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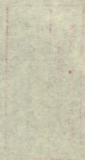
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Unit H.Q. 9. INF. BDE. Date and Time--From.....To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
THORNLEIGH	1st JAN 42.		Password COMPASS. Lt Col Powell & Major Christie accompanied by Capt Baker to interview I.O's tomorrow from FURI JEMO MOLU.	
"	2nd "	"	Password PARRAMATTA. Intelligence personnel attached to fwd area found key word was known to SIGS & immediately reported to FURI. Instructions have been emphasised regarding secrecy & inquiries into leakage so farb negative.	
"	3rd "	"	Password ASHTRAY. Message to JEMO MOLU FURI FUKO YUXI KUJA BUNA stating that only E.C. photographers permitted to take snaps. Then only on production of necessary authority. Any other one will have film confiscated & name & address taken.	
"	4th "	"	Password LAWNMOWER. MOLU S.O. reports line he was laying from MOLU fwd to R.A.P. deliberately cut at approx M/R 288327 artillery sheet. This happened some time to-day. Discovered by patrol at 1930 hrs.	
"	5th "	"	Password BISCUIT. All units informed that with exception essential sentries & duties all troops rest after stand down 5 Jan. till occupation posts night of 5/6 Jan. Branches of Gum trees found under ST LEONARDS bridge opp NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL. Party required to investigate & make report. Report on all bridges in area to be looked at. Mr saunders sent to investigate but found nothing to report.	
"	6th "	"	Password WOODWORK. Message to all units advising that lorries 3 ton FORD fwd will on no account be driven by personnel holding class 3.	
"	7th "	"	Password HAWKESBURY. Message to JEMO P tp 18 Pdrs. will be used as beach guns.	
"	8th "	"	Password CONVERGENCE.	
"	9th "	"	Password RECEIPT. Unauthorised photographer at MANLY. Have taken address & confiscated film. Will develop film & advise you of result.	
"	10 "	"	Password RADIO. MOLU will contact JEMO & take over Sentry duty on sand levelling machinery vicinity LONG REEF. Take over place 0900K 11 Jan.	

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Unit..... Date and Time.--From.....To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
THORNLEIGH	11 JAN 42.		Password CRAFT.	
"	12 " "		Password Light.New G.O.C. taking over 13 Jan.C.O's to be available at respective CADRE H.Q. from 1400K 13 Jan.	
"	13 " "		Password MACHINE.Message to JEMO MOLU.Hand over of GRP LONG REEF & TURRAIETTA will not take place until further notice.	
"	14 " "		Password LEGEND.MESSAGE TO JEMO FURI MOLU.Dixon from GANA will be selecting personnel for Cypher training to-day.	
"	15 " "		Password HAMMER.	
"	16 " "		Password CANTEEN.Message to FURIJEMO MOLU KUJA.Conference to be held Dodu rear 0930K 17 Jan. to discuss defensive fire & S.O.S. 2 films enclosed from FURI . Confiscated at HARBORD.Names & addresses of owners taken.	

## ACTION DIARY

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UNIT

H. 2. 9 Inf. Bde.

Date and Time - From 0001L 17 Jan 42 To 2359L 17 Jan 42

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY of EVENTS and INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES to APPENDICES DIARIES Etc.
THORNLEIGH	17 Jan 48	0312	VE message from FURI. FURI A reports heavy firing out at sea What apparently looks like two ships in NE direction also flashes like gunfire can be heard from FURI A BLO.	
"	"	0455	Above VE message referred to Maj. Baker 1 Div.	
"	"	0530	Advised gunfire ceased 0430 hrs. Now all clear. Direction of Fire E and slightly N of LANG REEF. Where flashes last seen now appear two ships making for port, unrecognizable.	Message originated by FURI at 0530
"	"	0535	Above message referred to Maj Baker 1 Div	
"	"	0635	Ship identification - Two minesweepers followed by 1 Destroyer, followed by two minesweepers.	
"	"	0640	Above information referred to Maj Baker 1 Div.	Message I 351

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Unit. 9 INF BDE. Date and Time.--From.....To.....[illegible]

H.Q. 9 Inf. Bde.

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Date and Time - From 0001 21 Jan 42 To 2359 21 Jan 42

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Unit H.Q. 9 Inf. Bde.

Date and Time - From 0001L 22 Jan 42

To 2359L 22 Jan 42

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UNIT Hq. 9 Inf. Bde.

Date and Time - From 0001L/ 23 Jan 42 To 2359 L/ 23

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- ZONE A MANLY BEACH  
B MONA VALE BEACH  
C FRESH WATER BEACH  
CURL CURL BEACH  
DDE WHY BEACH  
FISHERMANS BEACH  
COLLARROY BEACH  
BUNGAN BEACH  
NEWPORT BEACH

2. Target areas in Zones with S.O.S. and Code names are as follows:-

ZONE	TARGET AREA	S.O.S.	CODE NAME
A	FAIRY BOWER 297244 - 301244	Green/Red	CARD
	SOUTH STEYNE 294248 - 296244	Red/Green	SHED
B	MONA VALE BEACH 320285-318380	Green/Green	MONA
	FRESHWATER BEACH 296257-300261	Green/Green/Red	COLD
C	CURL CURL BEACH 300270-304276	Red/Red/Green	CURL
	FISHERMAN'S BEACH 317316-312319	Red/Green/Red	FISH
	DEE WHY BEACH 304295-307301	Green/Red/Red	BATH
	COLLAROY BEACH 311323-318328	Green/Red/Green	LONG
	BUNGAN BEACH 326395-326401	Red/Green/Green	HUNG
	NEWPORT BEACH 330415-332420	Green/Red	PORT

All S.O.S's will be preceded by an illuminating flare.

3. Rates of Fire are to be as under:-

(a) Defensive Fire - (a) = 25 pdr, (b) = 4.5 How, (c) = 18 pdr.

If confirmed by message or signal for D.F. repeated during period, then repeat whole series.  
Bty or Tp fire can be switched, when stopped or S.O.S. answered, to another S.O.S. call or be directed to new target by F.O.O.

Zone A B & C 0 - 5 Intense rate (a) 7 r.p.g.p.m.  
" (b) 4  
" (c) 8

5	-10	Normal	rate	(a)	3
			"	(b)	2
			"	(c)	3

Expenditure for 10 minutes per Gun.

25 pdr.	4.5 How.	18 pdr.
50	30	55

Unless "P" Tp guns i.e. P.C. and P.D. can bring defensive fire on to beaches they will use direct fire at targets.

- (b) M.M.G's.

2 minutes rapid ) repeat according to  
3 minutes normal ) circumstances.

( P.T.O )

L.M.G's.

2 minute rapid ) Repeat according to  
3 minute normal ) circumstances.

Rifle.

2 minute rapid ) repeat according to circumstances.  
3 minute normal )

3" Mortars.

2 minutes 8 bombs per min.  
3 minutes 5 bombs per min.

4. Areas on which Fire of one Tp only can be brought to bear

FAIRY BOWER - DEE WHY Beach Excl.  
MONA VALE Beach Excl. - PALM BEACH.

Bty fire can be brought to bear on

DEE WHY Beach incl. - MONA VALE Beach Incl.

5. S.O.S. in each instance will be fired by the highest Inf. authority on the spot which will normally be the Pl. Comdr.

S.O.S. must be immediately confirmed by quickest means either over P.M.G. line or Cable; failing this Don R., visual signals, runner or W/T; the Code word for the target being given

To stop Artillery fire Units will communicate by telephone or other means and give code name of target.

As aircraft use coloured Verry lights for identification purposes extreme care must be exercised that signals are not confused.

In the event of D.F. being called for in more than one Zone at the same time preference will be given in the following order:-

- (i) Tasks in Zone A.  
(ii) " " " B.  
(iii) " " " C.

6. A/Tk gun dispositions. All on direct fire tasks.

Ref. SYDNEY C.S.	271268
" " "	270295
" " "	257298
" BROKEN BAY C.S.	307321
" " "	301353
" " "	296359
" " "	284393
" " "	253376

7. Amnn. for observed Arty Fire.

Expenditure of Arty ann. for observed fire will not exceed the following scale without ref. to the Commander shown:-

- (a) 20 Fd Bty (25 pdr) 24 r.p.g. Comd. 9 Inf. Bde.  
(b) H Tp (4.5 H) 20 r.p.g. Comd. 9 Inf. Bde.  
(c) P.C. & P.D. (18 pdr) 30 r.p.g. C.O. 18 Bn.

*G. O. Darling*  
(G.O. DARLING) Maj.,  
B.M. 9 Inf. Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

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H.Q. 9 Inf. Bde.  
THORNLEIGH.  
23 Jan. 42.

Part I No. 7.

1. E. COMD. ROUTINE ORDERS.

E.C.R.O's 3/42 of 15 Jan. 42 have been issued to all Units and will be noted for information, necessary action and filing for future reference.

2. DRESS - WARRANT OFFICERS CLASS I.

Ref. E.C.R.O. 3/42, para. 3.

"Attention is directed to Standing Orders for Dress, page 19, para. 54, which provides that Jacket, S.D., Officers, will only be worn by Warrant Officers, Class I, Permanent Forces.

Appropriate action is to be taken to ensure the compliance with Dress Regulations in this regard."

3. NATIONAL SECURITY (REINSTATEMENT IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT) REGULATIONS.

Ref. E.C.R.O. 3/42, para. 7.

"(1) The National Security (Reinstatement in Civil Employment) Regulations are now administered by the Department of Labour and National Service which is a Commonwealth Department.

(2) Any soldier who wishes to make a complaint relating to these regulations should be advised to make it to the above department, Prudential Building, Martin Place, Sydney, (BW4163) on a form known as RCE1.

(3) Copies of form RCE1 can be obtained from the above department, Formation Headquarters, Stationery Officer, Eastern Command or any Area Office.

(4) This order will be read out on parade at appropriate intervals."

4. PUNISHMENTS.

N232509 Cpl Rigg W.J.

A.W.L. from 2110 hrs on 12 Jan. 42 to 0600 hrs on 13 Jan. 42

A.A. 15(1)

Admonished and advised of forfeiture of 1 day's pay and allowances,

5. CARRYING AND CARE OF ARMS AND EQUIPMENT.

1. Respirators will be part of the normal equipment of all ranks and B.R.O. 1/42, para. 5 will apply thereto.

2. Units and O's C. attached troops will ensure that a daily inspection is carried out.

6. ROUTINE ORDERS APPLICABLE TO PERSONNEL IN 9 INF. BDE. H.Q. CAMP AREA ONLY.

(a) Troops using the Public Telephone at night will ensure that the electric light adjacent thereto is not left burning unnecessarily.

*[Signature]*  
(CWO. DARLING) Maj.,  
B.M. 9 INF. BDE.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
THORNLEIGH	24 Jan 42.		Password TASMANIA. JEMO to test B.E.L's in various positions in the vicinity of MONA VALE BEACH & BUSHRANGER's Tank Trap at 2030L.	
"	25 " "		Password KHAZI. Tps detailed by SIMA will take over def posns BALMORAE area now occupied by Coy FURI at 0900L/28.	
"	26 " "		Password KIAMA. Report received from JEMO that cipher keyword is known to unauthorised person. No details known suggest keyword be changed immediately pending investigation.	
"	27 " "		Password BRANDY. ZETA will come under Comd. DODU for operations 2400L 27 Jan. Message to FURI JEMO MOLU asking for volunteers for Bomb disposal squad.	
"	28 " "		Password DESTROYER. All personnel on strength of units who were granted leave for harvesting under provisions of E.C.R.O.	
"	29 " "		49 of 41 must rejoin units by 6 FEB 42.	
"	30 " "		Password HURRICANE. Mutual arrangements will be made for take of C.R.P's LONG REEF & TURRILETTA by MOLU as from 0900L 30 Jan.	
"	31 " "		Password CYCLONE. Message from GANA that all schools must be vacated. All units informed.	
"			Password DOUGLAS. All A.I.F. Officers left JEMO at 1000L to return to DUBBO.	

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H.Q. 9 Inf Bde.,  
THORNLEIGH  
2 Jan 42.

Part I No.1

1. FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS (A.F.W. 3008)

Ref 1 Div R.O. 33/41, para 10(b)

"In future column 6, of part D, of A.F.W. 3008 will show posting of officers at the date to which the return is prepared."

Units are reminded that this information is required to be shown on the W.3008 return submitted as at Sat. 3 Jan 42.

2. E. COMD ROUTINE ORDERS.

E.C.R.O's. 57/41 of 26 Dec 41 have been issued to all Units and will be noted for information, necessary action and filing for future reference.

3. SALVAGE - WASTE PAPER.

Ref E.C.R.O. 57/41, para. 6.

Attention of all Units is directed to this E.C.R.O.

4. NON-EXPENDABLE OFFICE REQUISITES - SCALE OF ISSUE FOR UNITS OF A.M.F.

Ref E.C.R.O. 57/41, para 11.

Attention of all Units is directed to this E.C.R.O.

5. CARRYING AND CARE OF ARMS AND EQUIPMENT.

- (1) All ranks will observe the order to carry arms and equipment at all times (except when on leave). Working parties in the field may remove equipment provided equipment and arms are placed (when possible) under cover of view from air, in a handy position to the work being carried out and provided that both equipment and arms are properly laid out for instant action.
- (2) When off duty or in rest areas, arms & equipment will be properly laid out conveniently to hand.
- (3) At all times arms will be kept scrupulously cleaned and oiled. Respirator face pieces, & particularly eye pieces, will be kept free of dust. Personnel standing <sup>dose</sup> from guard or sentry duties will clean and oil arms immediately after such tour of duty.
- (4) This order applies to all orderly room staffs, cook-house personnel, postal orderlies, M.T. drivers, etc.
- (5) The above will be promulgated in all Unit R.O's.

/6 ....(P.T.O.)

6. AUDIT OF REGIMENTAL FUNDS.

Ref M.B.I. Q 9/34 of 26 Feb 34.

All Units are reminded of the requirement to assemble a Regimental Audit Board for the purpose of auditing Regimental Funds for quarter ended 31 Dec 41. The proceedings of the Boards must be lodged at H.Q., 9 Inf Bde not later than 25 Jan 42.

7. PUNISHMENTS.

N125357 Cpl Allen, R.W.C.

A.W.L. from 1830 hrs 25 Dec 41 to 2230 hrs on 25 Dec 41.

A.A.15(1)

Admonished. 29 Dec 41.

N250364 Pte Brown, L.M.

A.W.L. from 1830 hrs 25 Dec 41 to 2210 hrs 25 Dec 41.

A.A.15(1)

Fined 10/-. 29 Dec 41.

N213249 Pte Burgess, F.C.

A.W.L. from 2115 hrs on 25 Dec 41 to 2145 hrs on 25 Dec 41.

A.A.15(1)

Fined 10/-. 29 Dec 41.

N262992 Pte Crowe, M.J.

A.W.L. from 1800 hrs on 25 Dec 41 to 2230 hrs on 25 Dec 41.

A.A.15(1)

Fined 10/-. 29 Dec 41.

N250442 Pte Harris, A.F.

A.W.L. from 1830 hrs on 25 Dec 41 to 2210 hrs on 25 Dec. 41.

A.A.15(1)

Fined 10/-. 29 Dec 41.

N263165 Pte Wilson, D.G.

A.W.L. from 1830 hrs on 25 Dec 41 to 2210 hrs on 25 Dec 41.

Fined 10/-. 29 Dec 41.

A.A.15(1).

*for* (G.C. DARLING) Maj.,  
B.M. 9 Inf. Bde.

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H.Q. 9 Inf Bde.,  
THORNLEIGH  
9 Jan 42.

Part I No.3

1. WEARING OF HELMETS, STEEL, AND DISCIPLINE REGARDING WATER BOTTLES:

All Units will ensure that the following orders are observed:-

- (1) At all times (except when on leave, and when off duty in camp areas) Helmets, steel, will be carried by all ranks;
- (2) They will be worn by all ranks during stand-to periods and during any tour of armed duty;
- (3) Hats, felt, may be worn by working or fatigue parties, but helmets will be carried and placed in an orderly manner beside individual equipment;
- (4) Water bottles (filled) will be part of the normal equipment of all ranks and B.R.O. No.1 of 1942, para 5, will apply thereto;
- (5) Water bottles will be inspected at the commencement of each day's work to ensure that they are in order and properly filled;
- (6) Except by leave of his C.O. no soldier will drink from a water bottle and all water bottles will again be inspected at the end of the day;
- (7) Disciplinary action will be taken by Units against any soldier committing a breach of para 6 of this order;
- (8) Once a day all water bottles will be emptied into containers and the water thus saved will be used for washing or other similar purposes;
- (9) Steps will be taken to ensure that empty water bottles are not left closed to the air. All stoppers will be removed whilst bottles are empty;
- (10) These orders will be repeated in all Unit R.O's.

2. PUNISHMENT OF ABSENTEES WITHOUT LEAVE:

Ref M.B.I. A.169 of 15 Dec 41.

Attention of all Units is directed to the above M.B.I.

3. COURTS OF INQUIRY - ILLEGAL ABSENTEES.

Ref 1 Div R.O. 36/41, para 12.

Units will take action forthwith (if this has not already been done) in accordance with instructions in the above 1 Div R.O.

4. E. COMD. ROUTINE ORDERS:

E.C.R.O's 1/42 of 2 Jan 42 have been issued to all Units and will be noted for information, necessary action and filing for future reference.

5. RECRUITING FROM MILITIA TO A.I.F. & R.A.A.F.

Ref E.C.R.O. 1/42 of 2 Jan 42, para 5.

Attention of all Units is directed to the above E.C.R.O. Returns referred to in sub-para (4) therein will be submitted forthwith to H.Q., 9 Inf Bde and henceforth on 5th and 19th days of each month.

P.T.O.

6. 1 DIV ROUTINE ORDERS:

1 Div R.O.'s 1/42 of 6 Jan 42 have been issued to all Units and will be noted for information, necessary action and filing for future reference.

7. OFFICERS REPORTING AT H.Q., 1 DIV:

Ref 1 Div R.O. 1/42, para 4.

Attention of all Units is directed to the above 1 Div R.O.

8. FIELD HYGIENE : HEALTH INSPECTORS:

Ref 1 Div R.O. 1/42, para 6.

Attention of all Units is directed to the above R.O. Units will submit returns to H.Q. 9 Inf. Bde forthwith. NIL returns will be lodged where applicable.

9. ACCIDENTS M.T.

Ref 1 Div R.O. 1/42, para.7.

"(a) Attention is again drawn to E.C.R.O. 24/41 para 17 (23 May 1941) and 1 Div R.O. 28/41 para 10 sub-para 3 (21 October, 1941)..

(b) H.Q. 1 Div views with concern the increasing number of accidents occurring through negligent driving of Military Vehicles.

(c) It is repeatedly noticed that "Standing Orders for Driving" and, in particular, instructions as to the correct manner of carrying personnel in Military Vehicles, are being disregarded.

(d) Drivers of vehicles must ensure strict compliance with such orders and instructions. Disciplinary action will be taken against all offenders.

(e) The above order will be promulgated in all Unit Routine Orders.

10. DISCIPLINE - SENTENCES TO DETENTION:

Ref 1 Div R.O. 1/42, para 8.

Attention of all Units is directed to the above 1 Div R.O.

11. ENLISTMENTS F.T.D.:

Ref 1 Div R.O. 1/42, para 10.

Attention of all Units is directed to the above 1 Div R.O.

12. PUNISHMENTS:

N262978 Pte J.V. Carter

A.W.L. from 2330 hrs on 20 Dec 41 to 2300 hrs on 21 Dec 41.  
A.A.15(1)

Fined 21 and 1 day's pay forfeited. 23 Dec 41.

N235425 Pte Bourke, A.

A.W.L. from 2330 hrs on 20 Dec 41 to 1730 hrs on 21 Dec 41.  
A.A.15(1)

Fined 21 and 1 day's pay forfeited. 23 Dec 41.

N262136 Pte M. Fowler

A.W.L. from 2200 hrs on 5 Jan 42 to 0230 hrs on 6 Jan 42  
A.A.15(1)

Fined 25 and 7 days C.B. 9 Jan 42.

PUNISHMENTS (CONT'D).

N37162 Pte A.L. Lewis  
 A.W.L. from 0001 hrs on 7 Jan 42 to 0645 hrs on 7 Jan 42.  
 A.A.15(1)  
 Admonished and 1 day's pay forfeited. 8 Jan 42  
 N250490 Pte H. Mair  
 Using insubordinate language to his superior officer.  
 A.A.8(2)  
 Admonished. 9 Jan 42.  
 N125357 Cpl R.W.O. Allen  
 A.W.L. from 2200 hrs on 5 Jan 42 to 0230 hrs on 6 Jan 42.  
 A.A.15(1)  
 Severe reprimand. 9 Jan 42

12. ROUTINE ORDERS APPLICABLE TO PERSONNEL IN 9 INF BDE H.Q.  
CAMP AREA ONLY.

(a) Outwards mail:

All private letters for posting will have the requisite postage stamp or stamps affixed and will be placed in the mail box provided outside the Orderly Room.

*G.C. Darling*  
 (G.C. DARLING) Maj.  
 B.M. 9 Inf. Bde.

*W. L. L. L.*  
9 INF BDE H.Q.

THORNLEIGH

*1608*  
*g. L. L. L.*  
SECRET

DEC. 41.

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STANDING ORDERS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST AIR ATTACK

Reference - Protection against Gas and Air Raids Pam. 3.

GENERAL

1. OBJECT.

- (a) The protection of 9 INF BDE H.Q. and personnel against air attack by passive means, and to ensure that all are trained in, and, understand their action should an alarm be sounded;
- (b) To minimise casualties by dispersion and to provide adequate protection for personnel engaged in essential duties from both bomb blast and gas attack;
- (c) To minimise destruction caused by fires and incendiary bombs, by training personnel in prevention and control of fires.

2. NATURE OF ATTACK.

The method of attack would be by:-

- (a) The use of H.E. or incendiary bombs from diving or high flying planes;
- (b) Low flying machine gun attack;
- (c) Gas bombs;
- (d) Low flying gas sprayer using possibly Mustard or Lewisite gas.

3. DESCRIPTION OF AREA.

9 Inf Bde H.Q. are situated on the NORTHERN side of DUFFY AVE THORNLEIGH, approx 60 yards west of Junction with THE ESPLANADE.

- (a) The area NORTH of Bde H.Q. is thickly wooded and undulating. The EASTERN side is bounded by a railway line. SOUTH, the country is generally open and gradually sloping in a southerly direction. Streets running WEST from THE ESPLANADE contain few houses and also odd scattered clumps of timber. The WESTERN side adjacent to Bde H.Q. is clear of timber, there are only a few houses. About half a mile distant there is fairly good cover along side the tracks leading off DUFFY AVE.
- (b) The area surrounding Bde H.Q. is split up into many small blocks, with numerous paddocks enclosed by wire and barbed wire fences.
- (c) The district is sparsely populated and the only formed roads are DUFFY AVE (South of Bde H.Q.) running EAST-WEST, and THE ESPLANADE which runs in a SOUTHERLY direction from DUFFY AVE, alongside the railway line.
- (d) AIR ATTACK MAY BE EXPECTED TO DEVELOP FROM ANY DIRECTION.

4. DISPERSAL AREA. (See Appendix B)

- (a) The area NORTH of Bde H.Q. affords the most suitable cover for personnel, therefore on the air alarm being sounded all personnel not detailed for essential duties will disperse in a NORTHERLY direction;
- (b) M.T. will disperse and take cover under timber in paddock on the SOUTHERN side of GOODLANDS AVE, at the end of CABLEIGH AVE and in tracks leading off DUFFY AVE half a mile west of Bde. H.Q.

PART I

INSTRUCTIONS  
AND ACTION TO BE TAKEN NOW

1. GENERAL ORGANIZATION.

- (a) The preparation and organization for P.A.D. will be put into effect immediately and will be under the direction of Bde H.Q. Control Officer. This officer will also take charge of area and personnel on P.A.D. duties, during, and after attack;
- (b) The Control Officer will ensure that required personnel are allotted to squads, and properly trained in their duties. Also that necessary equipment is secured and is maintained in good order. A weekly report is to be made on equipment and precautions.
- (c) Lieut. McNair has been appointed P.A.D. Control Officer and will direct all air raid precautions from Control Post (See appendix B);
- (d) Personnel required for P.A.D. are as enumerated in Appendix A.

2. PROTECTION.

- (a) INDIVIDUAL: It will not be possible to effectively gas-proof the rooms or buildings at these H.Qs. Therefore all personnel must ensure that Respirators and anti-gas equipment are kept in good order and at all times READY TO HAND;
- (b) DISPERSAL OF TROOPS will be through three gates made in wire fence on NORTHERN side of area. The posts of these gates are to be whitewashed and all personnel will ensure that they are familiar with the location. Control Officer will take steps to arrange that the three exits are equally used by troops to facilitate rapid dispersal (This arrangement is to be made immediately).
- (c) SLIT TRENCHES are to be dug (as per Plan in appendix B)
- (d) POLICING: The squad detailed will (when a warning is given) enforce lighting restrictions, and assist in controlling and organising the rapid dispersal of personnel and vehicles. During and after raid assist in fire fighting and rescue work, and also after a raid, if gas has been used, in keeping troops out of contaminated areas.

3. WARNING SYSTEM.

- (a) The 'Air Raid' alarm will be given by sounding of succession of short blasts on Siren. In the event of power failure one or more of the following methods will be used:-
  - (i) Sounding of gong at Orderly room;
  - (ii) Succession of short blasts by whistle;
  - (iii) " " " " " motor horn.
- (b) The 'Gas Alarm' will be continuous sounding of siren, gong, or motor horn;
- (c) The 'All Clear' signal will be succession of long blasts.

4. AIR AND GAS SENTRIES.

Personnel of the Protective Pl. on sentry duty will act in this capacity (These men must be carefully instructed in their duties and particularly in the use of gas detectors). Sentries will work in pairs, and those placed at the Orderly room and M.T. Park will be responsible for giving an alarm. (Gas detectors are to be placed in suitable positions around H.Q. area).

5. COMMUNICATION.

Telephone extension to slit trench at Orderly room also to control officer's trench. Personnel sufficient to operate 101 Wireless will stand by (Provision is provided for their protection.) One D.R. will also stand by for emergency use.

6. LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS.

- (a) The standard aimed at is a blackout. All external lights will be removed. Movement will be aided by the placing of whitemashed posts or stones to indicate paths from Orderly room to Mess Hut, M.T. Office and M.T. lines;
- (b) Arrangements are to be made for the effective screening of all windows, particularly in offices where essential duties are to be continued. When an alarm is given all lights will be extinguished except those in offices occupied by the Bde Comdr., I.O., S.O., Sign., G Clerk and T.O. Lanterns are to be placed handy to these rooms for emergency use in case of a power failure.

7. STORES.

The B.Q.M.S. will be responsible as under:-

Placing of inflammables in a dump to be constructed in Area as indicated in Appendix B;

That ammunition is stored in dug-out in area as also indicated in Appendix B. and ensure that it is protected against possible contamination by gas;

Food and essential stores are covered and protected in such manner that it cannot be affected by gas.

8. M.T. DISPERSAL.

Transport Officer will allot vehicles to each of the three M.T. dispersal areas to ensure rapid movement.

9. RECORDS.

Essential papers and records are to be removed from the Orderly Room, to a place of safety as advised.

10. TENTS.

In the event of Tents being taken down and stored personnel will be housed in buildings within and adjacent to H.Q.

11. FIRE PRECAUTIONS.

Fire buckets will be filled and placed in accessible positions at each of the following buildings:- Orderly Room, Mess Hut and building containing Q.M. Store, M.T. Office etc. Lengths of hose available to be connected to taps at Orderly Room and Q.M. Store. Sand or fine earth (in boxes) are also to be placed at each of the buildings to deal with incendiary bombs. Chemical extinguishers available are to be noted for use. Every effort must be made to deal with incendiary bombs and fires at the earliest possible moment.

12. MEDICAL.

A first aid post will be established in area (see Appendix B). Ed. Amb. Sgt., attached to Bde H.Q. will be responsible for training and control of first aid party. Personnel injured or affected by gas will be attended to at this post. If necessary casualties will be evacuated by Ambulance to M.D.S. at Frenchs Forest. On alarm Sgt. will move to Aid Post taking with him necessary first aid equipment.

13. DECONTAMINATION.

In the event of gas attack it is necessary for decontamination measures to be taken without delay.

Areas affected by gas are to be roped off or warning signs placed until clear. Personnel affected will decontaminate at shower room situated at Q.M. Store building. Clothing must be treated, boiled or if necessary destroyed by burning. Arms, equipment, stores etc. must also be cleaned. M.T. will be washed down and cleaned at place shown in Appendix C. The water tank lorry can be of use in the hosing down of M.T. All drivers must be instructed in these measures.

It is important that Decontamination centres be treated after use.

Although a squad is detailed for these duties, it is nevertheless necessary that all troops have a knowledge of personal decontamination and decontamination measures.

14. RESCUE PARTY: Will be responsible for:-

Removal of injured personnel from damaged buildings and clearing of debris.

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NOTE: Although the air defence of Bde H.Q. is of Passive nature, it has been decided that an AA. L.M.C. pit will be constructed (see position indicated Appendix B) and manned for use, if necessary, when an Air Raid Warning is sounded.

PART 2 'A'.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN WHEN WARNING IS SOUNDED.

1. All troops except Key Personnel and those engaged in P.A.D. will disperse in a NORTHERLY direction (per plan Appendix B) taking Steel Helmet, Arms, equipment and Respirators, (if at night also boots and clothing).
2. M.T. to disperse to areas as in Appendix B. Personnel in M.T. lines will move with vehicles.
3. D.R. with M.C. will move to trench per Appendix B.
4. Cpl. O'Sullivan and party will proceed as in Part I para 6(b) and also assist in evacuation of area etc.
5. Block Control Officer will move to Control Post.
6. Fire picquet, First Aid and Rescue party, to report to Control officer.
7. Other personnel will carry on as outlined in Appendix A.
8. Communication will be established in control Post.

PART 2 B.

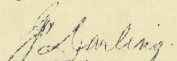
ACTION TO BE TAKEN DURING AIR RAID.

1. All P.A.D. personnel will keep watch on hostile aircraft, and for incendiary, unexploded bombs and gas. (If gas detected gas alarm will be given).
2. The different squads will operate as necessary when required.
3. Key personnel will carry on with duties if possible.
4. Troops and M.T. in dispersal area will not be bunched together and personnel will keep close watch for Paratroops.

PART 3.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN AFTER AIR RAID.

1. The 'All Clear' signal will be given.
2. Tests are to be made to ascertain if gas has been used in the area, if so, contaminated parts will be placed out of bounds until clear. (Any personnel affected will be treated).
3. (a) If presence of gas is not indicated normal activities will be resumed.  
(b) Casualties evacuated.  
(c) Debris cleared and necessary repairs effected.

  
(G.C. DARLING) Major,  
BRIGADE MAJOR, 9 TNE EDE.

KEY PERSONNEL.

Bde Comdr. and P.M.  
I.O. and S.C.  
T.O. and Pte Walton  
Sig. Phone operators  
101 Wireless operators  
D.R.

- Signm. Sargent or Signm. Hayes.  
- Cpl. Stephens or Signm. Priestley  
- Signm. Tannett or Signm. Hacking

P.A.D. DUTIES.

1. Lieut. McHair Pde H.Q. Control Officer
2. Lieut. Johnson To supervise evacuation and dispersal  
Lieut. Saunders  
Sjt. Hill
3. B.Q.M.S. and Storeman Will ensure that inflammables and  
essential stores such as food etc. are  
protected from bomb blast and gas.
4. Sjt. Edwards M.T. dispersal
5. Cpl. Mahony M.T. decontamination.
6. Sjt. Hunter First Aid Party (Sjt will move to Aid  
Pte Pyke Post and squad operate in area as  
Pte Newson necessary)  
Pte Buck
7. Cpl. Jeffries Decontamination squad  
L/Cpl. Chaytor  
Pte Farrell  
Pte Johnson  
Pte Wilson  
Pte Cunningham
8. Cpl. O'Sullivan (Provost Squad) Blackout, assist in evacuation of area  
Pte Harris help fire fighting and rescue squads.  
" Crowe If Gas has been used, keep troops  
" Hayes from affected areas.  
" Wallace  
" Getch  
" Brown
9. Cpl. O'Keefe Fire Picquet.  
Pte Heelaghan  
" Conry  
" Butcher
10. W.O. Enright Removal of essential papers and records  
Sjt. Ritchie from Orderly Room and dispersal of  
Orderly Room Staff  
(less Pte Walton)
11. W.O. Wilson Rescue Party.  
Pte Bissaker  
" Boyd  
" Simpson  
" Hadley
12. Air and Gas Sentries Duty sentries on Orderly Room and  
M.T. lines.

PERSONNEL  
DISPERSAL  
AREA

APPENDIX 'B'  
TO  
9 INF BDE. P.A.D.

M.T. DISPERSAL  
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APPENDIX 'C'  
TO  
9 INF. BDE. P.A.D.

