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Unit HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde — Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 42 To 31 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	1 DEC 42	-0830	Conference of Unit Education Offrs held at Bde HQ attended by Major ALEXANDER D.A.D. (Educ) 3 Aust Corps and Lieut DICKINSON, Education Offr 4 Aust Div.	6 Bde Sports meeting
			At the same hour a Bde staff conference was held to discuss Bde op role, Bde duties, officers dress, etc.	
		1000	BM visited 4 Aust Div Camouflage Training Unit, in the 15 Fd Regt lines, to see training being conducted. This course had an unfortunate commencement in that Lieut T.C. SAYER, the C.O. became ill on D 1 (30 NOV 42) leaving the school in the hands of Sgt HOLDAWAY.	News Bulletin
			109 Wireless Communications established between 6 Bde and 4 Div. The S.O. arranged for instructors to visit Bns and lecture on wireless.	
		1700	Bde Comd and B.M. visited Mayor of MIDLAND JUNCTION.	

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6 AUST INF BDE SPORTS MEETING

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS AND CONDITIONS

1. **CONDITIONS.**

Colours. An adequate piece of material in the colour allotted to units will be worn by representative in individual events and by one member in team events.
15 Fd Regt - RED. 2/2 Pnr Bn - BROWN. 14/32 Bn - GREEN.
38 Bn - BLACK. 6 Fd Coy - PURPLE. 6 Fd Amb - YELLOW.
AASC - WHITE. 33 A/Tk Bty - BLUE. Bde HQ - GREEN & RED.

Two competitors from each Unit MUST be entered in individual events and one team in team events.

6 men will compete in Heats - 1st & 2nd of each heat qualifying for Final.

No spikes to be used in any events.

In the event of a tie in any event points are to be divided.

			Points allotted to teams for final.
2. **RUNNING.**	100 yds) 220 yds) 440 yds)	Heats. 1st & 2nd places will start in final.	7.5.3.1.
	880 yds	Straight out.	7.5.3.1.
	1 mile	Straight out.	7.5.3.1.
	120 yds Hurdles.	Heats.	7.5.3.1.
3. **HIGH JUMP.**	Start at 4'6". Bar to be raised by 2" to 5' then 1". Two attempts only will be allowed up to and including 4'10". Three attempts will be allowed at each height above 4'10"		7.5.3.1.
4. **LONG JUMP.**	Best of three attempts to count. Toes must not go over the edge of take off Board. Length of jump - from take off board to a point where nearest part of body touches the ground.		7.5.3.1.
4. **HOP STEP & JUMP.**	Same conditions as Long Jump.		7.5.3.1.
5. **SHOT PUTT.**	Best of three attempts to count. Shot to be putt from circle 7'6" in diam. Contestants to enter circle rear, no part of the body to touch the ground in front of the circle after delivering the shot.(16 lbs)		7.5.3.1.
6. **KICKING FOOTBALL.**	Best of three kicks, any type.		7.5.3.1.
7. **THROWING CRICKET BALL.**	To be thrown from a circle 10' in diameter. Best of three throws.		7.5.3.1.
8. **TUG O'WAR.**	Army rules. Distance of pull 1 yard. Heats and semi finals one 1 minute pull. Final three 1 minute pulls. 1 coach only per team. 10 men in a team.		10.7
9. **D.R. RELAY RACE.**	Team of 3 men, B.S.A. Motor Cycles only. Start line ten yds in front 1st flag. Contestants mounted, motors running. From start line travel 200 yds to and turn around flag, travel back to and turn around 1st flag. Riders to change over between 1st flag and start line. Finishing line 10 yds at rear 1st flag.		10.7.
10. **PL DRILL.**	As set out in attached circular.		10.7.
11. **P.T. COMPETITION.**	As set out in attached circular		10.7.

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12. MILITARY BRASS BAND COMPETITION — Conditions later. — 10.7.

13. VICKERS — Contestants supply own gun. Conditions as set out in circular. — 10.7.

P.T. EXERCISE FOR 6 AUST INF BDE SPORTS MEETING

TEAMS WILL BE OF 16 MEN PLUS AN INSTRUCTOR.

P.&R.T. TABLE

TYPE OF EXERCISE.	STARTING POSITION	EXERCISE	COMMANDS ETC.
M. & R.	Attention	Marching count 8 followed by double arm punching upward count 8	Counting aloud. Commence - steady
BREATHING	Feet astride Hands on Lower ribs	Deep breathing	Commence - steady.
LEG	H.F.	Striding Count 4 and astride jumping count 4.	Counting aloud. Commence - steady.
NECK	Arms fwd bend	Head turning quickly with alternative arm flinging. First to count of 4 then to count of 2.	Instructor counts 1 - 4 and 1 - 2.
ARM	Arms bend	Double arm punching upward and forward. Count 4.	Counting aloud. Commence - steady
CO-ORD	Attention	Astride jumping with arms raising s/ways, s/ways and upwards with a clap above head alternately, and rebound after s/ways movement only.	Commence-Steady. Squad counts "Out 1-2, Up-down 1-2".
HEAVING	Arms bend	Double arm punching upwards slowly with a quick return. Count 2 - later vice verca.	Instructor counts 1 - 2.
LATERAL	F. Astride Arm s/ways raise.	Trunk bending sideways trying to touch ground with fingers, with alternate knee bending. Count 4.	Instructor counts 1 - 4.
BALANCE	H.F. Outward Lunge.	Leg raising backward into poise balance position. Count 2.	Instructor counts 1 - 2
ABDOMINAL	On the hands down.	Arms bending with feet parting. Count 2.	On the hands down 1-2. On the feet up.
DORSAL	Feet astride jump.	Ankle grasping with both hands - left-right - both. Count 4.	Counting aloud, commence-steady.
FINAL	Attention	Arms swinging fwd to arms bend - fwd and downward and lowering relaxed.	Commence - steady.
CORRECTIVE	Attention	Normal breathing with arms raising forward and lowering.	Commence - steady.

Military Shorts, White Sand Shoes, White Athletic Singlets. Teams will appear separately in event.

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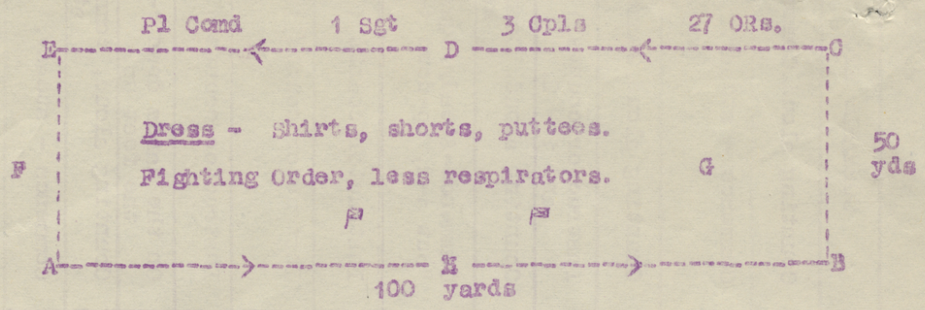
BRIGADE DRILL COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS



Marching in column of route enter at A, left wheel at B and C Halt at D, and carry out the following orders. Advance, left turn, order arms. Open order march. Right dress. Fix bayonets, slope arms. Present arms. Slope arms. Order arms. Unfix bayonets. For inspection port arms, ease springs. Order arms. Fix bayonets. Close order march. Slope arms. Move to the right in column of route, left wheel at E, halt at F. From F to G advance in line giving a salute and Eyes right at H. At G move to the right in threes. March off at B.

Squads will appear separately in event.

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Tues. 1 Dec 42

BRIGADE NEWS BULLETIN
Issued by the Army Education Service
AES

The Red Air Force has been active: British paratroops capture an advanced aerodrome in Tunisia: more submarines escape from Toulon: a Jap convoy has been attacked.

RUSSIA — REDS PRESS ON

The Red Army extended its advance for about 6-8 miles on the Moscow front, destroying fortifications and liberating more towns and villages: the enemy has suffered heavy blows and is reported to have lost 30,000 killed alone on both fronts (Moscow and Stalingrad) in yesterday's fighting. Tanks are pouring into the breaches in the Nazi winter defensive line west of Rjev, where the success of operations was due to the element of surprise, our Allies often penetrating first line defences without encountering any opposition. Our Allies are firmly astride the railway lines between Veliki Luki and Nevel, and also between Rjev and Viazma. On the Stalingrad front the Russians broke through a new defence line on the east bank of the Don, occupying 4 fortified points which constituted the main nests of resistance in this line. SW of Stalingrad the Russians occupied 3 centres."We have captured 2000 guns 4000 machine guns, 1400 tanks, 6000 lorries, 10,000 horses, and have destroyed 72 large transport planes". The Red Air Force has been particularly active, shooting down numerous Axis aircraft attempting to supply the trapped Nazi army in the Don bend.

NORTH AFRICA — NO MAJOR MOVES

Fighting continued on the eastern side of Tunisia: Allied bombers night-raided the docks at Bizerta, hits being observed in the target area. Our fighters patrolling forward areas destroed 4 enemy planes - one of ours is missing. Paris radio today said that Allied guns were shelling Tunis, and that heavy fighting was going on at Bizerta. All reports indicate a quickening in the tempo of the struggle in Tunisia. Allied paratroops dropping from a low altitude captured an aerodrome well in advance of our main body. The Axis forces gnerally are limiting themselves to defensive fighting, detachments blowing up bridges, roads and railways to impede our progress. The Axis retreat towards Tunis is more rapid in the south. The Axis air force is busy and our lines of communication are being heavily strafed. From the 8th Army in Libya there is nothing to report.

FRANCE — SUBMARINES MAKE ALGIERS

2 French submarines have escaped from Toulon and reached Algiers safely. A third is expected shortly

S.W.PACIFIC — JAP CONVOY ATTACKED

A large Jap convoy off New Georgia (NW of Guadalcanal) was attacked by Fortresses): one vessel was sunk and several others damaged: 3 Zeros which attempted interception were shot down. New Guinea: An attempt to reinforce the Japs at Buna by sea has been smashed by Allied bombers; in brilliant sunshine at noon yesterday Fortresses caught 4 Jap destroyers about 300 miles NW of Buna; 2 destroyers are belied to have been sunk - the others fled. This was the 5th Jap effort to reinforce the New Guinea garrison. The land position is largely unchanged, but Alliedpressure is increasing. Ferocious air attacks were made on the Jap positions.

AUSTRALIA — RAIDER SCUTTLED

A German auxiliary vessel of 8000 tons, possibly a raider or supply ship, was scuttled by its crew, 78 of whom were subsequently taken prisoner by our naval forces after being hit by gun-fire. No details of the action or its location are yet available, but the news implies that it was in the Indian Ocean off the W.A. coast.

NOTICES: A Musical Recital by Vera Higginbotham and Nora Colstadt will be given in the Assembly Hall tonight at 8 o'clock for any members of the forces on leave in Perth.

Bde Music Gp - next rehearsal Thursday night, 1900 hrs at YWCA rooms.

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BELLEVUE	2 DEC 42	0900	Bde Comd and B.M. visited M.T. school for offrs being conducted	News Bulletin
			by 3 Aust Corps Mob Instn Squad in the lines of 14/32 Bn.	Forestry Dept
			They also visited Bde "I" School.	Routine Order No 107
		1400	Bde Comd and B.M. called on HQ FREMANTLE Covering Force.	
			Programmes of events and conditions for Bde Sports to be held	
			early in New Year were issued to units.	
	3 DEC 42		TRAINING OF OFFICER IN MAINTENANCE OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT	Annual Recreational
			A section of 3 Aust Corps Mobile Maintenance Unit under Lieut	Leave
			NAPTHALI commenced a series of short 4 day courses on 26 NOV 42	News Bulletin
			Each course accomodates 16 offrs. Routine maintenance, fault	
			tracing on M.T., M/C and Carriers is taught. The instructors	
			are assisted with very good diagrams and a morgue of mistreated	
			working parts which show the effects of bad maintenance. The	
			policy of 3 Aust Corps is that every officer will attend the	

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	3 DEC 42	(Cont)	course and become M.T. maintenance minded.	
			CHANGE OF LOCATION	
			Movement by road from STRAWBERRY area to MIDLAND JUNC area. Movement by road commenced on 20 NOV 42 at 0745 hrs taking the form of an exercise. Plans for the move were drawn and reports from 4 Aust Div Pro Coy which assisted in the traffic control and units T.C.P's. show that the timing of all serials was very carefully considered. Records show that there was very little variation in the times laid down in the Movement Table. 4 Aust Div Ord Wkshops set up R.P's. at points en route. The general condition and maintenance of all vehicles was such that only one vehicle had need of recovery for a minor fault. Also 269 L.A.D. assisted in restarting a veh stopped with fuel trouble. The road movement exercise was completed on time at 1325 on 22 NOV 42. 15 Aust Fd Regt combined a firing practice with the movement and made a most successful exercise with one unfortunate episode - A M.H. tractor and trailer were totally destroyed by fire.	

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BELLEVUE	4 DEC 42		Brig and B.M. inspected "I" School at Blackboy No 2 Camp today.	Casualty Return
			Capt ARMSTRONG LO 1 visited Swanbourne Range.	Bde Sports meeting
				M.T. Training-Offrs.
				News Bulletin

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BELLEVUE	5 DEC 42		Routine orders emphasised the necessity for maintenance of camouflage and the necessity of repainting many vehicles within the Bde Gp.	Routine Order No 108 Casualty Returns Bde Cooking Courses Routine Order No 109 News Bulletin

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BELLEVUE		6 DEC 42	Maj F. ARMSTRONG late B.M. of 13 Aust Inf Bde visited Bde HQ	4 Div O.T.S. prep. courses
			to interview potential instructors for 4 Aust Div O.T.S.	
			Preparation Course. Lieut SAGAR escorted Capt HANTKE of	
			P. & R.T. Course BASSENDEAN around area with reference to	
			choosing sites for Unarmed Combat Courses.	

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BELLEVUE	7 DEC 42		G.O.C. 3 Aust Corps Lieut Gen H. FORDON-BENNETT visited Bde	News Bulletin
			Gp and inspected units.	O.T.S. prep. Courses
			Bde Comd and B.M. attended G.O.C. conference at Rear HQ 4	
			Aust Div in connection with the following subjects :-	
			4 Div OTS preparation courses; Schools and Courses; reqs	
			for Amn (Trg); Responsibilities of offrs re trg; Improper	
			use of vehs in City Area.	

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BELLEVUE	8 DEC 42		Bde Comd and Senior L.O. departed on recce South into the area	News Bulletin
			BUNBURY - BUSSELTON - ALBANY.	Routine Order No 110

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BELLEVUE	9 DEC 42		A boxing tournament will be held at MIDLAND JUNC Town Hall	News Bulletin
			on Thurs 17 DEC between members of the Bde Gp and the MIDLAND	Routine Order No 111
			JUNC Police Boys Club.	Water Duties Pers Trg School
			Lt-Col C. O'CONNOR G I 4 Aust Div visited Bde "I" School.	
			G I and B.M. discussed various trg subjects.	
			A school for training unit personnel in water duties will	
			be held at 6 Fd Amb commencing 0900 hrs 14 DEC 42.	

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BELLEVUE=	10 DEC 42		Maj McCARTHY 23 Coy AASC and Maj MYERS, B.M./, RAA 4 Aust Div. Lt-Col O'CONNOR	Routine Order No 112
			GI 4 Aust Div and B.M. together with Maj SHANNAHAN P. of 14/32 Bn, Maj TOPE H.E. of 2/2 Pnr Bn, Maj HODGE R.R. 38 Bn,	News Bulletin
			Lt-Col C.R. RIGG 15 Fd Regt singly acted as selection board for potential officers. 36 tps were interviewed from the	P&Rt. unarmed combat
			following units : 14/32 Bn 10; 38 Bn 9; 2/2 Pnr Bn 8; 15 Fd Regt 3; 33 Bty A/Tk 2; 23 Coy AASC 4.	courses.
			27 of these were possible offr material. B.M. and Maj VANSTAN visited 14/32 Bn and 38 Bn to inspect trg.	
			Offrs Mess held mess night. C.O's. and one other offr from each unit of Bde Gp attended.	
			P & RT and Unarmed Combat Courses will be held from 14-23 DEC under direction of Capt HANTKE of BASSENDEAN P & RT School.	
			LO II visited all units ref unarmed combat school. Units are having great difficulty in filling vacancies. The crux of	
			the matter is that there are so many offrs and NCO's away attending schools, another batch on A.R.L. and quite a few	
			on specialist, guard and duties. The units as a whole have only approx 1 offr and 1 sgt per Coy, which is not enough	
			to carry out their trg programmes effectively. 6 Fd Coy are filling the shortage of NCO's rather badly as they anticipated	
			doing a considerable amount of eng tng whilst in this area. However at the moment, with the possibility of sending half	
			their Coy to the P & RT unarmed combat course and with men away on leave it is impossible to carry out any concentrated	
			trg.	

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BELLEVUE	10 DEC (Cont)		38 Bn are having a week of night training commencing 14 DEC. this week being employed on the range and running elimination heats	
			for Bn Sports for Tuesday 15 DEC. Syllabus for next week now interfered with as 2 Coys are to attend P & RT Course.	
			The trg in the Bde Gp is not proceeding as satisfactory as would be liked owing to the shortage everywhere of instructors	
			and the enormous No of schools being run both within and outside the Bde.	

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BELLEVUE	11 DEC		A fire in the Sanitary Site area was extinguished by personnel	News Bulletin
			from the Bde who assisted local townspeople and the MIDLAND	
			JUNC fire brigade.	
			K Sec Sigs kitchen also caught fire but was quickly extinguished.	
			Col BURGESS AQ 2 Aust Div visited Bde H.Q. Hevregretted not	
			being able to see the Brigadier to renew an old acquaintance.	
			B.M. entertained Col BURGESS at afternoon tea and arranged	
			for Col BURGESS to meet the Brigadier at morning tea at this	
			HQ on Tuesday 15 DEC at 1100 hrs.	
			Temperatures have been consistently around 100 degrees F for	
			the last five days.	

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BELLEVUE	13 DEC		B.M. inspected unarmed combat Course conducted in the 2/2 Pnr	
			Bn area. Also visited 2/2 Pnr Bn, 14/32 Bn and 38 Bn to dis-	
			cuss tng difficulties.	
			6 Fd Coy moved to MANDURAH ref PINJARRA strat 372978 for period	
			of engr trg.	
			WO II HILL reported andvwas appointed C.S.M.	

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BELLEVUE	14 DEC		A concert was given in the MIDLAND JUNC Town Hall last night	News Bulletin
			by the PERTH Symphony Orchestra. The attendance was dis-	Marching, handling of
			appointing, hot weather, schools, fatigue parties etc	Arms, Guards etc.
			militating against a good crowd.	Location Report No. 10
			Fires are prevalent, one coy of 2/2 Pnr Bn was ordered to	Admn Instn-Leave
			deal with two fires.	
			A party of one platoon was detailed to move by road at 0830	
			hrs 16 DEC to TOODYAY as a bridge construction party.	
			38 Aust Inf Bn conducted elimination sports in preparation	
			for Bde Sports on 21 DEC 42.	
			Col A.V. BURGESS AQ 2 Aust Div and four members of his staff	
			visited Bde H.Q.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	15 DEC		All carriers were grounded until further notice as 4 Aust Div Workshops AEME cannot keep up replacement of bearings.	News Bulletin Bde I summary No 27
			Bde Comd and B.M. visited SWANBOURNE rifle range to inspect 14/32 Inf Bn shooting.	
			Weather still exceptionally hot.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	16 DEC		Much cooler today. Slightly cloudy and very refreshing after long hot spell.	News Bulletin Routine Order No 114
			Bde Int School concluded with addresses by B.M. 6 Bde, Maj NICHOLLS and Maj M.ELLIS G2 I 3 Aust Corps. The School had trained 32 personnel in their duties as guides and observers in jungle country.	
			Capt G.H.WEBSTER 14/32 Bn was nominated as Infantry Instructor to 109 A/Tk Regt. BM (L) accompanied Capt WEBSTER to ROCK-INGHAM and then went on to 15 Fd Regt returning same evening.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	18 DEC 42		Lieut S.T. DARE Bde Int Offr returned from BLACKBOY Camp after completing adm details of Int School. Bde Comd, Brigadier N.M. FREEMAN left HQ for 4 AUST DIV to assume Comd of the Division during ARL of the GOC. He was accompanied to Div by Capt A.A. ARMSTRONG who will act as his ADC.	Routine Order No 115

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	29 DEC 42		B.M. Major F.J. Nicholls left on West East train for J.O.O.T.S.	Casualty Returns
			in the East of Aust. The Course commences on 28 DEC 42 for	
			28 days BM (L) Capt E.H. BUSH is to act as B.M. in the B.Ms	
			absence.	
			Cool spell continues with weather slightly warmer than yesterday.	
			Lt-Col J.T. LANG 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn is administering command in the	
			Brigadiers absence.	
			Notification has been received by GRO G642/1942 that HQ 6 AUST	
			INF BDE is classified as an AIF unit under the provisions of	
			GRO A344/1942.	

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E.H. Bush Capt for Lieut.
Intelligence Officer 6 Inf Bde.

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Unit HQ 6 AUST INF BDE (AIF) Date and Time.—From 21 DEC 42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	21 DEC 42		Bde sports were held at GUILDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL OVAL. The weather though fine, remained threatening throughout the day. Personalities who attended were Lt-Gen BENNETT, Brigadiers FREEMAN and McKENZIE and Matron FAUL of 2/1 A.G.H. The aggregate was won by 14/32 Bn. Troops welcomed the change from monotony of camp routine tasks back to their peace time sporting activities. More of this type of activity would be appreciated by the tps and morale would be maintained at a high level.	M.T. Ing. Offrs News Bulletin

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E H Bush Capt for Lieut
Intelligence Officer, 6 Inf Bde

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Unit HQ 6 AUST INF BDE (AIF) Date and Time.—From 22 DEC 42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	22 DEC 42		The first cool day for weeks promises a reasonably fine Xmas.	Casualty Return
			The G II 4 AUST DIV visited Bde HQ on his way to 4 Aust Div	Routine Order No 116
			Rear HQ and conferred with A/B.M. Capt BUSH.	News Bulletin
			The Army Education Service presented a musical and Drama	Programme A.E.S.
			evening at the MIDLAND TOWN HALL. Present were A/B.M. Capt (MAJ P.M. SHANAHAN 11/32 Bn and accompanied by Lieut G.H. SAGAR)	musical and drama evening
			BUSH representing Bde Comd, with the Mayor of MIDLAND, Cr PAULY.	
			A fine programme was presented and the effort will arouse more	
			interest in this type of service rendered by the A.E.S.	

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E.C. Bush Capt for Lieut.
Intelligence Officer. 6 Inf Bde

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Unit HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 23 DEC 42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	23 DEC 42		For security and other reasons, the complete issue of "Whizz"	News Bulletin
			Vol 1 No 5 has been impounded and advice is being sought by	6 Bde Ing Instn 22/42
			Brigadier FREEMAN from 3 AUST CORPS regarding its disposal.	Whizz Vol 1. No 5
			An excellent account of Bde Sports held on 21 DEC 42 and won by	
			14/32 Bn exists in this issue.	

D.3435/5.39.—C.4786.

E. Bush Capt for Lieut
Intelligence Officer, 6 Inf. Bde

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Unit HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 24 DEC 42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	24 DEC 42		A conference on training was held at 1000 hrs, and was attended by Lt-Col LANG, Maj SHANAHAN 14/32 Bn, Maj MELVILLE 38 Bn, Major TOPE 2/2 Pnr Bn and A/BM. It was decided that a Brigade Rifle Shooting Competition be conducted as soon as possible to find the champion shot in the Brigade. To improve the standard of drivers and maintenance a Carrier D & M Course will be conducted by the BTO in January.	News Bulletin

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E.H. Bush Capt for Lieut
Intelligence Officer, 6 Inf. Bde

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Unit HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 25 DEC 42. To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	25 DEC 42		XMAS DAY. Brig FREEMAN visited the Inf Units of the Bde	Routine Order No 117
			and inspected preparations for Xmas Dinner. He attended	
			the Mess Parade of the men of the Bde HQ and wished them the	
			compliments of the season. The Brig messed with the Officers	
			and returned to DIV.	
			The weather was cool and the sky was overcast.	
			Capt STEWART of 3 AUST CORPS and War Correspondent DAVIDSON	
			paid their compliments to Bde HQ and obtained permission to	
			get photographs of the Xmas mealtime at 2/2 AUST PNR BN.	
			200 men missed last train from PERTH and transport was	
			provided to return them to units.	
			£11 was donated by offrs of Bde HQ, 14/32 Bn and 38 Bns	
			(5/- per offr) to the manager of Swan Boy's Orphanage for	
			the purpose of giving the orphans a Christmas Cheer.	

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E.W. Bush Capt for Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 6 Inf. Bde

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Unit HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 26 DEC 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	26 DEC 42		Lieut DARE BIO proceeded to DIV for a ten day tour of duty,	Casualty Returns
			Lieut R. PHILPOTS 2/2 AUST PNR BN reported at 1000 hrs to act	
			as BIO in Lieut DARE's absence.	
			A/BM and A LO I (Lieut SAGAR) went to ROCKINGHAM to arrange	
			for specialist training for A/Tk Pls. Capt FORSYTH 33 Bty 109 Aust	
			A/Tk Regt suggested a syllabus of sand table. TEWTs and	
			Tactical Exercises on the ground and a field firing shoot.	
			Lieut RICHTER reported back from Sig Trg School NORTHAM.	
			Weather - Cool and Cloudy.	

Lt Brush Capt for Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 6 Inf. Bde

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Unit HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde *Date and Time.—From* 27 DEC 42 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	27 DEC 42		Very fine weather fairly hot.	
			Administrative and operational work very quiet on this day	

Capt Brash Capt for
Intelligence Officer, 6

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 28 DEC 42. To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	28 DEC 42		Very intensive check up within Bde area was by F.S. personnel. Security as far as military personnel is excellent but civilian security is poor. Tp movements are discussed freely and forecasting of movements is commonplace. Most facts are relevant.	Passes Civilian

E. Bush Capt for Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 6 Inf Bde.

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Unit HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 29 DEC 42. To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	29 DEC 42		Personnel returned from A.R.L.	Location State No 11
			Short arm inspection of Bde HQ personnel. NO cases	Ing Areas
			Owing to present acute shortage of officers within units	
			Lieut R. Philpotts returned to 2/2 PNR BN and Lieut	
			G.H. Sagar is Acting B.I.O.	

E.W. Bush Capt for Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 6 Inf Bde.

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Unit HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 30 DEC 42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	30 DEC 42		A/B.M. visited Bde Cookery School being held at No 9 Camp	News Bulletin
			Site in conjunction with 23 Coy AASC.	Warning Order
			Most of Bde Staff visited 38 Aust Inf Bn formal mess where	Routine Order No 118
			a guest's evening was held.	

E. Bush Capt for Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 6 Inf Bde.

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 31 DEC 42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	31 DEC 42		Received WARNING ORDER of move of Bde Gp to DANDARAGAN.	News Bulletin
			NO move before 20 DEC 42.	Routine Order No 119
				New Year Invitation

E A Bush Capt for Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 6 Inf Bde

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Wed, 2 Dec 42

BRIGADE NEWS BULLETIN
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AES

The Reds assault Rjev; the Allies push on in Tunisia; there is hard fighting at Buna: Mr. Churchill's speech has repercussions in Italy

RUSSIA

FIGHTING IN RJEV, EXTENDED FRONT

Fierce street fighting is reported in Rjev, where Soviet forces are reported to have joined Russian troops who established themselves in the northern suburbs six months ago. The Nazis in this city are said to be completely isolated and its fall is imminent. Meanwhile the struggle rages on a vast front, from Stalingrad 700 miles SE of the Moscow region to the Finnish front, according to the Finnish High Command. The Nazi positions on this central front are more unfavourable now than at any time during the last Russian offensive which resulted in the recapture of Mojaisk (Jan 19). The Allies are squeezing the Nazis trapped in the Don and Volga steppes. The severance of the supply line behind the invaders in Stalingrad is already having effect. The Russians claim that German dead since last Thursday alone on the central front totalled 27,600.

NORTH AFRICA

ALLIES DRIVE WEDGE BETWEEN TUNIS, BIZERTA

Fighting on the east of Djed Eidacoq which was occupied on Sunday, the Allies have pushed on and may be nearing the suburbs of Tunis General Anderson is sending forward small, compact bodies of hardy assault troops and is making skilful use of the terrain to split the Axis defences. The wedge between Tunis and Bizerta is being deepened towards the shores of the Gulf of Tunis. It appears that a determined effort is being made to reduce the city of Tunis before turning against Bizerta. The Nazis have already been forced to fall back on improvised inner defence rings around the 2 cities, thus hampering their freedom of action. They are however, protected by extensive minefields and the Allies are finding well planned obstacles at bridges and strategic points. The "Daily Mail" says the campaign appears to be fast approaching a climax with an air blitz - the forerunner of a land assault - launched against Tripoli, Tunis and Bizerta.

NEW GUINEA

FIGHTING AT BUNA

Heavy ground fighting has developed on the left flank of our forces which are applying steady pressure to the trapped Jap forces in the Gona-Buna area. Yesterday a fierce aerial duel took place between Jap and Allied forces; 12 a side. The enemy lost 7, and we lost two, but the pilots were saved. Gona has been cut off from Buna in a small but highly important operation. The cutting of the coastal track will cut off a possible avenue of escape when the final Allied assault is made on Buna and Gona. The enemy are still resisting firmly near Gona, although the Allies have a foothold in the village.

FAR EAST AIR WAR

RAID A DAY OVER BURMA

A Washington report says American aircraft sank 1 Jap destroyer and 4 cargo ships, probably sinking another and damaging a 6th, in Far Eastern waters. It is announced from New Delhi that during the month of November a raid a day has been carried out by British and US squadrons over Burma.

ITALY

NAZI VISITORS ARRIVE

Continental reports indicate that Mr. Churchill's warning to Italy and the growing opposition in Italy itself to the Fascist regime have resulted in the arrival of hordes of Nazi troops. Germany has taken over from Italy control of the Greek ports and economic affairs, says Ankara radio. New York Times man at Istanbul says that German forces in Italy are more than 300,000, as well as 90,000 Gestapo "administrators". Centres of German military activity at the moment are Italy, Greece and Sicily where they are massing troops, equipment and supplies for defensive as well as offensive purposes.

GREAT BRITAIN

PEACE PLANNING STEALS WAR THUNDER

The Beveredge report on postwar planning has practically swamped the war out of the day's newspapers. It envisages a minimum standard of living for all based on a vast sceheme of social insurance. It provides for an unemployment list of 8½ million.

IT IS REGRETTED LOCAL NEWS MESSAGE IS NOT TO HAND AT TIME OF ISSUE.

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Headquarters,
6 Aust Inf Bde,
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FORESTRY DEPT : BURNING OF FIRE BREAKS

Owing to depleted man-power the Forests Dept is unable to provide adequate parties for burning of essential fire breaks in certain districts.

2. In order to assist with this work a party of one offr and 20 ORs will be detailed for duty at 12 hrs notice from the Divisional Forest Officer in MUNDARING area.

3. This party will be rationed and transported under unit arrangements.

4. POL consumed on these duties is to be charged against the Forests Dept. A correct record of amounts expended will therefore be made and fwded, at the conclusion of each task, to this HQ.

5. Each unit will detail a party which will be available in accordance with following schedule:-

14/32 Aust Inf Bn	For month of DEC 42.
38 Aust Inf Bn	For month of JAN 43.
2/2 Pnr Bn	For month of FEB 43.

(F.R. HIGGS) Capt.
Staff Captain 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
DEC 42.

DISTRIBUTION :-
14/32 Aust Inf Bn
38 Aust Inf Bn.
2/2 Aust Pnr Bn
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDER PART I NO. 107

BY

BRIGADIER N.M. FREEMAN DSO. COMMANDING 6TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GP.

2 DEC 42

"G"

NIL.

E.A. Bush Capt
for

(F.J. Nicholls) Major.
Brigade Major, 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

"A"

1. ARMY DRIVING LICENCES (GI1)

Many units are not exercising sufficient care in preparation and issue of army driving licences. Licences produced by drs are often undated and unnumbered and frequently drs state that licences are held by units pending issue of permanent licences. If a temporary or permanent licence is issued to replace one worn out or damaged care should be taken to indicate on its face the date and number of first temporary or permanent licence. Unless this is done it appears that the dr has held a licence for a much shorter period than is actually the case.

2. VEHICLES EVACUATED TO D.O.W.

In future when units evacuate a veh to DOW for repair, the dr will accompany his veh and be detached to DOW until veh is repaired and returned to unit. This instn does NOT apply to M/Cs.

3. DRESS - OFFRS

After 2000 hrs all offrs on leave (or on duty in PERTH) will appear in Service Dress or KD (eg jackets, long trousers, etc).

4. CORRECT ADDRESS

All units will ensure that when addressing correspondence for 4 DOW and 4 DOFP 6 Bde Secs that it is addressed clearly showing 6 Bde Sec or otherwise it will be fwded to HQ of respective sec.

E. O'Keeffe Lieut
for.

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

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Hq 6 AUST INF BDE GP
AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL RECREATIONAL LEAVE

6 AUST INF BDE GP : ADM INSTR NO 3

A.R.L. ALLOTMENTS.

A.R.L. will be granted to pers 6 AUST INF BDE GP as per schedule hereunder.

For train departing TUESDAY 8 DEC 42.

UNIT	OFFRS	ORs	TOTAL	REMARKS
6 Bde HQ		1	1	
269 L.A.D.		1	1	
14/32 Bn	1	18	19	
6 Fd Coy		5	5	
6 Fd Amb		4	4	
15 Fd Regt	1	8	9	
F Sec Sigs		2	2	
218 L.A.D.		1	1	
23 Coy AASC		6	6	
4 DOW 6 Bde Sec		3	3	
4 DOFP 6 Bde Sec		1	1	
38 Bn		18	18	

Nominations to reach these HQ in quintriplicate by 1800 hrs 4 DEC 42.

O.C. parties will be indicated on nominal rolls.

O.C. Bde leave party will be notified later.

Pers to report OC party MIDLAND JUNC STA at 0830 hrs 8 DEC 42.

Instructions contained in Adm Instr No 2 will be observed.

(F.R. Higgs) Capt.
Staff Capt 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
DEC 42

DISTRIBUTION

269 L.A.D., 38 Bn.
14/32 Bn
6 Fd Coy
6 Fd Amb
15 Fd Regt
F Sec Sigs
218 L.A.D.
23 Coy AASC
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Thurs. 3 Dec 42

BRIGADE NEWS BULLETIN
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AES

No major moves are reported from any of the war fronts: Hitler has sent a dramatic message to the Nazi defenders of Rjev: the Allied air blitz in Africa seems to herald a major clash: Italy ferments.

RUSSIA — NAZIS IN TIGHT CORNERS

At Stalingrad, 100,000 Nazi troops are said to be completely surrounded by the Red army. At Rjev, a key point west of Moscow, the enemy is faced with attacks from all directions. Hitler, in a message to his troops there telling them to hold on at all costs, said that the loss of Rjev would be as heavy a blow to the Nazis as the loss of "half Berlin". Here 3000 Russian tanks are pouring through a number of breaches in the Nazi lines, driving the Germans out into open snow-covered country, but they are resisting desperately, and sensational Russian advances are not expected. Meanwhile our allies are hammering Von Roth's encircled army before Stalingrad, as Russian tanks and cavalry push deeper into the Don line in the west. So far there is no indication of a Nazi attempt to burst out of the Soviet envelopment, or of approaching reinforcements, although transport planes are streaming to Stalingrad carrying food and munitions. In the factory area the Russians are still retaking the city ruin by ruin despite stubborn Nazi resistance. They claim 50 large Nazi transport planes since Monday.

NORTH AFRICA — AIR AND ARTILLERY PREPARATIONS

In the Western Desert zero hour is approaching, with heavy artillery on both sides blazing away furiously at El Agheila. A Us reporter with the 8th Army says they are not repeating their errors of previous campaigns. They are "thickening the forward elements" ensuring the maximum ability to resist sudden attack and also are building up energy and striking power. This has probably given the enemy sufficient time to build up reserves behind El Agheila. In Tunisia the terrific Allied air blitx suggests that the final land assault is very close. Bizerta, Tunis and other key points are being subjected to a consistent hammering. It is reported in London that Bizerta airfield is so wrecked that most Luftwaffe bombers and fighters have been driven back to Sicily. Allied paratroops continue to land ahead of the 1st Army, whose forward units are maintaining strong pressure on the enemy's positions near Mateur and Djedida.

NEW GUINEA — REINFORCEMENT ATTEMPT BY JAPS

The Japs appear to be making another desperate attempt to land supplies and reinforcements for their troops holding the narrow strip of foreshore at Buna which is all they now retain of their Papuan invasion. 4 destroyers are standing off Buna, whilst Allied forces are slowly contracting their grip on the enemy. There are no further details of the fighting in this or other SW Pacific areas.

ITALY — ANTI-FASCIST TROUBLE BREWING

A New York paper suggests that Sicily, the poverty stricken island whose inhabitants have always resented Italian Fascism, may be the first objective of the Allied forces after their complete occupation of North Africa. Sicily is Rommel's most important supply base, but for 2 years the Sicilians have tried to make the Nazis most uncomfortable and the Fascist leader at Catania has had his hands full stamping out riots since the Nazis arrived there. Moreover the Sicilian peasant sees the Germans loot his land to feed Rommel's army and thinks of Mussolini's rosy promises made 29 years ago of an irrigation plan and great roads, harbours and railroads which have never passed the blueprint stage. From Greece come reports of deterioration of Italian morale: acts of rebellion have occurred in the Italian garrison at Athens, in consequence of which machine guns have been mounted in the main streets. Berne (Switz.) reports that RAF raids over Italy have resultedin peace demonstrations.

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KEEP THIS DATE - Tuesday, 15 December - Perth Symphony Orchestra in Midland Junction Town Hall.

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HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde (*Unit.*)

CASUALTY RETURN—OFFICERS

Detail of casualties to officers which have occurred since last return. The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, &c. Promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), transfers, postings, attachments, &c., courts-martial, leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next-of-kin with postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items connected with an officer's service.

Rank	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Nature and date of casualty	Date	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated)
		The following officer having volunteered for service in the A.I.F. been classified Medically Fit Class A2, application approved by Formation Commander and completed AAF A200 is transferred to A.I.F.				
Lieut	W165	O'KEEFFE E.R.	HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde	AAF A200 attached.		
		Previous A.I.F. No. - WX2875.				

Brigadier.
Signature of Commanding Officer.

Date 4 DEC 42.

HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde (*Unit.*)

4 Aust Div.
(*Bde. Divn. Area with which Unit is serving*).

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6 AUST INF BDE SPORTS MEETING

COMMITTEE MEETING FRI 4 DEC 42.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous meeting read and conformed.
2. Appoint Vice Chairman.
3. Receive nominations and appoint Organiser in place of Lieut HAUSLER.
4. Report of Secretary.
5. To consider the advisability of conducting an O.Rs. dance in MIDLANDS TOWN HALL.
6. If clause 5 is agreed, to make preliminary arrangements.
7. Elect Chairman of each Sub-Committee.
8. Any other matters requiring discussion or finalization brought to the attention of the meeting.

~~Major TOPE. Vice~~

~~Lt Col BRYANT~~

File

~~2/2 FdR~~

6 Fd Coy

~~2/1 A/Tk Bty~~

H.Q. 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
AUSTRALIA

27 NOV. 42

6 AUST INF BDE SPORTS MEETING

UNIT REPRESENTATIVE'S MEETING

PRESENT — Chairman,: Major F.J. NICHOLLS.

MEMBERS — Representatives from 2/2 Pnr Bn, 1/4/32 Bn, 15 Fd Regt, 6 Fd Coy RAE, 6 Fd Amb, 33 A/Tk Bty. and Bde Amenities Officer.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY — Lieut A.H. CAMBRIDGE.

DATE OF SPORTS MEETING. — Monday 21 DEC. 42

SUB-COMMITTEES.

The following Sub-Committees were appointed with power to add to their numbers and co-operate. Officers and Civilians as is considered necessary.

1. Grounds Committee :-

Lieut	POHL	1/4/32 Bn
Lieut	KELL	33 A/Tk Bty
"	"	2/2 Pnr Bn

2. Programme Committee :-

Lieut	KING	6 Fd Coy RAE
Lieut	MILNE	6 Fd Amb
"	WAITE	38 Bn

3. Finance, Trophy & Entertainment :-

Padre	ROGERS	
"	"	38 Bn

The Chairman, Organiser and Secretary to be Ex-Officio on all Sub-Committees.

The Sub-Committees will consider their respective functions on lines discussed at this meeting, and submit their recommendations to the :-

NEXT GENERAL MEETING — Next General Meeting to be held at Bde H.Q. on 4 DEC at 0900 hrs.

A.H. Cambridge

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6 AUST INF BDE SPORTS MEETING

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS AND CONDITIONS

1. **CONDITIONS.**

Colours. An adequate piece of material in the colour allotted to units will be worn by representative in individual events and by one member in team events.
15 Fd Regt - RED. 2/2 Pnr Bn - BROWN. 14/32 Bn - GREEN.
38 Bn - BLACK. 6 Fd Coy - PURPLE. 6 Fd Amb - YELLOW.
AASC - WHITE. 33 A/Tk Bty - BLUE. Bde HQ - GREEN & RED.

Two competitors from each Unit MUST be entered in individual events and one team in team events.

6 men will compete in Heats - 1st & 2nd of each heat qualifying for Final.

No spikes to be used in any events.

In the event of a tie in any event points are to be divided.

			Points allotted to teams for final.
2. **RUNNING.**	100 yds) 220 yds) 440 yds)	Heats. 1st & 2nd places will start in final.	7.5.3.1.
	880 yds	Straight out.	7.5.3.1.
	1 mile	Straight out.	7.5.3.1.
	120 yds Hurdles.	Heats.	7.5.3.1.
3. **HIGH JUMP.**	Start at 4'6". Bar to be raised by 2" to 5' then 1". Two attempts only will be allowed up to and including 4'10". Three attempts will be allowed at each height above 4'10"		7.5.3.1.
4. **LONG JUMP.**	Best of three attempts to count. Toes must not go over the edge of take off Board. Length of jump - from take off board to a point where nearest part of body touches the ground.		7.5.3.1.
4. **HOP STEP & JUMP.**	Same conditions as Long Jump.		7.5.3.1.
5. **SHOT PUTT.**	Best of three attempts to count. Shot to be putt from circle 7'6" in diam. Contestants to enter circle rear, no part of the body to touch the ground in front of the circle after delivering the shot.(16 lbs)		7.5.3.1.
6. **KICKING FOOTBALL.**	Best of three kicks, any type.		7.5.3.1.
7. **THROWING CRICKET BALL.**	To be thrown from a circle 10' in diameter. Best of three throws.		7.5.3.1.
8. **TUG O'WAR.**	Army rules. Distance of pull 1 yard. Heats and semi finals one 1 minute pull. Final three 1 minute pulls. 1 coach only per team. 10 men in a team.		10.7
9. **D.R. RELAY RACE.**	Team of 3 men, B.S.A. Motor Cycles only. Start line ten yds in front 1st flag. Contestants mounted, motors running. From start line travel 200 yds to and turn around flag, travel back to and turn around 1st flag. Riders to change over between 1st flag and start line. Finishing line 10 yds at rear 1st flag.		10.7.
10. **PL DRILL.**	As set out in attached circular.		10.7.
11. **P.T. COMPETITION.**	As set out in attached circular		10.7.

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12.	MILITARY BRASS BAND COMPETITION	Conditions later.	10.7.
13.	VICKERS	Contestants supply own gun. Conditions as set out in circular.	10.7.

P.T. EXERCISE FOR 6 AUST INF BDE SPORTS MEETING

TEAMS WILL BE OF 16 MEN PLUS AN INSTRUCTOR.

P.&R.T.TABLE

TYPE OF EXERCISE.	STARTING POSITION	EXERCISE	COMMANDS ETC.
M. & R.	Attention	Marching count 8 followed by double arm punching upward count 8	Counting aloud. Commence - steady
BREATHING	Feet astride Hands on Lower ribs	Deep breathing	Commence - steady.
LEG	H.F.	Striding Count 4 and astride jumping count 4.	Counting aloud. Commence - steady.
NECK	Arms fwd bend	Head turning quickly with alternative arm flinging. First to count of 4 then to count of 2.	Instructor counts 1 - 4 and 1 - 2.
ARM	Arms bend	Double arm punching upward and forward. Count 4.	Counting aloud. Commence - steady
CO-ORD	Attention	Astride jumping with arms raising s/ways, s/ways and upwards with a clap above head alternately, and rebound after s/ways movement only.	Commence-Steady. Squad counts "Out 1-2, Up-down 1-2".
HEAVING	Arms bend	Double arm punching upwards slowly with a quick return. Count 2 - later vice verca.	Instructor counts 1 - 2.
LATERAL	F. Astride Arm s/ways raise.	Trunk bending sideways trying to touch ground with fingers, with alternate knee bending. Count 4.	Instructor counts 1 - 4.
BALANCE	H.F. Outward Lunge.	Leg raising backward into poise balance position. Count 2.	Instructor counts 1 - 2
ABDOMINAL	On the hands down.	Arms bending with feet parting. Count 2.	On the hands down 1-2. On the feet up.
DORSAL	Feet astride jump.	Ankle grasping with both hands - left-right - both. Count 4.	Counting aloud, commence-steady.
FINAL	Attention	Arms swinging fwd to arms bend - fwd and downward and lowering relaxed.	Commence - steady.
CORRECTIVE	Attention	Normal breathing with arms raising forward and lowering.	Commence - steady.

Military Shorts, White Sand Shoes, White Athletic Singlets. Teams will appear separately in event.

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HQ 6 AUST INF BDE GP
AUSTRALIA

M.T. TRAINING - OFFRS

1. Courses Nos 3 and 4 will be conducted in Camp Site 4 BELLEVUE adjacent to RED SHIELD Marquee, from 8 - 11 DEC and 14 - 17 DEC respectively. Hours 0830 to 1230 and 1330 to 1700.

2. ATTENDANCE AT COURSES. Vacancies are allotted to units as under:-

	Course No 1	Course No 2
H.Q. 6 Aust Inf Bde	1	1
14/32 Aust Inf Bn	3	3
38 Aust Inf Bn	3	3
2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	3	3
15 Aust Fd Regt	3	3
33 Aust A Tk Bty	1	1
6 Aust Fd Coy	1	-
6 Aust Fd Amb	1	1
23 Coy AASC	-	1
	16	16

3. MOVEMENT. Offrs will report to Lt NAPTHALI at 0825 hrs each day.

4. 15 Aust Fd Regt will provide tpt for 33 A Tk Bty and 23 Coy AASC personnel to and from courses.

5. MEALS. Where necessary cut lunches will be taken to courses.

6. NIGHT LECTURE. There will be one night lecture given possibly on first day of each course.

7. DRESS. Working dress. Students will require notebooks and pencils.

8. VEHICLES. Units are asked to co-operate with Lieut NAPTHALI in the provision of vehicles as required.

E H Bush

(E.H. Bush) Capt.
6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
4 DEC 42.

DISTRIBUTION

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38 Aust Inf Bn
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23 Coy AASC
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BRIGADE NEWS BULLETIN
Issued by the Army Education Service
AES

An Axis counterattack in Tunisia fails: the Jap reinforcement for Buna turns back: another Jap convoy is smashed in the Solomons: in the Mediterranean more Axis ships are sunk.

NORTH AFRICA — AXIS COUNTER-ATTACKS REPULSED

Axis counterattacks launched in the Tunis area have been repulsed with heavy losses. Severe fighting goes on with the Allied air offensive maintaining its intensity. It is reported that the First British Army now fully controls the Bizerta-Tunis road. An Axis convoy in the Mediterranean suffered heavy loss. There is still a dearth of news from the N.African fronts.

NEW GUINEA — 23 PLANES LOST IN REINFORCEMENT ATTEMPT

The Japanese naval force making a sixth attempt to reinforce Buna has been driven off with heavy loss. After ceaseless attacks from our aircraft the enemy convoy was last reported 49 miles off Buna, staeming northwards. In the action which raged from Gasmata down to the coast at Buna from midday on Tuesday to early on Wednesday morning almost without cessation, the air umbrella protecting the convoy was given a terrific battering, 23 planes being shot down and others damaged. Only one direct hit was claimed on the enemy convoy but there were many near misses that should cause extensive damage. Some reinforcements may have got ashore but the battle was too hot and the destroyers were kept moving too fast that the numbers could not have been great, the most barges that were sighted being 12. On land hard fighting goes on: Americn troops on the track to Sanananda Point are fighting over difficult country. The Japs have erected wire barriers and posted snipers to attack Allied troops who attempt to cut a way through. Detours have been necessary and the Americans have had to pass through swamps into which they sink up to their chests. Progress is slow and painful as the men are cut by the needle-like tips of sago palms and harassed by enemy fire from the coconut plantations

SOLOMONS — JAP CONVOY BLITZED

In a naval battle off the Solomons nine more Jap ships have been sunk, including 2 destroyers or light cruisers, 4 destroyers, 2 troop transports and 1 cargo vessel. On Guadalcanal US troops were in action on a small scale .

INDIA — BURMA PATROL

A British patrol from India operating on short rations recently made an incursion of 300 miles into Jap-occupied Burma in a 15 day march, and returned to its base.

RUSSIA — STRUGGLE AT RJEV

The Nazis are moving up considerable numbers of reserves on the Rjev front in an attempt to check the Soviet offensive. The city itself is very strongly fortified and held, and rapid Russian victory here cannot be expected. The Germans, however, are complaining about the excellent quality of the Red weapons and their enormous supply of tanks. It is reported that picked Siberian troops are operating about Rjev. Street fighting continues at Stalingrad, and northwest of the city the Russians are continuing their advance against very stubborn resistance

ITALY — COVENTRY AVENGED

15,000 tons of bombs have been dropped on N.Italy - Genoa received six attacks, Turin 4, Milan 2, one of the Milan raids being equal to the notorious Nazi blitz on Coventry. It is reported that the population panicked on a large scale, and even the morale of the authorities was seriously affected. "Today people are no longer interested in the war. Their only idea is how to escape from the RAF".

NOTICES : Lost - Leather tobacco pouch, rubber lined, with initials "W.F" engraved on the outside. Sentimental value. Finder please return to Educ Office, H.Q. 6 Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

COPS RUSH HOUR

50 civil and military police took more than half an hour to quell a brawl involving soldiers and civilians during the peak traffic period at the corner of Flinders , and Elizabeth Streets Melbourne. One thousand people watched whilst a c nstable was hurt and two soldiers arrested. The trouble was supposed to have started when 3 Aussies attacked some Americans. Onlookers barracked in football match style, crowding on top of the blocked cars, and one civilian who attempted to dissuade the soldiers from fighting was attacked by an elderly woman with a parasol who said he should be in uniform and fighting instead of stopping others. 3 more Australians were arrested later.

EXIT THE OLD SCHOOL SOCK

Many famous club colours may disappear from Melbourne football owing to Austerity restrictions which ban th manufacture of guernseys showing contrasting colours and socks other than one colour to ankle lengths. Existing stocks of these goods are very small.

SUMMER CLOTHES FOR TEACHERS

Employees of NSW Government departments and men and women school teachers will be permitted cooler clothing this summer, shorts and open-necked shirts being permitted for men in schools in hot areas.

DEAR SPIRIT

Three pounds per bottle was paid for whiskey last night at an auction at the Sydney Masonic Club for Legacy Club funds.

TO DIP OR NOT TO DIP

Continuing their resistance to compulsory stock dipping, nine hundred farmers of the Clarence Stockowners League in Grafton district today registered a protest against seizing and dipping of stock by the Tick Board. They fed fresh milk to pigs and after keeping some for home use poured the rest on the ground.

WHAT MAKES A LIEUTENANT

Army Minister Forde today denied the contention of a Melbourne newspaper that the ability to stand the hardships of a private's or NCO's life proved an ability to stand up to a lieutenant's life. He said that practical experience showed that the added burden of leadership usually caused efficiency to decrease and defended the maximum appointment of age limits in field formations of 30 for lieutenants, 35 for captains, 40 for Majors and 45 for Lieut Colonels adding that in exceptional cases a slight over-age margin was allowed.

FRUIT PICKERS AT WORK

During the week end over 1000 cases of aprocots were picked by youths and girls under military age in Maida Vale, a W.A. fruit district: a retired schoolteacher and a wounded sailor being among those who offered assistance.

MARJORIE LAWRENCE SINGS AGAIN

Marjorie Lawrence, the Victorian opera singer, who suffered an attack of infantile paralysis, has staged a triumphant come-back in New York.

PROGRESS OF AUSTERITY

In the Austerity Loan race Victoria is beating NSW in the number of towns who have exceeded their quotas with more than 20 but the position is reversed in respect to total subscribers NSW lead being more than 10,000.

MUNITIONS NOT RATIONED

NSW Manpower director has announced the rationing of work in some factories on war jobs but Munitions Minister Makin denies that these can be munitions factories. Some factories might have done such a good job that they had satisfied the demand for some classes of goods but there would be little difficulty in placing their workers elsewhere.

NOTICE: The Allied Services Club in Midland Junction is open nightly until 10 p.m. for all service troops - games, music and supper are provided. provision for writing and rea ing etc.,

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDER PART I NO. 108

BY

BRIGADIER N.M. FREEMAN DSO. COMMANDING 6TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP.

5 DEC 42

"G"

NIL.

Capt
for
(F.J. Nicholls) Major.
Brigade Major 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

"A"

1. CAMOUFLAGE OF VEHS — It is apparent that certain vehs in this Bde Gp require re-painting. Units will requisition immediately for sufficient paint to repaint all vehs where necessary. Where stocks of paint are held by units work will commence as soon as practicable.

2. LEAVE — Ref Adm Instn leave 25 Nov 42 para 6. This instruction is NOT being complied with. Entraining officers will contact RTO. This may be done, if the RTO is not on Sta, by telephone from Stationmasters office.

3. MASKS HEADLAMP — Units will req through LAD's for headlamp masks, a supply is available for immediate issue, see DRO 577.

4. RIFLES NO 62757 NO 24794 — Units will report by 1200 hrs 6 DEC if either of above rifles are on charge. NIL returns where necessary.

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

NOTICES

RC CHURCH PARADES SUNDAY 6 DEC 42. Will be held in YMCA marquee 38 Bn area at 0730 hrs. In RC Church MIDLANDS at 0800 for 55 DOA, 6 Fd Pk. Red Shield marquee for 14/32 Bn at 0845 hrs for 2/2 Pnr Bn, 14/32 Bn, R.A.E. L.A.D. and Bde HQ. BELLEVUE RC Church at 0930 for HQ of 6 Fd Amb. 15 Fd Regt HQ at 1000 hrs for 15 Fd Regt, 33 A Tk Bty and M.D.S. At 23 Coy AASC in Brush Hut at 1000 hrs.

LOST — Webbing belt belonging to W6280 Cpl BULLEN G. in Bde HQ area, finder return same to these HQ.

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269 L.A.D. (Unit.)

Casualty Return—Other Ranks

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Detail of casualties to other ranks which have occurred since last return. The details should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotion (acting, temporary, local or substantive). Transfers, postings, attachments, etc., courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc. Leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items affecting a soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
VX37914	Pte	DOYLE K.D.	2 C9 L.A.D.	Strength Increase	30/11/42	From hospital and taken off "X" List
V52308	L/Cpl	WHITE J.	" "	" "	"	" " " " "

Date 5 DEC 42 19

(Signature of Commander.) for Capt.

269 L.A.D. (Unit.)

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

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Rank	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Nature and date of casualty	Date	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated)
Lieut	VX31564	MARTIN D.	2/2 Aust Pnr Bn att HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde for rations.	Leave	1/12/42	Proceeding on A.B.L. - 24 days plus 4 days travelling time with pay and allowances.
Capt	VX111035	ARMSTRONG A.A.	HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde	Change of address - Next of Kin.	2/12/42	Now "Roseveale" Wyandra QUEENSLAND.

Capt.
Signature of Commanding Officer.

Date 5 DEC 42

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4 Aust Division.

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
VX103952	Cpl	BREW V.W.	HQ 6 AUST INF BDE	Strength Decrease	4/12/42	Trans to 14/32 Aust Inf Bn
VX103962	Cpl	WATSON D.	" "	School	"	Attending P & R.T. and Unarmed Combat School FRANKSTON Vic and posted to "X" list.
VX103957	Sgt	GLENTON N.W.	" "	Detached	4/12/42	Attending III Aust Corps School, HARVEY, serial JLS 43/6 Section Leaders.

Date 5 DEC 42 19

E O'Keeffe Lieut for Capt. (Signature of Commander.)

HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp. (Unit.)

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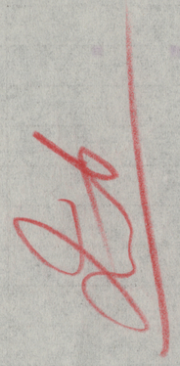

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Rank	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Nature and date of casualty	Date	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated)
VX108456	Ca pt	CRENHALL W.R.	269 L.A.D.	Strength Increase	1/12/42	From transit section GDD CLAREMONT after being in hospital on "X" List.

E O Kerfelmeyer for Capt.
Signature of Commanding Officer.

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BDE COOKING COURSES.

A series of cooking courses under the supervision of A/Catering supervisor 3 AUST CORPS (Capt G. HACK) will be conducted for units of 6 AUST INF BDE at 23 Coy AASC, Camp Site No 9 BELLEVUE.

OBJECT.

2. To train unit cooks in Improvised Cooking in the Field, Handling of War Ration Scale C, etc.

DURATION.

3. Four schools each of 14 days duration will be conducted, commencing dates as under :-

Course No.	1	7 DEC 42
"	" 2	23 " 42
"	" 3	11 JAN 43
"	" 4	28 " 43

VACANCIES.

4. Vacancies are allotted to units :-

	COURSE No 1.	No 2.	No 3.	No 4.
HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde				1
14/32 Aust Inf Bn	3	3	3	3
38 " " "	3	3	3	3
2/2 " Pnr "	3	3	3	3
15 " Fd Regt	2	2	3	2
6 " Fd Coy	1	2	1	1
6 " Fd Amb	1	1	1	1
23 Coy AASC	2	1	1	1
33 A/Tk Bty	1	1	1	1

INSTRUCTORS.

5. WO II FOSTER R.W. 15 Aust Fd Regt will act as instructor for the duration of the courses.

6. An assistant instructor will be provided by A/Catering supervisor 3 AUST CORPS.

TENTAGE.

7. Tentage, floor boards, buckets, tubs washing, and hurricane lanterns will be provided by Camp HQ BELLEVUE.

REPORTING.

8. Students will report to WO II FOSTER at 23 Coy AASC at 1800 hrs on day preceding commencement of course and will take all personal gear blankets, palliasses, rifles and equipment, and messing gear, notebooks and pencils.

TPT.

9. Units will be responsible for tpt of students to and from courses.

DISCIPLINE.

10. Students will come under OC 23 Coy AASC for discipline while at course.

REPORTS.

11. Within 4 days of conclusion of each course instructor will submit general report in triplicate to this HQ.

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NOMINATIONS.

12. Nominations will be fwded to this HQ on day prior to students reporting at course.

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6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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38 " " "
2/2 " Pnr "
15 Aust Fd Regt
33 A/Tk Bty
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDER PART I - NO 109

BY

BRIGADIER N.M. FREEMAN DSO, COMMANDING 6TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP

5 DEC 42.

"G"

NIL

for (F.J. NICHOLLS) Major.
Brigade Major, 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

"A"

1. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. The following is a copy of a personal letter to the Bde Comd.
It is imperative that unit Comds ensure that the action outlinedtherein be strictly adhered to on all occasions.
"Comd 6 Aust Inf Bde.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

1. It has been brought to my notice that, during recent months, and especially during the Corps exercise, many cases of damage to civilian property in forward areas have occurred which were not reported, and in which no apparent steps were taken to effect repairs or restitution.

Some of these cases have only been revealed by the owners making claims through L of C Claim Officers, and in others knowledge of damage has only been ascertained from indirect sources. In addition I have received personal letters from property owners, who have complained of the damage caused by troops, but who have for personal reasons been reluctant to submit claims.

2. It is fully realized that minor damage to property is inevitable during training and exercises, but it must be appreciated that where damage has been caused through army activities, the Army must accept responsibility, and all officers must render every assistance in seeing that such claims as are justified are promptly dealt with.

3. In most instances reported, claims are justified, but in many they are grossly exaggerated. In such cases the true position can only be arrived at by prompt and accurate reports being made by the army personnel involved at the time the damage occurred.

Cases have occurred however, where units and sub-units have apparently attempted to cover up the circumstances surrounding damage caused, either with the idea of shielding those responsible, or in the mistaken belief that nothing more may be heard of it. This generally defeats its own ends and leads to long and unsatisfactory enquiries.

4. This attitude may to some extent have been caused by the assumption that the unit concerned is likely to be charged with the cost of repairs or compensation, which is not necessarily the case.

In many cases, although the Army must accept responsibility, damage may be unavoidable and no blame can be attached to any specific member or unit.

Where, however, negligence or vandalism is present

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on the part of an individual or individuals every effort will be made to trace the culprit, and it is the duty of COs and all officers to do all in their power to further the enquiries.

5. Machinery has been provided within the army to deal with such claims as may arise, and this machinery is outlined in 3 Aust Corps Administration Instruction Q8. Unit claims officers have been appointed and representatives of Hirings Service (Quartering and Claims Officers) are available in all areas, and there is no excuse for not carrying out an immediate investigation of damage or for withholding reports on damage until a formal claim is made to the unit concerned.

Payment must and will be made to civilians for genuine claims, but if such claims are to be just and reasonable it is most essential that unit claims officers should be constantly enquiring as to damages done, and that all ranks should assist enquiries by promptly reporting any such damages.

Attention is also directed to GRO G600 of 27 NOV 42.

6. The apparent lack of co-operation by some units in reporting damage and furthering enquiries, is viewed very seriously by me, and formation commanders will therefore take immediate action to ensure that units under command are fully aware of the seriousness of the present position.

Unit Commanders will be held personally responsible that the instructions issued by this Headquarters on this subject are obeyed by all concerned, and that all claims officers are fully cognisant of their duties and responsibilities.

7. Your assistance and co-operation in this matter will be appreciated.

(Sgd) H. GORDON BENNETT
Lt-Gen.
Comd 3 Aust Corps."

Unit Claims officers must personally on all occasions when it is intended to conduct exercises on private property;

1. Notify all owners concerned of the intention prior to commencement of exercises.
2. Advise all owners that he will revisit them immediately the exercise is complete to discuss claims for damage to property.
3. Immediately forward all claims, if any, to these H.Q.

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

NOTICES

LOST Paybook belonging to V330072 Pte G. SAUNDERS HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde. Finder please return to these H.Q.

Intelligence Office

No. 2.
Sat., 5 Dec 42

BRIGADE NEWS BULLETIN
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AES

Nazi counter-attacks fail in Tunisia and Russia: the Japs hold on at Buna: Allied aircraft successfully raid Jap-occupied Timor: Mussolini explains to the Italian people.

RUSSIA — ATTACK AND COUNTERATTACK

Yesterday counterattacks on a large scale by the Nazis were reported on all fronts with the exception of the city of Stalingrad itself. These were evidently the result of careful preparation previously reported, but even later news says that the Russians have repulsed them and further improved their own position. Izvestia (the Moscow newspaper) says the German forces squeezed between the Don and the Volga are short of ammunition and other supplies and are desperately trying to regroup their forces. They are still full of fight, however, and their resistance is even stiffening under cover of air support. The Reds are still clearing the enemy out of the city's suburbs. Meanwhile snowstorms of almost blizzard like ferocity, similar to those depicted in classical prints of Napoleon's retreat from Moscow, are sweeping the central front.

NORTH AFRICA — 2ND AXIS COUNTER-ATTACK FAILS

A new Axis counterattack in the neighbourhood of Teburba, 25 miles W of the city of Tunis, has been repulsed with considerable destruction of enemy equipment. Air activity continues on both sides, and latest news indicates that the Luftwaffe appear to preponderate over our air forces and the assault may be slowed up until we can reinforce and gain air superiority. British light naval forces operating between Tunis and Sicily contacted an enemy convoy, and sank (or left as burning wrecks) 4 merchantmen (at least 2 of which were troopships) and 3 destroyers. Later in the morning enemy divebombers and torpedo carriers attacked our naval force as it returned to its base. The destroyer Quentin was hit and subsequently sank. Most of her crew were saved. In attacks on Tripoli harbour Allied heavy bombers destroyed or damaged 6 merchant vessels, damaged Spanish mole, and knocked a hole in Karamanli mole, impairing their usefulness for enemy shipping.

S.W.PACIFIC — 21 JAP AIRCRAFT SUFFER AT KOEPANG

Koepang, one of the Jap bases in Timor from which raids are made on Darwin, was heavily raided by Allied aircraft, and 18 bombers and 3 fighters were wrecked on the aerodrome. The Jap planes were surprised and raked with machine gun and cannon fire. Fires from the burning planes and fuel dumps were visible from 50 miles as our planes came home. Further details of the naval engagement off Guadalcanal (reported yesterday) tells how it was a straight out engagement between warships: no aerial assaults are mentioned. Against the 9 Jap ships lost (and the reinforcements turned back) the Americans admit losses of 1 cruiser sunk and 2 damaged. At Buna (NG) the Allies have made little progress, and it has become a matter of systematically turning the Japs out of their strong points which may be a long and difficult process.

ITALY — WHY WAS HE BORN AT ALL?

Mussolini recently broke a long silence under the necessity of saying something in reply to Mr.Churchill's deftly combined appeals and threats. The tone of his remarks was characterized by considerable gloom, and he even explained that Italy had entered the war to show she was not simply a nation of shop-keepers, wine-manufacturers and tourist guides. New York Herald-Tribune comments "Mussolini announced the total bankruptcy of his regime and the defeat of a great nation so reckless as to submit itself to his meretricious leadership." "One can now say with reasonable confidence that Italy is out of the war. She will no doubt continue to fight bravely, but nothing is left at the head."

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IF YOU WERE TAKING a course at a technical college and had to drop it when you came into camp, or if you are interested in a Correspondence Course, see your Unit Education Officer.
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What does it cost?
If you complete the Course - NOTHING. A refundable deposit of 15/- first

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

REVOLVER TRAGEDY

15 year old schoolboy Reginald Gill, son of NSW grazier Albert Gill of Mullengandra, died instantly at the home of a companion from a bullet wound in the stomach caused by the accidental discharge of a 32 calibre American revolver with which the two boys were playing.

POTATO SHORTAGE PERSISTS

Notwithstanding substantial consignments the potato sgortage continues in NSW and officials of the Sydney Potato Control Dept., believe that after the long period in which they were without potatoes people are now buying more than the, need.

CAN'T CAN SALMON NOW.....

Millions of salmon which had been penned in lagoons on lower south coast of NSW have been swept away to sea by floods.

VETERAN LIFE-SAVERETTE

When a Sydney seaside municipality advertised for lifesavers recently the only applicant was a woman aged 60, and several councils are now most concerned over the provision of qualified life-savers for the srfing season.

BREAK IN ANTODIP RANKS

Clarence River farmers resisting the Tick Board regulations which compel the dipping of cattle are now divided, some having sent cream to factories yesterday, and a rumour that the strike had ended caused others to do likewise. Many are still feeding milk to cattle and pigs, and Secretary Niland said that dipping had so far resulted in the death of 171 cattle 47 horses, injury to 599 cattle and 23 horses and the loss of unborn calves by more than 1000 cows.

TRAGEDY AT BELLEVUE

The mutilated body of Vic Private Frank Walsh, 28 years, of St.Kilda, was found on the railway line at Bellevue on Tuesday night.

AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION SIZED UP

Urging that a good education system could not be a cheap one, Vice Chancellor Doctor Currie of the W.A.University told the Federal Parliamentary Social Security Committee that standards here were below Britain and all highly civilised European countries, also (apparently) the United States. He said the job of improvement was one for the Federal Government.

UNDELIVERED PARCELS

Regulations covering the disposal of undeliverable parcels adressed to members of the forces were gazetted recently. They provide for the return of registered parcels to the sender; others are handed to the Red Cross for the benefit of the sick and wounded.

CURTIN'S COURAGE

Interviewed by the "London World Telegram" the famous Australian journalist Noel Monks said Mr.Curtin was "courageously staking his political career and probably the fate of the Labour Government" on his AIF-Militia merger plan.

WHO SAID WHAT?

War Organization of Industry Minister Dedman today denied that NSW suburban or country shopkeepers associations were represented at at a Sydney meeting which repudiated his business amalgamation plans and expressed astonishment that Sir Sidney Snow, the convenor, should have led the public to think so.

BOY LIGHTS DOG

At Tinamba, Vic a 5 year old boy kerosened and ignited a dog which bit him. The animal rushed into a house and started a fire which took the brigade 25 minutes to get under control and did £125 worth of damage.

NOTICES: Concerts in the Assembly Hall for all Service men and women (with a friend) every Tuesday night, with ABC artists.8 p.m. Allied Services Club in Midland Junction is open nightly until 10 p.m. for all service troops - games, music, and supper are provided, facilities for reading and writing.

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HQ 6 INF BDE
6 DEC 1942
RGT
No.
1/42/151

HQ 6 AUST INF BDE GP,
AUSTRALIA

4 AUST DIV - OTS PREPARATION COURSES

1. OBJECT

To search out officer material and to train these personnel for entry to an O.T.S.

2. ATTENDANCE

(a) Nominations will NOT be sub-allotted on a pro rata basis to units but each nominee will be considered on his individual merit. All personnel who have NOT previously attended an O.T.S. or an O.T.S. prep course are eligible to attend.

(b) 20 vacancies are allotted to 6 AUST INF BDE, but nominations will NOT be restricted to this number.

(c) Qualifications. All students must:-

(i) have had at least six months continuous service
(ii) be of the type who, with the necessary trg, is likely to make an efficient offr.
(iii) possess attributes of leadership
(iv) NOT more than 25 years of age
(v) Possess educational qualifications up to Junior, Intermediate or equivalent standard.

3. SELECTION

(a) All nominees will be interviewed by a selection board prior to attending course.

(b) Selection board will consist of 3 members, one from each:-

HQ 4 AUST DIV
HQ 6 AUST INF BDE
HQ UNIT to which nominee belongs.

Members of selection board will be of field rank.

(c) Time and place of meeting of selection board will be notified

4. COURSES

Courses will be held on dates hereunder:-

Serial 1 15 Dec/5 Jan 43 incl.
" 2 12 Jan/2 Feb 43 incl.
" 3 9 Feb/2 Mar 43 incl.

5. LOCATION AND JOINING INSTRNS

Will be notified later.

6. INSTRUCTORS

(a) Chief Instructor: Maj F.M. ARMSTRONG HQ 13 AUST INF BDE.

(b) One Lieut instructor and three WO or NCO instructors will be selected from Inf Units.

(c) It is not intended that instructors be retained semi-permanently on the school staff but that instructors be replaced on the basis of 50% after each course - that is each instructor will remain at the school for approximately 7/8 weeks.

7. ADM STAFF

(a) Sgt - 1 Cook Caterer — To be provided by 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn

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7. ADM STAFF (CONT)

	To be provided by
Cook - T.G II - 1	38 Aust Inf Bn
M/C Orderly - 1	15 Aust Fd Regt
Gen duties - 1	14/32 Aust Inf Bn

Batman - Each offr instructor will take his batman to school.

(b) Nominal rolls of adm staff will reach HQ 6 AUST INF BDE by 1200 hrs 6 DEC 42.

(c) Instructions re reporting of adm staff will be issued later - probable date of reporting 9 DEC 42.

8. Instructors and adm staff will NOT be changed without approval of HQ 4 AUST DIV.

9. MT

(a) 15 AUST FD REGT will provide one MC for duration of school

(b) MT personnel will take charge of vehs and will take over vehs on VOLs prior to marching into school.

10. TRAINING EQUIPMENT

(a) Each Inf Bn will supply for use by the school, Training stores and equipment listed hereunder;-

(b)

Cartridges .303 Drill	100
Aim corrector	1
TSMG (with cleaning rod	3
TSMG Magazine : Box Type	3
" " : Drum	3
Compasses Prismatic (NOT liquid)	2
Rattles trench	1

(c) 15 AUST FD REGT will supply one Black board and easel

(d) The above equipment and trg stores will accompany adm staff when it reports to the school.

11. This instrn confirms verbal, telephone and other instrns previously issued.

(E.H. Bush) Capt.
6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

6 DEC 42.

DISTRIBUTION

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No.87
Mon, 7 Dec 42

BRIGADE NEWS BULLETIN

Issued by the Army Education Service

AES

Greatest daylight air offensive of war carried out over France : Russians cut Viazma-Smolensk railway: relentless Allied air attacks on Tunis: successful US jungle fighters return in Solomons.

RUSSIA — SOVIET TROOPS BY-PASS RJEV

A Stockhom message reports that the Red Army has bypassed Rjev with ski patrols and cavalry operations deep in the enemy's rear. The Times man says that isolated groups of Nazis were ordered to divide into detachments of 40 men in an attempt to cut their way out from envelopment. Other groups are reported to be deserting - the first reference made by any correspondent to any general Nazi tendency to desert from the present battle. The slow grinding of enemy fortifications on the central front has replaced the spectacular advances of the first day's operations Moscow reports emphasise that strong German reserves have been rushed up by air and that bitter fighting must be expected. It is now disclosed that after the middle of the week the Reds pierced the inner line upon which the Germans based their defence after their collapse NW of Stalingrad, 10 miles behind their original positions. Russian tanks are now operating deep in the rear, preventing consolidation of a new line, but an early decision is not expected, for the Germans are still full of fight and are capable of heavy counterattacks. Latest news is that the Russians are making progress on both fronts and are taking a heavy toll of Nazi planes attempting to supply the trapped army in the Don bend. During the week 192 aircraft (more than 100 of them troop carriers) were shot down, for the loss of 102 Russian planes. S of Rjev the Russians are firly astride the Viazma-Smolensk railroad.

AFRICA — CHECK IN TUNIS

The Times military correspondent reports a check to our forces in Tunisia. We have apparently lost Djedeida Coq, though our forces remain on the outskirts, also Mateur. This is due chiefly to the Nazi air superiority, but the check is not thought to be a setback to the invasion as a whole. It decreases the likelihood of our capturing Tunis and Bizerta in the near future, but not of capturing them eventually. A relentless air attack is being carried out on Axis supply bases. Fires left burning at Bizerta were visible for over 100 miles.

AIR OFFENSIVE — GREATEST DAYLIGHT SWEEP OF THE WAR

The greatest daylight Allied air assault was yesterday carried out over Holland, Belgium and N.France. Pilots of every nation and machines of every type took part. 100 light bombers flying at zero height attacked the Phillips radio valve works in Holland, where 15,000 people work. Subsequent reconnaissance shows that heavy damage was caused Fortresses attacked Lille, and Liberators farther afield dropped high explosives on Abbeville. In these operations they were escorted by 400 fighters: 12 bombers are missing.

SOLOMONS — JUNGLE EXPEDITION'S SUCCESS

An expedition into the jungle carried out by US troops has resulted in the killing of 400 Japs and the destruction of 5 ammunition dumps.

NEW GUINEA — PARACHUTE SUPPLIES TO JAPS

100 bundles were dropped from nine large Jap aircraft escorted by 14 Zeros. This is an indication of the desperate plight of the Jap defenders in Papua. The Allies have gained artillery superiority with the addition of 105mm howitzers brought by air.

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YOU HAVE READ the news and it is certain that some of you discuss developments from day to day. You have your own pet theories: if you want a solid background - if you want facts - if you are keen on argument or discussion - ask your Unit Education Officer about "Australian Resources and Prospects" and "Clash in the Pacific" - or "The Pacific Islands" - interesting booklets that you can get and talk over (free, of course).

.....TURN UP FOR LOCAL NEWS....

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

AUSTERITY LOAN

On Friday Treasurer Chifley announced that 75 million pounds had been subscribed for the Loan of 100,000,000 and this would involve a daily sunscription of about 3 million for the remaining 9 days of the loan. Of the present amount only about £15,000,000 is converted from earlier loans.

S.P. CLEANUP

A Federal cleanup of S.P. betting rackets may result from information placed before Mr.Curtin by members of the VRC and AJC, who convinced him that dozens of place card operators were flourishing in defiance of National Security and State laws. In NSW the totalisator has become of interest to parliamentarians as a revenue producer, and as a means of building up prizemoney, possibly reducing admission charges, whilst the removal or reduction of the betting ring may take place for the convenience of increasingly tote-minded patrons.

MERRETT SENTENCED

Part-aboriginal ex-boxer and gospel-teacher C.F.Merrett, 23 years old, received 10 years penal servitude in Sydney today, pleading guilty to maliciously assaulting and wounding a 13 year old girl. Evidence showed he almost scalped her by belabouring her head with a stick.

SCRATCH RECORD

The breaking up of 3000 marriages already this year provides an alltime NSW divorce record. Court judges are working at top speed to clear up petitions and authorities predict even more divorces next year.

YOU SAID THUNDERBOLT!

New York announces that 2 army pilots have divebombed in Republic P47 Thunderbolt monoplanes at 725 mph. Thunderbolts are heavily armoured and have bullet proof tanks.

MERGER PLAN

Replying to critics of his AIF-Militia merger plan Mr.Curtin said yesterday his proposal was"quite a military necessity for the strategical requirements of the Commonwealth". He said that Mr.Caldwell, MHR, who now states that only unions whose members are reserved support the motion voted at the ALP Conference in 1940 for a motion which would have permitted overseas use of militia if strategically required

NO PRESENTS FOR DUTY

Australian Military Regulations were amended on Friday to prevent members of the Forces from accepting presents for performance of duty from individuals or bodies.

USSR SUBMARINE FLEET TOPS

The official US Navy Magazine "Seapower" declares that Russia now has history's greatest submarine fleet, many having been prefabricated in the Ural Mountains far from the seas in which they were eventually launched.

WORKS COUNCIL DEFENDED

Director E.C.Theodore of the Allied Works Council defending the Council said recent attacks on it were part of a carefully planned campaign to undermine it and mislead the public, emphasising that this statement was deliberate and he was aware that he was accusing the people concerned of "grave subversive activity". He added that "irresponsibles of civil construction corps had to be disciplined the same as soldiers."

NO RIOTS HERE

There have been riots in other capital cities, Magistrate Wallwork said in Perth Police Court, but there are not going to be any in Perth. "If there are, anyone mixed up in them will [illegible]ol" he said. This warning was issued following a charge against [illegible] worker who used abusive language to a policeman who was bre[illegible]ght between service men.

A PRESENT [illegible]OY

Hitler has presented Franco with a mo[illegible] for his fiftieth birthday.

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H.Q. 6 INF BDE
7 DEC 1942
No. 1/42/151

Headquarters,
6 Aust Inf Bde,
AUSTRALIA.

4 AUST DIV O.T.S. PREP COURSE

1. Further to this HQ 1/42/151 of 6 DEC 42.

NOMINATIONS

2. The 20 vacancies allotted to 6 AUST INF BDE will be filled by INF UNITS.

3. 15 AUST FD REGT, 33 A/TK BTY, 6 AUST FD COY, 6 AUST FD AMB, and 23 COY AASC will be allotted vacancies by HQ Units.

4. Inf Units will submit nominations to this HQ by 1800 hrs 9 DEC 42. Each Inf Unit is requested to submit at least 10 nominations (although nominations need not be limited to this number) for personnel who meet requirements.

SELECTION

5. Nominees from Inf Units will assemble at this HQ at 0845 hrs on Thurs 10 DEC 42 for interview by Selection Board.

6. Each Inf Unit will supply one officer of Field Rank to sit on Selection Boards.

LOCATION OF SCHOOL

7. The O.T.S. will be located at Camp Site No 4 MELVILLE.

INSTRUCTORS, ADM STAFF and TRG EQUIPMENT

8. Instructors, Adm Staff and Trg Stores will be transported by one 3 Ton vehicle supplied by 14/32 Bn.

9. This vehicle will be under command of Lieut F. BENSON 14/32 Bn. He will ensure that Instructors, Adm Staff, personal gear and trg stores are picked up by 1230 hrs Wed 9 DEC and that the whole party reports to Maj F.M. ARMSTRONG at Camp Site No 4 by 1400 hrs Wed 9 DEC 42.

EQUIPMENT

10 Instructors, and Adm Staff will move complete with all personal gear, arms and equipment, including Pay Books and Pay Cards.

MOVEMENT OF SELECTED STUDENTS.

11 This will be notified later.

TRG EQUIPMENT.

12 It is important that units supply trg equipment as detailed in 1/42/151 of 6 DEC 42 with exception of :-

Cartridges .303 Drill and
AIM Correctors

which are not now required.

DISTRIBUTION :-

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38 Aust Inf Bn
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(E.H. BUSH) ... Capt.
6 Aust Inf Bde.
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Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

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OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 14/32 Bn, 38 Bn, 2/2 Pnr Bn, 15 Fd Regt, 6 Fd Coy, 6 Fd Amb, 33 A/Tk Bty 23 Coy AASC, 4 DOW 6 Bde Sec, 269 LAD.

FROM 6 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number SD 321

Date 7

In Reply to Number

Advised	by	Corps	@	3	WIRRAWAYS
in	formation	will	drop	leaflets	over
PERTH	between	1315	hrs	1345	hrs
8	DEC	@	dropping	over	G.P.O.
exactly	1330	hrs	@	All	informed

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** by any means: Except wireless

Signed E A Bush Capt

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent **IN CYPHER**

Signed

Originator's instructions
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DEFERRED

Time of Origin 2200

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T.H.I.

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Tues 8 Dec 42

BRIGADE NEWS BULLETIN
Issued by the Army Education Service
AES

The Allies are entrenched in Tunisia; the Red Army is keeping up the pressure of its offensives: Buna is now isolated; Jap losses in the Solomons battle appear to be greater than at first thought.

AFRICA

AIR STRENGTH INCREASING

The 1st Army in Tunisia, after repelling Axis counter-attacks, was reported last night to be strongly entrenched along the Tunis-Bizerta horesshoe front. No official announcement has been made about the progress of the fighting other than that the situation was unchanged. Also there is no news of significance from the 8th Army.

RUSSIA

OFFENSIVE MAINTAINED

Today's despatches from Moscow do not disclose any dramatic developments but they record the maintenance of powerful pressure by the Red Army in the offensives on the central front and in the Don-Volga area, with steady progress despite enemy resistance. Correspondents emphasise the importance of the Russian advance along the Don in the direction of distant Rostov, which is described as "real territorial progress" despite heavy opposition from the enemy. On the central front it is indicated that the Germans are still being compelled to yield important ground in the face of the irresistable weight of the Russian offensive. West of Rjev the Reds broke deeply into a long stretch of elaborate enemy fortifications, seized them after a fierce hand to hand struggle and held them against all counterattacks. The Germans also admit that Russian tanks pierced the Nazi positions south of Rjev, while heavy Russian pressure is being exerted in the Gjatsk-Viazma sector and in the direction of Smolensk.

PAPUA

BUNA ISOLATED

Although the 22nd day of the siege of the Jap Papuan beach-head produced no marked change the Allied forces had some further success in their efforts to break up and isolate the enemy defensive positions around Buna. Severe fighting has developed at Buna village, and the Americans attacking along the Buna Creek slightly to the east have reached the beach between the village and Buna Mission, thus isolating the Jap pocket round the village. Strategically, this is a most important gain.

SOLOMONS

MORE SHIPS THOUGHT SUNK

The cheerful score in the decisive 20 minutes battle of Savo Island at midnight on Monday when the Japs desperately tried to reinforce their troops on Guadalcanal may show that the US force achieved a greater victory than the 9 ships announced to have beensunk. The Navy searching at dawn detected only 1 destroyer afloat in an area of 150 square miles though the commander of the task force reported that 9 or 10 Jap ships had fled for their lives. They were made up of 2 transports, 1 heavy and 1 light cruiser and perhaps 6 destroyers. There is no way of knowing whether the others reached inshore or sank before dawn. A US light cruisr pursued the Jap fleet with guns blazing. The rear-admiral's report has not been received. It is believed that the number of Japs drowned off the transports in this engagement was over 9000.

WASHINGTON D.C.

LIGHTNING PLANE

It has been revealed today that the new P38 (Lightning) fighter plane has been successfully tested in action in Tunisia, the SW Pacific and the Aleutian Islands. On Nov 25 Lightning fighters destroyed 14 enemy planes without a single loss. The Lightning which has 2 engines exceeds 400 mph and is equipped with cannon capable of blasting a tank on the ground a mile away. It is alsoannounced that the 52,000 ton mammoth battleship "New Jersey" has been launched 18 months ahead of schedule. The Senate Naval Committee disclosed that 42,635 Americans Americans were missing up to Dec 1. The majority are believed to be prisoners

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Blue Danube - Henry VIII Dances - Carnival Overture - Tchaikowsky excerpts - Spanish Caprice: Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday 15 Dec: Town Hall

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

ANTI-DIPPERS NEGOTIAITE

Clarence River dairy farmers have resumed supplies to factories following a promise by Commerce Minister Scully that the Commonwealth would investigate their claim that tick-dipping was harmful to cattle if they did so. At a Grafton meeting it was stated that they would strike again if the results of the enquiry did not satisfy them.

WHO'LL HELP BILLY?

Incensed by the regulation permitting domestic servants except by special permit, former Prime Minister Billy Hughes has demanded to know how he will get on with an ill wife and his niece on important war work, leaving him to cook meals and dust the house as well as be UAP leader and member of the war council. Minister Dedman said this was a clear case where a permit would be granted and that all applications would be judged on their merits.

AUSTRALIAN MACHINERY IN LONDON

McKay-Massey Harris of Melbourne have incorporated in London the Sunshine HarvesterCo Ltd., to continue in Britain sales of Australian made agricultural machinery which, since 1940, have included over 15,000 units to the Ministry of Agriculture.

PLANS FOR GIANT PLANES

American Consolidated and Vultee Aircraft Companies are planning a giant bomber_transport plane that will make all others look like toys: they will carry 400 passengers from America to Europe in a few hours or make a non-stop return bombing trip.

WELL, THAT HIS IDEA

A Sydney airman now in Canada, John Greenwood, married an American girl immediately on getting his wings, and set out on a novel honeymoon to Chicago accompanied by the entire graduating class of the Royal Canadian Air Force School. The bride's reaction is not recorded.

QUITE RIGHT, TOO

NSW Police Appeals board has reinstated ex-constable Wilcox who had been dismissed for joining the RAAF without permission. The Commissioner did not contest the appeal as the result of advice from the Crown Solicitor.

HOARD UNDER MATTRESS

Sentencing 19 year old J.K.Horne to three years on Saturday after a plea of Guilty of having broken into the Chatswood home of Eliza Scoula the Sydney Quarter Sessions Judge Studdert said the accused had stolen £500 , an entire life's savings kept under the bed mattress of an eighty year old woman. Moral: Buy War Savings Certificates.

CHILD TRAGEDY

The Sydney City Coroner, investigating the death of 12 year old Ernest Freeland of Glebe, was told by his playmate William Herbst of Chippendale how he and an eight year old brother left the deceased in a locked building after his fall from a factory roof, and were afraid to tell anyone for several hours, finally confiding in their mother.

LETTERS FOR POW

Sydney Red Cross has stated that 80,000 letters for prisoners of war in Jap hands had left Australia in a diplomatic ship several months ago, but so far the Red Cross had knowledge of only 30 letters from home being written by prisoners.

SOCIAL SECURITY FOR AUSTRALIA

Following the announcement of the British Social Security Plan involving contributions workers and employers and eventual generous pensions and sick and unemployment benefits, it is announced that the Australian Government is preparing a better scheme which will be non-contributary and may begin in war time if the Commonwealth is ceded sufficient powers.

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SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - Midland Town Hall, Tuesday 22 Dec!

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDER PART I - NO 110

BY

BRIGADIER N.M. FREEMAN DSO, COMMANDING 6TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP

8 DEC 42.

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1. TRAINING INSTR - TNG OF MOTOR CYCLISTS - MILITARY TNG PAM NO 24.

The appendices to Military Training Pamphlet No 24 - "Training of Motor Cyclists" 1941 will NOT be used in training.
Training in riding and maintenance will continue to be carried on as laid down by A.H.Q. 27099 of 16 MAR 42 except in the case of L of C Area MT Trg Depots which will continue to use the syllabus of training in L.H.Q. 125240 of 15 OCT 42, Appendix "B", Part III.
Maintenance of motor cycles will continue to be carried out as prescribed by Mechanical Vehicle Training Pamphlet No 1, Appendix "C".

2. TRAINING AREAS.

10 Aust LH Regt administrative area is :- Ref Map PINJARRA Strat. All incl WOODMAN Pt - ARMADALE - SERPENTINE - NORTH DANDALUP - CAPE BOUVARD.
Units will notify this HQ of any training exercises, shooting practices or movement of troops into or through 10 Aust LH Regt administrative area.
Notification to this HQ will include -

(a) approximate numbers of troops entering area.
(b) purposes for which troops are entering area, e.g. Battalion exercise, Artillery range practices, Bivouac.
(c) Dates and approximate times of entering and leaving the area.
(d) location of troops whilst in the area.
(e) danger area if shooting practice is to take place.

Notification Vide paras 2 and 3 above will be forwarded to reach this HQ at least 7 days before troops enter 10 Aust LH administrative area.
On receipt of the above notification HQ 4 Aust Div is to notify 10 Aust LH Regt of troop movement into their administrative area.

3. TRAINING - ARTY REGTS & A/TK BTYS.

Although Fd Regts and A/Tk Btys are for the time being part of Bde Groups of operational purposes, direction of their training will be exercised through RAA 4 Aust Div. This is not intended to lessen the close co-operation which must exist between Arty and Inf. Fd Regts and A/Tk Btys however, require considerable technical etc training to reach and maintain the standard necessary to render such co-operation effective.
When it is desired that Fd Regts and A/Tk Btys co-operate in Bn and Bde exercises prior reference to RAA 4 Aust Div for the release of such Regt from its normal training programme will be made.

F.J. Nicholls

(F.J. NICHOLLS) Major.
Brigade Major 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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4. OUT OF BOUNDS. As from 6 DEC 42, road from road junction Great Eastern Highway (967538) to road junction 994544 is out of bounds to all vehicles except those which are moving to HQ 4 AUST DIV. Map references are to PERTH Sheet 1" to 1 Mile.

(F.R.HIGGS) CAPT.
Staff Captain, 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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The Japs have a bad day in the air over Papua:
Nazi armoured units make progress in Tunisia:
Nazi counterattacks do not check Red offensive.

AFRICA — HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR TEBURBA

It is difficult to gain a clear picture from the news of the fighting in Tunisia: there are apparently major clashes between armoured units especially in the neighbourhood of Teburba which is about 20 miles due west of Tunis. There are vague reports in circulation from Morocco and other stations but it looks as though we will have to wait a day or two for official statements.

RUSSIA — FRESH RED OFFENSIVE?

Heavy snowstorms are being experienced on all the Russian fronts, causing drifts out of which tanks and motorised vehicles have to be dug, and presenting great difficulties for Soviet sappers in the location of German minefields. The fighting increases in intensity every hour as the enemy rushes up strong reiforcements in anattempt to stem the Red Army's advances. Both S of Rjev and SW of Stalingrad the Nazis, profiting by last winter's experience, have massed large quantities of heavy and light guns which are slowing down Red progress. Despite German counter-attacks there is no sign of a large-scale counter-offensive. The time is opportune for such a move while the Reds are most vulnerable after the first phase of their offensive and regrouping for the next stage. An eraly Soviet offensive at Voronej is very likely, and would be aimed at preventing the sending of Nazi reinforcements to relive the armies at Rjev and Stalingrad. Large Nazi reinforcements are being flown to the German forces at Rjev and Stalingrad. Our allies claim that 43 troop carriers were shot down yesterday.

NEW GUINEA — 18 JAP PLANES SHOT DOWN

In airfights yesterday over the Buna-Gona area the Japs sustained the following losses: 6 bombers, 5 divebombers, 8 Zeros and 2 other planes shot down or wrecked on the ground. The Allied losses were negligible. This brings the Jap losses in the Papuan sector to nearly 100 planes in less than a fortnight. New types of Wirraways are being used as dive-bombers. The Japs were making persistent attacks on our lines in an attempt to relieve their dwindling garrison hemmed in along the Buna Gona beach-head. Meanwhile allied bombers pounded the Jap bases of Lae, New Guinea, Gasmata, New Britian and New Ireland. Lae in particular has suffered and the drome is littered with wrecked planes. The runways have been broken up time after time but the Jap repair squads apparently soon put them in order again.

SOLOMONS — JAPS MAY TRY AGAIN

Despite Jap losses of 28 warships in the last battle thereis a feeling that they may try again to land troops and heavy artillery on Guadalcanal, using even larger forces. If so the US fleet will not be caught by surprise. The Japs will be challenged by a strong and complete force ranging up to battleship strength. Under Admiral Halsey, hard-hitting seaman of the Nelson tradition, whose first general signal after taking over from Admiral Ghormley was "Strike!" the US fleet is imbued with an eager determination to get to grips with the enemy who, one year ago yesterday, struck treacherously at Pearl Harbour.

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NOTICES: Symphony Concert - Brilliant programme in Midland Town Hall on Tuesday 15 Dec.

HOW ABOUT a Correspondence Course? 20 men in the Bde are already receiving tuition. What are YOU going to do when the war is over? Have you a job to go back to? Arm yourself for the Peace. Be ready to step into employment as an expert by taking an AES Correspondence Course.
Your Unit Education Officer will give you full particulars.

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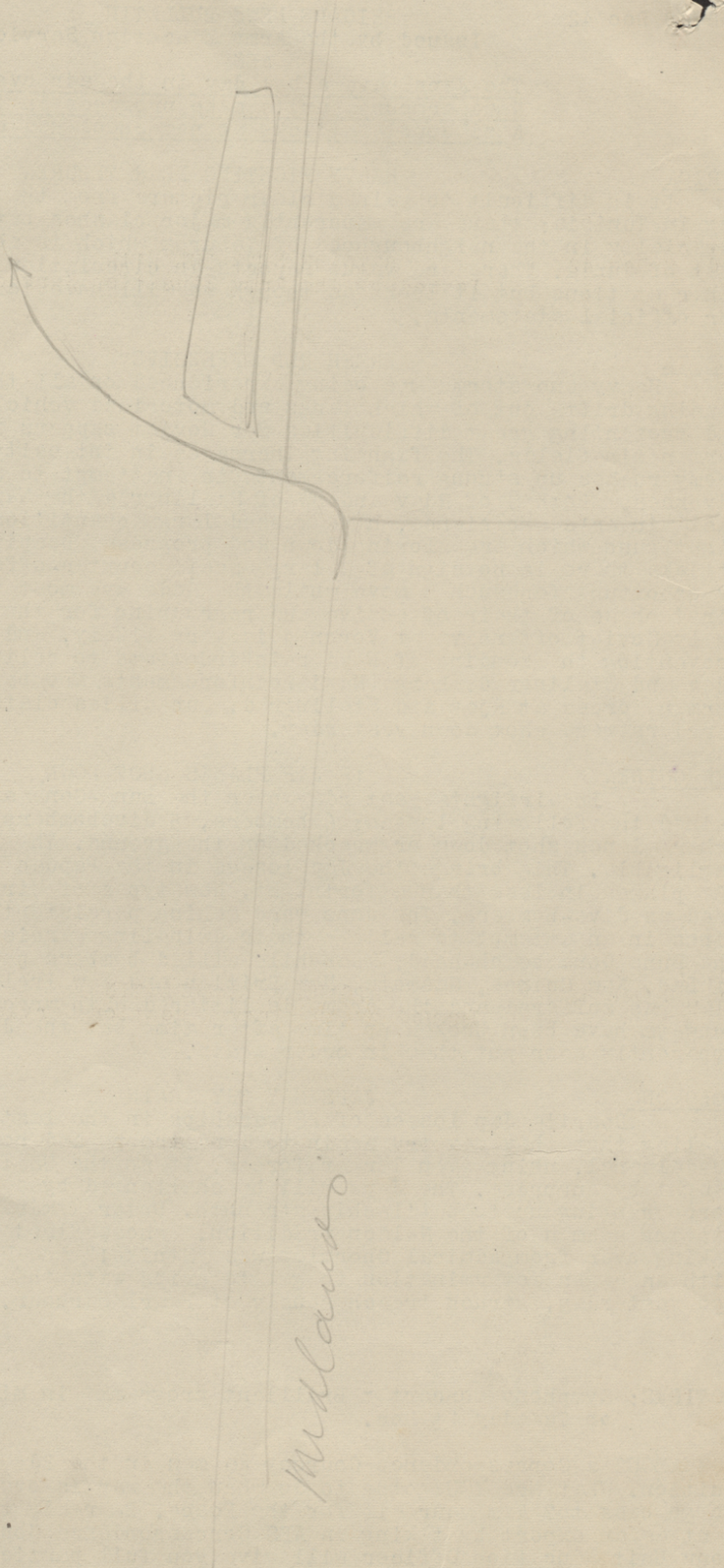

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WATER DUTIES PERSONNEL TRG SCHOOL.

School for trg water duty men in the units will be conducted at HQ 6 Aust Fd Amb, HELENA VALE Racecourse, from 14 DEC till 19 DEC 42.

2. Students will report to Maj KYLE, HELENA VALE Racecourse 0900 hrs 14 DEC 42.

3. Nominal Rolls of students to attend school will be forwarded to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 11 DEC 42.
Vacancies are allotted as follows :-

14/32 Aust Inf Bn	2
38 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	2
15 Aust Fd Regt	2
33 A/Tk Bty	1
6 Aust Fd Coy	1
23 Coy AASC	1
HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde	1
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4. Students will take all personal gear, bedding, notebooks and pencils. Rentage will be supplied by 6 Aust Fd Amb.

5. Each unit will supply one set Water testing Sterilization (Horrocks).

6. 23 Coy AASC will make available one water cart for the duration of the school.

7. Lieut FRASER will arrange for supplies of Kiesolguhr and Alum to be available for the School.

(F.J.NICHOLLS) Major.
Brigade Major, 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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ROUTINE ORDER PART I - NO 111

BY

BRIGADIER N.M. FREEMAN DSO, COMMANDING 6TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP

9 DEC 42.

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1. PHONETIC ALPHABET. With effect from 1st JANUARY 1943, the use of the existing Phonetic Alphabet will be discontinued and the following will be adopted :-

A	ADAM	J	JIG	S	SUGAR
B	BAKER	K	KING	T	TARE
C	CHARLIE	L	LOVE	U	UNCLE
D	DOG	M	MIKE	V	VICTOR
E	EASY	N	NAN	W	WILLIAM
F	FOX	O	OBOE	X	X-RAY
G	GEORGE	P	PETER	Y	YOKE
H	HOW	Q	QUEEN	Z	ZED
I	ITEM	R	ROGER		

Necessary amendments to appropriate Signal Training Manuals will be issued in due course. This infmn is to be promulgated to all ranks by unit arrangement.

(F.J. NICHOLLS) Major.
Brigade Major 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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2. V2[illegible] LVR CARGEE A.R. Unit showing this soldier on strength will advise this HQ by 1800 hrs 10 DEC 42.

3. RAZOR BLADES. Razor blades are now an A.A.S.C. supply and should be indented for through the normal A.A.S.C. channels.

4. CURRENT AFFAIRS BULLETIN. A.C.A.B. discussion based on Current Affairs Bulletin Vol 2 No 6 will be broadcast at 1000 hrs on Sunday 13 DEC 42. Units will make every endeavour to ensure that this broadcast is heard by troops, and Unit Education Officers will report on the reception and the number of tps attending. Report to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 15 DEC 42.

E. O'Keeffe Lieut for

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

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1. SCHOOLS & COURSES. Cases have recently occurred where units have NOT
(a) read and complied with Joining Instructions for Schools and Courses. In addition to units ensuring that Joining Instructions are followed they will also acquaint students with those instructions before despatching them to the Schools.
(b) NOMINATIONS. Whilst realizing that, in many cases, notice given is very short units must submit nominations so that they reach this HQ on or before the date laid down in instructions.
No change will be made once nominations have been submitted without the approval of 4 AUST DIV having been first obtained.
(c) MOVEMENT. It has been reported that students are not travelling as ordered - students are also reporting without arms and equipment as directed in Joining Instructions. The consequent late arrival of students is causing wastage in rations and petrol and unnecessary delay through students having to be equipped.

2. P.A.D. (a) SLIT TRENCHES. On moving into new areas, or when halted for long periods, personnel must be educated to the fact that slit trenches are a first priority task. Slit trenches in present camp areas are caving in, and are being used as rubbish pits. The attitude of mind that, once a slit trench is dug, responsibility ceases, must be discouraged, and maintenance of trenches must be carried out regularly.
(b) M.T. As units are at present in a semi-permanent camp, there is a necessary concentration of M.T. in unit areas. The possibility of air action must not be overlooked. Provision must be made in PAD schemes and/or Camp Standing Orders for action to be taken in the event of Air Raids or Alerts. These provisions should provide for MT to be manned and removed to dispersal areas from present sites which are ideal air targets. When these provisions have been put into effect, exercise alerts should be ordered at frequent and irregular intervals until personnel are familiar with their duties, dispersal areas, routes, etc. Practice should then be carried out regularly each week.

((F.J. NICHOLLS) Major.
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3. DEFACING OF TARGETS — It is reported that personnel from this Bde are defacing Range Targets and dummies by inscribing names, numbers, and in some cases names of units thereon. Not only is this practice in direct contravention of Standing Orders, but it also constitutes a breach of Security. This practice will therefore cease forthwith.

4. RATIONS - XMAS DAY. — Approval has been given for expenditure of public funds to the extent of 1/- per member extra messing on Christmas Day. This is to be treated as a special additional supplementary ration and dealt with in accordance with G.R.O. 3160. It is essential to place orders with the bulk canteen at an early date to ensure supplies.

for Lieut

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

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There is still little news from N.Africa: The Russians claim that 130,000 Nazis are trapped in the Don-Volga bend:Allied planes rout another attempt to reinforce Buna.

N.AFRICA — NEWS SCARCE

An Allied communique says that an enemy attack on Sunday penetrated one of our positions, and our armoured units strongly counter-attacked causing them to withdraw. English papers are complaining of the muddled and confusing news service from the Tunisian front. There is little real news from the Libyan front. Correspondents reviewing Rommel's position say that he has the choice of defending good positions at El Agheila, counterattacking the 8th Army or withdrawing. It seems likely that he will continue his stand as he is not thought to be strong enough to attack , and there are no indications that the Tripoli and Misurata fortifications are being strengthened for him to fall back on.

RUSSIA — STEADY PROGRESS

Latest news indicates that the Red army is making some progress on both fronts.They are not out for spectacular territorial gains at the moment but aim to envelop enemy forces in pockets and destroy them.They claim that 130,000 Nazis are trapped before Stalingrad. Winter conditions alone do not solve the Russian problems but give the Red Army a relative advantage which it is exploiting to the full. Heavy fighting is reported west of Rjev with the issue in the balance. Each side is striving to encircle enemy units a ong swamps and woods which do not permit a decisive battle.Commander of the American Army Air Force Arnold is of the opinion that virtually all German planes in N.Africa (which have given the Nazis at least air parity with the Allies there) come from the Russian front - an example of how the fighting on widely separated fronts must be viewed to obtain a clear picture.

NEW GUINEA — 6 JAP DESTROYERS INTERCEPTED

Allied heavy bombers scored two direct hits with 500 lb bombs on the leader of 6 destroyers which they intercepted entering Huon Gulf in an effort to reinforce the Jap troops on Buna. The communique does not state that the destroyer was sunk but gives the impression that it was a total loss. This was the fifth attempt to support the land forces , and the total losses have been 6 destroyers, a light cruiser and some smaller vessels. Land fighting continued, the Allies throwing back a Jap counterattack and inflicting heavy loss.

FRANCE — FRENCH NAVY. RIOTS AT LYONS

Washington announces that 20 of the 75 French warships which were in Toulon harbour when the Germans marched in are intact and in Nazi hands. 51 were sunk or damaged, 4 escaped, though some of the damaged ones can probably be repaired. Those afloat include 2 light cruisers,3 flotilla leaders (destroyers) 3 destroyers, 4 subs, 2 gunboats, 1 [illegible] "demilitarised" battleship and 5 tankers. This information was obtained from aerial reconnaissance. The military magazines in the village at Milhoud, and the storage tanks at Mondrier are intact. There are reports of extensive riots at Lyons, which has always been a centre of resistance to the Vichy regime. The Nazis seized 100 people promiscuously and gaoled them, where they await their fate, which seems all too likely to be that of other French hostages. Drastic new lawas against Jews have been announced. They will receive new identity cards marked "Jew". Their courts and organizations will be suppressed and foreign or stateless Jews must not leave their communes. People who try to help them to evade existing decress will become punishable.

CHINA — NEW JAP DRIVE EXPECTED

In Chungking a Chinese army spokesman has emphasised the danger of an imminent Jap drive into Yunnan province. The Japs have landed several thousand additional troops in Haiphong, and their air force in Indo-China, Burma and Thailand is estimated at 800 planes.

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HQ 6 AUST INF BDE GP
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P & R T AND UNARMED COMBAT COURSES

1. OBJECT. These courses are run to improve the physical fitness and develop the offensive spirit of the individual soldier.

2. DURATION. Courses will be of ten half days as shown in para 5.

3. PERSONNEL TO ATTEND. All offrs NCO's and OR's other than those who attended the previous courses run by Capt HANTKE and those on essential duties and fatigues will attend. Students will attend regularly to obtain the full benefit from the course.

4. ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS. (a) Reporting. The following will report to Capt HANTKE CI of school daily at 0830 hrs 14 DEC 42 at paddock opposite CHAPEL FARM map ref MUNDARING 1 inch 034588:-

Sgt ADAMS R.L.	14/32 Bn
Cpl BIGGINS A.J.	14/32 Bn
Cpl SMITH K.	30 Bn
Gnr IVORY	15 Fd Regt

(b) Accommodation and Messing: Assistant Instructors (with the exception of Gnr IVORY) will be quartered with their respective units except for the midday meal. Instructions for Gnr IVORY will be issued seperately.

(c) Midday Meal: Assistant Instructors will bring messing gear each day and will have midday meal at 23 Coy AASC.

(d) Transport: 2/2 Pnr Bn will make available one 15 cwt truck from 1200 hrs until 1730 hrs daily commencing on 14 DEC 42 to tpt assistant instructors from 2/2 Pnr Bn site to 23 Coy AASC site.

5. LOCATION OF SCHOOLS. Courses will be run in accordance with the time table set out below:-

Course No.	Date From To	Daily times	Place	Personnel to attend.
1	14/23 DEC	0900-1200	Paddock opp CHAPELS FARM map ref MUNDARING 1 inch 034588 Paddock opp No 8 site.	6 Fd Coy 2/2 Pnr Bn
2	14/23 DEC	1400-1730	map ref MUNDARING 1 inch 034523.	23 Coy AASC 10 ORs 6 Fd Amb 2 coys 38 Bn portion HQ 6 Bde.

7. REPORTING. Senior offr and/or NCO of each unit party will parade personnel to CI half an hour prior to commencement of instructions daily. Parade state will be given.

8. MEDICAL. One medical orderly with kit will be present during each parade. 2/2 Pnr Bn will provide orderly for course 1. 23 Coy AASC will provide orderly for course 2.

9. DRESS. Shorts, shirts, boots will be worn, eqpt and arms will not be carried.

F J Nicholls

(F.J. Nicholls) Major.
Brigade Major 6 Aust Inf Bde.
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Commons hold secret session on N.Africa: Turin comes under the RAF again: a desperate sortie by the Japs on Papua fails: Nazis partially stem the Soviet onslaught.

NORTH AFRICA — COMMONS DEBATE

There is no news of importance from either of the N.African fronts. At a secret session of the House of Commons Mr.Churchill made a statement on the fighting there and also about the Allies' relations with Admiral Darlan. No statement has been issued and it is not known if one will be. Sidelight - the Berlin radio announced that when police raided Darlan's French residence they found he was a large scale hoarder and blackmarketer who used air trips for clandestine purchases of foof stuffs. Why didn't Dr,Goebbels discover this before?

ITALY — GOOD WEATHER FOR BOMBING

Turin came under 8000 and 4000 lb bombs as well as thousands of incendiaries on Tuesday night. Clear weather made for good bombing conditions, and the sheels of buildings wrecked in previous raids were clearly visible by the light of flares and subsequently, the fresh fires our aircraft started. These "lit up the peaks of the Alps". After Mussolini's promise that more guns were coming from Germany (presumably the Italians still suffer from the butter complex) to defend Italian industries our crews were on the lookout for much heavier opposition but there were still few guns and only about 6 searchlights. 2 Italian fighters were encountered but they made no attack.

PAPUA — GONA RESISTANCE OVERCOME

Latest news indicates that all Jap resistance has been overcome at Gona and only a strip of beach about Buna holds out. 120 Japs were killed when they made a determined effort to breal through the Allied ring round the Gona pocket. Our GHQ communique tells how in an air battle off the coast of New Britain between our bombers and Japfighters we shot down 10 of theirs and damaged 4 others which probably failed to reach their base. All our planes returned safely. Dealing with the New Guinea campaign a war correspondent says that young green-clad Australians are fighting a Red Indian war.. Most of the ingredients of blitz warfare - artillery, tanks, dive bombers and strafing planes - are nullified by conditions. It has become a personal duel between the clerk from Perth and the fatalistic, tough Jap soldier. He is an enemy who can lie doggo in camouflaged positions until the Aussies appear, who can sit for hours in tree-tops to snipe the first green uniform. His losses in the campaign have been much heavier than hours, but direct assaults upon machine gun posts and in areas alive with snipers are costly. This morning Mr.Curtin announced the New Guinea casualties, and although exact figures are not to hand there were about 2000 odd kwm of whom well over 600 were killed.

RUSSIA — SLOW PROGRESS

The situation can be summed up in the BBC phrase "if any advances are being made our Russian allies are making them". The Nazis are counter-attacking vigourously and it looks as though the Red advance is pretty well held.

AUSTRALIA — XMAS IN THE ARMY

Subject to operational requirements and parades necessary for administrative purposes, Xmas Day will be observed as an additional rest day in the Army, says Mr.Forde. Personnel retained for duty on Xmas Day would be permitted instead to take Boxing Day as a rest day. No extra leave would be granted troops during the Xmas or New Year holidays but the normal roster system would operate.

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A YEAR AGO Japan attacked Pearl Harbour. As a result America and Australia are at war with Japan. You can know more about this vast theatre of operations - the Pacific. You can be a full bottle on your facts by getting "Clash in the Pacific" or "The Pacific Islands" - booklets obtainable for half a dozen or so of you in your tent. Ask your Unit Education Officer for them.

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

GUIDE TO AUSTRALIA

Washington D.C. announces the issue to to US forces of a "Pocket Guide to Australia". It is mostly humourous, pithy and pointed, but published extracts show some quaint errors, including information that the ferocity of Australian football crowds is such that football grounds have "covered runways" along which referees can escape the wrath of the onlookers. Containing mainly sound information the book assures Americans that its small population does not mak Australia helpless, and tells the story of the Yank who told an Aussie to go home now because the Americans were here to save him' to receive the reply"Are you? I thought you were a refugee from Pearl Harbour?" The book libels the Australian accent but praises Australian courage, resourcefulness and hospitality.

EQUAL WAGES FOR SEXES

The Women's Employment Board yesterday made decisions which will abolish for the duration of the war distinctions between the sexes in some sections of the Commonwealth public services.

PRESENT FOR A GOOD STATE

Transport Minister Lawson announced yesterday the granting of 6000 special train miles over Xmas to Victoria, but none to other states, explaining that the Victory concession was a percent reduction from normal and resulted from that state's reduction of normal running by 12000 miles weekly.

ARMY HOSTEL IN SYDNEY

The War Cabinet has approved of the acquisition of a building similar to Air Force House for an army hostel and the first £5000 loss will be charged against a special amenities fund controlled by the Commander in Chief

FOR THOUGHT

An old man whose body was found in the sea at Manly left a suitcase under a promenade seat containing 2 letters, a will and 10/-. One letter contained information for the coroner and the other instructions to the police to give the money to the finder as a reward for his trouble.

CLERGYMAN ON SPORT

When the Rev.George Cowie, minister of the Fullarton Memorial Church, condemned raceless Saturdays at the funeral of the late Fred Bluett, radio and stage star, the Sydney Presbytery disassociated itself from his remarks."I know what I said and am not saying any more here" said Cowie at a meeting.

CASH REPLACES KIND

More than 5000 recipients of Food Relief in BSW wil receive cash instead of food in future, announced Social Services Minister Hamilton Knight yesterday.

FUEL RESTRICTIONS FOR AIF

The Commonwealth Liquid Fuel Board has withdrawn the regulation permitting extra petrol to troops on pre-embarkation leave (or disrmbarkation), the cancellation operating in Victoria from 9 Dec. Board Chairman England explained that the decision resulted from the unfairness of giving ration concession to overseas but northern battle stations troops, and said it would still be given to troops returning wounded from active service.

CUT THEM OFF!

An officer of the Sydney SP squad says that illegal betting is now 75% less than in 1939, chiefly through the cooperation of the PMGs department in immediately cutting off phones indicated by the police.

STRONG WORDS FROM MINERS

Collie coal miners today waited on Mines Minister Panton claiming an enquiry into the methods of Amalgamted Collieries was needed, and declaring proper equipment would enable W.A. miners to produce all the extra coal now needed, and condemning "cost-plus" system as "one of the ramps crucifying coal industry".

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit ..... *Date and Time.—From* ..... *To* .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE	12 DEC		Bde Comd with L.O. I returned from recce BUNBURY - BUSSELTON	Casualty Returns
			ALBANY Area.	Routine Order No 113
				News Bulletin

E. Bush Capt for Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 6 Inf. Bde.

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HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

Casualty Return—Other Ranks

Date of last A.F. W.3011 rendered 5/12 19 42 Number of sheets attached to this return one

Detail of casualties to other ranks which have occurred since last return. The details should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotion (acting, temporary, local or substantive). Transfers, postings, attachments, etc., courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc. Leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items affecting a soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
VX102479	Pte	JAMES L.S.	HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde.	Strength Decrease	6/12/42	Trans to AALD 3 Aust Corps HQ
VX103961	S/Sgt	CLARK R.H.	"	Leave	8/12/42	Proceeded on A.R.L. - 24 days plus 4 days travelling time with pay and allowances.
VX103932	Pte.	KERSLAKE A.L.	"	"	11/12/42	2 " "
V 330072	"	SAUNDERS G.	"	"	"	" " "
VX103976	"	TREVENA N.E.	"	Strength Increase	10/12/42	From WA L of C Area ATTD KARRAKATTA

Date 12 DEC 42. 19

E O'Keeffe Lieut for Capt.
(Signature of Commander.)

HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde
4 Aust Div. (Unit.)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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Casualty Return—Other Ranks

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
VX87911	WOII	APPLETON W.	269 L.A.D.	Leave	8/12/42	Proceded on A.R.L. - 24 days plus 4 days travelling time with pay and allowances.
V57456	S/Sgt	EVANS A.M.	" "	Rejoined Unit.	7/12/42	From 2/1 A.G.H. after being on "X" List.
VX87913	Cpl	McCLUSKEY P.F.	" "	Leave	11/12/42	Proceeding on ARL - 24 days plus 4 days travelling time with pay and allowances.

Date 12 DEC 19 42

(Signature of Commander.) for Capt

269 L.A.D. (Unit.)

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

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CASUALTY RETURN—OFFICERS

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Rank	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Nature and date of casualty	Date	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated)
Lieut	VX106479	WILSON J.H.	Hq 6 Aust Inf Bde	Hospital	1/12/42	Adm 8 GGS BELLEVUE and posted "X" List
"	"	" "	" "	Strength Decrease	29/11/42	Ceases to be accntd and rejoins unit - 30 Bn. Authority - 3 Aust Corps memo A5100/16/6 of 6 DEC 42.

Lieutenant Col Capt

Signature of Commanding Officer.

Date 12 DEC 42.

Hq 6 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

4 Aust Div.

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

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269 L.A.D. (*Unit.*)

CASUALTY RETURN—OFFICERS

Detail of casualties to officers which have occurred since last return. The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, &c. Promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), transfers, postings, attachments, &c., courts-martial, leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next-of-kin with postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items connected with an officer's service.

Rank	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Nature and date of casualty	Date	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated)
Capt	VX108456	CHISHALL W.R.	HQ 6 AUST INF BDE	Leave	4/12/42	Proceeding on ARL - 2½ days plus 4 days travelling time with pay and allowance.

Signature of Commanding Officer.

Date 12 DEC 42.

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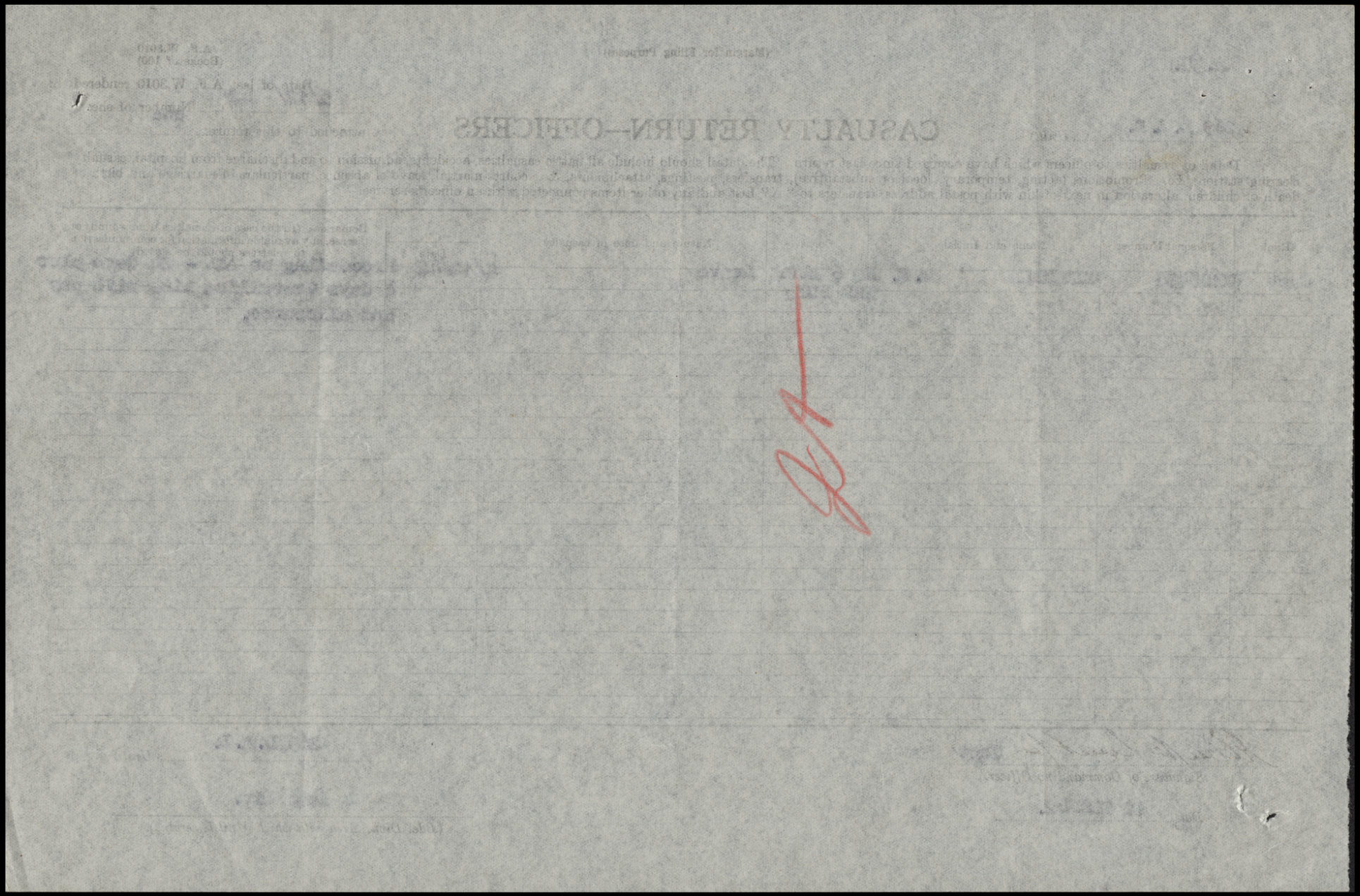

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ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 - NO 113

BY

BRIGADIER N.M. FREEMAN DSO, COMMANDING 6TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP.

12 DEC 42

"G"

F.J. Nicholls

(F.J. Nicholls) Major.
Brigade Major 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

"A"

1. WET REFUSE WORKING PARTY

Ref Bde R.O. 101 para 2 and 106 para 2. The daily fatigue supplied by duty unit will now consist of 1 NCO & 6 men. They must report at Sanitary Depot at 0900 and report to the foreman at that time. They will not leave the job until 1600 hrs unless the foreman is completely satisfied that no further work remains to be done. The foreman will NOT supervise the performance of the work, but will advise NCO in charge of parties whether the fatigue has been performed in accordance with Health - Bylaws. Any report to the contrary will be immediately investigated by unit. Any further complaints received by this HQ will be viewed seriously and disciplinary action will be taken.

F.R. Higgs

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

N O T I C E S

CHURCH PARADES

RC Church Parades Sunday 13 DEC. At Bush Hut AASC camp at 0700 hrs. RC Church MIDLAND at 0800 hrs for 4 POW. Red Shield Marquee 14/32 Bn site at 0845 hrs for 2/2 Pnr Bn, L.A.D., Bde HQ, 6 Fd Coy and 14/32 Bn. RC Church BELLEVUE at 0930 hrs for 6 Fd Amb. YMCA marquee 38 Bn area at 1000 hrs. Marquee 15 Fd Regt area at 1000 hrs.

Church Parades will be held at 2/2 Pnr Bn 0930 hrs, 6 Fd Coy 1030 hrs, 38 Bn 0830 hrs, 14/32 Bn at 0915 hrs, 6 Fd Amb 1015 hrs.

LOST

Paybook belonging to VX88829 Sig BRYANT C.M. in vicinity of PERTH on Thurs 10 Dec 42. If found please return to this HQ.

FOUND

1 pr spectacles on PERTH RY STA on 9 Dec 42 maker J.H.LUNNON, it is surmized they belong to soldier this Bde Gp. Owner contact RTO PERTH RY STA.

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Sat, 12 Dec 42

BRIGADE NEWS BULLETIN
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AES

The Russians make small local advances: patrols of the 8th Army are harrying the Nazis at El Agheila: the fighting at Buna is fiercer than ever: Turin is burning nicely.

RUSSIA — NAZI DRIVES HELD

There is little to add to yesterday's news that if any advances are being made the Reds are making them. On the Stalingrad front a c[illegible] counterattack by a strong Nazi force, heavily supported by artillery, was repelled after the arrival of Red reinforcements. In the Rjev area Soviet troops occupied an important, well defended strategic height after a 24 hour battle. Moscow claims that in the Velikye -Luki area (where the Nazis claimed successes yesterday) the Reds have advanced 7 miles and recaptured 13 populated places. After 3 weeks of fighting the Don-Volga battle continues to keep Von Hoth's residue, estimated at between 140,000 and 200,000 men, pinned against the Volga and Stalingrad. The Nazis are reported to lack food and ammunition and to be obtaining water from snow. Correspondents suggest that the Russians consider it more economical to allow shortages to weaken the Germans before the application of the coup-de-grace.

N.AFRICA — RAIN

Because rain had made the terrain impassable there was little activity in Tunisia on Wednesday except for patrolling of forward areas, says the Allied HQ communique. It is understood that Allied paratroops dropped SW of the city of Tunis have carried out a series of demolitions even to within 10 miles of Tunis. A message from Istanbul stated that hundreds of German planes were passing over Bulgaria and were believed to be heading for Tunisia by way of Greece. The 1stvArmy is reported to have its patrols heavily engaged with Rommel's outposts. The nazis are said to be nervous and open fire at anything.

ITALY — TURIN ALL LIT UP

Bright fires in Turin greeted RAF bombers as they crossed the Alps last night to bomb the Italian industrial centre. Lancasters, Stirlings, Halifaxes and Wellingtons participated in the raid. The captain's report indicates that the raid was highly successful. Our bombers apparently pass over Switzerland on their way to Italy, for the Swiss Minister in London has been instructed to protest against the RAFs violation of Swiss air. (Could someone write and tell the Swiss we have a war on at the moment?)

PAPUA — BUNA BATTLE

Since the capture of Gona fierce night-fighting has flared up at the remaining enemy Papuan coastal stronghold of Buna. Japs hemmed in there made a strong counterattack in an endeavour to loosen the Allied grip. It collapsed under withering small arms fire from our infantry and stiff hand to hand fighting followed. Much fierce fighting was around enemy pillboxes.

BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC — BAD MONTH FOR U-BOATS

November will be remembered by the German public as the month which began the process of explaining why U_boats have not achieved expectations. A great expeditionary force was landed in North Africa without the loss of a single ship. For every ship sunk after that force had landed a U_boat was sunk or severely damaged. Not a single US troop transport was sunk, and between Nov 8 and 15, 13 U-boats were sunk off N Africa alone..

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Perth Symphony Orchestra: Brilliant programme in Midland Town Hall on Tuesday 15 Ded at 1930 hours. AES show for the troops.

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

PLA TO ALTER W.A. HOTEL HOURS FAILS

It was revealed in the W.A. Legislative Assembly yesterday that a proposal to alter hotel hours to 11-7 instead of 10-6 during the summer was disapproved by Mr.Curtin as a breach of the undertaking given at a previous conference. The Acting Premier (Mr.Millington) expressed unwilligness to take up the matter as an issue with the Prime Minister.

PLAN SMASH IN NSW

Killed in a smash of 2 RAAF training planes which were in collision were Sgt.S.L.Jay of Lae (20) N.T.Beves of Lae (21) and K.B.Bussel of Ashfield (21). One plane fell in flames into a vacant paddock, the other hitting a large tree.

MEAT MEASURES

Commerce Minister Scully announces a big Australian mutton dehydration plan involving 12 new plants in NSW, Vic and Queensland, and said that Australia led the world in meat dehydration methods.

ASYLUM BLAZE

37 pateints of a New Zealand mental hospital died in a fierce fire at Dunedin. All were hopeless cases and when the fire destroyed their wing only two escaped by jumping from the building.

GANGSTERS FALL OUT

The shooting of William Mason of Armidale NSW is considered by detectives to be the result of an underworld feud. Shot in the stomach and elsewhere the victim absolutely refused to talk.

GRASSHOPPER PLAGUE

Grasshoppers are reaching plague proportions in some parts of NSW, notably Dubbo, Coonamble, Tamworth and the Upper districts

DOMESTIC REGULATIONS

The Federal Production executive has deferred the gazetting of regulations preventing the employment of of domestics without a permit until better machinery for control has been devised.

WORK FOR STUDENTS

Sydney says that university students failing in their annual exam and being refused the deferred exam will in future be employed in an attempt to meet the serious shortage of technical personnel in Australia.

MERGER PLAN

The vital AIF -AMF merger debate opened in Canberra yesterday with a motion militia men should not be conscripted to serve outside Australia. During the session 15 members spoke to the bill. Curtin is faced with a mutiny in his own ranks and Blackburn's motion has put him in a serious position. It depends whether he can command sufficient votes on the floor of the House as to whether he can adjourn Parliament until January.

MILITARY AUTHORITIES CRITICISED

Rider to a Coroner's verdict on the death of L/Cpl J.P.Taylor who was killed when the motor cycle on which he was a pillion rider crashed into an overturned sentry box near Canning Bridge during the blackout runs -- "It seemssstrange that although the sentry boc had on a previous occasion been blown over the roadway, no steps had been taken by the authorities concerned to secure the sentry boxes in their positions until after the fatality occurred."

AUSSIEOSSITIY

A single Australian, armed with a light machine gun, was deputed to guard several hundred Italian prisoners. An inspecting officer later found him with the gun in pieces, surrounded by interested Italians listening to his explanation of how it worked.

AES

NEWSBRIEF: Details of the new Rolls Royce Merlin 61 engine fitted to the new Spitfires reveal the horsepower of the engine which is a 12 cylinder job boosted to a new high, still secret, level by the adoption of an ingenious new system of supercharging and cooling.

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BRIGADE NEWS BULLETIN

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There is no news of major clashes on the Russian or African battle fronts: it is thought Rommel is preparing to retreat from El Agheila: another Jap reinforcement for Guadalcanal has been turned back.

N.AFRICA — WILL ROMMEL RETIRE?

Advancing in a two pronged thrust down Medjer valley, Nazi armoured columns were thrust back by the Allies on Friday. The Axis however appears to have the initiative and we are doing no more than holding them back. Reuter's man describes the Nazi repulse as the result of "split-second" coordination between our air and land forces. It is reported that General Eisenhower is well satisfied with with the cooperation of French officers and native troops. Such local assistance is extremely important as most American officers are only academically acquainted with the occupied terrain. Potential scope of the French militay cooperation is indicated by the number of French troops in N.Africa - estimated at 300,000. Also, French forces moved promptly in Tunisia, suffering between 20 and 30% of the Allied casualties. The only news from Libya, apart from British patrols pressing "Rommel's remnants" is of continuous movement behind the enemy lines, suggesting an Axis withdrwal to a fresh defensive line. The roads are busy with retiring transport and nothing but a fighting force appears to be left at El Agheila.

RUSSIA — RATS LEAVE SINKING SHIP?

Better flying weather has enabled the Nazis to further reinforce their trapped armies at Stalingrad and west of Moscow, but it is reported that officers of high rank are being withdrawn from these areas. They are still stubbornly resisting the Russian envelopment and attack, but the Reds continue to make small local gains. In Stalingrad itself the Nazis appear to be getting ousted pillbox by pillbox.

SOLOMONS — JAPS TURNED BACK

This morning's news tells of another Jap attempt to reinforce Guadalcanal from the sea being driven back with loss by American forces. The American losses were very light, 1 torpedo boat being mentioned.

NEW GUINEA — JAP RESISTANCE CRUMBLING

16 prisoners only were taken in the Gona pocket, so that it may be expected the Japs will hold on almost literally to the last man at Buna, but their destructionseems inevitable. "With Gona reduced, Buna cannot hold out much longer. We are entitled to begin looking ahead for the next steps in the SW Pacific war" says the New York Herald-Tribune. "The elimination of the Japs from Buna would definitely confirm the repulse of the major Jap threat against Australia via New Guinea and the Solomons. It would mean the end of the essentially defensive campaign to protect Eastern Australia. It should be possible to exert a powerful pressure against Lae and Salamaua, whose capture would directly menace the rear of the whole Jap operation in the Solomons".

ITALY — STILL TURIN

If the residents of Turin (such as are left) are not used to the nightly blasting of Turin the RAF must be. They were there again last night, as well as at Palermo in Sicily. (It is reported that thousands of workers have fled from Turin's great aircraft factories). Our losses in these raids were slight. Stockholm reports that a hundred thousand Italians staged an attractive demonstration for the Pope as he left St. Peter's after a service during the week, shouting "Long Live Peace". The Government explains this as a tribute to the Pope's prewar efforts to keep Italy out of the fighting, and compares it to Mussolini's own attitude.

AES

TUESDAY NIGHT - PERTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA at Midland Junction Town Hall. AES show for the troops - a programme for all music lovers - Fandango from Spanish Caprice, excerpts from Tchaikowski 4th Symphony, Henry VIII Dances, The Blue Danube, Carnival Overture. 1930 hours.

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

MERCER PLAN

The debate in the House of Representatives on Curtin's AIF-Militia merger plan opened in an atmosphere of tension owing to the attitude of a few labour members and there was opposition to the Prime Minister's efforts to adjourn Parliament. Most of Caucus resent the opposition fostered by the Victorian member Calwell, believing it exposes labour to the risk of a big split.

MOSMAN AT WORK

Mosman War Dressing Centre has undertaken the making of one million three hundred and forty thousand gauze pads for use by the US Operating Theatre Unit.

WHEAT PRICES

Commerce Minister Scully announces that arrangements have been finalised to pay wheat growers four shillings a bushel on first 3000 bushels produced.

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION CORPS STRIKE

Reversing their decision of last week the NSW Trades and Labour Council decided to support the Buildings Trades Union recommendations that Stop Work meetings of all members of the Civil Construction Corps should be held throughout NSW on Jan 11 to hear reports of grievances.

AFTERMATH OF TUNNEL TRAGEDY

Following the recent tragedy when fumes in Swan View tunnel overcame a train crew, the WA Parliament debated means of overcoming the dangers involved, suggestions being airshafts, and converting of the tunnel to a cutting.

AUSTERITY LOAN

With 5 days to go the Loan still needs 15,000,000 and subscribers number about 300,000.

SCHOOL STRIKE

"Too silly" Pingelly State School strike continues, the WA Education Dept., having refused to accept the parents' suggestions following an inspection by Mr. Murray Little which showed that only 1 half-cast and one white child had running sores. The parents insist that half cast children should have their own classes and lavatory accomodation etc.,

AUSTERITY SUITS

Tailors are claiming a victory over Victory suits. A waistcoat is now permitted and tailors are urging permission for cuff bottoms and wider trousers, pointing out that suit lengths now in stock permit this without waste, also that cuffs add substantially to the life of the pants.

GOOD ENGLISH

Hollywood has deleted from the Noel Coward film "In which we Serve" the phrase "God help the bloody so-an-so's" and British producers say they will forego American profits rather than submit. The film which is immensely popular in London is the story of a destroyer, and the Information Minister told a laughing House of Commons that the expression, used by men on a raft, was "seamanlike and appropriate"

FILM OF PAPUAN WIN

The Information Minister announces that a film showing the Aussies' advance in New Guinea is now being exhibited at 45 theatres in Great Britain, having been widely shown in USA, Canada, and S.Africa.

WOMEN AT WAR

Melbourne saw its first parade of 4 different services when 1500 women in uniform marched splendidly in support of the Austerity Loan appeal.

HEAT WAVE

The hot spell continued everywhere over the week-end with, if anything, an increase in temperatures. Saturday's readings were Perth 97, Guildford 102, Maylands 100. Marble Bar (often said to be not only WA's, but also th world's hot spot) kept its steady 106.

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HQ 6 AUST INF BDE GP
AUSTRALIA

MARCHING, HANDLING OF ARMS, GUARDS ETC

The time has come for a general tightening up of trg and discipline throughout the Bde Gp. It has been noted by me that in many cases the standard of marching and handling of arms is still far from satisfactory, while in certain units the standard of performance of guard duties is deplorably low. Every man including clerks, batman, drivers, storeman etc must receive a thorough trg in the arms of the unit with whom he serves and a certion proportion of every working day devoted to the trg of all such personnel. While on the subject of guards it is apparent that in some cases insufficient preliminary trg has been given to enable such guards to function efficiently. Units will in future ensure that the RSM devotes sufficient time daily to the trg of each successive guard supplied by his unit. It is painfully apparent that many NCOs in charge of guards do not know the simplest routine connected with their duties. For example after turning out and giving the "Present Arms" to the inspecting General or other officer so entitled, the NCO in charge should then give the order "Slope Arms" without waiting for the inspecting officer to so instruct him.

In only too many cases the guard is left at the "Present" for a lengthly period, the NCO in charge apparently being under the impression that it is the duty of the inspecting officer to instruct him to bring the guard to the "Slope". A Unit is often judged largely by the standard of the guards mounted by it and, to put the matter mildly, many of our guards are of distinctly second rate quality.

LEAVE

Now that all ranks have had the opportunity of visiting PERTH at least twice during shopping hours, leave (in the proportion of 10%) will in future conform to the exact period permitted, the leave train will in future leave as follows. Administrative Instructions will be issued later.

In addition local evening leave to MIDLAND JUNC may at the discreation of COs be granted on the proportion of 10% nightly. In special cases only leave may at the discretion of COs be granted out of camp for Xmas dinner to those who have been extended invitations to private homes. This privilege must not be abused and the number kept as low as possible for reasons of transport which will NOT be provided by units.

(N.M. Freeman) Brigadier.
Commanding 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

DISTRIBUTION

15 Fd Regt	(3)		
33 Bty A Tk	(1)		
6 Fd Coy	(2)		
14/32 Bn	(3)		
38 Bn	(3)		
2/2 Pnr Bn	(3)		
23 Coy AASC	(2)		
6 Fd Amb	(2)		
DOW	(1)		
DOFP	(1)		
Brig	(1)	War Diary	(1)
BM	(1)	Spare	(3)
SO	(1)	File	(1)

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War Diary

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LOCATION REPORT NO 10 - 6 AUST INF BDE GP

SECRET

AS AT 1200 HRS 14 DEC 42

Serial No.	Full Name of Unit	Scale 4 Miles to 1 inch		Scale 1 inch to 1 mile		Remarks
		Ref Map	Map Ref	Ref Map	Map Ref	
1	HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde	PERTH	39930593	PERTH	993593	Camp No 1.
2	K Sec Sigs 4 Aust Div	"	39930593	"	993593	" " "
3	269 L.A.D.	"	40170581	MUNDARING	017581	" " 6
4	15 Aust Fd Regt	"	40400535	"	040535	" " 13,14. Moving to PINJARRA 375014 on night 16/17 DEC.
5	F Sec Sigs	"	40400535	"	040535	" " " "
6	218 L.A.D.	"	40400535	"	040535	" " " "
7	33 Bty 109 A Tk Regt	PINJARRA	37450122	ROCKINGHAM	745122	Manouvres.
8	Rear HQ 33 Bty A Tk	PERTH	40510542	MUNDARING	051542	Camp No 12
9	6 Aust Fd Coy RAE	PINJARRA	37109790	ROCKINGHAM	710790	Training
10	14/32 Aust Inf Bn	PERTH	40440590	MUNDARING	044590	Camp No 4
11	38 Aust Inf Bn	"	40510585	"	051585	" " 3
12	2/2 Aust Pnr Bn(Less A Coy)	"	40380591	"	038591	" " 5
13	A Coy 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	KEELERBERRIN	645105	-	-	Working party F.A.D. BOORAAN.
14	23 Coy AASC	PERTH	40330523	MUNDARING	033523	Camp No 9
15	6 Aust Fd Amb -					
	HQ Coy	"	40370555	"	037555	Helenavale Racecourse CCS.
	A Coy	"	40830593	"	083543	Camp No 19 M.D.S.
	B Coy one sec	"	42940604	"	294604	Chidlows Wells A.D.S.
	B Coy one sec	PINJARRA	39920076	ROCKINGHAM	992076	MUNDIJONG A.D.S.
16	A Sec 2/5 Dental Unit	PERTH	40440590	MUNDARING	044590	Att 14/32 Bn
17	C Sec 2/5 Dental Unit	"	40510585	"	051585	Att 38 Bn
18	F Sec 2/5 Dental Unit	"	40380591	"	038591	Att 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn
19	4 DOW AEME 6 Bde Gp Sec	"	40400563	"	040563	Camp No 17
20	4 DOFP AEME 6 Bde Gp Sec	"	40400563	"	040563	" " "
21	6 Aust Inf Bde Gp FPO	"	39930594	PERTH	993594	" " 1 FPO 164

A.D. Bowling Lt
Lieut.
I.O. 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION - LEAVE

PERTH LEAVE

This HQ instruction 7/42/85 of 25 NOV 42 is cancelled. Night leave to PERTH will commence 15 DEC 42.

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

MONDAY TO SATURDAY (Friday excepted)

Ex BELLEVUE 1610
Ex MID JUNC 1620

Trains depart PERTH 2340 for return journey.

SUNDAYS

Ex BELLEVUE 1230
Ex MID JUNC 1240

Return train PERTH 2340 hrs. for return journey.

3. Allottment and Entraining stations. NOT more than 10% will be granted leave daily. Entraining stations as per 7/42/85 of 25 NOV 42.

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

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

6. Entraining offr and an OC train will be provided by units in accordance with following schedule:

Monday	- 14/32 Bn
Tuesday	38 Bn
Wednesday	2/2 Pnr Bn
Thursday	14/32 Bn
Saturday	38 Bn
Sunday	2/2 Pnr Bn

Entraining officer for the day will report to RTO at 1730 hrs Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat and at 1130 hrs Sundays to inspect leave train and to proceed to BELLEVUE for train.

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

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

9. All personnel will carry paybooks and leave passes.

10. Attention is drawn to GRO 35. The necessity for the strictist

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control of dress, demeanour and conduct of troops on leave is stressed. Strong disciplinary action will be taken in respect of tps NOT maintaining a high standard of conduct.
Breaches will have the effect of cancelling all local leave.

LOCAL LEAVE

11. Local leave to MIDLAND JUNCTION may be granted at the discretion of COs on the proportion of 10% nightly.
Transport will NOT be provided for this leave. Leave passes will be issued and will NOT be extended beyond 2400 hrs.

(F.R. Higgs) Capt.
Staff Capt 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
14 DEC 42.

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RTO Midland June
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Rommel is in full flight across Tripolitania: the Nazis are making determined efforts to break through the Russian encirclement in Russia the Axis, although knocked back at Medjez appear to hold the initiative.

AFRICA

ROMMEL'S REMNANTS IN FLIGHT

Rommel 's troops are already 40 hours on their way back across Tripolitania, having been driven from their El Agheila line and allowing the greatest British penetration from Egypt since the war began. British aircraft are taking heavy toll of the Nazi columns, which, it is thought, will not attempt a stand until they reach Misurata, over 200 miles to the NW along the coast, and only a little over 1 0 miles from Tripoli itself. Some commentators think, in fact, that no further serious stand will be made in Libya at all, but the Axis will concentrate on an all-out defence of Tunisia. The news of Rommel's retreat has not yet been made known to the German people. In the meanwhile Alexander and Montgomery's armoured forces, which have been carefully grouped for the advance, are pouring forward supported by our planes, and Axis prisoners are beginning to come in. In Tunisia the Allies are firmly holding the town and roads from Teburba area and Massicault along which the Axis General Nehring previously launched tank attacks which we repulsed, the Nazi losses of mechaised units being estimated as high as 50%. Nehring did not fall back but altered his tactics to infiltration methods which were stopped by Allied patrols. Another Axis drive is expected here at any time, though much depends on the weather, rains having softened the terrain already.

RUSSIA

DETERMINED NAZI EFFORTS TO BREAK OUT

The Nazis are making the most determined efforts to break through the Russian ring before Stalingrad. Moscow "REd Star " says "The German commanders' determination to keep troops in perilous positions in the Stalingrad area is attributable to Hitler's persistent feverish desire to capture the city." The Russians destroyed more than 400 Axis planes last week, including many heavy transport planes. On all fronts the Russians continue to batter at the Nazi defences.

PAPUA

JAP POSITIONS BOMBARDED

Activity about Buna appears to be confined to artillery bombardment of the Jap positions, and mopping up of isolated Jap groups who broke out to the west before the fall of Gona. Commenting on the campaign "The Times"(London) says "What difficulties and dangers the tough, wily foe could not contrive the tormenting climate and inhospitable country did but Australian stamina was superior to all hindrances and hazards. Jap conquests can be made to yield to a properly planned, boldly directed counter-offensice".

SOLOMONS

FURTHER DETAILS OF JAP DEFEAT AT SEA

On Friday evening a formation of 11 Jap destroyers heading for Guadalcanal was sighted, apparently proceeding to the island to reinforce and supply troops there. Douglas Dauntless divebombers attacked and scored 2 hits. Our naval forces then took up the fight, sinking one destroyer, setting fire to another (which probably sank) and badly damaging a third. We lost one torpedo boat.

FRANCE

PETAIN COERCED

To the German occupation of France Petain could only reply "I can only bow to your decisions, which have had painful repercussions throughout the country" says Vichy radio. Hitlet has emphasised that France must collaborate to the utmost with Germany if she is to extricate herself from her present "very low" condition. Germany will welcome recruits for a "Tricolour Legion" to fight against Russia. Meanwhile, Madagascar, recently occupied and pacified by British forces, has been handed over to the control of the Fighting French.

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

ADELAIDE CRIME

Three murdered men were found in a building in Hondley St.,Adelaide which was damaged by fire yesterday. The victims were shockingly battered about the head with a small adze or butcher's cleaver, and were civilian Horace L.Heysed about 50 of Parkside, an unidentified civilian believed to be Harry Nicholas about 50, and a soldier believed to be Allen Gordon Davies of Waterloo St., Glenelg. Each was in a different room, 2 being dead when firemen fought their way through smoke and the third dying in hospital. Last night detectives arrested two munition workers, charging them with assault and robbery on the night at the same premises.

OWNERS REFUTE MINERS' CLAIMS

Replying to the Collie miners' assertion that better equipment at at Amalgamated Collieries would enable the men to supply all extra wartime demands, the colliery directors today claimed that absenteeism and go-slow tactics were to blame for W.A.'s coal shortage

MUSICAL OP.

Lacking horsehair to sew up the shattered face of a US airman "somewhere in Australia" a surgeon sterilised and used some hair from a violin bow.

HEAT WAVE

The present heatwave in Perth is the most prolonged for December since 1931, and, including all months, the longest since February 1933. For 6 successive days the temperature has been more than 95,. Minimums have not fallen below 70. Sunday's temeperature was 100.5.

AUSTRALIA'S ARMOUR

More machine gun carriers than the British Expeditionary Force took to France in 1939 took part in the "miles of munitions" parade through Sydney.

AIR ACE

The Air Department announces the winning by 21 years old pilot officer Adrian Phillips Goldsmith, of DFC, DFM and the Malta Cross, all in 4 weeks of fighting over Malta. Now back in Australia (he hails from the environs of Sydney) Goldsmith paid tribute to his dead Australian mates Sgt-Pilot Tony Boyd DFM and Sgt-Pilot Gordon Tweedale.

FUTURE IN THE AIR

American aero designers predict a huge postwar boom in commercial aviation, which will keep factories even busier than they are now. [illegible] The development of the private aircraft market was referred to, and cargo gliders with special tractor planes: a 250,000 pounds flying boat is at present under construction and it is expected that a half million pound mark would be reached early in the peace.

INDIAN OCEAN ACTION

A Nazi freighter of 8000 tons, carrying a valuable cargo from Japan to Europe, scuttled itself when approached by Allied naval units. Elaborate preparations had evidently been made for such a contingency, for the vessl sank only eight minutes after explosions had taken place on it. The crew were picked up and are now prisoners in Australia.

UNDERWORLD AFTERMATH

William Mason died in Sydney hospital yesterday. Although conscious most of the time, Mason died without giving the police any clue as to who shot him - a tribute to the old proverb of"honour among thieves."

NEW VICTORY SUITS

Owing (apparently) to the failure of the last Victory suit to win the war, a new type of suiting will be discussed by the tailoring trade with Mr.Dedman. It is desired to bring out an Australian suit that will eliminate as far as far as possible the use of imported materials.

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TONIGHT - Midland Junction Town Hall - 1930 hrs - Perth Symphony Orchestra

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Diary

SECRET

COPY NO. 13

6 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 27

(from information received up to 1200 hrs 14 DEC 42)

PART II ENEMY

General: The following extract from an AUSTRALIAN Intelligence Diary is of interest in the study of JAP organization and tactics.

"Within the platoon a communications NCO (Renrakukashi) maintains communication between sections either verbally or by using ordinary soldiers as runners"

This should be particularly useful in jungle warfare where control of most activities has to be to some extent decentralized. It is possible that this system in some measure contributes to the high standard generally accredited to JAP intercomm. Could not our Pl Sgts do this work?

PART III TOPOGRAPHY

1. A copy of Gazeteer of W.A. prepared by GSI WA L of C Area is now available for perusal at this office. Also available is a Route File Index covering main strategical roads in WA.

2. 38 Aust Inf Bn I Sec carried out recce of area bounded by refs 810660 - 830570 - 960610 - 996670 (PERTH one inch) TRACKS:- Generally most tracks are suitable for all classes of MT possible difficulty in places. Track NORTH from 919591 is very sandy, swampy and practically impassable throughout route. Wheel tracks are so low that trucks cannot clear stumps between wheel marks at 920622. Track running east from 890581 to 905581 is overgrown with timber and is hard to find.

Water: BENNETS BROOK is easily crossed per foot at map ref 943616. LAKE GNANGARA ref 860683, water very clear and mineralized. Excellent camping areas within area but fresh water is difficult to procure.
A windpump exists at 960615 with water slightly brackish but drinkable.

PART V - SECURITY

1. Visitors Books:

It has been noticed recently that the practice of offrs and ORs signing visitors books at Hotels, Clubs, Hostels and at Tourist resorts with, number, name, rank and unit is rapidly growing. It must be impressed on all offrs and ORs that this practice discloses the OOB in this state. On no account must the name of a unit be written in visitors or lodgers book.

Security within the group is poor particularly in regards to speech. It is so easy to disclose vital information unwittingly (particularly to the fair sex) that any conversation regarding military matters, once started will, eventually, give away information which once given, cannot be withdrawn. All ranks must be constantly warned against discussing units

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in an area, units which have recently vacated an area and probable future movement of our own and other formations' troops.

Many people in this area seem to "know" things. DONT you let yourself be the CONFIRMATION.

The use of green envelopes is abused. Troops must be lectured on security and censorship frequently and the use of the green envelope must be stressed. Cases have occured where soldiers have abused the green envelope and caused serious repercussions throughout this group. These envelopes are to contain personal matters only. Education of troops in "security sense" is the only sure means of ensuring the safeguarding of our interests in war.

Unit franking offrs must not relax in their admittedly arduous job.

E.H. Bush Capt
for Lieut.
I.O. 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
15 DEC 42

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BRIGADE NEWS BULLETIN
Issued by the Army Education Service
AES

Buna village is in our hands: the Soviet armies are pushing on: Montgomery is hard after Rommel across the desert: the Axis Tunisian bases have been blasted from the air.

PAPUA — BUNA FALLS, JAPS SPLIT

After sustaining terrific ground and aerial bombardment Buna village fell into Allied hands on Monday: the remaining Jap forces in Papua being thus split in two and the area controlled by them appreciably diminished. A heavy mortar barrage paved the way for our troops. Meanwhile the enemy attempted a new landing about 50 miles further up the coast about Mambare Bay. 2 cruisers and 3 destroyers launched a large number of landing barges packed with troops: they were spotted by a squadron of Beaufighters which, armed with cannon and machineguns, were in their element in smashing such a landing force. They pounced on the barges, bombing and strafing heavily, and soon the sea for several miles out was strewn with wreckage and floating dead. A few completely equipped Japs, wearing their steel helmets, were seen to stagger ashore, but the enemy warships were driven off suffering hits and near misses, and it may be considered that a major enemy effort has been largely frustrated.

RUSSIA — NAZIS IN THE TOILS

The encircled Nazi armies are still making great efforts to break through the Russian lines, but no success has been reported. The Moscow "Red Star" announces that German killed, wounded and missing amount to 8,000,000. The main Nazi thrust has taken place before Stalingrad, but there is nothing to indicate that the Reds have had the initiative wrested from them yet.

AFRICA — RUNNING AFTER ROMMEL

Rommel's army is strung out for miles West of El Agheila, and whilst British armour hangs close on his rearguard our aircraft are harrying his flight, destroying tanks, lorries and men. So fast is the Axis retreat that it is impossible to say exactly where the most advanced fighting is taking place. Misurata is considered to be a possible stopping place (about 250 miles west of El Agheila), where Rommel may seek to use the deep, cliff-walled wadis to stem the Allied drive. The Times man syas: Rommel did not stop to defend ElAgheila. He fought a delaying action until it was apparent that we were ready. Histremendous defeat at El Alamein, coupled with the impossibility of reinforcing his depleted forces because of the relentless RAF and naval attacks on his convoys, left him too weak even to attempt to defend the strongest natural defensive position in the whole of Libya. German propaganda occupied itself laat week with reports of a "great battle" which certainly had not been fought. This was no doubt intended to prepare the German people in advance against the shock of the first occasion in this war when Nazi forces have deliberately declined battle. The main news from Tunisia is of large scale Allied air attacks on Tunis and other Axis bases.

NEW YORK — JAPAN WILL BE BOMBED

America 's Army Air Force Chief Arnold said today that Tokio radio had announced that the Japs could expect American bomber raids. Said General Arnold "For once Tokio is right. We are coming and we hope to make it soon in large numners. We won't cease with one visit but will return again and again."

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BOOKS - Standard and modern fiction, as well as technical and reference books are available to you free of charge from the 5000 volume Adult Education Library. Your Uinit Education Officer has a catalogue - make a first and second choice.

Tuesday, Dec 22. "LIMELIGHT"

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

A SOBER ARMY

Colleirs Magazine describes American soldiers as the most sober in the world, claiming that 57% are total abstainers, most of the balance being beer and not hard liquour drinkers.

MELBOURNE MUSICIAN IN LONDON

The Melbourne pianist, Noel Newton Wood, was enthusastically received at a recital in th Albert Hall (London) on Monday, many Australian service men being in the audience.

THOSE UNIFORMS!

NSW Director of Hygiene Dr.Cooper-Booth states that venereal disease cases probably number three times the 5000 reported to the Health Board A police Vice Squad officer said that the disease was mostly spread by "uniform-mad" girls who he described as a definite menace.

WRONG SORT OF TEACHER

At Sydney Quarter Sessions yesterday a teacher, Cedric Selwyn Bond, 27, was sentenced to ten years for offences against 4 pupils of Katoomba High School, where he taught, Judge Studdert pointing out that he had committed offences under the pretence of educating in sex hygiene.

AUSTERITY LOAN

The Commonwealth hundred million Austerity Loan closes today over-subscribed. Final figures will not be available for at least a week but it is expected that there will be a substantial amount in excess, although the number of subscribers may not total the half million sought.

KEEP WORKING

NSW Manpower Director Bellemore announces that he has asked Labour Minister Ward to take action to reduce absenteeism. Bellemore said that three hundred and fifty workers in one establishment had the habit of absenting themselves each Saturday and the position was serious. On the same day New York cable tells of a group of Douglas Aircraft workers who took the day off to go rabbit hunting, and have now been reclassified A1 by the Draft Board "so that they can do some real hunting".

HEAT WAVE

The hot spell throughout this State is reaching record proportions, having 9 days of over 95. Local temperatures yesterday were about the 100 mark, and there still seems no definite sign of relief. Troops will be interested to know it is registering round the 105 mark on the Midland line. A local newspaper says the shortage of cool drinks can be ascribed largely to the fact that people are not returning bottles. "There are 300 empty bottles in circulation" it states. Dear me! As many as that?

TUNNEL TRAGEDY

"I recommend for the consideration of the Commissioner for Railways that if a load is too much for one engine to pull, the train be sent through Swan View tunnel in 2 sections" said the Coroner delivering his reserved finding onmthe death of 44 year old Spencer Beer, who died from carbon monoxide poisoning when the"double-banked" train he was driving stopped in the Tunnel. 3 other members of the crew were injured when the train ran backwards and smashed into a dead-end.

MORE SCHOOLING

It was a physical impossibility to educate a child and turn him out in the world as a good citizen to earn his living at 14 years of age, said Dr.Hislop at a child welfare conference. The objecr of education is to inculcate the desire to learn, but I don't think the present system teaches that, he added.

THE CLOAK OF RELIGION

A number of houses in the Ettalong and Pearl Beach district N.S.W. have been broken into and a quantity of foodstuffs stolen. Two men are alleged to have been touring the district masquerading in nun's clothing.

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ROUTINE ORDER PART I NO 114

BY

BRIGADIER N.M. FREEMAN COMMANDING 6TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP.

16 DEC 42

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(F.J. Nicholls) Major.
Brigade Major 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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1. VEH REPAIRS HELD UP FOR SPARE PARTS

Where delays occur, it is requested that a statement be submitted to ADME 4 AUST DIV showing date of original indent on Field Park, with remarks indicating any known reason for delay. ADME 3 AUST CORPS will take up such matters with 7 Aust Adv Ord Depot.

2. RETURNS

All units of this Bde Gp will pay more attention to the prompt rendition of returns. Considerable confusion and waste of good time and paper is being occasioned by units who through sheer carelessness and apathy make NO attempt to submit returns promptly. Further breaches will be viewed seriously and will be the subject of disciplinary action.

3. DAMAGE TO CROPS AND THEFTS OF FRUIT

Reports have been received from property owners in this district that troops have been damaging property and stealing fruit. Commanding Offrs will address all troops and stress the seriousness of this offense pointing out that culprits will receive the maximum penalty and that all units will be penalised to the extent of the cancellation of all leave and the removal of troops from this area. In addressing troops reference should be made to the fact that property owners handicapped by lack of labour will suffer a considerable loss which will also materially affect the National effort.

4. VD IN BROTHELS

Attention of all members in this Bde is drawn to the fact that VD is prevalent in Brothels in RAILWAY TERRACE (Roe St) PERTH and that at least four cases have been definitely traced to this source. Troops MUST be warned of the danger of infection unless proper prophylatic precautions are taken.

5. BOXING

A Boxing tournament will be conducted in MIDLAND JUNC Town Hall on Thursday Dec 17. Admission 1/- & 2/- (less tax) proceeds in support of Austerity loan. Members of 6 Bde will encounter local representatives and it is desired that full publicity be given.

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

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDER PART I NO 115

BY

BRIGADIER N.M. FREEMAN COMMANDING 6 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP.

18 DEC 42.

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1. SECURITY. The attention of units is directed to 3 AUST CORPS Int Summary No 33, dated 16 DEC 42, APPENDIX "A", pertaining to recent disturbances between AUSTRALIAN and AMERICAN troops. Lectures and talks by offrs to their tps will be given to promote a better understanding by our tps of the Americans. Excellant and ample material for such lectures is contained in Appendix "A" referred to.

2. CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHY All ranks who have cameras, may in future use them subject to the following :-
An officer will be appointed in each unit to be O i/c Photography. He will maintain a register showing the number, make and description of every camera held in the unit, together with the number, rank and name of its possessor.
Officers and O.Rs. will be responsible for ensuring that cameras in their possession are registered with the O i/c Photography.
Cameras will be withdrawn, prior to departure, from personnel of units about to proceed to an active theatre of operations. Cameras will be withdrawn at once from personnel already in an active theatre of operations.
COs of units may at any time order the withdrawal of cameras for security reasons.
The O i/c Photography, when the order for withdrawal has been given, will collect and forward cameras to :-

(a) such persons as the possessors of cameras direct, at the expense of the possessors. Packages containing cameras will be sent by registered post and registration receipt will be handed to the possessors in each case.
(b) H.Q. L of C Area; or
(c) O i/c Base Depot.

The O i/c Photography will give a receipt for all cameras received, whether for disposal by (a), (b) or (c).
Notwithstanding the provisions of paras 4, 5 and 6, a C.O. may, if he thinks fit, approve of the retention of cameras by not more than four members of the unit provided they signify their agreement that such retention will be subject to the following terms :-
(a) That cameras so retained will be used only as directed by O i/c Photography.
(b) That the said cameras remain in the possession of the members concerned and will be at such members risk.
(c) That the C.O. may withdraw such approval at any time.

HQ L of C Areas will be responsible for ensuring that cameras deposited for custody by a unit proceeding overseas are forwarded on the unit's behalf to the Base Depot abroad.
Films of photographs taken for official purposes will be forwarded for processing by formations, units,

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experimental and technical establishments etc direct to HQ L of C Area. They will be accompanied by a memo signed by the C.O. or an officer of field rank stating the purpose to which they will be put.
If in the opinion of G.S.I. at HQ L of C Area, films or prints should not, for security reasons, be returned to forward areas, G.S.I. will retain them and will without delay advise the formation, unit, experimental or technical establishment, etc accordingly.
Films of photographs taken by officers and ORs for non-official purposes will be forwarded to an approved photographer for processing. HQ L of C Areas will arrange with approved photographers that photographs contravening the Control of Photography Order will not be returned to the sender, but to HQ L of C Area. Such photographs will be referred to C.O. unit for necessary action.
The names of approved photographers will from time to time be published in Unit Routine Orders. Approving authorities will be, in Australia, HQ L of C Areas, and abroad, Formation Commanders.
Photographs (other than those taken for official purposes) which, if captured, would be of value to the enemy, are prohibited.
Contraventions of this order will be dealt with by disciplinary action and/or by :-

(a) Withdrawal, temporary or permanent, of cameras.
(b) Destruction of films and prints.

This order will be read in conjunction with the relevant paragraphs of Army Field Censorship Instruction No 22 - Proceedure and Instructions for Unit Censorship.

(To be repeated in all unit routine orders).

(G.R.O. G645)

(F.J. NICHOLLS) Major.
Brigade Major 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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3. IDENTITY DISCS. All ranks will be supplied with two identity discs which will be worn as shown below :-

(a) The No 1 disc (green) will be suspended round the neck beneath the uniform by 32 inches of cord, and the No 2 disc (red) will hang below the No 1 by the two being joined by 6 inches of cord.
(b) The following particulars will be stamped clearly and effectively on the discs as under :-

FRONT SIDE

(i) Army number.
(ii) Initials and name.
(iii) Index letter(s) of religion.

REVERSE SIDE - Blood group number (as shown inside back cover of Pay Book). The greatest care must be taken in stamping the group letter and figures on the discs, as an incorrect marking may lead to loss of a life which might otherwise have been saved.

(c) The index letters of the various religious denominations are :-

Church of England	C.E.	Congregational	C.
Presbyterian	P.	Roman Catholic	R.C.
Methodist	M.	Jewish	J.
Baptist	B.	Salvation Army	S.A.

Discs that have been stamped with incorrect details are to be destroyed under supervision and any necessary replacements requisitioned for.
All units will institute a check to ensure that every serving member is in possession of identity discs which are correctly marked.
Instructions governing the wearing of identity discs will be published in unit orders. Neglect to wear discs will be treated as a breach of discipline.

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4. FALSE STATEMENTS TO OBTAIN LEAVE ETC.

Attention is directed to regulation 73A of the National Security (General) Regulations, inserted by Statutory Rules 1942 No 475. That regulation is as follows :-

"73A - (1) A person shall not knowingly produce or present to any person any document containing any false statement or from which any material omission has been made, or knowingly make or connive at the making of any false statement, whether oral or in writing, or any omission, for the purpose of obtaining for any person or of assisting any person to obtain -

(a) exemption from service in or leave of absence from any part of the Defence Force;

(b) a transfer from one unit, service, department, corps or arm of the Defence Force to another or from any place at which he is serving as a member of the Defence Force to any other place;

(c) the transfer from any place of detention to any other place, or the release, whether temporarily or permanently, of any person detained in pursuance of any instrument made or issued under any regulation made in pursuance of the Act, or any benefit or special treatment for any person so detained.

In any prosecution for a contravention of sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation, any document purporting to be signed by the accused person, or to be authorised by him -

(a) shall be admissible in evidence against him without proof that the signature therein is his signature or that the document was authorised by him; and

(b) shall be prima facie evidence that any statements contained therein were made, and that the document was produced or presented, by him or with his authority.

In any proceedings under this regulation against any person, the onus shall be upon that person of satisfying the court that the statement or representation which is the subject-matter of the prosecution was true."

The substance of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 73A will be published in Unit R.Os.

The above regulation is in addition to and not in substitution for A.M.R. & O. 203A and offences under the latter are to be dealt with by COs or by court-martial as military offences.

If a member subject to military law commits an offence specified in N.S. Reg 73A but not in A.M.R. 203A (such as "conniving" at the making of a false statement) he may be charged under A.A. 40 if he is to be tried by military law.

As offences against the above regulation cannot, except as specified in para 3 above, be dealt with by court-martial or by a C.O. all breaches of the regulation which come to the notice of C.Os. (including breaches by civilians) will be reported to the relevant Headquarters, Lines of Communication Area.

5. FALSE STATEMENTS TO ENSURE EXEMPTION, LEAVE ETC.

A recent Statutory Rule has amended A.M.R. & O. by inserting a new A.M.R. 203A, the full text of which will be published shortly, and which provides in effect that every person subject to military law, whether on war service or not, who, with intent to deceive, makes any false statement or representation, whether verbal or in writing, in connexion with any application that -

(a) any member of the Military Forces shall be granted exemption from service or leave of absence; or

(b) any member of the Defence Forces shall be

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transferred from one arm, service, department, corps or unit of the Defence Force to another or from one place to another,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to penalties as prescribed by A.M.R. 215.

The averments by the prosecution that the statement or representation attributed to the accused was false, and was made with intent to deceive, shall be prima facie evidence of such falsity and intent.

(To be repeated in all Unit Routine Orders).

(G.R.O. A652)

6. GREEN ENVELOPES - POSTAL CHARGES. In order to correct any misunderstanding which may exist in regard to postal charges on green envelopes posted on the mainland of Australia or in Tasmania, the attention of all ranks will be drawn to the following instructions:-

(a) When the Green Envelope contains one letter only - the green envelope will be addressed to the person for whom the letter is intended and bear the appropriate postage stamp. If it is intended that the letter be sent by air mail, the appropriate additional postage stamp will be affixed and the green envelope marked "By Air Mail".

(b) When the Green Envelope contains two or three letters - the following conditions must be observed:-

(i) Each letter enclosed in the green envelope must be placed in an addressed envelope which must bear the necessary postage stamps and be left unsealed. The green envelope will be addressed to the "deputy base censor" and will not bear any postage stamps.

(ii) The words "By Air Mail" must be written on the green envelope if any of the letters enclosed therein are prepaid for transmission by air mail.

Letters etc. not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in Papua and New Guinea for delivery within the Commonwealth are exempt from postage, except when air mail transmission on the mainland or in Tasmania is desired, in which case the appropriate air mail fees are applicable.

(G.R.O. Q653)

7. DUTY UNIT. Ref Para 1 of Bde R.O. No 100 and Para 1 of Bde R.O. No 106 - Roster of Bde Duties will be amended as follows -

16	DEC 42	23 Coy AASC
17	" "	38 Aust Inf Bn
18	" "	2/2 Aust Pnr Bn
19	" "	14/32 Aust Inf Bn
20	" "	23 Coy AASC
21	" "	38 Aust Inf Bn.

and so on in rotation.

Louis L Giles

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

NOTICES

LOST Paybook belonging to VX55002 Lieut C.H. BAGAR between Bde HQ and 14/32 Bn. Time: between 0800 and 0830 hrs 15 DEC 42. Finder return to this HQ.

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AES MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment at MIDLAND JUNCTION Town Hall, Tuesday 22 DEC 42 at 2000 hrs "LIMELIGHT" (Plays and Music) by Bde Music Gp in conjunction with Repertory Club Inc and YWCA. Admission free.

CHURCH PARADES.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND: SUNDAY 20 DEC 42.

Holy Communion	14/32 Bn	0715 hrs
Parades	38 Bn	0830 hrs
	14/32 Bn	0915 hrs

Midnight Communion for C of E Personnel in 14/32 Bn limes at 2345 hrs CHRISTMAS EVE. Further particulars later.

R.C. CHURCH PARADES: SUNDAY 20 DEC 42.

Bush Hut A.A.S.C. Area	0700 hrs
R.C. Church MIDLAND JUNC (for 4 Aust DOW)	0800 hrs
Red Shield Marquee 14/32 Bn area for 14/32,38 & 2/2 Pnr Bns.	0845 hrs
Helena Vale Racecourse for 6 Fd Amb.	1000 hrs

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HQ 6 AUST INF BDE (*Unit.*)

CASUALTY RETURN—OFFICERS

Detail of casualties to officers which have occurred since last return. The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, &c. Promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), transfers, postings, attachments, &c., courts-martial, leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next-of-kin with postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items connected with an officer's service.

Rank	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Nature and date of casualty	Date	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated)
Capt	WX11143	HIGGS F.R.	HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde	Strength Increase	2/12/42	Seconded in 44 Aust Inf Bn vide 3 Aust Corps AS113/13/5
Lieut	WX2875	O'KEEFFE E.R.	" "	Change of Appointment	29/12/42	Cease to be Seconded as Educ Offr and to remain seconded as SC (L) Authority 3 Aust Corps AS117/61/2 of 3 DEC 42.

Signature of Commanding Officer. Capt.

Date 19 DEC 42.

HQ 6 AUST INF BDE (*Unit.*)

4 AUST DIVISION.

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

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269 L.A.D. (Unit.)

Casualty Return—Other Ranks

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
VX87910	Cpl.	DEAL L.C.	269 L.A.D.	Detached	17/12/42	Adm. M.D.S.

Date 19 DEC. 42 19.....

E.O'Keeffe Lieut for Capt.
(Signature of Commander.)

269 L.A.D. (Unit.)

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

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HQ 6 AUST INF BDE (Unit.)

Casualty Return—Other Ranks

Date of last A.F. W.3011 rendered 12/12/42 19..... Number of sheets attached to this return one

Detail of casualities to other ranks which have occurred since last return. The details should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotion (acting, temporary, local or substantive). Transfers, postings, attachments, etc., courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc. Leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration of next of kin with postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items affecting a soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
WP6431	WO II	HILL R.A.	HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde	Strength Increase	14/12/42	Trans from WA L of C Area HQ
VX87917	WO II	SHEEHAN V.P.	" " "	" Decrease	15/12/42	" to 38 Bn
V245283	Pte	COUTTS D.C.	" " "	" Increase	11/12/42	Trans from RRD CLAREMONT Authority GRO 385
VX103954	Pte	STEPHENSON J.S.	" " "	" "	15/12/42	Trans from WA L of C Area MVTTC
VX103954	"	" "	" " "	Leave	15/12/42	Proceeding on ARL - 24 days with pay and allowances.

Date 19 DEC 42 19.....

[signature] Capt.
(Signature of Commander.)

HQ 6 AUST INF BDE (Unit.)

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H.Q. 6 INF BDE
29 DEC 1942
No 1/42/135

Headquarters,
6 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
AUSTRALIA.

M.T. TRAINING - OFFICERS

Course No 5 will be conducted from 20 - 24 DEC 42 (excl 21 DEC).

2. Adm arrangements will be as for courses Nos 3 and 4.

3. Attendance at Courses. Vacancies are allotted to units as under :-

Hq 6 Aust Inf Bde	1
14/32 Aust Inf Bn	3
38 Aust Inf Bn	3
2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	3
6 Aust Fd Amb	1
23 Coy A.A.S.C.	1
	12

4. Students will report to Lt NAPTHALI at 0825 hrs daily.

(E.H.BUSH) Capt.
A/B.M. 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
DEC 42.

DISTRIBUTION :-
4 Aust Div
14/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust Pnr Bn
15 Aust Fd Regt
33 Aust A/Tk Bty
6 Aust Fd Coy
6 Aust Fd Amb
23 Coy AASC
Lieut NAPTHALI
B.M.
S.C.
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War Diary

No 199
Mon, 21 Dec 42

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The 8th Army is over a third of the way to Tripoli: the new Russian offensive continues to the tune of heavy Nazi losses: the Allies launch a great raid over France: Jap reinforcements for Papua are battered.

AFRICA — ON TO TRIPOLI

The 8th army is about 150 miles West of El Agheila in its pursuit of Rommel, well over one third of the distance to Tripoli. It is pressing forward rapidly, encountering little opposition from the Nazis, whilst our air force is harrying the enemy transport columns as far as 200 miles from El Agheila. There is no sign of a Nazi stand yet. In Tunisia there is no news of any full scale land operations, but French patrols in the South have had some brisk fighting and have recaptured a strategically important town, taking prisoner some Italians from Libya reecently landed at Gabes. General Eisenhower has disclosed how captain Wright played an important part in bringing General Giraud to N.Africa. He took a submarine close to the French coast and had to hang about for several days before a signal was flashed from the shore. The General came off in a rowing boat, which capsized in the rough sea, and he was plucked out of the water by his coat collar; later he was transferred from the submarine to a seaplane and flown to N.Africa. It is also announced that all French merchant shipping in N.Africa (which includes Oran, Casablanca and Dakar) is to come under allied control. Some will be used directly against the Axis, the rest to supply N.Africa's own economic needs. Our airforce has been active, raiding the Nazi bases again.

RUSSIA — NEW SOVIET OFFENSIVE

There is more news of the new offensive our allies launched 4 or 5 days ago south of Voronej on a 60 mile front. Todays news tells how they advanced about 20 miles making a total of about 70 since the push began. They claim 20,000 Nazi dead and 13,000 prisoners. Amongst the large haul of booty was a trainload of tanks. The magnitude of this new offensive does not imply any slackening of the offensives around Stalingrad and Moscow, where the Reds continue to press hard on the Germans, who have so far failed entirely to relieve or extricate their encircled armies.

AIR OFFENSIVE — RAID ON FRANCE

A great daylight raid has been carried out over southern France. The main attack was directed against an aerodrome which is used by the Nazis for the repair of damaged planes: there are extensive installations there, and as it is about 200 miles inland and had not been raided before the enemy evidently thought it was pretty safe from attack. Although official reports are not out it appears that our bombers gave it a good plastering, and meanwhile about 200 fighters were engaged in diversionary raids further north, where they engaged enemy fighters in some force. Mosquito bombers were also out early over N.Germany, and one was lost.

PAPUA — REINFORCEMENTS BATTERED

An AIF units cleared the enemy from an important post in a bayonet and grenade charge; the attack still goes on against the strongly held Jap position on the beach-head. Allied aircraft diverted the largest attempt at reinforcement yet sent to New Guinea; one Jap light cruiser was hit and later blew up.

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

SOLDIER MURDERED

""Murdered by person unknown, by bullet wound in chest" was the verdict of the Geelong Coroner at an inquest on Pte J.J.Hulston, 19, whose body was recovered from the sea 10 days after its disappearance from a sentry post on Sept 1. A soldier, Abraham Parkinson, gave evidence of following drag marks from the sentry box to the beach, and of the firing of 4 or 5 shots by a crouching figure which then ran.

NEW INQUEST IN MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

Justice Gavan Duffy in Melbourne Practice Court ordered a new inquest by a different coroner on the death of Florence Maud Brown. An enquiry proved that Geelong Deputy Coroner F.G.H.Ritchie, who committted for manslaughter Doctors Wallace and Saleh, had written down his verdict before hearing the evidence at the previous inquest, and Duffy, though not finding Ritchie animated by ill-feeling, said his actions were inexcusable.

PRODUCTION COMMITTEES IN MUNITIONS

Joint production, consultative, and advisory committees representing workers and managements are to be introduced in Commonwealth aircraft and munition factories.

JOHN FOR AIF

In Sydney High Court the Director General of Manpower agreed to give written permission to Constable G.McGhie of Elizabeth Bay to enlist in the AIF without terminating his police job.

CONTROL OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

A new National Security Regulation amendment provides for control of the sale and lease of country land. Treasurer Chifley explained that the reason for this was to peg rural land prices and rents and discourage speculative investment and overvaluation.

MORE VEGES

The newly appointed Director of Agriculture Bulcock will personally organise a campaign decided upon on Friday to increase vegetable growing in all states, including home and municipal growing.

AIRGRAPH SERVICE

PMG Ashley announces the establishment soon of an airgraph postal service to overseas addresses, the system constituting the use of photos of letters reducing mail from tons to pounds.

SOLDIER SHOT

33 year old Cpl. E.F.Anderson died in Fremantle hospital after being found yesterday in a military establishment at Fremantle bleeding from a bullet wound in the throat, from which a pellet had travelled to the head. He was missing from parade and later a shot was heard from the direction of his hut. Anderson came from Big Bell W.A.

BURGLARY A LA MODE

Justice Bonney in the Aydney Divorce Court deplored the number of wives whose affections were "burgled" whilst their husbands were in the forces. He blamed this for the increasing divorce list but doubted whether foolish wives or contemptible men were most to blame.

W.A.BACKS CURTIN

The W.A. ALP conference decided to support Curtin's one-army plan by 86 votes to 10.

TB CAN GO

Miss D Miller, Secretary of the NSW anti-TB association expressed complete agreement with the Director General of Health Dr.Morris that consumption could be wiped out if adequate health measures were available in one or two generations.. She said this would involve an expensive but worthwhile scheme providing proper food, housing and freedom from money worries for necessitous people.

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Tomorrow at 8....."LIMELIGHT".....the Xmas Show.

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
		The undermentioned soldier having volunteered for service in the A.I.F. Classified Medically fit Class 1 and completed A200 is transferred to A.I.F.:-				
551419	Pte	COOKE A.J.		A200, A203 attached.		

Date 22 DEC 42 19

Capt.
(Signature of Commander.)

Hq 6 AUST INF BDE (AIF)
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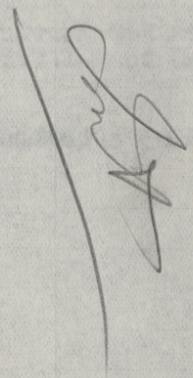

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 NO 116

BY

LT-COL J.T. LANG ADMINISTERING COMD 6 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GP.

22 DEC 42

1. "G"

SECURITY — ALL RANKS will be warned against breaches of security of the following nature:-

(a) Signing Visitor's books at hotels, hostels, clubs, tourists resorts, etc., giving number and UNIT. Rank and name only will be entered in cases as above.
(b) Writing of names and units on menus and walls of public places, telephone booths etc.

Every breach of these instructions will be referred to the unit concerned for disciplinary action.

(E.H. Bush) Capt.
A/Brigade Major 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

"A"

2. ADMINISTERING COMMAND HQ 6 AUST INF BDE (AIF) — It is advised that Lt-Col J.T. LANG is appointed Administering Command 6 AUST INF BDE GP whilst Brigadier N.M. FREEMAN is Administering Command 4 AUST DIV.

3. ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE : SPECIAL ENTRY 1943

(a) Reference DRO 536 (a) of 20 Nov 42. Nominations are still open and will reach HQ 4 AUST DIV by 26 Dec 42 at latest but should be forwarded as soon as possible.

(b) The allottment to Formations and units under command of these HQ's has been increased to 10.

4. RETURNS — ALL returns called for in DRO's or GRO's will in future be submitted to reach this HQ three days before date due at the Higher Formation.

5. RIFLE FOUND — Rifle Butt No 62757, Bolt No 24704. Units will report by 1200 hrs 24 Dec 42 if rifle is on charge. NIL returns where necessary.

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

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N O T I C E S

CHURCH PARADES

Christmas Eve Holy Communion at 2345 hrs in NEW OFFICERS MESS 14/32 BN lines. C of E personnel within Brigade invited. Christmas Day Holy Communion 23 Coy AASC at 0700 hrs. General Parades 38 Bn 0830 hrs, 14/32 Bn 0915 hrs.

RC CHURCH PARADES Christmas Day. Midnight Mass will be celebrated in Red Shield Marquee 14/32 Bn for personnel of 2/2 Fnr Bn, 14/32 Bn, 38 Bn who wish to attend.
Confessions will be heard in the area beyond the boundary road of 14/32 Bn at 1930 hrs on THURSDAY.
RC Church parade will be held in AASC area at 0700 hrs Christmas morning in 14/32 Bn area (Red Shield Marquee) at 0845 hrs for members of the three Inf Bns. At HELENA VALE Racecourse at 0900 hrs for 6 Fd Amb and 4 DOW.

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No.100
Tues, 22 Dec 42

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The Nazis admit setbacks in Russia: Rommel's remnants have averaged 20 miles a day during the last seven weeks, the Allies are using tanks at Buna: Wavell continues his advance into Burma.

RUSSIA

NEW RED DRIVE CONTINUES

The great new Russian drive south of Voronej continues, and the Reds have cut the Voronej-Rostov railway in 2 places. The Nazis are falling back with heavy losses trying to counterattack, but they are leaving their numerous dead, and what is perhaps more significant, great quantities of equipment behind. German sources are now admitting that the Russian offensive is serious, and may develop into the biggest battle of the year. Russian divebombers are continuously harrying the enemy, but the Red troops themselves are effectively protected against Nazi aircraft by their air umbrella. Russian penetration was particularly successful in a sector held by Italian troops. In a 20 mile advance the Reds now claim 30,000 men killed or captured, 172 tanks, 1222 guns and 45 food or munition dumps taken. The Germans have been driven from treble and even quadruple defence lines which they had been building throughout the summer, and behind which they hoped no doubt to spend a quiet winter.

AFRICA

AFTER ROMMEL

Reports from N Africa add little to yesterday's news, except that Rommel's men are still running, and Algiers radio says that his advance guard has already reached Misurata. His main forces are reported well west of Sultan, and it is pointed out that he has now covered over 1000 miles in 7 weeks from El Agheila, an average of about 20 miles per day. This in itself is pretty good going, but what actually is more remarkable is that the 8th Army, with its task of bringing its supplies forward instead of leaving them behind, has kept up with him. It is difficult to say where Rommel will attempt a stand, but there are some indications that he will not attempt to hold Tripoli, but will push on for Tunisia. Part of the Italian garrison of Tripoli has already gone there. There is no fighting activity in Tunisia, but with finer weather great convoys are rushing up supplies to the Allies through the Atlas foothills, building up our strength for the coming struggle. American equipment and instructors have already joined the French forces under General Giraud.

PAPUA

ALLIED TANKS IN OPERATION

For the first time in New Guinea the allied forces have brought tanks into operation in their latest attacks in the Cape Endaiadere sector of the Buna front. Covered by artillery fire the tanks smashed their way through Japlog emplacements, barbed wire entanglements and trench systems, closely followed by Australian and American troops who mopped up stuboorn isolated pockets of enemy resistance. The tanks used were General Sturats, American built fast 13-tonners, Australian manned. Their presence in New Guinea has been kept a close secret and their initial blow was swift and heavy. Buna airfield, which the Japs built and never used, is now in our hands, as well as steel and concrete fortifications in that sector.

BURMA

WAVELL ADVANCES

A new type of war, entirely different from the Western Desert and the European theatre is being fought by the British and Indian troops in Burma. It is a war of jungle thicker than the Malayan jungle, but the British now have air support and the systematic bombing of vital Jap targets preceded our advance. It is too early to be optimistic, but our troops have been well prepared and are profiting from the lessons of exacting schools of jungle warfare. They are travelling light if not lighter than the Jap troops and are making use of the rivers. Already Burmese villagers are welcoming the advanced British troops.

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TONIGHT AT 8. " L I M E L I G H T " Midland Town Hall.

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THE ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE
presents
The Brigade Music and Drama Group
in conjunction with
the Repertory Club Inc. and YWCA
and
the band of Colonel Caldwell's
Battalion
in

"LIMELIGHT"

A Programme of Plays and Music

PROGRAMME

1. Overture — "Songs of the Sea" — The Band

2. "FROM DAVY JONES'S LOCKER"
An original arrangement of Sea Songs & Sailor Shanteys
Musical Synopsis:
Whiskey Johnny - A -Roving - Drummer and the Cook - Shenandoah - The Arethusa - Tom_s Gone to Hilo - Tom Bowling - Hearts of Oak - Boney was a Warrior - The Rio Grande.
Brigade Music Group

3. Entr'acte — "South of the Border" — The Band

4. "SUNDAY COSTS FIVE PESOS"
A Mexican Folk Comedy
The Characters:

Berta	... ...	Marion Haynes
Salome, Tonia	friends of Berta	Alys Breckler, Gwen Armstrong
Celestina	... ...	Jacobin Howell
Fidel	in love with Berta	Tony Turner

Scene: A square in the town of the Four Cornstalks, Northern Mexico
Time : A Sunday Afternoon
THE PLAY produced by Mrs. R.Goyne Miller

5. Entr'acte — "English Songs Medley" — The Band

6. "FUMED OAK"
A Coward Comedy
The Characters:

Mother-in-Law	... ...	Jean Wilbur
Wife	... ...	Nell Bestman
Child	... ...	Nancy Hoare
Husband	... ...	A.J.Bishop

Scene: A Living Room
THE PLAY produced by Mr.Sol Sainken

7. Entr'acte — "Christmas Carols" — The Band

8. "NOEL"
Chrystmasse in Ye Olde Tyme
Musical Synopsis:
Wassail Song - I saw Three Ships - Holy Night - The Manger Throne _ The First Nowell
Brigade Music Group and YWCA.

BRIGADE MUSIC AND DRAMA GROUP: John Cross, Bob Johnston, Bob Sutherland, Keith Scoble, Jin Spark, Jock Heywood, Les Treloar, Eric Evans, John Kenney, Bill de Pelsenaire, Jim Williams (Pianist) Tony Turner (Director)
YWCA: Chris Gillan, Grace Harvey, Nessie Bain, Rita Fulford, Joan Dean, Kath Dean, Lily and Ella Elliott, Joan Courtenay, Jessie Good, Thelma Dixon, Dorothy Sullivan.
THE BAND of Colonel Caldwell's Battalion conducted by S/Sgt Boyle.
GOD SAVE THE KING
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No 701
Wed, 23 Dec 42

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The Red Army has thrust the Nazis back in a new drive south of Moscow; the 8th Army is 160 miles W of El Alamein; still no major news from Tunisia.

RUSSIA

CUTTING THE LINE TO ROSTOV

Another great Russian thrust south of Moscow has pushed the Germans back and seriously threatens their railway communication with Rostov and the Caucasus. The town of Waluiki appears to be the key point of this new drive, and although it is not yet reported in the hands of our Allies, it has been bypassed by a prong of the Soviet forces. The Reds claim 7000 prisoners and as many more killed and wounded on the battlefield. Yesterday's Moscow communique said "Our troops in the Stalingard area and on the central front yesterday continued their offensives. In the Middle Don our troops are pursuing the enemy who is retreating in disorder. Here we advanced from 12 to 20 miles, captured several large inhabited localities, took booty and prisoners." The Germans are still attacking at Kotelnikivo in a desperate attempt to relieve their great army trapped before Stalingrad. Within the city the Reds are still winning back ground yard by yard.

AFRICA

STEADY AXIS RETREAT

Morocco radio, now under Allied control, announces that Rommel's army has already reached Misurata, about 115 miles east of Tripoli, and certain reconnaissance units have proceeded even farther west. The Axis forces are drawn out at least 160 miles from their rearguards, along which distance they are subjected toAllied attack. NZ fast columns operating with British armoured forces continue tochase Rommel's troops across Tripolitania, and our advanced units are at Sirte, 160 miles from El Agheila. Although Rommel shows nosign of halting, there are suggestions that the Germans are planning some kind of a stand at Beurat about 80 miles West of Sirte, where the country is difficult on each side of the road. In Tunisia, whilst both sides, apparently, are getting ready for an all-out battle, a successful raid by an Allied commando unit is reported. This unit for three days disorganised the Axis supply lines in Tunisia, penetrating within 4 miles of Bizerta. Half of the unit was drawn from US task troops, and it secured temporary mastery of 125 square miles of enemy held territory. Unofficial reports say that Allied forward troops are thrusting deep into positions beyond Medjez el Bab in preparation for the exoected battle.

PAPUA

TANKS IN ACTION

Further details of our tank attacks at Buna are to hand: A second allied force is being flung against the Japs on the other end of the front in the Buna government station area. Crashing through and crushing pillboxes and underground defences our armoured forces have already captured 15 points, officially described as "bunkers". Meanwhile, in the air, sharp eyed observers saw through Jap attempts to camouflage their ships ina hideout in Finschhaen harbour, into which the Japs succeeded in getting transport during the latest reinforcement attempt last week. The ships were in the Bumi river area and the enemy had made realistic attempts to disguise them as floating islands. Trees were lashed to the mast and the decks were covered with foliage.

ATLANTIC

WAR ON SUBS GROWS

The British Navy's surface vessels have sunk or damaged more than 530 Italian and German subs since the outbreak of war. Coastal command and American planes have destroyed many others in the Atlantic and Caribbean. "Britain has switched from the defensive to the offensive against submarines" says a high British source.

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47/9/39

Headquarters,
6 Aust Inf Bde, (AIF),
AUSTRALIA.

6 AUST INF BDE GP TRG INSTN NO 22/42

1 TO 31 JAN 43

1. 4 AUST DIV TRG INSTN NO 17 DECEMBER 1942.

On the scale of one copy per unit, the above-mentioned trg instn is forwarded to all units. This instn will be studied and its contents made known to all offrs and NCOs, by means of discussions. Unit comds will base their trg syllabi on the same for JANUARY.

2. OBJECTIVES

Objectives for this period of trg are as set out in para 1 of the att trg instn.

3. INDIVIDUAL TRAINING

(a) During periods devoted to individual trg, instruction and training in the following will be given :-

TOET
BAYONET TRG
P.T.
UNARMED COMBAT
BLITZ COURSES

(b) Small Arms Trg. To improve the standard of rifle shooting generally, ample practice in aiming and holding is necessary before range practices are conducted. It is possible to increase efficiency in this trg in unit lines with a small outlay of supervision.
(c) Where TOETs show that personnel have failed to achieve the the required standard, further individual trg will be given and followed by further TOETs. Introduction of the competitive spirit between pls and coys will maintain keenness and make all ranks keen to do their best.

4. GAS TRAINING

When asking for allotment of mobile gas chamber, units will advise their requirements, if any, of supplies of D.M. and C.A.P. capsules, and make their own arrangements to obtain those supplies.

5. RANGE PRACTICES

(a) Rifle shooting will be conducted on SWANBOURNE and BUSHMEAD Rifle Ranges.
(b) Units will be advised of any alteration which is made in allotment for which they have applied, as early as possible.

6. ATTACK EXERCISES

The policy of allotting three days per week to practising all forms of attack and offensive action incl a Bn Attack will be continued.

7. COURSES

(a) The following Bde courses will be continued during this period:-

(i) Bde Cooking Courses
(ii) Unarmed Combat Course

(b) Details of the following courses to be conducted will be fwded to units separately:-

(i) Bde Swimming School
(ii) Fd Engr for Pnr Pers

(c) The maximum value of schools is not being obtained by reason that units are not ensuring the continued attendance of students at courses of training. Where personnel are attending schools or courses, they should be relieved of other duties.

P.T.O.

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8. SYLLABI

(a) Inf Bns will fwd copies of trg syllabi, together with details of Bn Attack Exercises, to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 27 DEC 42.

(b) Supporting units will submit by 27 DEC 42 an outline of the trg to be covered in order that the same may be collated and fwded to HQ 4 Aust Div.

E.H. Bush

(M.H. BUSH) Capt.
A/Brigade Major 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
23 DEC 42.

DISTRIBUTION :-

14/32 Bn	8
38 Bn	8
2/2 Pnr Bn	8
15 Fd Regt	4
33 Bty A/Tk	1
6 Fd Coy	2
6 Fd Amb	2
23 Coy AASC	1
K Sec Sigs	1
6 Bde Sec AEME)	1
" " DOFP)	
B.M.	1
S.C.	1
LO I	1
BIO	1
BTO	1
4 Aust Div	2
War Diary	1
File	1
Spare	5

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A Lance Jack in Egypt

This is the story of a Lance Jack and his mates in Egypt. The absence of forced "colour" gives it truth. It was never meant for publication. It is a letter to his mother.

You will have read long ago of Rommel's push down past Mersa Matruh and that it was at last stemmed at Alamein, chiefly by the Colonial troops.

After a "dramatic and romantic journey by day and night" (as our armchair war correspondent at Cairo so smugly put it) we again found ourselves lined up with the Hun. If that is his idea of romance, the writer (?) ought to be put in this desert for a change where he could emote without doing anyone any harm; that is, if some of our blokes didn't shoot him. We surely love these chaps who write with so much authority and with such little truth of what the Australians are doing; one report said that the Aussies went into action brandishing rifles and bayonets and shouting "Australiano." It's a wonder he didn't include a monkey and organ to induce the Ites to surrender, but apparently even his imagination has its limits. For we travelled in open trucks through the Sinai desert — surely the worst of them all, with its white sands and blazing sun — and by night, froze and grew stiff and cramped in a vain attempt to sleep. Anyway, we got here and we were soon into it.

I remember the last news I heard before going in was that 600 prisoners had been taken that day, and everyone was greatly elated. It is significant that as soon as the Australians and New Zealanders got into it the prisoners came back to Alex. in thousands. In less than a fortnight the Colonial troops had taken close on 40,000 prisoners, and given very little in return. Our brigade was well to the fore, while the Bn. itself took a good 5,000. Most of them were Italians, but there were quite a few Jerries among them. Quite a good performance for less than a thousand men.

We had quite a time of it for a start. While behind the lines we had the usual bombings and machine-gunning by Stukas and Messerschmitts. But the rabbits have nothing on us and they might just as well have saved themselves the trouble. The only mishap I had was once when I split a toe on a shovel whilst diving for the trench.

It was not long before we were out in front where things were rather quiet until one day the platoon commander called me in and told me the plans for a dawn attack to come off next morning.

The game was on, and we were quite excited about it. Next morning, just as the first light of dawn streaked the sky, the artillery opened up, the machine gunners gave a covering fire, and in we went behind four tanks. A Tommy tank Major said it was the greatest infantry attack he had ever seen. It certainly made me feel proud to be one of those indominatable (?) Australians strolling casually in, in perfect formation with the slow quiet step of determination. Where was our Cairo correspondent now with his "Australiano"? The sight, combined with the tanks, was too much for the enemy and they threw up their hands after barely firing a shot.

We immediately passed to the appointed place and dug in, in preparation for any counter attack, while the lads so detailed drove the prisoners off. They were Jerries and Ites mixed, and they wasted no time getting away from the spot.

We soon realised why, when their own artillery opened up on them, even disregarding our tanks as target to do so. The Jerry never fails to open up on his own prisoners, apparently having warned them beforehand that he will do so if they surrender. It's the only thing that keeps the Ites honest, and the Australians seem to have the peculiar power of making them forget it.

Solly (a friend) was one of the guards and he had the time of his life. He took over 300 prisoners back himself in batches and was greatly amused with some of the Italians. They wore broad grins while the Huns were sullen and, at first, defiant. He said he was half way home on one occasion when he heard a call behind him and saw an Ite running hell-for-leather after him, with his boots in one hand, and coat in the other, like a school boy late for the pictures.

Apparently he had been overlooked and was afraid he'd miss out. Our prisoners numbered 2,600 for the day, whilst our casualties were less than 10. Things fared badly with the other two companies in attack and later we had to withdraw, which we did without loss, thanks to our sergeant major who mounted a Bren carrier and with two other lads attacked a well-armed machine gun nest which would have taken toll on any withdrawing troops. At 12 yards distance he duelled with them, killing two, wounding two more, and taking 32 prisoners. He's just an ordinary bloke and nothing will be known of his action by Australian people.

A few days later we went into a dawn attack again, but this time they couldn't spare us any tanks. The artillery opened up, and in we went as before. He chucked a few shells at us but in we went with grim purpose hidden behind two weeks' dirt and beard on the face. My section was on the right and we went straight through a crowd of Jerries, cowering in their holes and cringing visibly. It was great fun routing them out. They were so terrified that it took quite a while to get each one out, and I remember feeling a twinge of shame that men could be so craven. Quite a contrast to their behaviour when dealing with conquered people.

I hunted seven back with many a savage snarl and threatening gesture of the bayonet and they didn't linger. One fat cow lay grovelling in his lair, and after a minute or two, when he saw he wasn't about to die, he attempted to assume a sneer and got out of his hole quite slowly and defiantly. It was too much for me and just as his rather extensive pants became nicely tight I planted the boot quite squarely where it would do most good. There's nothing upsets a man's dignity more than a good kick in the pants in public, and as the point of my bayonet too was rather tentatively touching the seam of his pantaloons, he reverted to his type and ran like 'ell.

It was a good hour later that I realised I had kicked him with my sore toe and hadn't felt it.

From then on the humour ceases We advanced to a ridge we were to hold at all costs, and came to a standstill, I immediately sent back for my section tools and we wasted no time digging in. We know the Hun! We were barely dug in when his mortars and artillery opened up on us, while snipers put in their dirty work from all round us, it seemed. A bullet clipped through the upper lip of my Bren gunner and I sent him out as he was pretty shocked. Quill took over the Bren. The only incident I remember was a piece of shrapnel hitting me in the chest. It stung a bit, but not sufficiently so for me to give it a thought. We got into our holes and lay there, safe from sniper's fire and reasonably so from anything else. Spirits were high as we joked of the behaviour of the Hun and we gloated over a section's bag of 24 — not bad for seven men.

And so the afternoon waned. For want of something better to do I pulled out my paybook from my shirt to see how rich I was. I found a neat

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three-cornered hole through it and on further investigation found my prayer book in the same condition. The "schrap" had passed through both of them and had just broken the skin. As the prayer book was half an inch thick you can see that it might have tickled a bit, had it been a little bit lower. Maybe it was just luck! Maybe!

We noticed a few Jerries moving about across our front later on and had quite a bit of sport at 1500 yards range, putting them to ground. Getting our own back on Tobruk days!

At about six o'clock, with the sun a good two and a half hours off setting the blow came. I had been too far from H.Q. to know what was going on, but wasn't worrying as things looked rosy. At 6 p.m. I was called over and then "came the dawn." We had but 22 men left and four badly wounded and I was told that the Jerries were all round us.

It appeared that a German sergeant came in with a white flag, and approaching our sole remaining officer presented his commander's compliments and asked us to surrender.

"You are completely surrounded by over 200 men," he said "and you haven't a chance. If you surrender you will be well treated and taken to a good German camp tonight."

"Surrender my foot (or slightly worse)," said Dunham, the officer, and one of the lads added "It's you who are surrounded, George, and by Australians too." Dunham said, "You are a prisoner now." The Hun sneered and said "Me a prisoner, with 20 here and 200 out there!" "You're a prisoner all right," added our talkative lad, "and don't b——— well move," pointing his Tommy gun at him.

We couldn't afford to let him go, as he knew how weak we were. Except for the inevitable two or three "Timid Tims" the lads were in favor of fighting our way out, so Dunham sent the prisoners out first with volunteers to carry or assist them. There was a fair Lit of dead ground and as we fired all our weapons off at once to distract the Hun's attention, we thought they had a 50-50 chance. The position was that we were in a basin, and the enemy were around us on three sides. When they had got a fair start, we decided to double out in ones and twos but suddenly I noticed a Jerry troop carrier drop its troops behind us and to our right and they were hurrying off to cut us off.

I pointed them out to Dunham and we decided to go for it. One section went first and then I saw my crowd on the way telling them to look out for themselves. I've run fast before, but this time I was trying. I looked round, to see that we were all on the way and realised we were not a minute too soon. Three mortars lobbed right where we had been, and then two smoke mortars to cover the Hun attack. Fortunately for us the smoke prevented them from seeing us and so gave us 200 yards extra start. Then hell broke loose! The Jerries on our left pulled up and cut loose with machine guns, and those behind joined in, using mortars as an added attraction.

They're the worst weapon in war.

I was only walking before compared with the performance then. Just as I was warming up for the 2,000 yard sprint I caught up to one of the wounded blokes, Jock Stewart, borne by two Hun prisoners and two of our chaps, one of whom was badly wounded in the leg. He couldn't carry on, so I took his place. And so we proceeded to walk out, carrying Jock on his makeshift stretcher of two rifles with bayonets fixed, passed through two pullovers. He had two nasty wounds but was as game as they for practical purposes negligible so make 'em. He made no complaint though he must have been suffering greatly. He was a bit uneasy because he had lost his tin hat, but was much happier when I gave him mine. He would have refused to take it but was in no position to do so. Maybe you can imagine what it was like to drag one foot after the other through that blaze of flying lead and keep going when every instinct said stop and go to ground. Had we done so, we would have never got out. The friendly ridge looked miles away, and getting no closer. The lads were well spread out, but it was wonderful that they still kept walking. Mortars were bursting just behind us all the way; I saw one lad strolling out when a mortar burst beside him and his left arm fell limp. He didn't even break the thread of a narrative he was telling a panicky "new chum" to keep his mind off it. Three lads were slightly wounded in that withdrawal, in which we brought out all our wounded and two prisoners. The "envoy" was sent back later.

That is the story of our second attack. To my mind it was a credit to the Australian's fighting tradition, and a good kick in the pants to the Jerries. I learnt that the Australian is all he is cracked up to be as a fighter; it is significant that the Hun was still wary of attacking so few of us with 10 to 1 odds in his favor. Had the position been reversed I swear that we would have cleared out that patch before breakfast and thought nothing of it.

In plain infantry attacks without tanks the Hun isn't in the race with the Aussies, and of course, the Ites are not worth mentioning when one gets close and doesn't turn his back.

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A.I.F. Recruiting

"Whizz" believes that Australia should have one army which could be sent anywhere to fight fascist invaders.

It believes this because fascism is an enemy of the people and the present war is a people's war — to quote Mr. Churchill.

There are many reasons why some militiamen refuse to join the ranks of the A.I.F., but there is not space enough here to examine and answer them all.

However, there is one which stands out and is admitted to be a fact by many of our army and political leaders.

It is simply this — a confused and obscure knowledge of what fascism is, how it develops and what it means to the people once it has them under its violent control.

The Japs, Germans and Italians are fighting us not because they are Japs, Germans and Italians but because they believe in fascism and fascism regards war as a necessary reviver for civilisation.

"Whizz" says without hesitation that if every Australian soldier knew the full meaning of fascism there would be only one army.

In a word we need education.

What is certainly not needed is such intimidation as this:

Militiaman reporting to M.O. sick.

M.O.: Your number please.

Pte.: V66069.

M.O.: Where's the X?

Pte.: There is none sir. My number is V66069.

M.O.: What! No X? But there should be one. Why isn't there an X? Aren't you ashamed of your number? etc., etc.

Within the potential recruit's breast rises a spirit of defiance.

The Tree

The tree that never had to fight,
For sun and sky and air and light,
That stood out in the open plain,
And always got its share of rain,
Never became a forest king,
But lived and died a scrubby thing.

The man who never had to toil,
Who never had to win his share,
Of sun and sky and light and air,
Never became a manly man,
But lived and died as he began.

Good timber does not grow in ease;
The stronger wind, the tougher trees,
The farther sky, the greater length;
The more the storm, the more the strength;
By sun and cold, by rain and snows,
In tree or man, good timber grows.

Where thickest stands the forest growth
We find the patriarchs of both,
And they hold converse with the stars
Whose broken branches show the scars
Of many winds and much of strife—
This is the common law of life.

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BRIGADE SPORTS A SUCCESS

Full Results

With a very consistent performance Col. Caldwell's Battalion won the Brigade Sports Championship on the Guildford Oval last Monday.

Cool weather made conditions ideal.

Final results were: Col. Caldwell's team (Green), 72½ points; Col. Lang's team (Brown), 67; Major Melville's team (Black), 46; A.A.S.C. (White), 37½; Ambulance (Yellow), 17; Artillery (Red), 17; Engineers (Purple), 7.

All events went off without a hitch reflecting the sound organisational work put into the meeting by the director (Lieut. A. H. Cambridge) and his staff.

For a few brief hours the boys forgot the war, parades, etc., while urging their teams on to victory. Red-capped generals and brigadiers joined in the fun with the troops who all mixed in well. This was a feature of the day's outing and augured well for the development of a Brigade spirit.

S/Sgt. Ryan at the microphone kept up a bright racy commentary upon the afternoon.

Those officials responsible for the success of the meeting were:—

Director, Lieut. A. H. Cambridge; Assistant-Director, Lieut. A. R. Milne; Chief Marshal, Capt. Hanke; Assistant Chief Marshal, Lieut. R. Welch; Referee, Lt.-Col. J. T. Lang; M.O., Capt. E. McDonald; First Aid N.C.O., Sgt. R. Marshall; Band Marshal and Co-ordinating Official No. 2 Oval, Capt. L. Zilles.

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Timekeepers: Lieut. T. C. Rechenberg, Sgt. Conley.

Records: Offr. i/c., Lieut. Hood; Chief Clerk, Sgt. Paricos; Records Clerks: Athletic Events, Sgt. L. Baker, Pte. D. Clarke; Blackboard, Sgt. Kenny; Commentator, S/Sgt. Ryan.

Results: 100 yds.: First Heat: T. R. Bye (Brown), 1; F. Dunn (Green), 2; Barrett (Purple), 3. Second Heat: Cpl. Porter (Green), 1; R. P. Ginnane (Brown), 2; Wells (Red), 3. Final: Cpl. Porter (Green), 1; T. R. Bye (Brown), 2; R. P. Ginnane (Brown), 3. Time, 10 4-5 secs.

220 yds.: First Heat: Cpl. Porter (Green), 1; T. R. Clarke (Brown), 2; Barrett (Purple), 3. Second Heat: Woods (Green), 1; A. S. Sainsbury (Brown), 2; H. C. Morcom (Black), 3. Final: Woods (Green), 1; Porter (Green), 2; Barrett (Purple), 3. Time, 26 secs.

440 yds.: First Heat: N. J. Tolley (Brown), 1; Ogier (Green), 2; Wilson (Red), 3. Second Heat: T. R. Clarke (Brown), 1; Parkes (Red), 2; Dack (Purple), 3. Final: Tolley (Brown), 1; Clarke (Brown), 2; Ogier (Green), 3. Time: 58 4-5 secs.

880 yds.: Cpl. Fergeus (Green), 1; Joyce (Red), 2; Hudson (Brown), 3. Time, 2 min. 20 4-5 secs.

1 mile: G. Black (Yellow), 1; Hansen (Red), 2; Beaton (Purple), 3. Time, 5 min. 54-5 secs.

120 yds. Hurdles: First Heat: A. Mitchell (Brown), 1; Buchanan (Green), 2; Smith (Black), 3. Second Heat: Brandis (Green), 1; R. S. Nicholls (Brown), 2; A. K. McDonald (Yellow), 3. Final: Mitchell (Brown), 1; Buchanan (Green), 2; Brandis (Green), 3.

Throwing Cricket Ball: Fountain (White), 1; N. R. Grainger (Black), 2; Weller (Green), 3. Distance, 94 yds. 1ft. 4in.

Kicking Football: Le Strange (White), 1; Donadoni (Brown), 2; A. G. Grant (Black), 3. Distance: 63 yds. 2ft. 6in.

High Jump: D. L. Ferguson (White), 1; J. H. Nichols (Black) and Gnr. Murphy (Red), equal 2; Lt. Burns (Green), 3. Height, 5ft. 4in.

Broad Jump: Ferguson (White), 1; W. Jackson (Black), 2; Cpl. Porter (Green), 3. Distance, 18ft. 6in.

Hop, Step and Jump: Pender (Yellow), 1; Ferguson (White), 2; Linton

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Strategy

BY JOHN THE FOX

Driving along in me truck the other day I sets to thinking about offensives, the A.I.F. and the Militia.

As the truck bounces along I sees the telegraph poles flash, flash, flash past and they reminds me of all the Pacific countries and islands the Japs have stuffed up their shirts.

A list rolls through my mind . . . French Indo China, Thailand, Malaya, Borneo, Sumatra, Java, Phillipines, Celebes, Burma, Timor, Mandate of New Guinea, Solomons . . . .

Now if you're caught up in the tentacles of an octopus and you've got a mate standing by with a gat in his hand, the most natural thing for him to do would be to shoot the octopus some place in the body.

Once his ticker stops so does his suckin'.

Your cobber wouldn't throw his gat away, haul outa pen knife and start chopping at the ends of the tentacles.

See me point?

I reckons that talk of offensives from Australia is just plum balmy and just what the little fellas in the glasses want us to talk about.

To my simple way of thinking I see two mates standing by — India and China.

At the moment they've only got pen knives. In other words they haven't got many gats. Give 'em gats and they'll shoot right into the octopus' guts to kill.

Then all the tentacles will drop flat and lose their suck.

It is a helluva job getting back part of New Guinea and if we are going to fight like that from island to island (look at the list again), well, I reckon I'll have a white beard when we've finished . . . . If I live.

So the militia needs to go further afield — to India up through Burma to our mates in China and then right into the belly of Japan.

Pretty good infiltration I'd call it.

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COL. CALDWELL'S BOYS UNEASY ABOUT HARSH DISCIPLINE

Col. Caldwell's boys are getting a little uneasy about the rather severe punishment which is being handed to them for minor offences.

A transport driver who had a reading magazine in the cabin of his truck was fined 15/-.

Severe disciplinary action has been taken against two-up players who are fined £2 for the first offence. Lookers-on are fined £1. In one case a man was walking from the latrine to his tent and had to pass a game.

This cost him £1.

First offenders on A.W.L. charges have been given 14 days in Fremantle plus a fine. Second offenders get the maximum C.O.'s punishment of £5 and 28 days.

These offences have been only for a few hours or a day.

Snoops on Men

On one occasion an officer hid on the side of the road and roped in a large number of personnel who were subsequently fined for being out of the camp area without a leave pass.

All this is taking place next to a Battalion which has an open camp every night.

It is suggested that some uniform ruling regarding leave and open camps be given from Brigade.

Lest We Forget!

Ex-Company-Quartermaster-Sergeant John Watson, 82, R. E. has just received the Meritorious Service Medal. The Military action for which he received this award occurred in 1899.

The Menace of Flies

Flies once were never considered a menace. In fact not many years ago it was a common practice to let them crawl everywhere "doing God's will." Medical men even believed that the fly was "healthy" and let them drink their fill of blood from wounds, etc.

It was with a shock that scientists discovered that these biting bloodsuckers were responsible for the transmission of some of our deadliest diseases, ranging from yellow fever to typhus, and from malaria to bubonic plague. Once these insects were recognised as being the deadliest foes of mankind, warfare was waged against them. Today great areas of the world's surface, once regarded as graveyards for the white races, have now become healthy as a result. Yet it is a curious fact that most people look quite tolerantly upon an insect which is almost as bad as any of the parasites in regard to the harm which it can do. It is the common house fly and its blood brother the bush fly — the latter the chap which buzzes around your face all day long.

The part played by both these flies is best illustrated by the story told of the cynical old Army cook during the Boer War.

Somebody had complained about the clouds of flies down at the latrines. "Hell," he retorted, "You don't know the ropes yet. Do what I do. I wait until the tucker's on the tables at the messes and then I go to the latrine. There's no flies down there then — they're all up at the mess tables."

Flies help to spread typhoid, and typhoid killed more soldiers during the Boer War than did the enemy bullets.

Yet flies can be exterminated just as easily as can mosquitoes and lice — if only you go about the job in the right way. Traps won't do much good — you must get to work with poison and kill them. First of all make sure that every mess kitchen safe is *really* fly-proof. (Most of the home-made ones in camps are anything but that) and that all refuse bins are properly covered. Use cloths to see that everything upon which flies could feed around the kitchens and messes is properly covered, and keep every table well washed down. A small scrap of meat on the floor of a kitchen or a spot of jam on a table can greatly hinder the work.

Half an hour before a meal is served, place upon each kitchen and mess table a piece of cooked meat in a dish whose cover of gauze or mosquito netting is flyproof. The hungry flies will literally mob it — just as they now mob the meat as it is being served out to the troops. In this case, however, they can't get at the meat inside the gauze cover, so you put something at which they can get — flat, covered tins like tobacco tins in which is a little Fowler's solution of arsenic, rendered attractive to flies by having a little sugar added to it. The lid is closed down and through holes punched in the lid cotton wicks bring up the poisonous solution for the flies to drink.

The patented "Daisy" fly killer is the thing to copy when making your fly poisoners. Unable to get at the meat, the flies swarm over the killer which is placed on the centre of the gauze, and one suck at the poison settles them.

Just before the meal is served the litter of dead flies is swept off the tables and the lure and poison tin is removed.

No Theory

This is no theory; the writer has seen it used at many a camp in pre-war days, with excellent results. The filthy fly is more than an irritating pest; he is a menace to health, but he isn't immortal.

Just a little arsenic — not even enough to kill a rabbit — offered to him in the right way will kill him by the thousand. So why put up with the rotten little ————s any longer?

A Merry Xmas from Whizz

Owing to the normal civilian holidays which, of course, affects our printer, Whizz will not appear again until early in the New Year.

In the meantime we wish all our readers here and at home all the best for Christmas and a speedy victory this year. Those last three words, in fact, could and will be our slogan for the ensuing 12 months.

"Victory this Year."

We also wish to thank our Advertisers who have helped "Whizz" overcome its growing pains during the last six months and hope this will be the last Christmas they will have to trade with shuttered windows and dimmed lights.

Our sincere thanks are also extended to those officers and other ranks throughout the brigade who have helped "something new" over the obstructions of static thinking.

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American Army Training

By Sgt. Lindsay.

That stunt of teaching a man to track by stealing his boots while he was asleep and making him hop about in his socks until he had found them was typical of many things which I saw.

In order to teach a man to follow tracks, he is made to follow tracks; in order to teach him to shoot, he was given plenty of cartridges and told to fire them off. The men to whom I was loaned certainly carried out instructions on that point!

We were camped out in the scrub where you could shoot without risk of hitting human beings or livestock, so as we practiced stalking and moving through brush so thick as to be very similar to jungle, we treated every rabbit, kangaroo, fox and emu as if it was a Jap. You only saw the target for a split second in most cases, so it was admirable training in snapshooting. There was nothing orthodox about it; the rifle was carried at the ready and the moment the target was sighted the rifle jumped to the shoulder and was fired in the one movement.

To see a man bowl over a running rabbit in that way, or shoot a hopping kangaroo THROUGH THE HEAD was somewhat impressive.

But don't get the idea that you can pick it up by blindly banging away ammunition. You can't. You have to be trained for it in the proper way, as with everything else. You start by holding up a finger and looking *past* it at some distant object. If when you do that you can see two shadowy fingers, you can go on to the next step; if you can't you're scrubbed. Next you point your finger at a target, as if aiming with a pistol, and keep both your eyes open. Again you see two shadowy fingers. If your right eye is your "Master" eye it is the *left-hand* shadowy finger which you point and vice-versa.

When you have mastered those preliminary steps you put your rifle to your shoulder, still keeping both eyes open, and aim at a target. You see two shadowy barrels and two foresights; you ignore the backsight. If your right eye is your master eye it is the left-hand barrel which you point at the target, keeping the foresight well below the mark. You keep practising, with a mate using an aiming disc, until you can throw up the rifle and point it in a second; in point of fact you are merely learning to throw up the rifle and point it in exactly the same way as the expert with a shotgun aims and fires.

Incidentally, this is the method which most big-game hunters use against leopards, tigers, water buffaloes and other animals liable to charge when wounded. Instead of carrying a rifle they use the ordinary sporting shotgun with both barrels cylinder and a heavy ball bullet instead of shot, because of the ease and accuracy with which a fast-moving target can be hit in the right spot when a gun is used by a man who can handle one.

When all the preliminary training has been mastered you start on using ball ammunition in your rifle, and the results often surprise yourself.

Army Instructors who take a text-book as their Bible are horrified at the very idea of shooting with both eyes open, but nothing can alter the fact that it is the method used by some of the best shots in the world and that the man who can use it has put up his rifle, aimed and hit the mark while the "orthodox" man is lining up his sights and taking first pull on the trigger. I think it might be very effective if used against an enemy who is seen for an instant in the jungle; it certainly is sudden death on rabbits and kangaroos in the hands of men who, as game wardens and forest rangers, have been using it for years to keep down vermin in America's great parks and forests.

In order to gain practice at judging distances, the squad of U.S. trainees would be halted and told to set their sights in order to hit a stump out in the middle of a swamp or a bush on a distant sandhill.

One man would then lie down and take aim at the mark, altering his sights if he was under or over with his shot; when he scored a hit he would read off the elevation on his vernier. If it was 650 yards all the men who had set their sights for the correct distance would be given "Plus" marks and those who were out in their judgment got a minus. It taught two valuable points as nothing else but practice can — that you tend to underestimate the distance over water and to overestimate it across land.

It was the same with boatwork. In order to learn how to handle boats they handled boats in choppy seas; a good-natured fisherman let us use his boats free of charge — and any other gear we needed. Their Lieutenant didn't stand off and give orders; he was the first to jump up and start stowing gear when the truck had to be loaded, and the first to leap out and start cutting boughs for camouflage when we halted. His punishments were unorthodox, probably quite illegal, but mighty effective. One day a man opened fire on the rabbits before permission was given.

The "Loot" walked up to the offender. "Gimme the bolt out've that rifle, Jimmy" he drawled; when it had been handed over he pocketed it and added "For the rest of today you'll tote an empty gun."

So Jimmy trailed along for the rest of the day, lugging a rifle which couldn't be fired, while his mates had all the fun.

Nobody opened fire again without permission.

A Sgt.-Major Is Transferred

Recently in our Brigade Group a Sergeant Major was "transferred."

Behind the transfer is a story and it contains a lesson for both men and officers.

This Sergeant-Major is what is known as a good feller. He was decent to his men. He never crimed them; he didn't "see" many things; he gave his men a "go."

What was the result?

Given Away

The usual thing. Everybody took advantage of his decency. There was much climbing over back fences, evening mess parades were at times very small, men came late to parades — with an excuse of course.

Discipline became lax.

The Sergeant-Major gave his men a go but they didn't give him a go.

So our Sergeant-Major was removed with the usual nice speeches. That is one side of the story.

Other Side

Napoleon once said that there are no bad soldiers only bad officers.

Our officers are our leaders. They are supposed to be the best soldiers and as such they should set an example.

If discipline is to be maintained amongst the men then discipline must be of a very high standard amongst the officers.

As in all other aspects of soldiering officers must set an example in discipline.

Therefore if discipline is lax amongst the officers it must and inevitably will be reflected in their men.

The Sergeant-Major was in the middle of the picture created.

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Bn. Sports

The three infantry Battalions conducted their sports during last week to select competitors for the big Brigade meeting.

Following are the results:

Melville's Men:

120 yds. Hurdles: C. Holmes (HQ), 1; C. J. Sloan (C), 2; A. Coburn (B), 3. Time, 18 secs.

100 yds.: H. C. Morcom (HQ), 1; K. T. Wales (HQ), 2; J. Malone (HQ), 3. Time, 11 2-5 secs.

220 yds.: W. P. Smith (A), 1; H. C. Morcom (HQ), 2; B. N. Hazel (C), 3. Time, 28 2-5 secs.

440 yds.: N. H. Grainger (A), 1; C. J. Sloan (C), 2; A. F. Carroll (HQ), 3. Time, 1m. 10 secs.

880 yds.: K. T. Wilkie (B), 1; L. R. Murley (B), 2; W. A. Foster (C), 3. Time, 2m. 28 3-5 secs.

Mile: T. J. Rutherford (D), 1; N. K. McIntyre (A), 2; J. B. Miller (D), 3. Time, 5m. 33 secs.

Throwing cricket ball: N. H. Grainger (A), 1; L. M. Kirwin (HQ), 2; K. M. Moyle (C), 3. Distance, 93 yds.

Kicking football: V. J. Fairless (HQ), 1; A. G. Grant (B), 2; L. E. Gleeson (HQ), 3. Distance, 57 yds.

Long jump: B. T. Gill (D), 1; W. Jackson (D), 2; A. H. Bingham (D), 3. Distance, 16ft. 16in.

Hop, Step and Jump: J. Braszell (B), 1; A. R. Quinn (HQ), 2; A. H. Bingham (D), 3. Distance, 35ft. 7in.

High Jump: J. Braszell (B), 1; J. H. Nichols (HQ), 2; G. R. Aldred (HQ), C. Holmes (HQ) and W. Jackson (D), equal, 3. Height, 5ft. 2in.

Shot Putt: S. E. Aicken (C), 1; D. M. Binney (B), 2; S. L. Skurrie (D), 3. Distance, 32ft. 7in.

Tug-of-war: C, 1; D, 2.

Pl. Drill: C, 1; A, 2.

P.T.: A, 1; B, 2.

Total points: H.Q. Coy., 57; B and C, 46; A, 43, D, 39.

Caldwell's Crowd

100 yds.: F. Dunn (A), 1; Porter (D), 2; Wood (D), 3.

220 yds.: F. Dunn (A), 1; Wood (D), 2; Sapwill (HQ1), 3.

440 yds.: Ogier (HQ1), 1; Adams (HQ2), 2; Whiting (C), 3.

880 yds.: Fergus (A), 1; Brown (C), 2; McDonald (HQ2), 3.

120 yds. hurdles: Buchanan (A), 1; Brandis (A), 2; McLeod (C) and Falkingham (HQ1), equal, 3.

1 mile: Fergus (A), 1; Eird (D), 2; Tibbles (HQ1), 3.

High Jump: Rose (B), 1; McDonald (A), 2; Murphy (HQ1), 3.

Shot Putt: Barry (HQ2), 1; McKinley (A), 2.

Long Jump: Porter (D), 1; Robb (A), 2; Ogier (HQ2), 3.

Throwing cricket ball: Barry (HQ2), 1; Wellan (B), 2; Jesse (C), 3.

Kicking football: Hilet (D), 1; Curtis (A), 2; McLeod (C), 3.

Platoon Drill: HQ1, and D Coy., tied.

P.T.: HQ1, 1; D Coy., 2.

Total points: A Coy., 83; D Coy., 64; HQ1, 48.

Lang Clanners . . .

100 yds.: T. R. Bye, 1; R. P. Ginnane, 2.

220 yds.: T. R. Clarke, 1; Cpl. Sainsbury, 2.

440 yds.: N. J. Tolley, 1; T. R. Clarke, 2.

880 yds.: H. A. Hudson, 1; N. J. Tolley, 2.

1 mile: W. J. Morrison, 1; A. Sainsbury, 2.

120 yds. hurdles: A. E. Mitchell, 1; R. S. Nicholls, 2.

Long Jump: W. S. Cooper, 1; T. R. Bye, 2.

Hop, Step and Jump: Cpl. Linton, 1; T. R. Bye, 2.

High Jump: R. McKay, 1; Sgt. Conley, 2.

Relay Race: C Coy.; Team: N. J. Tolley, H. J. Sullivan, H. J. Egan, W. Linton, G. C. Wilson.

Kicking Football: G. C. Wilson.

Shot Putt: J. Salisbury, 1; K. Kesper, 2;

Throwing Cricket Ball: T. R. Bye, 1; R. S. Nicholls, 2.

Bike Race: E. C. Brooker, 1; D. G. Jones, 2.

Tug-o'-war: H.Q. Coy. Team: S. Goldsworthy, J. E. Campbell, M. C. Howarth, L. W. Wilson, W. G. Henry, S. Maynard, A. Maynard, H. R. McPherson, K. Kesper, E. Parker.

Don R. Race: J. A. Grant, J. Darragh, S. J. Baulch.

P.T. Team: J. McDougall (instructor), R. Stubbs, O. H. Carter, C. G. Nicholls, H. W. Baird, C. G. Wilson, Vinant, W. P. Collins, J. McPhail, L. K. Wheeler, A. Staniforth, A. Shipley, C. S. Thompson, G. Bateman, W. Wells, H. M. Beasley, R. Pattison.

Sports Cntd. from front page

(Brown), 3. Distance, 39ft. 6in.

Relay Race: Brown, 1; Green, 2; Red, 3.

Tug-o'-war: First Heat: Black. Second Heat: Red. Third Heat: Green (walk over). Fourth Heat: Brown. First Semi-final: Black. Second Semi-final: Green. Final: Black.

Weight Putt (McKinley (Green), 1; Aiken (Black), 2; Barry (Green), 3. Distance, 34ft. 4in.

P.T. Drill: Brown, 1; Green and White, equal 2; Black, 4.

Platoon Drill, Black, 1; Brown, 2; Yellow, 3; White, 4.

Vickers' Drill: Black, 1; Brown, 2; Green, 3.

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HENRY GOES ON HOLIDAYS

You might not believe this but I have been offered fantastic sums to write this article for other papers (I have also been threatened with a smack under the earhole if I did) but I said "No — money can't tempt me — not much — How can a man spend it if he is in the boob."

The editor and myself were yarning over a drop of metho yesterday while I was waiting to go up. "Well, Henry," he said "you must give your public some reason for going through — pass the bootpolish old man."

"Well," I said, thoughtfully squeezing a bull ant into the brew "what's got me worried is what reason I'm going to give the Old Man." At this juncture the Coy. Sar'major bowls along —

"Prisoner 'n escort — atten — shun."

"Queeg — marsh — right turn, left turn, right turn, left turn. Halt. Waltz your partners to their places —"

When the head stopped spinning I peered into the gloom of the tent and saw the Bloke hiding behind his eyebrows.

Well Sir . . .

"Well, sir, it's like this — you see — well I was worried about me pore old uncle."

"What uncle?"

"Me Uncle Aloysius, sir — Aloysius Kirkpatrick Higher, sir."

"What about him."

"Well, sir, he is in a delicate state of health — he's about to become a granduncle."

"But I understand you are an only child, Higher."

"Yessir."

"Well . . . that means . . ."

"Yessir, exactly sir . . . I had to get down to see about it, sir . ."

(Cripes, that's going to work, I thought.)

"But how do you explain your condition when the Provosts picked you up?"

You see Sir . . .

"Well, sir, you see sir my uncle was worried about the shame of it sir."

"Yes, so what?"

"Well, he was drinking himself to death and . . . well sir, what could I do . .

"Come, come Higher, reach the point."

"Well sir," I said "I made the great sacrifice . ."

"Do you mean to tell me you drank plonk at 1/- a bottle . . ."

"Yessir."

"In these austerity days, Higher, it is positively outrageous not to be satisfied with the first class stuff Leo the fish-shop bloke sells at 6d.

"Well, sir, it was a bit unfortunate when your pants' buttons rotted off in Hay Street but apart from that . ."

O.K. Sir . . .

"Well Higher didn't you drink the lot."

"Yessir."

"28 days' detention then."

"And fined a fiver. I want to take the good sort out," finishes up the pitch and toss. And that's where I finishes . . .

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BRIGADE NEWS BULLETIN
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AES

In their new drive the Reds take Kamenskaya. Africa maintains a significant silence; the RAF made a heavy raid on Munich on Monday.

RUSSIA — NAZIS DISORGANISED

The new Soviet offensive in the Middle Don continues to develop in all directions. Pursuing the disordered Axis forces, the Red Army has liberated several dozen more localities and recaptured the large town of Kamenskaya - about 49 miles south of the key rail junction of Millerovo. It is reported that Millerovo is surrounded. In addition to their claim of 7000 of the enemy killed and the same number of prisons and wounded, the Russians state that during the last week have captured altogether 20,200 prisoners, 108 tanks, 1637 guns, 2369 machine guns, 6735 lorries, 5500 horses and 82 ammunition supply dumps. They have advanced between 60 and 90 miles. and strong natural barriers no longer flank the German position from the Voronej-Rostov railway to the Don bend and down to Kotelnikivo. The Russian commandvis at present avoiding a frontal assault against the trapped Axis army between the Don and the Volga. It is concentrating the iron ring intact. The enemy NW of Stalingrad is saving food and ammunition as much as possible, knowing that supply lines to the west are now in grave danger. The Reds in Stalingard city are clearing the Germans from building after building. A Nazi journal writes "Fighting in Russia is the bitterest in the world's history. Darkness hovers over Germany. The military situation looks serious in the south - but after the winter comes spring." A Times correspondent writes "It will be only natural if the Russian progress west and southwest slackens in the next few days, because there is a large number of enemy groups in this area which, although disorganised, will probably make a stand.

AFRICA — AWAITING THE STORM

There is not much news from Africa: the papers are contenting themselves again with the difficulties that the 8th Army has had to overcome in its pursuit of Rommel. There is no news even of the whereabouts of our advanced troops. The Times reporter explains how sappers "delouse" minefields by leapfrogging operations - the work being carried out so efficiently that our forces have been able to keep on Rommel's heels with unabated momentum almost since leaving El Alamein. "Delousing parties use an electrical device which resembles a vacuum carpet sweeper equipped with headphones. When swept over the ground it emits a constant low note, the pitch rising sharply when in the neighbourhood of metal, which may of course be merely an old tin. In Tunisia, Allied patrols stabbing northeast from Medjez el Bab have contacted Axis forces 15 miles to the east of the town. French reconnaissances suggest that the enemy is not in strength in South Tunisia. Apparently both sides are still developing arrangem nts for a decisive clash.

AIR OFFENSIVE — BOMBS ON MUNICH

On Monday night the ancient city of Munich, deep in the heart of Germany, and the birthplace of Nazism, was visited by the RAF, and before our bombers left many buildings were well alight, There were few searchlights and not much flak. but our bombers were engaged by night fighters, at least 2 of which were destroyed.

PAPUA — ALLIED DRIVE SLOWED

A network of Jap trenches, pillboxes and barricades is slowing down the Allied drive against the main Buna airfield with tanks and infantry backed by artillery fire. Our forces have now crossed Sinemi Creek which runs through the wooded area between the new airfield (already captured) and the main airfield.

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NOTICE: Issue of this News Bulletin will be suspended over the Xmas period.

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To all ranks of 6 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) the Army Education Service extends Christmas Greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

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ROUTINE ORDER PART I NO. 117

BY

LT-COL J.T. LANG ADMINISTERING COMD 6TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP.

25 DEC 42.

1. GREETINGS — The Bde Comd wishes to convey to all ranks of 6th Aust Inf Bde Gp, every good wish for a very Happy Christmas and for a Victorious and Prosperous New Year.

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(E.H. BUSH) Capt.
A/Brigade Major, 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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2. V 280194 Pte QUIRK J.P. — Any unit having this soldier on strength, please advise these H.Q. immediately.

(F.R. HIGGS) Capt.
Staff Captain, 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

NOTICES.

L O S T. — Pay Book No 249696 belonging to V 64808 Pte BROMAGE B.T. Finder please return same to 6 Aust Inf Bde HQ.

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A.F. W.3010
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Date of last A.F. W.3010 rendered 19/12/42 19..... Number of sheets attached to this return one

H.Q. 6 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

CASUALTY RETURN—OFFICERS

Detail of casualties to officers which have occurred since last return. The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, &c. Promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), transfers, postings, attachments, &c., courts-martial, leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next-of-kin with postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items connected with an officer's service.

Rank	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Nature and date of casualty	Date	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated)
Major	SX2920	NICHOLLS F.R.	Hq 6 Aust Inf Bde	School	19/12/42	Attending JOOTs School
Capt	VX111034	HENDERSON-MOSES A.D.	" "	Strength Decrease	21/12/42	Trans to Hq 3 Aust Corps after being detached as Staff Captain (A) Learner 3 Aust Corps.

S.O.Keogh Lieut for Capt.
Signature of Commanding Officer.

Date 26 DEC 42.

Hq 6 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) (*Unit.*)

4 Aust Div.
(*Bde. Divn. Area with which Unit is serving*).

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Casualty Return—Other Ranks

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
V220216	Pte	KERSLAKE L.	HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde	Strength Decrease	19.12.42	Transferred to 38 Aust Inf Bn
VX 87922	Pte	HALL L.	" "	Trade Grouping	22/12/42	To be Cook 2C II
V305637	Pte	BRONAGH B.T.	" "	Strength Increase	23/12/42	Trans from ARD NORTHAM and taken on A [illegible]
VX32675	Pte	COPLEY R.	" "	" "	"	" " " "
V103983	Pte	CARDEN A.E.	" "	Leave	24/12/42	Proceeded to LTD CLAREMONT prior to ABL - vide CRO 553
V107444	Pte	MACKELL J.C.	" "	"	"	" " " "
V100005	Pte	DEAN R.	" "	"	"	" " " "

Date 26 DEC 42 19

(Signature of Commander.) Capt.

HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) (Unit.)

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

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Headquarters,
6 Aust Inf Bde AIF,
AUSTRALIA.

PASSES CIVILIANS

1. Some units are employing Fruit Vendors, conservation and sanitary contractors etc who must enter the respective unit areas to transact their business.

2. For Security reasons, all units employing the above, whether casual or permanent callers, will institute the following system of passes to be issued to them.

3. A register of all passes issued must be kept, showing the date of issue, No of Pass, date of expiry, hours in which pass is valid, holders Identity card No, and name of issuing officer.

4. The register will be the responsibility of the IO.

5. The issuing officers signature will be that of either the CO, Adjt or IO.

6. All passes are to be TEMPORARY and valid for NOT more than one month, when the pass may be renewed by an additional signature of an issuing offr and the insertion of the new period for which the pass is valid.

7. Hereunder is a specimen of Pass to be issued.

E.H. Bush

(E.H. BUSH) Capt.
A/Brigade Major 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

29 DEC 42.

TEMPORARY PASS NO.

NAME.....Identity Card No	OFFICERS SIGNATURE	VALID FROM	TO
of.....			
Trade.....is permitted			
to enter ..... camp (unit) lines			
between the hours of ..... and			
.....daily. Date of issue....,			
DESCRIPTION OF HOLDER			
AGE.....Height.....			
COLOUR HAIR.....EYES.....			
BUILD .....OTHER DETAILS.....			
SIGNATURE OF HOLDER			
Stamp of issuing unit and officers signature.			

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6 Aust Fd Coy.
6 Aust Fd Amb.
33 A/Tk Bty.
23 Coy A.A.S.C.
4 Aust DW AEME 6 Bde Sec
4 Aust DOFP 6 Bde Sec
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LOCATION STATE NO 11 - 6 AUST INF BDE GP

AS AT 1200 HRS 29 DEC 42

SECRET

Serial No	Full Name of Unit	Scale 4 miles to 1 inch Ref Map	Map Ref	Scale 1 inch to 1 mile Ref Map	Map Ref	REMARKS
1	HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde AIF	PERTH	39930593	PERTH	993593	Camp No 1
2	K Sec Sigs 4 Aust Div	"	39930593	"	993593	" "
3	269 L.A.D. Type A	"	40170581	"	017581	" " 6
4	15 Aust Fd Regt	PINJARRA	375014	-	-	Training
5	F Sec Sigs 4 Aust Div	"	"	-	-	Att 15 Fd Regt.
6	218 L.A.D.	"	"	-	-	" " "
7	33 Bty 109 A/Tk Regt	"	37450122	ROCKINGHAM	745122	Training.
8	278 L.A.D. Type A	"	37450122	"	745122	Att 33 Bty A/Tk
9	6 Aust Fd Coy RAE	"	37109790	"	710790	Training
10	285 L.A.D. Type A	"	37109790	"	710790	Att 6 Fd Coy RAE
11	14/32 Aust Inf Bn	PERTH	40440590	MUNDARING	044590	Camp No 4
12	38 Aust Inf Bn	"	40510585	"	051585	" " 3
13	2/2 Pnr Bn AIF	"	40380591	"	038591	" " 5
14	23 Coy AASC	"	40300516	"	030516	" " 9
15	6 Aust Fd Amb					
	HQ Coy	"	40370555	"	037555	CCS Helena Vale Racecourse. Moving to HQ Coy Camp Site No 19 31 DEC 42.
	A Coy	"	40830543	"	083543	MDS Camp No 19
	B Coy One Sec	"	42940604	"	294604	ADS CHIDLOWS
	B Coy One Sec	PINJARRA	39920076	-	-	ADS MUNDIJONG
16	C Sec 2/5 Dental Unit AIF	PERTH	40510585	MUNDARING	051585	Att 38 Aust Inf Bn
17	F Sec 2/5 Dental Unit AIF	"	40380591	"	038591	Att 2/2 Pnr Bn AIF
18	4 Aust DW AEME 6 Bde Sec	"	40400563	"	040563	Camp No 17
19	4 Aust DOFP 6 Bde Sec	"	40400563	"	040563	Camp No 17
20	6 Aust Inf Bde Gp FPO	"	39930594	PERTH	993594	Camp No 1 FPO 164

A D Bowling Lieut.
Intelligence Officer 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
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6 Aust Inf Bde (AIF),
AUSTRALIA.

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TRAINING AREAS

1. Area shown as under has been proclaimed as a Training area, under Regulation 55 of National Security (General) Regulations.

2. Attention is drawn to GRO G600 with particular reference to paras 3 and 4.

(E.H. BUSH) Capt.
A/B.M. 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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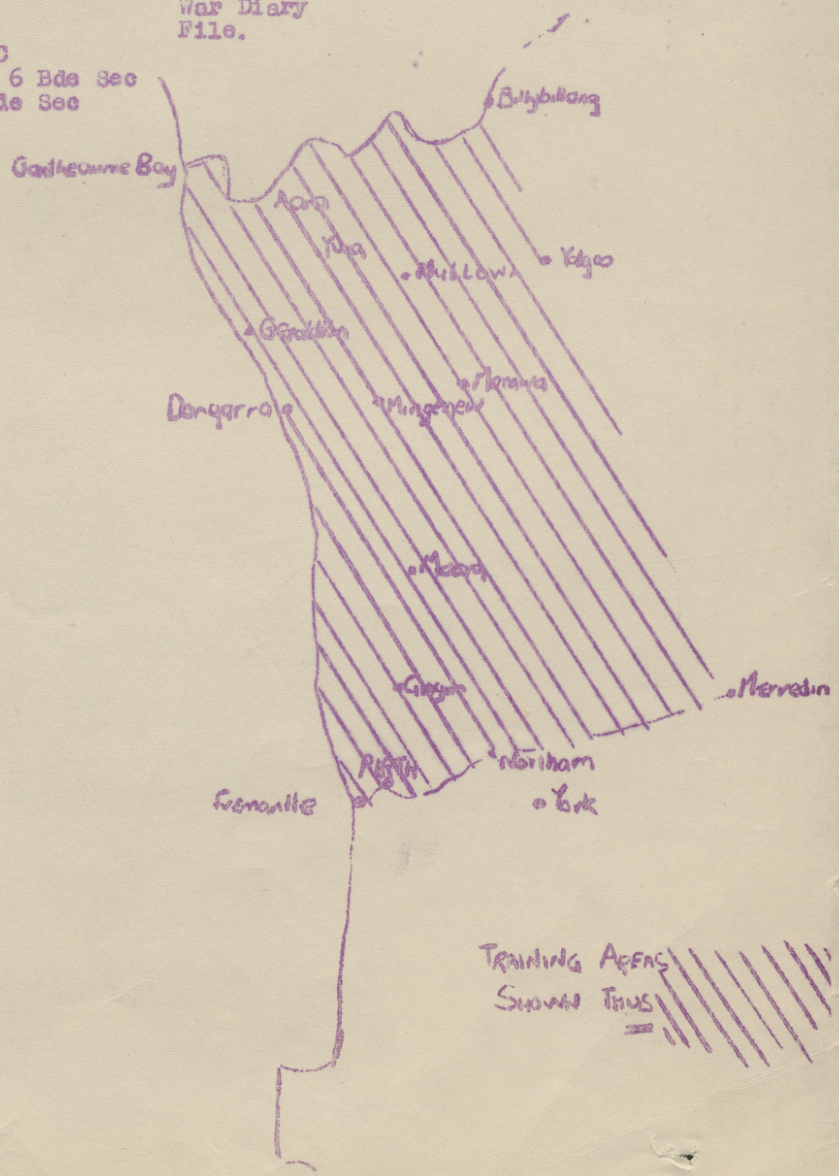
6 Fd Amb	File.
23 Coy AASC	
4 DW AEME 6 Bde Sec	
4 DOFP 6 Bde Sec	



No 105.
Wednesday 30 Dec.42. BRIGADE NEWS BULLETIN
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Australians shelled at Buna. Colossal Nazis Losses In Russia. Italians Panic US Airforce Active In Asia.

SW PACIFIC Japs Shell Buna From Sea

Buna village was shelled from the sea for over four hours between Midnight on Sunday and dawn yesterday. No damage was done by this shelling which is believed to have come from submarines. Japanese forces trapped at the northern end of the main Buna air strip made a desperate attempt to burst out of the slowly closing Australian and American pincers but were beaten back with heavy casualties. Supported by artillery the Allies drove another deep wedge into defence lines. Flying fortresses and liberators blasted shipping in Rabaul Harbor and are believed to have added a heavy cruiser to the damage caused during the week end. This warship received three direct hits from some of our heaviest bombs. Formations of attack planes shot up supply dumps and barges at the mouth of the Opi River. Enemy stores were also attacked at Gona Mission. Allied aircraft are keeping up the relentless attacks on targets in Timor. Beaufighters and Hudsons attacking store dumps and aerodromes.

RUSSIA Nazis Lose 400,000

The Nazis have lost about 400000 men killed and captured since the beginning of the Soviet Offensive. This estimate was made by Reuters Correspondent who also adds that the Axis losses in tanks and planes are sufficiently hight to present serious problems to the Germans. The Red Army's offensive is continuing unabated. South of Stalingrad in the Don Bend, West of Moscow and in the Leningrad areas our Allies are hammering the enemy. A spectacular success was scored at Kotelnikovo where the Red Army having smashed a strong counter attack is threatening to encircle that city too being only some half dozen miles distant. It was here that the Germans launched a counter offensive to relieve Von Hoth's trapped army before Stailingrad. A special announcement from Moscow referring to the Kotelnikovo success says " our troops in four days fighting advanced about 40 to 50 miles. We captured 3500 prisoners, 60 tanks, 155 guns, 105 lorries and several ammo dumps. We destroyed 278 planes, 427 tanks, 221 guns, 537 machine guns, 877 lorries snd 15 dumps. There are no signs yet of a big stand against the Russians who continue to advance in the face of fierce but not large scale opposition. Our Allies are now less than 60 miles from Rostov.

ITALY Run On Banks

Recent air raids and fear of an allied invasion of Italy from the Mainland has started a wild run by the Italina people on their banks. Reports add that widespread hoarding has also developed leading to the expansion of paper money thus swelling inflation which has already inflicted misery on the Italian people. The Governor of New York State in a broadcast to Italy has appealed to Italian people to throw out their leaders.

ASIA Air SuccessIn China

American planes have scored successes against the Japs in the last few daysover China Burma and Siam. Concentrations at Yunan were heavily bombed on Thursday. All bombs hit the target area damaging installations and starting large fires. Ack ack fire was heavy but ineffectual. At Lashio in Burma heavy damage was done to warehouse and barrack areas.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I No. 118.

BY

LT-COL J.T.LANG ADMINISTERING COMD 6TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP.

30 DEC 42.

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1. AVOIDANCE OF FIRE RISKS DURING TRAINING.

The summer season in Western Australia brings constant danger of bush fires and, this year, due to a good season and an early summer the risk is greater than ever.
To guard against outbreaks of bush fires Formations and Units will take the following precautions :-

(a) Efficient fire breaks will be provided around all trg areas where live or blank ammunition or explosives are to be used.

(b) Each Unit and sub-unit will detail a fire party to deal with outbreak of fire and to examine area after fire for any danger spots.

(c) Adequate fire breaks will be provided on all Arty Ranges to prevent spread of fire caused by exploding shell or tracer. Arty and A Tk practices will only be conducted on Ranges which are provided with the requisite fire breaks.

Attention is drawn to 3 Aust Corps Adm Instruction Q.6 "Bush fires" distributed by HQ 4 Aust Div and 3 Aust Corps Adm Instruction Q.9 "Construction of Fire breaks" distributed by HQ 4 Aust Div.
It is the responsibility of every command to ensure the above instructions are carried out and that all personnel are conversant with the essential fact that outbreaks of fire must be prevented or brought under control as quickly as possible. This applies to private property, public lands, or training areas.
CARRIERS MG. Fires have occurred recently as a result of discharges from the exhausts of Carriers MG. Endeavour will be made in all instances for carriers to travel by routes where the danger of starting fires is least. During training should carriers travel through areas where the possibility of fire is great, every care must be taken to prevent the starting of a fire and immediate steps taken to extinguish or limit any outbreak.
To avoid the possibility of loss to property owners and to the army, it is essential that all ranks be made fully aware of the danger from fire, and the importance of exercising every precaution during all forms of Training.
Liaison will be established by formations and Units with the civilian BUSH FIRE BRIGADES in their areas so that coordination of effort in the prevention and suppression of bush fires may be attained.

E.H.Bush

(E.H.BUSH) Capt.
A/Brigade Major. 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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2. GAMBLING.

Gambling in any form is prohibited. Offenders will be severely dealt with.

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3. HEAD DRESS ON LEAVE. Caps O.P. may be worn by Officers and WOs I whilst on leave, all other ranks will wear hats khaki fur.

4. V180007 CPL. KENT A.G. Any unit having this soldier on strength, please advise these H.Q. immediately.

5. PAYMENT OF SUBSISTENCE - INTERSTATE LEAVE. Personnel proceeding on interstate leave are to be paid subsistence prior to their marching out to L.T.D. Claims on Forms TS 5A with necessary certificates will show the number of days for which leave has been granted, and will be marked "Home Leave".
Cash Advances will be made to Sub-Imprest Holders on each Thursday. Vouchers and unexpended cash will be returned on the following Thursday to Paymaster and a new Advance drawn.
Statements of cash required should be forwarded to reach Paymasters by 1700 hrs each Monday.
It should be understood that this advance for subsistence has no connection with the normal fortnightly pay advance.
Cash requirements should be forwarded immediately for current payments to Div. Paymaster and advances drawn as soon as possible.

F.R. Higgs

(F.R.HIGGS) Capt.
Staff Captain, 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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Headquarters,
6 Aust Inf Bde (AIF),
AUSTRALIA.

WARNING ORDER

CHANGE OF LOCATION

6 and 13 Aust Inf Bde Gps will change locations.

2. 6 Aust Inf Bde will move to DANDARRAGAN - MOORA area and 13 Aust Inf Bde will move to BELLEVUE.

3. No move before 20 JAN 43 - movement to be completed by 24 JAN 43. Further administrative instructions and Movement Order will follow later.

4. Attached hereto are two copies of form covering particulars required by this Headquarters for preparation of Entrainment Table. Fill in necessary particulars, and return in duplicate, to reach this Headquarters at earliest and not later than 1800 hrs 2 JAN 43.

5. Ref Columns (e) and (f) of attached form - A/Tk guns will be transported by rail if they cannot move either by portee or loaded on MT.

C O'Keeffe Lieut
for Capt.
(F.R. HIGGS)
Staff Captain 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
DEC 42.

DISTRIBUTION :-

14/32 Aust Inf Bn
38 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust Par Bn
15 Aust Fd Regt
6 Aust Fd Coy
6 Aust Fd Amb
33 A/Tk Bty
23 Coy AASC
4 Aust DW 6 Bde Sec
4 Aust DOFP 6 Bde Sec
K Sec Sigs
F Sec Sigs
269 LAD
218 LAD
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PARTICULARS REQUIRED FOR PREPARATION OF ENTRAINMENT TABLE

MOVE OF _____

Serial No.	UNIT	PERSONNEL		GUNS		CARRIERS	TONS STORES	TOTAL MT Ex M/C	REMARKS
		By Road	By Rail	By Road	By Rail	By Rail	By Rail		
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j

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Issued by the Army Education Service

Kotelnikovo Captured from the Germans
Allies Widen Buna Wedge. Allies Give Up Hill In Tunisia. Jibuti Occupied.

RUSSIA — Russians Take Key Town

The capture pf the key railway town of Kotelnikovo with many prisoners a large quantity of aircraft equipment, 17 planes and a train load of tanks is announced in a specal Moscow communique. Because Kotelnikovo was a key point in the Nazis defences the enemy did his utmost to retain the position repeatedly counter attacking from long prepared bases but he failed and retreating abandoned damaged and undaaged guns. This key point was rendered untenable by the Red Army which by passed it on the flanks and drove in from the front. Relentlessly thrusting forwqrd over a huge arc on six fronts north of Voroshilovgrad to south e east of Kotelnikovo the Red Army is sweeping towards Rostov major Nazis base on the Black Sea. Our Allies are also at the gates of Millerovo surrounded several days ago. The Soviet advance on all fronts is continuing unabated. The Times correspondent says that the Germans are able to halt the rapid Russian advance only where there are strong garrisons, elsewhere their field defences are useless. Soviet tanks quit the roads and make long and very destructive thrusts. Resisting garrisons are not allowed to check the advance of tanks whose main task is to beat down the rearguards and prevent them from counter attacking.

SW PACIFIC — Slow But Important Progress

Important new Allied gains in the Buna beachhead were made in yesterdays fighting. Our forces have now captured almost the entire airfield and all the territory between the airfield and the sea. The Japs are still holding out behind strong points at the northern end of the airfield where bitter fighting is still going on. The Allies are pressing a wedge towards Giropa Point. At the other end of the front Allied forces driving acros a creek have enlarged the area of control and are pressing towards the sea. A Jap pocket about a mile south of Buna Mission which was encircled at Christmas had now been mopped up. Our artillery has silenced several guns including a number of Pom Poms. Ground forces were given air support in yesterdays fighting but it is pointed out that as contact is made with the Japanese and the gap between them lessens the difficulty of bombing in the front line increases. Our own men may suffer as many casualties as the enemey.

TUNISIA — Hill Vacated By Our Troops

Allied forces about 30 miles south west of Tunis have withdrawn from a high captured on Christmas Day. A communique states "After s inflicting severe casualties on the enemy our units have now been withdrawn from a hill position six miles north east of Medjez El Bab which was the scene of heavy fighting on Christmas Day. AOur patrols on the northern area made contact with the enemy during Sunday night while our bombers attacked roads b hid the eneymy lines. Both sides briefly shelled each other's positions. Our artillery destroyed two enemy tanks. Reuters man says that the withdrawal made may be a discretionary move. An American correspondent says that the strength of the German anti aircraft fire in Tunis and Bizerta shows that Hitler has redistributed his fighting strength and poured heavy reinforcements into Africa. He quotes an RAF Officer as saying. Hitler's flak has checked us and we have been obliged to withdraw after fierce counter attacks to defensive positions to await reinforcements. The Axis is continuing to improve its African airforce.

LONDON — Allies Occupy Jibuti

Rome radio says that British and De Gaullist troops have entered the town of Jibuti in French Somaliland capital and Red Sea terminus of the Railway to Addis Ababa.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDER PART I NO. 119.

by

LT-COL J.T. LANG ADMINISTERING COMD 6TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP.

31 DEC 42

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(E.H. Bush) Capt.
A/Brigade Major 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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1. DANGEROUS ENCLOSURES IN PARCELS FORWARDED BY POST

A fire aboard a ship carrying valuable supplies, including explosives, was caused recently by spontaneous combustion of wax matches included in mails for Army personnel. All members of the forces will be instructed to request their relatives and friends not to forward wax matches or charged petrol lighters to them through the post. The dangers as stated above will be explained to troops. Franking officers will delete any request for wax matches or charged petrol lighters from letters.

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

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES. RC Church Parades New Year's Day Jan 1st. will be held in the YMCA Marquee AASC area at 0700 hrs, in Red Shield Marquee 14/32 Bn area at 0830 hrs for 14/32 Bn, 38 Bn and 2/2 Pnr Bn,, at Helena Vale Racecourse at 0945 hrs for 6 Fd Amb.
SUNDAY 3 JAN 43. RC Church Parade will be held in YMCA Marquee AASC area at 0700 hrs, in MIDLAND RC Church at 0800 hrs for 55 DOW, in Red Shield Hut 14/32 Bn area at 0845 hrs for 14/32, 38 Bns and 2/2 Pnr Bn. At Helena Vale Racecourse at 1000 hrs for 6 Fd Amb.

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2030 HRS

Buffet

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