA,
31 Mar. 41.

All Sqns.,
QM.

MOVE TO HELWAN.

1. R.H.Q., H.Q., "B" and "C" Sqns. and all reinforcement personnel will move from AMIRIYA to HELWAN on 1 Apr., '41.

2. Order of March;--

"B" Sqn.
"C" Sqn.
H.Q. and R.H.Q.

3. Starting Time.

"B" Sqn. .. 0830 hrs.
"C" Sqn. .. 0900 hrs.
H.Q. & R.H.Q. 0930 hrs.

4. Start Line.

South edge IKINGI - AMIRIYA Road, north of Camp Site.

5. Density. 20 v.t.m.

6. Speed. 20 m.i.h.

7. Administration.

a. Rations for 1 Apr. will be carried by Sqns. Feeding under Sqn. arrangements.

b. On arrival HELWAN, Sqns. will halt column and Sqn. Ldrs. report to Adjt. for locations, etc.

c. Guides will be posted to direct Sqn. Ldrs.

d. All other matters normal.

8. Heavy Lorries.

3 diesels and one petrol lorry will move from AMIRIYA at 1400 hrs. 31 MAR. 41, in charge of Sjt. R.G.C. Chapple, and will report to Lieut. J.F.P. Burt on arrival.

.....Capt.,
Adjt., 6 Aust. Cav.

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6 AUST DIV CAV REGT.

MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 5.

MOVE. 6 Aust Div Cav Regt will move from present location to Camp "M" HELWAN AREA. This camp is situated approx. 400 yds west of present location.

STARTING TIME 0830 hours 7 April '41.

TRANSPORT. Sqns will use own transport for the move. Transport Officer will detail 1-30 cwt to report to RHQ at 0830 hrs; 1-30 cwt to report to the Officers mess at 0930 hrs. Same vehicle will report to Sjt's Mess at 1045 hrs. Messes will ensure that all stores are ready by above times. Transport Officer will liaise with QM re transport requirements. After Sqns have moved T.O. may call on Sqns for transport if found necessary.

COOKS & KITCHENS. All cooks and kitchen gear will be under control of QM who will issue separate verbal instructions re movement.

GUIDES. One officer from each Sqn will report to 2 i/c at R.H.Q. at 0820 hrs 7 Apr '41. These officers will act as guides to their respective Sqns and will be shown sqn accommodation by 2 i/c.

R.A.P. Will move under R.M.O's instructions at 1000 hrs.

OFFICERS' BAGGAGE. - will be loaded and moved under Sqn arrangements. HQ Sqn will be responsible for the transport of R.H.Q. Officers' baggage.

COMPLETION OF MOVE. - Move will be completed by 1600 hrs. 7 Apr '41.

CAMP - PRESENT LOCATION. Sqns will be responsible that all areas and buildings occupied by them are left clean and tidy.

Rubbish, papers etc. will be burnt. Prior to Sqn Rear Parties marching out 2 i/c. will inspect areas.

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Adjt., 6 Aust Cav.

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SECRET.

6 AUST DIV CAV REGT.

MOVEMENT ORDER NO 6.

6 Aust Cav will move from HELWAN to Matruh Area on 13 Apr 41 in accordance with the following details:-

Reveille. 0430 hrs.
Breakfast. 0500 hrs.

Rations. All ranks will carry three days' rations. Rations will be drawn by Sqn QMSs from Ration Store at 1830 hrs 12 Apr 41.

Move. Regiment will move in four parties:-

1. Advance Party - under Lt HAIR, previously detailed.

2. Road Party.
   (a) Personnel - Major J. E. ABBOTT i/c
   Tech Offr
   OC, LAD
   1 Offr detailed from each sqn.
   "C" Sec Sigs, LAD vehicles with drivers will move with Road Party.
   2 men only will ride in each vehicle.
   Sqns will detail drivers and relief drivers for each vehicle on sqn charge.

Total Road Party. 7 Officers, 69 ORs.

Time of Start - ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ 0945 hrs.

Route. HELWAN - AMIRIYA.
Further instructions AMIRIYA.

Order of March. "B" Sqn, "C" Sqn, HQ Sqn (including RHQ, LAD & "C" Sec Sigs.

Start Line. Roundabout - HELWAN Camp entrance.

Density. 10 v.t.m. to AMIRIYA.

Speed. 20 m.i.h.

Administration. Vehicles will carry sufficient fuel to reach AMIRIYA where further supplies will be available.

3. Rail Party.
   Personnel. Capt F. H. BROWN, OC Party
   Lieut F. J. MULALLY.

All Officers & Men other than those detailed for Road Party, Rear Party and Advance Party to AMIRIYA.

Loading Parties.

Detail as follows:-

(a) Report QM 0600 hrs 13 Apr
"A" - 5 ORs
"B" - 1 Sjt, 4 ORs
"C" - 5 ORs
HQ - 5 ORs

(b) Report HELWAN Station for loading box trucks:-

"C" Sqn 1 Offr, 4 ORs
"B" " 5 ORs
HQ " 1 Sjt, 4 ORs
"A" " 5 ORs

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Transport Officer will arrange to transport (b) party to HELWAN Ry Sta.

Note. (b) party will move w ith all kit.

Transport of personnel. Arrangements are being made with 2nd Anti-Tank Regt and 7 Aust Cav to transport personnel to HELWAN Sta. Details and time of move to be notified.

Tanks & Carriers. Personnel as detailed under will report to Capt F. H. BROWN at 0545 hrs, 13 Apr, near Guard Tent:-

"A" Sqn - Lieut MULALLY & 28 Tank Dvrs
"B" " - 10 Carrier Dvrs & 14 Crew Comdrs
"C" " - 10 Carrier Dvrs & 14 Crew Comdrs

This party will collect and load 28 tanks and 20 carriers as directed by Capt BROWN.
Loading will be completed as speedily as possible.
Above personnel will move to HELWAN Sta complete with Kit.

Transport & Loading of Q Stores. As detailed to QM and TO.

Excess Sqn Stores. Any stores that cannot be loaded on Sqn transport will be packed, clearly marked and handed to "Q" Store by 2000 hrs 12 Apr 41.

Rear Party. Personnel.

A. Lieut P.G.C. de Crespigny OC Party
WO II F. G. Westhorp, RQMS.

HQ Sqn - 3 ORs
"A" " - 1 Sjt, 3 ORs
"B" " - 4 ORs
"C" " - 4 ORs

B. Lieut D. H. BOYD
Lieut M. C. WOODHOUSE
"A" Sqn - 2 ORs
"B" " - 2 ORs
"C" " - 2 ORs
HQ " - 1 OR

B party to include three mess stewards.

Capt,
Adjt, 6 AUST CAV.

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ Sqn (2)
"A" " (2)
"B" " (2)
"C" " (2)
39 LAD
"C" Sec Sigs
QM
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Tech O
7 Armd Div
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APPENDIX 1c-V

April 8

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SECRET.

W. Diary

6 AUST DIV CAV REGT.

MOVEMENT OF M.T. VEHICLES.

Movement of M.T. vehicles on charge to 6 Aust Div Cav Regt will take place as set out hereunder :-

No. 1 Convoy - For return to 2 V.R.S. Amiriya.

Lieut. C. A. Roberts i/c Convoy
" M.C. Woodhouse
" P.G. de Crespigny
Sqns will detail one driver for each vehicle

Cars C.Os.	2449	
Vans 15 Cwt G.S. Ford (13)	590	A
	652	A
	639	HQ
	668	B
	660	B
	648	B
	1020	HQ
	663	C
	76	39 LAD
	664	B
	640	B
	651	C
	659	C
Vans 15 Cwt G.S. Chev. (11)	1343	HQ
	1615	HQ
	1624	HQ
	1341	C
	1605	B
	1673	B
	1608	B
	1613	HQ
	1627	HQ
	1676	B
	1677	A.
Lorries 30 Cwt G.S? (5)	2992	HQ
	2993	HQ
	2955	HQ
	2972	B
	2991	HQ
Lorries Ford 1 Ton	802	A.

No. 2 Convoy - for return to Aust B.O.D. Tel-el-kebir.

Lieut. E.C. Hennessy M.C. i/c Convoy
" E.B. Roberts
" J.M. Florence Wray
~~Sqns will~~
Cpl. G. Juleff Mechanic
Pte Troutbeck G.) on breakdown vehicle.
" Shanahan P.A)
Sqns will detail 1 driver for each vehicle.

Motor Cycles B.S.A. (5) to be loaded

3487)	
3593)	HQ
3491)	
3450)	
03485	A.

Lorry 3 ton Store (A.E.C)
3844 39 L.A.D.

Trailer Garage (Less equipment) except generator and engine assembly which will be delivered to A.I.F. (HQ);report transport Office for further instructions

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Lorries 30 cwt C.S. 11/30 (5)

2851)	
3790)	HQ
3779)	
3792)	
3783	A

Trucks 15 Cwt C.S.8. (29)

o3677	HQ	3648	B
1543	HQ	3668	HQ
3670	C	3642	C
3644	C	364L	C
1107	HQ	3851	C
3673	B	3694	HQ
3676	B	2088	HQ
3750	B	1288	HQ
3675	B	3698	HQ
3650	B	2122	HQ
3682	B	3367	HQ
3690	B	1706	HQ
1388	C	2252	HQ
3664	C	3761	HQ
3657	C		

Trucks 8 Cwt P.U. (9)

3737	HQ	3742	B
3739	HQ	3710	B
3726	C	3709	B
3736	C	3740	C
3733	B		

Start line. Both convoys - roundabout at entrance to HELWAN CAMP.

Starting Time. No. 1 Convoy 1305 hrs
No. 2 Convoy 1320 "

Density & Speed 20 v.t.m. - 20 m.i.h.

Rations. 2 days rations will be carried by ALL ranks. Rations to be drawn from the ration Store under Sqn arrangements.

Equipment. Water bottles will be carried. Blankets etc. will be carried.

Dress Shirts & shorts.

Security. Officers - Pistol - 10 rds ammn.
ORs - Rifles - 50 " "

Issue of Vehicles. O.C. No. 1 Convoy will take over vehicles from 2 V.R.S. as approved by A.D.O.S. (M.T.) and return to HELWAN as soon as possible.

Vehicle Pool. All vehicles remaining within Regt will be handed over to Transport Officer by 1200 hrs 8 Apr '41. All demands for Transport will be made on T.O. after 1200 hrs this day.

Capt.,
Adjt., 6 Aust Cav.

Distribution.
All Sqns
Q.M.
T.O.
Tech Offr.
39 L.A.D.
T.O.
O.C. No. 2 Convoy
File.
War Diary

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App. 1d.

6 AUST DIV CAV REGT.

POSTING OF OFFICERS.

The following is the posting of officers of the Regiment and will take effect from 0900 hrs 4 April '41.

R.H.Q.	Major	S.A. Morrison	Adm Comd.
	"	D. Macarthur-Onslow D.S.O.	A/2 i/c.
	Captain	J.C. Holden	Adjt.
	Lieut.	F.C. Taylor	Int Offr. & A/Adjt.
	"	D.G. Boyd	" " (Learner)
	"	A.J. Phillips	Sig Offr
	"	M.C. Woodhouse	" " (Learner)
HQ Sqn.	Captain	L de L. Miell	O.C.
	"	R.E. Robinson	Q.M.
	Lieut.	P.G. de Crespigny	" " (Learner)
	"	J.D. Black	T.O.
	"	C.A. Roberts	Tech Offr.
	"	A. Roberts	Duty Offr.
"A" Sqn.	Lieut.	T. Mills M.C.	A/ Sqn Ldr.
	"	E.D. Mills	A/Sqn 2i/c.
	"	F.J. Mulally	
	"	E.C. Hennessy M.C/	
	"	J. Dent	
	"	E.B. Roberts	
	"	C.H.W. Wray	
"B" Sqn.	Captain	F.H. Brown	Sqn Ldr.
	Lieut.	H.W. Maule	A/Sqn 2i/c.
	"	C.G. Hurrey	
	"	D.W.R. Knox	
	"	G.C. Cory	
	"	E.J. Ryrie	
	"	H. Brain	
	"	C.A. Wade.	
"C" Sqn.	Major	J.E. Abbott	Sqn Ldr.
	Lieut.	J.F.P. Burt	A/Sqn 2 i/c.
	"	H.D. Lapthorne	
	"	H.C. Reymond	
	"	W.R. Hair	
	"	H.B. Bromley	
	"	J.M. Florence	
	"	A.B. Millard	
	"	F.K. Durbridge	

K Holden
Capt.

Adjt. 6 Aust Cav.

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APPENDIX 12

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Copy No 6.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 1.

Ref Map MATRUH 1/100,000.

Information.

No known enemy forces east of line running N and S of SIDI BARRANI. Supp Gp7Armd Div SIDI BARRANI.
One Sqn 11 Hussars locality RAQABET QUEBINA.
2 sqn R gt Ind Cav (Fd Cars) patrolling MATRUH - SIDI BARRANI north of road.
1 Tp RA, 1 Coy Queen's holding road block CHARING CROSS.
Small convoys MT moving north and south SIWA - MATRUH. May be manned by Egyptians, Sudanese or British Tps.
6 Aust Cav located 715345.

Intention.

"C" Sqn will patrol roads and tracks to the south and SW of CHARING CROSS 16 Apr '41.

Method.

Axis of patrol MATRUH - SIWA road. Southermost limit BIR EL HUKAMA.
Reconnaissance of all tracks and roads runningeast and west through axis up to 3 miles east and 7 miles west.

Starting Point.

CHARING CROSS.

Time of Start.

0500 hrs

Speed

6 m.i.h.

Adm. normal.

Intercomm.

RHQ remains present location. Wireless silence until contact or enemy aircraft formation sighted.
Frequency 4580.
Recognition signals - own aircraft will ask for recognition signal by continually flying on figure 'S' turns.
Answer - waving of white flag.

Signed at RHQ at 2000 hrs 15 Apr 41.

Capt.,
Adjt, 6 AUST CAV.

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OPERATION ORDER NO 2.

Information. No change from O.O. No 1.

Intention. 6 Aust Cav will patrol up to N and S line through BIR EL KENAYIS (680310) 17 Apr 41.

Method. "A" Sqn will patrol with axis MATRUH - SIWA rd as far [illegible] south as BIR EL KENAYIS.
Patrol up 3 miles east of axis and as far west as N and S line through BIR EL KENAYIS.

Start Line. CHARING CROSS.

Time of Start. 0500 hrs.

Adm. Normal.

Intercomm. No change from O.O. No 1.

Signed at RHQ at 2115 hrs 16 Apr 41.

[signature] Capt,
Adjt, 6 AUST CAV.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 3.

Ref Map : Matruh 1/100,000.

Information. - Enemy no change.

Own Troops.

1 Tp 2/4 Fd Regt CHARING CROSS
1 Coy 2/16 Bn CHARING CROSS
Supp Gp 7 Armd Div SIDI BARRANI
1 Sqn 11 Hussars locality RAQABET QUEBINA
2 Sqn Regt Ind Cav (Fd Cars) patrolling MATRUH - SIDI BARRANI north of road.
Small convoys M.T. moving north and south MATRUH - SIWA may be manned by Egyptians, Sudanese or British Tps.
6 Aust Cav located 715345.

Intention. 6 Aust Cav will patrol up to N and S line running through BIR EL KENAYIS.

Method. "B" Sqn (less 2 Carrier Tps) ~~will~~ move to BIR EL HUKUMA and bivouac this area nights 18/19, 19/20 Apr '41.
~~"B" Sqn~~ patroll with axis MATRUH - SIWA road as far south as BIR EL KENAYIS.
~~"B" Sqn~~ patrol as far east as BIR ABU KIKIMA (708324).
~~"B" Sqn~~ patrol as far west as BIR EL RIMEIL (676326) and ALAM EL RAGIL (683236)
"B" Sqn ~~will~~ to be relieved on morning of 20 Apr '41.

Start Line. CHARING CROSS

Time of start. 0500 hrs

Adm Normal

Inter-Comm. "B" Sqn ~~will be~~ in contact with RHQ by W/T.
Frequency 4580 K/C's.
Wireless silence ~~will be observed~~ until identification of enemy land force or aircraft formation.
Daily situation and patrol reports ~~will be made~~ to RHQ by D/R. to RHQ

Recognition Signal.
Own aircraft may ask for recognition signal by continuous flying on letter "S" turns.
Answer. - waving white flag.

Signed at RHQ at 2000 hrs 17 Apr '41.

J. Stoddart Capt.,
Adjt., 6 AUST CAV.

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OPERATION ORDER NO 5.

Ref Map MATRUH 1/100,000.

Information.

Enemy no change.

Own troops. Supp Gp 7 Armd Div - SIDI BARRANI.
1 Sqn 11 Hussars locality RAQUABET QUERBINA.
2 Sqn Regt Ind Cav patrolling MATRUH - SIDI BARRANI North of road.
Small convoys MT moving North and South SIWA - MATRUH road. May be manned by Egyptians, Sudanese or British troops.
6 Aust Cav located 715545.

Intention.

6 Aust Cav will patrol the area CHARING CROSS - BIR KHAYIS - ABOU EL SHITUR.

Method.

"A" Sqn to relieve "C" Sqn 22 Apr 41 and continue patrol area BIR ABU KHEIA (708324), BIR EL REGIL (676326) and ALAM EL RAGLA (683236) with axis patrol MATRUH - SIWA road, as far South as BIR EL KHAYIS.
"A" Sqn to be relieved on morning 24 Apr 41.

676355

Start Line. CHARING CROSS.

Start Time. 0630 hrs.

1 Tp (2-wheeled vehs) HQ Sqn to occupy position of observation at TRIG 161 (67973341), returning unit location through CHARING CROSS by 2000 hrs.

Start Line. CHARING CROSS.

Start Time. 0600 hrs.

1 Tp (2 Tks, 1 DR) RHQ, Lieut A. ROBERTS i/c, to relieve 1 Pl 2/16 Bn at CHARING CROSS at 0800 hrs. Tp to occupy position of observation in area CHARING CROSS.

Adm. Normal.

Intercom. All patrols in contact with RHQ by W/T.
Frequency 4500 K/cs.
Wireless silence until identification of enemy land force or aircraft formation.
"A" Sqn to make daily situation reports to RHQ by DR.

Recognition Signal.

Own aircraft may ask for recognition signal by continuous flying on letter 'S' turns.
Answer - waving white flag.

Signed at RHQ at 2000 hrs 21 Apr 41.

J.C. Holden Capt,
Adjt, 6 AUST CAV.

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OPERATION ORDERS

(By Message Forms). April,41.

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TO..PUDA IDIR RESA DOKA.
FROM.ROMA. G 11. 19.

DOKA will relieve RESA 20 Apr. leaving present location 0630 hrs. Operation Order No,4 same as Operation Order Number 3.

Orderly.

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TO.....RESA PUDA, rptd IDIR DOKA.
FROM...ROMA. G 17. 23.

RESA will relieve IDIR on 24 Apr. 41 and continue patrol as in Operation Order Number 5. RESA depart this locality 0600 hrs. RESA to be relieved on morning of 26 Apr. PUDA continue standing patrol as in Operation Order No.5. Ack.

Orderly. 2020.

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TO.....DOKA PUDA rptd RESA IDIR.
FROM....EPIC. G 29. 25.

DOKA will relieve RESA on 26 Apr.41 and continue patrol as in O. O.No.5. DOKA move this locality 0600 hrs. DOKA to be relieved a.m. 28 April. PUDA continue standing patrol. Ack.

Orderly. 2030.

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Regt Instructions 1f

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6 AUST CAV.

HELWAN,
11 Apr 41.

PAD POLICY AND ORGANISATION.

The following is a copy of a letter received from Camp Custodian, HELWAN:-

"The following is a text of a communication received from CRE, CAIRO:-

1. The G.O.C. in C. held a conference on 24 Mar 41 on the subject of PAD.
2. Bombing by about 40 enemy bombers every 24 hours may take place at any time.
3. The following matters will be proceeded with at once:-
(a) The completion of slit trenches for 100% military personnel and civilian employees of the army.
(b) The completion of fire-fighting appliances and medical arrangements.
(c) Dispersion of tents, vehicles, etc.
(d) Arrangements for signal communications in the event of air bombing.
(e) The prearation of alternative Zone and Sector HQ with signal communications, etc, different telephone circuit specially nominated M/C DRs.
(f) Camouflage of tents, buildings, AA Posts, etc.

The Area Commander will visit HELWAN on 16th inst at approx 0915 hrs to inspect PAD arrangements. In this connection the Zone Commander or his Staff Officer will accompany the Area Commander.
The 'Black-out' conditions must be strictly adhered to, and naked lights in and around cubicles, huts, NAAFI buildings, etc, must not be visible."

Lieut T. MILLS is appointed PAD Officer for 6 Aust Div Cav Regt. This Officer will liaise with Sqn Ldrs as regards policy within Sqn lines.

RMO and Sig Officer are available for any necessary precautions concerning First Aid and Signal Communications.

Every endeavour will be made to complete the policy this day.

Vehicles will be dispersed within Sqn areas.

Capt,
Adjt, 6 AUST CAV.

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ Sqn	"C" Sec Sigs
"A" "	39 LAD
"B" "	QM
"C" "	TO
PAD Offr	War Diary (2)
RMO	File.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

6 Aust Cav (Unit) 5 Apr 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.E.			
1 W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
7 W.Os. Class II.	6	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
5 Staff Serjeants	4	-	1
28 Serjeants	26	-	2
71 Corporals	62	-	9
342 Troopers, Privates, &c.	338	-	4
TOTALS	437	*	* 17

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
WO II 1	34 LAD AADC	Cpl 1	AAMC
Cpl 1	" "	Ptes 2	"
Ptes 8	" "	" 5	AADC
Sgt 1	AAPC		
Pl Sgt 1	"C" Lee Sigs		
Sigmn 8	" "		
Cpl 1	AA Postal Corps		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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6 Aust Cav Unit.

Army Form W. 3009
(page 2)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
							Attached											
AADC																		
Armourers															2		2	
34 LAD																		
Fitter M.T.														1				
Joiner M.T.															1		2	
"C" Lee Sigs																		
Signalmen															2		2	
General duty personnel											1	1	2	9	4		17	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)											1	1	2	9	4		17	

6 Aust Cav
Unit.

J S Holden
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 5 Apr 41

Act 7 Armd Div
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

6 Aust Cav (Unit) 19 Apr 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	6	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	4	-	1
Serjeants	32	4	-
Corporals	73	2	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	311	-	31
TOTALS	427	* 6	* 33

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
WO II	1 SQLAD AADC	Cpl	1 AAMC
Cpl	1 " "	Ptes	2 "
Ptes	8 " "	"	5 AADC
Sjt	1 AAPC		
R/Sjt	1 "C" Sec Sigs		
Sigmn	8 " " "		
Cpl	1 AA Postal C		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
					Attached													
AAOC															2		2	
39 AD																		
Fitter MT														1				
Driver MT															1		2	
"C" Sec Sigs																		
Signalmen															2		2	
General duty personnel	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	6	-	1	1	-	-	31	-	33	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	6	-	1	1	-	-	31	-	33	

6 Aust Cav
Unit.

J Holden Capt.,
Adjt. 6 Aust. Div. Cav. Regt.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 19 Apr 41

Att 17 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

6 Aust Cav (Unit) 26 Apr 19 41 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	3		2
Serjeants	33	5	
Corporals	75	4	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	320		22
TOTALS	438	* 9	* 25

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Lt C	1 39 LAD AADC	Cpl	1 AAMC
Cpls	2 " " "	Pts	2 "
Pts	6 " " "	"	5 AADC
Lt C	1 AAPC		
Lt Lt C	1 C" [illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]		
Cpl	1 AA Postal C		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
						Attached												
AADC															2		2	
3 A AD																		
[illegible] duty personnel															3		3	
6 Sec Sigs																		
Signals															2		2	
General duty personnel					5	4			9			2			22		25	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)					5	4			9			2			22		25	

6 Aust Cav
Unit.

J. Holden Capt.
Adjt. 6 Aust. Div. Cav. Regt.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 26 Apr 41

Att 7 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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TANK TRAINING - RAOC WORKSHOPS,
ABBASSIA: 10/25 APR 41

1. The following personnel will be detailed from 6 Aust Div Cav Regt and 39 LAD from 1700 hrs 10 Apr 41 and will be attached to No 4 Base Workshop, ABBASSIA:-

Lieut C. A. ROBERTS			HQ Sqn
NX13196	Tpr	PEEBLES, J.K.	HQ Sqn
VX 6631	"	BARBER, L.W.	"B" "
WX 1154	"	GREEN, L.G.	"C" "
NX 524	"	PERRY, A.S.	"A" "
NX 6720	Cpl	HADDON, A.W.	39 LAD
NX12803	Pte	GOLDING, W.	39 LAD
NX 6790	"	CORNEY, J.	39 LAD
WX 1472	"	CAMPBELL, J.	39 LAD

2. Personnel will leave RHQ at 1500 hrs 10 Apr 41.
Transport Officer will arrange necessary transport.

3. Lieut ROBERTS will report to OC, No 13 Workshop Coy, RAOC, ABBASSIA on arrival. Party will report to 1 Sub-Wkshop, ABBASSIA, at 0800 hrs 11 Apr
ORs will be accommodated by and attached for all purposes to No 13 Workshop Coy.
Lieut ROBERTS will be accommodated at RAOC Officers' Mess, PIRBRIGHT Camp.

4. All personnel will take complete kits, Pay Books, etc.

5. Rolls and other personal documents will be handed to Lieut ROBERTS at RHQ at 1445 hrs 10 Apr 41.
Personnel will parade outside RHQ under Lieut ROBERTS at 1445 hrs.

J. C. HOLDEN, Capt,
Adjt, 6 AUST CAV.

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HQ Sqn
"A" "
"B" "
"C" "
39 LAD
Transport Officer
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Recd
1200 hrs
9 Apr 41

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SUBJECT : - Training - 6 Aus Div Cav Regt.

HQ 4 Armd Bde
7 Armd Bde
OC 6 Aus Div Cav Regt.

7AD/178 2/G.

1. The 6 Aus Div Cav Regt are shortly being equipped on the full establishment of a mechanised Div Cav Regt. This regt has considerable mechanical experience of wheeled vehicles and carriers, but little light tank experience. In order to assist them in training the following arrangements will be made : -

2. Instructors will be provided as under : -

Formation	Lt Tank D & M	Lt Tank Gunnery
4 Armd Bde	4 +	4 +
7 Armd Bde	3	3

+ = To include 1 instructor capable of taking an officer's class.

3. 7 Armd Bde will provide two fitters to work with 6 Aus Div Cav Regt L.A.D.

4. Personnel detailed in paras 2 & 3 above will be attached for all purposes to 6 Aus Div Cav Regt HELWAN from 10 - 25 Apr 41 and will report to that Regt by 1700 hrs 10 Apr under Bde arrangements. 6 Aus Div Cav Regt will arrange the necessary transport to return instructors to their units at the conclusion of the courses.

Bdes will inform 6 Aus Div Cav Regt direct the names of personnel selected.

5. (a) 6 Aus Div Cav Regt will detail 1 officer & 8 O.R.s from their L.A.D. to be attached to No. 4 Base Workshop, RAOC from 11 - 25 Apr 41 for instruction in the overhaul of light tanks. They should report to SOME No.1 Sub-Workshop, ABBASSIA at 0800 hrs 11 Apr 41.

(b) O.R.s will be attached for all purposes to No.13 Workshop Coy; the officer can be accommodated at RAOC Officers' Mess, PIRBRIGHT Camp. These personnel should join with their kit at these places on the afternoon of 10 Apr.

(c) 6 Aus Div Cav Regt will inform C.O.M.E., No. 4 Base Workshop direct the names of personnel selected and also inform No. 13 Workshop Coy and P.M.C. RAOC Officers' Mess PIRBRIGHT Camp the approximate time on 10 Apr that personnel will be joining.

HQ 7 Armd Div
6 Apr 41.

for Colonel,
General Staff.

Copy to : -
C.O.M.E. No.4 Base Workshop
O.C. No. 13 Workshop Coy, R.A.O.C.
P.M.C. R.A.O.C. Officers' Mess, PIRBRIGHT Camp.
O.S.

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6 Aust Cav,
6 Apr 41.

EQUIPMENT.

1. Subject. 6 Aust Div Cav Regt will be issued with eight (8) Tanks, Light, Mk VI from No 4 Base ORdnance Depot, ABBASSIA, on 7 Apr 41.

2. Personnel. Lieut F. J. MULALLY i/c

ORs. "A" Sqn will detail 1 Serjeant and 8 Tank Drivers.

"B" & "C" Sqns - 4 Crew Commanders each.

Capt G. W. BARLING AND Lieut C. A. ROBERTS will move independently to No 4 B.O.D. Two mechanics will accompany technical staff.

3. Transport. OC HQ Sqn will provide sufficient transport to carry personnel.

4. Petrol & Oil. Transport Officer will provide OC party with indent for Petrol and Oil to be drawn from RASC, ABBASSIA.

5. Lunches. Cut lunches and water bottles will be carried by all personnel.

Lunches WILL be provided under Sqn arrangements.

6. Time of Departure. Detail will report to Adjt at RHQ at 0915 hrs 7 Apr 41, when time of departure will be given to OC party.

7. OC party will make own arrangements for transport.

J. C. HOLDEN, Capt,

Adjt, 6 AUST CAV.

DISTRIBUTION:

"A", "B", "C" Sqns
HQ Sqn (for information)
T.O.
Tech. O.
39 LAD
QM
Officers' Mess
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ANNEXE.

6 AUST DIV CAV REGT.

ISSUE OF TANKS, LIGHT.

Eight (8) Tanks Light will be issued to 6 Aust Div Cav Regt from No 4 Base Ordnance Depot, ABBASSIA, at 0930 hrs 10 Apr 41.

1. Personnel. The following personnel will depart from "A" Sqn Orderly Room at 0815 hrs 10 Apr 41:-

Lieut F. J. MILALLY, O i/c Party.
16 personnel to be detailed by "A" Sqn.

2. Dress. Shirts, shorts and berets.

3. Lunch. Out lunch will be provided from "A" Sqn kitchen.

4. Transport Officer. TO will provide necessary petrol and oil by personal arrangement with Lieut F. J. MILALLY.

5. Transport. TO will provide transport for 16 personnel. TO will also provide 1 - 15-cwt Canadian Fd suitable for towing. This vehicle will have lights and horn serviceable. Tow rope will be carried.

Capt,
Adjt, 6 Aust Cav.

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TO
HQ Sqn (for information of OC 39 LAD & Tech Offr
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6 AUST DIV CAV REGT.

ISSUE OF TANKS, LIGHT MK VI.

Twenty-eight (28) Tanks light will be issued to 6 Aust Div Cav Regt from No 4 Base Ordnance Depot, Abbassia at 1000 hrs 5 April '41.

1. Personnel. The following personnel will depart from RHQ at 0830 hrs 5 April '41.

Capt.	F. H. Brown	O.C. Party
Capt.	R.E. Robinson	
Capt.	G.W. Barling	39 LAD
Lieut:	C.A. Roberts	Tech Offr.
Lieut.	D.D. Glasgow	
Lieut.	E.C. Hennessy M.C.	
Lieut.	F.J. Mulally	
Sjt.	R.D. Gray	

"A" Sqn will provide twenty-eight (28) Tank Drivers.
"B" and "C" Sqns will each provide 14 personnel to act as Crew Commanders.
All above personnel will march to RHQ under Sqn arrangements and report to Capt. F.H.Brown at 0825 hrs.

2 Dress - Shirts, shorts, berets.

3 Lunch - Cut lunches will be provided from respective Sqn kitchens.

4 Petrol and Oil - Transport Officer will provide 400 gals petrol and 15 gals Oil (M 2209).
Petrol and Oil to be available at 0945 hrs at No 4 B.O.D.

5 Transport. - Transport Officer will provide transport for 56 personnel. Officers will liaise with Capt F.H. Brown with regard to their own transport.
T.O. will also provide 2-15 cwt Morris C.S.8 suitable for towing. These vehicles will have lights and horns serviceable. Tow ropes will be carried.

Capt.,
Adjt., 6 Aust Cav.

Distribution.
"A" Sqn
"B" "
"C" "
QM
T.O.
HQ Sqn for information of O.C. 39 LAD & Tech Offr.
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HELWAN,
11 Apr 41.

TRAINING CADRES.

Training Cadres as set out hereunder will commence on 12 Apr 41:-

Hours of Training. 0900 - 1200
1330 - 1630.

These hours will be rigidly adhered to.

1. Tank Training. Capt F. H. BROWN will be in charge of all Tank Training.

(a) No 1 Cadre.
Instructors' Course -
Driving and maintenance - 2 NCOs or ORs from each "A", "B" and "C" Sqns
1 NCO from RHQ

Tank Gunnery - 2 NCOs or ORs from each "A", "B" and "C" Sqns
1 NCO or OR from RHQ.

The Instructors' Course will commence at 0900 hrs 12 Apr 41 and continue for at least 14 days. Further advice as to duration of course will be notified in due course.

(b) Officers' Wing.
Driving and maintenance.- 2 Offrs from ea "A", "B" & "C" Sqns
1 Offr " RHQ.

Tank Gunnery - 2 Offrs from ea "A", "B" & "C" Sqns
1 Offr " RHQ.

(c) NCOs and ORs.
Driving and maintenance - 2 NCOs & ORs from ea "A", "B" & "C" Sqns
1 NCO & OR from RHQ.

Courses (b) and (c) will commence 0900 hrs 12 Apr 41 and conclude at 1630 hrs on 18 Apr 41.

Similar courses to those shown above will commence at 0900 hrs on 19 Apr 41, and will conclude at 1630 hrs on 25 Apr 41, and similar vacancies will be allotted to Sqns.

No 2 Cadre. This Cadre will commence at 0900 hrs 14 Apr 41:-

Officers' Wing -
A. 1st Course - Same vacancies as for Officers' Wing No 1 Cadre. Duration of course - 0900 hrs 14 Apr to 1630 hrs 19 Apr 41.
B. 2nd Course.- Same vacancies as in A above. Duration, 0900 hrs 21 Apr to 1630 hrs 26 Apr 41.

NCOs & ORs.
Two Wings - No 1. D. & M. - 2 NCOs or ORs from ea "A", "B" & "C" Sqns
1 NCO or OR from RHQ.
Tank Gunnery - Do.

No 2. D. & M. - Do.
Tank Gunnery - Do.

Nominal Rolls of personnel attending No 1 Cadre will be forwarded to RHQ by 2000 hrs 11 Apr 41.
Rolls for No 2 Cadre will be submitted 48 hours prior to commencement of course.

/ Parades.

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Parades. Parade Ground for Cadres will be immediately west of Men's Showers in 6 Aust Cav camp area.
Sqn details will be marched to Cadre Parade Ground by 0855 hrs on 12 Apr 41.
Instructors from 8th Hussar Regt will report to Capt Brown at Cadre Parade Ground at 0850 hrs 12 Apr 41.

Duties. Personnel detailed for Tank Training will not be detailed for Regtl Duties during any course.

Leave. Leave will NOT be granted to personnel during working hours.

Syllabus. Will be issued separately on 12 Apr 41.

J. S. Holden
Capt,
Adjt, 6 AUST CAV.

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ Sqn
"A" "
"B" "
"C" "
12 Instructors
Capt F. H. BROWN
QM
7 Armd Div
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6 AUST DIV CAV RECT

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MELWAN
11 APR 41

TRAINING CADRES

Bren Gun
Boy's Rifle. Lieut D.D.Glasgow is detailed as instructor for Officers Cadre in these weapons.

Squadron leaders will detail Officers who are not on Tank Cadres or who have not attended a course at M.E.Weapon Training School to attend this Cadre.

Cadre will commence at 0900 hrs 14 Apr 41 and conclude at 1630 hrs 18 Apr 41.

Nominal roll will reach R.H.Q.before 1000 hrs 12 Apr 41

Addendum

After (c) NCO's and ORs.
Driving and maintenance (sheet No 1)

Add- Tank Gunnery - 2 NCO's or OR's from each "A","B"&"C" Sqns
1 NCO or OR from RHQ.

Amendment -

Para "C" sheet 1 -
NCO's and OR's
Driving and maintenance
For 2 NCO's and OR's from ea "A","B"&"C" Sqns
1 NCO and OR from RHQ
Substitute
2 NCO's or OR's from ea "A","B" & "C" Sqns
1 NCO or OR from RHQ

No 2 Cadre

Officers Wing - - - Cancelled.

Substitute -

For NCO's & ORs Two Wings

Read NCO's & OR's Three Wings

Detail for No 3 Wing same as for No 1 & 2 Wing

(Signed) J.C.Holden Capt,

Adjt, 6 AUST CAV

DISTRIBUTION

HQ Sqn
"A" "
"B" "
"C" "
12 Instructors
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6 AUST. DIV. CAV. REGT.

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TO..PUDA IDIR RESA DOKA.
FROM..ROMA. I 13. 20.

from DESFORCE. RAF TOBRUK report enemy dropped number small aluminium canisters resembling shaving sticks or waste film containers which explode when unscrewed. Warn all ranks. Full description later.

Orderly. 1137.

TO.. PUDA IDIR RESA DOKA.
FROM.. ROMA. I 12. 20.

SITREP patrols visited SARUM HILL and came under fire from barracks area. 0430 hrs. ground tps.report considerable movement CAPUZZO SALUM area and MT moving from the NORTH. Air reports 0800 hrs. NMS TRIG HELABD and TRIG EAST of GAMBUT. 100 MT CAPUZZO BIR WAER very dispersed. 1000 hrs.slight movement DERNA APOLLONIA. The 4 ships reported at BENGHASI appear from photos to be unloading. 60 MT BENGHASI rlwy.sta.area. RAF bombed MT 24 miles WEST of TOBRUK.16 tanks moving EAST of BIR EL ASLAUGH. 1430 hrs. 730 MT reported area BARDIA some of these doubtlessly old ITI derelicts but considerably increased. 1530 hrs. NMS AGEDABIA SOLUM BENGHASI.

Orderly. 1132.

TO.....MIDEAST rptd 7 AUST.DIV. 204 GP.
FROM...DESFORCE. 0615. 26.

Two enemy colns.advanced from CAPUZZO area this p.m. EASTERN coln.estimated 150 MT with AFVs was reported about 533370 at 1745 hrs and near top HALFAYA PASS at 1920 hrs. where own tps. were engaging it. WESTERN coln. reported somewhat smaller than EASTERN had reached PT207 518364 at 1920 hrs. Enemy Armd./Cs.reported area SIDI OMAR.

Priority. 2010.

TO.....MIDEAST rptd C in C MED 204 GP 6 DIV 7 AUST.DIV.
FROM...DESFORCE. 0616. 26

Mobforce reported 2050 hrs. considerable number enemy AFVs then in HALFAYA PASS area and enemy attack coming along main rd. from SOLLUM. Mobforce withdraws tonight to BUQBUQ area on coastal route with mots colns based SOFAFI and BIRENBA operating on escarp. Mobforce HQ also withdraws and will be out telephone communication until 0100 hrs. 27 Apr. Tac/R 1800 hrs. reported 10 tanks 20 armd/cs 20 large covered MT AZEIZ CAPUZZO area. Ten large MT 5 miles NORTH CAPUZZO. Some mvt.CAPUZZO SIDI OMAR area. Very heavy AA from BARDIA. Visibility bad.

2217.

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TO.....6DIV 7AUST.DIV. MOBILE FORCE 204 GP RAF.
FROM...DESFORCE. 0649 27.

SICEP. TOBRUK area 1800 hrs. 26 Apr. sandstorm prevented ground and air observation otherwise situation normal SALUM area further details yesterdays operations enemy coln about 150 vehicles including tanks advanced SE to HALFAYA PASS another coln composition unspecified advanced from SIDI OMAR to ESCARPMENT SE HALFAYA both colns opened very heavy arty fire on our tps while tanks in northern coln lined up for attack. MOBFORCE judged it necessary therefore extricate DLI hence decision withdraw. Withdrawal to general line betg BUQ SOFAFI completed during night 26/27. DLI proceeding BAGUSH 27 Apr. tacker 0700 hrs. reports our MT being grouped started 15 miles EAST SALUM one ME 110 crashed. Small MT mvt. from TRIGH CAPUZZO to CAPUZZO and CAPUZZO to SIDI OMAR. Tps. report coln 20enemy MT 4½ miles SOUTH HALFAYA and similar coln 6½ miles SW HALFAYA early today. Afternoon TACKER reports NO repeat NO enemy seen EAST of from there but sandstorm conditions giving bad visibility our patrols now in observation EAST SALUM at ALAM EL KIDAD and ALAM BARGHUT. SOFAFI held by one own mobile column with role operate WESTWARD on top of ESCARPMENT. STRAT 1140 hrs. N7 SIDI OMAR BENGHASI: slight MT rd BENGHASI DERNA. N7 TRIGH CAPUZZO.

Immediate. 1825.

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TO.....7 AUST.DIV.
FROM...RINA. 0852. 27.

SITREP. TOBRUK area:--air activity. Strat/R. reports 2 ships approx. 4,000 tons unloading BENGHASI HARBOUR and one 7,000 ton ship 5 miles outside BENGHASI. No shipping sea and ports BENGHASI (excl) DERNA. Own tps. attacked by 3 ME 110s a.m. 28/4. Hurricane found 8 JU52s BENINA and shot them up. Destroyed 7 JUNKERS which were loading tps. Mail plane bombed at TOBRUK and damaged. No report from TOBRUK. All infmd.

Priority. 2315/27.

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TO.....7 AUST. DIV.
FROM...DESFORCE. 0679. 28

SITREP. TOBRUK AREA:--Tac/R 2,000 hrs. 28 Apr. long coln enemy MT on TRIGH CAPUZZO at EL ADEM moving WEST 1630 hrs. 27. 24 JU87s dive bombed HY AA psns: casualties 46, some damage to AA eqpt, now being repaired. 2 high level bombing attacks on Harbour caused no casualties but demolished ADMIRALTY HOUSE. Tac/R 0900 hrs. 29 Apr. 500 MT to 600 MT area 15 miles EAST TOBRUK SALUM area later infm states enemy on 26 Apr. advanced IN FOUR colns, NOT repeat NOT two three colns from area MUSAID BIR WAIR MUSAID BIR WAIR and fourth from BP38. Enemy now believed occupying old Italian Camp PT207, 7½ miles SW SALUM. Blenheim Courier plane shot down in flames leaving TOBRUK this morning. No survivors. Back areas strat/R 200 MT AGEDABIA area, two small ships leaving BENGHASI HARBOUR. 100 JU52 tp. carrying aircraft loading tps. or stores BENINA L.G. 10 and 4 JU52 DERNA and GAZALA respectively: one unidentified EA dropped 2 sticks bombs in sea off MATRUH. All informed.

Important. 2354/28.

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TO.....7 AUST. DIV.
FROM...DESFORCE. 0 667. 28.

SITREP:--TOBRUK area:--0900 hrs. 27 Apr. no enemy activity. Own active patrolling continues. Sandstorm continues impede observation. SALUM area:--patrols contacted enemy coln area ABU FAYRES, 20 miles SOUTH SALUM last night. Tac/R 0900 hrs. todayreported probably same enemy coln ABY FAYRES moving towards CAPUZZO and consisting 10 large armd cs., 4 lt.AA guns, 4 fd. guns towed by lorries, 2 MCs 10 large MT. Coln. being trailed by 3 own armd.cs. 20 enemy MT moving up and down HALFAYA PASS. 3 own armd cs. MADDALENA. Tac/R 0800 hrs. reported 80 MT 4 miles NORTH CAPUZZO and 400 MT mostly derelict BARDIA-MONASTIR area. Strat/R 1300 hrs. frontier GIARABUB, SIDI OMAR NMS. BIR KHAMSA 5 MT probably own. All informed.

1700.

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TO.....MIDEAST rptf STALEX for C in C MED BTE 6 DIV 7 AUST DIV TOBFORT MOBILE FORCE 204 GP RAF.
FROM...DESFORCE. 0 693 29.

SITREP:--Tac/R 0700 29 Apr. reports coln about 100 MT moving down escarpment into SALUM and dispersing EAST end village. Believed no AFVs but uncertain. Bottom HALFAYA PASS about 50 MT dispersed. Top HALFAYA 4 MT. NMS HALFAYA CAPUZZO aide MADDALENA. Own Mobile Patrols DARELHAMRA. No other reports yet received.

1230.

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TO.....MIDEAST rptf STALEX (for C in C MED). BTE 6 Div 7 Aust.Div. TOBFORT MOBILE FORCE 204 GP RAF.
FROM...DESFORCE. 0 711. 29.

SITREP:- TOBRUK area:-- navy bombarded MT concentrations SIDI ABU AMUD. Ground reports considerable MT and Tk movements during night opposite SW sector. Rac/R 1030 hrs. 29 Apr. 250 MT outside SW sector with possibly further 100 MT approaching EL ADEM area WESTWARD along TRIGH CAPUZZO. About 300 MT SIDI BU AMUD decreased by 1900 hrs. when 350 MT. seen on main rd at AMUD moving EAST. 50 MT moving DERNA TOBRUK 1400 hrs. "CHALKA" sunk in TOBRUK HARBOUR. No tps on board. SALUM area:-- Own tps continued harassing action against enemy parties in areas SIDI SULEIMAN, 4 miles SE SALUM mainly by shelling. Tac/R 1900 hrs reports concentration BARDIA much decreased. 12 armd.cs, 60 MT moving SOUTH on rd. BARDIA-CAPUZZO. NMS SALUM. CAPUZZO-SALUM 100 MT moving EAST. 100 to 150 MT AFVs and tanks in WADI bottom HALFAYA PASS. During day 2 enemy 8 wheeled cars(armd), 2 armd. P.Us and one tank believed Mk Iv recced coast rd. to 8 miles WEST BUQ BUQ. In encounter knocked out one of our armd cars. Patrol withdrew west. 11 H. attacked by 8 ME 11o 1930 hrs. Back areas:- Strat/R. NMS SIDI OMAR, BENGHASI. BENGHASI no new shipping. Slight MT traffic rd. BARCE-DERNA. 50 JU52 BENINA L.G. DERNA L.G. 70 E.A. many large. All informed.

Immediate. 2355.

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TO.....7 AUST. DIV.
FROM...DESFORCE. 0 714. 30.

SITREP. TOBRUK area:-- 29 Apr. 6 air raids directed against port fd. guns, AA and fwd posns. including 3 major raids each by 20 to 30 JU87 with fighter escort. Casualties so far reported: 4 killed, 12 wounded. Minor damage. "CHALKA" sunk. AA shot down 2 E.A. hit 3. Number MT surrounding TOBRUK remains fairly constant, about 800 but much movement EAST and WEST on route GAZAL-ACROMA-NORTHEL-ADEM-AMUD-BARDIA.
SALUM area:--1800 hrs. 29 Apr. own mobile colns engaged 12 vehicles SIDI SULEIMAN, destroyed one captured one 75 mm dual purpose gun and one German PW. 40 enemy vehs. area pt 207, 7½ miles SW SALUM engaged by arty. Damaged one of 5 AFVs whichwithdrew. 30 Apr. ground reports 80 to 100 MT moving in three colns SOUTHWARD from BP 38, 0730 to 0900 hrs., reaching area WEST BIR NUTT, 9½ miles SW SALUM. Composition first coln. large guns and tanks. Second coln lorries towing tanks and guns. Third coln lorries towing guns, 20 MT, 3 med. tanks. Third coln 9 MT 2 M/Trs. Morning Tac./R. 40 AFVs in wadis SOUTH and SW SALUM. 15 AFVs bottom HALFAYA. NMS SIDI OMAR-SALUM. NMS coastal plain to top of escarpment between SALUM-HALFAYA. Hurricanes strafing MT between GAMBUT-BARDIA report 300 MT in convoys 10-20 moving EAST and NORTH TRIGH CAPUZZO to GAMBUT thence towards BARDIA. Concentration MT MENASTIR-BARDIA numbers not stated. One Hurricane down HALFAYA. All informed.

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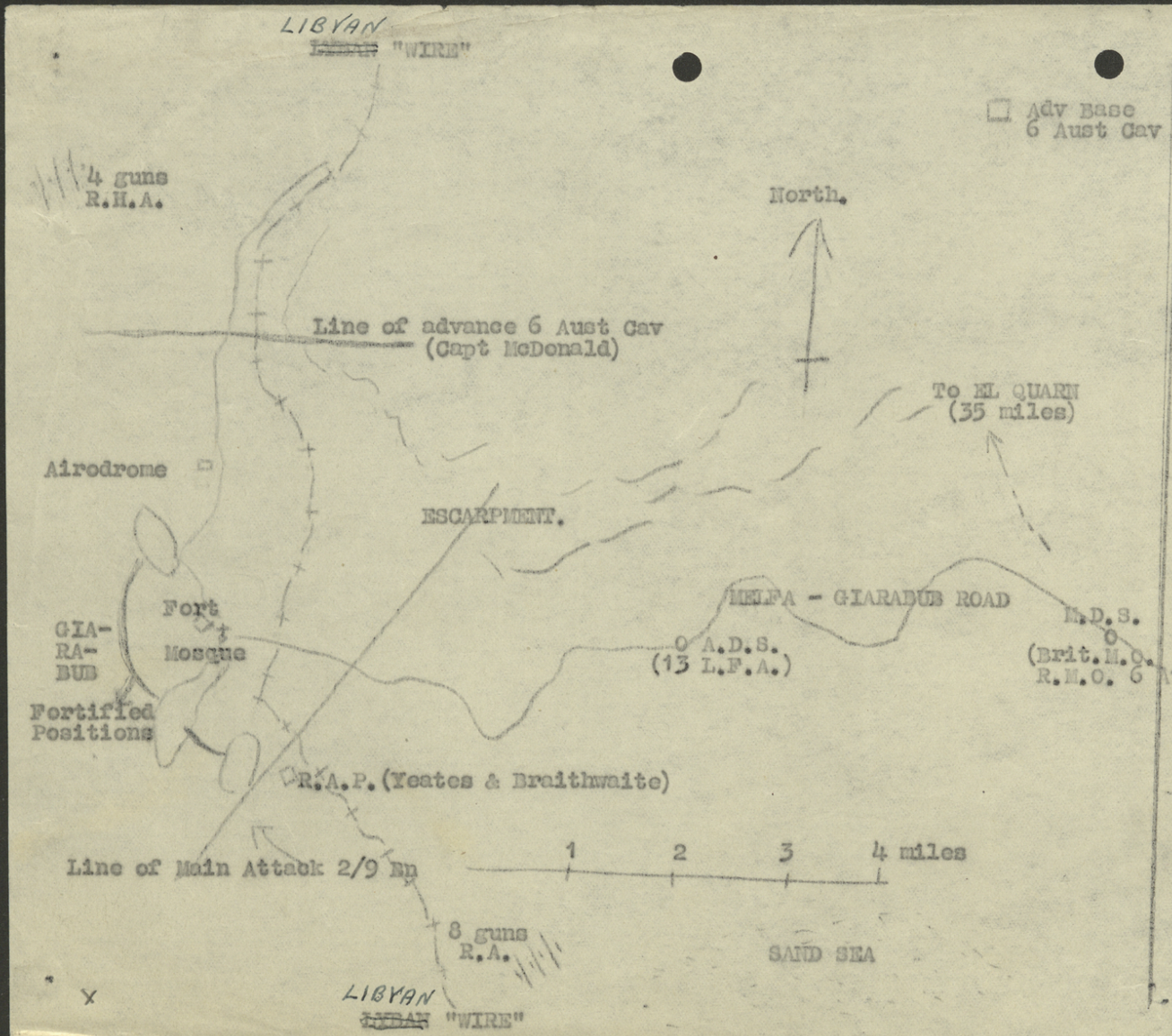

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Distances.

R.A.P. to A.D.S. - 5 miles
A.D.S. " M.D.S. - 7 "
M.D.S. " MELFA - 110 "
MELFA " SIWA - 60 "
BEIR FOUAD to MATRUH - 80 miles
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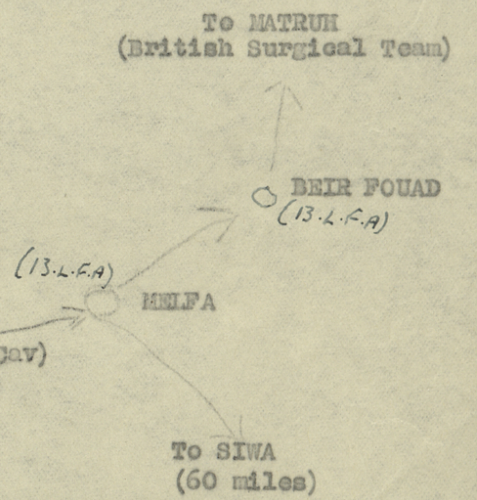
SIWA " " 190 "



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APR.							
10	TG 167		1115	Aus Force.	Nominations requested for no.7 Gunnery Course 14 Apr.- 10 May.		
16	O/690		1700	Matruh.	Cav.responsible for patrol up to NORTH and SOUTH line BIR KENAYIS.		Patrol commenced
17	TG 185		1110	Aus Force.	Nominations requested for 10 dr. op. course RAC.		Nominations forwarded.
18	G8		1025	6 Aust.Cav.	Request for 8 instructors 7 Armd. Div.		Instructors not available.
19	I2			HQ 7 Aust.Div.	Ground to air Recog.Sigs:--S turns, square white sheet		Put into force as from 0100 19 April.
21	Ø 20		2105	7 Aust.Div.	Fd Regts calibration shoots 22 Apr from 0900 to 1700 daily. Danger area squares 0752,0751,0750,0852, 0851,0850.		Inf.circulated.
21	I 7		1800	7 Aust.Div.	Arty & Inf.CHARING CROSS may with draw any time after 0800 hrs. We are responsible obs.duties CHARING CROSS from 0800 hrs. 22Apr.		Ack.
22	023		1045	HQ Matruh Fort.	All tents to be camouflaged by 1200 hrs.24 Apr.		Infm.circulated.
23	Ø 512		1308	Desforce.	6 Aust.Cav.under comd 7 Aust.Div.		Signal receipted.
23	I 16		2130	6 Aust.Cav.Regt.	All Patrols report NMS.to 7Aust.Div.		
24	031		1245	7 Aust.Div.	25 Aust.Inf.Bde.patrols may pass though our area. Patrol area along escarp-ment GEBEL SHAQUQA SOUTH of MATRUH incl WADI re-entrants from rd ALEXMATRUH to rd MATRUH-SIWA. Pass word PERTH.		Ack.
24	M 37		1430	7 Aust.Div.	Map ref.RAP and billet RMO.		Infm.forwarded. 71633454.
24	I 2		2030	6 Aust. Cav.	Reported to 7 Aust.Div. NMS by patrols.		
25	Q 11		1000	7 Aust.Div.	Detailed return of weapons required.		Return forwarded.
25	G 22		2200	7 Aust.Cav.Regt.	Reported to 7 Aust.Div.NEMS by patrols.		
26	035		1800	7 Aust.Div.	Stand-to daily from 0500hrs to full light.		Squadrons advised.
26	G25		2100	Patrols.	Four unidentified vehicles vicinity ALAM EL RAGEL 4 miles NW moving NE.		Reported to 7 Aust.Div.
27			1230	7 Aust.Div.	0300 hrs. two vehicles on fire rd SIDI BARRANI-MATRUH 609374. 22 Gds.Bde. approx 594378. All 7 Div.Amn Coln now back in MATRUH.		

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27	0632		1400	Desforce.	C Sqn.2 RTR will move 28 Apr.QASABA area. 6 Aust.Cav.remains present area till 22 Gds Bde if withdrawn further is clear of CHARING CROSS. 6 Aust. Cav.will then withdraw to QASABA area where it will join C Sqn 2 RTR and come under direct orders DESFORCE, senior officer of the two units taking comd. While in CHARING CROSS area we will maintain an LO at Mobile Force HQ.		Infm to Sqns. 2 i/c will leave present location 1830 hrs. HQ, Sqn, 39 LAD, and B Ech. Transport will withdraw via MATRUH and MATRUH-ALEX Rd. C Sqn.will maintain fwd patrol until 0800 hrs.29 April. All sub-units will be prepared to move within one hrs of receipt of this order. Upon oder to withdraw C Sqn. will move providing own protection by shortest route to QASABA and report HQ 6 Aust. Cav. or Desforce.
27	G33		2040	6 Aust.Cav.	Reported to 7 Aust.Div.NMS by patrols.		
27				Fortress HQ.	Firing of test SOS tonight.		Sqns. and patrols informed.
27	I 25		1730	7 Aust.Div.	Password for 25 Inf.Bde.patrols 1200 hrs.27 Apr.to 1200 hrs.1 May, HOBART.		Sqns. and patrols informed.
.	I 29		1145	7 Aust.Div.	AMEND 7 Aust.Div.code names list no.1 by inserting against 1 LUCE 2 NAXE 3 OSKY 4 EPIO 39 LAD attached 6 Aust.Cav.		Amendment made. Sqns. infd. of Code names:-- HQ Sqn DUCE, A Sqn FADE, B Sqn. OSKY, C Sqn UFIB.
28	O 44		1430	7 Aust.Div.	Following message from Desforce, one offr, 21 ORs with 50 dummy tanks will arrive CHARING CROSS1300 hrs.today and will come under comd 6 Aust.Cav. Dummy tanks will not be displayed but kept concealed in WADI.		
28	A 90		1830	7 Aust.Div.	Arty.registration 29 Apr.		Sqns.informed, danger area from 0830 hrs ref.map MATRUH 1/100,000 area outside perimeter bounded by following grid lines: EAST 732, SOUTH 340, WEST 710. Main rds. MATRUH-SIDI BARRANI and MATRUH-ALEX open to traffic. All other rds in danger area closed during shoot

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28	A 92		2145	6 Aust.Cav.			6 Aust.Cav.responsible for clearing area between MATRUH-ALEXANDRIA rd and rd MATRUH-CHARING CROSS.
28	A 92		2145	6 Aust.Cav.	R.A.F. stores reported at BIR EL KENAYIS--informed 7 Aust.Div.		7 Aust.Div.sending vehicle 29 Apr.to collect fuel and amn.
28	G 38		2145	6 Aust.Cav.	NMS by patrols--informed 7 Aust.Div.		
29	G 41		2130	6 Aust.Div.	NMS by patrols--informed 7 Aust.Div.		
30	I 41		1555	7 Aust.Div.	Password 21st and 25th Inf.Bdes.from 1200 hrs.1 May to 1200 hrs.5 May, BENDIGO.		
30	Q 94		1250	31st Bn.	Suggested OTAB be sufficient for password of carrier patrols.		
30	O 53		0950	7 Aust.Div.	Ref.our O 32 OE 24 Apr. Armd.Cs NOT now available.		
30	G 42		0900	6 Aust.Cav.	SA fire and probably Boyes 400 yds.will be fired SOUTH from 0930 hrs.Area squares 2546, 2746,2742,2542.		Informed Squadrons.
30	A 95		0945	6 Aust.Cav.	All types of vehicles NOT to move at greater speed than 5 mph within our perimeter: routes defined for movement in camp area.		

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MATRUH. (71883382).	1	"B"	"B" Sqn. on patrol in HUKUMA AREA (69443223). No.4 Tp. returned from GIARABUB. NMS during day. "A" Sqn. No.5 Tp. on road patrol MATRUH-SIDI BARRANI ROAD, 67963484. "C" Sqn. on general maintenance of vehicles and guns. Weather:--foggy morning, later fine and warm.	
MATRUH. (71883382).	2		"B" Sqn. on patrol in HUKUMA AREA (69443223). NMS during the day. Personnel in bivouac area on tank gunnery and vehicle maintenance. "A" Sqn. No.4 Tp. on road patrol MATRUH-SIDI BARRANI ROAD, 67963484. Wireless class started for driver operators. "C" Sqn. vehicles fitted with sun compasses. Wireless sets checked by C Section Sigs. Troop Training was carried out by the remainder of the Sqn. A Swimming Parade was held on the beach at MERSA MATRUH. Weather:--heavy dew, fine and hot with EAST wind.	
MATRUH. (71883382).	3		"A" Sqn. on maintenance: one Troop on road patrol at Map Ref 67963484. Nos 3, 5, & 6 Tps detailed as escort for party to GIARABUB. "B" Sqn on patrol HUKUMA area (69443223). NMS during day Personnel in Bivouac area on maintenance and map reading. "C" Sqn M.G. trng. Wireless school for reinforcements. Swimming Pde and leave MATRUH. Weather - foggy morning later fine with NW wind.	
MATRUH (71883382)	4	0630	Party moved off to GIARABUB and reached MELFA at 2000 hrs. "A" Sqn one Troop in road patrol (67963484) "B" Sqn on patrol HUKUMA AREA (69443223) NMS.	
		0800	Church Service in camp area. Weather - Cloudy early, later clear and fine.	
MATRUH (71883382)	5	0500	Stand to -	
		0600	GIARABUB party left MELFA via Post 143 for GIARABUB, contacting LONG RANGE DESERT PATROL. Entered Fort and collected ammunition and demolished same. Party returned and bivouacked for night in vicinity KNOX'S PIMPLE.	
		1700	Twin engined recce plane (GERMAN) flew over MATRUH and camp area, fired on by FORTRESS A.A. "B" Sqn continued patrol work at HUKUMA (69443223) NMS.	

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	5 (Cont.)		"A" Sqn one Troop on road patrol (67963484) Weather - Foggy morning, later clear and fine.	
MATRUH (71883382)	6		GIARABUB party reentered FORT area and completed demolitions. (Sand storm raging.) Left FORT area at 1930 hrs and Bivouacked vicinity KNOX'S PIMPLE. Contacted LONG RANGE DESERT PATROL. "A" Sqn one Troop on road patrol (67963484), "B" Sqn on patrol HUKUMA area (69443223) NMS during day. No training in camp area owing to dust storm. Weather - Hazy early, later heavy duststorm with hot SOUTH to SW Wind.	
MATRUH (71883382)	7		"B" Sqn on patrol HUKUMA area (69443223), reported patrols 7 Armd. BDE active patrol area. "C" Sqn held swimming parade MATRUH beach. "A" Sqn one Troop on road patrol (67963484) Personnel in camp area on maintenance of vehicles and guns.	
		1200	GIARABUB party left FORT area and returned to MELFA. Bivouacked for night on main SIWA - MATRUH RD, 170 miles from MATRUH. Weather - hot and hazy with NW wind.	
MATRUH (71883382)	8		Usual patrols active. Regiment on general maintenance and servicing. Swimming parades to MATRUH beach.	
		1700	GIARABUB party returned to camp area. WEATHER - Hot and sultry with NW wind.	
MATRUH (71883382)	9		Usual patrols active, NMS. Maintenance of vehicles and weapons in camp area. Warning order issued for movement tomorrow.	
		2130	"B" Sqn received instns from R.H.Q. to rejoin Regt. at 67283237 on 10 May 41. Weather - hot and dusty.	
MATRUH (71883382)	10		Regt. prepares to move. Owing to lack of equipment Nos. 5 & 6 Tps "A" Sqn moved to MATRUH FORTRESS to await arrival of vehicles.	
		1300	Regt. moved to Spot Height 202 (67283237) arriving there 2000 hrs.	
		1400	"B" moved from patrol area HUKUMA (69443223) Regt under command 7 Armd. Bde.	

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Pt. 202 67283237	10 (Cont).		Operation Orders issued for 11 May 41 App 1b Weather - Hot and dusty with SOUTH Wind. Terrific heat slowed down move and made journey most uncomfortable.	App 1b
Pt. 202 67283237	11	0500 0800 1500	Stand to - Regt. moved WESTWARD to ALAM EL MALLA (60603280), protecting advance of 7 ARMD. B DE. Arrived ALAM EL MALLA. Regt dispersed, Operation Order issued for 12 May 41 Weather - Hot and hazy with NORTH wind.	
ALAM EL MALLA 60603280	12	0530 0630 1230 1400 1420 1510 1715	Stand to- slit trenches dug and Air raid precautions taken. B Echelon Vehicles move out of area. Operation Order issued for move to Start at 1400 hrs Sqns moved to Start line. Movement halted, Orders cancelled, and new Orders issued. Regt. moved due WEST. Message from 7 ARMD BDE stated 50 Enemy M.T. NOT all Armd. in area 552337 with further 70 M.T. at ALAM DIGNAISH (54453167) Regt. advanced further 7 miles to 575328 and bivouacked there for night. Weather - Hot and dusty.	
575328	13	0500 0800	Stand to- Slit trenches dug and vehicles dispersed. 7 ARMD. BDE moved through Regt. area. Sqns on maintenance of vehicles and weapons. One Bty A.A 40 mm attached to Regt. One gun alloted to each Sqn. Regt. bivouacked this area Weather - clear and fine.	

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575328	14	0500	Stand to - Vehicles dispersed	
		1200	Regt. moved as per 7 Armd. Bde Op. Instn No. 6. "C" Sqn leading and directing Sqn. in move WESTWARD to ALAM EL DIHEISIYA (56543285)	App 16
		1400	Moved from ALAM EL DIHEISIYA TO CAIRN (52803300).	
		1800	Regt. arrived in CAIRN AREA. Conference of O.C's and later of Tp. Ldrs; Op. Orders issued and discussed.	
		2200	"B" Echelon arrived - water, petrol and rations issued. Moved to KHIREIGAT (520346) "C" Sqn leading and directing Sqn., "A" Sqn on Right "B" Left. followed by R.H.Q., R.A.P., L.A.D., along axis of advance. BEAM, consisting of 1 Coy Rifle Bn., 1 Tp. A/T., 1 Section A.A. Bty., 1 Tp. of 25 Pdrs, came under command. Weather:--cool early, but later warm with some dust.	
528330.	15	0001	Regt. cleared bivouack area, and moved on axis of advance for 2000 yds, halting and forming up in order of march.	
		0130	Regt. moved towards KHIREIGAT (520346).	
		0500	Regt. halted in KHIREIGAT area.	
		0530	ZERO hour: Regt. crossed EAST-WEST start line through KHIREIGAT.	
		0635	Encountered enemy mobile arty fire 2 Kms SOUTH OF QABE EL GARRAR. Our arty quickly went into action and forced the enemy to withdraw NORTHWARD.	
		0730	Tank Tps of "C" Sqn take the lead but did not engage the retreating enemy. Regt. at Trig. 207. (51843643).	
		0800	Enemy shelled forward Troops in this area; Our Arty replied and enemy Tanks withdrew to wire.	
		0930	"A" Sqn moved towards BP38, whilst remainder of regiment proceeded towards BP40. "A" Sqn contacted 6 Enemy medium Tanks (German) and withdrew SOUTHWARD, and passed through the wireat BP40.	
		1000	Forward Sqns. passed through the wire at BP40 keeping the retiring German Tks under observation.	
		1100	5 Enemy planes (Dornier) bombed Brigade one mile to our rear on EGYPTIAN side of wire.	
		1150	"A" Sqn moved forward via BIR GHIRBA (50393705) to BIR BU TABEL(49993844).	
		1430	Forward troops of "C" Sqn sighted several enemy Tks and were fired on from 4000 yds in the BIR BU TABEL area. "B" Sqn retired fron MEDUAR (50153770) on account of petrol shortage, and returned to GHIRBA AND BIVOUACKED FOR night one mile NE of BIR GHIRBA(506372).	

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	15 (Cont.)	1530	Move NORTHWARD continued towards SIDI AZEIZ.	
		1600	Forward Troops were fired upon by enemy force of5 Tanks and 2 M.T. Our forward Tps retired to cover whilst attached arty shelled enemy and forced them to withdraw.	
		1630	Regt. moved keeping retreating enemy force in sight.	
		1700	Forward Troops occupied SIDI AZEIZ	
		1800	Regt. excepting "B" Sqn in area SIDI AZEIZ. "A" Sqn detailed to intercept enemyconvoy moving from vicinity CAPUZZO WESTWARD "A" Sqn contacted enemy A/T position and had one Mark lV Light Tank knocked out. Sqn withdrew.	
		2100	One Casualty (Cpl Peterson "A" Sqn) from shrapnel. "A" Sqn rejoined Regt.	
		2200	Regt. moved SOUTHWARD via BIR BU TABEL and GABR EL MEDUAR and bivouacked in BIR GHIRBA area (506372).	
BIR GHIRBA AREA (506372)	16	0430	Stand to- Vehicles dispersed.	
		0845	Regt. moved back through wire at BP41 to 51683615 "A" Sqn attached to BEAM providing all round protection, in vicinity BP 40.	
		1230	Regt. moved to 5135 3490 QARET ABU SAYID . Dispersed	
		1930	Regt. moved to 519338 ALAM EL BEIYID. Bivouacked for night that area.	
ALAM EL BEIYID (519338)	17	0300	"A" Sqn rejoined Regt.	
		0535	Regt. with attached BEAM Force made recce SIDI SULEIMAN area following report. 40 enemy Tanks that area.	
		0730	"C" Sqn arrive and clear SIDI SULEIMAN area. "A" & "B" Sqns with R.H.Q. moved to BIR NUH (52713609) thence to SIDI SULEIMAN	
		1200	"A" & "B" Sqns with R.H.Q. moved NORTH to vicinity ARAR EL SILQIYA (52033693) and maintained observation of wire in CAPUZZO area.	
		0900	"C" Sqn made recce area SIDI SULEIMAN, ALAM EL ARAD, ALAM BATTUMA AND BIR NUH.	
		1000	"C" Sqn moved towards TRIG 207 (51843644) where enemy tanks were contacted.	
		1200	Enemy Tanks withdrew and Sqn took up defensive position Trig 207.	
		1215	"C" Sqn (2 Tps) moved NW to Trig 206 (51433689). Tps retired when fired upon by enemy Tanks.	

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	17 (Cont.)	1345	Several enemy tanks passed through gap in the wire, "C" Sqn maintained contact near BP 38 and enabled arty o.p. travelling with Sqn to direct arty fire which harrassed and stopped enemy advance.	
		2115	"C" Sqn moved to Regt. bivouack area - 629342 QARET EL RAMLIYAT.	
QARET, EL RAMLIYAT 629342	18	0900	Regt. move to SIDI BARRANI area : "A" Sqn leading element, "C" Right "B" Left.	
		1600	Bivouacked for night 572333, GHOT EL SAHAM EL WASTANI.	
573333	19	0500	Reveille.	
		0600	Regt. moved to MATRUH area -- Order of march as for previous day.	
		1200	Arrived vicinity SIDI BARRANI LANDING GROUND - 598376. Moved thence along main SIDI BARRANI - MATRUH RD, Line ahead 10 v.i.m. to 671350. Bivouacked for night.	
671350	20	0800	Regt. move to MATRUH area - Order of march as for previous day.	
		1600	Arrived MATRUH FORTRESS area. Continued move WESTWARD along coast road to 706354, MERSA UMM RAKHAM. Sqns dispersed this area and proceeded with maintenance of vehicles and weapons.	
706354	21	0530	Maintenance of tracked vehicles /continued. Full advantage taken of excellent swimming facilities afforded on beach. Weather - Warm to hot, NORTH wind.	
706354	22		Continuation of maintenance and servicing of weapons and vehicles. Warning Orders - "12 Hours notice to move" - issued. Weapon - Fine and warm, NORTH to NW wind.	
706354	23	0730	"C" Sqn B Echelon vehicles left for PALESTINE (Sqn 2 i/c. in charge). General preparations for move made. Weather - Fine and warm, NORTH wind.	
706354	24	0330	Remainder "B" Echelon vehicles (Regt.) moved off for PALESTINE, bivouacked WADI NATRUN. Crews of tracked vehicles made final preparations to move MATRUH rly. Stn, for entraining. Weather - Dense duststorm raged throughout day, impeding progress of B Echelon Vehicles.	

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	25		Road party continued move to CANAL ZONE via CAIRO, ISMAILIA, and bivouacked on SHELL Road 20 miles EAST of Canal.	
		0800	Tracked Vehicles with crews moved to MATRUH Rly stn. and entrained at 1100hrs.	
		1300	Train party moved off to KANTARA, ARRIVING AT 1400 hrs at FUKA.	
		2200	Hot meal served at AMIRIYA Stn/. to train party after which journey continued throughout night.	
	26		Road party continued move to ASLUJ and bivouacked there for night.	
		1200	Rail party arrived KANTARA and remained in Station Yds. awaiting transport across canal.	
		1600.	Hot meal enjoyed at KANTARA EAST (N.A.A.F.I.)	
	27	0600	Road party continued move to HADERA vicinity (Map Ref 14602060 ZAKIRON YA'AQOV)	
		1400	Road party arrived HADERA and bivouacked there for night.	
			Morning spent by Rail party completing move across canal. On arrival there tracked Vehicles were transferred from heavy Flat Top Trucks to lighter ones.	
		1100	After completion of "C" Sqns transport across canal Sqn left on separate train for GAZA.	
		1910	Remainder of rail party having been transported across canal second train left for GAZA.	
	28	0700	Road party continued move via WADI ARA PASS and plane of ESERAELON TO Eucalyptus grove WEST OF MIZRA (17452298)	
		0800	"C" Sqn (1st Rail party) had hot meal HADERA Rly stn and unloaded vehicles.	
		1600	2nd Rail party comprising "A" & "B" Sqns arrived HADERA, unloaded and proceeded to Biv. area vicinity Rly Crossing. Leave granted to HADERA until midnight.	
	29	0600	Regiments tracked vehicles moved off via WADI ARA PASS and rejoined B Echelon Vehicles and advance party at 17452298, arriving this area 1015 hrs.	
			Vehicles hidden in excellent camouflage surroundings offered by tall Eucalyptus trees.	
		1830	"C" Sqn Tp. Ldrs conference -- Movement Order for tomorrow issued --	
		1900	Movement order for "C" Sqn cancelled.	
			Weather -- Clear and fine with WESTERLY wind.	
17452298	30		Thorough checking and overhauling of tracked vehicles carried out by 72 L.A.D. bivouacked with Regt. Weather- Fine and warm with North Wind.	
17452298	31		Maintenance and general repairs continued by 72 L.A.D. "I" Personnel on recce of road AFFULA, EILABUN , AR RAMA. Weather warm clear day.	

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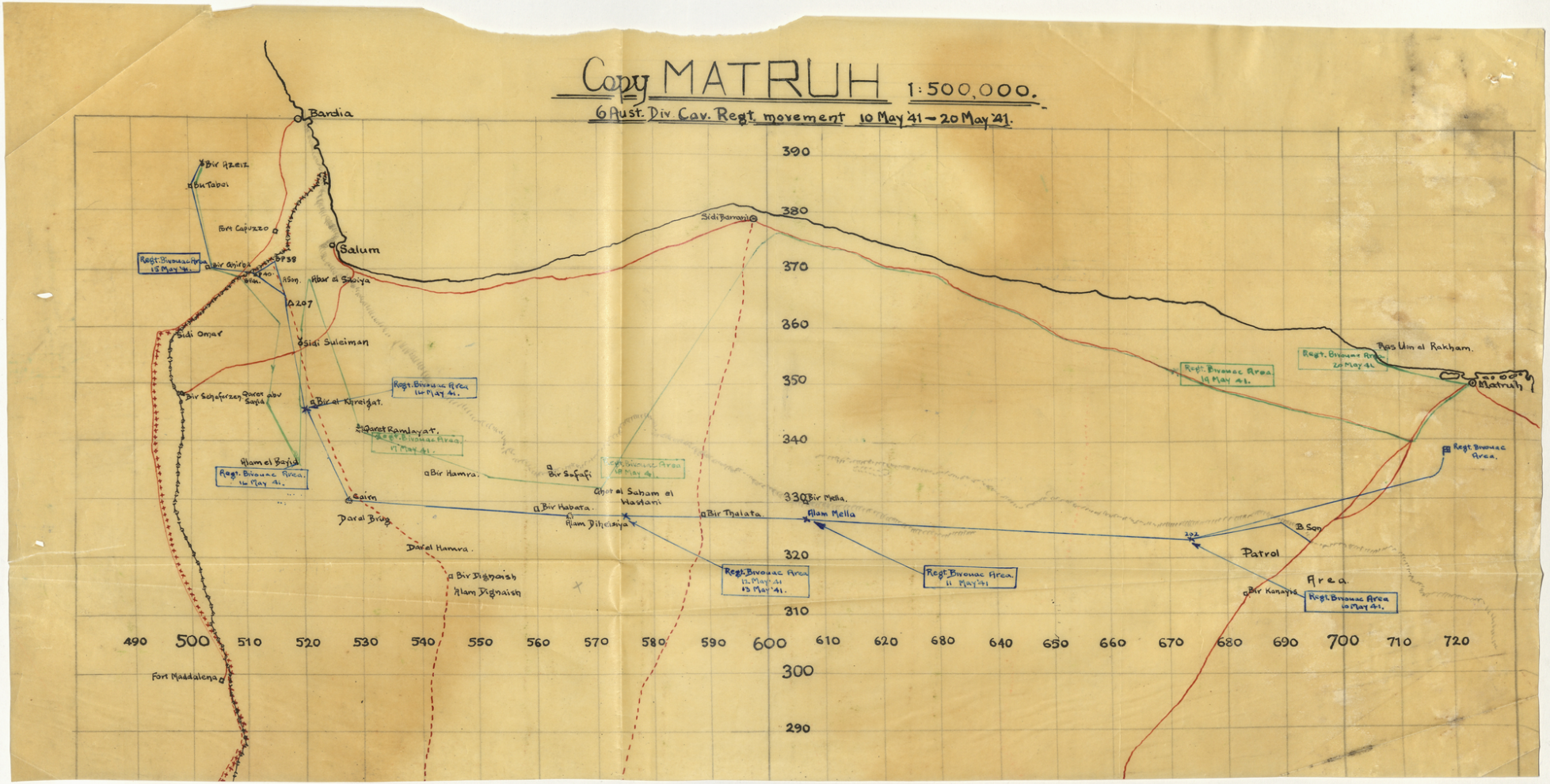

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War Diary

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS BY MAJOR S. A. MORRISON

ADM COMD 6 AUST CAV.

PART I. NO. 23 NOT TO BE PUBLISHED. SATURDAY 3 MAY '41.

1. CONDUCT OF BRITISH PERSONNEL WHEN TAKEN PRISONER.

The interrogation of prisoners of war is one of the most valuable means of obtaining information.

From a study of Italian documents captured during the recent operations in LIBYA it is evident that valuable information was obtained from British prisoners of war as a result of their interrogation by the enemy.

All ranks are reminded that, in the event of their being captured, they will seriously endanger the lives of their comrades if they give any information to the enemy other than their NUMBER, RANK, and NAME.

They will NOT disclose their unit and they will be most careful to avoid giving away information regarding conditions behind our lines, or concerning any operations in which they may have taken part.

Soldiers when captured will NOT try to give misleading information - it may do more harm than good. They will avoid answering any questions owing to the danger of being tripped by a skilled interrogator.

They will be on their guard against concealed listening devices which may report their conversations, and of enemy agents disguised as bogus prisoners. Maps are often hung up where prisoners can see them, to encourage conversation about past operations.

British personnel will not give parole and it is their duty to try to escape. They will not broadcast.

2. WATER. Water ration is fixed at one gal per man per day of which half is allocated to Cookhouses. Conservation of water in this area is of the UTMOST IMPORTANCE. Every soldier will co-operate in preventing waste.

Arrangements have been made for sqns to make available to own personnel a supply of well water which MUST be boiled before using for either ablution purposes or for washing clothes. It may be used in MT radiators. It will NOT be used for drinking or cooking purposes.

3. FIFTH COLUMN WESTERN DESERT. All ranks must be prepared to safeguard themselves against possible fifth column activities. It is quite conceivable that the enemy may attempt to seek infm by using agents wearing British uniforms, and no one can be considered as being above suspicion until he has produced his "bona fides".

On 17 Apr a New Zealand Spr at DABA saw a British Maj, a SM and one other person who enquired where the amn and pet dumps were located and asked questions regarding convoys etc. The spr refused to give the infm and suggested that they went to enquire at his orderly room. This they did not do and drove away. The number of the car had been taken but when further enquiries were made it appeared that the car in question had been written off as destroyed in Feb of this year.

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NOTICES.

CHURCH SERVICES. - Sunday 4 May - "MOTHERS DAY".

Church Services, followed by Holy Communion, will be held as under on 4 May:-

0845 hrs LAD Store Truck area
1015 hrs "B" Sqn Orderly Room.

The Padre will be visiting ALEXANDRIA and CAIRO and will attend to any matters any personnel may require. All requests with money and name of person should be enclosed in an envelope and deposited at Sqn orderly rooms not later than 1800 hrs 3 May.

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ADM. COMD 6 AUST CAV.

PART I. NO. 24 NOT TO BE PUBLISHED THURSDAY 8 MAY '41.

1. WARNING - CANNISTER BOMBS (BOOBY TRAPS).

As previously pointed out, a number of small aluminium cannisters resembling shaving-sticks or waste film-containers and which explode when unscrewed, were dropped recently from an enemy plane. Notwithstanding the warning circulated, one member of the Service on finding one of these bombs, interfered with it and as a result became a casualty.

The description of the cannister bombs dropped in this area is as follows :-

Container has an aluminium body (cylindrical) about 1" in ~~diaeter~~ diameter and approx 2" long, with a brass screw-on top, on which there is a copper stud.

In the event of any personnel finding one of these bombs, the matter should be reported to the nearest HQ(Regtl or Sqn) immediately. It will then be the responsibility of the HQ notified to advise IO 6 Aust Cav for transmission to IO Adv HQ 7 Aust Div. Under no circumstances will the finder touch the bomb or tamper with it in any way, and should any personnel, in spite of the warning given here, do so and sustain injuries severe disciplinary action will be taken.

2. BBC NEWSLETTER FOR TPS IN ME.

By special request the BBC is arranging a weekly newsletter for British Forces in the Near and ME. The broadcast will be given on Sats from 0430 hrs to 0445 hrs GMT. The newsletter is to be reptd on the same time next day. The newsletter is also included in "Saturday afternoon" together with occasional short talks and specially designed entertainment and messages from relatives and friends, from 1515 hrs to 1600 hrs GMT Sats from 3 May.

3. AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND - DISTRIBUTION OF LOT No.1/ACF.

The following distribution from Aust. Comforts Fund on 5 May '41 is promulgated :-

4 cases of cake - 1 case to each Sqn.
4000 sheets writing paper and 1500 envelopes - handed to Regtl Chaplain for distribution.
1 oz tobacco and 1 pkt papers distributed each as follows :-

HQ	164	
A	102	
B	109	
C	110	485
Held for subsequent distribution	15	500 total received.

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ADM COMD 6 AUST CAV.

Part 1. No 24. NOT TO BE PUBLISHED. Thursday, 22 May 41.

1. VENEREAL DISEASE.

1. Venereal Disease has always been particularly prevalent in Egypt and at the present moment exists in a virulent form. Every effort is needed to defeat the enemy in this war and physical fitness on the part of each Australian soldier is a paramount necessity. The practice of placing certain defined areas in districts and towns "Out of Bounds" has been based on the protection of the soldier.

2. Para 56, Standing Orders, BTE, will apply to the Australian Imperial Force and is as follows:-

Bounds:-

(a) Bounds of all Barracks and Areas will be defined in local Area Standing ~~xxxxx~~ orders.

(b) Bounds for Cairo are as shown in "Bounds" maps, obtainable from Cairo Sub-Area HQ and HQ, AIF Details, Cairo.

(c) When streets or houses are placed "Out of Bounds", the fact will be notified in Area and/or Unit Orders.

(d) All streets and premises, including bars and brothels in the Tolerated Zone in Cairo, are "Out of Bounds", with the exception of Sharia Wagh-el-Berka, which is "In Bounds" from 1400 hrs to 2400 hrs daily.
All houses and native bars in Midan Kantaret-el-Dekka are "Out of Bounds" to all ranks. The Midan may only be used for the purpose of entering and leaving Sharia Wagh-el-Berka from Sharia Ibrahim Pasha.
Sharia Wagh-el-Berka is "Out of Bounds" to all WD vehicles.
All cafes, bars, etc, are placed "Out of Bounds" to NCOs and ~~xxx~~ men when in possession of fire-arms and ammunition, or when such personnel are on duty.

3. "Out of Bounds" notices are placed in various positions by authority. The presence of such notices constitutes an order to all ranks not to enter such places.

2. IDENTITY DISCS.

All ranks will wear their identity discs at all times.
Failure to comply with this order will be treated as a serious breach of discipline, and will be so dealt with by all officers concerned.

3. Australian Headquarters Guard Battalion.

Applications are called forthwith to fill vacancies in the above unit. Sqns will submit rolls of suitable personnel to RHQ by categories as shown below, by 31 May 41.
In selecting personnel, who must be over 35 years of age, for transfer to this unit, preference will be given in the following order:-

(a) Married, with families.
(b) Married.
(c) Men who have had long service abroad.

4. HONOURS AND AWARDS.

The following members of the Regt have been mentioned in the Commander-in-Chief's Despatch on the operations in the Middle East, August 1939 - November 1940:-
Cavalry.

NX 537, Sjt J. E. ALCOCK,
NX 521, L/Sjt W. O. MARTIN.

5. CORRESPONDENCE WITH BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR IN ENEMY HANDS.

Under no circumstances will AIF personnel communicating with British prisoners of war in enemy hands disclose Army number, unit or service address.
For purposes of reply, the address of a civilian friend or of the British Red Cross, 8 Sharia Malika Farida, Cairo, Egypt, can be given. If the latter course is adopted, the sender should register his or her name with the Officer-in-Charge, Prisoners of War, Wounded and Missing Bureau, at the abovementioned address so that any replies may be forwarded.
Letters should be short to facilitate censorship and avoid unnecessary delay.

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6. Fortnightly pay.
For a period of three months, commencing from 23 May 41, pay will be issued fortnightly.

7. MT Vehicles - Unit Serial Number Plates.
The practice of displaying the word "Pass" on vehicles with the object of obtaining clear right of way or other preference in traffic is to cease.
This word is stencilled on the back of unit serial number plates, and is to be exhibited only when a vehicle is out of action and is receiving assistance, and the driver wishes other vehicles to pass him.
The misuse of the sign as described above will be treated as an offence and such offences will be reported to Formation, etc, Headquarters.

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7 ARMD BDE OP INSTR NO 5.

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9 May 41.

Ref Map MATRUH 1/100,000.

1. INFORMATION.
As per Sitreps already issued.

2. 4 R Tanks and one Sqn Royals have already moved fwd.

3. INTENTION.
7 Armd Bde will move to area GHOT EL RIMEIL 675833 on 10 May.

4. METHOD.
Bde Centre Liné MINQAR QA'IM 723513 - BIR SIDI HAMZA 713513 - SIDI HUSEIN 693513 - GHOT EL RIMEIL.

5. Start line.
NORTH and SOUTH line through BIR SIDI HAMZA.

6. Time across start line :-
2 R Tanks tail to be clear by 0850 hrs.
Bde HQ " " " " " 0900 hrs.
"B" Ech in rear of Bde HQ.

7. Speed 8 m.p.h.

8. Halts. 10 mins after 50 mins, thereafter 20 mins after every 100 mins running. First halt 0920 hrs to 0950 hrs.

9. 6 Aus Div Cav Regt will move direct from present area to area GHOT EL RIMEIL to arrive by 1300 hrs.

10. PAVO less one tp will move with 'B' Ech. One tp will report Bde HQ by 0745 hrs and move with rear Bde HQ.

11. 259/65 A/Tk Bty, RA, less one sec will move with 'B' Ech. One sec will report Bde HQ by 0745 hrs and will move with rear Bde HQ.

12. 13 LFA will move independantly to Pt 205 631322.

13. Leaguer areas night 10/11 May :-

6 Aus Div Cav Regt	area Pt 202	672833
2 R Tanks	area 674322	
Bde HQ	area 675322	
'B' Ech	area 680320.	

14. INTERCOMN
LO 2 R Tanks will report Bde HQ by 0745 hrs 10 May.
LO 6 Aus Div Cav Regt will report Bde HQ on arrival of unit in leaguer area.

15. W/T silence except for 'B' ech gp.

16. Operational code list will be taken into use from 0600 hrs 10 May, except for 'B' Ech gp, who will continue to use present training code names.

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17. Continuous listening watch for rear link sets on comd net from 0600 hrs 10 onwards.

18. ADM. Orders will be issued separately.

19. ACK.

Time of Signature 1100

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Major,
Brigade Major.

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Bde HQ Sqn	3
P.A.V.O.	4
6 Aus Div Cav Regt	5
250/35 NY A/Tk Bty	6
13 LFA	7
7 Armd Bde LRS	8
7 Armd Bde Rec Sec	9
HQ WDF	10
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5. **Rec**

7 Armd Bde Rec Sec will travel with the Bde Gp and Rec vehicles will be allotted to units as under:-

6 Aust Div Cav Regt - 2 Leylands & 2 Trailers
2 R Tanks - 1 Scammel
Bde HQ - 1 Scammel

These will report to units in their bivouac areas night 10/11.

Rec collecting centres will be established:-

(a) On the top of the escarpment at 693323
(b) Cross Roads 631334
(c) On the top of the escarpment above SOFAFI at 568335.

A further Rec Sec is being established at the collecting centre mentioned in (a) above and rec vehicles will be available from this to effect rec to the rear. Rec will be by 7 Armd Bde Rec Sec, to the nearest collecting Pt. Units will report WD Nà make and type of all vehicles requiring rec as and when is possible and at any rate by 2000 hrs nightly to Bde HQ. This report MUST include accurate 6 figure map ref of location, and type of recovery required i.e. suspended tow etc.

6. Repair

7 Armd Bde LRS will move with Bde B Ech and remain closed till further orders. Units will be advised later location when this LRS opens.

7. Intercomm

Wireless silence on "Q" Gp. BTO will keep listening watch to "Bread Van", until ordered to close.

8. ACK

P.H.V. de Salis

Captain,
Staff Captain.

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7 Armd Bde Admin Instr No. 2
(Issued in conjunction with 7 Armd Bde Op Instr No. 6 of 14 May 41)

Copy No 7

14 May 41

1. INFORMATION & INTENTION

As per Op Instr No. 6.

2. REPLENISHMENT

May 14th	by 2nd Line	THALATA	588327
May 15th	by 2nd Line	HAMRA	541322
May 16th	by 2nd Line	DAR EL BRUG	526327

Location of RP for 15th and 16th will be confirmed.

(a) Unit "A" Echelons will be replenished night 14/15 area DAR EL BRUG. Topping up vehicles will accompany units on march to KREIGAT. After topping up in that area, these vehicles will report back to HAMRA under an officer to be detailed by the B.T.O.

(b) Amn. 2 R Tanks will arrange to have, if possible, 50 rds 2 Pr per tank "en cas mobile" to accompany unit.

25 Pr Replenishment normal. It is hoped to lay on an A.P. on wheels about which confirmation will be sent if this can be arranged.

(c) P.O.L. normal.

(d) Water 1½ gallons per man at R.P.

1 water cart from 2 R Tanks will move with Rear Bde HQ and be at call.

1 water cart 6 Aust Div Cav Regt will accompany unit.

3. Medical.

13 L.F.A. will move with Bde "B" Ech Gp and be prepared to open an MDS in area HAMRA by 1200 Hrs 15 May.

Sec at present in Bde "B" Ech area will move with Rear Bde HQ and be prepared to open an ADS in area KREIGAT by 0800 hrs 15 May. This sec to report to Bde HQ with replenishing vehicles tonight.

Line of Evacuation

ADS	Bde HQ
ADS	KREIGAT
MDS	HAMRA
MDS	BIR ENBA

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7 Armd Bde Admin Instr No. 1
(Issued in conjunction with 7 Armd Bde Op Instr No. 3)

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1. Maintenance arrangements for the move will be as follows:-

Rations for Consumption	Where Drawn	By	Remarks
10 May	QASABA 9 May	1st Line	
11 May	QASABA 10 May	1st Line	
12 May	28 FSD ABU SHIEBA 645335 11 May Unit tpt.		
13 May	2nd Line RP BIR ENBA 589342 12 May		
14 May	2nd Line RP probably HAFATA 559328		2nd Line refill 29 FSD ALEM RABIA 574337

2. Water

Water will be drawn on the scale of a gallon per man at replenishing points with the exception of that for consumption on 11 May, which will be drawn on the 10th from the MEDUUAR water pt area CHARING CROSS. Every opportunity will be taken of using local sources, but these are scarce owing to many of the former supplies now being contaminated or destroyed. Water will definitely be in short supply and must therefore be used very carefully. If units have to use vehicle reserve water in radiators, they will report amount consumed to Bde HQ by 2000 hrs daily.

3. POL and Amn.

Will be drawn at RP same as for rations.

4. Med

One sec LFA will travel with rear Bde HQ and a further sec with Bde B Ech. 13 LFA is accompanying the Bde Gp and will establish MDS under instructions to be issued later.

Chain of Evacuation will be through Bde ADS and 13 LFA to MATRUH up to night 10/11. After that it will be via BARRANI to the Car Post established at Milo 125 on the MATRUH-BARRANI rd. OC 13 LFA will arrange for ambulances to be available for this purpose.

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4. Ordnance.

LRS, Sec Recovery and OFP will move with "B" Ech Gp. When situation permits Rec Sec will move forward to KREIGAT area, where Recovery Centre will be established. LRS and OFP will remain in "B" Ech area. OME will issue orders to Rec Sec when it is to move forward.

5. Burials.

All burials will be in situ. Full details including 8 figure map reference will be recorded.

6. INTERCOMN

"Q" Gp will maintain continuous watch until ordered to close.

7. ACK.

Captain,
Staff Captain.

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7 ARMD BDE OP INSTR NO. 6. COPY NO. 7

14 May 41.

Ref Maps :- SALUM 1/100,000 Sheet 'A'.
SALUM 1/100,000 Sheet 40.
BARDIA 1/100,000 Sheet 30.

1. INFORMATION.
As given verbally at conference.

2. INTENTION.
7 Armd Bde Gp will secure SIDI AZEIZ 502388 and overcome any enemy resistance between start area and SIDI AZEIZ.

3. METHOD.
Concentration and allotment of tps:-
Bde Gp will concentrate in general area DAR EL BRUG 528328 by 2015 hrs tonight as follows :-

Start Line. Line EAST and WEST through BIR HABATA.

6 Aus Div Cav with under comd BEAM and one sec 2 AA Bty.
To be clear of start line by 1545 hrs.

2 R Tanks with under comd PAUL.
Move from present area 1600 hrs.

Bde HQ.
Move in area 2 R Tanks.

Halts.
Halt for meal 1645 hrs to 1745 hrs.

Route.
Centre line tr BIR HABATA - HAMRA 538322 - DAR EL BRUG.
Units will be disposed astride the tr but movement and halting in track area will be avoided during daylight owing to air action.
Units will close up before dark preparatory to approach march.

4. Approach march 15 May.
March to KIREIGAT 520346 area will be made during darkness as follows :-

Bde Centre line. Tr DAR EL BRUG - KIREIGAT.

6 Aus Div Cav clear of bivouac area by 0001 hrs 15 May. Head to halt on EAST - WEST line through KIREIGAT.

2 R Tanks and Bde HQ follow in that order.

Leading unit will be responsible for direction. Visual touch between units.

Halts. 10 mins after every 50 mins.
1st halt 0050 hrs - 0100 hrs.
2nd halt 0150 - 0200 hrs.
11 H will concentrate independantly.

5. D1 day 15 May.
Zero hr 0530 hrs at which time leading unit (less 11 H) will cross EAST and WEST line through KIREIGAT.

6. Bde Centre Line.
SIDI SULEIMAN 518356 - X trs 516361 - BP 40 509360 - B.GHIRBA 504370 - GABR EL MEDUAR 501377 - B.BUTABEL 500384 - SIDI AZEIZ.

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7. The operation will be carried out in 3 phases.
11 H, in addition to roles given, will be responsible throughout the operation for protective recce to WEST, NORTH of grid line 310.

1st Phase.
Occupation of general line Pt 207 518364 - SIDI OMAR.
11 H will report by 0615 hrs enemy presence or not in general area Pt 207 - SIDI SULEIMAN - SIDI OMAR.
Bde, less 11 H, will move in order given in para 4 on general Bde centre line.

2nd Phase.
Occupation of general line B. HAFID 506378 - GABR EL GERRARI 500369.
11 H will report on area GABR REDUAR 502376 - HAGFET UAAR 505380 - LEMLUM 512377 - NIZWET GHIRBA - GABR EL GERRARI.

General action during 2nd Phase.
6 Aus Div Cav throughout this phase and particularly after crossing the wire will find right flank recce with object of giving warning of enemy approach from Western exits of CAPUZZO area.
2 R Tanks will be prepared to engage enemy advancing from this direction.

3rd Phase.
Occupation of area SIDI AZEIZ and action, as opportunity offers, against enemy on rd CAPUZZO - BARDIA.
11 H will report on area SIDI AZEIZ - GABR AHMAR 507384 - B. EL MARAA 496389 - NZA UAZEN 590387.

General action during 3rd Phase.
Aus Div Cav will pay particular attention to their HQ and possible enemy action from the triangle BARDIA - CAPUZZO - SIDI AZEIZ.

2 R Tanks will be prepared to leave one sqn with PAUL under comd in area HAGFET UAAR prepared to exploit or deal with threats from NE.

8. Subsequent action will depend on situation.

9. ADM.
Instructions are being issued separately.

10. INTERCOMM.
Signal of the day.
Penants - one up, one in middle.

Synchronisation of Watches.
BBC time will be asked for, if required, from Bde HQ after 2100 hrs.

W/T to be kept to a minimum preparatory to ZERO hr.

Pass Words.
14 May VIOLENCE
15 May CHURCHILL
16 May WAVELL
17 May BERESFORD

Postponement if necessary will be notified by signal as follows :-

(a) D.I postponement = PORT
One day = 1 glass.
Two days = 2 glasses.

(b) ZERO hr postponement = MAILBAG.
Time = new clock hr and mins in 4 figure map ref code.

Map ref code.

14	May	S I X F U R L O N G
15	"	G A S T R I C F L U
16	"	C O M P A N Y L T D
17	"	P O L I S H A R M Y

Major,
Brigade Major.

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

6 Aust Cav (Unit.) For Week Ending 3 May 41

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*			
	*			
	*			
	*			
1	Lieut.-Colonels	-	-	1
4	Majors...	3	-	1
6	Captains	4	-	2
22	Lieutenants	24	7	-
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
33	TOTALS	36	7	4

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Ryrie	E.H. 6 Aust Cav	30 Apr 41	Relinquished 2/6 Bde Ammn Coy
Major	Chambers	A.H. Armd Div Signal Regt	2 May 41	Recall to unit

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2 M. or S.	3 Substantive Rank.	4 Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. PERSONAL NO	5 Name and Initials.	6 Corps.	7 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	8 Date Joined Unit.	9 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Major	VX 126	Morrison S.C.	6 Aust Cav	Yes		Adm Comd
2		"	NX 1135	Mundy-Inglow F.	"	"		C/ 2 i/c
3		-	NX 196	Roberts T.	"	"		Sqn Ldr
4		Capt	NX 169	Brennan K.H.	"	"		" "
5		"	SX 14449	Mills Rank.	"	"		" "
6		"	VX 113	Holden J.N.	"	"		Adjt
7		"	VX 503	Robinson O.K.	"	"		QM
8		Lieut	VX 1744	Miller J.	"	"		Tp Ldr
9		"	VX 194	Menzies H.W.	"	"		A/Sqn Ldr
10		"	NX 192	Scott J.	"	"		Tp Ldr
11		"	TX 2028	Wells D.W.	"	"		A/Sqn Ldr
12		-	NX 33	Shute J.F.D.	"	"		" "
13		"	SX 14450	Kaechele J.H.	"	"		Tp Ldr
14		"	VX 186	McNally J.J.	"	"		" "
15		"	VX 2150	Kenny C.F.	"	"		" "
16		"	VX 1747	Young H.W.D.	"	"		" "
17		"	SX 6010	Glasgow T.A.	"	"		" "
18		"	WX 26	Pen Grand H.C.	"	"		" "
19		"	VX 1932	Phillips A.J.	"	7 Oct		Rec BHQ Engrs ME
20		"	VX 1826	Mackie C.P.	"	14 Oct		Tp Ldr
21		"	VX 216	Roberts W.	"	"		" "
22		"	VX 9722	Brown H.	"	"		" "
23		"	VX 31116	Hennessy J.C.	"	"		" "
24		"	VX 9725	Mann T.K.	"	"		" "
25		"	VX 6514	Jorgen J.V.	"	"		Unit Offr
26		"	NX 5624	Black J.T.	"	"		Unit Offr
27		"	SX 2610	Wade C.W.	"	"		Tp Ldr
28		"	VX 14350	Mc Cluskey T.J.	"	"		Asst QM
29		"	NX 6026	Lane J.C.	"	"		Tp Ldr
30		"	VX 13511	Blanchard J.M.	"	"		" "
31		"	NX 12246	Boyd J.S.	"	"		Asst IO
32		"	VX 12	[illegible]	"	"		Unit Offr
33		"	VX 12	[illegible]	"	"		" "
34		-	SX 6148	Loveridge J.K.	"	"		" "

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. PERSONAL NO	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	NX 238	James C.F.	AAMC	23.12.39	RMO
-	NX 226	Isenberg S.M.	14 FDC	14.2.40	Ord Sig & Offr
Chaplain 4th C	NX 234	Hulme-Moir T.A.	RACD	8.3.40	Rejd Chaplain
Lieut	VX 1691	Kearney E.J.	Engr & Mine Sy	31.3.40	Offr i/c Rec Engrs

6 Aust Cav (Unit.)

3 May 41 (Date of Despatch.)

Eaholden (Signature of Commander.)

Cdr 6 Aust Cav (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

6 Aust Cav (Unit) 3 May 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	3		2
Serjeants	34	6	
Corporals	72	1	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	315		27
TOTALS	431	* 7	* 30

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.		Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.		Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Sgt	1	39 LAD AAOC	Cpl	1	EAMC
Cpls	2	" "	Pts	2	"
Pts	6	" "	"	5	AAOC
Sgt	1	AAPC			
Lt Sgt	1	"C" Sec Sigs 6 Div			
Sigmn	8	" "			
Cpl	1	AA Postal C			

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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6 Aust Cav Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
						Attached												
AAOC General Duty Personnel															2		2	
39 LAD AAOC General Duty Personnel															3		3	
"C" Sec Sigs Sigmn															2		2	
General duty personnel					6	1			7		1	2			27		30	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)					6	1			7		1	2			27		30	

6 Aust Cav
Unit.

[signature] Capt.
Adjt. 6 Aust Cav
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 3 May 1941

Att 7 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

6 Aust Cav (Unit) 10 May 1914 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	6	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	3	-	2
Serjeants	32	4	-
Corporals	73	2	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	314	-	28
TOTALS	429	* 6	* 31

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
S/ Sjt Armourer 1	AAOC	Cpl 1	AA Postal C
Sjt 1	39 LAD AAOC	" 1	AA MC
Cpls 2	" "	Ptes 2	"
Ptes 6	" "	" 5	AAOC
Sjt 1	AAPC		
R/Sjt 1	"C" Sec Sigs		
Sigmn 8	" " "		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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6 Aust Cav Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
						Attached												
AAOC Armourer															1		1	
39 LAD AAOC General Duty Personnel															3		3	
6 Lee Sigs Signmn															2		2	
General duty personnel					4	2			6		1	2				28	31	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)					4	2			6		1	2				28	31	

6 Aust Cav
Unit.

[signature] Capt.
Adjt 6 Aust Div Cav
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 15 May 41

Att 7 Armd Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

6 Aust Corps (Unit.) For Week Ending 10 May 41

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*			
	*			
	*			
	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels	-	-	1
	Majors...	3	-	1
	Captains	14	-	2
	Lieutenants	30	8	-
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	37	8	4

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Ryrie E.J.	6 Aust Corps	7 May 41	Attd from CRS Militant

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2 M. or S.	3 Substantive Rank.	4 Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. PERSONAL NO	5 Name and Initials.	6 Corps.	7 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	8 Date Joined Unit.	9 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Major	VX 126	Morrisett A.C.	6 Aust Corps	Yes		Asst Comdt
2		"	NX 1357	Macarthur-Onslow E.	"	"		A/2 i/c
3		"	NX 176	Wescott J.S.	"	"		Sqn Ldr
4		Capt	VX 167	Cranston J.B.M.	"	"		" "
5		"	SX 1[illegible]	Mills K.A.K.	"	"		" "
6		"	VX 113	Madden J.O.	"	"		A/C
7		"	VX 513	Robinson J.A.E.	"	"		A TM
8		Lieut	NX 194	Mills J.	"	"		A/Sqn Ldr
9		"	VX 194	Edwards H.W.	"	"		2 i/c "
10		"	NX 194	Wenck G.	"	"		Tp Ldr
11		"	TX 2083	Miles G.E.	"	"		A/Sqn Ldr
12		"	WX 36	Hunt G.F.C.	"	"		" "
13		"	SX 1[illegible]50	Hogg Stewart H.H.	"	"		Tp Ldr
14		"	NX 160	Wheatley J.C.	"	"		"
15		"	VX 264	Young C.G.	"	"		"
16		"	VX 1[illegible]14	Young H.V.H.	"	"		"
17		"	SX 6070	Thomson R.C.	"	"		"
18		"	WX 26	Kininmonth W.J.	"	"		"
19		"	VX 132	Shelley C.F.	"	Yes		Adj 3 Hvy Regt ME
20		"	VX 128	Millard C.W.	"	Yes		Tp Ldr
21		"	VX 211	Lowes C.W.	"	"		"
22		"	VX 9728	Jenkins W.H.	"	"		"
23		"	NX 3676	Hennessy E.G.	"	"		"
24		"	VX 9923	Hoare W.R.	"	"		"
25		"	VX 6[illegible]28	Jenkins E.G.	"	"		Amn Offr
26		"	NX 304	Pigott E.J.	"	"		Tp Ldr
27		"	NX 3629	Mackie E.K.	"	"		"
28		"	SX 2610	Veale C.W.	"	"		Tp Ldr
29		"	VX 1[illegible]56	McMonagle J.T.F.	"	"		Asst QM
30		"	SX 6030	Corry E.C.	"	"		Tp Ldr
31		"	VX 1[illegible]63	Bellenie F.W.	"	"		"
32		"	VX 53[illegible]0	Woodhouse M.C.	"	"		"
33		"	VX 1[illegible]2	Jennett R.B.	"	"		"
34		"	SX 2[illegible]5	Mitchell [illegible]	"	"		"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. PERSONAL NO	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	NX 233	Symons W.S.	AAMC	5.12.39	RMO
"	NX 3[illegible]	Bunting [illegible]	AAMC	14.2.40	2/11 Fd Amb RMO
Chaplain 4th Cl	NX 234	Thelma [illegible] Moon	AACD	3.4.40	Chaplain 2/1 Fd Amb
Lieut	VX 1[illegible]31	Kearney [illegible]	Supply [illegible]	15.2.40	O i/c [illegible]

6 Aust Corps
(Unit.)

10 May 41
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

6 Aust. Cav (Unit) 17 May 19 41 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	6	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	3	-	2
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	31	3	
Corporals	72	1	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	311	-	31
TOTALS	424	* 4	* 34

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.		Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.		Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Sjt Armourer	1	AAOC	Cpl	1	AA Pontal C
Sjt	1	39 LAD AAOC	"	1	AAMC
Cpls	2	" "	Pte	2	"
Ptes	6	" "	"	5	AAOC
Sjt	1	AAPC			
L/Sjt	1	C the Sigs			
Signmn	7	" "			

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX6628	Sjt	Stewart R.R.	6 Aust Cav	CTR

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6 Aust Cav Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
						Attached												
AAOC Armourer															1		1	
39 LAD AAOC General Duty Personnel															3		3	
"C" Sec Sigs Signaler															3		3	
General duty personnel	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	4	-	1	2	-	-	31	-	34	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	4	-	1	2	-	-	31	-	34	

6 Aust Cav
Unit.

for R C Robinson Capt
Adj 6 Aust Div Cav
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 17 May 41

Att 7 Armd Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

6 Aust Corps (Unit.) For Week Ending 17 May 41

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*			
	*			
	*			
	*			
1	Lieut.-Colonels	-	-	1
4	Majors...	3	-	1
6	Captains	4	-	2
82	Lieutenants	30	3	-
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
33	TOTALS	37	8	4

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2 M. or S.	3 Substantive Rank.	4 ~~Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.~~ PERSONAL NO	5 Name and Initials.	6 Corps.	7 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	8 Date Joined Unit.	9 ~~If not present with Unit, state~~ how employed.
1		Major	VX 126	Morrison J. C.	6 Aust Corps	Yes		Asst Comdt
2		"	NX 1135	Maunsell-Outlaw R.	"	"		A/ 2 i/c
3		"	NX 1176	Abbott [illegible]	"	"		Spr Rly
4		Capt	NX 167	Brown [illegible]	"	"		" "
5		"	SX 1449	Mill K. [illegible]	"	"		" "
6		"	VX 118	Hamilton [illegible]	"	"		Adjt
7		"	VX 519	Robinson [illegible]	"	"		D A M
8		Lieut	NX 174	Mills [illegible]	"	"		A/Spr Rly
9		"	VX 194	Maule H. W.	"	"		A/ Spr 2 i/c
10		"	NX 1102	Jane [illegible]	"	"		Tp Rly
11		"	TX 2023	Mills [illegible]	"	"		A/Spr 2 i/c
12		"	WX 33	Hunt [illegible]	"	"		" "
13		"	SX 1450	Kaythorne [illegible]	"	"		Tp Rly
14		"	VX 1600	Mackaness [illegible]	"	"		" "
15		"	VX 2149	Murray [illegible]	"	"		" "
16		"	VX 174	Knox E. W. K.	"	"		" "
17		"	SX 6670	Kerrison [illegible]	"	"		" "
18		"	WX 26	Kinsmund [illegible]	"	"		" "
19		"	VX 132	Phillips W. [illegible]	"	Yes		ADC 3 Aus Sigs ME
20		"	VX 128	Millard W. [illegible]	"	Yes		Tp Rly
21		"	VX 210	Roberts [illegible]	"	"		" "
22		"	VX 9722	Anson [illegible]	"	"		" "
23		"	NX 8676	Hennessy [illegible]	"	"		" "
24		"	VX 9723	Hain W. K.	"	"		" "
25		"	VX 9722	Jenkin [illegible]	"	"		10
26		"	NX 864	Kime [illegible]	"	"		Spr Rly
27		"	NX 9629	Heath [illegible]	"	"		1 C
28		"	SX 2610	Wade C. [illegible]	"	"		Tp Rly
29		"	VX 14976	Humphrey [illegible]	"	"		Adjt D A M
30		"	SX 6866	Edwards [illegible]	"	"		Spr Rly
31		"	VX 9722	Matthews [illegible]	"	"		" "
32		"	VX 14928	Robins [illegible]	"	"		Adjt Sig
33		"	NX 14624	Moore [illegible]	"	"		" "
34		"	SX 6146	Cummings [illegible]	"	"		" "

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. PERSONAL No	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	NX 238	Gannes [illegible]	AAMC	23.12.39	RMO
"	NX 226	Darling [illegible]	AAOC	14.2.40	O/C 2 Aust Adv
Chaplain 4th Cl	NX 234	Milne-Moir [illegible]	AACD	5.3.40	Regd Chaplain
Lieut	VX 1031	Kearney [illegible]	2/4 Aust Inf Bde	31.5.41	O/C Cipher Sect

6 Aust Corps (Unit.)

17 May 41 (Date of Despatch.)

J. C. Robinson Capt for Lt Col A/ Asst Adjt General (Signature of Commander.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Aust Div Exporter Corps (Unit) 31 May 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	5	-	2
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	3	-	2
Serjeants	30	2	-
Corporals	73	2	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	317	-	25
TOTALS	429	* 4	* 29

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.		Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.		Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Sjt	1	39 LAD AAOC	Cpl	1	AAMC
Cpls	2	- -	Ptes	2	-
Ptes	6	- -	-	4	AAOC
Sjt	1	AAPC			
R/Sjt	1	"C" Sec Sigs			
Signmn	2	- -			
Cpl	1	AA Postal C			

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX 6628	Sjt	Stewart L.R.	Aust Div Exporter Corps	ETR

Aust Div Exporter Corps Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Cooks																	
							Attached										
AAOC																	
Armourers											1			1		2	
39 LAD AAOC																	
Essential Duty Personnel														3		3	
"C" Sec Sigs																	
Signmn														3		3	
General duty personnel	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	4	-	2	2	-	-	25	-	29
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	4	-	2	2	-	-	25	-	29

Aust Div Exporter Corps
Unit.

Date of Despatch 31 May 1941

J C Holden Capt
for Signature of Commander.

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Aust Div Employment Coy (Unit.) For Week Ending 31 May 1941

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.*, deficits on establishment).
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1	Lieut.-Colonels		-	1
4	Majors...	3	-	1
6	Captains	4	-	2
22	Lieutenants	30	8	-
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
33	TOTALS	37	8	4

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	~~Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.~~ PERSONAL NO	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	~~If not present with Unit, state~~ how employed.
1		Major	VX 126	Morrison J.A.	Aust Div Ammn Park	Yes		Adjt Aust Div Ammn Park
2		"	NX 135	Macarthur-Onslow R.	"	"		A/2 i/c
3		"	NX 176	Wishart J.G.	"	"		Gen Fdry
4		Capt	NX 167	Brimson G.H.	"	"		"
5		"	SX 14469	Mutch R.L.	"	"		"
6		"	VX 118	Hallein J.A.	"	"		Asst
7		"	VX 5[illegible]	Robinson L.J.	"	"		QM
8		Lieut	NX 174	Mills [illegible]	"	"		A/Gen Fdry
9		"	VX 164	Meade H.W.	"	"		A/Adjt 2 i/c
10		"	NX 172	[illegible] [illegible]	"	"		Tp Fdry
11		"	TX 2222	Mills S.R.	"	"		A/Adjt 2 i/c
12		"	WX 36	Rose G.T.R.	"	"		"
13		"	SX 14450	Rawthorne H.B.	"	"		Tp Fdry
14		"	NX 166	Mulcahy [illegible]	"	"		"
15		"	VX 2649	Tourney C.J.	"	"		"
16		"	VX 1776	King A.W.K.	"	"		"
17		"	QX 6070	Glencorse [illegible]	"	"		"
18		"	WX 26	Kingshord W.J.	"	"		"
19		"	VX 1[illegible]9	Phillips A.J.	"	Yes		Adjt 3 HQ Light ME
20		"	VX 128	Mallard W.J.	"	Yes		Tp Fdry
21		"	VX 210	Roberts [illegible]	"	"		"
22		"	VX 6[illegible]2	Brain [illegible]	"	"		"
23		"	NX 3[illegible]6	Hennessy [illegible]	"	"		"
24		"	VX 6[illegible]3	Train W.R.	"	"		"
25		"	VX 1[illegible]9	Taylor [illegible]	"	"		I.O.
26		"	NX 7[illegible]4	Burke [illegible]	"	"		Tp Ldr
27		"	NX 5[illegible]0	Black [illegible]	"	"		I.O.
28		"	SX 2[illegible]0	Wade [illegible]	"	"		Tp Ldr
29		"	VX 14[illegible]5	[illegible] [illegible]	"	"		Asst QM
30		"	SX 1[illegible]6	[illegible] [illegible]	"	"		Tp Ldr
31		"	NX 12[illegible]	[illegible] [illegible]	"	"		Asst I.O.
32		"	VX 1[illegible]5	[illegible] [illegible]	"	"		Tp Fdry
33		"	NX 12[illegible]	[illegible] [illegible]	"	"		"
34		"	QX 6[illegible]	[illegible] [illegible]	"	"		"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	~~Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.~~ PERSONAL NO	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	NX 233	James A.S.	RAAMC	25.12.39	RMO
"	NX 226	Bowling [illegible]	AAOC	14.2.40	D/Ue 2/4 AAC
Chaplain 4th	NX 2[illegible]	Hulme-Moir [illegible]	AACD	2.3.40	Asst Chaplain
Lieut	VX 16[illegible]	Kearney [illegible]	Light Horse	31.3.40	D/Ue 2/4 Bn Light Horse

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(Unit.)

31 May 40
(Date of Despatch.)

[signature] Capt
(Signature of Commander.)

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REPORT BY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER ON OPERATIONS OF
6 AUST. DIV. CAV. REGT. FROM
10 MAY 41 to 20 MAY 41

On 10 May 41 6 Aust. Div. Cav. Regt under command 7 Armd Bde. moved from MATRUH area (Map Ref 71883382) to BIR SOFAFI. The movement of 28 Light Tanks, 44 carriers and personnel on the hottest day this country has experienced, was a task which thoroughly tested the men and vehicles.

The Regt. reached ALAM EL MALLA (60603280) on 12 May 41. On the morning of 14 May 41, Major S.A. Morrison (Adm. Comd), attended a conference at 7 Armd Bde H.Q. and received orders.

On 14 May 41 the Regt. moved to ALAM EL DIHEISIYA (56543285) and thence to Cairn (52803380). At 2200 hrs Regt. moved to KHIREIGAT (520346). At this point BEAM Force comprising one Coy Rifle Bn., 1 Troop A/T., 1 Sec A.A. Bty., 1 Troop 25 pdrs., came under command 6 Aust Cav. At midnight force moved forward and at 0530 15 May 41 reached EAST WEST Start line through KHIREIGAT. From here, with the Regt. covering the attached force, the move continued to SULEIMAN area. The formation was "B" and "C" Sqns up with "A" in reserve. At 0630 the forward Sqn contacted enemy A.F.Vs and came under heavy shell fire from enemy Arty supporting A.F.Vs. Our Fwd. troops were forced to withdraw, and our Arty brought fire to bear on the enemy and forced him to withdraw towards the wire. Cruiser Tanks attacked and destroyed two enemy Tanks before they reached the Wire. "B" and C" Sqns kept contact with the enemy up to and through the fence. The Regt. rendezvoued at GHIRBA (50393705). From GHIRBA the force moved on to MEDUAR where "B" Sqn returned to point one miles NE of GHIRBA. At 1430 hrs "C" and "A" Sqns up the force moved on through BIR TABEL to SIDI AZEIZ. Just NORTH of BIR TABEL "C" Sqn came under fire at extreme range from enemy tanks which withdrew to SIDI AZEIZ. "C" Sqn pushed on to SIDI AZEIZ where they came under heavy fire from six heavy enemy Tanks and the forward troops were forced to withdraw. Our Arty engaged the enemy tanks who immediately withdrew. "C" Sqn occupied SIDI AZEIZ at 1700 hrs., and by 1800 hrs less "B" Sqn were established in this area. Patrols were sent to the NORTH and WEST.

At 2020 hrs "A" Sqn moved WEST to intercept an enemy column reported to be moving towards SIDI AZEIZ. At 2200 hrs they came under fire from an enemy Artillery Bty and one of our tanks was put out of action, and one Officer and 2 O.R's slightly wounded. "A" Sqn withdrew and joined the Regt. which withdrew to BIR GHIRBA area (506372).

At 0930 hrs 16 May 41, "A" Sqn came under command BEAM Force, providing protection for O.P's and flank guard action. The Regt. less "A" Sqn withdrew from GHIRBA through BP 41 to point seven miles EAST of wire. At 2030 the Regt. moved to ALAM EL BEIYID (519338), and bivouacked there for night.

On the morning of 17 May 41, at 0200 hrs "A" Sqn rejoined the REGT., and after replenishing moved forward and came under command UJOT. At 0500 hrs the Force moved to the SIDI SULEIMAN area where "C" Sqn cleared the area of enemy tanks. "A" and "B" made recce to the NE later joining "C" Sqn. at SIDI SULEIMAN. "C" Sqn occupied a position on the high ground WEST of SIDI SULEIMAN whilst "A" and "B Sqns moved further NORTH and observed enemy movement on wire in the vicinity of FORT CAPUZZO. At the same time protection for Arty and escort for Arty O.P's was provided. At 2000 hrs the three Sqn.s withdrew. The enemy followed and careful manoeuvring was necessary to evade them. It was not until 0400 hrs 18 May 41 that a safe bivouack was found in the vicinity of BDE H.Q.

At 0530 message was received that the Regt. would return to MATRUH are to come under the command 7 AUST DIV. At 1600 hrs 20 May 41, the Regt. arrived at MATRUH FORTRESS area and moved WEST WARD along Coast Road to (706354). MERSA UMM RAKHAM.

The Regt. appreciated the opportunity of working with such an experienced unit as the 7 Armd. Bde. Much was learnt and disappointment was felt by all ranks when it was announced that the Regt. was leaving the area. The 7 Armd Bde, expressed appreciation of the work done by the Regt. Generally all things ran smoothly but

it must be remembered that the life of a cavalry regiment will be

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will be very short if sufficient time for maintenance is not allowed.

.....Lieut, I.O.

6 AUST. DIV. CAV. REGT.

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WAR DIARY.

6 AUST. DIV. CAV. REGT.

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War Diary.

MONTHLY REPORT BY R.M.O. 6 AUST CAV

TO A.D.M.S. 6 AUST DIV.

MAY 1941.

I. COMMAND. The Regiment was under the following Commands during the month:-

I. - IO April - 20 April — 7 Armd Bgde.(British).
2. Remainder of month. ---- 7 Aust Div.

2. Movements of Regiment.

IO May. Regiment left MATRUH area for operations with 7 Armd Bgde in Western Desert in CAPUZZO area.
I9/20 May. Regiment returned from CAPUZZO area to MATRUH area.
24 -26 May. Regiment left MATRUH area for PALESTINE by ro road and rail transport assembling in AFFULA area on 28 May.

3. OPERATIONS.

Leaving Matruh area on IO May the regiment accompanied British Armoured units in an advance into the CAPUZZO-SOLLUM-BARDIA areas,the unit functioning for the first time as an entire regiment on reconnaissance work. The conditions during this period were very trying. Daily aerial attacks,intense heat and loss of sleep entailed by a lot of night movements as well as movements by day made these operationsvery fatiguing, particularly for the men in the A.F.Vs. After one bad day of heat,about 25 men were knocked out by the heat suffering from cramps,vomiting etc. All recovered and were back at their jobs next day and the only man out of action during the whole period was a bad case of quinsy. The men stood up to it wonderfully. The regimen had several skirmishes with German Armoured Vehicles but our only casualties were 2 O.Rs. wounded. The Reconnaissance work of the Regiment was commended by 7 Armd Bgde.

4. EVACUATION OF SICK AND CASUALTIES.

a/. at MATRUH.

A C.R.S. was established at the Egyptian Barrac -ks MATRUH by 2/6 Fld.Amb.(Aust) and the British C.C.S. at the other end of the town continued to function as an evacuating station to Base Hospital On account of the distance of the camp site of the Regt from the C.R.S.(about IO-II miles)it was not deemed necessary or advisable to run a daily ambulance service to the camp - thus any evacuations to C.R.S.were made by unit transport.

b/. While operating in CAPUZZO area.

A 4-bed ambulancevehicle was attached to the regt by

the British Command - this accompanied the R.A.P throughout. Evacuation back to SIDI BARRANI and MATRUH was carried out by 13 L.Fld.Amb.(British) which had established an A.D.S. at HABATA and a M.D.S. near Kilo 89 on the SIDI BARRANI-MATRUH road. Fortunately our casualties were very slight,because in the opinion of the R.M.O.6Aust Cav the facilities for evacuatin any large number of casualties left much to be desired. Once the casualties were safely at the A.D.S.everthing was alright, but the big difficulty was in getting casualties to the R.M.O. and from him to the A.D.S. (see separate report and recommendation).

5. HEALTH OF TROOPS.

The regiment was pretty weary after the operations in the Desert and a few days at MATRUH where the unit was camped ,this time,close to the sea,were greatly appreciated. Everyone was able to have a good clean-up and the sea bathing did everyone a lot of good At AFFULA the recuperation of the regiment was assisted also by the nice surroundings and abundance of fresh eggs,milk,tomatoes,vegetables etc. By the end of the month all were quite fit and rested.

There have been no prevalent diseases during the month and very few evacuations to hospital. A few minor cases of DIARRHOEA(none requiring evacuation) but less numbers of these cases even than during April.

6. FOOD AND COOKING.

During the whole month each Carrier or Tank crew or other small groups have been drawing their own rations and doing their own cooking. Rations have been good and the men seem to prefer to do their own little bit of cooking . The men have all been buying plenty of eggs,vegetables etc. Squadron cookhouses have not functioned at all during the month.

7. HYGIENE AND SANITATION.

Quite satisfactory.

8. MORALE OF TROOPS.

Excellent. The change from the Desert has given them all a new outlook on life.

Capt.A.A.M.C.
R.M.O. 6 Aust Cav.

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SITREP. WAR DIARY.

6 AUST. DIV. CAV. REGT.

Appendix to MAY, War Diary, 1941.

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TO.....7 AUST.DIV.
FROM...DESFORCE. 0724 1/5.
TOBRUK area:--0800 hrs.20 AFVs approached perimeter. Engaged by arty. withdrew. Unidentified Hurricane shot down by AA. No casualties. Tac/R 1800 hrs. showed increased MT ACROMA-EL ADEM,SIDI BU AMUD.
SALUM area:--ground strafing of our fwd tps by ME110s continues. One ME110 and one Henschell shot down. 1530 hrs 3 AFVs engaged 14 miles SE SALUM withdrew. 1800 to 1900 hrs. column MT 8 AFVs and some guns moved SOUTH to area ABU SAYID 9 miles EAST SCEFERZEN and to RUWEIBIT EL WARRANI. Still there at dark.
EveningTac/R showed scattered small packets MT and AFVs area SIDI SULEIMAN WARRANI. All informed.

Immediate. 0100

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TO...MIDEAST rptd STALEX (For C in C Med) Bte 6 DIV 7 AUST DIV TOLFORT MOBILE FORCE 2104 GP RAF.
FROM..DESFORCE. 0725 1.

TOBRUK area:--night 30/1 enemy tanks attacked WEST sector affecting penetration. 0900 hrs. 30 tanks attacking SW sector towards PILASTRINO. Air reports 220 further tanks approaching SW sector from ACROMA area. SALUM area:-- own patrols reached MUSAID night 30/1 reporting no enemy seen. Enemy estimated 35 MT still in area SOUTH SIDI SULEIMAN this morning with the two patrols each 3 AFVs 3 miles to SOUTH. No important incidents.
Tac/R0830 hrs reports NMS SALUM CAPUZZO SIDI OMAR, TRIGH EL ABD. 20 MT foot HALFAYA. Strat/R 1000 hrs.--slight movement TRIGH CAPUZZO. NMS MADDALENA BIR ENAD GARABUB. No shipping DERNA. Slight MT movement DERNA TOBRUK

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TO.....MOBFORCE 7AUST DIV 6 DIV 4 IND DIV 7 ARMD BDE.
FROM...DESFORCE. 0732 1.

Enemy attacked TOBRUK from WEST and SW night 30 APR. 1 MAY and continued action today. Latest reports timed 1420 hrs. 1 May state fighting continues WESTERN perimeter. Approximately 60 enemy tks had penetrated outer perimeter and were being engaged by our tks and arty. Attack accompanied by large scale air attacks.

Immediate. 1830.

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TO....MIDEAST rptd C in C MED BTE 4 IND DIV 7 AUST DIV TOBRUK FORT MOBFORCE 6 DIV.
FROM...DESFORCE. 0 744 1.

TOBRUK area:--fight continuing on WESTERN perimeter. Presence 200 AFVs reported by Tac/R NOT confirmed. At 1400 hrs. approx tanks

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inside perimeter SW sector being engaged inf tanks and arty. 1300 hrs dive bombing attacks damaged one inf tank and one cruiser tank. Attack appears to be combined effort by TRENTE Italian Div and detachments 15 German Armd Div. Strat/R 1230 hrs reported coln 7 miles long approaching ACROMA from WEST along TRIGH EL ABD. Night 30th/1st RAF bombed BENGHASI destroyed amn dump. 4 ME 182 shot down by HURRICANE patrol. 3 HURRICANES down pilots safe. SOLLUM area:--Tac/R 1200 hrs. only for mvts fwd area. 150 MT MENASTIR. SOLLUM area quiet. Slight increased activity SOUTH of escarpment. All informed.

2340.

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TO.....MOBFORCE 4 INDIAN DIV, 6 DIV, 7 AUST DIV.
FROM...DESFORCE. O 745. 2.

Situation TOBRUK 2100 hrs. 1 MAY. Enemy captured FDLs from inclusive 39724323 to 39994275 and were being counter attacked. 60 enemy tanks operating inside perimeter reported mainly PKZ Mk IV (K?): gun posn concentrating on fwd posts. 6 our "I" tanks and 8 cruisers fought 25 PKZ Mk IV who withdrew after suffering following losses 4 in minefield, 3 at least by Molotov cocktails, 4 by own tanks. Our losses from enemy action 3 "I" tanks, 4 cruiser tanks. Attack accompanied by numerous dive bombing and ground strafing attacks of tps and guns.

Immediate. 0843.

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TO.....COUNTER(?) OTAB L of C SUB AREA.
FROM...DESFORCE. O 760. 2.

Counter attack by 48 Bn unable regain original FDLs. Adjustment therefore made excluding salient where enemy had consolidated. Enemy attacked at 0700 hrs. 2 May with thirty medium tanks and two coys infantry against our new front, was stopped by arty fire. 45 G German and 34 Italian PW captured.

Immediate. 1840. 2025.

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TO.....BTE MOBFORCE.
FROM...ADV DESFORCE. O 795. 5.

TOBRUK 3 MAY:--Enemy action continued in same area but on smaller scale and lacked co-ordination. Enemy tank casualties substantial. Total number not known. 2, 47 mm BREDA K destroyed 3 enemy medium and one light tank at range of between 750 and 900 yards. One of these guns was attacked by eleven tanks at one time: enemy used two flame throwers vehs: one exploded whereupon other withdrew. Length of flame 30 to 40 yds. Frontier area:--slight ground activity with small patrol encounters. MATRUH:--single enemy aircraft dropped 11 bombs 1350 hrs 3 May. One slight casualty no damage. RAF:-- BENGHASI intensely bombed causing fires explosions also small ship set on fire outside harbour. BENINA landing ground and hanger bombed twice during the last 24 hrs.

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TO.....BTE UDOG JILA OTAB RITZ VERO ROVO L oc C SUB AREA 204 GP RAF
ALL BRANCHES.
FROM...RINA. 0 812. 5.

TOBRUK: C/A night 3/4 May by Res Bde supported by arty failed to recapture MEDAUUAR salient. Severe losses inflicted on enemy who boldly employed tanks, MGs and flame throwing apparatus. Our casualties: killed, 2 offrs, 8 ORs. Wounded, 8 offrs, 137 ORs, Missing 2 offrs, 50 ORs. No moves in strength or change in situation 4 May. Several dive bombing attacks mainly against harbour. Frontier area: enemy patrols seen morning 5 May. 0805 hrs. five MT 515358. 0814 hrs three MT, three AFVs 513349. 0835 hrs five AFVs moving SOUTH 522355. RAF. Strat/R 1200 hrs 4 May. Some shipping seen BENGHASI. EA reported BERCA 26, believed JU 52s: BENINA 50 JU 52s: BARCE 35: DERNA 20; MONASTIR 24. During morning our fighters patrolled over TOBRUK without intercepting enemy. Ground strafed enemy MT while returning. Night 4/5 May heavy raids by RAF on BENINA L.G. and hangars. Also bombed BENGHASI.

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to...BTE UDUG JILA OTAB RITZ VERO ROVO LOFG SUB AREA 204 GP RAF.
FROM..RINA. 0 840. 6.

Situation unchanged in TOBRUK area 5 May. No activity along whole perimeter. Only one small air attack 1715 hrs no damage no casualties. Frontier area small enemy recce patrols active in area SOUTH of SIDI SULEIMAN patrols withdrew later. RAF recce patrols reported only slight movement behind enemy lines morning 6 May. Severe sandstorm preventing ground and air activity.

Immediate. 1046. 1500.

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TO....OTAB.
FROM..RINA. 0 871. 7.

TOBRUK. General situation remains unchanged. Night 5/6 May close fighting square 400429. No details yet. Only slight activity 6 May. Like us experienced severe duststorm. Frontier area. 0730 hrs 7 May three small isolated patrols seen 522356, 529361 and 525352. Sand storm abated. All informed.

1230 1300.

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