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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

CAPT. T. J. WOODGER

18 COY A.S.C. 8 INF. BDE 2 AUST. DIV.

Serial 19.
Nos. 119 - 126.
Part 1.
9 Oct. '42.

119. DISCIPLINE M.T.

All drivers are instructed that owing to the risk of damage to the permanent way, they are not permitted to drive M.T. vehicles along the Midland Railway Line.

(vide 8 Aust Inf Bde R/O 189 of 6 Oct '42.)

CENSORSHIP. 120.

Troops are instructed that under no circumstances will they post letters in civilian post offices. This also applies to personnel who may in the future be temporarily detached from this Coy.

Severe penalties will be inflicted on any person committing a breach of these instructions.

(vide H.Q. Comd AASC. 2 Aust Div memo of 8 Oct '42)

121. IRON.

Shoofs of iron being used for camp amenities will not be cut except in special circumstances.

(vide 8 Aust. Inf. Bde R/C 188 of 2 Oct. '42).

122. GRAVEL.

Troops taking gravel from Dewart's property in the vicinity of 4 Aust. Inf. Bn. area will remove it from Western and Northern side of pit only.

(vide 8 Aust. Inf. Bde R/C 188 of 2 Oct. '42).

123. M.T. - SPEED LIMITS.

M.T. will not exceed 10 m.p.h. while passing any unit lines. Speed through Gin Gin Township will not exceed 15 m.p.h.

(vide 8 Aust. Inf. Bde R/C 188 of 2 Oct. '42).

124. MARCHING TROOPS AND PEDESTRIANS.

All troops are warned against walking on a roadway where made footpaths are provided. If they have to use a roadway, they will walk on the right hand side of the road in the direction they are proceeding.

It is an offence for pedestrians to walk along a roadway where they are made footpaths running parallel with such roadway.

(vide Chapt 12 Para 14 of A.S.C's).

125. TOBACCO AND MATCH RATION COUPONS.

In future coupons are valid only for the week in which they are issued, and must be used on or before the date stamped on them.

126. TRAFFIC CIRCUITS.

Correct vehicle traffic circuits will be used in area. This particularly applies to M.C.C's. ALL vehicles entering area will do so through IN entrance at North-eastern end of area.

All vehicles leaving area will do so through exit marked out at South-eastern end of area.

T. J. WOODGER, CAPTAIN.
C.C. 18 Coy A.S.C. 2 Aust. Div.

Australian Military Forces—Eastern Command.

Please quote this Number when replying.

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TOP/GR.

Address

Date

V. A. I. of C. AREA.

18 Coy. AASC 8 Inf. Bde 2 Aust.
AUSTRALIA. Div.

9 Oct. 1942

E.C.,
8 Aust. Inf. Bde
AUSTRALIA.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING 9 OCT. 1942

1. INF. RE ENEMY

Mil.

2. INF. OWN TPs.

Coy. engaged on regular supply duties for Bde. General training, including night operations at R.H., establishment and operation of APs, PPs, night driving, map reading, vehicle maintenance, anti-gas, S.A. training, night discussions for Offrs. lectures to N.C.O.s and O/Rs.

Coy. still deficient in vehicles, L.M.C.s, pistols.

General health of tps. excellent. Morale, high.

3. SECURITY

Mil.

4. TOPOGRAPHY

Mil.

T. J. Woodger
T. J. WOODGER Capt.

C.C. 18 Coy. AASC 8 Inf. Bde 2 Aust. Div.

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MAJ T. J. WOODGER

18 COY A.S.C. 8 INF. BDE. 2 AUST. DIV.

Serial 20.

No. 127.

Part 1.

10 Oct. '42.

127. TRAFFIC CIRCUITS.

(Serial No 126 18 Coy AASC R/C No 19 dated 9 Oct '42 is cancelled).

Correct vehicle traffic circuits will be used in area. This particularly applies to M.C.O's. ALL vehicles entering area will do so through IN entrance at South-Eastern end of area.

All vehicles leaving area will do so through exit marked out at North-Eastern end of area.

T. J. Woodger

for T.J. WOODGER CAPTAIN.
O.C. 18 Coy A.A.S.C. 2 Aust. Div.

-- N O T I C E S. --

CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 11 OCT '42.

Protestant:

0900	35 Aust. Inf. Bn.	35 Bn Area. Chaplain
	4 C.C.S.	Marsons - 35 Bn. Band.
0900	18 Aust. Fd. Regt.	18 Fd. Regt. Area. Chaplain
	13 Aust A/Tk. Bty.	Mannoy - 30 Bn. Band.
0900	4 Aust. Inf. Bn.	4 Bn. Area. Chaplain
	8 Aust. Fd. Coy.	Frontier - 4 Bn. Band.
1000	30 Aust Inf. Bn.	30 Bn. Area.
	No. 3 Gp. W/Shops.	Chaplain Frontier.
	8 Aust. Fd. Amb.	30 Bn. Band.
1000	8 Aust Inf Bde H.Q.	A.S.C. Area.
	18 Coy A.A.S.C.	Chaplain Mannoy.
	D.I.B.	35 Bn. Band.

Holy Communion:

0700	C of E - St. Luke's, Gin Gin.
0945	35 Bn. Area.

Special Service.

1830	"Evensong" St. Luke's Gin Gin.
1930	United Service, Gin Gin Hall.

R.C. Services.

0700	R.C. Church, Gin Gin.	} Chaplain Kelly.
0900	4 Bn. Area.	
1030	35 Bn. Area.	

PICTURE PROGRAMME.

Friday, 9 Oct. '42 at 2000 hours.

First Aid and General Hygiene films will be shown at 8 Aust. Fd. Amb.

Sunday, 11 Oct. '42 at 2000 hours.

Adjacent to Bde H.Q. Orderly Room.
Clark Cable - "Strange Cargo".

-- NOTICES. --

LOST:

Hat and Web Belt. Left at Dance, Gin Gin Hall. Finder return
Sgt Baker, 8 Aust. F.d Amb.

LECTURE- JAPAN REACHES OUT.

Mr. Bertwhistle, Editorial Staff of the "West Australian" will
lecture on the abovementioned subject on Monday 12 Oct '42 at 1600 hrs.
Lecture will be held on Coy Parade Ground, all available troops will
attend.

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

Army Form W 3009

(page 1)

(Adapted)

(Date).

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Unit)

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

Army Form W. 3009

(Adapted) (Aug. 41)

(page 2)

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in

Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Ported strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
W/Os, Class I.	1		
W/Os, Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants	1		
Staff Sergeants	2		
Sergeants	9		
Corporals	22		
Privates, etc.	20		
TOTALS	351	2	39

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Lt. McBurney	A A M C		
Lt. Baxter	A A P C		
Lt. McLean	2nd A A M C		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
N54081	44st	Book, KA	18th A A M C	110 A G H
N257020	A B P C	Hennsworth KLO		110 A G H
N25105	A B P C	Black O		110 A G H
N240594	A	Nelson G		109.60m Dep. "massagen"
N256444	A	McKerrow A		118 A G H
N254123	A	Moller TB		FRD northon
N254421	A	Kongetoffe L		21 A G H
N256378	A	Adams TB		
N253911	A	Bullcock B		
N54440	A	Hill TO		
N256161	A	Quayle PU		
N256599	A B P C	Batten G		

The above personnel have been trans to 1st A A M C as ordered

Detail of Specialist, Tradesman, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforcements Required (b)	Detail of Specialist, Tradesman, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforcements Required (b)
Armament Examiners			Fire Control Operators		
Armament Artificers			Filters	5	
Armourers			Filters and Turbines		
Artificers, Artillery			Filters, Cycle		
Assens			Filters, Drivers		
Bakers			Filters, Males		
Battery Surveyors			Filters, M.V.		
Battery Centres, Aust.			Filters, Railway Signal		
Blacksmiths			Filters, Signal		
Bellmakers			G.P.O. Assistants		
Bricklayers			Gum Layers		
Butchers	1		G.P.O. Assistants		
Cannonage Modifier			Gun Operators		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen		
Clerks			Height Takers		
Clerks, Engineering			Heli Operators		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical		
Cosmeticians			Instrument Operators		
Computers			Intelligence Duties		
Concrete			Joiners		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers		
Cooks, Hospital			Liners		
Coppersmiths			Licenses, Signals		
Dental Clerk Orders			Lithographers		
Despatch Riders			Machinists		
Dispensers			Masons		
Drummers			Messengers		
Drummers, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental		
Drummers, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		
Drummers, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter		
Drummers, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights		
Driver Operators			Mints		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Monitors		
Electrical Fitters	5		Nursing Orderlies		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants		
Engine Bands, L.C.			Operators, Signal		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians		
Farmers			Painters	2	
WOH	1				
Drivers	20				
in bbs	1				
TOTALS	27			29	3

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back. (b) Authorized Trades or Specialist not included in list above will be added as required in space provided.

18th A A M C

Unit.

Date of Despatch, 10 Oct 41

18th A A M C, 18 & 19 Oct, 1941, BUE
Bde, Dtn, Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

14 388 of Ranks
4 of Ranks attached 18 boy Aest 8 Inf Bde (Unit)

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	1		1
Captains ...	1		5
Lieutenants ...	7	3	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	11	3	6

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Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (eg. present whereabouts, if known)
Lieut	Bennett L	10th Cavalry	10th Cavalry School, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.
The above officer has been transferred to 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.			

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Asst	N35801	Woodger J J	18th Regt DASH	Yes	
Serjeant	N34218	Belgum G	"	"	
"	N34120	McDonald M	"	"	
"	N33172	Byrne E L	"	No	HQ DASH 2nd
	N27824	Robertson	"	Yes	
	N27214	O'Donnell J J	"	"	
Asst Serjeant	N34200	Stanfield J J	"	"	
"	N34170	Longman J J	"	"	

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(Date of Despatch.)

(T. J. WOODGET)
OC. 18 COY. (Signature of Commanding Officer)
82nd Bde 2 Aust Div
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

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Serial 21
Nos. 128-
131
Part 1
14 Oct. 42.

128 DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL

A DCM convened by the Commander, 2 Aust. Div. was held at Claremont on 29 Sep. 1942 for the trial of NX48051 L/Sgt. John Patrick Hansen, 18 Coy. AASC, 8 Inf Bde 2 Aust. Div.

The accused was charged with:-

- 1 - Disobeying a lawful command in such a manner as to show wilful defiance of authority AA9/1
- 2 - Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline AA40.
- 3 - Disobeying a lawful command AA9/2
- 4 - Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline AA40
- 5 - Resisting an escort AA10/3

The accused pleaded NOT GUILTY to all charges. The Court found the accused not guilty of the second charge but guilty of all other charges.

The court sentenced the accused to 9 months detention.

Automatic consequential forfeitures of pay (not including financial penalties in sentence):-

Period of imprisonment or detention	273 days @ 10/6	2866/6
Dates of close arrest under the charges		
19/9/42 to 29/9/42	10 days @ 10/6	105/-
Total	283 days @ 10/6	2971/6

The finding and sentence were confirmed on 3 Oct. 1942 by Commander 2 Aust. Div. The result of the trial was promulgated to the accused at Detention Barracks Fremantle.

129 CENSORSHIP - TELEGRAMS, MONEY ORDERS

It has been brought to notice that telegrams and money orders are being forwarded through local postal services.

The practice will cease forthwith.

Telegrams, when franked will be handled through correct channels and NCs returned to the individual. Money orders will NOT be permitted. All monies will be forwarded by postal notes through Field Post office.

130 SECURITY OF OPERATIONS

Tps. are instructed that under International Law, every prisoner of war is bound to give, if questioned on the subject, his rank, true name and army number and is not bound to answer any other question, nor can he be punished or submitted to any disadvantage for refusing to do so.

Tps. must, on no account, state the unit or formation to which

they belong, when captured and will not answer any questions about uniforms or badges.

131 USE OF ROPE, TOWING

Several instances have been reported of damage to Rope, Towing owing to the failure of the hook attached to the chain section of the rope.

As it is essential to preserve the life of this equipment and to obtain maximum strength, the following method of using Rope, Towing will be observed.

The chain section of the rope is to be hooked back on itself, and the chain hook placed in the connecting link provided between chain and wire rope. The hook attached to the chain will not be directly connected to either the towed or towing vehicle.

(vide G.R.O. 0447)

J. J. Woodger.
I. J. WOODGER Capt.
Commanding 18 Coy. MASC & Inf. Bde 2 Aust. Div.

N O T I C E S

C O N C E R T

4 AUST. DIV. CONCERT PARTY - A.M.S.C. area - Saturday 17 Oct. 1942.

F O U N D

3 Money Belts. Owners apply Coy. H.Q. Pl. Orderly room.

L O S T.

Horn handled pocket knife with silver shield on one side of handle.
Finder return to Coy. H.Q. O/Room Sgt.

Silver identity disc chain. Finder return Coy. H.Q. Pl. O/Room.

WAR DIARY.

UNIT: 18 Coy A.S.C.
8 Inf. Bde

DATE & TIME, FROM 1 Oct. '42. TO 2 Oct. '42.

<u>PLACE.</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>HOOR.</u>	<u>SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.</u>	<u>R MARKS AND REFER- ENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC.</u>
GIN GIN.	1 Oct '42	0700hrs	<p>Weather: Fine. Available for parade:</p> <p>8 Officers. 275 O/R. 1 Hospital. 1 Sick in Lines. 1 Leave. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 8 School. 1 Detached. 5 A.O.D.</p> <p>Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties, maintenance of vehicles and establishment of P.J. Map reading and route marches, anti-gas training. S.A. training, P.T. and unarmed combat. 1 O/R trans to X-List. Unloading pack train at night.</p>	<p>Summary on rifles by R.S.M. Farrell J.H.</p> <p>R/O Serial 18 by Capt. T.L. WOODGER.</p>
		1900hrs	<p>Weather: Fine.</p>	<p><i>T.L. Woodger</i> (T.L. WOODGER) Capt. O.C. 18 COY. 8 AUST. INF. BDE.</p>
	2 Oct.	0700hrs	<p>Weather: Clear. Available for parade:</p> <p>8 Officers. 282 O/R. 1 Hospital. 1 Leave. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 7 School. 1 Detached.</p> <p>Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties, maintenance of vehicles, est. of ammunition and P.F. Map reading, anti-gas training, P.T. and unarmed combat. 2 O/R M/I ex ARD and taken on strength, and 2 O/R M/I ex H.Q. A.A.S.C. 2 Aust Div. Unloading of pack train at night.</p>	<p>Intelligence Summary week ending 2/10/42 by Capt T.J. Woodger.</p> <p>R/O-Serial W3008 & W3009.</p>
		1900hrs	<p>Weather: Fine.</p>	<p><i>T.J. Woodger</i> (T.J. WOODGER) Capt. O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUST. INF. BDE.</p>

WAR DIARY.

UNIT: 18 Coy A.S.C.
8 Inf. Bde.

DATE & TIME, FROM 3 Oct '42.

TO 4 Oct. '42.

PLACE.	DATE.	HOOR.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	3 MARKS A. D. REFER- ENCES TO APPENDICES, D. ARMS, ETC.
GIN GIN.	3 Oct '42	0700hrs	<p>Weather: Fine.</p> <p>Available for parade:</p> <p>8 Officers. 283 O/R. 1 Sick in lines. 1 Hospital. 1 Leave. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence 7 School. 1 Detached.</p> <p>Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties. Maintenance of vehicles. Est of P.F., erection of mess huts and camouflaging of tents. Map reading, P.T. and unarmed combat. Delivery of supplies & petrol to points at Muchea at night. Unloading of pack train at night.</p> <p>Weather: Fine.</p>	<p><i>J. J. Woodger</i> Capt. (T. J. WOODGER) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUSL. INF. BDE.</p>
		1900hrs		
	4 Oct.	0700hrs	<p>Weather: Fine.</p> <p>Available for parade:</p> <p>8 Officers. 283 O/R. 1 Hospital. 1 Sick in lines. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 7 School. 1 Detached.</p> <p>Training: Camp duties, maintenance of vehicles, est of P.F. Lecture by A.E.S. on "How Strong is Japan", Church parade. Afternoon spent in organised sport and washing parades. Reconnaissance of ammunition point. Unloading of pack train at night.</p> <p>Weather: Fine.</p>	<p><i>J. J. Woodger</i> Capt. (T. J. WOODGER) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUSL. INF. BDE.</p>
		1900hrs.		

WAR DIARY.

UNIT: 18 Coy A.S.C.,
8 Inf. Bde.,

DATE & TIME, FROM 5 Oct. '42.

TO

6 Oct. '42.

<u>PLACE.</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>HOUR.</u>	<u>SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.</u>	<u>REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC.</u>
GIN GIN	5 Oct. '42	0700hrs	<p>Weather: Hot.</p> <p>Available for parade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Officers. 284 O/R. 1 Hospital. 1 Leave. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 7 School. 1 Detached. <p>Training: An exercise to est. an ammunition point was carried out during morning. On crash alarm point was cleared in 10 minutes. Similar exercise carried out at night. Camp and S.R.P. duties, est. of P.P. Maintenance to vehicles map reading, P.T. an unarmed combat. Erection of mess huts, and loading of ammunition. Capt T.J. Woodger, Lieut Pilgrim and Lieut Byrne M/O 1400hrs to H.Q. A.A.S.C.</p>	
		1900hrs	<p>Weather: Fine.</p>	<p align="right"><i>T.J. Woodger</i> - Capt. (T.J. WOODGER.) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 INF. BDE.</p>
	6 Oct. '42	0700hrs	<p>Weather: Cloudy.</p> <p>Available for parade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Officers. 281 O/R. 2 Hospital. 1 S.I.L. 1 Leave. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 7 School. 1 Detached. 2 Officers 1 O/R. A.O.D. <p>Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties, maintenance of vehicles, and est. of P.P. Kit inspection carried out to trace missing ammunition, Map reading and route marching. P.T. and unarmed combat. Anti-gas training. Unloading pack train at night.</p>	

WAR DIARY.

UNIT: 18 Coy A.S.C.,
8 Inf. Bde.

DATE & TIME, FROM 6th Oct. '42. TO 8 Oct. '42.

<u>PLACE.</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>HOUR.</u>	<u>SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.</u>	<u>REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC.</u>
			Continued:	
GIN GIN	6th Oct. 1942.	1900hrs	Training: 1 O/R M/I ex 35 Bn. 1 O/R M/I ex 17 Coy A.S.C. 1 O/R M/I ex H.Q. A.A.S.C. 2 Aust. Div. All these personnel were taken on strength. Unloading pack train at night. Weather: Showery.	<i>T. J. Woodger</i> Capt. (T. J. WOODGER) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUST. INF. BDE.
	7th Oct.	0700hrs	Weather: Showery. Available for parade: 8 Officers. 287 O/R. 1 Hospital. 1 Leave. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 7 School. 1 Detached. Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties, maintenance of vehicles. Est. of P.P. Erection of mess huts and tables. Map reading route marches, and S.A. Training; also gas training. Capt. Woodger, Lieut Pilgrim and Lieut Byrne M/I at 0650 hrs ex H.Q. A.A.S.C. 2 Aust. Div. Unloading pack train at night. Weather: Cold and showery.	
		1900hrs		<i>T. J. Woodger</i> Capt. (T. J. WOODGER) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUST. INF. BDE.
	8th Oct.	0700hrs	Weather: Cloudy. Available for parade: 8 Officers. 287 O/R. 1 Hospital. 1 Leave. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 1 Detached. 7 School. Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties, maintenance of vehicles, and Est. of P.P. P.T. and unarmed combat. Map reading and route marches. Supply point was est. at night and successfully operated. Unloading of pack train at night.	

WAR DIARY.

UNIT: 18 Coy A.S.C.
8 Inf. Bde.

DATE & TIME, FROM 8th Oct. '42. TO 10 Oct. '42.

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	MARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC.
			Continued:	
GIN GIN.	8 Oct. '42	1900hrs	Training: 1 O/R M/O trans to H.Q. A.A.S.C. 2 Aust. Div. 1 O/R trans to X-List. 1 O/R M/I ex ARD. Weather: Showery.	<i>T.J. Woodger</i> - Capt. (T.J. WOODGER) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUSTRALIAN INF. BDE.
	9 Oct '42	0700hrs	Weather: Cloudy. Available for parade: 7 Officers. 282 O/R. 2 Hospital. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 1 Leave. 7 School. 1 Detached. 3 A.O.D. Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties, maintenance of vehicles. Lectures on maintenance and M.T., also driving instructions carried out. Map reading and route marches. Anti-gas training, P.T. and unarmed combat. Lt Byrne and 1 O/R detached to H.Q. A.A.S.C. for duty. 1 O/R M/I ex ARD. Unloading of pack train at night.	W3008 & W3009. Intelligence summary for week-ending 9/10/42 by Capt. T.J. Woodger. R/O Ser. 19 by Capt T.J. Woodger.
		1900hrs.	Weather: Showery.	<i>T.J. Woodger</i> - Capt. (T.J. WOODGER) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUSTRALIAN INF. BDE.
	10 Oct.	0700hrs.	Weather: Cloudy. Available for parade: 7 Officers. 285 O/R. 1 Hospital. 1 Leave. 7 School. 1 Officer 2 O/R detached. 2 A.O.D. Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties, maintenance of vehicles. Est. of P.F. Anti-gas training, P.T. and unarmed combat. Map reading, mechanical and maintenance instruction. Unloading of pack train at night.	
		1900hrs	Weather: Cold and showery.	<i>T.J. Woodger</i> - Capt. (T.J. WOODGER) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUSTRALIAN INF. BDE.

WAR DIARY.

UNIT: 18 Coy A.S.C.
8 Inf. Bde.

DATE & TIME, FROM 11 Oct. '42. TO 12 Oct. '42.

<u>PLACE.</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>HOUR.</u>	<u>SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.</u>	<u>REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC.</u>
GIN GIN.	11 Oct '42	0700hrs	Weather: Clear. Available for parade: 7 Officers. 286 O/R. 2 Hospital. 1 Leave. 7 School. 1 Officer 2 O/R detached. Training: Camp duties, maintenance of vehicles and est of P.P. Church parade, afternoon spent in washing parade and organised sport. Unloading pack train at night.	<p align="center"><i>T.J. Woodger</i> (T. J. WOODGER) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUST. INF. BDE.</p>
		1900hrs	Weather: Clear.	
	12 Oct.	0700hrs	Weather: Hot and sultry. Available for parade: 7 Officers. 285 O/R. 2 Hospital. 1 Leave. 7 School. 1 Officer 2 O/R detached. Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties, maintenance and mechanical instruction of vehicles. Est. of P.P. Driving instruction, garnishing of camouflage nets and erection of mess huts. Lewis gun training, P.T. and unarmed combat. 1 O/R detached H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde. 2 O/R M/O trans to X-List. Unloading of pack train at night.	<p align="center"><i>T.J. Woodger</i> (T. J. WOODGER) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUST. INF. BDE.</p>
		1900hrs	Weather: Clear.	

WAR DIARY.

UNIT: 18 Coy A.S.C.,
8 Inf. Bde.

DATE & TIME, FROM 13 Oct. '42. TO 14 Oct. '42.

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC.
GIN GIN.	13 Oct '42	0700hrs	<p>Weather: Cloudy. Available for parade:</p> <p>7 Officers. 283 O/R. 3 Hospital. 1 Leave. 7 School. 1 Officer 3 O/R Detached.</p> <p>Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties, maintenance and mechanical instruction of vehicles. Est. OF P.P. Capt. Woodger Lieut Pilgrim and Lieut McDonald M/O at 0930 hrs to H.Q. A.A.S.C. 2 Aust. Div. on duty. A drill squad and football team from the 18 Coy A.S.C. met the 17 Coy A.S.C. at Bushmead in drill competition and football match. This Coy was unsuccessful being defeated 116 points to 110 and defeated in the football by 11 points to 5. Garnishing of camouflage nets and erection of mess huts. Unloading of pack train at night.</p>	
		1900hrs	<p>Weather: Clear.</p>	<p><i>T.J. Woodger</i> (T.J. WOODGER) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUST. INF. BDE</p>
	14 Oct '42	0700hrs	<p>Weather: Fine and hot. Available for parade:</p> <p>5 Officers. 281 O/R. 4 Hospital. 1 Leave. 7 School. 1 Officer 3 O/R detached. 2 Officers 1 O/R A.O.D.</p> <p>Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties, maintenance of vehicles and mechanical instruction. Garnishing of camouflage nets and erection of mess huts. Etab. of P.P. Lieut McDonald M/I 1130 hrs ex H.Q. A.A.S.C. 2 Aust. Div. Capt Woodger and Lieut Pilgrim M/I also Lieut Byrne from detachment to H.Q. A.A.S.C. 2 Aust. Div. Unloading of pack train at night.</p>	<p>R/O Ser 21 by Capt. T.J. Woodger.</p>
		1900hrs	<p>Weather: Fine.</p>	<p><i>T.J. Woodger</i> (T.J. WOODGER) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUST. INF. BDE</p>

WAR DIARY.

UNIT: 18 Coy. A.A.S.C.
2 Aust Div.

DATE & TIME, FROM

15 Oct. '42 TO 16 Oct. '42.

PLACE.	DATE.	HOOR.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC.
GIN GIN.	15 Oct.	142 0700hrs.	<p>Weather: Fine.</p> <p>Available for parade: 8 Officers. 283 O/R. 2 Hospital. 1 Leave. 7 School. 2 Detached.</p> <p>Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties, maintenance and mech. instruction of vehicles. Est. of P.P. Garnishing of camouflage nets. L.M.G. School. Map reading. P.T. and unarmed combat. Anti-gas training. Unloading of pack train at night.</p> <p>Lt. BYRNE and 1 O/R. det to H.Q. A.A.S.E. 2 Aust Div on duty.</p> <p>1900 hrs. Weather: Fine.</p>	<p>Ad. Inst. No 11by Capt T.J. WOODGER.</p> <p><i>T.J. Woodger</i> (T.J. WOODGER) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUST. INF. BDE</p>
	16 Oct.	142 0700hrs.	<p>Weather: Fine.</p> <p>Available for parade: 7 Officers. 282 O/R. 2 Hosp. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 7 School. 1 Officer 30/R detached.</p> <p>Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties, maintenance and mech. instruction of vehicles. Est. of P.P. Garnishing of camouflage nets. L.M.G. school P.T. and unarmed combat. Map reading and route marches. Anti-gas training. Unloading of pack train at night.</p> <p>1900 hrs Weather: Fine.</p>	<p>Intelligence summary for week-ending 16/10/42. by Capt. T.J. WOODGER.</p> <p><i>T.J. Woodger</i> (T.J. WOODGER) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUST. INF. BDE</p>

WAR DIARY.

UNIT: 18 Coy AASC 8 Inf Bde DATE & TIME, FROM 17 Oct '42.
2 Aust Div.

TO 19 Oct '42.

<u>PLACE.</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>HOUR.</u>	<u>SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.</u>	<u>REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC.</u>
Gin Gin	17 Oct '42	0700hrs	Weather: Clear. Available for parade: 7 Officers. 282 O.R. 2 Hospital. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 7 School. 1 Officer 3 O.R. detached. Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties, maintenance and mechanical instruction of vehicles. Construction of vehicle sand mats, garnishing of camouflage nets. P.T. and unarmed combat. Unloading of pack train at night.	W3008 & W3009. <i>T. J. Woodger.</i> (T. J. WOODGER.) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUSTR. INF. BDE
		1900hrs	Weather: Fine.	
	18 Oct.	0700hrs	Weather: Clear. Available for parade: 7 Officers. 278 O/R. 2 Hospital. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 4 Leave. 7 School. 1 Officer 3 O/R detached. Training: Camp duties, maintenance of vehicles and est. of P.P. Church parade, and afternoon spent in organised sport. Unloading of pack train at night.	<i>T. J. Woodger.</i> (T. J. WOODGER.) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUSTR. INF. BDE
		1900hrs	Weather: Warm.	
	19 Oct.	0700hrs	Weather: Fine. Available for parade: 7 Officers. 285 O/R. 2 Hospital. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 2 Leave.	

WAR DIARY.

UNIT: 18 Coy AASC 2 Aust Div. DATE & TIME, FROM 19 Oct '42. TO 21 Oct '42.

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC.
			Continued:	
Gin Gin.	19 Oct '42		<p>Available for parade: Cont. 1 A.W.L. 2 School. 1 Officer 3 O/R detached.</p> <p>Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties, maintenance and mechanical instruction of vehicles. P.T. and unarmed combat. Map reading, anti-gas and S.A. training. Capt T.J. Woodger M/O. 2200 hrs to H.Q. A.A.S.C. on duty. Unloading of pack train at night.</p> <p>1900 hrs Weather: Fine.</p>	<p><i>T.J. Woodger</i> (T.J. WOODGER) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUST. INF. BDE.</p>
	20 Oct.	0700hrs.	<p>Weather: Clear.</p> <p>Available for parade: 7 Officers. 288 O/R. 2 Hospital. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 2 Leave. 1 School. 1 Officer 3 O/R detached.</p> <p>Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties. Maintenance and mechanical instruction of vehicles. Anti-gas and S.A. Training. Map reading, P.T. and unarmed combat. Preparation for exercise with Brigade. Unloading pack train at night. Lieut Byrne and 1 O/R M/I ex detachment to H.Q. A.A.S.C. 2 Aust Div. Capt Woodger M/O 1700 hrs ex duty H.Q. A.A.S.C. 2 Aust Div.</p> <p>1900 hrs Weather: Fine.</p>	<p><i>T.J. Woodger</i> (T.J. WOODGER) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUST. INF. BDE.</p>
	21 Oct	0700hrs	<p>Weather: Clear.</p> <p>Available for parade: 8 Officers. 289 O/R. 2 Hospital. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 1 School. 2 Detached.</p>	

WAR DIARY.

UNIT: 18 Coy AASC 2 Aust Div. DATE & TIME FROM 21 Oct '421 TO 23 Oct. '42.

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	REMARKS AND OTHERS. REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC.
			Continued.	
Gin Gin.	21 Oct. '42	1900hrs	Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties, maintenance and mechanical instruction of vehicles. Anti-gas and S.A. training. Map reading, P.T. and unarmed combat. Preparation for exercise. Weather: Fine.	<i>T.J. Woodger.</i> (T. J. WOODGER.) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUST. INF. BDE.
	22 Oct.	0700hrs	Weather: Clear. Available for parade: 8 Officers. 288 O/R. 3 Hospital. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 2 Leave. 1 School. 2 Detached;	
		1900hrs.	Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties, maintenance of vehicles, Map reading, anti-gas and S.A. training. P.T. and unarmed combat. Advance Party left with 8 Bde Recce Group. 3 O/R M/I ex A.R.D. taken on strength. 1 O/R M/I ex detachment 8 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. Unloading of pack train. Weather: Fine.	<i>T.J. Woodger.</i> (T. J. WOODGER.) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUST. INF. BDE.
	23 Oct.	0400hrs.	Weather: Fine. Available for parade: 8 Officers. 288 O/R. 3 Hospital. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 2 Leave. 1 School. 2 Detached. Training: 1 O/R M/O to No 1 Clerical Course Geelong. 1 O/R M/I ex 110 A.G.H. taken on strength.	

WAR DIARY.

UNIT: 18 Coy AASC 2 Aust Div DATE & TIME, FROM 23 Oct. '42. TO 29 Oct '42

<u>PLACE.</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>HOOR.</u>	<u>SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.</u>	<u>3 MARKS A. D. REFER- ENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC.</u>
In the field	23 Oct to '42	29 Oct.	<p><u>"Exercise Robber"</u></p> <p>Tactical exercise involving 2 Aust Div and 4 Aust Div, with attached troops, conducted from 23 Oct to 29 Oct '42. The object being to afford opportunity of testing Jap tactics when employed against Australian troops, and to provide actual enemy situations for 4 Aust Div exercise. This Coy (18 Coy AASC) maintaining supplies, ammunition and petrol to the 8 Aust Inf Bde. Operation Order and strip map in appendices covering move to and establishment of area 860728 and reference Dongarra 4 miles to 1". vic. Dongarra - Mingenew. Remarks covering the operations of this Coy during the exercise and attached in the appendices. This Coy proceeded back to camp area, leaving at 1000 hrs on 28 Oct on completion of exercise, and bivouaced for the night approximately 4 miles from Moora. Convoy left at 0700 hrs 29 Oct to proceed back to camp arriving at 1130 hrs. Afternoon spent in unloading and maintenance of vehicles, and pack train at night.</p>	<p>R/O serial "Robber" by Capt T.J. Woodger.</p>
Gin Gin.	29 Oct.	1900hrs	Weather: Showery.	<p><i>T.J. Woodger</i> (T. J. WOODGER.) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUSTR. INF. BDE.</p>

WAR DIARY.

UNIT: 18 Coy AASC.
2 Aust Div.

DATE & TIME, FROM 30 Oct. '42 TO 31 Oct '42.

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	3 MARKS A. D. REFER- ENCES TO APPENDICES, DARLIS. ETC.
Gin Gin.	30 Oct '42	0700hrs	Weather: Cloudy and overcast. Available for parade: 7 Officers. 291 O/R. 2 Hospital. 1 Leave. 1 A.W.L. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 1 Officer 2 O/R School. 2 Detached.	<p align="center"><i>T.J. Woodger.</i> (T.J. WOODGER.) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. & AUST. INF. BDE.</p>
		1900hrs	Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties. Est. of P.P. Maintenance of vehicles, unloading of pack train at night; Weather: Fine.	
	31 Oct '42	0700hrs	Weather: Cloudy. Available for parade: 7 Officers. 291 O/R. 2 Hospital. 1 Leave. 1 A.W.L. 1 Prisoner awaiting sentence. 1 Officer 3 O/R school. 1 O/R detached.	<p align="center">Intelligence Summary week-ending 31/10/42. R/O Serial 23 by Capt T.J. Woodger.</p> <p align="center"><i>T.J. Woodger.</i> (T.J. WOODGER.) O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. & AUST. INF. BDE.</p>
		1900hrs	Training: Camp and S.R.P. duties. Est. of P.P. Maintenance of vehicles. Weather: Overcast.	

APPENDICES.

1. Summary on rifles by R.S.M. Farrell J.H. W.O.I.
2. R.O. Serial 18 By Capt T.J. Woodger.
3. Intelligence Summary for week-ending 2 Oct by Capt T.J. Woodger.
4. W3008 - W3009.
5. R.O. Serial 19 by Capt T.J. Woodger.
6. Intelligence Summary for week-ending 9 Oct by Capt T.J. Woodger.
7. R.O. Serial 20 by Capt T.J. Woodger.
8. W3008 - W3009.
9. R.O. Serial 21 by Capt T.J. Woodger.
10. Administrative Instruction No 11 by Capt T.J. Woodger.
11. Intelligence Summary by Capt T.J. Woodger.
12. R.O. Serial 22 by Capt T.J. Woodger.
13. W3008 - W3009.
14. Intelligence Summary for week-ending 23 Oct by Capt T.J. Woodger.
15. Intelligence Summary for week-ending 30 Oct by Capt T.J. Woodger.
16. R.O. Serial 23 by Capt T.J. Woodger.
17. Exercise "Robber".

O.C. 18 Coy. AASC 8 Inf. Bde 2 Aust. Div.

During the miniature range practice completed 24 Sep. 1942 a comparison was made between rifles S.M.L.E. Mk. III and rifles Mk. IV

The following details are submitted for forwarding to Major Kent, M.G. Officer, 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.

1. RIFLE Mk IV. A number of these rifles are found to have only one trigger pressure. This appears to be due to the full bent of the cooking piece being too short.
2. The bolts do not seem to have the same freedom of action, and rapid fire is made difficult on this account.
3. The W spring in some magazines is very weak. In some cases the magazine platform was not forced up with only 5 rounds in the magazine, allowing the head of the bolt to ride over the top of the uppermost cartridge. It was found impossible to charge a number of magazines with 10 rounds.

This also made rapid fire more difficult.

4. The general stocking up of the rifles and the number of repairs required give the impression that the rifle would not stand up to the hard usage to be expected on service.

24 Sep. 1942.

J.H. FARRELL W.O.1 PW5838
R.S.M. ASC 2 Aust. Div.

M.G. Officer,
8 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Forwarded to you please.

24 Sep. 1942.

T.J. Woodger
T.J. WOODGER Capt.
O.C. 18 Coy. AASC 8 Inf. Bde 2 Aust. Div.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTING OFFICER

BY

CAPT. E. J. WOODGER

16 COY. 130 C INF. BDE 2 AUST. DIV.

Serial 18.
Nos. 111 - 118
Part 1.
27 Sep. 1942.

111. DRESS - SUMMER DRESS

Summer dress is authorised to be worn by tps. under comd. 3 Aust. Corps (incl. W. A. L of C area) as from 1 Oct. 1942.

Winter dress may be worn as an alternative but strict conformity is required so that Winter dress is not combined with Summer dress. Summer dress is defined as follows:-

- (a) OTHER RANKS - For day wear l.s. up to 2000 hrs.
Hat turned down, chin strap to be worn, colour patch on band or puggaree on right side of hat (other headwear only when especially authorised).
Shirt collar button only undone, sleeves folded back to immediately above elbow.
Belt web - or if not available, leather.
Shorts l.s.
Boots Puttees, short (or gaiters if puttees not available) stockings, or hosiery.
For night wear l.s., after 2000 hrs.
Hat as above.
Shirt sleeves rolled down and buttoned collar button undone
Belt as above.
Trousers KD
Boots

Night wear may be worn during the day, but not day wear at night. When personnel proceed on leave extending into the night, during the day they must either wear night wear or arrangements made to change as above.

Jerseys pullover - Khaki may be worn over shirt, but Jerseys pullover - Navy if worn will be worn under shirt. The belt will always be worn outside.

- (b) Officers
(a) Normal drill uniform; or
(b) as for other ranks; or
(c) as in (b) but with cap officers and shoes in lieu of boots and puttees. With this dress tie khaki is optional.

All tps. will adhere strictly to the above instructions regarding dress.

112. SUMMER - DANGERS OF

Attention is drawn to the danger of skin cancer and severe blistering as a possible result of severe sunburn and tps are warned against over-exposing themselves to the sun's rays.

113. PARKING AREAS FOR PARKING MILITARY VEH.

Military vehs. will not be left unattended in Perth.

Should it be necessary for personnel to leave a veh. on duty, the veh. may be parked at the W. L. of C Prov. Coy. in Stirling St. near railway bridge at Barrack St, and every care will be exercised there by Prov. Coy. This is a fairly central place, handy to L of C H.Q. and railway station.

(vide 2 Aust. Div. R.O. Ser. 13)

114. SHOOTING OF PIGEONS

All ranks are warned against shooting at stray pigeons. It is possible that such birds may be carrier pigeons. In the event of carrier pigeons being recovered either exhausted or dead, messages will be handed promptly to Coy. H.Q. Pl. orderly room, with a full report as to location of recovery of pigeon or of its message.

(vide 8 Aust. Inf. Bde R.O. No. 167)

115. SECURITY OF MATERIALS

During the coming months potential danger from bush fires will increase. Care will be taken by all Pl. Cnds. to ensure that no risk of damage to materials, ammunition etc. is possible in their particular areas. Fire breaks should be constructed where necessary.

(vide 8 Aust. Inf. Bde R. O. No. 167)

116. DISCIPLINE - M.T.

Strict M.T. discipline will be carried out by personnel riding in rear of vehicles.

Rigid adherence to standing orders regarding No. of personnel riding in backs of vehicles, and to seating of same will be observed. On no account are personnel to sit any other way than back to back on the floors of vehicles. Disciplinary action will be taken for any breaches of the above.

118. UNAUTHORISED REMOVAL OF RAILWAY PROPERTY

Attention is drawn to the prevalence of theft by members of equipment from Railway refreshment rooms.

Any member found to be improperly in possession of any article of equipment belonging to a Railway refreshment room will be charged with an offence.

(Vide GRO A418.)

T. J. WOODGER
T. J. WOODGER Capt.

O.C. 16 Coy. AASC 8 Inf. Bde 2 Aust. Div.

NOTICES.

NOT SHOWERS for personnel of Workshop Pl. No. 2 Tpt. Pl. and No. 3 Tpt. Pl. are situated in No. 2 Tpt. Pl. Area.

Hot showers for personnel of Coy. H.Q. Pl. Comp. Pl. No. 1 RDI and No. 2 RDI are under construction and will be situated at Western Southern boundary of Comp. Pl. area.

CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 4 OCT. 1942.

Protestant

1030 hours, ASC area, Chaplain Prenter, 35 Bn. Band

0730 hours, C of E Holy Communion, St. Luke's, Gingin.

1930 hours, Combined Service GINGIN Hall.

R. C. SERVICES

0800 hours, R.C. Church, Gingin. Chaplain Kelly.

MOVIE PROGRAMME.

Mon. 5 Oct. 1942, Town Oval.

GINGIN RAILWAY

Gingin Railway Station goods yard is out of bounds, except to tps. on duty.

LOST

Lab Cap - Ford V8 1939, Panel Van (YMCA) truck, Finder please hand to Coy. H.Q. Orderly room

18 Coy. AACG 8 Inf. Bde 2 Aust. Div.
AUSTRALIA.
 2 Oct. 1942.

H.Q.
 8 Aust. Inf. Bde,
AUSTRALIA.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING 2 OCT. 1942.

1. INT. SECURITY -

Nil.

2. INT. OWN TIPS.

Coy. engaged on regular supply duties for Bde. General training including night operations at R.H. Establishment of S.R.P.s, PPs, APs, night driving, map reading, vehicle maintenance, anti-gas, S.A. training. Night lectures and discussions for Offrs., N.C.O.s and ORs.

All rifles tested and adjusted on miniature range. Reqs. submitted for spare parts where required.

Coy. still deficient in vehicles, L.M.Gs, pistols.

General health of tps. excellent and morale high.

3. SECURITY

Nil.

4. TOPOGRAPHY

Report on operations with P.O.L. and supplies is attached.

T. J. Woodger
 T. J. WOODGER Capt.
 O.C. 18 Coy. AACG 8 Inf. Bde 2 Aust. Div

MLR/CR. 2/10/42.

O.C. 18 Coy. AASC 8 Inf. Bde 2 Aust. Div.,
AUSTRALIA.

REPORT ON DELIVERY TO SUPPLY POINT IN FORWARD AREA.

1. On the 29 Sep. 1942. this Coy. was ordered to deliver supplies and petrol to 35 BN. and a detachment of the 4 BN. the supply point being Perth Strat. 4 miles = 1 in. 367097 (Yanchep) - approximately 37 miles. The road taken was via GINGIN Brook East and then directly South to Yanchep. Vehicles taken were:-
 - 1 - 3 ton Ford FWD loaded with 160 drums of petrol and 20 drums of oil.
 - 1 - 30 cwt. dual wheel CVT loaded 1/2 cwt. of supplies and 8 personnel.
 - 1 - 3 ton sand tyre CVT loaded with full bn. supplies.
2. Time of departure camp area was approx. 1800 hrs. The road as far as Gin Gin Brook East is reasonable and a distance of approx. 16 miles was covered in 1 hr. and 10 minutes. From Gin Gin Brook East to Yanchep - a distance of approximately 21 miles was covered in 6 hours and 40 minutes.
3. Immediately vehicles turned left off the Moore River Road a sand track was encountered which was reasonably firm for a distance of a mile. From then a soft patch of sand caused the 30 cwt. to sink completely to the differential. The F.W.D. was backed into the 30 cwt. which was immediately towed out over a distance of approx. 50 yards. The 3 ton sand tyred CVT was manhandled by the personnel over this patch.
4. From there on for approximately 4 miles it was necessary to either manhandle or tow the 30 cwt. 14 times. It was absolutely impossible to move it under its own power. The 3 ton sand tyred vehicle negotiated some of these sand bogs but in most cases required manpower to clear them.
5. On the other hand the FWD which led the convoy went through on its rear wheel drive except when it was necessary to tow one of the other vehicles.
6. In several cases it was necessary to clear from the track trees of a diameter of up to 18" to permit the vehicles to proceed. This was necessary because the vehicles could either not get between them or because the overhanging branches would have interfered with the canopy covers and thus prevent the vehicles from moving on. In these cases the F.W.D. was either used to push them over or a tow rope attached and the trees were pulled over. This procedure was carried out in an amazingly short period of time. It was then possible for the other two vehicles to proceed over these portions of the track without any difficulty.
7. It is pointed out that although great difficulty was encountered by 30 cwt. and 3 ton vehicles mainly caused by soft sand there were very few serious grades in the track but in 3 cases close to Yanchep there are steep grades out of creek beds, the track, as usual, being soft sand. Again it was impossible for either the 30 cwt. or 3 ton vehicles to even attempt to negotiate these grades.
8. The F.W.D. was driven to the top of the grade and 4 tow ropes connected to the other vehicles about 10 or 15 yards down the grade. The front wheel drive engaged of the FWD and with great ease both vehicles were hauled out.
9. In one case close to Loch Mullens lake there is a patch of soft sand for a distance of approx. 1/4 mile, into which the 30 cwt. and 3 ton vehicles bogged hopelessly. On examination it looked a hopeless task to extract them from it. However, the FWD was again brought into action and again with the greatest of ease both vehicles were hauled out very quickly.
10. The salient factor in this operation was the fact that most

difficult country was encountered both from the point of view of overhanging timber, scrub and difficult undergrowth and also very treacherous sand tracks and the 3p cwt. and 3 ton ASC vehicles were completely useless but the WVD loaned to this Coy. negotiated every obstacle with great ease plus the fact that it towed and assisted the other vehicles almost every 1/4 mile and sometimes less.

11. This operation was purely and simply a practical experience of what might have to be encountered by this Service on actual service, and it proved conclusively that the service would just simply cease unless vehicles of the F.W.D. type were used. Very few tactical aspects entered into this operation because it was impossible to consider fully the requirements of protection on the move, of the elimination of noise and lights. This adds to the above stated fact that this Service would be seriously endangered if conditions like those encountered were to be dealt with. If this is so, not only would the ASC vehicles be easily destroyed but the main point is that the supplies, ammunition and petrol for the fighting troops which after all are our main consideration, would simply not go through. The results of such a state of affairs is obvious.

12. The total mileage of the operation was approx. 137 miles (return journey was made via Perth, Midland, Murch). Petrol consumption was as follows:-

FORD F.W.D.	23 gals
G.V.T. 30 Cwt. dual wheeled -	26 gals.
CVT 3 ton sand tyred	- 20 gal.

J. Woodger
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 O.C. 18 COY. A.S.C. 8 AUST. INF. BDE.

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 R. L. BRYNE Lieut.
 Sup. O. 18 Coy. AASC 8 Inf. Bde 2 Aust. Div.

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

W E 1/17/42 11/14/42 11/17/42 11/19/42
FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Army Form W 3009
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(Adapted)

Army Form W 3009
(Adapted) (Aug. 41)
(page 2)

11 officers
3880 ranks
18 boy aasb (Unit) 3 Oct 42 19 (Date).
(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posited strength counting against authorized establishment (including attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O. Class I.	1	1	
W.O. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1	1	1
Staff Serjeants	2	2	
Serjeants	9	10	1
Corporals	22	22	
Privates, Private 1st Class	102	85	2
	287	227	19
TOTALS	348	3	43

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Asst. Mess. Supt.	A APC		
Asst. Supt.	A AMC		
Asst. Supt.	2nd Div. Supt.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
N 25081	Asst. Supt.	Booker K A	16640000	110 P 94
N 260574	Asst. Supt.	Wilson G A		102 km def. 11000000
N 254444	Asst. Supt.	McDonnell A		
N 254123	Asst. Supt.	McDonnell H A		
N 253771	Asst. Supt.	Adams T B		115 A 64
N 252911	Asst. Supt.	Bullcock R N		115 A 64
N 254433	Asst. Supt.	Kongelaffed		2/1 A 64
N 254440	Asst. Supt.	Hull J C		2/1 A 64
N 254324	Asst. Supt.	Kalmar R		2/1 A 64
N 254161	Asst. Supt.	Langley G A		2/1 A 64
N 254032	Asst. Supt.	Hemsworth R E		1/1 A 64
N 254791	Asst. Supt.	Buffin G J		102 km def. 11000000
N 254030	Asst. Supt.	Hull J C		102 km def. 11000000
N 254327	Asst. Supt.	Buckner W B		13 170 1000000

18 boy aasb 82nd Pde Unit.

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

Detail of Specialist, Tradesman, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforcements required (b)	Detail of Specialist, Tradesman, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforcements required (b)
Armament Examination			Fire Control Operators		
Armament Artificers			Filters		
Armourers			Filters and Turners		
Artificers, Artillery			Filters, Cycle		
Assemen			Filters, Drivers		
Bakers			Filter's Mains		
Battery Surveyors			Filters, M.T.		
Battery Carriers, Asst.			Filters, Railway Signal		
Blacksmiths			Filters, Signal		
Boilermakers			Grinders		
Briclayers			Gum Layers		
Bulldozers			G.P.O. Assistants		
Cannons/Machine Gun Operators			Gun Operators		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen		
Clerks			Height Takers		
Clerks, Engineering			Helia Operators		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical		
Communications			Instrument Operators		
Computers			Intelligence Duties		
Concrete			Joiners		
Cooks			Leather Binders		
Cooks, Hospital			Linenmen		
Coppersmiths			Linenmen, Signals		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Nachtmans		
Dispensers			Masons		
Draughtsmen			Mechanics		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless		
Driver Mechanic			Millwrights		
Driver Operators			Miners		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Molders		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants		
Engine Artificers			Operation Room Assistants		
Engine Hands V/C			Operators, Signal		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians		
Fabricators			Painters		

Notes:—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back of card. (b) Attached Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be listed as required by police protection unit.
18 boy aasb 82nd Pde Unit.
Signature of Commander.
Date of Despatch: 3 Oct 42
Sde, Dtm, Aren, etc., with which unit is serving.

WE. 1/17/92 11/14/92 11/17/92 11/30/92
11/19/92
388 1/2 Rank
1/2 of Rank Attached

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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18 boy aash chf 1st (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Rank.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...	1		1
Lieutenants ...	7	3	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	8	3	6

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.				
Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.				
Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Lieut.	Bennett R	18 boy aash	Dr M School Depress Dis
	The above soldier has been trans to X		that return to unit as desired.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut	N53801	Woodgate J	18 boy aash	Yes	
Lieut	N54278	Pelgrom J	"	"	
	N54120	McDonald M	"	"	
	N55172	Byrne G L	"	"	
	N218296	Robert A A	"	"	
	N21214	O'Donnell J	"	"	
	N54200	Stanfield T	"	"	
	N54170	Ferguson A J	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

18 boy aash
3 Oct 12

(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)
82nd Ase 2 Aug 12 Div.
(Bde, Dbn, Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 11

H.Q.
18 Coy. A.A.S.C.
8 Inf. Bde.,
2 Aust. Div.
AUSTRALIA.
15 Oct. 1942.

REORGANISATION - A.I.F.

1. The following transfers will be effected between Pls. of 18 Coy. A.A.S.C., on date to be advised later but to be completed by 1200 hrs. 10 Nov. 1942.
2. New Pl. Roll Books will be prepared in accordance with re-organised Manning Chart and will be available for Pl. Comds. at 1600 hours 9 Nov. 1942.
3. A Muster Parade of all personnel will be held at 0900 hrs. 18 Oct. 1942 when personnel will be informed of transfers.
4. Transfers of R.D.I. personnel as per list attached will be under the supervision of Licut. J. J. O'Donnell.
5. Any necessary readjustments of tentage at present allotted will be made on representations to C.Q.M.S. by O.C. Pls.

T. G. Pilgrim Licut.

for T. J. WOODGER Capt.
O.C. 18 Coy. A.A.S.C. 8 Inf. Bde. 2 Aust. Div.

DISTRIBUTION

- 1 - O.C. 18 Coy. A.A.S.C.
- 2 - Licut. T. G. Pilgrim
- 3 - O.C. No. 1 Tpt. Pl.
- 4 - O.C. No. 2 Tpt. Pl.
- 5 - O.C. No. 3 Tpt. Pl.
- 6 - Comp. Pl. O.C.
- 7 - O.C. Workshops Pl.
- 8 - Licut. J. J. O'Donnell
- 9, 10, 11, 12 - War Diary.
- 13 - H.Q. Comd. A.A.S.C. 2 Aust. Div.
- 14 - C.Q.M.S.
- 15 - File.

TRANSFERS

FROM

COY. H.Q. PL.

N255913 Dr. Burns J.
 N54375 Sgt. Tubman W. H.
 N131061 Cpl. Ryan C.G.E.
 N130990 Dr. Ross J. C.
 N256467 Dr. Silcock E.
 N131051 1/2 Cpl. Latham S.
 N256166 Dr. Rhodes R.F.
 N255975 Dr. Ford D.
 N256184 Dr. Sinclair T. J.
 N256468 Dr. Sherrif D.O.
 N299599 Dr. McBurnie F. G.
 N255858 Dr. Meredith W.R.
 N256187 Dr. Tait D. E.
 N54708 L/Cpl. Jarvis A. V.
 N54187 Dr. Longmore R. V.
 N256192 Dr. Toggins D. P.
 N256451 Dr. O'Hall C. R.
 N54002 Dr. Hall R. J.
 N245536 L/Cpl. Pratt A. M.
 N54361 Dr. Fuller R. R.
 N256470 Dr. Townsend R. B.

COMPOSITE PL.

N256015 Dr. Harwood W. R.
 N256024 Dr. Hoys K. V.
 N256117 Dr. McKenzic C.
 N256168 Dr. Rosch K. A.
 N255933 Dr. Collins T. F.
 N255926 Dr. Cottier R. D.
 N205890 A/Cpl. Neville H. J.
 N256395 Dr. Chato A. L.
 N256492 Dr. Gooda A. A.
 N255990 Dr. Gorman B. F.
 N256021 Dr. Horness W. C.
 N256044 Dr. Ireland K. R.

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FROM

No. 1 TPT. PL.

N131024 Dr. Carrett A.
 N255571 Dr. Humphries J. H.
 N255882 Dr. Avery A.R.
 N54209 Dr. Wilson E. J.
 N55100 Dr. Curtis R. F.
 N256122 Dr. Nixon E. E.
 N256016 L/Cpl. Hassenham R.L.
 N255042 Dr. Long W. F.
 N256497 Dr. Whyfoon R. G.
 N255034 Dr. Gilleland A.
 N255967 Dr. Fahey E.T.
 N255972 Dr. Flood P.C.
 N256455 Dr. Peters H.T.
 N255946 Dr. Dagg M.J.
 N54998 Dr. Watts W.P.
 N255893 Dr. Bebbler O.J.
 N255186 Dr. Eggleton C.R.
 N255989 Dr. Goode H.N.
 N256057 Dr. Kessey T.
 N131063 Dr. Gates E. H.
 N255196 Dr. Gaunt E.J.
 N256004 Dr. Hamilton S. N.
 N256204 Dr. Vincent A.J.
 N119578 Dr. Winnall G.
 N255932 Dr. Clay A.L.
 N256152 Cpl. Stewart F.E.
 N255878 Dr. Ackland L. W.
 N256042 Dr. Ladd R. J.

TO

No. 1 R.D.I.

No. 2 R.D.I.

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No. 3 Tpt. Pl.

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Coy. H. Q. Pl.

No. 2 Tpt. Pl.

No. 1 R.D.I.

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No. 1 R.D.I.

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No. 2 Tpt. Pl.

No. 1 R.D.I.

Coy. H.Q. Pl.

TRANSFERS

FROM

No. 1 TPT. PL.

N255046 Dr. Morrison A.D.
 N2556203 Tr. Tychsen W.C.
 N2555986 Tr. Gilzean A.
 N2556167 Tr. Ringstead R.C.
 N2556141 Dr. Perry W.T.
 N54678 Cpl. Hockey R.H.
 N255928 Dr. Cheeseman S.B.
 N2556493 Dr. Marshall F.C.
 N2556208 Dr. Way R.B.
 N54455 Cpl. Andrews E.
 N255387 Dr. Dunn W.B.
 N55930 Dr. Clark N.
 NX73386 Dr. Turner J.E.
 N255206 Cpl. Watt R.J.
 N2556049 Dr. Johns A.L.
 N2556052 Dr. Johnstone A.J.
 N255974 Dr. Foley W.J.
 N54735 Dr. Kearney E.A.
 N2556106 Dr. Moore J.B.

TO

No. 1 R.D.I.
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 No. 1 R.D.I.

FROM

No. 2 TET. PL

N205710 Dr. Harrison T.H.
 N2556169 Dr. Rodman N.H.
 N2556449 Dr. Nicholl M.G.
 N130981 Dr. Rushbrook N.
 N2556935 Dr. Comer B.A.
 N55002 Dr. Williams T.A.
 N255187 Dr. Ellery M. N.
 N2556400 Dr. Cunningham J.N.
 N2556481 Dr. Lewis A.
 N19004 Dr. QUINN H. J.
 N19003 Dr. Quinn J.
 N54798 Dr. Conroy E.
 NX73156 Dr. Walker J.L.
 NX83155 Cpl. Dare L.H.
 N2555063 Dr. Scott A.G.

Coy. H.Q. Pl.
 Ditto
 Composite Pl.
 No. 1 Tpt. Pl.
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FROM

WORKS & PS PL

NX82050 Dr. Hawke L.N.

No. 1 Tpt. Pl.

FROM

No. 3 TPT. PL.

N2556074 Cpl. Lennon R.K.
 N255387 Dr. Dunn W.B.
 NX80050 Dr. Lord H.
 N2556475 Dr. Williams T.W.
 NX81732 Dr. Kelly L.T.
 NX55304 Dr. Szarka P.
 N255904 Dr. Brammer R.T.
 N255970 Cpl. Finney J.H.
 NX81469 Dr. Hilder J.
 N2556026 Dr. Higgins P.J.
 N2556002 Dr. Hall N.B.
 NX80499 L/Cpl. Thomas M.
 N2556091 Dr. Matheson G.A.
 N2556048 Dr. Jackson R.A.
 NX78655 Dr. Rhodes J.H.
 NX82417 Dr. Eagles R.H.
 NX53968 Dr. Willey K.
 N2556056 Dr. Kent N.
 N2556025 Dr. Higgins P.J.
 N54403 Dr. Elgar R.B.
 NX20792 Cpl. Dare E.
 N2556162 Dr. Ragan L.N.

No. 1 Tpt. Pl.
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<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>
<u>NO. 3 TPT. PL</u>		
N255903	Dr. Brady M.J.	No. 1 Tpt. Pl.
 <u>FROM</u>		
<u>NO. 1 R.D.I.</u>		
N54017	Sgt. Moon K.R.	Coy. H.Q. Pl.
N256037	Dr. Henning A.J.	No. 1 Tpt. Pl.
N205900	Dr. Priestly J.H.	Ditto
N255953	Dr. Donaldson J.G.	Ditto
N255959	Dr. Luff I.A.	Coy. H.Q. Pl.
N256407	Dr. Fisk R.H.	Ditto
N255977	Dr. Gaffell K.J.	No. 1 Tpt. Pl.
N54950	Dr. Hellyer R.R.	Ditto
N256010	Dr. Hansen W.J.	No. 1 Tpt. Pl.
N256496	Dr. Ross J.C.	Ditto
 <u>FROM</u>		
<u>NO. 2 R.D.I.</u>		
N256139	Dr. Pearson G.S.	Coy. H.Q. Pl.
N256146	Dr. Pivotta W.J.	Ditto
N256133	Dr. Parkinson K.R.	No. 1 Tpt. Pl.
N256446	Dr. Sharp K.A.	Coy. H.Q. Pl.
NX82441	Dr. Costello B.	Ditto
NX81618	Dr. Collier G.S.	Ditto
NX48807	Dr. Burton J.L.	Ditto
N256098	Dr. Miles R.G.	No. 1 Tpt. Pl.
N256059	Dr. Kelly H.J.	Ditto
NX73705	Dr. Guppy H.D.	Ditto
NX79827	Dr. O'Neil L.	Ditto
N256453	Dr. Patterson J. E.	Ditto
N260118	Dr. Heat T.W.	No. 3 Tpt. Pl.
N255009	Dr. Benecke R. E.	Ditto
N53257	Dr. Robinson R. B.	Ditto

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Address 18 Coy. AASC 8 Inf. Bde 2
Date Aust. Div.
AUSTRALIA.
16 Oct. 1942.

H.Q.
8 Aust. Inf. Bde.,
AUSTRALIA.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING 16 OCT. 1942.1. INF. RE ENERGY

Nil.

2. INF. OWN TPS.

Coy. engaged on regular supply duties for Bde. General training including night operations at R.H. Establishment and operation of APs, FPs by day and night. Map reading, vehicle maintenance, anti-gas, S.A. training (IMG and rifle). Sand driving, night discussions for Officers, lectures to N.C.O.s and O/Rs. Convoy driving at night.

Coy. still deficient in vehicles, L.M.Gs, pistols.

General health of tps. excellent. Morale high.

3. SECURITY

Nil.

4. TOPOGRAPHY

Nil.

R. B. Woodger Capt.

O.C. 18 Coy. AASC 8 Inf. Bde 2 Aust. Div.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

CAPT T. J. WOODGER

18 COY A.A.S.C. 8 INF. BDE 2 AUST. DIV.

Serial 22.

Nos 132 -

139.

Part 1.

16 Oct '42.

132. DRESS SUMMER WEAR.

Summer dress will include hat turned down for day wear and turned up for night wear i.e. after 2000 hrs.

(Vide Adm Comd AASC 2 Aust Div RO Ser 17 14 Oct '42).

133. SECURITY OF INFORMATION - PURCHASE OF LOTTERY TICKETS.

A check carried out recently at State Lottery Office disclosed many breaches of security in that unit names and locations have been freely given in ticket butts which are accessible to any civilian.

All ranks are instructed that Regtl No, rank, and name are the only particulars which will be given in such instances, "Australia" is a sufficient address, and unit names and locations will NOT be given.

(Vide 8 Aust Inf. Bde RO No. 191 of 14 Oct. '42).

134. TROOPS MARCHING AT NIGHT

When troops are marching along roads at night there is considerable danger of collision by overtaking vehicles - especially in locations under blackout conditions.

With a view to minimising this danger, the right hand man of the rear rank of any column marching at night will wear a white cloth of reasonable size on the back and will carry a lighted hurricane lamp, with, if possible, a red glass, as a warning to overtaking vehicles.

(Vide 8 Aust Inf. Bde RO No. 191 of 14 Oct. '42).

135. CONSERVATION OF FOODSTUFFS - POTATOES.

(a) Because potatoes are not readily available, every effort will be made to conserve this valuable food.

(b) In future potatoes will not be peeled before cooking, but they will be scrubbed clean, and the bad portion if any, cut out, and then cooked in their jackets.

(Vide 8 Aust Inf. Bde RO No. 191 of 14 Oct. '42).

136. CLOTHING RATION BOOKS.

Army clothing ration books are not transferable. Disciplinary action will be taken against person who transfers or receives by transfer clothing ration books.

(Vide 8 Aust Inf. Bde RO No. 191 of 14 Oct. '42.)

137. DISCIPLINE - OUT OF BOUNDS.

The disused Govt Quarry vicinity DARLINGTON; MUNDARING Sheet 068518, is out of bounds to all troops and M.T.

(Vide 8 Aust Inf. Bde RO No. 191 of 14 Oct. '42).

138. CROSSED GUY ROPES.

In view of the damage done to tents through crossed guy ropes, all crossed guy ropes will be altered immediately.

(Vide 8 Aust Inf. Bde RO No. 191 of 14 Oct. '42).

139. ARMY POSTAL SERVICE.

Army Postal Service will be undergoing a trial as from 15 Oct '42. Closing time for Air Mail will be 1500 hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday at all units. Ordinary mail will close at 1500 hours daily. Mail will be delivered and collected by EPO C37.

18 Coy A.A.S.C. 8 Inf Bde 2 Aust. Div. R/O Ser. 22 Nos. 132 - 139.

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Woodger
T. J. WOODGER CAPT.
O.C. 18 Coy A.A.S.C. 2 Aust. Div.

-- NOTICES. --

CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 18 OCT. '42. PROTESTANT.

1000 18 Coy A.A.S.C. A.S.C. Aron. Chaplain Parsons.
35 Bn. Band.

Holy Communion.

0700 C of E St. Luke's Gin Gin.

1100 Methodist Church Gin Gin.

Special Service.

1830 "Evensong" St. Luke's Gin Gin.

1930 United Service, Gin Gin Hall.

R.C. SERVICES.

C900 R.C. Church Gin Gin - Chaplain Kelly.

The following articles were received from the Australian Comforts Fund on 30 Sep '42.

4 Tables - large.	8 Forms.
4 Tables - small.	10 Stools.
1 Checkers.	4 Sets Darts.
2 Dart Boards.	3 Draughts.
1 Strategy.	1 Round Australia.
1 Contact.	2 Crib Boards.
6 Playing Cards.	1 Table Tennis Table.
4 Table Tennis Bats.	6 Table Tennis Balls.
1 Table Tennis Net.	

W 1/17/62 11/14/63 11/17/63 11/19/63
FIELD RETURN OF OTHERS
 11 Officers
 388 C/Ranks
 18-Coy AAC
 4 C/Ranks
 (To be furnished by all units and all H

1949 2 (Date).

18 - Boy AASC

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

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Period strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		1
W.Os. Class II.	1		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants	1		
Staff Sergeants	2	2	
Sergeants	2	2	
Corporals	102	28	1
Privates	250	228	17
Troopers, Privates, &c.	378		22
TOTALS	348	2	42

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

[illegible]

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
P.M. 8745	W/Ot	Clavon A	18 Coy ARSE	110 ACH
N131024	Lt Col	Barnett A	"	"
N256020	Lt Col	Hennemuth W.W.	"	"
N55105	S/Sgt	Flack I.C.	"	"
N210394	Lt Col	Wilson G.A.	"	109 Gen Inf. Cavalry
N256444	"	Oketosh A	"	" " " "
N256123	"	Stolan F.B.	"	" " " "
N256123	"	Longstaff F.H.	"	" " " "
N256378	"	Adams F.B.	"	110 A.C.H.
N255911	Sgt	Bullock A	"	4000 Crockett
N254440	Sgt	Thiel F.O.	"	211 A.C.H.
N256161	Lt Col	Gayle F.A.	"	211 A.C.H.
N255907	Lt Sgnt	Bilfen A.H.	"	100th Gen. Inf. School 6640
N255907	Lt Sgnt	Han W.S.	"	A.S.C. National Bureau School

The above personnel have been fld to 'X' list & return to unit is desired

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18 boy AASC

Unit

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

Detail of Specialist, Tradename, etc.	Signature (a)	Signature, Initials, Tradename, etc.	Detail of Specialist, Tradename, etc.	Signature (a)	Signature, Initials, Tradename, etc.
Amusement Examiners			Fire Control Operators		Panel Readers
Armament Artificers			Fitters	63	Pattern Makers
Armures			Fitters and Turners		Pharmacists
Batteries, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle		Photographers, dry plate
Batteries			Fitters, Drivers		Photographers, wet plate
Bikes			Fitter's Mates		Photo-Writers
Railway Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.		Plate Layers
Railway Cinders, Ass't.			Fitters, Railway Signal		Plumbers
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal		Predictor Numbers
Boilermakers			Grinders		Printers
Bricklayers			Gun Layers		Radiator Mechanics
Builders	1		G.P.O. Assistants		Refrigerators
Cannage Modeler			Csa Operators		Rent Takers
Carpenter and Joiner			Ramsmen		Riggers
Clerks			Height Takers		Riveters
Clerks, Engineering			Helm Operators		Saddlers
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics		Saddle Tree Makers
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical		Saw Doctors
Civil Engineers	1		Instrument Operators		Sawyers
Computers			Intelligence Staffs		Screenwriters
Concretors			Joiners		Signalers
Cooks			Leather Kitchens		Signwriters
Cooks, Hospital			Linemens		Stokers, Stationary Engine
Coppenhills			Linemens, Signals		Storemen, Technical
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers		Surveyors
Dental Clerk			Mathematics		Surveyors, Engineering
Diggers			Masons		Tailors
Draughtsmen			Masons		Telephone Installation
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Postal		Textile Refiners
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.V.	64	Tinsmiths
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter		Toolmakers
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless		Turners
Driver Mechanics			Mittrichs		Vulcanizers
Driver Operators			Mixers		Wagon Erectors
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Modelers		Watchmakers
Electrical Fitters	3		Nursing Orderlies		Watermen
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Medical)		Welders
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained		Well Bores
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants		Whealers
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants		Wigmakers
Engine Bench U/C			Operators, Signal		Winches
Equipment Repairers			Opticians		Woodturners
Fabricators			Painters	2	
W/O's		1			
W/O's		1			
W/O's		22			
W/O's		1			
Total (in agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	30			29	3

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

18 boy A.A.S.C.

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Date of Despatch 17 Oct 1942

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving

The butchers shown as deficient is a bpl

The w/o I shown as deficient is a Mech. Sgt./Major

W.E. 1/176/2 11/146/2 11/176/3 11/396/2.
FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

11 Officers.

388 of Ranks.

4 of Ranks attached 18 boy A.A.S.C. & Lf. Bde. (Unit)

15 PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Rank.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficit on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels ...	...	...	...
Majors ...	...	...	...
Captains ...	1	...	1
Lieutenants ...	4	3	5
2nd Lieutenants ...	...	...	...
Quartermasters ...	...	...	...
TOTALS ...	11	3	6.

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.				
Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Lieut.	Bennett R	18 boy A.A.S.C.	on M. school diagnostic.
The above Officer has been fd to X Lieut & return to unit is desired.			

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut.	N.53801	Woodger J.G.	18 boy A.A.S.C.	Yes.	
Lieut.	N.54278	Pelgum J.G.	"	"	
"	N.54120	McDonald C.B.	"	"	
"	N.55172	Byrne E.L.	"	"	Det. to H.Q. Command.
"	N.278291	Roberts A.A.	"	"	A.A.S.C. 2 Aust. Div.
"	N.27216	O'Donnell J.F.	"	"	
Lieut.	N.54200	Stonfield F.	"	"	
"	N.54170	Ferguson A.F.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

18 boy A.A.S.C.

(Unit.)

17 Oct. 1942

(Date of Despatch.)

18 boy A.A.S.C. (Unit.)
 17 Oct. 1942 (Date of Despatch.)
 (Det., Dis., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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W.E. 11/16/5 11/16/5 11/16/5 11/16/5
 11 Officers
 322 Privates
 4 Officers (including)
 18 Coy. H.Q. 8 1/2 Coy. (including)

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PART A - PARTICIPANTS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUIT DURING WEEK

Rank	First Name	Last Name	Initials	Signature	Remarks
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					

PART B - PARTICIPANTS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUIT DURING WEEK

Rank	First Name	Last Name	Initials	Signature	Remarks

OFFICERS QUITTING DURING WEEK

Rank	First Name	Last Name	Initials	Signature	Remarks

PART C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PENDING

Rank	First Name	Last Name	Initials	Signature	Remarks

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Address

Date

W A L of C AREA

18 Coy. A.A.S.C. 8 Inf. Bde
2 Aust. Div.

AUSTRALIA.

23 Oct. 1942.

H.Q.

8 Aust. Inf. Bde.,

AUSTRALIA.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING 23 OCT. 1942.1. INF. RE ENERGY

Nil.

2. INF. OWN TPS.

Coy. engaged on regular supply duties for Bde. General training, including night operations at R.H., establishment and operation of APs, FPs, night driving, map reading, vehicle maintenance, anti-gas, S.A. training, unarmed combat, night discussions for Offrs., lectures to H.C.O.s and O.R.s

Coy. still deficient in vehicles, IMGs and pistols.

General health of tps. excellent and Morale high.

3. SECURITY

Nil

4. TOPOGRAPHY

Nil.

I. S. Woodger
I. S. WOODGER Capt.

O.C. 18 Coy. AASC 8 Inf. Bde 2 Aust. Div.

W. A. L. OS C. A. TIA



TELEPHONE

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8 Aust. Inf. Bde.,
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Address 18 Coy. AMSG 8 INF
Box 2 Aust. Div.
AUSTRALIA.
31 Oct 1942.

INTER-OFFICE SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING 30 OCT. 1942.

3. REVENUE FOR THE STATE

7313.

2. THE OWNERS

Coy. engaged on Corps Exercise from 23 Oct. 42 to 30 Oct. 42.

Goy. still deficient in vehicles, L.H. Co., and pistols.

General health of eye, excellent and morale high.

1. SECURITY

773.3.

4. TOBOGHANIV

2732.

N. S. Higgins Sept.

for T. J. BOONER Capt.
O.C. 18 Coy. A.A.S.C. 8 INF. Bde 2 Aust. Div.

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<u>AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES</u>	Serial 23
<u>ROUTINE ORDERS</u>	Reg 140 -
<u>BY</u>	145
<u>CAPT. T. J. WOODGER</u>	Part 1
<u>18 COY. A.L.S.C. 8 INF. BDE. 2 AUST. DIV.</u>	<u>31 Oct 1942</u>

140. AIR MAIL

Tps. are advised that AIR MAIL for Eastern States closes each day excepting MONDAYS as from 30 Oct. 1942. Incoming AIR MAIL will be received every day excepting TUESDAYS.
(vide 2 Aust. Div. Postal Unit 1131)

141. USE OF DRESSING GEAR AT ALLY REFRESHMENT ROOMS

Owing to the shortage of cutlery at Ally Refreshment Rooms, all ranks will be prepared to use their own knives, forks and spoons when meals are provided at LHRs during move by rail.
(vide 2 Aust. Div. R.O. 278)

142. WEB EQUIPMENT

The practice of washing belts, anklets and other items of web equipmt. so that they become white, is to cease, and action will now be taken to restore such web equipmt to its original colour
(vide 2 Aust. Div. R.O. 280)

143. INSURANCE POLICIES

For the information of tps the following is promulgated:-

(1) Life insurance policies taken out prior to the 24 Sep 39 cover the holders for service inside or outside the Gnth. of Aust., ir respective of whether the soldier is A.I.F. or A.I.E. Therefore a transfer from A.I.F. to A.I.E. does not involve additional premiums or loadings to a life policy of this type.

(2) A War Service Moratorium is in effect and covers all life policies taken out prior to 3rd. Sep 39. A War Service Moratorium prevents the policy lapsing in the event of a soldier being unable to pay premiums due to the exigencies of the service. It must be understood that this does not release a soldier from his liabilities but is contingent upon circumstances preventing him from meeting them.

(3) Life Policies taken out after 25 Sep 39 are in an entirely different category. In the event of a holder of one of these policies proceeding overseas in the Service a policy is subject to a further loading of 27/10/- per cent per annum to cover the holder. If the holder does not elect to pay this additional load and he is killed overseas the premiums already paid are refunded plus 3% compound interest thereon.

(4) This policy is adopted by all insurance firms.
(vide 2 Aust. Div. R.O. 288)

144. ACCIDENTS TO VEHICLES.

Courts of Inquiry will be convened by necessary convening authorities in all instances where civilian vehicles or property are involved.

(vide 2 Aust. Div. R.O. 292)

145. DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN PROPERTY

Numerous instances have occurred in the past of tps. entering

private property for the purpose of stealing fruit. This practice will cease and in the event of any soldier found guilty of this offence, sever disciplinary action will be taken.

T. J. Woodger Capt.
for T. J. WOODGER Capt.

Commanding 18 Coy. A.A.S.C. 8 Inf. Bde 2Aust. Div.

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY - 1 NOV. 1942.

PROTESTANT

1000 hours - A.A.S.C. area Chaplain Frontier.

Holy Communion-

0700 hrs. - C of E - St. Lukes, Gingin.

Special Services.

1830 hrs. - "Evensong" St. Lukes, GINGIN
1930 hrs. - United Service, Gingin Hall.

R. C. SERVICE.

0800 hrs. - R.C. Church Gingin

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

SECRET.
OF ORDER NO.
COPY NO 74
DATE 20 Oct 42.

18 COY A.A.S.C. 8 INF. BDE. 2 AUST. DIV.

Ref. Map.
Perth 1/4" - 1 M.

EXERCISE ROBERT.

INT.

1. A tactical exercise, involving 2 Aust Div and 4 Aust Div., with attached tps. will be conducted from 23 Oct. to 28 Oct '42.

1A. Troops taking part:-

(a) Main Force.

4 Aust Div., plus V.D.C. Coast watching posts, less the following:-

1. 25 Aust. Cav. Regt.
2. 19 Grn. Bn., less one Coy., less 1 H.G. Pl.
3. Geraldton V.D.C. Bn.

(b) As Enemy.

Comd. Maj-General H.W. Lloyd, C.B., C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O., representing General Morimoto, comd. 5 Jap. Div., 8 Aust. Inf. Bde Gp., Comd. Brig C.E. Cameron, M.C., E.D., to be known as "X" Force, comprising 4, 30, 35 Aust. Inf. Bns, and Div. Tps. organized as Japanese Bns and Bde. See appendix A & B attached.

(c) Re.A.F. co-operation can be expected to be equal on both sides.

INTENTION.

2. Move 18 Coy A.A.S.C. less rear party and advance party with 8 Aust Inf. Bde. from present location to position in DUNGLA AREA, 23 Oct. '42.

METHOD.

3. By N.T.

ROUTE.

4. Gingin - Hooliabenece - Heckathara - Geraldton Rds.

ORDER OF MARCH.

5. See Appendix A. S.I. Junet Gingin - Hooliabenece - Heckathara Rds. S.T. 1100 23 Oct. '42.

SPEED.

6. 18 M.F.H. until 2040hrs 23 Oct '42, thence 15 M.F.H. until 0510 hrs 24 Oct '42.

DENSITY.

7. 44 yds between vohs. 220 yds between blocks. 220 yds between units.

O.C. CONVOY.

8. Lt. T. G. Pilgrim.

2 I/C CONVOY.

9. Capt E. F. Askew.

HALTS.

10. 23rd.
1100 - 10 min.
1310 - 60 "
1510 - 10 "
1620 - 10 "
1730 - 60 "
1930 - 10 "
2040 - 10 "
2150 - 60 "
2350 - 10 "
24th.
0100 - 60 min.
0300 - 10 "
0510 - Destination.

ADMINISTRATION.

11. Security: All correspondence will be treated as secret and care will be taken to ensure that infm. of projected moves does not fall into enemy hands. All correspondence will be marked EXERCISE ROBBER and messages prefixed by word ROBBER.
12. Prior to commencement of actual exercise, all infm. and orders will be issued by safe hand.

13. All Op. Instrns, Orders, etc., in connection with ROBBIE EXERCISE, will be destroyed if liable to fall into hands of Aust Forces.
14. All ranks will destroy all personal correspondence and papers likely to reveal identity.
15. All ranks will be advised that only rank, name and number, will be given to enemy, if taken prisoner.
16. Troops will not discuss exercise within hearing of any person whose identity is not established whether in uniform or not.
17. Bushfires, naked lights etc. - Pl. Comds. will ensure that all necessary steps are taken to prevent bushfires. No naked lights or fires will be permitted during the hours of darkness.

MESSING.

18. 23rd. Breakfast 0700. Lunch prepared 22/23 and placed in hot boxes 0930 23 Oct. '42. Cut tea carried. Rations for consumption 24 will be issued afternoon of 22.

WATER.

19. Water bottles and water carrying vehicles will be filled prior to departure. Special attention to be given by Pl Officers to conservation on move and during period of exercise.
20. Recon Party will be responsible for establishing water points at new location.

MEDICAL.

21. Pl. first-aid personnel. Coy R.A.F. second last vehicle H.Q. block.

DRESS.

22. Working dress, boots, anklets web. Hat khaki fur turned down. Webbing, haversack and pack. Greasecats, 1 blanket - carried in pack. Respirators worn in alert position, chemical warfare may be used. Officer's baggage not to exceed 35lbs.

DISCIPLINE.

23. Strict march discipline will be observed. Driving relief to be arranged by block Comds. No. 1 and 2 RM and balance Comp Pl to travel No 1 Pl vehs.
24. P.O.W.: P.O.W. will be actually captured or as detailed after contact with umpires on both sides. P.O.W. will be allowed to retain their arms and equipment. Ammunition in their possession will be taken from them.
25. All tps. will be instructed before the exercise that once captured their part in the exercise is not ended. They must make every endeavour to escape and bring back information.
26. GENERAL: All ranks will wear identification discs and will carry Field Dressing in the correct place.
27. Personnel will NOT carry emergency rations.
28. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: The only casualties for 2 Aust. Div. Units will be actual casualties.
29. BAYONETS:
(a) When bayonets are fixed at night, scabbards will be placed over bayonets and tied in position.

(b) At all other times, when bayonets are fixed, they will be left naked.

(c) Troops will be instructed beforehand the necessity to observe all possible safety precautions when bayonets are fixed.

PETROL.

30. Vehicles will commence with full tanks and carry reserve as laid down. Drs. will refill at each hourly halt and on reaching F.F. At lunch and tea halts at 1510 hrs. and 2150 hrs. Drs. will fill tanks to capacity and exchange empty drums for full - offside assisting. C.O. Convoy to issue AB55A.

AMMUNITION.

31. All live rounds will be collected by Pl. Comds. prior to move and carried by Pl. H.Q. Pl. Comdrs. to personally supervise and render certificate. Blank amm. will be issued later, no issues in hrs of darkness. Coy reserve of ball amm. will be carried by C.O.H.Q.

4. STORES.

32. Anti-gas equipment will NOT be carried. W.E. of replacement clothing and stores will be carried.

VEHICLE CASUALTIES.

33. Ordnance umpires on both sides will be responsible for making a reasonable number of vehicle casualties from Air Raids and Shelling such casualties being governed by the severity of the attacks and the measures taken to nullify them.

34. The damage suffered by every vehicle will be clearly marked on it with chalk. The driver will be issued with any necessary casualty tag for his own injuries and the normal system of repair and recovery or replacement carried out.

35. Each vehicle made a casualty must be treated as if it were so in actual fact and kept out of the battle, at the workshop etc. until such repairs as would be necessary could be carried out under service conditions.

36. If desired, the senior Ordnance umpire with the Bde. or Bn. Gp. may order a proportion of damaged vehicles to be sent back immediately. The vehicles could be used to represent the normal replacements that would be forthcoming.

37. M.C. Camouflage nets will be correctly garnished (country in which it is anticipated they will be working is of a brownish colour - not so much green as present area). Nets should be rolled at rear of cab and ready for instant use.

ADVANCE PARTY.

38. C.O. Lt. BYRNE and section of Composite Pl. plus two representatives from each Pl. will depart with 8 Bde. Gp. Recon. Party on 22 Oct at 1810 hrs past 3.1. carrying sufficient Rations and F.C.L. until arrival of main body. C.O. will arrange for bulk drawing of rations at D.I.D. DUNGALL, in readiness for breaking and delivering on 24 Oct '42. Also Recon of Coy Div Area.

REAR PARTY.

39. 1, 2, and 3, Pl. Comdrs. will leave 3 representative for Pl. areas C.O. - Lieut Roberts until 26 Oct. and hand over to Sgt Aitken, Cook Humphries to be included in rear party. Rations to be drawn daily from D.I.D. Full 24 hour guard to be maintained. All gear left to be rolled neatly, labelled and put in double tent in centre of Pl. areas and completed by 0900 23 Oct. '42.

40. (c) Medical facilities will be provided by 18 Aust. Fd. Regt. Sick parades will be arranged as necessary by C.C. unit rear party who will notify R.H.C. 18 Aust Fd. Regt of personnel to attend and arrange time of attendance.
41. Private Property. All units will avoid damage to private property fences etc. Fences or property unavoidably damaged, cut or broken, will be noted by the unit and repaired at conclusion of the exercise.
42. Neutral Areas. All camps, dumps, etc., except supply depot at MULLEWA, are neutral areas and out of bounds to all troops and 2 Aust. Div. Units.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Personnel.

43. (a) Headwear - 2 Aust. Div. Tps. HATS K.F.
4 Aust. Div. Tps. HMMETS Steel and/or caps.
Directing and Umpire CAPS with white bands
Staffs. (Red bands in the case of Colonels and above)

N.B. WHITE PUGGAREES WILL NOT BE WORN.

- (b) Dress - 2 Aust. Div. Tps. Normal.
4 Aust. Div. Tps. "
Directing Staffs } 3/4" White Armbands on
Umpires } each arm.
Press. }

44. M.T.

- (a) M.T. and A.F.V's.
2 Aust. Div. White Iron Cross.
4 Aust. Div. Red Circle.
Directing Staffs } White Flags (Corps
Umpires } Comd's pennant in case
Press } of Director's car.

45. Aircraft.

- 2 Aust. Div. To be notified later.
4 Aust. Div. Blue and White Roundel.

46. Umpires and Directing Staff: White armbands and white flags of all personnel of 2 Aust Div. on the umpiring and directing Staffs will be issued by H.Q. 2 Aust. Div.

47. Enemy distinctive marks will NOT be imitated.

48. Spectators Vehicles. Spectators vehicles and those carrying out administrative duties not connected with the exercises will NOT carry any distinguishing marks. Both sides will regard these as neutral and allow them to pass.

49. Stragglers Post. A Stragglers Post will be established at Bdo. H.Q. Area to be notified later.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

50. By M.C.O.

ACK.

T.J. Woodger
T.J. WOODGER CAPT.

O.C. 18 Coy A.M.S.C. 8 Inf. Bdo. 2 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. - O.C. No. 1 Pl.
2. - O.C. No. 2 Pl.
3. - O.C. No. 3 Pl.
4. - O.C. Comp. Pl.
5. - O.C. Workshop Pl.
6. - O.C. Coy H.Q. Pl.
7. - O.C. Convoy.
8. - 2 I/C "
9. - O.C.
10. - C.Q.M.S.
11. - C.A.S.C. for Inf.
12. }
13. }
14. }
15.) - War Diary.
16. - Recce Party.
17. - Rear Party.

H.Q. 8 Aust Inf Bde.,

AUSTRALIA.

31 Oct '42.

COC/LOS.

18 Coy A.A.S.C.,

Please convey to all ranks my deep appreciation of the manner in which they carried out their duties in the recent exercise.

The conditions were difficult and called for the best from all - that this was freely given in the face of hardship - reflects great credit on all ranks.

Such a test, successfully completed as it was, could only be possible in well disciplined and well trained units.

While I do not wish to imply that the Brigade is perfect, there are still many imperfections that can be and will be remedied as a result of recent experiences, I feel that such a standard has only been made possible by the attention and direction given to units by their Commanding Officers and the co-operation of the remainder of the unit.

The morale of this Brigade is good, its standard of training is high, the existing faults and shortcomings will be eliminated, and when the time comes I feel sure it will give a good account of itself.

C.E. CAMERON BRIGADIER.
COMMANDING 8th AUST INF BRIGADE.

25. Inspected Area - Vehicles well under cover and camouflaged - nets used and scrub fully availed of. Sentries posted all approaches. A.A. Defences maintained - Slit trenches dug. Sanitation Satisfactory; Railroad supplies - More dispersion should be practiced - Vegetables-time taken of issue and method could be improved. Suggestions made Petrol Point: This was conducted in good time in suitable locality. Supply Point: The map reference did not indicate the intended point. Convoy little late owing to road traffic interference. Space limited and not very suitable. Suggested that B.A.S.C.O. keep in closer touch with A.A.S.C. relative to Petrol and Supply Points. That staggered hours be used so that advantage be taken of best site for issues.

26. Communications: Messages from Bde HQrs originated:
 (a) 2315 25 Oct received at 0930.
 (b) 0240 26 Oct 26 Oct.
 (c) 6415 26 Oct.

This is most unsatisfactory especially relating to Aircraft and movement of Bde.

The Supply Point to forward area was not a good movement, Lack of maps and local knowledge caused the convoy to stray as was therefore late. The Bns drawing rations were late owing to not receiving sufficient notice. They were not on point indicated but about 1 mile west. Actually the S.P. was forward of Bedolon vehicles which had been moved to rear positions for tactical reasons, no notification of this was given to A.A.S.C. Supply. Vehicles were conducted to Unit lines.

The Exercise generally was carried out in a satisfactory manner, minor points of omission and commission were pointed out as the exercises progressed and adopted as necessary.

The one lesson of outstanding importance to be learned is that lack of proper adequate communication so lacking in this manoeuvre must be insisted upon and practiced before movements of this nature will be a complete success.

Convoy Movement was quite good on exercised where observed, but generally, the speed of road movement was excessive and distance too close on Main Highways - Control seemed to be lacking in many cases and road discipline greatly could be improved.

The health and spirits of troops were of high standard.

Co-operation with umpire was spontaneous and maintained throughout. A Conference was held after the exercise and all officers of 18 Coy and matters of helpful nature were discussed.

H.W. INNES MAJOR.

Umpire 8 Bde A.A.S.C.

8 Nov '42.

W.J. BRAIN CAPT.
 ADJUT. A.A.S.C. 2 AUST DIV.

25 Oct. '42.

18 COY A.A.S.C. 8 BDE.

Serial No.	Time.	Event.	Unit or Locality.	Remarks.
1.	0815.	Contacted 8 Bde at Bde H.Qs - Bde H.Qs on the move to a new locality - unknown	Bde H.Qs - H.Qs Area.	No information received by AASC till 1030 hrs of move.
2.	1030	Information received of Location of Bde H.Qrs move completed.	860756.	
3.	1130	Convoy of Vehicles 51 D.O.W. on move past AASC H.Qrs moving to new area.		D.O.W. Area should be in rear of Bde AASC H.Qrs.
4.	1500	Drew supplies from Rail Head D.I.D.	Dongarra Siding.	Satisfactory.
5.	1545	Supplies - Breaking Bulk in area suitable.	Vicinity Bde H.Qrs.	Breaking on wheels. Satisfactory movement.
6.	2000 2000	Petrol Point established. Supply Point established.	861758 Rear of Hotel. 861760 Front of Hotel.	Suitable. Not very suitable but areas limited suggest staggered times of issue to suit circumstances.
7. Oct 26	0830.	Information given by passing DR that indicated Ridge east of area held enemy troops.		The O.C. issues instructions that plan made for such emergency be put in operation on given signals - plan to destroy would prove satisfactory.
7.	1030	Same.		Patrols sent out. Rifle Section and Ridge under observation.
8.	1130	Petrol Point to be established in forward Area. Message received from Bde petrol would be required.	Forward Troops and tpt.	2 Casualties were made of vehicles Correct action taken regarding replacement. Communication from Bde very slow- Too much time elapses from time of origin to delivery.

H.W. INNES MAJOR.

26 - 27 Oct '42.

Serial No.	Time.	Event.	Unit Locality.	Remarks.
	E			
9.	1600.	Drawing Supplies at Railhead.		Later than usual owing to lack of information re strength of troops.
10.	1700.	Breaking Bulk.	Same as Previous day.	Satisfactory movement.
11.	2100.	Petrol Point for units in rear area. Supply Point for units in rear area.	As for previous day.	Rations to units adjacent to Coy H.Q.s delivered to lorries.
12.	2130.	Supply Point.	For Bns forward 026796.	This movement was late by both parties e.g. A.A.S.C. lack of maps and local knowledge convoy went astray - Bn not receiving information sufficiently early enough movement completed 2350.

REMARKS: This exercise brought out the one outstanding difficulty. Communication between formations, Headquarters and internal Bns. system must be organised before complete successful manouvres can be accomplished.

H.W. INNES. MAJOR.

H.Q. COMD A.A.S.C.,
2 Airt Div.,
AUSTRALIA.

7 Nov. '42.

42/2032/7.

18 Coy A.A.S.C.

MEMORANDUM.

1. Subtended herewith is copy of H.Q. 2 Airt Div memo of 3 Nov '42.

"The Div Comd has expressed his appreciation for the work done by all ranks who took part in the recent large scale exercise.

It was extremely gratifying to note the keenness and initiative of officers and men throughout the whole exercise.

The spirit in which the rulings of umpires were taken could only be described as outstanding, considering the unreality necessary to prevent damage to personnel and equipment in physical combat.

The Div Comd. desires that all ranks be complimented on their individual and collective efforts, and trusts that the lessons learnt will add much to the fighting efficiency of the Division."

W.J. BRADY. CAPT.
ADFT. A.A.S.C. 2 AIRT DIV.

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In the Field.

ROUTINE ORDERS
BY
CAPT T. J. WOODGER
COMMANDING

18 COY AASC 8 INF. BDE 2 AUST DIV.

Serial "Robber" 1.
Nos 1 - 9.
Part 1.
25 Oct. 1942.

1. BOUNDS.

All shops, guest houses and the beach are out of bounds to all Tps. Under no circumstances will personnel leave biv. area unless instructed to do so on duty.

2. SENTRIES.

Sentries will ensure that all personnel endeavouring to enter area are identified. Persons unable to produce bona-fides will be escorted to Coy H.Q. for interrogation.

Sentry reliefs will remain at all times in close proximity to their respective posts, under cover. Sentries will, in addition to their ordinary duties, carry out the duties of fire picquet.

3. ALARMS.

General alarms - continuous ringing of bell at Coy H.Q.
Hostile aircraft - Continuous short blasts on the whistle.
All clear - two long blasts on whistle repeated at intervals of 5 secs.

4. ROUTINE.

Stand to	- 0545 - 0630. hrs.
Breakfast	- 0730. hrs.
Midday meal	- 1230 hrs.
Evening meal	- 1730 hrs.

No fires or naked lights are permitted in area after 1930 hrs.

5. SMOKING.

Smoking is not permitted in areas occupied by amm. and petrol vehicles.

6. TIME.

Correct time is Bde time at 0600 hrs. each morning. All watches will be synchronised at 0630 hrs.

7. DISCIPLINE.

Strict track discipline in biv area and march discipline on roads must be practised at all times. Failure to observe this order will result in strong disciplinary action against offenders.

8. PRECAUTIONS.

Special care will be taken to prevent the possibility of fire in biv. area. Matches and cigarette ends will not be thrown down until properly extinguished.

Kitchen and mess staffs will act as fire picquets in kitchen areas and ensure that these areas are kept cleared of grass and other inflammable material.

Fires and naked lights are not permitted in biv area during hours of darkness.

Pl. Comds. will organise fire bands to deal with any outbreak within the area or surrounding areas.

Boaters in the form of green bushes and wet bags will be available in case of emergency.

9. ORDER OF EVACUATION.

In the event of it being found necessary to evacuate present area, the following order of march will be observed -

H.Q. Pl., Comp Pl., No. 3 Tpt Pl., No. 2 Tpt. Pl., No. 1 Tpt. Pl.,
Workshop Pl.

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