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JULIS CAMP	1 Feb		The Bde Comd and BM made a recce of the area NORTH and SOUTH of BEIT JIBRIN, which it is proposed to use as Bde group exercise on the 17 Feb. Heavy rain made roads and tracks other than main impassable.	RO's Part 1 - App 1																																				
			An air raid warning was received at 2105 hrs, alarm at 2122 hrs, all clear at 2140 hrs. A second warning 2150 hrs, all clear at 2240 hrs. Nothing was heard of planes in either case.																																					
	2 Feb		A considerable amount of war equipment arrived - mostly for Bn sig secs.	RO's Part 1 - App 2 Details of W. Equip. App 2 A																																				
			An air raid warning was received from KANTARA at 1840 hrs. An alarm was sounded on receipt of further advice from Gaza - plane moving NORTH 1900 hrs. All Clear given 1907 hrs. A second warning was received SARAFAND yellow 1914 hrs. All clear 1935 hrs. A third warning SARAFAND yellow 2031 hrs, SARAFAND green 2046 hrs - All clear 2219 hrs.																																					
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JULIS CAMP			<p>The ground for the ceremonial parade was marked out and final arrangements made.</p> <p>Arty problems involved in the Bn test exercise were discussed on the ground by the Bde Comd and CO of the 2/4 Fd Regt.</p> <p>Preliminary arrangements for ASC co-operation in Bde exercise was taken up with Maj McGrath, who promised to furnish early advice as to the composition of his det.</p> <p>CO 7 Div Sigs called on Bde Comd and advised him that Capt Cousins, now comd L Sec attached to this Bde, was to be transferred and that Lieut Watson would take comd of L Sec about the end of Feb. The promise of additional Sig equipment for Bde gp exercise was also discussed and Lt-Col Chadd promised to assist.</p> <p>A uniform PAD scheme for the camp was discussed with 9 Div HQ.</p>	
			<p><i>96</i> The SC made a recce of the Bde gp exercise area for bivouac sites, dispersal and delivery pts and lying-up areas for MT.</p>	
	4 Feb		<p>All tps in Julis and Qastina camps paraded at 1100 hrs under comd Brig J.E.S. Stevens 21 Bde, the occasion being the visit of the Rt Hon R.G. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia. The salute was taken by the Corps Comd. The total on parade was 3485. Subsequently the Prime Minister extended his congratulations to all who participated in the parade. He also asked the Bde Comd to convey to all ranks of the 21 Bde his congratulations and best wishes for their future success and to inform them that he would watch their future doings with keen personal interest.</p> <p>From 1400 hrs the 2/16 and 2/27 Bns occupied the right and left sectors respectively of the Bde defensive area as set out in the TEWT, and the 2/14 Bn proceeded some distance south as an enemy force with the object of launching an attack against the defensive position at dawn tomorrow.</p>	<i>AO's Part 1 App. 14</i>
			<p><i>96</i> An air warning was received from Kantara at 2158 hrs. All clear at 2250 hrs.</p>	

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JULIS CAMP	5 Feb		Capt Luxton and Lieut Gowling, 21 Bde, attended an air raid and gas demonstration given at NATHANYA.	<i>RO's Part 1 App. 5</i>
			Advice was received from AA & QMG, 7 Aust Div, that the following MT had been allotted for immediate delivery:-	<i>Ing Rec. No 9 - App. 5a.</i>
			Cars DS 1 Vans 15 cwt 16 Vans 1 ton 40 Lorries 30 cwt GS 25 Lorries 30 cwt Kitchen 16 Lorries 3 ton GS 3 Trailer Workshop 1	
		<i>pb</i>	An air alarm was given SARAFAND 1301 hrs. All clear 1320 hrs. From Gaza 1449 hrs. All clear 1518 hrs.	
	6 Feb		GSO 1, 7 Aust Div, went over on the ground the proposed Bde gp exercise and discussed the details with the Bde Comd. With slight modification, the exercise was agreed to.	<i>RO's Part 1 App 6 Church Parades App 6 A</i>
		<i>pb</i>	Authority has been given for 13 carriers universal to be issued to 21 Inf Bde.	
	7 Feb		No items of outstanding interest occurred. Bn training was carried out. The 3 Bns were out on an all-night bivouac.	<i>RO's Part 1 App 7</i>
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JULIS CAMP	8 Feb		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>and</i></p> <p>GSO 1, ADMS, witnessed an attack at dawn by 2/16 Bn on a defensive position held by the 2/14 and 2/27 Bns. This is one of a series of Bn exercises which have been in progress for some time.</p>	RO's Part 1 - app 8
		<i>g/b</i>	<p>Capt Page, who is to comd the ASC detachment participating in the Bde gp exercise, made a road recce with the SC with the object of deciding on delivery points and meeting points.</p>	
	9 Feb		<p>SC prepared a provisional list of vehicles available in the Bde as anticipated at 12 Feb and an allocation to bns of essential vehicles to participate in the Bde gp exercise. Provisional water supply pts, and quantities for each day's supply were also considered. Capt Anderson, A/DADOS 7 Div, and SC discussed with Maj Brewer, OC 2/5 Pd Coy, the co-operation of a det of 2/5 Pd Coy in the exercise for supply of water at the various pts, and eqpt held to handle the production. A recce of wells in the area was arranged for on Tuesday 11 Feb. Capt Croll, Hygiene Offr 7 Aust Div, visited HQ and gave some valuable information based on a water survey previously held. This included some of the wells in the area to be used for the Bde gp exercise.</p>	RO's Part 1 - app 9
	10 Feb		<p>Div Comd and GSO 1 witnessed a Bn test exercise carried out by 2/16 Bn. Subsequently, he expressed the opinion that at this stage it might be better to test the adm machinery of the Bn only: i.e. to give the Bn comd a plan for various phases and allow him to implement it instead of asking him to make the plan and implement.</p>	RO's Part 1 - app 10
			<p>The 2/27 Bn, on arriving at SARAFAND to collect further items of war eqpt, were told that Force HQ had stopped all issues to 21 Bde. The matter was immediately reported to Div HQ. Later today large stocks of SA and mortar amm were received for the Bde; equivalent almost to the entire war issue.</p>	
			<p>SC and Capt Anderson A/DADOS visited BOD and DCRE Beit Jirja in search of water containers to take the place of water lorries which are not available. Approval was received from HQ 7 Div to hire such containers if none could be secured from our own resources. The question of slow delivery of items of war eqpt was also considered. 2/27 Bn were refused delivery of items in Sec J of G1098 series from SARAFAND, deliveries having been made to HQ Bde, 21 A Tk Coy, 2/14 and 2/16 Bns previously.</p>	

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JULIS CAMP			previously./ This delay was referred to 7 Aust Div. Amn on war eqpt scale was delivered from SARAFAND with the exception of SAA. Some minor deficiencies existed. Further MT was released to the Bde, vehicles by types being : 1 Car DS, 7 15 cwt Vans, 26 1 ton vans, 25 lorries 30cwt GS and 16 30cwt kitchen.	
	11 Feb		The Div Comd and GS01 visited Force HQ regarding war eqpt and had the restriction on issues to this Bde withdrawn.	Part 1 - App 11
			Capt Stringer, (Catering officer, ME) inspected all cook-houses in JULIS Camp with the Camp SO and is to continue similar activities tomorrow. Based on his advice, the conservancy contractor has been called to a conference fixed for tomorrow, to discuss the question of purchasing waste products.	
			Due to heavy rain in the evening, the Bn exercises were called off at midnight by the Bde Comd. This is the first occasion on which rain has interrupted our training.	
			The SC, BJO, and OC 2/5 Fd Coy made a detailed recce of the area to be used for Bde gp exercise in order to make suitable arrangements for water and be in a position to deal with claims which may arise. Certain sources of supply were investigated and water supply production pts fixed which were within the capabilities of the engrs as far as their eqpt would allow, and conformed to the tactical plan. The question of containers to be used on 30cwt lorries as improvised water containers was considerably advanced, four being obtained and arrangements made for the collection of three more which were located at GAZA.	
			War eqpt SAA for the whole Bde came to hand, being complete except for two Bns which were 8000 rounds short. 2/27 Bn received items outstanding in Sec J G1098 series. 200 containers water 2 gal were also received.	

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JULIS	12 Feb		<p>Col Berryman CRA 7 Aust Div delivered a lecture to all offr in JULIS, QASTINA and KHASA and HILL 69 camps on ops at BARDIA; much information of practical value was contained in talk. Conference held at Bde HQ of COs and Adjts of all units participating in Bde gp exercise. T</p> <p>The Bde Comd explained general purpose of exercise and details of the rationing, water and traffic arrangements. A rd recce report was also read. All concerned were issued with notes covering objects of the exercise, the adm arrangements and maps.</p> <p>The COs 2/14 and 2/27 Bns were taken by Bde Comd on a TEWT dealing with the Bn attack in the test exercise. The plan to be adopted in the test exercises was issued subsequently by the Bde comd and the exercise therefore becomes a test of the machinery of the Bn and not of the comd.</p> <p>Rough summary of adm arrangements for Bde gp exercise was prepared by the SC.</p>	<p>RD's Part 1 - App 12</p> <p>Leave Time Table. App 12a</p>
	13 Feb		<p>The Div Comd and GSO I were present at a test exercise carried out by 2/14 Bn The period occupied in bringing arty fire to bear in certain of the situations which arose was discussed at length with the CO 2/4 Fd Regt with the object of speeding up this aspect. The conduct of the exercise and lessons to be learnt were discussed with offr of 2/14 Bn during the evening. Lieut R. White returned from a course at the school of mechanisation and assumed duties as Bde TO. Lieut R.W. Cameron returned from a course at school of Chemical Warfare and is remaining with the Bde pending transfer to 7 Aust Div as cipher offr. Tentative adm arrangements for Bde exercise were drafted by SC.</p> <p>21 A Tk Coy received four 1 ton vans GS from BOD.</p>	<p>RD's Part 1 - App 13</p>
	14 Feb		<p>The Div comd, GSO I and CRA 7 Aust Div were present at a test exercise carried out by 2/27 Bn. There was a marked improvement in the speed with which arty support was provided. The happenings during the day were discussed on the ground with the offr of the 2/27 Bn. Lieut J.C. Watson who is to take charge of "L" Sec 7 Div Sigs reported for duty.</p>	<p>RD's Part 1 - App 14</p>

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JULIS CAMP	14 Feb	cont	<p>The following <del>WE</del> arrived this day:-            2/14, 2/16, 2/27 Bns each received 37 guns machine Bren .303 in Mk I.            Compasses liquid, pistols signal and pistols revolver S&amp;W .450 and one truck 3 ton were also received.</p>	RD, Part I - app. 14																								
			<p>A final recce of the Bde gp exercise area was carried out by the SC, Capt Luxton and Lieut R White.</p>																									
	15 Feb		<p>First OO was issued in connection with Bde gp exercise at 1200 hrs. It covered the move of whole Bde gp on Mon 17 Feb.            Estimated strength of Bde gp during exercise is:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>21 Bde HQ</td> <td>120,</td> <td>det 2 A Tk Regt</td> <td>130,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/14 Bn</td> <td>750,</td> <td>det 2/5 Fd Coy</td> <td>38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/16 Bn</td> <td>710,</td> <td>2/4 Fd Regt</td> <td>280,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/27 Bn</td> <td>750,</td> <td>det Fd Hyg Sec</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>det 2/4 FdAmb65,</td> <td></td> <td>Personnel</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>representing enemy</td> <td>70</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Total <u>2916.</u></p>	21 Bde HQ	120,	det 2 A Tk Regt	130,	2/14 Bn	750,	det 2/5 Fd Coy	38	2/16 Bn	710,	2/4 Fd Regt	280,	2/27 Bn	750,	det Fd Hyg Sec	3	det 2/4 FdAmb65,		Personnel				representing enemy	70	RD, Part I - app. 15
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			<p>Final adm arrangements for the Bde gp exercise were completed. Supplies were discussed with Capt Page, OC AASC det, and water supplies were finalised with Major Brewer of 2/5 Fd Coy.</p>																									



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	17 Feb		<p>The Bde Exercise commenced and all units leaving camp lines without incident. All objectives set down in the exercise were gained. At 1600 hrs the OO covering the move for the following day was issued.</p>	<p>Bde Strength - App 17a</p> <p>HO's Part I - App 17</p>																																								
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	22 Feb		A lecture was delivered by Brig. Berryman, CRA 7 Aust Div on the Battle of Tobruch. At the conclusion of the lecture the Bde Comd addressed all officers of the Bde on lessons learned from the Bde Gp Exercise.	HO's Part I App 22																																								

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	23 Feb		<p>Capt. C.H. <b>Finlay</b> arrived to take up the appointment of BM after completing a four months course at Staff College, Haifa. He was formerly Adjnt 6 Aust Div Recce Regt.</p> <p>After a discussion with CO's 2/14, 2/16, and 2/27 Bns it was decided that shorts would be worn during training from this date, and when units would be out over night working dress would be carried.</p> <p>The 2/14 Bn began clearing up outstanding classification tests at JAFFA, and training more men in the 2" Mortar.</p> <p>Arrangements were made through the ADMS 7 Aust Div to obtain an MO for JAFFA whilst bns are using the range, thus allowing RMO's to remain with their units. The Corps Comd paid a short visit to the Bde Comd.</p>	AD's Part I - App 23
	24 Feb.		<p>Capt. A Cousins, Bde Sig Officer left to take comd of No.2 Coy, 7 Aust Div Sigs. Lieut Watson has taken over the Bde Sig Sec.</p> <p>2/27 Bn moved out at 0100 hrs on a 3 day bn exercise.</p> <p>News was received of the transfer of this bde to a new camp at Hill 95 near DIMRA and the Bde Comd and BM made a recce of the site. It is the bare bones of a camp - no amenities at all.</p> <p>An adm course for junior officers was commenced. Five officers from each bn attended, the instructors being drawn from units of the bde and from Div HQ.</p>	AD's Part I - App 24 Bde Strength - App 24a
	25 Feb		<p>Approval was received for a second bde gp exercise to commence on 10 Mar. The constitution of the gp is to be the same as in the previous exercise. The Bde Comd and BM made a recce of the area in which the exercise is to be conducted and the Int Sec commenced the enlargement of maps</p>	AD's Part I - App 25

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	26 Feb.	96	<p>maps/ Div also approved of <del>Tng</del> Circular No.11 covering the <del>tng</del> for the period Mar 2 - 15.</p> <p>A conference was held between representatives of JULIS, KHASSA and HILL 69 Camps regarding the use by the two latter camps of the CINEMA in JULIS. A workable scheme which gave reasonable facilities to the latter two camps was agreed upon.</p> <p>The Bde Comd discussed further details of the first bde gp exercise with Bn Comds in order primarily to get their views on Bde HQ activities and to secure a better appreciation of the duties of bn 2 i/c's.</p> <p>The Div Comd visited the Bde Comd at 1400 hrs and advised him that in future the composition of 7 Div would be 18, 21 and 25 Bdes. Existing technical arms would remain as at present.</p> <p>The Div Comd also advised the Bde Comd that Capt F.A.Woods and Capt. M. Austin has been nominated by 1 Aust Corps to Middle East for the Middle East Staff Course, HAIFA. Advice was received that Capt M. Austin had been appointed learner to the BM and Capt L. Luxton Bde TO appointed learner to the SC.</p>	<p>RO's Part I - App 26</p> <p>Notes Concerning Bde gp Exercise - App 26 A.</p>
	27 Feb.	96	<p>The Bde Comd visited KILO 89 Camp to say goodbye to Brig Murray who was leaving with his bde for service elsewhere.</p> <p>Confirmatory advice was received of the appointment of Maj A.B.MacDonald to command of the 2/16 Bn. Maj. Gavan-Duffey has also been temporarily transferred to HQ 7 Aust Div for duty until the appointment of DAAG is filled.</p> <p>7 Aust Div have requested the services of a major to act as OC LO's to meet an incoming convoy. Maj A. Pope of 2/27 Bn was nominated.</p>	<p>RO's Part I - App 27</p>
	28 Feb	96	<p>Advice was received that 70 3 ton lorries of Corps Pet Pk would be made available for tp carrying during the forthcoming bde exercise.</p> <p>Maj. A.B.MacDonald called on the Bde Comd, consequent upon his appointment as CO 2/16 Bn. He will not take up duty for a few days.</p> <p>Orders were received from Aust Force that Capt B.A.Moylan, 2/27 Bn was to report to that HQ immediately as QM.</p> <p>The GSO 1 visited Bde HQ and was given an outline of the proposed bde gp exercise, which he concurred in. Details are being forwarded to him.</p>	<p>RO's Part I - App 28</p>

*Asst. Comd. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.*

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
1 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

IRREGADIER J E S STEVENS E D.

NO 62

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1300 HRS.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

1 Feb 41

3 A Tk Regt.

Next for Duty

2/14 Bn

COURT OF INQUIRY

2. A Court of Inquiry is convened by the order of Brig J E S STEVENS E D. to inquire into and report upon the circumstances of theft from 2/14 Bn lines night 27/28 Jan 41 and in particular the adequacy of the precautions taken to guard against thefts from the camp on night of 2 Feb. The following will constitute the Court:-

PRESIDENT

Maj J G DOBBS 2/27 Bn

MEMBERS

Capt L LUTON HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

Lieut B FRASER " " " " "

The Court will assemble at times and places notified by the President.

7 AUST DIV ROs

3. The attention of units 21 Aust Inf Bde is directed to 7 Aust Div ROs Nos 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, and 124, with particular attention to 120 and 121. These latter require:-

RO 120:-

Nominal rolls will be submitted to this HQ in triplicate

RO 121:-

Return to be submitted to this HQ by 0900 hrs 4 Feb 41.

LEAVE PARTIES

4. Attention is drawn to Bde Adm Circ A I Para 7 regarding Nominal Rolls. The instructions contained therein must be strictly observed.

(Sgd) M AUSTIN Capt.  
A/B II 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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2 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BREDAIN J B S STEVENS R D

NO 53

UPPER

1 TO VOUCH AT 1600 HRS

DATE  
2 Feb  
Next for duty

DUTY UNIT  
2/14 Bn  
2/16 Bn

GUARDS AND  
SENTRIES

2 In future all guards and sentries will wear steel helmets at night

  
Capt.  
A/B M 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

LOST

Lost in the Camp Picture Theatre on the night of 1 Feb 41 a wallet containing money. Finder please return to this HQ. The wallet is the property of WX 5623 Pte Holkyard R W, 2/16 Bn.

REPRODUCED FROM THE ORIGINAL RECORDS OF THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

War Diary. Appendix.

Appendix No 2A.

DETAIL	For Distrib	G1098		O N C H A R G E			D I S T R I B U T I O N				
		Bde	Bn	Bde	2/14	2/16	2/27	Bde	2/14	2/16	2/27
Cases Map No 2	465	20	(108 ( 67		12	16	6	20	148	144	153
Batteries Dry Lamp Elec	666	23	121					23	121	121	121
" " " " spare		23	121					23	86	86	86
Lamps Electric	145	23	121					23	41	41	41
Solder Tinmans lbs	2	2	6					2			
Periscopes No 25	5	2	1					2	1	1	1
Spectacles Tinted	32	4	8					8	8	8	8
Sights Fixed line Fren	99		50						33	33	33
Celluoid Sheet	5	6	4					2	1	1	1
Protractors Air Photo	3	1	1		1		1	2		1	
" Ivorine Rect	12	4	4		4		4	8		4	
Stereoscopes Universal	4	2	1					1	1	1	1
Lenses Tele objective prs	5	2	1					2	1	1	1
Tapes Measuring Steel	2		2		2(Cott)					1	1
Watches G S			6		6						
Cases Map G S No 1	73	12	4					16	19	19	19
Bars Boring and Jumping	10		4						4	4	2
Cutters Wire Folding	66		57		56	57	54	2	21	20	23
Gloves Wiring Prs	150		50						50	50	50
Hammers Miners 7 lb	4		4		4	4					4
" " Sledge	-		2		2	2	3				
Sandbags	400	50	400	50	(used)400	(used) 400					400
Tapes Tracing	39		20		20	1				19	20
Bulbs 3.5 Volt	457	23	105				157	23	105	105	
" " " spare		23	105				157	23	100	101	
Cable D 3 Miles	24		8						8	8	8
Cells Dry X	130		130						43	44	43
" Inert S Spare	754		226		147				153	301	300
Strips Terminal	3		1		1			1		1	1
Tape insulating 1/2 in, lbs	59(2oz)		4						2 1/2	2 1/2	27/16
" " 3/4 in, lbs	49(2oz)		3						2	2 1/8	2
Cases Map Cylindrical	1	1		1				1			
Torches Button	3		1		1		1	2		1	
" Hand	4	4		4				4			
Wire Electric P 13	104yds	20	28					20	28	28	28
Apparatus Aerial Sig:-											
Ground Indicators B	3		1						1	1	1
" " Strips	12		12			12	12		12		

Appendix 2a

DETAIL	For Distrib	G1098		O N C H A R G E			D I S T R I B U T I O N				
		Bde	Bn	Bde	2/14	2/16	2/27	Bde	2/14	2/16	2/27
Discs Circ 2 ft Diam	65		30						10	10	10
Apparatus Cable Laying No 2	7		6		3		1		1	4	2
Flags Sig Army - Blue Samll	21		32		25	30	33		11	6	4
" " " - White striped	26		32		18	30	42		19	7	
" " " $\frac{3}{4}$ Poles 3ft 6in	59		100		60	75	75		29	15	15
Fullerphones Mk 4	2		6				6			2	
Mattocks Tele Equip	4		3		2	1				2	2
Pins Earth small	15		12		8					8	7
Sticks Creek Jointed w/straps	2		2		2					2	
Telephones "D" Mk 5	1		8		5 "D" Mk 3					1	
Satchels Signal	8		8		8					4	4
Terminals Inst Single	40		20						13	14	13
T Squares	10							4	2	2	2
Lamps Brazing 5 pt	1		2		2	2	2	1			
Stapes Insulated Saddle	400		200						133	134	133

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
3 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

NO. 34

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

DUTY UNIT

3 Feb

2/16 Bn

Next for Duty

2/27 Bn

WET CANTEENS

2. The restriction imposed on times of service of wet canteens is now removed. Beer stocks are again available.

GUARDS AND SENTRIES

3. Para 2 RO 33 of 2 Feb is cancelled and the following substituted:-

In future all guards and sentries will wear steel helmets at all times.

(Sgd) M AUSTIN Capt.  
A/B M 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

FOUND

Found in Camp Cinema leather money belt containing money. Owner apply orderly room HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.



14 "A and B ech tpt, less the following will move under comd Bde TO  
 in rear of centre coln and will report to Bde TO at JULIS CAMP CIB  
 at 1000 hrs 17 Feb:-

2/4 Fd Regt	-	Fighting vehicles
6 A Tk bty	-	"
Bns "	-	"
CO's car	1	
Rifle Coy comdrs vans	4	
Sig stores	1	
Mortar pl	1	
Office van	1	
RAP	1	
Carriers		

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
4 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

NO 35

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

4 Feb

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

2/27 Bn

3 A Tk Regt

CEREMONIAL  
PARADE

2. The Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde desires to congratulate all ranks who participated in this mornings parade on their appearance drill and steadiness.

The comments of all who witnessed the parade were very favorable.

(Sgd) M. AUSTIN Capt  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
5 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

NO 36

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

5 Feb

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

3 A Tk Regt

2/14 Bn

THEFTS FROM  
AIF CAMPS

2. It has been brought to notice that the police would be considerably assisted in their work of control of thieving among the Arab villages, if reason can be found for searching homes. The practice is to search the home when an arrest is made, e.g., a lad taken into custody in possession of stolen goods. In this case his home is searched.

Cases occur where Arabs are found making renewed attempts to enter a camp in circumstances which justify suspicion. These should be arrested and the facts reported to the Civil Police at once, who are thus enabled to search the village home.

(Sgd) M. AUSTIN Capt  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

COMFORTS The receipt of 3600 tins of tobacco, 3600 pkts cigarette papers and 3580 pkts of razor blades from ACF is gratefully acknowledged. Distribution was as follows:-

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TOBACCO</u>	<u>PAPERS</u>	<u>RAZOR BLADES</u>
HQ 21 Bde	78	78	76
21 A Tk Coy	65	65	65
59 LAD	7	7	7
2/14 Bn	843	843	843
2/16 Bn	797	797	797
2/27 Bn	826	826	826
3 A Tk Regt	567	567	567
9 Div Sigs	253	253	253
HQ 9 DIV	110	110	92
Dental Unit	5	5	5
5 A G H	12	12	12
7 Div Postal	4	4	4
Other Details	11	11	11
Sick in CRS	17	17	17
7 Div Sigs	5	5	5
	<u>3600</u>	<u>3600</u>	<u>3580</u>

WIRELESS SETS

Units will notify the Bde Amenities Offr as soon as possible of the serial number and make of the wireless set located in their Recreation Hut.

(OVER)

SPORTS

The following sporting fixtures have been arranged for the week end.

Sunday 9 Feb 41.

<u>AUST RULES</u>	2/16 Bn	v	Beit Jirja	at JULIS	1430 hrs
<u>RUGBY</u>	3 A Tk Regt.	v	2/5 Fd Regt	at JULIS	1430 hrs
<u>CRICKET</u>	3 A Tk Regt	v	2/13 Bn	at JULIS	1400 hrs
<u>BASKET BALL</u>	HQ 21 Bde	v	2/5 Fd Regt	at DEIR SUNEID	1500 hrs

Teams playing "Away" will make provision for their own tpt, and will wear uniform colours.

It has been pointed out to notice that the police would be considerably assisted in their work of control of drinking among the Arab villages, if there can be found for searching houses. The practice is to search the house when an arrest is made, and a list taken into custody in possession of stolen goods. In this case his name is searched.

Cases occur where these are found making necessary attempts to enter a camp in circumstances which justify searches. These should be reported and the facts reported to the Civil Police at once, who are then enabled to search the village.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
 (Sgt) [Name]  
 [Address]

TNG. CIRCULAR NO 9.

Tng for the period 16 Feb - 1 Mar will be divided into three phases, viz :

Phase 1 - Bde gp exercise 17 -21 Feb.  
 " 2 - Small unit courses ) concurrently -  
 " 3 - Bn exercises ) 23 Feb - 1 Mar.

22 Feb is to be left free of tng and one day in Phase 2 or 3 is to be devoted to drill, AT and organized games.

2. Details of the bde gp exercise will be issued later.

3. The uncompleted practices for rifle and LMG will be fired on the JAFFA RANGE as follows :-

Rifle	Appx III	0198/9/224
LMG	Appx IV	0198/9/224

The fd firing range will be utilised during the period 23 Feb - 1 Mar for further practical work with the Bren gm. Experience with the 2" mortar is also to be given to mortar pls on the mortar range. Further information respecting the allocation of the various ranges will be issued when advice of approval is received.

4. As a substantial proportion of each bn will NOT be required to fire at JAFFA, bn exercises are to be conducted designed to :

- (a) correct weaknesses observed during earlier bn tng and the bde gp exercise, and,
- (b) perfect HQ organization and battle procedure.

One exercise is to extend over three days, covering a distance of not less than 50 miles and involving movement on two nights. Any other exercises are to cover normal daylight hrs only. Details, in broad outline, of each proposed exercise are to reach this HQ by 17 Feb 41.

*H. Wright* Capt.  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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3 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS E.D.

CAMP COMD - JULIS

No 37

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1800 hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
6 Feb	2/14 Bn
Next for duty	2/16 Bn

(sgd) M. AUSTIN Capt.  
A/EM 21 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

WIRELESS  
SETS

Units will notify the Bde Amenities Offr as soon as possible of the serial number and make, under appropriate headings, of the wireless sets located in Sgts and Offrs messes in addition to those in the Recreation Huts.

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Over

CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 9 Feb 41

TIME	DENOMINATION	UNITS	PLACE	CHAPLAIN	DUTY UNIT
0730	R.C. (Mass)	All units (Voluntary)	Picture Theatre	Chap Whelan	2/14 Bn
0830	R.C. (Mass)	All units	Picture Theatre	Chap Whelan	2/14 Bn
0730	G of E (Holy Communion)	All units (Voluntary)	2/16 Bn Reading Room 2/27 Bn Reading Room	Chap Spratling Chap Whereat	2/16 Bn 2/27 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/14 Bn 3 A Tk Regt	Open Air	Sen Chap Bell	3 A Tk Regt
0900	Protestant	2/16 Bn 9 Div Sigs	Open Air	Chap Spratling	2/16 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/27 Bn HQ 21 Bde 21 A Tk Coy	Open Air	Chap Whereat	2/27 Bn
2000	All denominations	All units (Voluntary)	Recreation Hut 2/14 Bn	Adjt Hocking	2/14 Bn

Open Air services will be cancelled should the weather prove unsuitable, with the exception of the 2/14 Bn and 3 A Tk Regt services, which will be held in the Picture Theatre at 0915 hrs. Personnel who attend the G of E Holy Communion Voluntary Service will be exempted from attendance at the 0900 hrs service. Confirmation will be administered by Sen Chap, Bishop Riley, on Sunday 9 Feb 41 2000 hrs at 2/27 Bn Recreation Hut.

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
7 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - JULIS

NO 38

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
7 Feb	2/16 Bn
Next for Duty	2/27 Bn

(Sgd) M. AUSTIN Capt.  
A/B M 21 Aust Inf Bde.



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M 21 Aust Inf Bde  
3 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PAIC 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEWART R D.

CAMP COOP - JULIE

10 30

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

DATE

3 Feb

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

2/37 Bn

3 A TR Regt.

(3rd) M. AUSTIN Capt.  
A/B M 21 Aust Inf Bde.

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
9 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - JULIS

NO 40

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

9 Feb

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

3 A Tk Regt

2/14 Bn

MOSQUES

2. Moslem Mosques are out of bounds to all ranks unless arrangements to visit them have been made previously through the District Commissioner of the area concerned.

AACS

3. Applications are invited from personnel of units of 7 Aust Div who are desirous of transferring to the Aust Army Canteen Service.

Vacancies exist for Canteen Sgts, Canteen Assistants and escorts. Qualified accountants are also required as Auditors.

Applicants should state the appointment for which they are applying and their qualifications for same. Applications, together with recommendations of COs must be fwded to this HQ by 0900 hrs 14 Feb 41.

*Shewright* Capt.  
A/B M 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

The following is the text of a letter received from Brig E G P PLANT, Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde:-

"I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the assistance which has been given to the units of my Brigade by the Officers, NCOs and men who so efficiently carried out the tasks of fostering us on arrival.

The able assistance given us has made our settling in a very much easier task than expected, and my appreciation is shared by all officers, NCOs and men in this Bde."

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
10 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COND - JULIS

NO 41

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

10 Feb

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

2/14 Bn

2/16 Bn

COURT OF  
ENQUIRY

2. A Court of Enquiry is convened by order of Brig J E S STEVENS E D to inquire into and report upon all losses, deficiencies and damages sustained by units with respect to WE and all unit stores during transit from Aust. Evidence of witnesses will be taken on oath.

The composition of the court is:-

Maj J A CORBY	2/14 Bn	President
Capt J W TIGHE	Camp SQ	Member
Capt L LUXTON	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	Member

The Court will assemble at times and places to be notified by the President. The report will be handed into this HQ not later than 16 Feb 41.

*H. Wright*  
Capt.  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

LOST

A pine case 3ft 6in X 2ft 3in X 2ft 3in markings L 12, 29734, unit colours green, yellow, green, containing unit stores has been lost. Any unit having knowledge of this should report same to Bde HQ.

One Offr's Patt DB greatcoat at a Ball at Rehoveth on Sat evening 8 Feb 41. Any information concerning this to be reported to Bde HQ.

APPENDIX 10 a

Strength of the Bde this day - 10 Feb 41 - is as follows :-

UNIT	Offrs	ORs	TOTAL
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	12	66	78
21 A Tk Coy	4	64	68
59 LAD	1	12	13
2/14 Bn	35	803	838
2/16 Bn	36	797	833
2/27 Bn	36	805	841
TOTAL . . . . .	124	2547	2671
Total Bde less 21 A Tk Coy and 59 LAD . . . . .	119	2471	2590

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Appendix 11

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
12 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - JULIS

NO 42

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

DUTY UNIT

11 Feb

2/16 Bn

Next for Duty

2/27 Bn

CAIRO LEAVE

2. It has been noted that in some cases personnel proceeding on CAIRO leave are not provided with lunch. As there are no facilities at GAZA for obtaining meals personnel should either have lunch before leaving unit lines or carry a cut lunch.

BBC BROADCASTS

3. The BBC will broadcast a request programme for British Forces in the NEAR EAST on Thursday 13 Feb 41, at 2030 hrs (local time). Sandy Macpherson (Theatre Organist)

  
Capt.  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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Appendix 12

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
18 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COID - JULIS

NO 43

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

12 Feb

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

2/27 Bn

3 A Tk Regt.

*H. W. Wright*  
Capt.  
for A/B M 21 Aust Inf Bde.

LEAVE TIME TABLE - UNITS - JULIS CAMP

12 Feb 41

18 Feb - 28 Feb 41

SERIAL	DATE	LEAVE PERIOD	LEAVE PLACE	HQ 21 Bde	21 A Tk Coy	59 LAD	2/14 Bn	2/16 Bn	2/27 Bn	3 A TK Regt	9 DIV Sigs	TOTAL
1	Tues 18 Feb	2 days	TEL AVIV	=	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	25
2	Thurs 20 Feb	2 days	JERUSALEM	=	-	-	-	-	-	20	30	50
3	Tues 25 Feb	1 day 2 days	TBL AVIV TEL AVIV	= =	- -	- -	25 25	- -	- -	- -	- -	25 25
4	Wed 26 Feb	1 day	TEL AVIV	=	-	-	-	50	-	-	-	50
5	Thurs 27 Feb	1 day	JERUSALEM	=	-	-	-	-	50	-	50 p	100
6	THURS 27 Feb	2 days	JERUSALEM	2	2	1	15	15	15	-	-	50
7	Fri 28 Feb	1 day	TEL AVIV	3	9	2	52	52	52	-	-	175

p - Unit marked thus supplies picquet.

TIME TABLE - EMBUSSING JULIS

1 day - JERUSALEM and TEL AVIV - 0730 hrs  
 2 days - JERUSALEM - 1330 "  
 2 days - TEL AVIV - 1400 "

*Appendix 12a*

1. Picquets Serial 5, 9 Div Sigs. The whole picquet will be carried in HT provided by 9 Div Sigs. The unit will ensure that the picquet carries the unexpended portion of the days ration.
2. Unit leave parties will be personally inspected by OC or 2 1/c unit before leaving unit lines.
3. Leave parties will assemble on parade ground east of Picture Theatre. All leave parties will embus and debus at Picture Theatre. Leave parties returning will be marched from debussing area to unit lines by OC's parties. Leave parties of a strength of 10 or less will be in charge of a responsible NCO. Parties of a 100 strength or over will be in charge of an offr of not less rank than a capt. Offrs will accompany unit leave parties on the basis of one for every 25 ORs.
4. Fares Return fares are as follows:- JULLIS - JERUSALEM, 200 mils. JULLIS - TEL AVIV 145 mils. Fares must be collected prior to issue of leave passes, and will be handed to bus contractor's representative before embussing. It is suggested that units, as far as it is possible, have their total bus fares in notes.
5. Accommodation (i) 2 days TEL AVIV - Men will stay at King Solomon Hotel. The charge for bed, bath and morning tea is 110 mils. (Offrs usually stay at the Arnon Palace Hotel. (ii) 2 days JERUSALEM - Men will stay at the Hotel Past. The charge (including bus travelling, accommodation for two nights, and organized club sight seeing tours) is offrs - IP 1,250 and ORs 750 mils. These amounts will be collected by OC 1/c party and handed (i) to manager of King Solomon Hotel, TEL AVIV, (ii) to ACE representative at the Hotel Past.
6. Offr 1/c Party For all two days leave to TEL AVIV one offr will accompany the party as OC Party. He will be on duty. He will make his own arrangements for accommodation and meals and may claim travelling allowance as authorized. He will be responsible for general supervision of the troops while on leave and for seeing that the buses leave to return with the full complement at the appointed hours.
7. Dress - Service Dress.
8. Other details regarding leave and conduct of troops whilst on leave are contained in AIP 50 Pal Appendices H & K.

2/14 PM will detail an offr as OC leave party for Tues 25 Feb to TEL AVIV.

*Handwritten Signature* Capt.  
S C 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1  
BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D  
CAMP COMD - JULIS  
NO 44.

*Appendix 13*

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

13 Feb

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

3 A Tk Regt

2/14 Bn

*Blustin*  
Capt.  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

BOXING

Units will forward to this HQ immediately the names and weights of boxers in sufficient training to fight as representatives of the AIF against a team of British Army boxers.

LOST

A gold pencil marked D R C W has been lost between 2/16 Bn lines and the camp perimeter. Finder please return to this HQ.

FOUND

A greatcoat marked GARLAND V R has been found in a leave bus by members of 2/27 Bn and is held at that unit's Orderly Room.

CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 16 FEB 41

TIME	DENOMINATION	UNITS	PLACE	CHAPLAIN	DUTY UNIT
0730	R C (Mass)	All units (voluntary)	Picture Theatre	Chap Whelan	2/14 Bn
0830	R C (Mass)	All units	Picture Theatre	Chap Whelan	2/14 Bn
0730	C of E (Holy Comm)	All units (voluntary)	2/16Bn Reading 2/27 " Room	" Spratling " Whereat	2/16 Bn 2/27 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/16 Bn 3 A Tk Regt.	Open air	Chap Southey	2/14 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/16 Bn 9 Div Sigs	Open air	Chap Spratling	2/16 Bn
0900	Protestants	2/27 Bn HQ 21 Bde 21 A Tk Coy	Open air	Chap Whereat	2/27 Bn
2000	All denomns	All units (voluntary)	Rec. Hut 2/14 Bn	Adj Hocking	2/14 Bn

Open air services will be cancelled should the weather prove unsuitable, with the exception of the 2/16 Bn and 9 Div Sigs service, which will be held in the Picture Theatre at 0915 hrs.

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
14 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1  
BRIGADIER J M B STEVENS M D  
CAMP COMB - JULIS  
NO 45

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

14 Feb

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

2/14 Bn

2/16 Bn

TRANSFERS

2. Ref 7 Aust Div ROs 133 and 134 applications with recommendations of COs are to reach this HQ by 19 Feb 41.

LECTURE

3. A lecture will be given by Lt Col M J MCLEN E D at 1015 hrs Sunday 16 Feb 41 in the Officers Mess 2/27 Bn.

All Officers of 21 Aust Inf Bde will attend.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
A/B M 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

SPORTS

The following sporting fixtures have been arranged for the week end:-

		<u>SAT 15 FEB</u>	
<u>CRICKET</u>	3 A Tk Regt	v	Corps Pet Pk at JULIS
<u>AUST RULES</u>	2/14 B n	<u>SUN 16 FEB</u>	2/27 Bn at JULIS 1430 hrs (challenge match)
<u>SOCCER</u>	3 A Tk Regt	v	Ann Supp Coy at JULIS 1430 hrs
<u>RUGBY</u>	3 A Tk Regt	v	Gaza Airport at JULIS 1430 hrs
<u>HOCKEY</u>	2/16 Bn	v	2/7 Pd Regt at QASTINA 1430 hrs
<u>CRICKET</u>	2/14 Bn	v	2/27 Bn at JULIS 1400 hrs (Picture Theatre ground)

2/16 Bn will provide their own tpt for the game at QASTINA.

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Appendix 15

HQ 31 Aust Inf Bde  
15 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - JULIS

NO 46

DUTIES 1. TO ROUTE AT 1600 HRS

DATE

15 Feb

Rest for Duty

DUTY UNIT

2/16 Bn

2/27 Bn

*W. J. ...*  
Capt  
A/BN 31 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

LOST Lost between JULIS CAMP, Police Barracks and the vicinity of  
HUGHES, map electric No 1. Finder please advise this HQ.

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
15 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E B STEVENS E D

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 2

BRIGADIER J E B STEVENS E D

CAMP 60 D - JULIS

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 10.45

DUTIES 2. TO MOUNT AT 1800 HRS

18 Feb

DUTY

Next Coy Duty

25 Feb

2nd Coy Duty

DUTY 2/27

2/27, 28

DUTY 2/10

3 A 25 2525

2/10 28

LEAVE  
TEL AVIV -  
JERUSALEM

2. Attention is drawn to H Aust Dir R 2/27 para 139  
dated 18 Feb 41 para 139 regarding offns 1/3 leave  
parties handing to a number of 7 units  
at debussing pt a nominal roll of units  
leave in these units: retreat

4/24 21 Aust Inf Bde  
Capt

NOTICES

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MOGAR, map electrode No 1. Finder please advise this HQ.

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Capt.

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Appendix 17

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
17 Feb 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D.

CAMP CAMP COMD - JULIS

No 48

DUTIES 1 TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

DATE

17 Feb

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

3 A Tk Regt

2/14 Bn

TOBRUCK OPERATIONS 2 A lecture will be given in the cinema JULIS by Col F H Berryman CRA, 7 Aust Div, on the ops at Tobruk at 0930 hrs 22 Feb. All offrs 21 Aust Inf Bde will attend. Dress - SD, offrs pattern, hats.

RETREAT 3 As from tonight retreat will be sounded at 1830 hrs.

(SGD) M AUSTIN

Capt.  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

APPENDIX 17 A.

The strength of the bde on this day is as follows :-

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Strength.</u>			
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	12 Off	59 OR's	- 71	
2/14 Bn	35	792	- 827	
2/16 Bn	37	798	- 835	
2/27 Bn	35	798	- 833	
	Total	119	2447	2566
21 A Tk Coy	4	64	68	
59 LAD	1	12	13	
	TOTAL	124	2523	2647

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Appendix 19

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
19 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS R D.

CAMP COMD - JULIS

No 50

DUTIES

1 TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

DATE

19 Feb

20 Feb

DUTY UNIT

3 A Tk Regt

9 Div Sigs

B B C  
BROADCAST

2 The B B C will broadcast a request programme for British Forces in the Near East on Thursday, 20 Feb 41, at 2030 hrs, local time : Sandy Macpherson (Theatre Organ)

LOST  
PASS

3 Pass No 7125 issued to Wajeeh Mohd Sha'it and identity card No 8/5317 were lost on the night of Wed 5 Feb 41. Sentries on duty and all provost personnel should be informed and a strict check made to ascertain if this pass is being made use of to enter camps.

(Sgd) M AUSTIN

Capt  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
20 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS ED.

CAMP COMD - JULIS

NO 51

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

DATE

DUTY UNIT

20 Feb

9 Div Sigs

Next for duty

3 A Tk Regt

(Sgd M.AUSTIN      Capt  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde)

NOTICES

SPORTS

The following sporting fixtures have been arranged for the week-end.

SUNDAY 23 Feb 41

RUGBY - 3 A Tk Regt V 2 A Tk Regt at Julis 1430 hrs

CRICKET - 3 A Tk Regt - V Amn Sup Coln at Julis. All day match

SOCCER - 9 Div Sigs V Mobile Bath unit at Julis 1430 hrs

SATURDAY 22 Feb 41

RUGBY League - 3 A Tk Regt V 9 Div Sigs

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Appendix 21

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
21 Feb

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS ED

CAMP COMD - JULIS.

No.52

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
21 Feb	3 A Tk Regt
Next for Duty	2/14 Bn

TOBRUK OPERATIONS 2. Ref Bde RO No 48, units are reminded that Brig F.H. BERRYMAN CRA 7 Aust Div will lecture at JULIS CINEMA 0930 hrs 22 Feb. All instrns issued in the above RO will apply.

LEAVE TO GAZA TOWN 3. Under no circumstances will leave be granted to tps to visit GAZA TOWN.

*[Signature]*  
Capt  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 23 FEB 41

<u>TIME</u>	<u>DENOMINATION</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CHAPLAIN</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
0730	R C (Mass)	All units (voluntary)	Picture Theatre	Chap Whelan	2/14 Bn
0830	R C (Mass)	All units	" "	" "	2/16 Bn
0730	C of E (Holy Comm)	All units (voluntary)	2/16 Bn Reading 2/27 Bn Room	" Spratling " Whereat	2/16 Bn 2/27 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/ 14 Bn 3 A Tk Regt	Open air	" Southey	2/14 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/16 Bn 9 Div Sigs	" "	" Spratling	2/16 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/27 Bn HQ 21 Bde 21 A Tk Coy	" "	" Whereat	2/27 Bn
0900	All denomns	All units (voluntary)	Recreation Hse. 2/14 Bn	Adj't Hocking	2/14 Bn

Open air services will be cancelled should the weather prove unsuitable, with the exception of the 2/27 Bn, HQ 21 Bde and 21 A Tk Coy service, which will be held in the Picture Theatre at 0915 hrs.

war  
Bears

Appendix 21 A.

21 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE

SECRET  
COPY NO 000009

BDE GP EXERCISE 17-21 FEB

The att documents MUST BE TREATED AS SECRET as the Code names allotted to units in the fd have been used during the exercise.

*W. Mustin*  
Capt  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

21 AUST INF BDE GP

TACTICAL EXERCISE

Ref maps : Gaza 1/100,000  
Hebron 1/100,000

OBJECT

1 This is a continuation of the bde gp exercise which has been in progress in the vicinity of JULIS CAMP.

The object now is to practise :

- (a) the organization and tactical control of bns during movement;
- (b) adm in the field;
- (c) bn in attack;
- (d) coordination with supporting arms;
- (e) intercomn.

STAFF

2 Director - Brig J E S STEVENSON E D,

Umpires - to be appointed later by bde.

DATE

3 17 - 21 Feb 41.

AREA

4 TALL as SAFI 135123 - AJJUR 142122 - BEIT JIBRIN 140113 -  
AL QUBEIBA 136109 - AL FALUJA 126114 - KAUKABA 118116.

TPS TO BE USED

5 (a) Own :

- 2/4 Fd Regt
- 5 A Tk Bty
- det 2/5 Fd Coy
- 21 Inf Bde
- det 7 Div ASG
- det 2/4 Fd Amb

**DET 2FD HVCSEC**

(b) Enemy :

- OC - Maj J H Corby E D - 2/14 Bn
- 21 A Tk Coy plus 8 men 2/14 Bn
- ~~2 Carrier (two man crew), 2/14 Bn.~~

del AAAC

21 AUST INF BDE GP

TACTICAL EXERCISE

GENERAL IDEA

SOUTHLAND is organizing large forces of native levies with a stiffening of SOUTHLAND regular tps and a few arm'd C and lt tanks. The organization is proceeding in the area AL FALUJA 126115 - IRAQ AL MANSHIYA 129112 - AL QUBEIBA 136109 - BEIT JIBRIN 140113 - AJJUR 143122 - TALL as SAFI 136123, the main activities being west of BEIT JIBRIN. It is anticipated that these forces will act aggressively immediately their organization is complete, i.e. in about 7 days. It is known that small bodies of enemy tps have been posted fwd towards the frontier about AL FALUJA to cover this mob. GHQ NORTHLAND has issued orders to 7 Div to destroy these forces during the mob stage.

21 Inf Bde Gp has been ordered to clear the area mentioned above of the enemy. 26 Inf Bde Gp will relieve 21 Inf Bde Gp in the JULIS area during night 15/16 Feb 41.

FIRST PHASE

The Comd 21 Inf Bde Gp decides to commence the task with three colns directed as follows :

- RIGHT COLN : via KAUKABA to KH JUDEIDA 125110 to occupy the line TRIG 169 (12521094) - TRIG 158 (12561106) - TRIG 150 (12621112)
- CENTRE COLN: via BEIT AFFA 122119 - NATTA 126118 - AL FALUJA to occupy a line approx 1000' SE of AL FALUJA.
- LEFT COLN : via SAWAFIR al GHARBIYA 122123 - TRIG 103 (12881232) - TALL as SAFI 13541234 - to occupy the line of the rd 13481228 - 13471238.

Defensive posns to be occupied by 1600 hrs 17 Feb and held for at least 12 hrs.

SECOND PHASE

The ops undertaken on 17 Feb are successful, all enemy posts encountered being cleared. Air recce have failed to locate any enemy posts west of rd AL QUBEIBA - BEIT JIBRIN. Orders are issued at 1600 hrs 17 Feb for the following moves on 18 Feb :

- RIGHT COLN : direct across country to area of rd June 13601125 NE of AL QUBEIBA
- CENTRE COLN: to ZIKRIN 137119.
- LEFT COLN : to line of rd BEIT JIBRIN - ZAKARIYA from 14441204 to 14451225.

Defensive posns are to be occupied in the area named by 1600 hrs 18 Feb and held for at least 12 hrs.

These ops are completed successfully.

/THIRD PHASE

### THIRD PHASE

Patrols sent out by Centre coln on arrival in the Zikrin area and air recce reports indicate that enemy is holding a strong defensive posn around KIDNA. No other enemy forces are reported west of rd BEIT JIBRIN - ZAKARIYA but there are indications of concentrations proceeding in the KHARAS 154114 - SURIF 156118 areas. Agent reports also indicate the presence there of a greater number of regular SOUTHLAND tps than was anticipated. This seems to indicate aggressive action against the frontier posts.

At 1600 hrs 18 Feb orders are issued to the colns covering ops on 19 Feb as follows :

- RIGHT COLN : to occupy posn astride rds BEIT JIBRIN - DEIR NAKH-KHAS 143114 and BEIT JIBRIN - ZAKARIYA.  
CENTRE COLN : to contact enemy NW of KIDNA and endeavour to ascertain the extent of the posn. <sup>REMAIN RIGHT COLN TO COVER ARMA WINTER PT</sup>  
LEFT COLN : to remain in present posn, patrol NORTH to ZAKARIYA and EAST to BEIT NATTIF 14981230.

~~RIGHT~~ <sup>RIGHT</sup> colns to reach objectives named by ~~1100~~ <sup>0700</sup> hrs 19 Feb.  
CENTRE COLN TO MOVE AT 0500 HRS . LEFT COLN TO MOVE AT 0600 HRS  
BDE MOVES AT 0800 HRS

### FOURTH PHASE

Information gained by fighting patrols sent out by Centre Coln and from air photographs taken during 19 Feb confirm that the defensive posn around KIDNA is based primarily on five posts, two on the western side of the village about 500<sup>x</sup> from it and two to the SE and one to the NE at approx the same distance. At 1400 hrs 19 Feb orders are issued for an attack at 0600 hrs 20 Feb on the following lines.

- CENTRE COLN : to attack in easterly direction - objective the three northern posts.  
RIGHT COLN : to attack first in northerly and then easterly direction - objective two southern posts.  
LEFT COLN : to occupy posn astride track to KH as SURA 14281170 and at junc rd and track 14241154 to be occupied by 0500 hrs. - to destroy enemy withdrawing from KIDNA.

### FIFTH PHASE

The attack on KIDNA succeeds ~~but the 2/27 Bn suffers heavy casualties~~ and by 0800 hrs 20 Feb the bde gp is disposed as follows :

- 2/14 and 2/27 Bns 1000<sup>x</sup> east of KIDNA  
2/16 Bn on rd BEIT JIBRIN - ZAKARIYA

During the night 19/20 Feb definite information was received that very large SOUTHLAND forces have reached KHARAS and that a move against NORTHLAND will be commenced within 24 hrs. At 0800 hrs 20 Feb orders are received from 7 Div for 21 Inf Bde Gp to withdraw to line IRAQ al MANSHIYA - SUMMEIL at once, to be in position by 1900 hrs that day.

At 0900 hrs 21 Inf Bde Gp issues orders for the withdrawal, the gist of which are :

/ (a) 2/14 Bn ....

- (a) 2/14 Bn to move via BEIT JIBRIN and KH al MANSURA 13381136 to occupy defensive posn east of IRAQ al MANSHIYA.
- (b) 2/16 Bn to move via ZEITA ~~to~~ JUSIER.
- (c) 2/27 Bn to follow 2/16 Bn and to occupy a defensive posn on track KH ABU ARRAM 13101165 - SUMMEIL.

Bde HQ moves with 2/16 Bn and opens at HATTA on arrival. 6 Fd Bty comes under comd 2/27 Bn and 7 Fd Bty under comd 2/14 Bn as from 0900 hrs, these two bns providing their own rear gds. New posns to be occupied by 1900 hrs 20 Feb.

No moves from fwd areas before 1100 hrs for 2/16 Bn and before 1200 hrs for other bns.

#### SIXTH PHASE

On arrival at HATTA, 21 Inf Bde Gp receives further orders to remain in the posns occupied for night 20/21 Feb and to move back across the frontier at JULIS CAMP by 1600 hrs 21 Feb. Orders are issued at 1900 hrs for the move, which is to commence at 0900 hrs 21 Feb. The order of move is :

- (a) 2/14 Bn and att tps via AL FALUJA and NEGBA 121119.
- (b) 2/16 Bn and att tps followed by 2/27 Bn via HATTA and IBDIS.

Bde HQ moves to JULIS ~~POST~~ via HATTA and IBDIS and opens on arrival.

Colns provide their own rear gds.

EXERCISE ENDS

21 INF BDE GP EXERCISE

17-21 FEB 41

ADM INSTN NO 1

2/14 Bn  
2/16 Bn  
2/27 Bn  
21 A Tk Coy  
Maj J.A. CORBY

In this bde gp exercise to be held from 17-21 Feb 41  
the enemy will be organised as follows:-

Pl No	Unit to provide	STRENGTH		O C
		Offrs	ORS	
1	21 A Tk Coy	1	16	Capt D. WHITE
2	21 A Tk Coy	1	16	Lieut H. FRIEND
3	21 A Tk Coy )	1	8	Lieut R. PONTEY
	2/14 Bn )		8 (incl 1 Sgt)	
	<del>(a) Carrier 2/14 Bn (1 carrier)</del>		<del>2</del>	<del>NCO 2/14 Bn</del>

OC Enemy - Maj J A CORBY E D - 2/14 Bn

(a) If additional carriers are received before 17 Feb, each bn will provide one carrier and two men (incl an NCO) for the enemy.

2. The 8 men required from 2/14 Bn will report to Lieut. PONTEY at 21 Inf Bde HQ, JULIS CAMP at 1400 hrs 15 Feb 41 for further instrns.

3. OC Enemy will assume comd of tps detailed as enemy at 1400 hrs 15 Feb 41 and will retain comd until the conclusion of the exercise.

(Sgd) H.E. WRIGHT Capt  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

21 AUST INF BDE OP ORDER  
ADM INSTN No 2

PRTNOL

DRESS

1 All ranks will wear working dress with gaiters with haversacks worn in the pack position. The haversack will contain one pair of socks, clean pair of shoes, water-proof sheet, toothbrush, soap, etc. Att tps will conform so far as their equipment permits to the dress of the unit to which they are attached. Greatcoats, pullovers and two blankets per man will be carried in the pack in the normal unit vehicle. Special arrangements for the carriage of blankets will be advised.

The remaining two blankets per man will be carried under the pack.

Officers may take valises.

MT

2 As much of the movement involved in the exercise as possible will be practicable in most instances. For MT to move off rds or dry weather tracks. For the major portion of the exercise A and B ech will be bdd and will report to unit bivouac areas nightly. OO issued during the progress of the exercise will indicate the movement of tpt.

TPT

3 The allocation of MT likely to be available in 21 Aust Inf Bde and the manner in which it is to be used during the exercise is shown in appx "A" att. Vehicles handed over from one bn to another in accordance with this instn will be complete with dr.

CARRIERS

4 Because of the cultivation of the area in the exercise, use of carriers will be restricted to rds and tracks. They must NOT be utilised across fields that are sown. Two signal flags displayed by an enemy post within 500 yards of a carrier mean that an A Tk gun is firing on the carrier which cannot advance without a change of route.

FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS

5 Hot meals morning and evening are to be provided under unit arrangements. A haversack ration for the midday meal will be the normal thing.

D Ps for rations will be indicated in the OOs or adm instns issued throughout the exercise.

WATER

6 Water pts will be notified in OOs. During the exercise strict economy will be exercised in the use of water ...



of water, the whole ops being considered from the aspect that they are being conducted under service conditions. The maximum ration of water will not be more than one gallon per man per day. All water in the area is unfit for drinking without prior treatment and this is being arranged.

#### PETROL

7 P Ps will be notified in OOs or adm instns.

#### CONTROL OF EXERCISE

8 One offr representing the bde gp comd will be detailed for duty with each bn to paint the bde picture. Units will detail at least one offr per coy to watch the conduct of the tactical op, whatever it may be, and to prepare notes as a basis for the CO's criticism subsequently. It will not be practicable to provide umpires on any more extensive scale.

All ranks must be warned to act on the flags displayed momentarily by the enemy. These will signify the following :

Blue : You are being fired on but may adv by using fire and movement.

Red : You are definitely held up.

After a red flag has been displayed further adv will only be possible by utilising additional tps, the assumption being that additional fire support is also being provided.

#### ENEMY

9 The enemy for the exercise will consist of the following :

21 A Tk Coy plus 8 men from 2/14 Bn.  
One carrier from 2/14 Bn (2 man crew)

The OC enemy will be Maj J A CORBY 2/14 Bn.

#### CASUALTIES

10 A coy of 2/4 Fd Amb is participating in the exercise and the posn of car loading posts, etc, will be notified in OOs. Units are responsible for evacuating their own casualties to these posts.

It will be pointed out to tps that this procedure is abnormal owing to lack of AAMC personnel and that normally the SBs of a bn do NOT evacuate beyond RAP.

In each op unit comds will nominate casualties in order to exercise medical personnel. The nature of the wounds is to be indicated by a typed slip given to the "casualty" who is to be instructed to produce the slip to SBs.

#### COMPENSATION

11 D Hgs has been notified of the area in which the exercise is to be staged and will make a prior inspection. Unit comds are responsible for notifying Bde HQ of any damage done to property, due care being exercised to reduce this to an absolute minimum. An accurate record is to be kept of the routes followed by sub-units so that any claims lodged subsequently may be dealt with on their merits.

/CAMP GDS

## CAMP GDS

12 Unit comds are responsible for providing adequate gds on their unit lines during the progress of the exercise. The general safe custody of personal issues and eqpt left in unit lines is particularly important.

## REAR HQ

13 A responsible offr will remain at unit rear HQ. He will arrange for any correspondence to be sent fwd daily to rear bde HQ for delivery to units in the fd. Correspondence to fwd unit HQs will be cleared at rear bde HQ at 0945 hrs and 1515 hrs daily. Fwd unit HQ will have their correspondence ready for delivery to rear unit HQ by 1600 hrs daily. Only skeleton staffs will remain in orderly rooms.

JULIS  
CAMP

## BIVOUAC AREAS

14 Unit comds will see that, so far as is practicable, main bivouac areas during the exercise are so chosen as to cause the smallest possible damage to property. Attention is to be directed to the safe custody of arms and eqpt during the nights that units are in the fd and AIF SOs are to be observed.

## FEET

15 The exercise will involve solid marching, in many cases over very rough country, and care of the feet is important. The efficiency of each unit will be largely judged on the number of men who complete the exercise.

## SECURITY

16 For local protection, ball amn is necessary but this is to be issued to pl comds only. They will issue it to sentries at night and withdraw it before the exercise is resumed next day. Pl and coy comds will satisfy themselves, before the exercise is resumed each day, that no live amn is held by ORs.

Whilst operating east of a line AL PALUJA - QASTINA, the minimum number of men together at the one time or in sight of one another must NOT be less than three.

## VILLAGES

17 No movement will take place through villages except when absolutely necessary.

## REAR BDE HQ

18 Personnel returning from leave etc will be returned to their units in the fd under arrangements made by Rear Bde HQ. They will first report to their own rear unit HQ.

Capt  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

APPX "A" TO ADM INSTN No 2

TELEPHONE

Tpt Allocation Bde Gp Exercise

QUANAMMOG MRRHTUOS - SOUTHERN COMMAND AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

1. The anticipated strength of unit vehicle estab for the exercise is as follows:-

Unit	Cars DS	Vans		Lorries 30 cwt	
		15cwt	1 ton	GS	Kitchen
HQ 21 Inf Bde	8	1	3	1	1
2/14 Bn	2	5	19	8	5
2/16 Bn	2	5	19	8	5
2/27 Bn	2	5	6	8	5
21 A Tk Coy	-	2	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>

2. Detail of essential unit vehicles is outlined below and change necessary to allow each unit to function on the scale outlined.

(a)	Car DS	Vans		Lorries 30 cwt		
		15cwt	1 ton	GS	Kitchen	
Bn HQ	1		1	1		CO, Adjnt or IO cld 2 i/c, IO, Padre RMO Bn office
HQ Coy		1	1			TO and fitters QM Sig Pl Offrs mess Mortar Pl Pnr and AA Pl Cooks and gear
4 Rifle Coys		4	12		1	Each Coy Comd Pl vehicles Cooks and gear
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	

(b) To place each bn on the above basis the following changes are necessary:-

- Vans 1 ton - 4 from each 2/14 and 2/16 Bns to go to 2/27 Bn
- Vans 15 cwt - 1 from 21 A Tk Coy to go to 2/27 Bn
- Lorries 30 cwt GS - 4 from each 2/14, 2/16 and 2/27 Bns to go to Bde pool for allocation as follows:-
  - Water 7
  - Petrol 2
  - Enemy personnel 3.

In the event that Car DS 2/14 Bn recently damaged is not available, one Car DS from Bde will be allocated to 2/14 Bn. One car DS from Bde will be provided for OC Enemy.

21 AUST INF BDE GP - TACTICAL EXERCISE

ORGANIZATION AND CONTROL OF "ENEMY"

- 1 The enemy will comprise :  
 OC - Maj J A Corby L D, 2/14 Bn  
 21 A TK Coy plus 8 ORAs  
 One carrier from 2/14 Bn

It will be organized into three pls comd by Capt D A White and Lieuts Pontey and Friend.

- 2 Enemy posts will be established as follows :

DATE	TIME	No OF POSTS	AREA
17 Feb	0945	4	High ground south and SE of KAUKABA
	1100	4	Between HATTA and AL FALUJA 12601166
	0945	4	Vicinity TRIG 103 (12881235)
18 Feb	1000	4	Vicinity TRIG 194 (13151098)
	0930	4	ZAITA 134116
	0945	4	KH MURSHID 14021212
	1600	5	KIDNA 140117
19 Feb	All day	5	KIDNA
OTHER TASKS			
20 Feb			Attack on rear gd of 2/27 Bn in vicinity of track junc 13601162
21 Feb			Return to camp - no task

3 Posts on each occasion will be dispersed over an area sufficient to indicate to the advancing tps that probably two coys are opposing them. One or two posts are to be placed sufficiently far in adv of the general line of FDLs to force van gd to deploy. These posts should then retire to the line of FDLs and the postn should then be such that the adv gd comd will commit more than the van gd to the attack.

4 Pl comds must be well coached by the OC Enemy as to their actions in each phase as it will not be possible to provide umpires. Enemy fire will be represented by the momentary hoisting of blue (adv seen but not stopped) and red (adv stopped) flags which will be acted on by the tps advancing. The withdrawal of the enemy in each case is to be made when it is clear that a definite attack by more than one coy has been launched.

5 One sec comd, with a marked map and order (to be supplied by bde) is to be captured by 2/14 Bn on 17 Feb and one by 2/16 Bn during enemy attack on 18 Feb. The latter will also have information of value in his possession.

6 The attention ...

6 The attention of OC Enemy is directed specially to Adm  
Instn No 2 (Control and Adm) in respect of live amm. While a lim-  
ited amount must be issued for local protection it must be  
collected before posts are established or any contacts with  
opposing tps are likely. All ranks must be warned to exercise  
particular care in this respect.

Capt. 3  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

21 AUST INF BDE GP - TACTICAL EXERCISE 17 - 21 FEB 41

FORECAST OF EVENTS

Serial	Date	Time			Event	Remarks
		2/14	2/16	2/27		
1	17 Feb				Enemy moves out in sufficient time to undertake its role.	Time to be arranged by OC Enemy
2	17 Feb	0800	0800	0930	Leading inf leaves unit lines	
3	17 Feb	On	arrival.		Colns meet opposition as follows: 2/14 Bn at posn approx 1000 <sup>x</sup> south of KAUKABA astride rd 11801140 - 11881146. 2/16 Bn at TRIG 103 (12881235) 2/27 Bn at posn astride rd HATTA - AL FALUJA 12601166	OC enemy to occupy these posns by 0945 hrs. At least 4 posts to be established at each pt.
4	17 Feb	1530	1530	1530	Van gds of colns reach objectives. Bn comds recce for and issue verbal orders for occupation of defensive posns for night 17/18 Feb. Patrols arranged.	<del>OC enemy establishes posts opposite defensive posns and patrols towards them. Withdraws at 0700 hrs, 18 Feb.</del>
5	17 Feb	1600 hrs			Orders issued by bde for moves on 18 Feb	
6	18 Feb	0830	0830	0830	Colns commence movement in accordance with Serial 5	
7	18 Feb	On	arrival		Colns meet opposition as follows: 2/14 Bn - Area TRIG 194 (13151098) 2/16 Bn - Area KH MURSHID 14021212 2/27 Bn - Vicinity ZEITA 134116	Enemy to move direct to KILNA 140119 at conclusion of attack by colns on these posts.
8	18 Feb	1300	1300	1245	Van gds of colns reach objectives. Bn comds recce for and issue verbal orders for occupation of defensive posns for night 18/19 Feb.	

9	18 Feb	1500 hrs	Int summary issued	
10	18 Feb	1600 hrs	Bde issues orders for march to posns surrounding KIDNA on 19 Feb	
11	19 Feb	1100 hrs	Bde issues warning order for attack on KIDNA	
12	19 Feb	1400 hrs	Bde issues order for attack on KIDNA at 0600 hrs 20 Feb	
13	<del>20</del> Feb	<del>0600</del> hrs	Int summary issued	
14	20 Feb	hrs 0900	Bde issues order for withdrawal	
15	20 Feb	1700 hrs	Bns occupy defensive posns for night 20/21 Feb in accordance with Serial 14. 2/27 Bn fights rear gd action during the withdrawal	Enemy attacks during withdrawal in vicinity track junc 13601162
16	20 Feb	1900 hrs	Bde issues orders for withdrawal on 21 Feb	Enemy patrols vigorously against defensive posn during night 20/21 Feb
17	21 Feb	0900 hrs	Withdrawal commences	Enemy task completed - withdraws direct to camp 1 mile in rear of rear gd
18	21 Feb	1600 hrs	Exercise concludes	
19	22 Feb	<del>0900</del> hrs 1400	Conference at HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde, COs, 2/1/cs and coy (or equivalent) comds.	Discussion of Exercise

21 INF BDE GP

S E C R E T

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15 Feb 41

Ref Maps : GAZA 1/100,000  
HEBRON 1/100,000

INFORMATION

1 SOUTHLAND is organizing large forces of native levies with a stiffening of SOUTHLAND regular tps and a few armed C and lt tks in the area AL FALUJA 126115 - IRAQ AL MANSHIYA 129112 - AL QUBEIBA 136109 - BEIT JIBRIN 140113 - AJJUR 143122 - TALL as SAFI 136123, the main activities being WEST of BEIT JIBRIN. It is anticipated that these forces will be ready for aggressive action in about seven days. Small enemy forces to cover this mob have been observed as far NORTH as KAUKABA 118115 and JUSIER 128118.

2 21 Inf Bde Gp has been ordered to destroy these native forces immediately.

3 26 Inf Bde Gp will relieve 21 Inf Bde Gp in the JULIS defences on the night 16-17 Feb 41.

4 The following tps come under comd 21 Inf Bde as from 1200 hrs 16 Feb 41 :

- 2/4 Fd Regt
- det 2/5 Fd Coy
- det 7 Div ASC
- det 2/4 Fd Amb
- det 2 Fd Hyg Sec

INTENTION

5 21 Inf Bde Gp will move to areas KH JUDEIDA 135110 - AL FALUJA - TALL as SAFI 13541234 on 17 Feb 41.

METHOD

6 21 Inf Bde Gp will move in three cols as follows :

RT COLN Comd - Lt Col W G Cannon E D 2/14 Bn  
6 Fd Bty less one tp  
2/14 Bn

ROUTE Via KAUKABA - TRIG 130 (12051120) - KH JUDEIDA

OBJECTIVE Line TRIG 169 (12521094) - TRIG 158 (12561106) - TRIG 150 (12621112)

CENTRE COLN Comd - Lt Col M J MOTEN E D 2/27 Bn

One tp 6 Fd Bty  
6 A Tk Bty less two tps  
2/27 Bn

- \* det 2/5 Fd Coy
- det 7 Div ASC
- det 2/4 Fd Amb
- det 2 Fd Hyg Sec

ROUTE BEIT AFFA 122119 - NATTA 126118 - FALUJA. JUSIER is to be cleared of any enemy en route to the objective.

/ OBJECTIVE

\* LATER BROUGHT UNDER BDE CONTROL



OBJECTIVE General line approx 1000<sup>X</sup> SE of AL FALUJA  
astride rds AL FALUJA - IRAQ AL MANSHIYA  
129113 and rd AL FALUJA - BEERSHEBA.

LEFT COLN Comd - Maj A POTTS M C 2/16 Bn

7 Fd Bty  
One tp 6 A Tk Bty  
2/16 Bn

ROUTE SAWAFIR AL GHARBIYA 122123 - TRIG 103  
(12881232) - X rds 13301227.

OBJECTIVE Line of rd 13481228 - 13471238.

- 7 Colns are responsible for their own protection during the move.
- 8 All objectives are to be occupied by 1600 hrs 17 Feb.
- 9 Pts of contact between patrols of colns on objectives:  
(a) Rt and centre colns - TRIG 150  
(b) Left and centre colns - TRIG 104 (12921200)  
Times of contact to be arranged between coln comds and reported to Bde HQ.

10 TIMINGS Heads of colns will depart from unit lines as follows :

RT COLN 2/14 Bn lines at 0800 hrs

CENTRE COLN 2/27 Bn lines at 0930 hrs

LEFT COLN 2/16 Bn lines at 0800 hrs  
The rd GAZA - JAFFA west of CINEMA must NOT be used by left coln.

11 OUTPOSTS : Each coln is responsible for provision of its own outposts for the night 17/18 Feb.

12 A Tk DEFENCE : A Tk mines will be delivered to bns by 1700 hrs 16 Feb as follows :

2/14 Bn 500  
2/16 Bn 400  
2/27 Bn 700

The centre coln is responsible for rd blocks on all rds entering AL FALUJA.

One tp 6 A Tk Bty will provide A Tk protection for tpt whilst bded.

ADM

13 ADS will be established at TALL AL TAYAR 125118 by 1500 hrs 17 Feb.

14 A and B Ech tpt of bde gp. less fighting vehicles of 2/4 Fd Regt and 6 A Tk Bty will move under com of Bde TO in rear of the centre coln and will report to Bde TO at JULIS CAMP CINEMA at 1000 hrs 17 Feb.

/15 MP for ....

- 15 NP for night 17/18 Feb will be KARATIA.
- 16 BAGGAGE plus two blankets per man will be left in unit lines under gds.
- 17 Two blankets and greatcoats will be placed in packs and carried in unit vehicles.
- 18 Water pts for night 17/18 Feb will be notified to units during 17 Feb.

INTERCOMM

- 19 Bde HQ closes CENTRE RIDGE 0945 hrs 17 Feb and moves thereafter with the centre coln to HATTA.

Ack

Time of Signature 1155 hrs

Capt  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

Issued through Sigs at 1200 hrs.

Distribution

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2/14 Bn	1
2/16 Bn	2
2/27 Bn	3
"L" Sec 7 Div Sigs	4
21 A Tk Coy	5
2/4 Fd Regt	6
6 A Tk Bty	7
Det 2/5 Fd Coy	8
Det 7 Div ASC	9
Det 2/4 Fd Amb	10
7 Aust Div	11
Comd	12
Bde TO	13
File	14-15
War Diary	16-17

21 Inf Bde Gp

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17 Feb 41.

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HEBRON 1/100,000

INFORMATION

- 1 No large enemy forces reported west of line AL QUBAIBA - ZAKARIYA 145124.
- 2 All objectives for 17 Feb gained.

INTENTION

- 3 Adv of 21 Inf Bde Gp will be continued 18 Feb.

METHOD

- 4 Constitution of colns remains unaltered.
- 5 Right coln objective - rd junc 13801116  
route - direct  
Centre coln objective - ZIKRIN 137119  
route - via ZAITA 13401165  
searching IRAQ AL MASHIYA en route.  
Left coln objective - rd BET JIBRIN - ZAKARIYA from  
14441204 to 14451225  
route - KH MURSHD 14021212 - AJJUR 143122
- 6 Defensive posns on objectives to be occupied by 1600 hrs 18 Feb.
- 7 Colns responsible own protection during move and during night 18/19 Feb.
- 8 Centre coln will detach a force to secure RA'NA by 1400 hrs 18 Feb. To be held until 1800 hrs to permit water to be secured and allow passage of supply vehs.
- 9 One tp 6 A Tk Bty with B Ech on 18 Feb will accompany tpt of right coln on dispersal to unit, and remain with right coln until tpt of that coln is again bded.

ADM

- 10 Tpt of right and centre coln reports Bde TC at 12701173 at 0930 hrs 18 Feb. Carriers only remain with right coln during 18 Feb.
- 11 MP at KH ZAITA AL KHARAB 13401153 at 1615 hrs 18 Feb.
- 12 Water Pts :
 

Right coln	AL PALUJA	1030/1230 hrs
Centre Coln	AL PALUJA	1030/1230 "
	RA'NA	1530/1630 "
Left Coln	JUSIER	1100/1200 "
	AJJUR	1530/1630 "
- 13 PF :
 

Right & centre colns - track and creek crossing	13131163, opens 1630/1700 hrs
Left coln - rd and creek crossing	13671220, open 1530/1630.

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ADS remain HATTA.

Right coin : bearers to accompany (no report) 0700 hrs  
18 Feb.

CLPs will be established as follows :

creek and track junc 12721102 at 1100  
hrs; track at 13061108 at 1300 hrs, rd  
& track junc 13361110 at 1500 hrs.

Casualties in right coin will be evacuated  
to these CLPs by bearer dets of Pd Amb.

Centre and left coin : Amb will accompany to evacuate  
casualties.

INTERCOMM

15 Bde HQ closes HATTA at 1400 hrs thence to ZETA.

ACK

Signed at 1610

Capt  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

Issued by DRIS at 1615

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2/16	3
2/27	4
"L" Sec Sigs	5
59 LAD	6
2/4 Pd Regt	7
6 Bty 2 A Tk Regt	8
det 2/5 Pd Coy	9
det 7 Div AASC	10
det 2/4 Pd Amb	11
Comd	12
Bde TO	13
File	14-15
War Diary	16-17

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HQ 6 A Tk Bty will report to Bde Gp HQ on receipt of this  
order and move with it on 18 Feb.

(For period 1400 hrs 17 Feb - 1400 hrs 19 Feb)

ENEMY POSNS

- 1 Air recce and patrol reports indicate that the enemy is holding a strong defensive posn in area KIDHA 159117.
- 2 No other enemy forces reported west of rd BEIT JIBKIN - ZAKARIYA.
- 3 Concentrations are apparently proceeding in the area KHARAS 154114 - SURIF 156118.
- 4 Agents report the presence of a greater number of SOUTHLAND regular tps than was anticipated.

DEDUCTION

- 5 Aggressive enemy action against our frontier posns is probable within a few days.

Signed at 1500

Issued by SDR at 1600

Lieut  
A/Bde IO 21 Aust Inf Bde

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21 Inf Bde Gp

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HEBRON 1/100,000

INFORMATION

- 1 No further information regarding the enemy.
- 2 Probable role all colns during 19/20 Feb attack on KIDNA posn

INTENTION

- 3 21 Inf Bde Gp will continue adv 19 Feb.

METHOD

- 4 Right coln - objective - 500 yds NE of BETT JIBRIN astride rds BETT JIBRIN - DEIR MAHAKHAS 143114, BETT JIBRIN-ZAKARIYA by 0700 hrs.
- 5 Centre coln to move at 0500 hrs and establish contact with enemy posns NW of KIDNA and report estimated strength and dispositions by 1100 hrs. *RANA TO BE OCCUPIED BY 1100 HRS*
- 6 Left coln to remain present posn astride rd BETT JIBRIN - ZAKARIYA at 14441204 and to patrol north and east to ZAKARIYA and BETT NATTIF 14961230 commencing at 0600 hrs.
- 7 Colns responsible for own protection during move.

ADM

- 8 MP as for OO No 8
- 9 Water Pts : Right coln ZEITA 1000/1230 hrs  
Centre coln ZEITA 1000/1100 "  
RA'NA 1530/1630 "  
Left coln AJJUR 1130/~~1230~~ " *1230*  
1500/1600 "
- 10 FP : Right & Centre colns Track and creek crossing 13131163 - Time open 1630/1700.  
Left coln Rd and track junc 13761220  
*TIME OPEN 1630/1730*
- 11 Tpt : B ech to move under coln arrangements.
- 12 ADS : remains present posn.  
CLP : Right coln at RAP  
Centre Coln cross tracks 13761184 - opens 1100 hrs  
Left coln reentrant 14341208 - opens 0900 hrs

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- 13 Bde HQ closes ZEITA ~~1600~~ <sup>0900</sup> hrs thence to ZIBRIN

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Signed at 1600 HRS

Issued by DRLS at 1600 HRS

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A/DM 21 Aust Inf Bde

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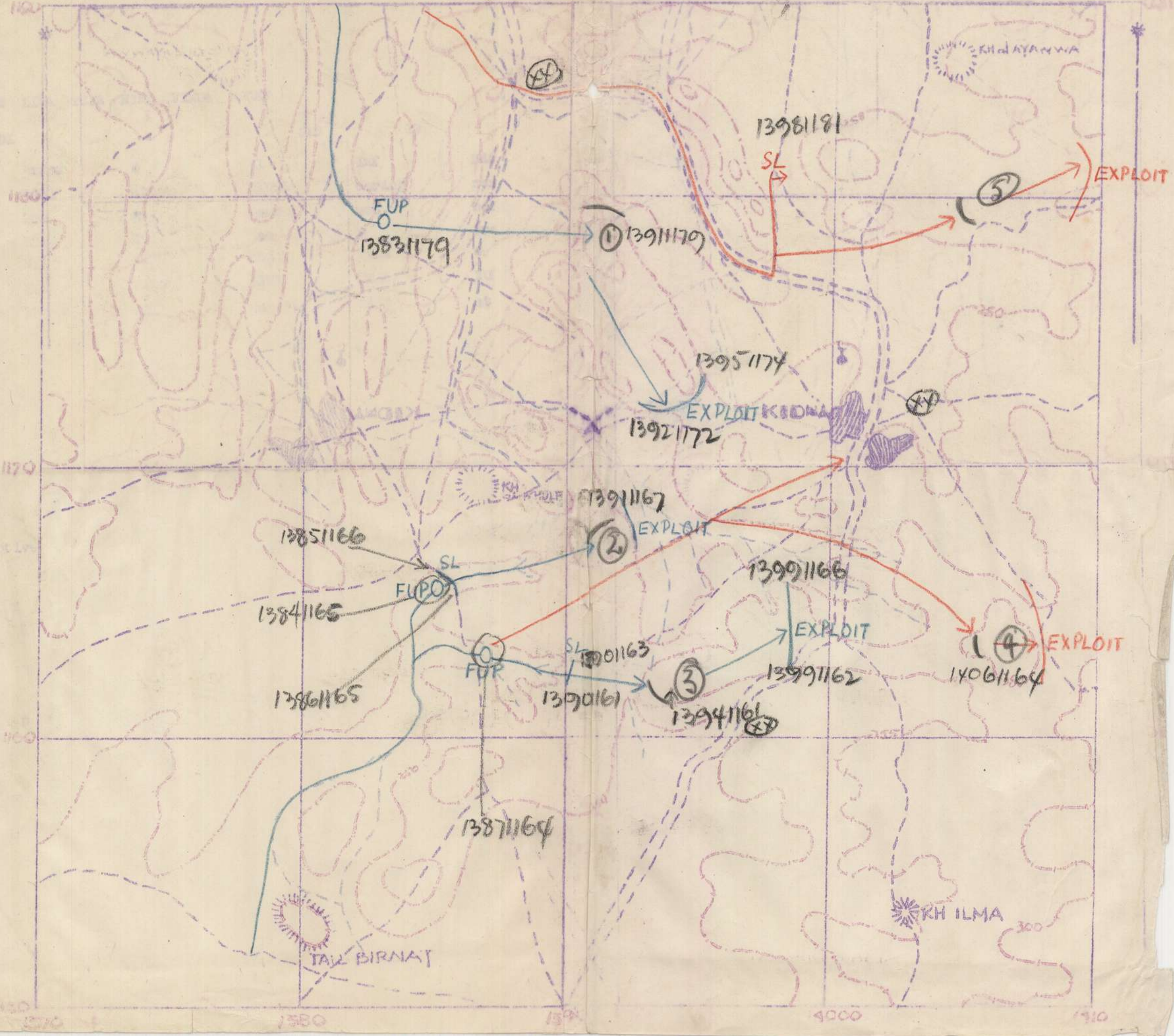
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ENLARGEMENT KIDNAN AREA

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YOBE

A map is attached showing the location of enemy posts at KIDNA.

2 It is suspected that there are A Tk mines to the north and west of Post 1. The posts are mostly in rock sangers.

3 The principal posns so far as can be ascertained are 1, 3 and 5.

4 I do not want you to become embroiled in a fight tomorrow but I want you to confirm by means of patrols the localities of Posts 2 and 3 in particular.

5 Do not move your bn east of the track which is marked in red on the att map, patrols only going east of it.

6 Hold RA'NA in force as I want to water there.

7 Keep me posted regarding the results of your patrols tomorrow.

Brig  
Comd Gadi.

# MESSAGE FORM.

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TO YOBE LIVA TEJA RIFO VIKUA KUSEF

<b>FROM</b> GADI	Originator's Number. 019	Date. 19	In Reply to Number
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Warning	order	0	21	Inf	Bde
Op	will	attack	KIDNA	during	next
24	hrs	0	Zero	not	before
0500	hrs	20	Feb	0	Probable
fwd	tps	LIVA	and	YOBE	0
R	gps	RIFO	LIVA	TEJA	YOBE
VIKUA	KUSEF	will	report	GADI	at

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**TO**

<b>FROM</b>	Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number
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ZIKRIN	1115	hrs	19	Feb	for
outline	plan	e	All	units	to
be	at	one	hrs	notice	to
move	e	LIVA	will	move	at
1200	hrs	to	area	13821159	e
GADI	8	will	guide	from	present
location	to	new	posn	reporting	LIVA

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FROM **INFORMATION**

Originator's Number. Date. In Reply to Number

1130

KIDNA

Ack

Enemy estimated at approx one bn is holding KIDNA, the main defensive system of which comprises 5 posts situated as shown on the sketch already issued. The main component of native forces mainly, with a sprinkling of SOUMILAND regular troops including MG det, LOs

Patrols of TOBE have established contacts with Posts Nos 1, 2, 3 and 5 and movement has been seen at Post 1. The garrisons of all posts are always alert.

RIFD and KUSRE loss two troops revert to their own comds as

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**M AUSTIN**  
Capt

**Immediate**

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The attack will be divided into three phases as follows:  
PHASE 1 ; Capture of Posts Nos 1, 2 and 3 and exploitation

The garrisons of these posts will be moved from KIDNA and other points ordering KIDNA Proposals

10. Six 30 cwt lorries from GADI pos will report to TEJA at 1700 hrs to EMDI Capt of garrison to SOUTH post.

11. Ret Mags 12 REBROW/100,000 occupy defensive posn on the general line of the rd and enlargement SARARIYA between NORTH and SOUTH strong posts after KIDNA is 1/22/41. This will not be undertaken pending further orders.

INFORMATION

TITLE

12. The enemy estimated at approx one bn is holding KIDNA, the plain-defensive system of which comprises 5 posts situated as shown on the sketch already issued. The garrison consists of native PARLEVA mainly, with a stiffening of SOUTHLAND regular tps including 13. MGs etc. It supports the attack as shown in appx 'C'.

14. The PROVIDOR patrols of YOBE have established contacts with Posts Nos 1, 4, 5 and 6 with movements has been made to posts 1, 2, 3. The garrisons of all posts are always alert.

(a) protection of assembly areas from 1400 hrs 19 Feb

3 RIFO and KUSEE less two tps revert to their own comds as (except for the 19 Feb) for flanks of attack on Posts 1 and 3

(b) capture of Posts 1, 2 and 3, cover the rds KIDNA - RA'NA, KIDNA - LEITA and KIDNA - NEXT JIBBIN.

4 GADI sq will capture the KIDNA posn on 20 Feb 41.

(d) protection of outer flanks of attacks on posts 4 and 5 and METHOD capture of these cover the tracks into the KIDNA posn from NW, SE and SW.

5 The attack will be divided into three phases as follows :

ENGINEERS

15 One det T PHASE 1 : Capture of Posts Nos 1, 2 and 3 and exploitation areas between to the green line.

PHASE 2 : Capture of Posts 4 and 5, mopping up of KIDNA VILLAGE and exploitation to the red line.

6 Routes to forming up places, timing lines and routes to objectives are shown on the sketch already issued.

7 Zero : Phase 1 - 0600 hrs.

Phase 2 - Z 52 for Post 5 attack  
Z 50 for KIDNA attack  
Z 53 for Post 4 attack

8 Attacking tps :

YOBE - Posts 1 and 5  
LEVA - Posts 2, 3 and 4 and KIDNA VILLAGE

9 TEJA plus two tps KUSEE will establish the following strong posts by 0500 hrs 20 Feb :

NORTH POST : covering the rd and track junc at KH as SURA 14221172.

SOUTH POST : rd and track junc 14181162 - one rifle coy plus one tp KUSEE and two sects 4 Pl.

No move is to be made to these posns before 0300 hrs

20 Feb.

The garrisons of these strong posts will destroy enemy retreating from KIDNA and delay reinforcements entering KIDNA from the east.

10. Six 30 cwt lorries from GADI res will report to TEJA at 1700 hrs 19 Feb for transport of garrison to SOUTH post.

11. TEJA will be prepared to occupy defensive position on the general line of the road BEIT JIBRIN - ZAKARIYA between NORTH and SOUTH strong posts after KIDNA is captured. This will not be undertaken pending further orders.

TIMINGS

12. The times at which the various phases of the operation are to take place are shown in appx "D"

FIRE PLAN

13. RIFD will support the attack as shown in appx "C".

A TK PROTECTION

14. KUSM less two troops will undertake the following tasks :

- (a) protection of assembly areas from 1400 hrs 19 Feb
- (b) protection of outer flanks of attack on Posts 1 and 3
- (c) on capture of Posts 1, 2 and 3, cover the roads KIDNA - RA'NA, KIDNA - ZEITA and KIDNA - BEIT JIBRIN.
- (d) protection of outer flanks of attacks on Posts 4 and 5 and on capture of these cover the tracks into the KIDNA position from NW, SE and SW.

ENGINEERS

15. One detachment TOFOA will accompany leading troops of YOBE and search areas between timing line and Post 1 for A Tk mines. This detachment will report to YOBE at 1900 hrs 19 Feb

ADM

16. Medical ADS will be established track junction ~~13971170~~ SE of ZIKRIN at 0600 hrs 20 Feb. 13761188

INTER COMM

17. GADI remains at ZIKRIN until completion of phase 2 and then moves to vicinity track junction 13971170 west of KIDNA

18. Main signal artery will run via track ZIKRIN - KIDNA.

19. Wireless detachments will accompany HQ YOBE and LIVA.

20. LOs will be attached as follows as from 1800 hrs 19 Feb :

- YOBE - Lieut B Fraser
- LIVA - Capt H Wright

21. Forward company HQ will display ground strips in form of white cross to indicate to aircraft position of leading troops whenever halted.

22. Signal rockets issued will be fired when attacking troops reach exploitation line.

23. Time will be issued through signals at 1800 hrs 19 Feb and 0200 hrs 20 Feb.

ACK

Time of signature 1400 hrs  
Method of Distribution - through Sigs by SDR

Capt  
A/BM

INFANTRY TIMETABLE

Serial	Phase	Unit	Attack on	Leave	At	Cross Timeline	At	Arrive	Rate of adv 100 <sup>x</sup> in	Arrive at	Time to mop up
1	1	YOBE	POST 1	F.U.P. 13831179	Z	Track 113851172- 13881182	Z+19	POST 1	2½	Z + 29	15 mins
2			EXPLOITATION LINE	POST 1	Z + 44			EXPLOITATION LINE	2½	Z + 36	
3		LIVA	POST 3	F.U.P. 13871164	Z - 4	Line 13901161- 13901163	Z	POST 3	2½	Z + 11	10 mins
4			EXPLOITATION LINE	POST 3	Z + 21			EXPLOITATION LINE	2½	Z + 36	
5			POST 2			Track 13861165- 13841166	Z	POST 2	2½	Z + 20	15 mins
6			EXPLOITATION LINE	POST 2	Z + 35			EXPLOITATION LINE		Z + 40	10 mins
7	2	YOBE	POST 5	X tracks 13801189	Z + 62	Line 13981177 13981181	Z+87	POST 5	1½	Z + 100	10 mins
8		LIVA	POST 4	F.U.P. 13871164	Z + 53			POST 4	1½	Z + 78	10 mins
9			KIDNA	F.U.P. 13871164	Z + 50			KIDNA	1½	Z + 74	

19 Feb 4

COPY No. 1

Serial No	Unit	Time From	Time To	TASK	At	Gross Time	Rate	Arrive	Date of Remarks	Arrive at	File
1	8 bty	Z+22	Z+24	Concentration POST 1 13911179			normal		Predicted		
2	" "	Z+24	Z+56	Concentration search area from POST 1 to GREEN LINE			slow		2+24 to 2+44 start 300 yds in front of POST 1 then lift 200 yds in 3 mins, 4 lifts - observed		
3	7 bty	Z	Z+15	Concentrations POST 2 13911167			normal		Predicted		
4	7 bty	Z+15	Z+20	Concentration KIDNA VILLAGE			normal		Search and sweep		
5	7 bty A tp	Z+65	Z+71	" " "			"		Observed shoot by POS 7 Pd bty		
6	7 bty B tp	Z+65	Z+75	Concentration POST 4 14061164			"		Predicted		
7	7 bty	Z+75	Z+86	" RED LINE in front of POST 4			slow		Observed		
8	8 bty	Z+87	Z+97	" POST 5 14051180			normal		Predicted		
9	7 bty	Z+86	onwards	GDF			as ordered		Observed if possible		
10	8 bty	Z+97	Z+109	Concentration on RED LINE in front of POST 5			slow		Observed		
11	8 bty	Z+109	onwards	GDF			as ordered		Observed if possible		

DISTRIBUTION - Copies 1 - 8-21 Aust Inf Bde.  
 " 7 & 8- 7 Pd Bty  
 " 9 & 10- 8 Pd Bty  
 " 11 & 12- File



# MESSAGE FORM.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No. of Groups GR.	Serial No. OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT		

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO **YOBE TEJA LIVA RIFO KUSEE**

FROM **GADI**

Originator's Number. **023**      Date. **20**      In Reply to Number

Definite	information	received	large	SOUTHLAND	forces
have	reached	KHARAS	0	Agents	report
move	against	NORTHLAND	likely	commence	within
24	hrs	0	GADI	gp	may
be	ordered	to	withdraw	within	4
hrs	0	Ack.			

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CYPHER.

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

**Immediate**

TIME OF ORIGIN  
**0800 hrs**

SIGNED

SIGNED (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

**T.H.I.**

SYSTEM IN.	TIME IN.	READER.	SENDER.	SYSTEM OUT.	TIME OUT.	READER.	SENDER.	SYSTEM OUT.	TIME OUT.	READER.	SENDER.

**T.O.R.**

A. AYI... of... B ech moves via... A ech essential fighting vehs... remain with CO 2/14 Bn.

Ref Maps : GAZA 1/100,000. MP : rd and creek crossing...

Water Pts : S/14 Bn and S/27 Bn - AL PALULA... and 1330 hrs.

at... are concentrating... within the next 24 hrs... open 1330/1330 hrs.

INTENTION

2. 21 Inf Bde Cpt will withdraw to line... Hqs HQ closes present post at 1100 hrs.

3. 2/4 Pd Regt less one tp... 7 A Tk Bty less two tps... 2/27 Bn.

4. Main body. HQ 21 Inf Bde... det 2/5 Pd Coy... "L" Sec 7 Div Sig... 2/16 Bn.

5. Right coln. Comd Lt-Col W G Cannon... One tp 2/4 Pd Regt... One tp plus one sec 7 A Tk Bty... 2/14 Bn.

6. Right coln to provide own protection...

7. A Tk Protection.

7 A Tk Bty will : (a) protect 2/16 Bn until withdrawal through 2/27 Bn. (b) one bty less two tps under comd 2/27 Bn from time 2/16 Bn passes through 2/27 Bn. (c) one tp under comd 2/14 Bn from 0930 hrs 20 Feb. (d) one tp less one sec under comd 2/16 Bn for protection B ech tpt from 0930 hrs 20 Feb. (e) One sec under comd 2/14 Bn for protection B ech tpt from 0930 hrs 20 Feb.

METHOD

8. AD3 closes immediately, thence to JULIS CAMP area. Amb will work along withdrawal route to evacuate casualties.

9. Tpt. 2/16 Bn B ech to move AJJUR - TALL as SAFI - rd and track crossing 12701235 to JUSIER area. A Tk protection as shown in para 7. A ech essential fighting vehs move via AJJUR to RA'NA, thence to rd and track junc 14011175 and reports to CO 2/16 Bn. 2/27 Bn B ech moves via ZETA to area west of line KH ABU ARRAM 13141164 - SUMMEIL. A Tk protection as shown in para 7. A ech essential fighting vehs remain with CO 2/27 Bn.

ADM

AD3 closes immediately, thence to JULIS CAMP area. Amb will work along withdrawal route to evacuate casualties.

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2/14 Bn B ech moves via BEIT JIBRIN to IRAQ AL MANSHEIYA. A Tk protection as shown in para 7. A ech essential fighting vehs remain with CO 2/14 Bn.

10 MP : rd and creek crossing 12091180 at 1630 hrs.

11 Water Pts : 2/14 Bn and 2/27 Bn - AL-FALUJA open 1150/1300 hrs and 1530/1630 hrs.

2/16 Bn - HADITHA open 1150/1300 hrs and 1530/1630 hrs  
 12 PP : at track junc 12091180 open 1630/1730 hrs.

INTERCOMM

13 Bde HQ closes present posn at 1100 hrs, thence to HADITHA

14 A wireless net to move with left and right cols

Signed at 0830 HRS Capt  
 A/BM 21 Inf Bde Gp

Issued by SDR at 0835 HRS

DISTRIBUTION

COPY NO

2/14 Bn	1
2/16 Bn	2
2/27 Bn	3
"L" Sec 7 Aust Div	4
59 IAD	5
2/4 Fd Regt	6
7 Bty 2 A Tk Regt	7
Det 2/5 Fd Coy	8
Det 7 Div AASC	9
Det 2/4 Fd Amb	10
Cmd	11
SC	12
File	13-14
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METHOD

For movement see appx "A"  
 A Tk Protection.

- 7 A Tk Bty will :
- (a) protect 2/16 Bn until withdrawal through 2/27 Bn.
  - (b) one bty less two tps under cmd 2/27 Bn from time 2/16 Bn passes through 2/27 Bn.
  - (c) one tp under cmd 2/14 Bn from 0930 hrs to 10 Feb.
  - (d) one tp less one sq under cmd 2/16 Bn for protection B ech from 0930 hrs to 10 Feb.
  - (e) One sq under cmd 2/14 Bn for protection B ech tpt from 0930 hrs to 10 Feb.

ADM

- 8 ADS closes immediately, thence to JULIA CAMP area.
- 9 Top 2/16 Bn B ech to move WJUR - TALL as SAPI - rd and track crossing 12091180 to JUBUR area. A Tk protection as shown in para 7. A ech essential fighting vehs move via ALJUR to RA'NA. Thence to rd and track junc 12091180 and reports to CO 2/16 Bn. 2/27 Bn B ech moves via NALIA to area west of line KH ABU ARAM 121184 - SUMMIL. A Tk protection as shown in para 7. A ech essential fighting vehs remain with CO 2/27 Bn.

Serial No	UNIT	No move before hrs	Assembly Area	Route to new posn	Area to be occupied by 1900 hrs 20 Feb	Remarks
1	2/14 Bn Under comd from 1000 hrs - one tp 2/4 Fd Regt, one tp plus one sec 7 A Tk Bty	1100	Reentrant at 13961160	BEIT JIBRIN - KH AL MANSURA 13381136	Rd at 13001124 to rd at 13121138	FDLs to be abandoned at 1200hrs
2	8/16 Bn	1000	Waterhole at 14041172	KIDNA - ZEITA - JUSIER	Line of old railway 12901172 - 12941188	FDLs to be abandoned at 1000hrs
3	2/27 Bn Under comd from 1000 hrs - 2/4 Fd Regt less one tp, 7 A Tk bty less two tps	1200	Track junc 13881184	KH AL KHULF 13881172 ZEITA - JUSIER	Track KH abu ARRAM - SUMBEIL from 13101176 to 13141166	Present posn to be denied to enemy until 1300 hrs
4	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	1100		ZEITA - HATTA	HATTA	
5	2/4 Fd Amb	1000		ZEITA - HATTA - BEIT APPA	JULIS CAMP	

SECRET  
00 No 12

21 Inf Bde Gp  
Ref Map : GAZA 1/100,000

Copy No. ....  
20 Feb 40

INFORMATION

- 1 Air reports timed 1700 hrs indicate large enemy forces moving west through AL QUBUBA, BEIT JIBRIN and ...
- 2 Small enemy force attacked reargd at ... 1850 hrs and were repulsed. No further enemy activity was encountered on 20 Feb.
- 3 2/4 Pd Regt and 7 Bty 2 A Tk Regt ... to own bonds on arrival and will move independently to their own lines.

INTENTION

- 4 21 Inf Bde Gp will continue withdrawal to Div'ns at JULIS on 21 Feb.

METHOD

- 5 Composition of reargd. Main body and right coln remains the same as for 20 Feb.
- 6 Right coln responsible for own protection during move.
- 7 Movement as per appx "A".

ADM

- 8 ADS closes present location 1400 hrs thence to unit lines. Ambs will work fwd from ADS along withdrawal routes to evacuate casualties.
- 9 B Ech tpt.  
 HQ 21 Inf Bde leaves 0800 hrs.  
 2/16 Bn to move via HATTA - BEIT AFFA - Rd junc 11941202 - POTTS VALLEY - JULIS CAMP. To clear BEIT AFFA between 0830/0900 hrs.  
 2/27 Bn to move via HATTA - BEIT AFFA - IBDIS - track junc 11991214 - JULIS CAMP. To clear BEIT AFFA between 0900/0930 hrs.  
 2/14 Bn to move via AL FALUJA - KARATIYA - IRAQ SUWEIDAN - rd junc 11801180 - POTTS VALLEY - JULIS CAMP. NOT to clear AL FALUJA until 0830 hrs.
- 10 Borrowed tpt. All tpt loaned by 21 Inf Bde to att tps will be returned to appropriate units by 1700 hrs.
- 11 Water Lorries. To report to Bde tpt lines immediately on return to camp.
- 12 Rations. AASC will adopt normal delivery to unit lines JULIS.
- 13 Petrol. Empty petrol tins are to be returned in the normal manner to the Petrol Coy AASC.

INTERCOMM

- 14 Bde HQ closes present location 0900 hrs thence to JULIS CAMP.

ACK

Signed at 1730 hrs

Issued by SDR at 1735

Capt.  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp

00 No 12

Copy No

SI Inf Bde Gp  
Ref Map : GAZA I/100,000

INFORMATION

1 Air reports fixed 1400 hrs indicate forces moving west through AL QUBABA, BRIT LINES and WY 7 Div 2/14 Bn  
2 Small enemy force attacked rear of 2/4 Bn on 20 Feb. were repulsed. No further enemy activity reported on 20 Feb.  
3 2/4 Bn and 7 Bn A TR Rest and 7 Bn A TR Rest will move independently to their own areas on 21 Feb. 2/4 Bn and 7 Bn A TR Rest

INTENTION

4 SI Inf Bde Gp will continue withdrawal to areas at JULIS on 21 Feb.

METHOD

5 Composition of rear guard. Main body and right column remains the same as for 20 Feb.  
6 Right column responsible for own protection during move.  
7 Movement as per appx "A".  
8 ADS closes present location 1400 hrs thence to unit lines. ADS will work fwd from ADS along withdrawal routes to evacuate casualties.

ADM

9 B Ech tpt.  
2/18 Bn to move via HATTA - BRIT ALFA - RD June 1134130  
2/17 Bn to move via HATTA - BRIT ALFA - INDIS - track  
2/14 Bn to move via AL FALULA - KARATIYA - IRAG SUWEIDAN  
Clear AL FALULA until 0830 hrs.

10 Borrowed tpt. All tpt loaned by SI Inf Bde to set tps will be returned to appropriate units by 1700 hrs.  
11 Water Lorry. To report to Bde tpt lines immediately on return to camp.  
12 Rations. AASG will adopt normal delivery to unit lines JULIS.  
13 Petrol. Impy petrol tins are to be returned in the normal manner to the petrol Coy AASG.

INTERCOM

14 Bde HQ closes present location 0900 hrs thence to JULIS CAMP.

ACK

Signed at 1730 hrs

A/BM SI Asst Inf Bde Gp  
Capt.

Issued by SDR at

APPX "A"

Serial No	Unit	No move before hrs	Assembly Area	Route to new posn	Area to be occupied	Present posn to be denied enemy until
1	2/14 Bn : att tps remain under comd	0900	rd junc 12941132	IRAQ AL MAKSHIYA - AL FALUJA - KARATIYA - BETT AFPA - tra ck junc 11941202 - POTTS VALLEY - unit lines	Unit lines JULIS	1000 hrs
2	2/16 Bn : att tps remain under comd	0900	creek and track crossing 12811164	HATTA - X tracks 12351185 - track junc 12281200 - IBDIS - track junc 11991214 - unit lines	Unit lines JULIS	0930 hrs
3	2/27 Bn : att tps remain under comd	1000	track junc 12981166	JUSEIR - SAWAFIR AL GHARBIYA - unit lines	Unit lines JULIS	1100 hrs
4	HQ 21 Inf Bde	0900			HQ lines JULIS	On arrival
5	det 7 Div AASC	0800			Unit lines	
6	det 2/5 Pd Coy	0800			Unit lines	

21 AUST INF BDE GP - TACTICAL EXERCISE.

ADM INSTN No 3

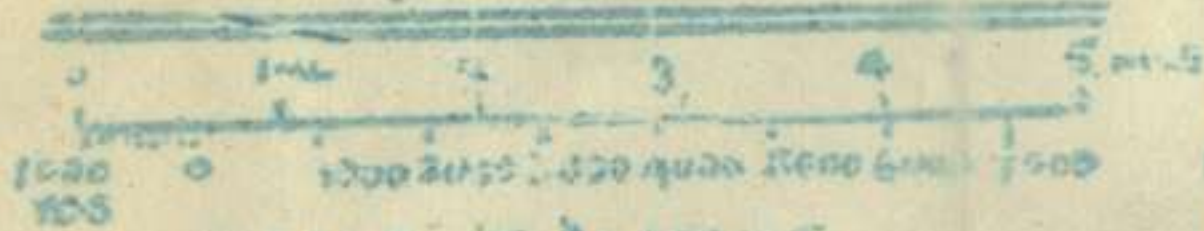
The Bde exercise concludes tomorrow and the following points are brought to the notice of unit comds of units in 21 Aust Inf Bde :

- (a) All tps must be marched past their unit lines to the Bde parade ground and given at least 10 minutes arms and ceremonial drill.
- (b) A party must be sent ahead early to ensure that the hot showers are ready and available by the time the men are dismissed.
- (c) Cooks are to be moved as early as the operation order permits so that a hot evening meal will be ready on time.
- (d) Any personnel required to collect pay may be sent fwd under unit arrangements at the discretion of unit comds.
- (e) A careful check of all arms, eqpt and amm is to be effected by 2000 hrs 21 Feb and report submitted to Bde HQ, during the exercise
- (f) A statement showing the complete casualties/and the reasons for their evacuation is to reach Bde HQ by 1200 hrs, Sat 22 Feb.
- (g) Sat is to be left completely free of training and the men are to be rested and given an opportunity to wash clothes, etc.
- (h) Commencement is to be made after Church parades on Sun with the complete overhaul of MT. All MT loaned to any unit is to be returned immediately on the arrival of the Bde in camp on Fri 21 Feb.

Capt  
A/BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

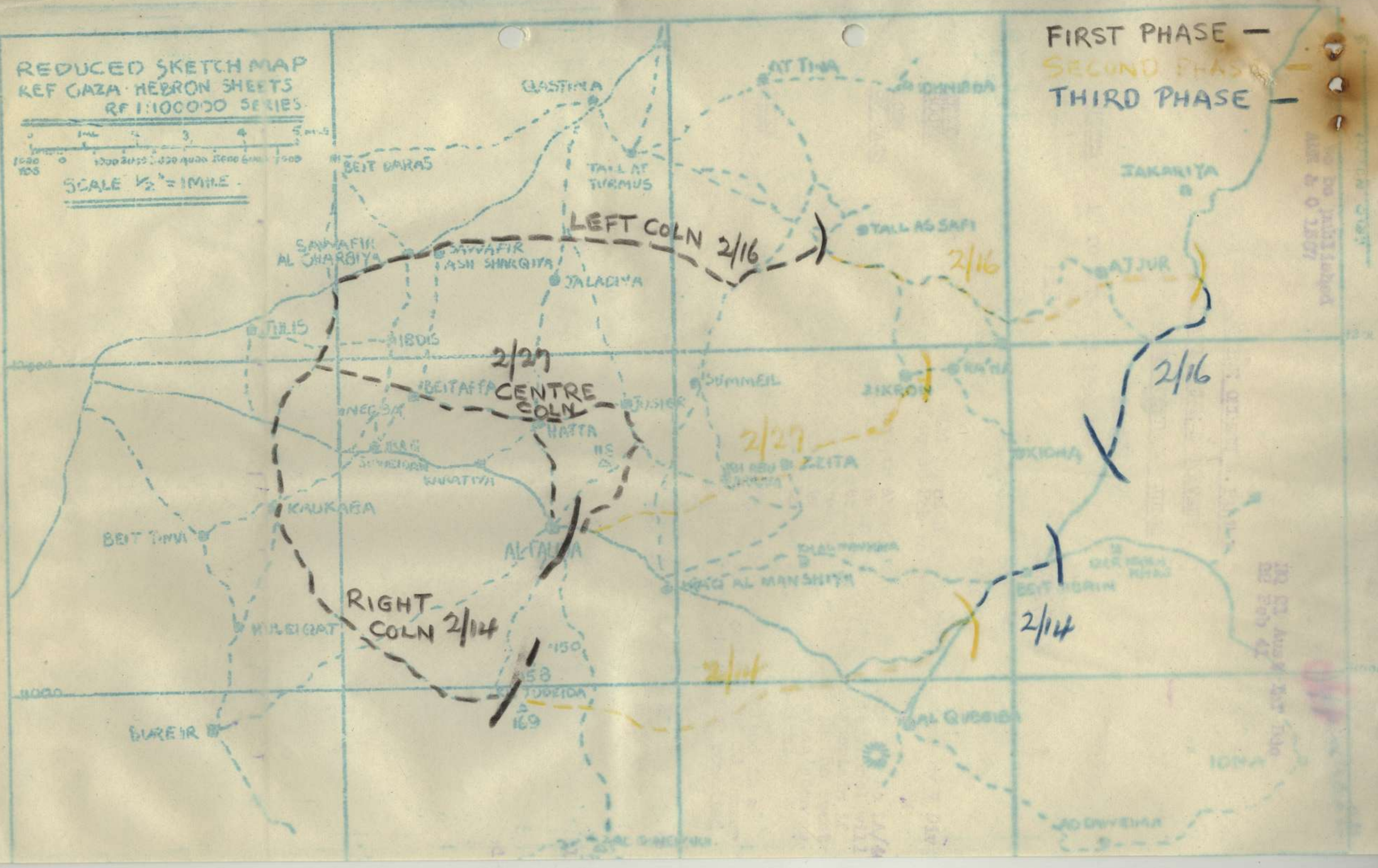


REDUCED SKETCH MAP  
 REF GAZA-HEBRON SHEETS  
 REF 1:100000 SERIES



SCALE 1/2" = 1 MILE

FIRST PHASE —  
 SECOND PHASE —  
 THIRD PHASE —



No Do Not Interfere  
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THE ST. AUGUSTINE ISLAND  
 AIR 2 0 1807

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
22 Feb 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J R S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - JULIS

No 53

DUTIES

1 TO MOUNT AT 1800 HRS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
22 Feb	2/14 Bn
Next for Duty	2/16 Bn

TEXT BOOKS

2 Units of 21 Bde will furnish the return required by 7 Div ROs 141, 142 and 143 by 28 Feb to this HQ.

LOSS OF PASS

3 Pass No C8001 issued to Ahmed KANOUN, sweeper, I C No LA/46 has been lost. Sentries on duty and all provost personnel will be informed of this and a strict check made to ascertain if this pass is being made use of to enter camps. In the event of this pass being found this HQ will be notified as soon as possible, and the holder detained for interrogation.

GREEN ENVELOPES

4 Continuous misuse of green envelopes has resulted in a communication being received from the Deputy Chief Fd Censor stating that if the abuse of this privilege is NOT remedied IMMEDIATELY the issue of green envelopes to the AIF will be stopped.

The following more common faults with green envelopes have been mentioned in correspondence with Deputy Chief Field Censor :

- (i) NOT signed by the sender.
- (ii) NOT impressed with the unit stamp.
- (iii) NOT being used for purely personal and confidential matters.
- (iv) Added to Base Censor when containing one letter only.
- (v) More than one letter per man per week is being used.

The above faults together with the regulations contained in AIF SOs PALESTINE Pam 1 Sec V(78) will be brought to the attention of all ranks forthwith and it MUST be impressed on all ranks that lack of care in this matter may result in the loss of this privilege throughout the whole AIF.

Units must take steps to ensure that the provisions of AIF SOs PALESTINE Pam 1 Sec V para 78 (c) are adequately supervised.

(Sgd) M AUSTIN

Capt  
A/EM 21 Aust Inf Bde

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS M.B.

CAMP COND - JULIS

No 54

DUTIES

1 TO MOUNT AT 1800 HRS

DATE

DUTY UNIT

23 Feb

2/16 Bn

Next for duty

2/27 Bn

LEAVE -  
CAIRO  
Offrs

2 Attention is directed to AIF Base Area circular, "Adm Inaba No 10", - Australian Offrs Hostels - Cairo" re. change of accommodation from the houseboat "Victoria" to the houseboat "Sudan".

LEAVE -  
TEL AVIV  
2 days.

3 The senior NCO of each unit proceeding on leave will be responsible for the maintenance of discipline during the period of leave.

*H. Wright* Capt.  
A/Br 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

AMENITIES

There will be two screenings of eight Australian newsreels at the Camp Picture Theatre on Fri 23 Feb at the usual picture theatre hrs. Screenings will last about one and a quarter hrs.

BAND  
CONTESTS

Units must immediately advise the Bde Amenities Offr of the number of spectators that may be desirous of viewing the 7 Div Band Contest on Sun 4 Mar. Transport can be arranged for both morning and afternoon. The contest commences at 0930 hrs. A dry canteen will be erected on the ground for the whole day.

LOST

The picture theatre manager reports the removal of a chair from the theatre premises on Fri 14 Feb (the last night the Troupers' Concert Party performed in this camp). Units will investigate the matter.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1  
BRICADIER J E S STEVENS E D  
CAMP COMD - JULIS

NO 55

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

24 Feb

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

3 A Tk Regt

9 Div Sigs

Q RETURNS

2. The attention of all unit QMs is drawn to 7 Aust Div ROs 144 and 145.

GUARDS AND SENTRIES

3. Para 3, RO 34 is cancelled and the following substituted:-

In future during the day all guards and sentries will wear felt hats and carry steel helmets on shoulder.

VACANCIES - 7 AUST DIV PRO COY

4. There are vacancies in 7 Aust Pro Coy for suitable personnel. Applications will be called for and submitted to this HQ. Selected personnel will be transferred to 7 Aust Pro Coy under advice from this HQ.

MED AND HYG PERSONNEL

5. Units will fwd a report to reach this HQ by 1600 hrs 27 Feb 41 stating the posn with ref to med and hyg personnel shown on WES. Units which are complete in such personnel will report accordingly. Those not complete will state what posns are not filled and the action being taken to fill them. No reports are required from A Tk Coys, Postal Unit, Pro Coy or Emp Pl.

*for* Levin *for* for Capt.  
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

COMFORTS

The receipt of 3638 cakes of soap and 3638 tins of boot polish from the ACP is gratefully acknowledged. Distribution is as follows :-

HQ 21 Bde	74	B/Fwd TOTAL	3609
21 A Tk Coy	66	Other details	11
59 LAD	13	Sick in CRS	18
2/14 Bn	843		<u>3638</u>
2/16 Bn	797		
2/27 Bn	826		
3 A Tk Regt	567		
9 Div Sigs	253		
HQ 9 Div	115		
Dental Unit	5		
5 AGH	8		
7 Div Postal	4		
7 Div Sigs	38		
	<u>3609</u>		

APPENDIX NO. 24 A.

The Strength of the Bde on this day is as follows :-

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>		<u>Total.</u>
	<u>Off.</u>	<u>OR's</u>	
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	12	59	71
2/14 Bn	35	792	827
2/16 Bn	37	798	835
2/27 Bn	35	798	833
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Total -	119	2447	2566
21 A Tk Coy	4	62	66
59 LAD	1	12	13
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TOTAL	124	2521	2645
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Appendix 25

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
25 Feb 41  
36 Feb 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS R D, MC I

CAMP COMD - JULIS JUI

NO 56

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1800 HRS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
25 Feb	9 Div Sigs
Next for Duty	2/14 Bn

*[Signature]*  
 Capt  
 HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

118  
11  
50

NOTICE

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be conducted in the Reading Room, GELLIBRAND Lines, 0700 hrs, 26 Feb - Ash Wed by O of R Padre.

AMENITIES

Entry to the two screenings of eight Australian Newsreels at the Camp Picture Theatre on Fri 28 Feb will be free of charge.

CONCERTS

Sax's Concert Band will give two performances at the Camp Picture Theatre on Sat 1 Mar at the usual picture hours.

TOURNAMENTS

Approval has been given for AIF personnel to participate in the International Track and Field Contest which will take place on Sat 1 Mar 41 from 1330 hrs to 1530 hrs at the Maccabi Stadium, TEL AVIV. Events are as follows :-

Pole Vault	1330 hrs	100 metre Heats	1400 hrs
400 metre Heats	1330 hrs	Discus Throw	1400 hrs
400 " Final	1440 hrs	1500 metre	1510 hrs
Javelin throw	1440 hrs	100 metre Final	1520 hrs
High Jump	1440 hrs		
Relay Race 10 x 200 metre	1615 hrs		

COs will at their discretion give permission to personnel to participate. Entries to be received at this HQ by 1800 hrs Wed 26 Feb.

AMENITIES

Entry to the two screenings of eight Australian Newsreels at the Camp Picture Theatre on Fri 28 Feb will be free of charge.

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Appendix 26

21 AUST INF BDE

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
26 Feb 41.

NOTES CONCERNING THE DELIVERY OF BREN MAGAZINE CARRIERS

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J H S STEVENS R D 26 Feb 41.

CAMP COMD - JULIS

NO 57

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

26 Feb

2/14 Bn

Next for Duty

2/16 Bn

BREN MAGAZINE  
CARRIER

2. One Bren Magazine Carrier Box, filled, was found during the recent Bde gp exercise and is held at this HQ. Units will check Bren Magazine Carrier Boxes on issue to them and report the result of this check to Bde HQ.

*W. J. M. L. A. J.*

Capt.  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES.

BBC BROAD-  
CAST.

A request programme for the British Forces in the Near East will be broadcast by the BBC at 8/30 pm on Thu 27 Feb 41 - Sandy Macpherson (Theatre Organ)

NOTES CONCERNING THE BDE CP EXERCISE

The following brief notes are issued for the information and guidance of unit comds as a result of the experience gained during the Bde CP exercise.

1. INFORMATION. It is essential that advice be furnished promptly and frequently to the bde cp comd of developments on the front of each coln. As W/T, plus an LO was available for the transmission of information, it is unfortunate that more of it was not sent back in the early stages. During the last two days of the exercise there was a distinct improvement in this regard. In any future exercises of a nature akin to the one just completed, and in all other similar circumstances, it is imperative that the comd should be kept advised fully of happenings in the fwd area as only in this way can he have sufficient knowledge to enable him to act quickly.

2. When operating in an area not previously recon, information concerning routes is invaluable and should be sent back by leading units.

3. INTERCOMM. Whilst the actual transmission of messages by R/T or W/T was satisfactory, there was a substantial delay in many cases between the receipt of a message at a sig terminal and its delivery to a responsible offr of a unit or formation. Unit comds must look closely into the organization of their HQ to overcome this delay.

4. R/T and W/T were used much more extensively in this exercise than is over likely to be practicable in actual warfare and it was permitted only because of our lack of other means of communication. It is most important that all offr concerned should understand this posn clearly and appreciate the vital necessity for regarding any transmissions by R/T or W/T with the greatest of caution.

5. A further aspect worth noting in this connection is that R/T was used far too extensively with consequent delay to the transmission of messages. Many of the messages transmitted by R/T should have been sent by W/T thus avoiding the holding up of radio channels whilst the called party was brought to the set.

6. The absence, simultaneously, of the CO, Adjt and IO of a unit from their HQ occurred on several occasions with the result that it was difficult to get information or to pass orders requiring speedy action to any responsible offr. These three offr MUST NEVER be absent from HQ at the same time and bn comds must ensure that their adjts and int offr are in the picture.

7. Greater attention is to be paid to the prompt acknowledgement of orders and messages. Delay in acknowledging naturally gives rise to concern at HQ and leads to further messages or the use of the LOs to confirm that the information transmitted has been received.

8. ADM The most pronounced failure under this heading was the delay in issuing warning orders to all concerned on receipt of an OO. Cases came under notice where over two hours elapsed between the receipt by a unit of an OO and the passing of any information at all to the TO. The difficulties of rapid comm with the B ech tpt area are appreciated but they must be overcome much more promptly than was the case on this exercise.

/10. Tpt.



10 TPT. The handling of tpt was probably the greatest weakness disclosed by the exercise and this was to be expected because no previous opportunity had been afforded this bde to deal with the number of vehs available on this occasion. Not only was there far too much congestion of vehs in bivouac areas and around HQ, but vehs when halted did not move clear of the tracks to permit other traffic to pass, and, where halted temporarily on a skyline, made no attempt to move quickly off it. Vehs also were overloaded in some cases.

11 pending the issue of Bde SOS it is to be accepted that the only vehs to be permitted within 400 yds of HQ in future exercises are:

(a) Bde. Cars of Brig and BM; Int truck, office truck and one sig van.

(b) Bn. Car for Comd; office truck and any W/T van att.

Except in an adv, all other fighting tpt is to be cleared right out of the fwd area and dispersed with at least 200 yds between vehs. B ech tpt is to be placed in an entirely separate area with the same dispersion although in this instance vehs may be parked in pairs. There is no real need for the B ech area to be within 2 or 3 miles of HQ. Meals can be cooked in the B ech area and sent up in hot boxes.

12 Visitors' car parks must be established under control of regtl police and cars must not be permitted to drive within 300 yds of a battle HQ. Dispersion in this parking area is also essential.

13 Where bn HQ are established for more than 24 hrs in one locality all vehs are to be cleared away from them and temporary shelters erected where necessary for the comd and staff.

14 A short telephone line from battle HQ to the comd parking area should be arranged.

15 There was evidence, particularly in two units, of poor liaison between HQ, the QM and TO which resulted in the two last-mentioned being delayed unnecessarily in their own spheres.

16 FEEDING. Dets must receive special consideration. Two cases occurred where secs and pls detached were left without ration for a number of hrs and the bde comd's personal intervention was necessary to secure food for them from the unit concerned.

17 There was delay on several occasions in sending guides to MPs with the result that supply lorries had to be sent off to a map location without unit guides.

18 A hot meal is to be provided before deliberate attack, where time for this is available. In one case a hot drink was given to the attacking tps and a hot meal delivered after the attack concluded. Had the attack not progressed according to plan, the men concerned would have been without food for perhaps several hours. In this connection, however, care is to be taken not to issue the meal in a FUP which is so close to the enemy posns as to involve the risk of the slight noise associated with the issue, viz, rattling of mess tins, etc, being overheard.

19 INT. The work of the int secs was generally good but there was a tendency for them to regard themselves as the delivery pt for messages with the result that they occasion delay. Messages received by Sigs must be delivered direct to an offr on the HQ concerned and later recorded by the Int Sec. The vital pt is the prompt delivery of the message to someone who can make use of the information in it. The recording of

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it can be attended to later and it is important that the offr receiving the message should return it to the I office for notation without undue delay.

- 20 TACTICAL. Generally the tactical work was good and showed the result of careful tng. The following weaknesses, however, must be corrected :
- (a) Congestion of start lines. This must not occur.
  - (b) Too little time at forming up places. Whilst tps should not be held for long periods at forming up places, it is essential that sub-unit comds be given an opportunity to rest and reorganize their tps in these places before moving to or across the start line and to ensure correct direction.
  - (c) Failure to reconnoitre an area for B ech tpt in a withdrawal. If this cannot be done, then a definite area must be fixed from the map in which the tpt can lie up until an appropriate area is selected on the ground. Unit comds are to consider increasing the recce party sent back with the 2 i/c by one offr or NCO to recce the B ech tpt area.
  - (d) "Bunching". Not only did this occur every time some sub-units halted but it occurred in pls going fwd in an attack. This is the most serious weakness in the whole of our tng and must cease immediately. Comds are to give serious consideration to preferring charges against offr who permit this bunching in their sub-units. Failure to eradicate this weakness will result in the unnecessary loss of valuable lives in battle.
  - (e) Absence of reality in a withdrawal. Numerous instances were noticed on the morning of 21 Feb of men in fwd posns exposing themselves to the enemy and giving every indication that they were withdrawing. This indicated lack of control by pl and sec comds.
- 21 CODE NAMES and NUMBERS. Several instances occurred where offr and signal personnel referred to, say, GADI 5 and in almost the same breath identified GADI 5 with the gp comd thus destroying completely the value of the code names and numbers.
- 22 The 2 i/c is not required continuously at unit HQ, and normally will not be taken into the line. His job is to ensure the smooth working of the adm side of the bn and he is normally employed in the rear areas. He must be kept in the picture and must receive early warning of any contemplated or actual moves.
- 23 The lessons learnt from this exercise are to be noted carefully by all offr and NCOs, and unit comds are to take steps to ensure that this happens. Whilst generally the work throughout was excellent and undertaken with keenness and enthusiasm a very definite improvement is required in some directions to enable us to function successfully as a fighting bde.

*Gas Stevens*  
Brig.  
Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde.

BDE GP EXERCISE 17-21 FEB 41.NOTES ON ADMADM INFORMATION IN COs.

On the receipt of an OO involving a move either an an adv or a withdrawal it is essential that instns of an adm nature are passed on to the ofrs concerned for their immediate action. This is particularly so in a withdrawal when all personnel and vehs not required with the fwd tps MUST be cleared of the rearward L of C as soon as possible. Failure to observe this principle leads to inevitable blockage of rds in the fwd areas which are required for the evacuation of wounded and the maintenance of supplies of amm to those who may require it urgently. Other considerations are the exposure of units B ech tpt to air attack and arty fire supporting the enemy adv. It will be taken as a general guide that all B ech tpt will be ready to move at 20 mins notice.

2 LIAISON BETWEEN QM and TO.

The closest liaison will be maintained between QMs and TOs. QMs are responsible that personnel under their control together with their gear are in readiness to move at a given time. Once the coln starts, responsibility for the move, control en route and arrival at the given destination rests with TOs.

3 MPs for AASC.

These may, as circumstances dictate, be fixed by bde or div. It is essential that unit guides meet AASC at the given times and places. In a withdrawal, guides may be provided from B ech where the location for the night is known. In an adv, these guides can be more easily provided from the fwd tps where the location of the night's bivouac is known. B ech tpt may be delayed and not reach the bivouac area in time for guides to be sent to MPs.

4 TPT.

The handling of the tpt of a bde gp is no easy task and is one which requires much thought and practice before we can be considered proficient. Due to the possibility of dive bombing and machine-gunning a maximum dispersal is essential both at rest and on the move as is consistent with control and security from AFV attack. Tpt bded is considered unwieldy and will provide the exception rather than the rule.

The following pts require attention :

- (a) Night convoy tng for all drs.
- (b) The adoption of a drill whereby a coln when halted on a rd automatically disperses into an irregular formation. This may be accomplished by vehs moving left and right alternately at varying distances. Should the rd ahead be blocked and no immediate detour available the whole coln could then be reversed and moved by some other route.
- (c) The avoidance of colns halted on skylines.
- (d) Maintenance. Not sufficient attention is paid to maintenance in the field. Whenever tpt is halted for any period exceeding 10 mins drs should automatically carry out veh maintenance. The whole fighting efficiency of a units tpt depends largely on the maintenance carried out.
- (e) The movement of B ech is the sole responsibility of the TO, who will give instns for the move embracing SP, routes, speed and density and halts. The responsibility that vehs are loaded and ready to move is the responsibility of the QM.

BDE SUP Q'S REPORT17 Feb

ASC det moved from CASTINA to bivouac site at 0900 hrs, at TRIG 113 may ref 119119. The site was ideal, gave good cover and was situated on a rd circuit. During the morning I personally contacted unit QMS and gave them the picture of the Sup system. In most cases I found that QMS had not received copies of bn orders and therefore did not know where MPs or PPs had been selected.

Rations. ASC vehicles reported to MP on time, unit guides had not arrived. I directed the respective vehicles to Bde HQ, 2/4 Pd Regt and 2/4 Pd Amb. On returning guides had still not arrived and I led the 2/16 Bn vehicle to the Bn area while Capt Woods directed the remaining vehs to their respective delivery pts. The delay was occasioned by the late departure of B ech vehs from the laying up area.

Petrol. ASC det established PP at the appointed place and time. Here again the petrol carrying vehs of units did not arrive, the reason being the late departure from B ech area. Some units sent individual vehs to the PP for refuelling, not being aware that a PP only supplied in bulk to units' petrol carrying vehs.

18 Feb

Rations. ASC vehs arrived at MP at the appointed time; guides from Bde HQ, 2/4 Pd Regt and 2/4 Pd Amb were waiting, while guides from the three inf bns were one hour late. Again the reason was the late departure of vehs from the B ech area. To obviate similar future delay, the Staff Capt explained to units that it was the responsibility of the 2 i/c to notify B ech of the laying up area and then send a guide to meet ASC and guide the vehs to DP.

Petrol. Two PPs were established, one for the left coln and one for the right and centre colns. Owing to the under-drawings of the previous day the PPs for right and centre colns were unable to meet demands and the SC directed that the PP should reopen at 0900 hrs on the following morning. This was carried out and units were able to draw their requirements.

19 Feb

Rations. This day the sup system functioned perfectly, all guides were waiting at MP and the whole show went without a hitch.

Petrol. Similarly at PPs there were no delays whatsoever.

20 Feb

Supplies. The guide from the 2/27 Bn did not arrive at the MP. After waiting some time it was decided to send the veh off to the 2/27 Bn area. Lt Hardy of the ASC det acted as guide.

Petrol. No delays were occasioned at PP. Units arrived and were replenished according to schedule.

Each day I personally contacted unit QMS and gave them advice on any pts that needed explaining. During the period of the exercise I did not receive any complaints from the units regarding supplies and all QMS expressed appreciation of the efficient way in which the ASC det carried out its duties. It was clearly seen by the smooth working of the latter two days of the exercise that the lessons learnt during the first two days will be of immense value on future occasions.

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS E.D.  
CAMP COMD - JULIS.

NO 59

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

28 Feb  
Next for duty

2/27 Bn  
3 A Tk Rgt

COURT OF ENQUIRY

2. A Court of Enquiry is convened by order of Brig J.E.S. Stevens, E.D. to enquire into and report upon the loss of a tent from Jess Lines KHASSA Camp during the period when 2/16 Bn was fostering the 3 Lt AA Regt. Evidence of witnesses will be taken on oath.

The composition of the court is:-

Maj O.C. ISAACHSEN	2/27 Bn	President
Capt H.E. WRIGHT	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	Member
Lieut E.F. GRAHAM	2/14 Bn	Member

The court will assemble at times and places to be notified by the president.

The report will be submitted to this HQ not later than 8 Mar '41

*[Signature]*  
Capt  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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of personnel in KASSA and HILL 69 as follows:

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E STEVENS E D

CAMP COND - JULIS

Programs will be supplied from KASSA and HILL 69 on the nights on which personnel from these units are present and will report to the appropriate authority.

DUTIES 1 TO MOUNT AT 1800 HRS.

DATE	DUTY UNIT
27 Feb	2/16 Bn

Next For Duty 2/27 Bn

*[Signature]*  
 Capt.  
 BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES.

CHURCH PARADES - SUN 23 FEB 41.

Time	Denomination	Units	Place	Chaplain	Duty Unit
0730	R C (Mass)	All units (voluntary)	Picture Theatre	Chap Whelan	2/14 Bn
0830	R C (Mass)	All units	Picture Theatre	Chap Whelan	2/27 Bn
0730	C of E (Holy Comm)	All units (voluntary)	2/16 Bn & 2/27 Bn Reading Rooms	Chap Spratling Chap Whereat	2/16 Bn 2/27 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/14 Bn 3 A Tk Regt	Open Air	Chap Southey	2/14 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/16 Bn 9 Div Sigs	Open Air	Chap Spratling	2/16 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/27 Bn HQ 21 Bde 21 A Tk Coy	Open Air	Chap Whereat	2/27 Bn
2000	All denoms	All units (voluntary)	Recreation Hut 2/14 Bn	Adj't Hocking	2/14 Bn

Open air services will be cancelled should the weather prove unsuitable, with the exception of 2/14 Bn and 3 A Tk Regt service, which will be held in the Picture Theatre at 0915 hrs.

AMENITIES There will be three free showings of Australian news-reels on Fri 28 Feb.  
FREE SHOWINGS. Times :

- 1 1745 hrs - 1900 hrs
- 2 1915 hrs - 2030 hrs
- 3 2045 hrs - 2200 hrs

Personnel from units in Julis Camp will attend the 1st performance only. The 2nd and 3rd performances will be for personnel of HILL 69 CAMP.

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**PICTURE THEATRE**

Because there are no cinemas in HILL 69 and KHAUSA camps the camp cinema in JULIS has been allocated for use of personnel in KHAUSA and HILL 69 as follows :

- KHAUSA - Second session each Tuesday and Thursday as from Tue 4 Mar 41.
- HILL 69 - Both sessions each Friday as from Fri 28 Feb 41.

Picquets will be supplied from KHAUSA and HILL 69 on the nights on which personnel from there utilise the cinema, and will report as follows :

- From KHAUSA - at 1930 hrs, relieving the JULIS picquet at 1945 hrs.
- From HILL 69 - at 1730 hrs.

During the sessions allotted to other camps, tps in JULIS will not use the cinema. The cooperation of all units in JULIS is requested in this direction.

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Unit	Chaplain	Place	Unit	Denomination
2/14 BN	Camp Wheeler	Picture Theatre	All units (voluntary)	0730 R C (Mass)
2/24 BN	Camp Wheeler	Picture Theatre	All units	0830 R C (Mass)
2/16 BN 2/24 BN	Camp Spratling Camp Wharfedale	2/16 BN & 2/24 BN Reading Rooms	All units (voluntary)	0730 C of E (Holy Comm)
2/14 BN	Camp Southey	Open Air	2/14 BN 3 A TR Regt	0900 Protestant
2/16 BN	Camp Spratling	Open Air	2/16 BN 2 Div Sig	0900 Protestant
2/24 BN	Camp Wharfedale	Open Air	2/24 BN HQ 21 Bde 21 A TR Coy	0900 Protestant
2/14 BN	Act's Reading	Reading Rooms	All units (voluntary)	2000 All Denoms

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<i>[Signature]</i>	1 Mar '41		<p>An order was received for all 1 ten vans on issue to this Bde to be returned immediately to BOD. A total of 51 vehicles was involved.</p> <p>A detailed recce of lying up areas and assembly positions for the Bde Gp exercise commencing on 10 Mar, was undertaken by Bde Comd, BM, and SC.</p>	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 1</i>
<i>[Signature]</i>	2 Mar '41		<p>Very heavy rain, which commenced on Sat 1 Mar, continued throughout the day, resulting in the postponement of the Div Band Contest and all outdoor Church Parades.</p> <p>Orders were received to return to BOD the following 21 vehicles :-</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">8 cars DS 1 van 15 cwt. 3 lorries kitchen 30 cwt 9 " GS 30 cwt</p> <p>thus 72 vehicles out of those on issue to the Bde have now had to be returned. This naturally will seriously retard tng.</p>	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 2</i>
<i>[Signature]</i>	3 Mar '41		<p>Orders were received that Capt. L. Luxton was to report for duty immediately to 1 Aust Corps. No indication as to whether the transfer was permanent or not was given.</p> <p>Lieut. E.W. Best, 2/27 Bn was also ordered to report to Corps HQ for duty with Movement Control.</p> <p>The Bde Comd visited Div HQ and Base Area HQ in an endeavour to ascertain what further inroads into offrs and MT were likely to be made in the near future so that definite plans for future tng could be made. No further information was available however.</p> <p>Arrangements were finalised for Capt. D.H.White, OC 21 A Tk Coy, to return to 2/27 Bn as a coy comd. To fill the vacancy thus created and to replace Lieut. R. White who is acting as Bde TO, Lieuts P.J.Ayton, 2/14 Bn and V.P. Leach, 2/16 Bn are being transferred to 21 A Tk Coy.</p> <p>A recommendation that Lieut. P. Smith, IO, be appointed SC Learner is being forwarded. Should this be approved, Lieut. E. Lyon, 2/14 Bn will be recommended for employment as a LO.</p> <p>Advice was received that the Sig sec attached to this Bde is to be known as "K" Sec, instead of "L" Sec 7 Div Sigs. This is consequent upon the reorganisation of 7 and 9 Div Sigs.</p>	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 3 Bde Strength App 3A</i>



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<i>RW</i>	4 Mar '41		<p>Maj Gen L.J. Morshead CMG, CBE, DSO, Comd 9 Div called on the Bde Comd to say good bye before proceeding to the Western Desert.</p> <p>Heavy rain again seriously interfered with tng and bns were confined to weapon tng under cover. Capt. L. Luxton marched out on transfer to Corps HQ and Capt. D.H. White on transfer to 2/27 Bn. A request was also received from 7 Aust Div for services of Lieut R. Cameron, in respect of whom a nomination has already gone forward for appointment as cipher officer.</p> <p>Lieut. P.J. Ayton, 2/14 Bn and Lieut V.P. Leach, 2/16 Bn marched in on temporary transfer to 21 A Tk Coy.</p>	RO's Part 1 - app 4																
<i>RW</i>	5 Mar '41		<p>A demand from BOD for a further four MT vehicles was received.</p> <p>GSO 1 visited the camp to discuss general matters associated with tng.</p> <p>The ADMS also came along regarding a special course in malaria for RMO 2/16 Bn. He promised to arrange for a relieving RMO to be provided.</p> <p>The CO 2/2 MG Bn called to discuss the so-operation of a coy of his unit in the Bde Gp exercise. The CO 2/4 Fd Regt came in on the same mission. Both were given all necessary details and are undertaking a recce of the area.</p> <p>The senior Anglican Chaplain (Chap Riley) called on the Bde Comd and indicated that it would probably be necessary to transfer Chap Spratling from 2/16 Bn to the Corps Guard Bn. He promised not to do this until a suitable substitute had been found.</p> <p>Lieut. R. Cameron left to take up duties of Div Cipher Officer.</p> <p>Lieut. G.E. Lyon, 2/14 Bn reported on temporary loan as LO.</p> <p>Whole of AG equipment was drawn :-</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Chloride of Lime - 168 lbs</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Cases Eye Shield Anti-Gas 99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eye Shields Anti-Gas 594 (Cases of six)</td> <td>Detectors Gas Paper Type A 64 sets</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detector Paint No.1 3<math>\frac{3}{4}</math> lbs</td> <td>Detectors Gas Ground 30 books</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ointment Anti-Gas No.1 141 tins</td> <td>Ointment Anti-Gas No.2. 141 Jars.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detectors Gas Spray booklets 50.</td> <td>Rattles Trench 1.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Siren General Alarm 1</td> <td>Containers Type E Mark VI Spare - 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Face Pieces Mark IV Spare 7</td> <td>Haversack Mark VI Spare 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outfit Anti-Dimming Mark V Spare 7</td> <td>Keys securing guard valve 1</td> </tr> </table>	Chloride of Lime - 168 lbs	Cases Eye Shield Anti-Gas 99	Eye Shields Anti-Gas 594 (Cases of six)	Detectors Gas Paper Type A 64 sets	Detector Paint No.1 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs	Detectors Gas Ground 30 books	Ointment Anti-Gas No.1 141 tins	Ointment Anti-Gas No.2. 141 Jars.	Detectors Gas Spray booklets 50.	Rattles Trench 1.	Siren General Alarm 1	Containers Type E Mark VI Spare - 7	Face Pieces Mark IV Spare 7	Haversack Mark VI Spare 7	Outfit Anti-Dimming Mark V Spare 7	Keys securing guard valve 1	RO's Part 1 - app 5
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<i>RW</i>	6 Mar	'41	<p>Because of the uncertainty respecting transport the Bde Gp exercise was cancelled. This involved a re-adjustment in tng for the next three weeks and tng Circular No.13 was accordingly issued. The first period covered by this circ will probably include the move to DIMRA which is anticipated will take place about the 13 Mar '41.</p> <p>Brig. R.W.Tovell DSO and the BM 26 Aust Inf Bde were farewelled by the Bde HQ Officers Mess on the occasion of the transfer of the 26 Bde to the 9 Div and its departure from this area.</p>	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 6</i>									
<i>RW</i>	7 Mar	'41	<p>Lieut-Col MacDonald took over comd 2/16 Bn.</p> <p>A recommendation was put to 7 Aust Div for approval to spend £P 15 on the purchase of a projector for the speedy production of map enlargements.</p>	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 7</i>									
<i>RW</i>	8 Mar	'41	No items of interest occurred on this day.	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 8</i>									
<i>RW</i>	9 Mar	'41	<p>7 Aust Div Band Contest was held at DIER SUNEID and was won by 2/24 Bn by two points from 2/16 Bn.</p> <p>2/3 Fd Amb arrived in JULIS Camp and occupied LEANE Lines.</p>	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 9</i>									
<i>RW</i>	10 Mar	'41	<p>Bns carried out individual and recreational tng.</p> <p>A demonstration of the Italian BREDA gun was given to the offr's and NCO's of the 21 A Tk Coy by the 2 A Tk Regt.</p> <p>The Bde Comd and CO 2/14 Bn proceeded on leave within PALESTINE.</p> <p>Present indications are that adv parties of 21 Bde will be required to move on Thursday 13 Mar and main bodies on 14 Mar.</p> <p>All Bren Carriers in the Bde were recalled to BOD.</p> <p>Arrangements were made for 21 Bde to take over from 26 Bde all accomodation stores including tentage at DIMRA when 26 Bde moves out.</p>	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 10</i> <i>Bde Strength</i> <i>App 10A</i>									
<i>RW</i>	11 Mar	'41	<p>Units continued individual and recreational tng.</p> <p>The following vehicles in the Bde were recalled to BOD :</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">4</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">30 cwt lorries</td> <td>kitchen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>car</td> <td>D.S.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>van</td> <td>15 cwt.</td> </tr> </table>	4	30 cwt lorries	kitchen	1	car	D.S.	1	van	15 cwt.	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 11</i>
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<i>RD</i>	12 Mar '41		The Bde Comd and CO 2/14 Bn returned from leave.	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 12</i>
<i>RD</i>	13 Mar '41		Orders were issued for the move of the Bde to DIMRA Camp. 45 3-ton lorries were made available by Div to assist.  The Bde Comd visited 7 Aust Div respecting a clear definition of the tng areas as between DIER SUNEID and DIMRA Camps. No information was available there so a mutual arrangement was madw with Brig Berryman as to the areas to be used.  Adv parties of the Bde left for DIMRA Camp early in the morning.	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 13</i>
			A Secret adm instruction respecting the probable future employment of the Bde was received and passed to Bn CO's with instructions that its contents were not to be divulged to other than certain specified offr's.  The Bde Comd called a conference of Bn CO's and laid down the days on which the exercises to be undertaken during the ensuing week were to be conducted by each Bn and the areas to be used.	<i>Instr to Staff Offrs. App 13A</i>
<i>RD</i>	14 Mar '41		The Bde moved from JULIS Camp to DIMRA by MT. The whole move was completed by 1600 hrs. The congestion of tents in DIMRA Camp was acute and orders were given for a greater dispersion.  The handing over of the <sup><i>Julis</i></sup> camp to the Camp Staff Officer was completed with the exception of Bde HQ lines which are being handed over tomorrow.  The Bde Comd and BM lunched with the Div Comd and later took up with the Div Staff various training and administration matters. The vital necessity for ammunition for the zeroing of Bren guns was stressed together with the need for hand grenades for the 2/16 and 2/27 Bns to give experience in their use.	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 14</i>
<i>RD</i>	15 Mar '41		A conference of all CO's in camp was held at which the Bde Comd outlined the new Camp Standing Orders and discussed matters of common interest such as the bath houses, cinema arrangements and tng areas.	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 15</i>

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## WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

### or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Unit.....

Month and Year.....

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Commanding Officer.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
			<p>areas/ Advice was received from the Div Comd that the Bde Gp would comprise :-</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2/4 Fd Regt. 2/5 Fd Coy. 2/6 Fd Amb.</p> <p>The Bde Comd discussed with the chaplains of the Bde, and with representatives of the Salvation Army, the organisation of the Welfare activities in the camp and a satisfactory arrangement was arrived at.</p> <p>A recce was made of an area for use as a Close Battle area in accordance with the Div Instruction. A suitable area was found in the Camp boundaries and a detailed scheme is being prepared for its use.</p> <p>Arrangements were made with 2 A Tk Regt for the 21 A Tk Coy to participate in bty exercises commencing on the 20 Mar.</p> <p>The OC 26 A Tk Coy now under comd was instructed to discuss a similar arrangement with OC 3 A Tk Regt.</p> <p>Information was received from 7 Aust Div indicating that the two nominations of officers for employment in the training Bn had not been approved by Corps viz Lieut. Evans as Messing Officer and Capt. Rice as Coy Comd. After discussion with the CO's concerned the names of Lieut. Graham and Capt Nichols were forwarded in lieu.</p> <p>An offer was made to Brig. A.R. Baxter Cox, 25 Bde to make available the services of any officer he desired for staff appointments in view of the difficulty he was experiencing in securing suitable officers. He in turn offered to provide Thompson Sub-machine Guns and instructors as soon as his equipment came to hand.</p>	
	16 Mar		<p>Efforts to obtain blade foresights for Bren Guns and amm to enable the guns to be zeroed were continued. 7 Aust Div advised finally that 5000 rds of SAA would be issued but BOD could obtain nothing definite respecting foresights from Force HQ.</p> <p>The final allocation of officers and OR's for duty with 21 Tng Bn was made and all units advised.</p> <p>Due to the heavy rain, bn comds were instructed not to take their units out tonight.</p>	RO's Part 1 - App 16

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			tonight/ Suitable adjustments to the tng syllabi were made.	
			7 Aust Div were informed that it was proposed to proceed with the Bde Gp Exercise No.2 on Monday 24 Mar and was asked to advise units of the gp accordingly. The draft of bde SO's was approved by the Bde Comd and the orders will be issued shortly.	
<i>RW</i>	17 Mar		Arrangements were made for the relieving of the pl of the 2/14 Bn now undertaking provost duties in Jerusalem by the 2/16 Bn as from Wed. Amenities Offr made a recce of Hirbya beach prior to the issue of instns for the control and safety of personnel using it. Amn was secured to enable the zeroing of the bren guns in the bde to be commenced tomorrow. Twenty guns from the 2/16 Bn were called in, in readiness for this work. A memo was sent to each bn outlining the apparent weaknesses in the guns at present and stressing also the necessity for the exercise of care in handling and assembling the weapons in order to avoid unnecessary wear and tear. Advice was received that a fd regt would not be available to participate in the Bde Gp Exercise. A request was then made to the CRA for the regt HQ gp to be present. Lieut-Col P. McGrath CASC, called to discuss the supply side of the exercise and indicated that 16 - 3tons, 2 - 30 cwt, and 3 - 1 ton vehicles would be available as a pool for the bde gp as from 1200 hrs Sun 23 Mar.	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 17</i> <i>Bde Strength - App 17A</i>
<i>RW</i>	18 Mar		CO 2 A Tk Regt advised that only a skeleton bty HQ and one tp complete with guns would be available for the bde gp exercise. From the bde pool of vehicles 8 - 3 tons and 2 - 30 cwts were allotted to 2/2 MG Bn. 7 Aust Div advised that our request to spend £16 on a projector and apparatus designed for the quick production of map enlargements could NOT be approved as a bde matter. Endeavours were being made to purchase it for the div. 26 A Tk Coy received a warning order to be prepared to rejoin its bde on 21 Mar.	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 18</i>

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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<p><i>RW</i></p>	19 Mar		<p>Lt-Col Daly, comd 2/6 Fd Regt called on the Bde Comd to discuss the bde gp exercise in which he is to represent the div arty. No tps or guns can be made available. The A Tk aspects of the exercise were discussed with Lt-Col. R.F. Monaghan.</p> <p>Col. Chapman called to discuss the possibility of the Bde Int Sec undertaking an extensive rd recce required by Force HQ. The magnitude of the job would mean serious interference with tng and he promised that he would have other arrangements made.</p> <p>The 18 Tng Bn took over TIVEY LINES as accomodation for it in BEIT JIRJA is NOT forthcoming. Arrangements were made with Bn Comds that offr's and NCO's detailed for duty with the tng bn to be withdrawn for a cadre course under Maj Corby who is to comd 21 Tng Bn. This course will probably commence on Mon 24 Mar.</p> <p>2/5 Fd Coy carried out demonstration in the destruction of unexpb'd projectiles in the DIMRA area.</p> <p>Draft suggestions for the obstacle and Grenade areas of the "Close Battle" area were fwded to 7 Aust Div.</p>	<p><i>RO's Part 1 - app 19</i></p>
<p><i>RW</i></p>	20 Mar		<p>A request was received from 25 Aust Inf Bde to allow the Bands of 2/14 Bn and 2/16 Bn to assist in a ceremonial parade of that bde. The necessary arrangements were made.</p> <p>7 Aust Div advised that 7000 rnds of blank amn would be available for the exercise.</p>	<p><i>RO's Part 1 - app 20</i></p>
<p><i>RW</i></p>	21 Mar		<p>The appointment of offr's of 21 Inf Tng Bn appeared in AIF Orders and Maj Corby was given instns to assemble all offr's and NCO's concerned at 0900 hrs on Mon 24 Mar for a Cadre Course and to complete his orgzn. Later in the day advice was received that about 250 reinf's would arrive in the area on Sun 23 or Mon 24 Mar and that the tng bn was to come into being immediately in BRIDGES LINES.</p> <p>26 A Tk Coy left to rejoin its bde.</p> <p>Arrangements were made by the G 1 for the supply of materials to complete the obstacle and grenade sectors of the close battle area. Maj. Brewin of the 2/5 Fd Coy is to discuss with the Bde Comd the construction of the close battle area itself.</p>	<p><i>RO's Part 1 - app 21</i></p>

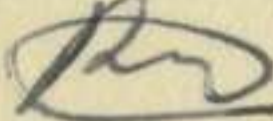

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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	22 Mar		<p>BRIDGES LINES, Dier Suneid was not available for the Tng Bn and after unsuccessful efforts to accomodate it in DIMRA, space was finally found in LEANE LINES, JULIS.</p> <p>A conference of comd offr s and OC dets and supporting arms was held at which the bde comd outlined the bde gp exercise. The first OO and the int summaries were issued. Later in the day the heavy rain made it necessary to defer the commencement of the exercise by twenty-four hours.</p> <p>A discussion was held with Maj Brewer 2/5 Fd Coy concerning the construction of the close battle area. A rough outline of the possible obstacles etc required was given him and he is going into the question of material and construction.</p> <p>The div comd ordered that all offr s of the rank of Lt Col and above should be medically examined. The bde comd and bn comds were examined by the ADMS and all passed successfully.</p> <p>A tng conference was held with bn comds and after an appreciation by each comd of the weaknesses in his own bn it was decided to make the fortnight following the completion of the bde gp exercise a "pep up" period in order to revitalise personnel after a succession of physically hard exercises. The tng during the period will be at bn comds discretion in compliance with Tng Circ No.15. which is attached as Appendix 22 A.</p>	<p><i>Inq circular 15</i> APP 22 PARA 4.</p>
	23 Mar		<p>Forty A Tk rifles were received thus completing the war equipment of the bde in this connection.</p> <p>A special rd recce was made of the area in which the bde gp exercise is to take place in order to determine whether a further postponment would be necessary.</p> <p>Bns were asked for an estimate of the additional SAA which they could probably employ during the next three weeks for LMG practices, 30 yds range instn, fd firing and zeroing of rifles. This infm is required consequent upon a further allocation from div of further SAA for tng. purposes.</p>	

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DIMRA CAMP	24 Mar		<p>The Bde Gp Exercise was commenced by the departure of the covering force comprising the 2/16 Bn and att tps. Further references to this exercise are contained in the action diary.</p> <p>Advice was received that Lieut P.S. Smith was appointed SC learner.</p>	<p>Re: Part 1, App</p>
	28 Mar		<p>The Bde Gp Exercise concluded at 1430 hrs and units commenced to return to camp by MT and march movement. Full details are contained in the action diary attached as App 28-A.30</p> <p>Advice was received from 7 Aust Div that 131 of our 2nd reinforcements were to be taken for ASC and 7 Aust Div HQ. In view of the need for building our own reinforcements in the light of known developments, the Bde Comd entered a strong and most emphatic protest against this bleeding process. He is to speak to the Div Comd tomorrow.</p> <p>Instructions were received that Capt F.A. Woods, SC, and Capt M. Austin, (BM learner) were to proceed to the Middle East Staff College on the 5 Apr for a four months course in staff duties. No decision has been received as to whether these officers will be seconded.</p>	<p>Bde Exercise App. 30.</p>
	29 Mar		<p>Arrangements were made with Div for an instr to be provided by Corps Tps engineers for a Fd Wks Course of 6 days duration for 1 offr or sgt and 2 other NCOs in each pl in the bde.</p> <p>The comd 25 Bde has kindly made available 3 Thompson Sub MGs per Bn with instrs. and 3 universal tp carriers per Bn also with instrs for a period of one week from the 31 Mar to enable personnel of the Bde to gain experience.</p> <p>The Bde Sig Offr is conducting a course for operators in Regtl Sig secs commencing on the 31 Mar for one week.</p> <p>The obstacle sec of the close battle area has been completed and at a conference with Maj BREWER 2/5 Fd Coy details of the battle sec will be decided upon. Work in this sec will commence on 31 Mar.</p> <p>The Bde Comd had a long discussion with the Div Comd regarding the principle of allocating recfts. The Div Comd laid down that no one was to go to the Tng Bn to select recfts without his previous approval and the Brigs concurrence. In view however of the urgent needs of Div HQ and AASC the Bde Comd decided that it was essential to make available 23 ORs for Div Employment Pl and up to 73 for the ASC.</p>	



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DIMRA CAMP <i>PR</i>	29 Mar		At a conference with the DAAG and the CASG, the details were settled and a total of 96 of the Bde 2nd recfts were transferred.	
<i>PR</i>	30 Mar		Preparations were made and orders drafted for a practice evacuation of the Camp by the Bde in preparation for a move by rail.	
<i>PR</i>	31 Mar		<p>Bn IOs and parties under the Bde IO moved out to commence an extensive rd <del>tecce</del> of PALESTINE, ordered by Force HQ.</p> <p>2/27 Bn used the obstacle sector of the close Battle area.</p> <p>Courses were commenced in Thompson Sub MGs and Universal Carriers under instrs loaned by 25 Bde.</p> <p>Lieut STEVENS 2/16 Fd Coy commenced a course of Fd Engineering for the Bde. This was attended by approx 120 students.</p> <p>K Sec 5iDiv Sigs commenced courses for the intensive tng of sig opperators.</p> <p>Instrs were provided by bns to teach personnel from the Corps Tps Supply Coln the Bren Gun</p>	

*PR*  
Comd. 21 AUS Inf. Brig.

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
JULIS  
1 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP CMD - JULIS

NO 30

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1800 HRS.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

1 Mar  
Next for duty

3 A Tk Regt  
9 Div Sigs

COURT OF  
ENQUIRY

2. Ref ROs of 28 Feb 41 para 2

Maj K S CUSWORTH is substituted for Maj O C ISAACHSEN  
as President of the Court.

WET  
CANTEENS

3. Wet Canteens may be opened from 1630 to 1700 hrs  
daily as from today in addition to the hours already approved  
in RO No 34

*A. J. M. L. A.*  
Capt  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

LOST

Left in leave bus returning from TEL AVIV on night of  
3 Feb 41, eqpt (webbing) and bayonet No 53153 issued to  
Pte F H CROCKER D Coy 2/27 Bn. Units having knowledge of  
this will inform this HQ immediately.

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
2 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J.E.S.STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - JULIS.

NO. 61

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT.</u>
2 Mar	9 Div 3igs
Next for duty	2/14 Bn

BATHING

WADI SUQREIR

2. Camp comd QASTINA is responsible for control and safety measures at WADI SUQREIR bathing area. Ref HQ AIF Base Area - Admn Instn No.11 - Bathing - dated 25 Feb 41

Special stores and clothing as laid down have been indented for and units in QASTINA have been asked to select Surf Life Saving Teams.

Until the organisation is completed at the beach, units parading troops for bathing will supply their own safety picquets.

The WADI SUQREIR is heavily infected with malaria; all bathing parties will leave this bathing area one clear hour before sunset and will keep clear of the scrub.

Units will notify this HQ 24 hrs before using WADI SUQREIR Beach.

(sgd) G.H.FINLAY, Capt  
EM 21 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES.

Advice of the following broadcasting programmes has been received:

Tue 4 March 41

1115 hrs - Talk "Calling Australia"

2000 hrs - "News from Australia" - Talk by Colin Wills.

Thurs 6 Mar 41

1115 hrs - "Calling Australia"

1215 hrs - "Today we Present" - Malcolm McEachern (Australian Bass & Betty Huntley-Wright)

Sat 8 Mar 41

1115 hrs Australian Newsletter

2030 hrs "Australian Magazine" - Programme for Australian Forces in the Middle East, with Jack Payne and his Band.

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
3 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D.

CAMP COMD - JULIS

NO 62

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
3 Mar	2/14 Bn
Next for duty	2/16 Bn

BATHING  
HAMAMA

2. Camp Comd JULIS is responsible for control and safety measures at HAMAMA bathing area. Ref HQ AIF Base Area Adm Instn No 11 - Bathing - dated 25 Feb 41.

Special stores and clothing as laid down have been indented for, and units are asked to select Surf Life Saving Teams, each team to be comprised of 10. Units are also requested to furnish one nomination for the duty of Beach Inspector.

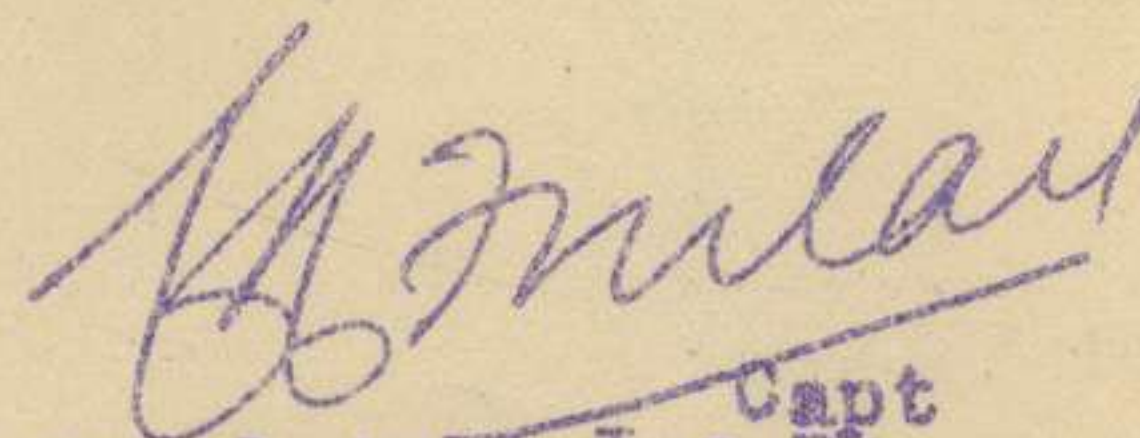
Until the organisation is complete at the beach, units parading troops for bathing will supply their own safety picquets, and will notify this HQ 24 hrs before using HAMAMA Beach.

COURT OF  
ENQUIRY

3. Ref Bde ROs 28 Feb 41 para 2. Court of enquiry. Substitute Lieut K A EVANS 2/14 Bn for Lieut E F GRAHAM.

HOSPITAL  
NIANA

4. In future the AIF Hospital at NIANA will be known as KEFAR BILU Hospital.

  
Capt  
EM 21 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

TROUPERS  
CONCERT  
PARTY

The Troupers Concert Party will give two performances at the Camp Picture Theatre on Thu 6 Mar 41 at the usual picture hours.

The 1st performance only will be attended by personnel from JULIS Camp.

The 2nd performance only will be attended by personnel from KHASSA Camp.

APPENDIX 3 A

3 Mar'41

The Strength of the Bde on this day is as follows :-

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>OR's</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bde HQ	16	63	79
2/14 Bn	35	789	824
2/16 Bn	37	796	833
2/27 Bn	34	793	827
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Total	122	2441	2563
21 A Tk Coy	4	61	65
59 LAD	1	12	13
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TOTAL	127	2514	2641
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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
4 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - JULIS

NO 63

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

4 Mar

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

2/16 Bn

2/27 Bn

PROTECTION  
OF TENTAGE

2. Particular attention must be paid to the guarding of tentage. Units will make certain that a sufficient guard will be maintained at all times to ensure that tents whether occupied by personnel or used for stores, are adequately safeguarded against possible theft or damages.

At this time, when the most economical use of all available shipping space is of vital importance to the prosecution of the war, particularly in the Middle East, any action which deprives the army of essential stores is comparable with "Fifth Columnist" activity and this aspect of such losses should be brought to the notice of all ranks.

LEAVE

3. In Leave Time Table - Units - JULIS Camp 3 Mar - 16 Mar 41 dated 28 Feb 41 the leave period in Serial 7 Fri 14 Mar has been omitted.

Read Serial 7 - Fri 14 Mar - 2 days - JERUSALEM.

  
Capt.  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

COMFORTS

The receipt of 3650 tins of tobacco and 3650 Packets of cigarette papers from the ACF is gratefully acknowledged.

Distribution was as follows :-

HQ 21 Bde and attachments	182	ea
21 A Tk Coy	61	"
2/14 Bn	826	"
2/16 Bn	775	"
2/27 Bn	807	"
3 A Tk Regt	550	"
9 Div Sigs	232	"
HQ 9 Div	75	"
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142 of each on hand.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - JULIS

NO 64

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

5 Mar

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

2/27 Bn

3 A Tk Regt

LUBRICANT FOR  
HYPOID GEARS

2. Hypoid gears are fitted to all vehs listed below which are operating in the ME. It is essential that hypoid extreme pressure gear lubricant be used in the differential casings of these vehs.

Chevrolet cars	1937 models and after
" trucks	30cwt 1940 models and after
" lorries	3 ton " " " "
Fargo trucks	30cwt " " " "
" "	3 ton " " " "
White lorries	10 ton " " " "
Mack "	10 ton " " " "

For all other vehs for which extreme pressure lubricant is specified in the lubrication charts or instrn books, oil C 600 will be used in lieu vide ACT 304 of 1939.

It has been ruled that hypoid gear oil should be changed at least every 10,000 kilos. Back axles should be flushed out before refilling with new oil.

In order that vehs requiring hypoid extreme pressure gear lubricant may be readily identified and that mistakes are avoided when filling differential casings, they will be painted red at the earliest opportunity under unit arrangements. Paint may be drawn from A.C.S. at the scale of 4 oz per veh.

Hypoid gear oil now becomes a standard AASC issue.

HYDRA BURNERS  
FOR COOKERS  
PORTABLE NO1

3 There are two types of burners now in use with No 1 portable cookers. These are :-

Cookers portable No 1 :-

(a) Burner units hydra SB  
Burners JA 6443

(b) Burner units hydra SB type "E"  
Burners MK II JA 7102

Burner at (a) can be used only on types "A" to "D" cookers. Burners at (b) can be used on all types but when used on type "A" to "D", "E" type tubes flame (JA 7103) must also be used.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Capt.  
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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CHURCH PARADES - SUN 9 MAR 41

TIME	DENOMINATION	UNITS	PLACE	CHAPLAIN	DUTY UNIT
<sup>Hrs</sup> 0730	R C (Mass)	All Units (voluntary)	Picture Theatre	Chap WHELAN	2/14 Bn
0830	R C (Mass)	All Units	Picture Theatre	Chap WHELAN	3 A Tk Regt
0730	C of E (Holy Comm)	All Units (voluntary)	2/16 Bn & 2/27 Bn Reading Room	Chap SPRATLING Chap WHERREAT	2/16 Bn 2/27 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/14 Bn 3 A Tk Regt	Open Air	Sen Chap BELL	3 A Tk Regt
0900	Protestant	2/16 Bn 9 Div Sigs	Open Air	Chap SPRATLING	9 Div Sigs
0900	Protestant	2/27 Bn & HQ 21 Bde & 21 A Tk Coy	Open Air	Chap WHERREAT	2/27 Bn

Open air services will be cancelled should the weather prove unsuitable with the exception of the 2/16 Bn and 9 Div Sigs service, which will be held in the Picture Theatre at 0915 hrs

HYDRA BURNERS  
FOR COOKERS  
PORTABLE NO. 1

There are two types of burners now in use with No. 1 gas. These are:-  
 (a) Burner with Hydra 25  
 Burner JA 8469  
 (b) Burner with Hydra 25 type "E"  
 Burner MK II JA 7102

Burner of (a) can be used only on type "A" or "D" cookers.  
 Burner of (b) can be used on all types but when used on type "A" or "D" type tubes (JA 7102) must also be used.

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DATE  
21 MAR 41

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8 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D.

CAMP COMD - JULIS

NO 65

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS.

DATE

8 Mar

Next for duty

DUTY UNIT

3 A Tk Regt

9 Div Sigs

SAFES

All units will render a return to this HQ immediately detailing:-

- (a) Number of safes by type (office, orderly room or paymasters) on charge and authority under which they are held.  
(b) The purpose for which they are used.

FIRE  
EXTINGUISHERS

2. All units and establishments in possession of extinguishers fire, 2 gals, bearing the maker's name "F. Ratcliff", Cairo, will report the numbers held direct to the C.O.O., Base Ordnance Depot.

JEWISH  
CHURCH  
SERVICES

3. On the first Saturday in every month, Jewish Church Services will be held at JULIS - Hobbs Lines, Canteen, at 1100 hrs.

  
Capt  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

SPORTS

The following sporting fixtures have been arranged for the week end:-

Sunday 9 Mar

RUGBY - 3 A Tk Regt v 2/8 Pd Regt at JULIS 1430 hrs.  
SOCCER - 3 A Tk Regt v 2/8 Pd Regt at JULIS 1430 hrs  
CRICKET - 3 A Tk Regt v Hill 69 at JULIS on Aust Rules ground 1000 hrs.

PICTURES

Hill 69 Camp has relinquished its right to the 2nd showing of "Balalika" on Fri 7 Mar at the Camp Picture Theatre. Personnel from units in this Camp may attend the second showing only.

Picture Picquet for both shows will be provided by HILL 69.

BROADCASTING

Request Programme for British Forces in the Near East:-  
Sandy Pascherson (Theatre Organ).

Appendix 7

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
7 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS E.D.

CAMP COMD - JULIS

No 66

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

7 Mar

Next for duty

DUTY UNIT

9 Div Sigs

2/14 Bn

LAUNDRIES 2. As from today no further laundry will be accepted by Camp Laundries from units of 21 Aust Inf Bde. Laundry at present with Camp Laundries will be collected as soon as practicable.

*for* *W. Baustian*  
Capt  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
8 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS E.D.

CAMP COMD - JULIS.

No. 67

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

8 Mar  
Next for duty

2/14 Bn  
2/16 Bn

  
Capt  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
9 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - JULIS

NO 68

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

DUTY UNIT

9 Mar

2/16 Bn

Next for Duty

2/27 Bn

*William L. Smith*  
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BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
10 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS E.D.

CAMP COMD - JULIS.

No. 68

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

9 Mar  
Next for duty

2/16 Bn  
2/27 Bn

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Capt  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

APPENDIX 10 A

10 Mar'41.

The Strength of the Bde on this day is as follows :-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>OR's</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Bde HQ	15	64	79
2/14 Bn	35	800	835
2/16 Bn	38	797	835
2/27 Bn	34	781	815
	<hr/>		
<u>Total</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>2442</u>	<u>2564</u>
21 A Tk Coy	3	61	64
59 LAD	1	12	13
	<hr/>		
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>2515</u>	<u>2641</u>
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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

*Appendix 11*

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - JULIS

NO 69

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
11 Mar	2/27 Bn
Next for duty	3 A Tk Regt

SECURITY

2. In future the developing and printing of all films from this Camp will be arranged through Unit Security Offrs.  
Unit Security Offrs will forward all photo work to the official workshop in TEL AVIV.  
Under no circumstances will the development and printing or other photographic work be arranged through any other channel.  
Price list of official workshop is as follows :-

PRICE LIST FOR PHOTO WORKS

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Panchr</u>
	<u>Mils</u>	<u>Mils</u>
<u>DEVELOPING</u>		
Devl of 1 Roll film	10	20
" " " "UNIVEX"	10	10
" " " "LEICA" (Fine Graine)	45	55
" Film-pack 6x9cm (per 12 Neg)	40	60
" " 9x12 cm	50	60
" " 10x15 cm	60	90
" Plates 6x9 cm	40	60
" " 9x12 cm	50	60
" " 10x15 cm	60	90
<u>PRINTING</u>		
Size	1 Print	
	<u>Mils</u>	
3x4 cm	4	
4x4 cm 4 1/2 x 6 cm	5	
5x7 6x6 cm	6	
6 1/2 x 11 cm	7	
8x10, 9x12 cm	10	
8x14, 9x14, PC 10x15 cm	15	
7 1/2 x 12 1/2 cm	15	
13x18 cm	30	
<u>REPRODUCTION</u>		
Till size		
9x12 cm	100	
" " 13x18 cm	150	
<u>DIAPPOSITIVES</u>		
Till size		
9x12 cm	50	
<u>ENLARGEMENTS</u>		
Size		
6x9 cm	10	
9x12 cm PC	20	
13x18 cm	40	
18x24 cm	80	
24x30 cm	150	
30x40 cm	300	

*[Signature]*  
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TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - SOUTHERN COMMAND

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
12 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - JULIS

No 70

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

DATE

12 Mar  
Next for duty

DUTY UNIT

3 A Tk Regt  
9 Div Sigs

LAUNDRY CONTRACTS

2. Units of the 21 Aust Inf Bde are advised that all washing must be collected from Camp Laundry no later than Thursday 13 Mar. Claims for lost washing will be submitted to the Camp SO in writing by Friday 14 Mar 1200 hrs. All claims will state the value of clothes lost and be supported by the Laundry Docket.

*[Signature]*  
Capt  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

SPORTS

The sports areas in the camp are allotted as follows:-

13 Mar - 2/27 Bn  
14 Mar - 2/16 Bn  
15 Mar - 2/14 Bn

Units will inform the Bde Amenities offr of areas they will not be using.



War Day

13 Mar 41

INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF OFFERS AT SPS AND DPs.

1. PERSONNEL The following personnel are detailed for duty as shown:-

JULIS - Lieut. J. CUNEEN  
(Entrance to HOBBS Lines) Pte E.J. GOLDS

DIMRA - Capt M. AUSTIN  
(Deir Suneid entrance to DIMRA camp) Pte E. FREAK

2. TIMES Offers detailed above will sta themselves for duty at the pts indicated by the following times:-

JULIS - 1000 hrs  
DIMRA - 0900 hrs

3. EQPT These offers will have the following eqpt :-

1 blackboard  
1 easel  
1 Van W/T

4. OPERATION Offers i/c TCPs will inform each other by R/T or W/T of the departure of each convoy.

As each convoy approaches the TCP at its destination the blackboard will be displayed with large writing so that the offer i/c convoy can see it clearly without stopping.

On the blackboard will be the following :

----- MINS to UNLOAD and START RETURN JOURNEY.

Offers i/c TCPs will regulate the time so that convoys leave at half hourly intervals.

If a convoy is behind time, the time for unloading and commencing the return journey will be reduced.

Any convoy will be retarded only if, by leaving on its return journey 30 mins after arrival, it will be less than 30 mins behind the convoy which leaves next before it.

5. COMNS : TCP to CONVOY Unit TOs will lead convoys in a unit veh bearing the unit number.

As they approach the TCPs they will indicate that the convoy is part of the Bde by displaying a white handkerchief from the cabin.

If this is not done the offer i/c TCP may have to make hurried entries on the blackboard unnecessarily for convoys which have no connection with the Bde.

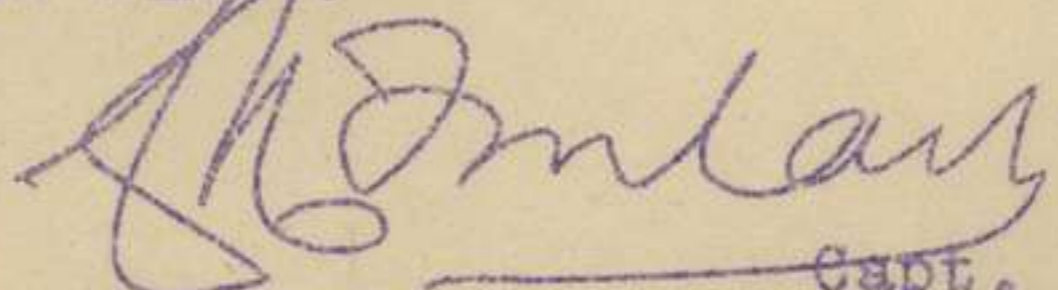
Every effort must be made by prompt loading and unloading to adhere to the times indicated on the blackboard.

6. REC. One rec det 59 LAD will stand by in JULIS camp till last convoy leaves.

In the event of breakdown this will be notified to TCP at end of journey, giving exact location.

TCP will notify 59 LAD or in case of DIMRA will notify TCP JULIS by W/T who will pass the information on.

Veh casualties will be evacuated to DIMRA.



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BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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DISTRIBUTION

COPY NO.

2/14 Bn	)		1
2/16 Bn	)	for TO's	2
2/27 Bn	)		3
Sigs			4
59 LAD			5
Comd			6
Bde TO			7
Capt AUSTIN			8
Lieut CUNEEN			9
File			10 - 11
War Diary			12 - 13

The following persons are detailed for duty as follows:-

Capt M. AUSTIN  
Lieut E. CUNEEN

2. These offers detailed above will be indicated by the following times:-

1000 hrs	-	JULIS
0900 hrs	-	DIMA

3. These offers will have the following equipment:-

- 1 blackboard
- 1 easel
- 1 Van WT

4. OPERATION: Offers 1 & 2 will inform each other by R/T or WT at the departure of each convoy.

As each convoy approaches the TCR at its destination the blackboard will be displayed with large writing so that the offer 1 & 2 can see it clearly without stopping.

On the blackboard will be the following:

----- MINS TO UNLOAD and START RETURN JOURNEY.

Offers 1 & 2 will regulate the time so that convoys leave at half hourly intervals.

If a convoy is behind time, the time for unloading and commencing the return journey will be reduced.

Any convoy will be retarded only if, by leaving on the return journey 30 mins after arrival, it will be less than 30 mins behind the convoy which leaves next before it.

5. CONNS: TCF to CONVOY: This TCF will lead convoys in a unit and bearing the unit number.

As they approach the TCF they will indicate that the convoy is part of the Bde by displaying a white handkerchief from the cabin.

If this is not done the offer 1 & 2 may have to make hurried entries on the blackboard necessarily for convoys which have no connection with the Bde.

Every effort must be made by prompt loading and unloading to adhere to the times indicated on the blackboard.

6. RPT: One red det 39 LAD will stand by in JULIS camp till last convoy leaves.

In the event of breakdown this will be notified to TCF at end of journey, giving exact location.

TCF will notify 39 LAD or in case of DIMA will notify TCF JMBD. WT who will pass the information on.

Van casualties will be evacuated to DIMA.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Lieut E. CUNEEN

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
14 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

NO 1

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS.

Duty Unit

2/16 Bn

Next for duty

2/27 Bn

*A J Mearns*

Capt  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

NO 2

Duties

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

DUTY UNIT

15 Mar 41  
Next for Duty

2/16 Bn  
2/27 Bn

CIVILIANS  
IN  
CAMP

2. All units will ensure that gds and prowlerpicquets are active in the prevention of entry of unauthorised civilians into the camp area.

Civilian employees of contractors engaged in camp services and construction work are issued with a pass.

Passes authorising entry are as follows :-

- (a) Metal disc bearing a number. This pass is held by employees of engineering services entitling the holder to entry to all camps
- (b) C passes entitling certain civilians to entry to all camps.
- (c) C passes renewed monthly and signed by the Camp S O or FSS entitling the holder to entry to DIMRA camp only for the currency of the pass.
- (d) Temporary typewritten passes signed by the CSO only for entry to DIMRA.

Civilians not in possession of one or other of the above passes are to be escorted to the CSO who will take further action required.

REMOVAL OF  
SAND STONES  
ETC FROM  
WITHIN  
CAMP  
BOUNDARIES

3. Removal of sand, stone etc., from land within camp boundaries should not be permitted excepting with authority of the CSO.

Contractors or others engaged upon construction works should be required to produce authority from the CRE Sth PALESTINE or one of his offrs before they are permitted to excavate and remove such materials

Removal of sand, stone etc, should be from specified areas

A record should be kept of quantities so removed and the purpose for which the materials have been used. Compensation for removals, should not be paid excepting after reference to this office.

HYDRA  
BURNERS -  
RETURN  
OF

4. All units will render to this HQ, by 21 Mar 41, a return showing the number of Hydra Burners still outstanding to each unit.

Returns will be rendered in triplicate. (This refers to units of this Bde only)

SLIT  
TRENCHES

5. Units of 21 Aust Inf Bde will provide immediately slit trenches to accommodate their personnel. Other units in DIMRA who have not already dug these trenches will do so without further delay.

DRAINAGE

6. As the siting of the tents has been altered considerably during the past 48 hrs, units concerned will ensure that adequate contour and roof drains are dug immediately to carry off storm water.

/Camouflage.....

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 16 MAR 41

TIME	DENOMINATION	UNITS	PLACE	CHAPLAIN	DUTY UNIT
<u>Hrs</u> 0720	C of E (Holy Comm)	All Units (Voluntary)	2/16 Bn 2/27 Bn (Reading Rooms)	Chap SPRATLING Chap WHERREAT	2/16 Bn 2/27 Bn
0730	R C (Mass)	All Units (Voluntary)	Ede HQ Rec Hut next 2/14Bn HQ	Chap WHERLAN	2/14 Bn
0830	R C (Mass)	All Units	" " " "	" "	2/27 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/14 Bn 7 Div Sigs	Open Air	Sen Chap BELL	2/14 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/16 Bn 2/6 Fd Amb	Open Air	Chap SPRATLING	2/16 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/27 Bn HQ 21 Bde 21 A Tk Coy	Open Air	Chap WHERREAT	2/27 Bn
1000	Protestant	7 Div Cav	Open Air	Chap WHERREAT	7 Div Cav
1930	C of E Evening Service	All Units (Voluntary)	2/27 Bn (Reading Room)	Chap WHERREAT	2/27 Bn
2000	All Denoms	All Units (Voluntary)	Rec Tent 2/14 Bn Lines	Adjnt MOORE	2/14 Bn

Open Air services will be cancelled should the weather prove unsuitable.

CAMOUFLAGE 7. Steps are to be taken immediately to camouflage all tents in DIMRA. This work is to be completed by 1800 hrs 16 Mar 41.

TENTS 8. Tents in unit lines are far too congested. Unit comds are to redispse their tents to gain the maximum dispersion possible in the area available. This also is to be completed by 1800 hrs 16 Mar 41.

CAMP BATH HOUSE 9. Ref Camp Standing Orders para 29, the Camp bath house is allotted for the forthcoming period of eight days as under :-

<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit</u>
(1)	16 Mar	(HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde (21 & 26 A Tk Coys (Sigs 7 Aust Div
(2)	17 Mar	2/14 Bn
(3)	18 Mar	2/16 Bn
(4)	19 Mar	2/27 Bn
(5)	20 Mar	as for Serial (1)
(6)	21 Mar	" " " (2)
(7)	22 Mar	" " " (3)
(8)	23 Mar	" " " (4)

Responsibility for cleaning camp bath house for week commencing Reveille 16 Mar is allotted to 2/14 Bn, next for duty 2/16 Bn.

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Appendix 16

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
16 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

NO 3

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

16 Mar 41

Next for duty

DUTY UNIT

2/27 Bn

2/14 Bn

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Capt.  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
17 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

No 4

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

DATE

DUTY UNIT

17 Mar 41

2/14 Bn

Next for duty

2/16 Bn

GUARDS

2. The following gds will be mounted by the duty bn daily from duty mounting 17 Mar :-

Amn Gd - 1 NCO, 3 ORs - one post

Water Tower Gd - 1 NCO, 3 ORs - " "

Flying Patrols TIVEY LINES - 2 ORs - one post

All posts will be doubled at night.

7 Aust Div HQ Gd will be mounted daily by the Duty Bn.

AMENDMENT  
CAMP SOs

3. Camp SOs are amended as follows:-

Para 1 - For "1730 hrs Retreat" read "1830 hrs Retreat"

Para 16 - After "Only one person and the driver will occupy the front seat" add "except in the case of a vehicle with a steering column gear lever in which case three may occupy the front seat".

7 DIV GAS  
COURSE

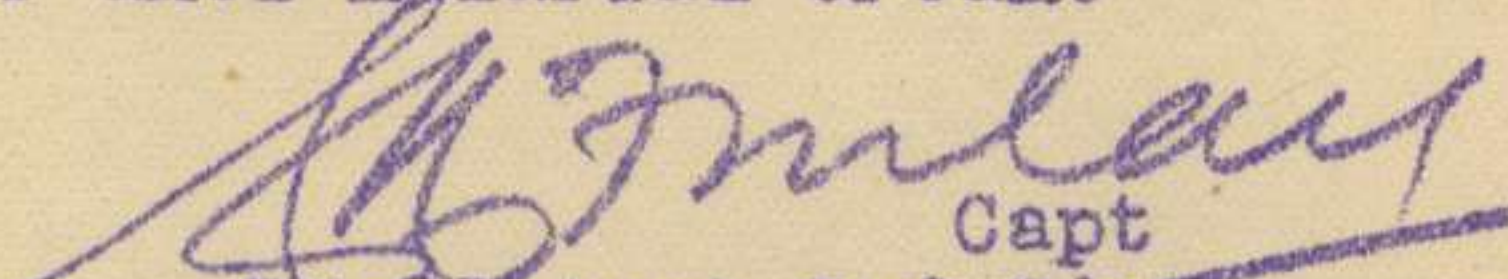
4. During the period of the 7 Div Gas Courses from 17/29 Mar, 2/27 Bn will provide :-

(a) 2 men to report at 1630 hrs to the writing room on the southern side of the 2/27 Bn Canteen Block.

(b) 2 men to report at 1630 hrs to the recreation hut in the 2/27 Bn lines situated on the eastern side of the rd between the 2/27 and 2/16 Bns car pks.

ANTI-  
MALARIAL  
CREAM

5. As the malarial season is expected this year earlier than usual in PALESTINE, the kit of every soldier will include forthwith one empty cigarette tin for the issue of anti-malarial cream.

  
Capt  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde



APPENDIX 17 A.

17 Mar'41.

The Strength of the Bde on this day is as follows :-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Ofprs</u>	<u>OR's</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Bde HQ	15	62	77
2/14 Bn	35	795	830
2/16 Bn	37	795	832
2/27 Bn	34	769	803
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Total	121	2421	2542
21 A Tk Coy	3	60	63
59 IAD	1	12	13
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TOTAL	125	2493	2618
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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
18 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

NO 5

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

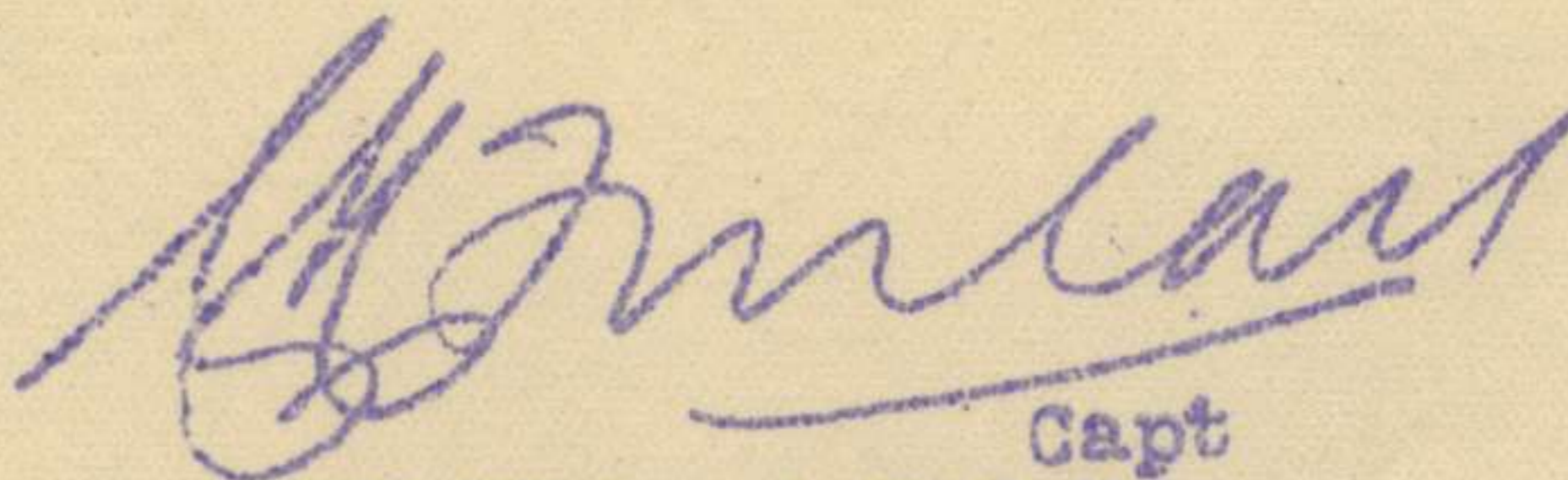
18 Mar 41

Next for duty

DUTY UNIT

2/16 Bn

2/27 Bn



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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

NO 6

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

19 Mar 41

Next for duty

DUTY UNIT

2/27 Bn

2/14 Bn

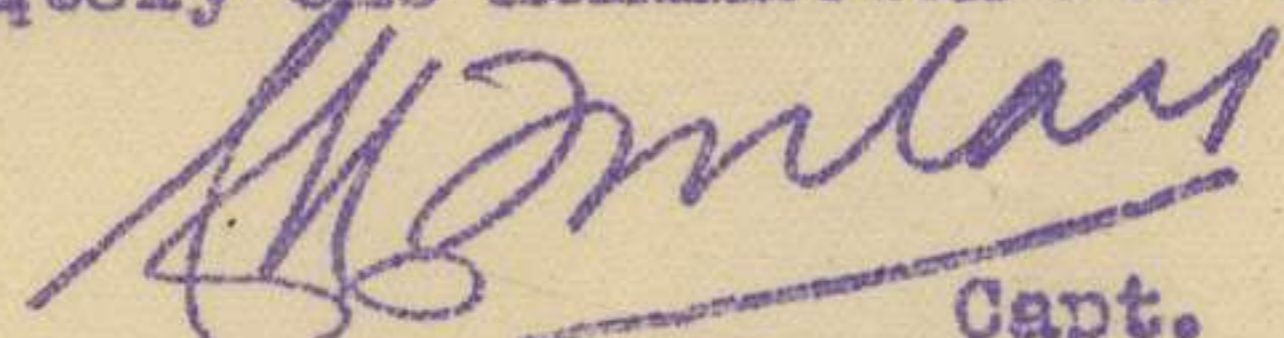
BATHING  
HIRBYA

2. Camp Comd DIMRA is responsible for control and safety measures at HIRBYA bathing area. Ref HQ AIF Base Area Adm Instn No 11 - Bathing - dated 25 Feb 41.

A life saving bathing reel is now available, and is located at HQ 21 Bde Q Store. Units parading tps for bathing at HIRBYA will apply for use of reel and take it with them to the beach. It is to be returned to this HQ immediately the swimming parade is over.

Units using HIRBYA beach will appoint a Surf Life Saving Team to keep a constant watch over the bathing area, and conform so far as practicable with the other provisions of the instns mentioned.

Units will furnish immediately one nomination for the duty of Beach Inspector.

  
Capt.  
RM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

The receipt of 3490 pkts cigarettes and 3490 pkts razor blades is gratefully acknowledged. Distribution was as follows :-

HQ 21 Bde	100
21 A Tk Coy	63
26 A Tk Coy	63
7 Div Sigs "K" Sec	37
2/14 Bn	843
2/16 Bn	849
2/27 Bn	818
2/6 Fd Amb	217
7 Div Sigs	<u>231</u>
	<u>3221</u>

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Appendix 20

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
20 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

NO 7

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

20 Mar 41

Next for duty

DUTY UNIT

2/14 Bn

2/15 Bn

*Bernard C. Frankland*  
for  
Capt  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1  
BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D  
CAMP COMD - DIMRA

NO 3

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

21 Mar 41

Next for duty

DUTY UNIT

2/16 Bn

2/27 Bn

CAMOUFLAGING OF TENTS

2. The attention of unit comds is directed to RO No 3 of 16 Mar. This order has not been obeyed in certain cases and unit comds are to take immediate steps to camouflage all white tents in their lines.

CONTAMINATED WATER

3. Troops have been observed filling water bottles from taps over latrine washing slabs. Units will see that notices reading, "UNFIT FOR DRINKING OR WASHING" are displayed at all taps used by contractors for cleaning pans.

*[Signature]*  
Capt  
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 23 MAR 41

Time	Denomination	Units	Place	Chaplain	Duty Unit
0720	C of E (Holy Communion)	All Units (Voluntary)	2/16 Bn) 2/27 Bn) Reading Rooms	Chap SPRATLING Chap WHEREAT	2/16 Bn 2/27 Bn
0730	RC Mass	All Units (Voluntary)	Bde HQ Rec Kut near 2/14 BnHQ	Chap WHELAN	7 Div Sigs
0830	RC Mass	All Units	" " "	Chap WHELAN	7 Div Sigs
0900	Protestant	2/14 Bn 7 Div Sigs 18 Inf TngBn	Open Air	Chap McColl	2/14 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/16 Bn HQ 21 Bde 21 A Tk Coy	Open Air	Chap Spratling	2/16 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/27 Bn 2/6 Fd Amb	Open Air	Chap WHEREAT	2/27 Bn
1930	Lantern Lecture	All Units (Voluntary)	2/27 Bn Read Rm	Chap Whereat	2/27 Bn
2000	All Denominations	All Units (Voluntary)	Rec Tent 2/14 Bn	Adjnt MOORE	2/14 Bn

Open Air Services will be cancelled should the weather prove unsuitable.

21 AUST INF BDE

22 Mar. 41

TNG CIR No 15

The fortnight following the bde gp exercise is to be utilised as a "pep-up" period, the object being to re-vitalise personnel after a period of physically-hard exercises. Tng is at the discretion of the bn comds subject to the inclusion of the following items in the syllabus:-

- (i) AG tng, including "the motions" of personal and weapon decn and sudden gas alerts during normal tng.
- (ii) Bayonet fighting
- (iii) Day and night wiring
- (iv) Movements on two nights and occupation by daylight of a defensive posn
- (v) LMG practices on classification ranges at JAFFA
- (vi) Live grenade tng at JAFFA
- (vii) Night driving for MT drs

2. Application has been made for the JAFFA Range as follows:-

2/27 Bn	Apr 6, 7, 8(a)	} LMG classification and Grenade Ranges
2/16 Bn	" 8(b), 9, 10(a)	
2/14 Bn	" 10(b), 11, 12	

Confirmation will be fwded in due course as to whether the range is available.

(a) morning only, (b) afternoon only.

3. The allocation of amm is as follows:-

	<u>SAA</u>	<u>Grenades</u>
2/14 Bn	6650	170
2/16 Bn	6650	240
2/27 Bn	6700	240
Total	<u>20000</u>	<u>650</u>

4. During the forthcoming week, a "close battle" area is being constructed. It is anticipated that it will be completed in about 10 days and it is allotted to bns as under :-

2/14 Bn	Apr 7, 8 and 9-
2/16 Bn	" 4, 5 and 6
2/27 Bn	" 10, 11 and 12

Notes on the purpose of this area have been already issued and a plan showing the layout will be available within the next few days.

5. Units will submit tng syllabi covering the above period by Mon 31 Mar 41.

6. Cadre courses in sec leading, fd works (digging and wiring) and for sig personnel are to be run by units during this period. In addition a class for sig operators will be conducted by bde sig offcr for ten days commencing on Monday, 24 Mar. Notification respecting vacancies in this latter course will be fwded later.

*M. J. Murray*  
Capt.  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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Appendix 23

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
23 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS ED

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

No 9

DUTIES

1. To mount at 1600 hrs

As arranged.

SECURITY

2. Para 2 of RO No 69 of 11 Mar 41 is repeated hereunder and should be strictly adhered to:-

" In future the developing and printing of all films from this Camp will be arranged through Unit Security Offrs.

Unit Security Offrs will forward all photo work to the official workshop in TEL AVIV.

Under no circumstances will the development and printing or other photographic work be arranged through any other channel."

It is known that shops outside the camp boundary will accept films for developing. All ranks should be warned that not only is it contrary to security instns for personnel to give photographic work to these shops but the practice endangers their own lives and those of their companions through the unwitting supply of infm valuable to the enemy.

for W. Austen  
Capt  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
29 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D.

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

NO 10

DUTIES

1. To mount at 1600 hrs

DATE

29 Mar 41

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

2/16 Bn

2/27 Bn

PEN FRIENDS

2. It has come to notice that clubs have been formed in AUSTRALIA for the purpose of corresponding with members of the AIF abroad.

In this regard, the provisions of AIF SOs PALESTINE, (Prov) Pam I para 74 will be observed. The para is rptd below for infm of all ranks:-

- (a) All ranks are forbidden to insert advertisements or letters inviting correspondence with strangers in any newspaper or magazine. Nor must they enter into correspondence with any stranger in response to such advertisements or invitations.
- (b) Correspondence with "pen-pals" is prohibited.
- (c) All ranks are forbidden to reply to circs.
- (d) All ranks are warned to exercise the greatest care in acknowledging presents from unknown "friends".

CARRYING OF PISTOLS

3. Pistols will be carried by all ranks to whom they are on issue in GAZA Military Area. SOs PALESTINE (Prov) Pam 1 para 9 will be amended accordingly.

CARRYING OF REVOLVERS AND PISTOLS

4. Offrs proceeding to ALEXANDRIA on duty or leave will not carry revolvers or pistols. (AIF Order 238)

FD CENSORSHIP CASUALTIES

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

FSS VACANCIES

6. Applications in writing are invited from personnel to fill vacancies in a sec of FSS.

The following particulars are required:-

- age
- army service
- previous civil occupation
- educational qualifications
- languages (if any) spoken or written and degree of fluency.
- clerical ability

Rank and file are classified Specialists Gp 11.

Applications should be accompanied by recommendations of COs as to suitability and are to reach this HQ by 30 Mar 41.

Successful applicants will be transferred from their respective units.

(Over)



TYPEWRITER  
MECHANIC -  
TRADE GP 1

7. Applications are called from personnel with suitable qualifications for typewriter mechanic on 7 Aust Div HQ. Applications together with recommendations of COs will be fwded to reach this HQ by 0900 hrs 1 Apr 41.

AAPC

8. Applications are called from personnel with suitable qualifications, and able to type, for transfer to AAPC and for attachment to 7 Aust Div HQ. Selected applicant will be promoted to rank of Cpl.

Applications together with recommendations of COs will be fwded to reach this HQ by 0900 hrs 1 Apr 41.

ANTI-MALARIAL  
MEASURES

9. Attention is directed to AIF SOs PAL Pam No 4. Commencing at once, shorts will not be worn after sun-down.

Jackets must be worn after sundown and be buttoned at the neck.

FD WKS

10. The Fd Works situated immediately SW of the 2/16 Bn lines will NOT be interfered with.

*[Signature]*  
Capt  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

LOST

Lost a brown morocco leather wallet in HQ 21 Bde camping area on the night of Wed 26 Mar. Wallet contained two coloured photographs and stamps, and is the property of SX4566 Dr RYAN W 2/27 Bn. Finder please return to this HQ.

CARRYING OF  
PISTOLS

CARRYING OF  
REVOLVERS  
AND PISTOLS

FD CENSORSHIP  
CASUALTIES

POST VACANCIES

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
30 Mar. 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS AD

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

NO 11

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT RETREAT

DATE

DUTY UNIT

30 Mar

2/27 Bn

Next for duty

2/14 Bn

SECURITY OF CASH

2. Financial instns preclude the issue of cash to other than an authorised officer of commissioned rank. The same conditions apply when refunds are being made. It has also been instructed by the Chief Paymasters Office that an armed escort will be provided on all occasions when cash in excess of £50 is being transported.  
Units will see that above instns are adhered to.

BATHOUSE

3. For the week starting 0600 hrs 31 Mar, 2/27 Bn will be responsible for cleaning the Bde Bathhouse

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Capt  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

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Appendix 26

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
31 Mar 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

NO 12

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

31 Mar 41

Next for duty

DUTY UNIT

2/14 Bn

2/16 Bn

*J. E. S. Stevens*  
Capt.  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

ADM ORDER NO 1.  
MOVE OF KIDNA FORCE

1. KIDNA force moves 3 Apr 41 to destination notified separately to unit comds only.  
These instns will be read in conjunction with orders already issued separately under secret cover.  
Times of moves of units are shown in Appx "A" att.
2. COMPOSITION  
The force referred to in these instns as KIDNA force is composed as under :  
  - HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
  - "K" Sec 7 Div Sigs
  - 2/14 Bn
  - 2/16 Bn
  - 2/27 Bn
  - 21 A Tk Coy
  - 59 IAD
3. METHOD OF MOVE  
The move will be carried out by both rail and MT.  
Existing tpt on issue to bns will move by rd under most economical load as decided by unit comds.  
Dismt'd personnel will move by march route to entraining pts on ry between BARBARA and AL MAJDAL.
4. PERSONNEL BY MT.  
Unit MT under comd unit TOs, with one spare dr per veh will report under load and move in accordance with Appx "A".  
Bde TO will comd convoy of all vehs of KIDNA force.
5. RAIL PARTY  
Entrainment table att as Appx B shows all details of moves to entraining pt and times.  
Kit as detailed in AIEF (ME) and related instns will be packed in seakit bags and universal kitbags.  
Seakit bags and universal kitbags will be dumped separately by coys ready for movement by pool tpt to entraining pts.  
Seakit bags, on arrival at entrainment pts, will be dumped by coys and personnel will pick up these on arrival and carry them in the carriages.  
Universal kitbags will be moved by pool tpt but will be loaded direct into brake vans on arrival of train.
6. PERSONNEL  
Units will move with all effectives incl 1 rfcts -  
Where units are not complete in this respect, these will move separately to join at destination.  
Personnel on leave will rejoin rear party and move under orders issued for that party.  
Personnel at schools and courses will rejoin at destination under arrangements made by HQ, AIF Base Area.
7. DRESS  
Full marching order - one blanket and greatcoat in pack.
8. EQPT  
Units will move with full eqpt as issued at present.  
Deficiencies in tpt and other WE scales, vide deficiency lists already submitted, will be issued on arrival at destination.

/9 Blankets ----

9. BLANKETS

One blanket, vide para 7 above.

Two of the remaining three blankets will be stacked ready for loading to accompany move.

The remaining blanket will be handed in and stacked ready for return to BOD.

10. ACCOMMODATION STORES

Vide Scale A accommodation stores will be crated and stacked by units ready for loading by pool tpt.

Surplus to Scale A will be stacked separately by units ready for return to BOD.

11. TENTAGE

Tentage at present on issue will be left standing and will be handed over to incoming unit reps.

Sides of tents will be rolled and in the case of EPIP tents will be stood at the corner of the tents in an upright posn.

12. BAGGAGE AND REPTL PROPERTY

Units will arrange for the packing and labelling of all kit, etc., being left behind for transmission to AIF Kit Store in accordance with paras 3(A)(a)(b) and (B) of Pam AIF Kit Store already issued to units.

Prior notification to kit store is being given by these HQ - units will NOT therefore notify kit store separately.

In the absence of labels (W3387) personnel will attach a suitable label giving the necessary particulars.

Nominal rolls (AIF KS4) will be prepared and fwded to these HQ.

13. RATIONS

Final meals will be by hot box in order to facilitate the cleaning of kitchens prior to handing over.

Haversack ration for consumption by train and MT parties will be issued.

14. REAR PARTIES

Rear parties - Scale one coy per bn will be detailed.

In addition to normal rear party duties these parties will be responsible for the security of the camp, the dumped stores and the amm dump pending loading.

OCs rear parties are responsible that their lines are clean and tidy and a credit to their unit, prior to handing over. Representative bde HQ will inspect before handing over.

15. OC TRAINS AND ENTRAINING OFFRS

Unit comd of train A B and C will detail an offr to act as OC Train in each case.

This offr will be responsible for inspecting the train with a representative RTO noting and obtaining signature for any deficiency of train eqpt.

On arrival at detraining sta he will inspect the train again after detrainment and in the case of any deficiencies in or damage to ry eqpt additional to that prior to entrainment will endeavour to allocate responsibility to such units or individual concerned.

Unit comds will detail an entraining offr for the train in which the unit travels.

This offr is responsible for issuing the order, in consultation with representative RTO for entrainment and detrainment of tps.

No personnel will entrain or detrain except upon receipt of an order from this offr.

SECURITY

All ranks will be warned against attempting in any way to convey infm that they are moving to any person either by letter or by talk in front of strangers.

Unit franking and censor effrs will pay particular attention to this matter.

Sgd at 2200 hrs.

Issued to Sigs.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Capt.  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

COPY NO.

2/14 Bn	1
2/16 Bn	2
2/27 Bn	3
21 A Tk Coy	4
Sigs	5
59 IAD	6
7 Aust Div	7-8
Comd	9
BM	10
SC	11
Bde TO	12
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MOVE OF KIDNA FORCE  
ENTRAINMENT TABLE

Serial No	Date	Unit	Place of Entrainment	Train	Time at siding for loading of baggage	Time entrainment or loading complete	Time of Departure	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	
1	3 Apr 41	2/14 Bn 21 A Tk Coy	LEVEL CROSSING 116156	A	1330 hrs	1430 hrs	1445 hrs	Sea kit bags and universal kit bags load at 1230 hrs X
2	" " "	2/15 Bn HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde		B	1500 hrs	1600 hrs	1615 hrs	Sea kit bags and universal kit bags load at 1400 hrs X
3	" " "	2/27 Bn Det "K" Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div		C	1630 hrs	1730 hrs	1745 hrs	Sea kit bags and universal kit bags load at 1530 hrs X
4	" " "	Baggage and Stores Serials 1,2 and 3	AL MAJDAL Ry Sta.	D	2000 hrs	2330 hrs	2345 hrs	X 2/14 Bn Details 1 NCO 4 ORs and 1 AA 1 MG for AA protection of train D φ

- X Unit baggage parties 1 effr and 15 ORs load and travel to entraining pt with baggage lorries.
- φ Baggage guard 1 Sgt 16 ORs travels in spare box van train D.
- (a) Unit concerned details 1 NCO 4 ORs and AALMG to mount gun on flat top truck for close AA protection of trains A B and C.

War Diary

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APPX "B" TO Adm Order No 1

Copy No 19

(a) Times of moves of marching personnel to entraining Pts:-

Serial No (a)	Date (b)	Unit (c)	SP (d)	Time (e)	Route (f)	Remarks (g)
1	3 Apr 41	2/14 Bn 21 A Tk Coy	WADI Xing 1094- 1084	1200 hrs	SP - TRACK JUNC 10951100 - HELIP. JIRJA 11041125 - Entraining Pt.	
2	"	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde 2/16 Bn	"	1330 hrs		
3	"	2/27 Bn Det "K" Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div	"	1500 hrs		

(b) Times for loading and moving of unit tpt.

Serial No (a)	Date (b)	Unit (c)	No of Vehs (d)	Time loading to be completed (e)	SP (f)	Time (g)	Speeds & Densities (h) (i)	REMARKS (j)
1	3 Apr 41	2/14 Bn	19	1530 hrs.	RD JUNC 10731086	1600hrs	15 20	
2	"	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	6			1604hrs		
3	"	"K" Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div	9			1605hrs		
4	"	59 LAD	6			1607hrs		
5	"	21 A Tk Coy	2			1608hrs		
6	"	2/16 Bn	20			1608hrs		
7	"	2/27 Bn	21			1613hrs		



ACTION DIARY

Unit 21 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time - From 22 Mar To 28 Mar 41

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION <u>TACTICAL EXERCISE No 2</u>	REMARKS AND REFERENCE TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC.
	Mar 41			
	25		<p>As a result of lack of success in the attack of 99 Inf Bde Gp in the MASMIYA Sector, GOC Northern force issued orders Mar as described in APPX 1,1A, B, C, D</p> <p align="center">General instns and forecast of Events</p> <p>21 Inf Bde Gp moved 24/25 Mar to concentration area in Re-ENTRANT 14631138 in 3 colns consisting :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coln A - 2/14 Bn and att tps under comd Lt Col CANNON</li> <li>2. Coln B - 2/27 Bn and att tps under comd Lt Col MOTEN</li> </ol> <p align="center">HQ 21 Inf Bde at rear of coln B.</p> <p>Covering force under comd Lt Col A B McDONALD 2/16 Bn moved at 1200 hrs 24 Mar to protect the main body by occupying posn area SPUR 400 14491151 SH USHEISH 14381132.</p> <p>PHASE 1 Coln A - Adv gd 2/14 Bn passed SP 0615 hrs with the intention of securing 13681093 at AL QUBEIBA to allow main body to debus. Main body reached AL QUBEIBA 0755 and assembly area 1230 hrs.</p> <p>PHASE 1 Coln B - 2/27 A dv gd moved approx 1000 yds ahead of main body which crossed SP at 0600 hrs. Messages were received by Bde HQ notifying the location of the main body at various times. At 1358 hrs the Bn occupied def posn 14631140 on ridge west of valley. At 1607 hrs the bn occupied their area, boundary ref as follows:- 14691143 14691131 14591131 14591143 Bn HQ 14631140.</p> <p>HQ 21 Inf Bde closed DIMRA 0920 hrs reopened concentration area 14631135 at 1145 hrs. On arrival the Bde Comd despatched a /warning</p>	

ACTION DIARY

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time - From \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCE TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC.
	Mar 41 25		<p>warning order to bns and att tps notifying his intentions of attacking BEIT JIBRIN salient during the next 48 hrs, also R gps to report to Bde HQ 0930 hrs 26 Mar for a discussion over a prepared cloth model of the area. At approx 1430 hrs MG pls att to 2/14 and 2/27 reverted to comd 2/2 MG Bn. Covering force withdrew from their previous posn to Bde concentration area at 2000 hrs Bns assumed responsibility of Perimeter def of concentration area from 2000 hrs.</p> <p>Each Bn immediately on arrival concentration area sent out patrols to recce route to area 14401147 in anticipation of night movement also 2/16 and 2/27 made recce from 14401147 to KH RASM AD DABI and 2/14 KIL0 50. Strength of patrols were one offr two ORs. Great care was taken to avoid detection by enemy. Password issued from Bde HQ for the 25 was "CURSE".</p> <p>Because of enemy movement 2/16 Bn est OPs at pt 393 14311158 from 1600 hrs instead of the specified time of 1400 hrs the reason for the delay being lack of eqpt. Vicinity KH AS SURA and TALL JUDIEDA was watched and an enemy pl was seen at 14201150 at 1630 hrs.</p> <p>At 2020 hrs 2/16 Bn withdrew from concentration area. HQ closed at 2015 hrs and reopened 14581138 at 2030 hrs.</p>	
	26		<p>Infm received from frontier posts that the enemy were making further attempts to mine southern approaches to BEIT JIBRIN and air reports indicate wiring and digging activities 500 yds South DEIR DUBBAN.</p>	

/99 Inf Bde.....

ACTION DIARY

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time - From \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCE TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC.
	Mar 41 26		<p>99 Inf Bde captured 2 enemy posts near MASMIYA AL KABIRA sector against strong counter attacks.</p> <p>2/16 Bn retained their outposts at pt 393 throughout the day, at 1145 hrs they reported having observed an enemy 30cwt MT conveying 30 riflemen heading in the direction of KIDNA. Another report was received at 1830 hrs stating that from 1320 hrs to 1630 hrs enemy was active vicinity KHAN ASSURE.</p> <p>During the morning 2/27 sent patrols out to report on likely enemy activity KHAN UMM BIRJ area.</p> <p>Between the hrs 1730 and 0245 concentration area was vacated by 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp to take up assembly posns East of rd BEIT JIBRIN - ZAKARIYA.</p> <p>Many reports concerning the supporting bdes and the enemy were received throughout the day. An outstanding report was received at 2205 confirming the suspected use of phosgene along line KHISTAS 13251250 - KHAT TARATIR 13101254 - TALL AS TURMUS 128125.</p> <p>From 0908 2/14 bn assisted 2/16 bn by patrolling Pt 393 and KH UMM PAZIQ 14231151 while 2/27 patrolled KH UMM BURJ 14721159.</p> <p>The password from 1200 hrs was HEAVEN.</p> <p>By 2030 hrs all bns were in their respective assembly areas.</p>	
	Mar 41 27		<p>Having gained all their objectives the 21 Inf Bde Gp commenced the capturing of DEIR AD DUBBAN - AJJUR - TALL AS SAFI in the four following phases:-</p> <p>2/27 Bn and att tps captured enemy posts 114 and 115 at</p>	

/KH AS SURA

ACTION DIARY

Unit 21 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time - From \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCE TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC.
	Mar 41 27		<p>KH AS SURA and took 6 P W. All complete 0430.</p> <p><u>PHASE 2</u> At 0530 hrs 2/16 Bn cleared KHAS SURA and captured post 101 at 0600 hrs causing the enemy to retreat in a westerly direction. Posts 108, 102, a Bty of 4 guns and Post 103 were all captured by 0734 hrs.</p> <p><u>PHASE 3</u> 2/14 Bn successfully attacked enemy posts 104, 105, 106 and 107. BEIT JIBRIN being captured by 0833 hrs.</p> <p>On completion PHASE 3 Bde HQ closed present posn and reopened X rds 13881159 at 0930 hrs.</p> <p><u>PHASE 4</u> 2/14 Bn having consolidated, 2/27 bn reached SL 1030 and adv RANA-ZIKRIN area capturing enemy post 109, 110, 111, 112 and 113 by 1325 hrs on completion of attack 2/16 Bn took over the area and consolidated. 2/27 moved north of RANA and consolidated on line 13861193 - 13831195. HQ locations of bns at 1100 hrs were as follows 2/14 Bn 13991156 2/16 Bn 14031172 and 2/27 14041174.</p> <p>At 1220 HQ 7 Aust Div reported 20 Inf Bde was heavily attacked on its whole front at 0545 hrs under cover arty and gas, but managed to estab a new front holding the enemy attack on line KHAN NABCULUS 148245 - KHALY ARMUR 147123. The location of 7 Aust Div at 1630 hrs was 13801118.</p> <p>Throughout the day the bns sent out recce patrols to locate mines and check routes.</p>	
	28		<p>The object of the final day was divided into 3 PHASES</p>	

/PHASE 1

ACTION DIARY

Unit 21 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time - From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCE TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC.
	Mar 41 28		<p><u>PHASE 1</u> 2/16 Bn captured posts 116, 117, 118 DEIR AD DUBBAN by 0720 hrs.</p> <p><u>PHASE 2</u> 2/14 Bn passed East of 2/16 and captured posts 119, 120 and 125 in AJJUR area by 1100 hrs, immediately after capture a protective det was sent to trig 205 13961235 to cover the Eastern flank of 2/27 bn.</p> <p><u>PHASE 3</u> 2/27 Bn captured posts 121, 122, 123, 124 in TALL AS SAFI area completing tasks by 1215 hrs. Two prisoners were captured at post 124.</p> <p>Bn HQ bivouaced at post 121. At 0849 hrs 7 Aust Div reported 20 Inf Bde having destroyed 5 enemy tks.</p> <p>Exercise concluded 1415 hrs 28 Mar 41 having gained all objectives.</p> <p>At 1030 Bde Comd despatched a message warning all offrs of the Bde to report 1030 hrs Sunday to a conference, which was held at offrs Mess 2/16 Bn DIMRA.</p>	

TACTICAL EXERCISE NO 2

TO BE CARRIED OUT 23 - 27 MAR 41

Objects of the Exercise; to practise :-

- (a) The control of MT during movement and in battle.
- (b) The attack in all phases incl preliminary patrolling.

Ref maps : GAZA and HEBRON Sheets 1/100,000.

OPENING NARRATIVE

POTTZONIA and CANMOTEN are two adjoining Levantine States whose relations have never been entirely happy.

(2) The southern portion of POTTZONIA forms a salient into CANMOTEN, the frontier being on the line DEIR ABAN 141123 - BEIT JIERIN 140113 - TALL AS SAFI 136123 - MASMIYA AL KABIRA 139129.

(3) On 7 Mar 41 after a series of frontier disputes, war between the two states was declared.

Note :

(1) Both states are armed and equipped in accordance with British WEs.

(ii) Comparison of air forces :-

CANMOTEN	One B Sqn	RAFA
	" Coastal recon Sqn	BEERSHEBA
	" A.C Sqn	GAZA
	" F Sqn	RAFA
POTTZONIA	Two B Sqs	} Locations uncertain
	" F - B Sqs	
	One A.C Sqn	

CANMOTEN is equipped and trained on British lines -

POTTZONIAN Air Force has Italian machines and instructors.

TACTICAL EXERCISE NO 2

NARRATIVE I

As a result of the lack of success in the attack of 99 Inf Bde Gp in the MASMIYA sector GOC northern force issued orders .... Mar, the gist of which follows :-

1. Located enemy dispositions in BEIT JIBRIN area as per trace att.
2. 99 Inf Bde Gp to maintain pressure in MASMIYA sector.
3. 20 Inf Bde Gp to attack enemy in DETRABAN sector to pave the way for
4. 21 Inf Bde Gp to attack BEIT JIBRIN sector from east.

S E C R E T.

Copy No. \_\_\_\_\_

21 AUST INF BDE.

LOCATION STATEMENT OWN FORCES.

Adv HQ Northern Forces

Area 108108 West of DIMRA

7 Div Cav (less one sqn)

QASTINA 126126

20 Inf Bde Gp

BEIT ITAB 155126

21 Inf Bde Gp

HQ 21 Inf Bde

2/4 Fd Regt

6 A Tk Bty

Det 2/5 Fd Coy

2/14 Bn

2/16 Bn

2/27 Bn

Coy 2/2 MG Bn

Pl 1 Corps Gd Bn

21 Inf Bde Gp Coy AASC

"X" Tp Carrying Coy AASC

2/6 Fd Amb

Area 108108 West of DIMRA

99 Inf Bde Gp

QASTINA 126126

Rear HQ Northern Force

GAZA 099101

Area 108108 West of DIMRA

*J. H. H. H.* Lieut.  
IO 21 Aust Inf Bde.



21 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY NO.1.

(Compiled from information received up to  
hrs on Mar.)

Ref Maps GAZA - HEBRON 1/100000.

1. Enemy Strengths and Dispositions

- (i) Information collated from air photographs and other sources indicate that enemy on frontier defence in the SALIENT area are disposed as shown on tracing attached.
- (ii) Reliable information, confirmed by air photographs show that the approaches to BEIT JIBRIN and TALL AS SAFI passes have been heavily mined with both anti personnel and A Tk mines.
- (iii) Air reports indicate that the track BEIT JIBRIN - KIDNA is in good condition, being used regularly by enemy supply vehicles. There are no signs of mines on this entrance to BEIT JIBRIN.

2. Topographical

- (i) Roads and tracks exist as shown on attached track plan. Owing to the nature of the soil all tracks other than main roads will be impassable to MP in wet weather.
- (ii) Crossings over the WADI AJJUR exist at 14311239 - 14051233 - 13751240 - 13561238 - 13541237 - 13471238. Except at the crossings this WADI is generally a tk obstacle.
- (iii) Water is known to be available in the RA'NA and AJJUR areas.
- (iv) The country is particularly stony and for the most part impassable to APV's except on the lower ridges and valleys where cultivation exists.

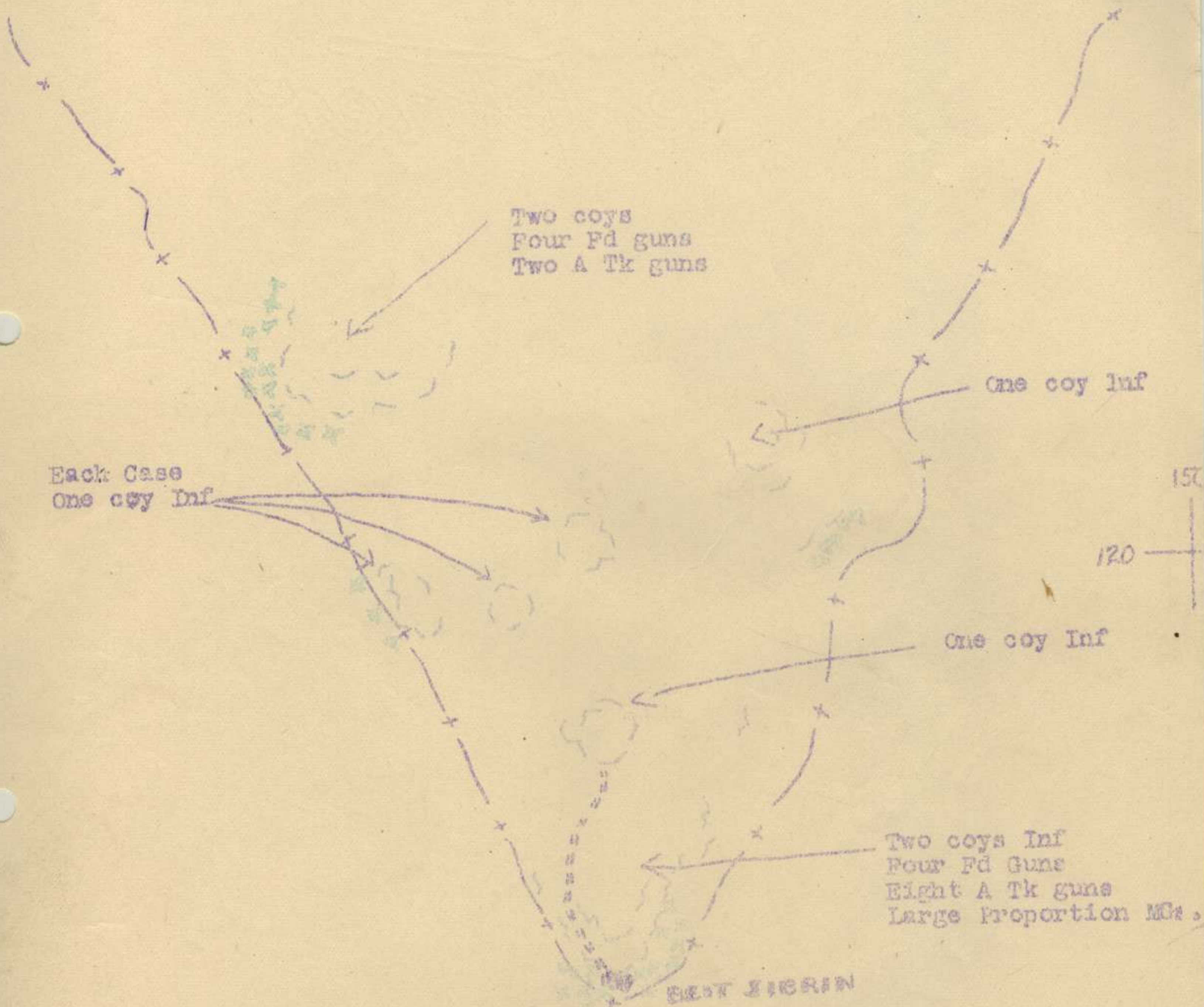
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IO 21 Aust Inf Bde.

IN BEIT JIBRIN SECTOR

21 Aust Inf Bde  
Int. Summary

( Superimposed on HEBRON Sheet 1/100000) No. \_\_\_ of \_\_\_

Estimated Enemy Strength Shown in each Case



Each Case  
One coy Inf

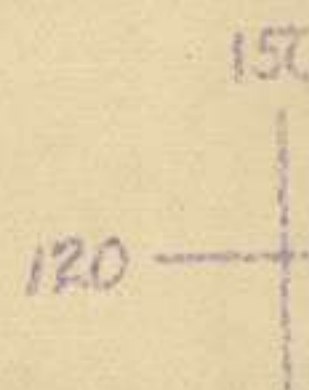
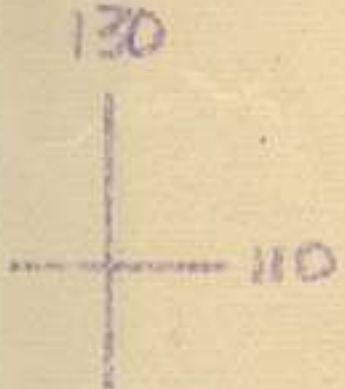
Two coys  
Four Fd guns  
Two A Tk guns

One coy Inf

One coy Inf

Two coys Inf  
Four Fd Guns  
Eight A Tk guns  
Large Proportion MGs.

BEIT JIBRIN



LEGEND

- Enemy Dispositions =
- A Tk Mines =
- Frontier =
- Track known to have been used for Sup Vehicles =

21 AUST INF BDE  
TACTICAL EXERCISE NO 2  
FORECAST OF EVENTS

Maps GAZA, HEBRON

Serial No (a)	Day (b)	Time (c)	Formation or unit (d)	Action (e)	Remarks (f)
1	22 Mar 41	0800 hrs	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp	Warning Order for move (24 hrs notice)	BM
2	22 Mar 41	0800 hrs	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp	Issue Int Summary and location statement	IO
3	22 Mar 41	1030 hrs	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp	Issue OO for move of 21 Inf Bde Gp to area 144116	BM
4	23 Mar 41	1400 hrs	2/16 Bn and att tps	Moves by MT from DIMRA to area 144116 to cover concentration of Bde Gp	
5	24 Mar 41	0630 hrs	21 Inf Bde Gp less covering force	Moves by MT from DIMRA to area 144116	
6	24 Mar 41	to be fixed by bn comd	2/16 Bn	Daylight recce of Pt 393 14311148	Bns occupy defensive areas covering area Bde concentration
7	25 Mar 41	to be fixed by bn comd	2/27 Bn	Recce patrol to frontier opposite KH AS SURA	
8	25 Mar 41	0930 hrs	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp	Issue outline plan	Bns carry out preliminary recce and prepare for attack
9	25 Mar 41	1200 hrs	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp	Issue OO	
10	26 Mar 41	0350 hrs	Two coys 2/27 Bn plus one pl 2/2 MG Bn	Attack KH AS SURA	
11	26 Mar 41	0440 hrs	2/16 Bn	Commences attack on KIDNA from KH AS SURA	2/6 Fd Regt in support
12	26 Mar 41	0820 hrs	2/16 Bn	Completes capture of KIDNA - consolidates facing North	One pl 2/2 MG Bn in support from 0930 hrs for defence
13	26 Mar 41	0600 hrs	2/14 Bn	Passes through frontier at TALL JUDEIDA and attacks BETT JIBRIN from North	2/8 Fd Regt in support
14	26 Mar 41	0900 hrs	2/27 Bn	Passes through 2/16 Bn for attack on RA'NA and ZIKRIN. Attack commences at 1030 hrs.	2/6 Fd Regt in support. Two pls 2/2 MG Bn in support consolidation facing North

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
15	26 Mar 41	1030 hrs	2/14 Bn	Moves from BEIT JIBRIN into Bde res in area KH AL KHULF 138117	
16	26 Mar 41	1500 hrs	MG 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp	Issue of orders for D2	
17	night 26/27 Mar		21 Aust Inf Bde Gp	Occupies line KIDNA - ZIKRIN	Arty and MG defensive fire plan
18	Night 26/27 Mar	1600 hrs	2/16 Bn	Offrs patrol DEIRAD DUBBAN area to confirm enemy disposns	Booby traps and wire in certain localities
19	27 Mar 41	0600 hrs	2/16 Bn	Passes through 2/27 Bn in RA'NA area and attacks DIER AD DUBBAN from SW	2/6 Fd Regt and one pl MG Bn in support. Consolidation facing AJJUR
20	27 Mar 41	0600 hrs	2/14 Bn	Moves to area RA'NA and awaits capture of DEIR AD DUBBAN by 2/16 Bn	
21	27 Mar 41	0730 hrs	2/14 Bn	On capture of DEIR AD DUBBAN passes through 2/16 Bn and attacks AJJUR	One fd bty 2/6 Fd Regt in support One tp 5 bty 2 A Tk Regt One pl 2/2 MG Bn } under com d
22	27 Mar 41	1200 hrs	2/14 Bn	After mopping up of enemy in AJJUR moves to Pt 205 13971234 to afford flank protection for attack on TALL AS SAFI	One tp 5 Bty 2 A Tk Regt One pl 2/2 MG Bn } under comd
23	27 Mar 41	1200 hrs	2/16 and 2/ 27 Bns	Attack TALL AS SAFI	2/6 Fd Regt in support One pl 2/2 MG Bn in support of each bn

Issue of subsequent I summaries and maps "captured" from enemy will be made as exercise progresses.  
 Bns marched to DIMRA at conclusion of exercise. Further orders for the march will be issued later.

EXERCISE NO 5  
 ST VERA INF BDE

21 AUST INF BDE GP

TACTICAL EXERCISE No 2

GENERAL INSTNS

1. GENERAL

The exercise will be carried out during the period 22-27 Mar

41. The following tps will take part :-

HQ 21 Inf Bde  
2/6 Fd Regt (Comd Gp only)  
5 A Tk Bty  
Det 2/5 Fd Coy  
2/14 Bn  
2/16 Bn  
2/27 Bn  
A Coy 2/2 MG Bn  
2/6 Fd Amb

2. DIRECTION

The exercise will be directed by HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

3. SAFETY

In order to permit of patrolling at night and also as enemy will be represented in skeleton a small proportion only of SAA ball will be taken. This will be issued to Pl comds (See also Security)

4. SECURITY

For local protection at night Pl comds will issue sentries in bivouac areas with SAA ball. This amn will be withdrawn from the sentries prior to the commencement of each day's exercise and also on nights when there are patrols operating.

COs are personally responsible prior to the commencement of each day's manoeuvre that no rank below pl comd is in possession of SAA ball.

5. ENEMY

Enemy will be represented in skeleton. The following tps will be used:-

Comd - Maj J.G. EVANS            2/14 Bn  
21 A Tk Coy  
8 ORs per bn.

Detailed instns concerning the action of the skeleton enemy are issued separately.

6. COMPENSATION

Every care will be exercised to prevent damage to crops etc and consequent compensation claims to a minimum.

Reps D Hgs will accompany the Bde on the manoeuvre and will be responsible for inspecting and assessing damage.

This applies to both tactical movement as well as bivouac area.

7. ORGZN OF TPT

The re-allotment of tpt to place bns on an equal basis is shown in Appx att.

8. MOVEMENT OF MT

(a) In convoy - MT and rd discipline must ceaselessly be watched and practised. For all movements by rd and in convoy the following will be adhered to -

- (i) by day 20 mih 15 vtm
- (ii) by night 10 mih 40 vtm

(i) will be reduced to 10 mih when convoys are proceeding off main rds.

(b) Tactical moves The tendency to move too fast in fwd areas must be checked. Rapid driving can only be justified by serious tactical necessity.

9. WATER DISCIPLINE

It is the responsibility of all comds to police water sources in their vicinity which have not been approved for use by the MO.

A man out of action through infection from bad water is just as /much

much a casualty as a man with a bullet wound.

Water pts will be notified at each phase as soon as possible.

Water pts so notified are the ONLY pts from which water will be drawn for any purpose.

10. MEDICAL

Throughout the exercise 2/6 Fd Amb will be co-operating tactically and the directing staff will indicate casualties to units and their personnel will be evacuated through the normal channels.

These casualties will be indicated under two categories :-

- (a) For treatment at RAP in which case they will be released after receiving medical attention and
- (b) For evacuation beyond RAP in which cases they will be returned to unit after being detained at the ADS for one hr.

11. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE

Fire of enemy posts will be represented in the following ways :-

- (i) Blank SAA
- (ii) Kerosene tin rattle.

12. MOVEMENT IN VILLAGES

Tps will move through villages only as a tactical necessity.

When it is necessary to move through a village tps will pass straight through by the main thoroughfare and will not halt until well clear.

13. SECURITY OF CAMP LINES

Units will leave sufficient gds in camp to ensure the security of their lines.

2/14 Bn will be responsible for the guarding of the amn dump during the period of the exercise.

Special instns re gd on 7 Aust Div HQ are being issued.

14. DRESS

All ranks will wear working dress with gaiters, drill order with haversacks in the pack posn. The haversack will contain waterproff sheet, clean pair of socks, towel, shaving gear etc.

Units co-operating will conform according to practice covering corresponding dress in each unit.

Greatcoats, pullovers and two blankets per man will be carried in the packs in the normal unit vehs if available. Blankets may be rolled in bundles at discretion of unit comds.

Special arrangements as necessary covering this pt will be notified.

Remaining two blankets per man will be left in unit lines. Offrs may take valises.

15. INTERCOMN

Throughout the exercise a DRLS will operate between Rear Bde HQ and Adv Bde HQ twice daily.

Times co-ordinated by sigs to fit in with normal DRLS at Rear Bde HQ. OC Bde Sig sec will notify units of these times.

Unit duty offrs will ensure that despatches for the units on the exercise are at Rear Bde HQ not less than 15 mins prior to departure of DRLS.

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TPT - BDE GP EXERCISE NO 2

The following is the re-allotment of tpt to place hrs on an equal basis for the forthcoming exercise :-

<u>Type</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>By whom provided</u>	<u>Total by types</u>
Car	1	CO, Adjnt or IO, or HQ Coy Comd.	Own Unit	1
Vans 15 cwt	1	Each Rifle Coy Comd	Own Unit	5
30 cwt GS	1	For RMO and Padre	Own Unit	
	1	Adjnt or IO or HQ Coy Comd, Bn office	Own Unit	8
	1	TO and QM and 2 i/c, also for petrol	Own Unit	
	1	Offrs Mess, cook and gear, also to cook for Bn HQ dets	Own Unit	
	1	Each to Rifle Coys for blankets and baggage. Coy Comd 15 cwt van to be used for this purpose also	Own Unit	
	1	Water tank	Own Unit	5
30 cwt Kitchen	1	To each rifle Coy Kitchen	Own Unit	
	1	To HQ Coy Kitchen (2/14 Bn to use one 30 cwt GS as Kitchen)	Own Unit	
3 Tons	1	Blankets and baggage for Sig Pl, Mortar Pl and Bn HQ dets	ASC Pool	2
	1	Blankets and baggage for Carrier Pl, AA Pl and Prr Pl	ASC Pool	

Vehs allotted to units from ASC pool will report Unit lines 1200 hrs 23 Mar.

2. The following changes will occur within units taking part in the exercise :-

2/16 Bn - 1-30 cwt GS to be made available to 5 A Tk Bty 2/2 A Tk Regt QASTINA.

2/27 Bn - 1-Van 1 ton to be made available to HQ 21 Bde by 1500 hrs 23 Mar

1-30 cwt GS to be made available to 5 A Tk Bty 2/2 A Tk Regt QASTINA.

21 A, Tk Coy

1-15 cwt to be made available to HQ 21 Bde by 1200 hrs 23 Mar

1-30 cwt GS to be made available to 5 A Tk Bty 2/2 A Tk Regt QASTINA.

59 IAD

1-Van 15 cwt to be made available to HQ 21 Bde by 1500 hrs 23 Mar.

1-3 ton lorry to be made available to HQ 21 Bde by 1200 hrs 23 Mar.

"K" Sec Sigs

1-Van 1 ton to be made available to HQ 21 Bde by 1500 hrs 23 Mar.

Vehs allotted to 5 A Tk Bty 2/2 A Tk Regt will report to that unit by 1000 hrs 23 Mar at QASTINA

In all cases where vehs are interchanged between Units the dr will accompany the veh and drive it.

SECRET

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21 INF BDE GP 00 No 1

22 Mar 41

Ref Maps: GAZA and HEBRON sheets 1/100000

INFORM

1. As per 21 Inf Bde Int Summary No 1 dated 22 Mar 41
2. Reliable sources report enemy post at KH AS SURA 14221172 lightly held.
3. Sector KH AS SURA - KILO 51 14131142 appears only to be covered by moving patrols.
4. 99 Inf Bde attacked MASMIYA sector dawn 22 Mar - no progress yet reported.
5. Tps under Comd : As per Order of Battle No 1 of 21 Mar  
A Coy 2/2 MG Bn under comd 21 Inf Bde from 1200 hrs 23 Mar.

INTENTION

6. 21 Inf Bde Gp will move 23/24 Mar to concentration area in re-entrant 14631138

METHOD

7. Covering force : Comd Lt.Col A B McDONALD 2/16 Bn  
7 Fd Bty X  
One Tp 5 A Tk Bty  
2/16 Bn  
One Pl A Coy 2/2 MG Bn  
2 MC DRs Div Sigs  
One W/T det

8. Covering force will move 1300 hrs 23 Mar and protect concentration of main body by occupying a posn in the area SPUR 400 14491151 - SH USHEISH 14381132.

9. Main body will move in three colns in accordance with movement table att as Appx A.

10. Coln A : Comd : Lt.Col Cannon 2/14 Bn  
2/6 Fd Regt X  
One Sec 5 A Tk Bty X  
Two tps 4 Lt AA Bty X  
2/14 Bn  
One Pl A Coy 2/2 MG Bn  
Two MC DRs K Sec Sigs  
One W/T det " "

11. Coln B : Comd : LtCol Moten 2/27 Bn  
One Sec 5 A Tk Bty X  
2/ 2 7 Bn (less HQ and three secs 4 pl)  
A coy 2/2 MG Bn (less two pls)  
2 M/C DRs K Sec Sigs  
One W/T det " " "

HQ 21 Inf Bde will move at rear of Coln B.

12. B Ech all units except covering force.

13. Flank Gd : Comd : Maj Wilson 5 A Tk Bty  
5 A Tk Bty (less dets above) X  
4 pl 2/27 Bn (less one sec)

Flank gd will protect left flank of move until "B" Ech passes AL QUBEIBA then follow that coln to concentration area.

14. AA 4 Lt AA Bty will provide close AA protection of the following
  - (i) embussing areas
  - (ii) AD DAWEIMA 142106 and IDNA 140107 defiles
  - (iii) debussing pts in KILO 51 area 14611128 area

/15. Embussing



15. Embussing pts - unit lines DIMRA.  
Times as per movement table. Debussing pts as shown on trace  
Appx B.

16. Security of concentration area :  
Areas of unit responsibility for perimeter defence of con-  
centration area are shown on trace Appx B. Units will assume re-  
sponsibility for their own areas on arrival, taking over from  
covering force by mutual arrangement.

17. Tpt. "B" Each tpt will move as detailed in Appx "A".

18. Petrol PP will be established at Tpt Park Bde HQ, DIMRA from  
1330 hrs till 1600 hrs 24 Mar.

19. Supplies

23 Mar - 2/16 Bn AASC veh will join coln at Rd and TRACK Xing  
II501192 at 1330 hrs and will follow to concentration  
area "A".

24 Mar - 2/16 Bn AASC veh will report 2/16 Bn lines DIMRA at  
1330 hrs and move with vehs carrying hot boxes to con-  
centration area "A".

SP for other units Unit guides meet AASC at Rd and Ry  
Xing W of 2/27 Bn lines at 1500 hrs.

20. Water Det 2/5 Fd Coy will establish a Water pt at AL QUBEIBA  
at W 13561095 by 1000 hrs 24 Mar. This will remain open till 1500  
hrs. OC det 2/5 Fd Coy will carry out recce of W 14591125, W 14901087  
and W 14801105 and advise HQ 21 Inf Bde by 1630 hrs 24 Mar which is  
most suitable for future water pt. This sub unit will move independ-  
ently from bivouac area.

21. Traffic Control

(a) 2/16 Bn will be responsible for traffic control in concen-  
tration area "A" from 0930 hrs till 1930 hrs 24 Mar.

(b) 2/14 Bn will arrange for traffic control in :-

IDNA from 0845 hrs till 1200 hrs 24 Mar and

TARQUMIYA from 0910 hrs till 1930 hrs 24 Mar.

(c) 2/27 Bn will arrange for traffic control in IDNA from  
1200 hrs till 1850 hrs 24 Mar.

22. Medical 2/6 Fd Amb will move as detailed in Appx "A"  
MDS - To be established on wheels in vicinity of IRAQ SUWEIDAN  
by 1430 hrs.

ADS - will be established at TRACK JUNG 14741109 by 1645 hrs.

Dets Fd Amb

(a) One M Amb will accompany Covering force on 23 Mar and  
remain until ADS is established on 24 Mar

(b) One M Amb will move with 2/14 Bn until that unit is  
debussed. It will then return with Tp carrying vehs  
and move with 2/27 Bn to concentration area "A" report-  
ing to ADS when the latter is established.

INTERCOMN

23. Bde HQ closes present location 0915 thence behind Coln B re-  
opening new location 1300 hrs.

24. W/T dets and M/C DRs as indicated above.

Wireless silence East of line BEIT JIBRIN - AL QUEBEIBA.

Ack

Signed at hrs

Issued by Sigs

*[Signature]*  
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BM 21 Inf Bde Cp

DISTRIBUTION	COPY NO	DISTRIBUTION	COPY NO
2/14 Bn	1	2/5 Fd Coy	11-12
2/16 Bn	2	(A) Coy 2/2 MG Bn	13-14
2/27 Bn	3	2/6 Fd Amb	15
Sigs	4	7 Aust Div	16-17
59 LAD	5	Comd	18
2/6 Fd Regt	6-7	Bde TO	19
5 A Tk Bty	8-9	File	20-21
X 4 Lt AA B ty	10	War Diary	22-23

X - Unit not represented

MOVEMENT TABLE

Ref Maps GAZA 1/100,000  
HEBRON 1/100,000

SECRET  
Appx "A" to 21 Inf Bde Gp 00 No  
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Move of 21 Inf Bde Gp from DIMRA CAMP to Concentration Area "A"

SP

Western Entrance to DIMRA CAMP at unmarked Rd JUNG at 10731085  
for Covering Force, Coln "A", HQ 21 Bde, 2/6 Fd Amb and "B" Ech Tpt.

ROUTE

BEIT JIRJA CAMP - BEIT JIRJA 11031125 - ALJIYA 11201154 - Rd and TRACK Xing 11501192 - ALFALUJA - ALQUBEIBA  
13631087 AD DAWEIMA 142105 - IDNA 14731073 - TARQUMIYA 15131092 - Rd and TRACK JUNG 14571132

DISPERSAL PT - Rd and TRACK JUNG 14571132

Serial No	Date	Formation or Unit	No of Vehs	P L A C E		S P	Time past S P	Speed to S P	Speed and Density during March min vtm	REMARKS
				FROM	TO					
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)		(k)
1	23	Covering Force (See detail Para 7)	67	DIMRA CAMP	CONCENTRATION AREA "A"	Unmarked Rd JUNG 10731085 (GAZA SHEET)	1300	15 mih		6 30 cwts and 2 3 tons 2/16 Bn in addition to Tp carrying vehs return to DIMRA CAMP 23 Mar
2	24	Coln "A"	53	DIMRA CAMP	AL QUBEIBA	"	0630	"		Marching personnel 2/14 Bn debuss AL QUBEIBA and move by march route to concentration area "A" - ROUTE KH AI ARAB 14121100 - KH QASSA 14621108 - Rd JUNG 14571132 Tp carrying vehs return to Rd JUNG 11801180 - KAUKABA 11801156
3	24	Coln "B"	50	KAUKABA 11801156 (GAZA SHEET)	CONCENTRATION AREA "A"	IRAQ SUW-EIDAN 12101174 (GAZA SHEET)	0950			Marching personnel Coln "A" embuss KAUKABA 0930 hrs. Move by march ROUTE from DIMRA CAMP - BEIT JIRJA 11031125 - BEIT TIMA 11581147 - KAUKABA "B" Ech vehs return from concentration Area "A" to Unit Lines DIMRA
4	24	HQ. 21 Inf Bde "K" Sec Sigs (less dets)	10	DIMRA CAMP	CONCENTRATION AREA "A"	Unmarked Rd JUNG 10731085	0920	15mih		

SP to Rd and TRACK Xing 11501192 to ALQUBEIBA  
 Rd and TRACK Xing 11501192 to ALQUBEIBA  
 AT QUBEIBA to Rd JUNG 15131094 (HEBRON SHEET) 10  
 JUNG 15131094 to Rd JUNG 14571132  
 15 v t m

MOVEMENT TABLE  
(Contd)

Appx "A"

Serial No	Date	Formation or unit	No of Vehs	From P L	To A C E	S P	Time past S P	Speed to S P	Speed and Density during March mih vtm	REMARKS
5	24	2/6 Fd Amb	10	DIMRA CAMP	Location of ADS	Unmarked Rd JUNC 10731085	1530	15 mih		
6	24	"B" Ech Tpt All Units except Covering Force	38	DIMRA CAMP	Concentration Area "A"	"	1620	15 mih		

12 A.M.


**ENLARGEMENT  
AREA  
KAS SURA**

**UNIT BIYOUAC AREA**

**AREA UNIT**

A - 2/14 Bn and  
Det 2/5 7d Coy

B - 2/27 Bn

C - 2/16 Bn and  
one pl 2/2 MG Bn

D - HQ 21 Inf Bde  
"K" Sec Sigs  
59 LAD

E - A Coy 2/2 MG Bn  
(less one pl)

F - 6 A Tk Bty  
perimeter defence  
responsibilities shown  
thus: ← A →

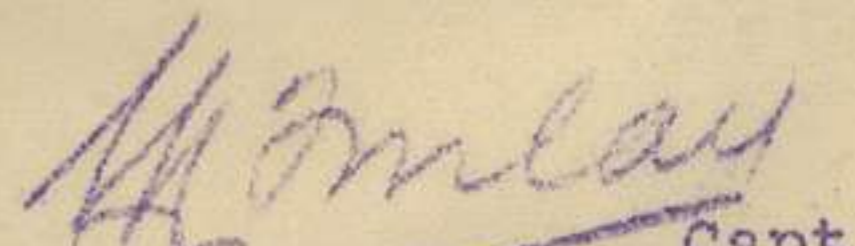
Unit in area  
shown is responsible  
for sector.



21 AUST INF BDE GP  
TACTICAL EXERCISE NO 2

INSTNS TO ENEMY

1. Infm as per opening Narrative.  
The enemy constituted as indicated in General Instns para 5.
2. Disposns  
The disposns of the enemy will be as already pointed out on the ground and marked on the enlargements.  
As the op is being carried out in two main phases it will be possible to man 15 posts in the five Southern areas during the first phase ie -  
Night 26/27 Mar - noon 27 Mar with all the enemy personnel available  
During the ops of 27 Mar the personnel will withdraw to the posts AT DEIR AD DUBBAN, AJJUR and TALL AS SAFI which they will defend during the second day's ops - 28 Mar
3. Moves and Timings - shown on table att as Appx A.
4. After capturing TALL AS SAFI enemy will rejoin own tps and move to camp under orders issued for own tps.
5. Safety BM 21 Aust Inf Bde will indicate to OC Enemy the exact pt in each attack at which the enemy will withdraw.  
Under no circumstances are the enemy and the assaulting tps to engage in hand to hand fighting.  
SAA Ball to the extent of 30 rounds per A Tk pl will be carried for Security purposes.  
This amn will be carried under arrangements of pl comds and NOT issued to personnel except at night when patrols are NOT operating.  
The amn will be withdrawn at first light or before the day's ops commence.  
OC Enemy is personally responsible that no rank below pl comd is in possession of ball amn during ops.
6. Tpt Enemy personnel will be tpted to manoeuvre area on Wed 26 Mar as detailed separately.  
They will retain continually one van 1 ton and one 30 cwt for movement of enemy during manoeuvre.  
One of these vehs will become neutral once each day and will collect sups and pet from SP as detailed in orders for own tps.
7. Representation of fire. SAA blank and kerosene tin rattles - OC Enemy to arrange for number of kerosene tins and sticks to be taken out. Blank SAA must not be fired at attacking tps within 50 yds of the firer.
8. Sups Rations for consumption on 26 Mar will be delivered in the normal way on 25 Mar. Enemy force will move on 26 Mar with haversack ration and unexpended portion of day's ration.  
CQMS 21 A Tk Coy and two cooks 21 A Tk Coy with sufficient cooking gear to provide for enemy force will take part in the exercise.
9. Pet Enemy force pet requirements will be drawn from Bde HQ veh at SSPs as detailed in orders for own tps.
10. Water Bde HQ water veh will contact enemy force veh at SP daily and follow to bivouac area. CQMS 21 A Tk Coy to arrange for storage containers to be carried.

  
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INSTNS TO ENEMYMoves and Timings for occupation of and withdrawal from Posts

Serial No	Date (b)	Post (c)	Time to be occupied (d)	Personnel (e)	Approx time of withdrawal (f)	Action after capture of posn (g)	Remarks (h)
1	25 Mar	KH AS SURA 114) 115)	Night 25/26 Mar	12	0400	Remain with attacking tps moving in rear of 2/16 Bn attack on Post 101. Remain with 2/16Bn till end of day's ops and rejoin enemy at TALL AS SAFTI	Carry blankets in packs until rejoining tpt
2	25 Mar	KIDNA 101	" "	24	0545	Withdraw to RA'NA and ZIKRIN ponsn (see Serials 10 to 14) Personnel sleep on posts	Blankets in packs. RV for tpt Rd West of Post 102. Tpts take packs etc to pt on TALL AS SAFTI Rd - dumped and gd left on it
3	"	103	" "		0730		
4	"	108	" "		0800		
5	"	102	" "		0720		
6	"	BEIT JIBRIN 104	" "	24	0625	Withdraw to DEIR AD DUBBAN	Tpt waits in BEIT JIBRING area, personnel from various posts RV at tpt. Carry blankets to tpt in packs (See above for dumping of blankets)
7	"	107	" "		0630		
8	"	105	" "		0725		
9	"	106	" "		0810		
10	26 Mar	RA'NA-ZIKRIN 110	26 Mar	Personnel from KIDNA and KH AS SURA posns	1100	Withdraw to ZIKRIN " " " " to posts 111 and 112 Move to RANA and meet tpt thence TALL AS SAFTI	After capture of posts 112 and 113 move to pt where packs dumped. Tpt if possible.
11	"	109	0930		1200		
12	"	113			1245		
13	"	111					
14	"	112					
15	27 Mar	DEIR AD DUBBAN 116	Night 26/27 Mar	Personnel from BEIT JIBRIN Posts	0630	Withdraw to AJJUR and occupy posts 119, 120, 125	Ball amn withdrawn from these personnel as patrolling activity on front during night
16	"	117					
17	"	118					
18	"	AJJUR 119	0700 (approx after attack on DEIR AD DUBBAN)	Personnel from DEIR AD DUBBAN after withdrawal from that posn	See remarks coln		After capture of posts at AJJUR enemy will rejoin own tps and move to TALL AS SAFTI with them
19	"	120					
20	"	125					

OVER

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
21		FALL AS SAFT 121	1000	Personnel from RA'NA and ZIKRIN	See next coln	Rejoin own tps and return to camp under orders issued for own tps	(c) (d)
22		122					KH AS SURA 114
23		123					115
24		124					
				Withdraw to RA'NA and ZIKRIN	0245 0730 0800 0750	S4	KIDNA 101 102 108 105
				Withdraw to DEIR AD DUBBAN	0825 0830 0725 0810	S4	BRIT ZIKRIN 104 107 105 108
				Withdraw to ZIKRIN	1100 1200 1245		RA'NA-ZIKRIN 110 109 112 111 112
				Withdraw to ALLUR and occupy posts 119, 120, 122	0630		DEIR AD DUBBAN 118 117 118
				See remarks coln			ALLUR 119 120 122

OVER

Ref Map: HEBRON Sheet 1/100,000

INFM

1. Frontier posts report further enemy mining Southern approaches to BEIT JIBRIN
2. Air reports indicate wiring and digging activity 500 yds South DEIR AD DUBBAN.
3. 99 Inf Bde still pressing MASMIYA AL KABIRA sector.

INTENTION

4. 21 Inf Bde Gp will move during night 26/27 Mar to assembly posns East of Rd BEIT JIBRIN - ZAKARIYA.

METHOD

5. Posns in assembly area and routes to be taken are shown on enlargement att.

6. Order of movement of units and timings as under :-

Serial No	Area	Unit	Time to leave concentration area	Remarks
1	A	2/14 Bn det 2/5 Rd Coy	1730 hrs	Bns responsible for own protection during move and after arrival in assembly areas.
2	B	2/27 Bn (less two coys)	1800 "	
3	C	2/16 Bn	1830 "	
4	D	Two coys 2/27 Bn plus one pl 2/2 MG Bn	1900 "	
5		Two A Ech vehs per Bn only	2100 "	Carry LMGs of Bns and move by rd
6		One B Ech veh per unit only (3 ton)	0245 " (27 Mar)	Rations for breakfast and cut lunch

7. 5 A Tk Bty will provide a tk protection on rd BEIT JIBRIN - HEBRON as far West as assembly area from 2000 hrs 26 Mar 41.

8. AA, mortar and carrier pls of bns and A Coy 2/2 MG Bn less one pl will remain in concentration area.

ADM

9. Tpt: B Ech Tpt remains present location.

10. Pet PP will be established at Rd and TRACK JUNC 14641112 by 1500 hrs and remain open till 1600 hrs 25 Mar.

11. Sups SP Rd JUNC 15181094. One ration veh per unit will meet AASC at SP at 1600 hrs 25 Mar. One 3 ton lorry per Bn as detailed in para 6, serial 6, will take breakfast in hotboxes and haversack lunch to unit assembly areas in assembly area 25 Mar.

12. Water Water pts will be notified by sig message.

13. Medical ADS will remain present location.

INTERCOMM

14. HQ 21 Inf Bde Gp remains present location.

15. Wireless silence. LOs with units, reporting completion of move to these HQ.

Ack

Signed at        hrs  
Issued to sigs.

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2/14 Bn  
 2/18 Bn  
 2/27 Bn  
 Sigs  
 59 LAD  
 2/6 Pz Rgt  
 5 A Tk Bty  
 4 Lt AA Bty  
 2/5 Pz Coy

1  
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A Coy 2/2 MG Bn  
 2/6 Pz Amb  
 2/2 Pz Hyg Sec  
 7 Aust Div  
 Comd  
 Bde TO  
 File  
 War Diary

METHOD

5. Plans in assembly area and routes to be taken are shown on enlargement etc.

6. Order of movement of units and things as under :-

Serial No	Area	Unit	Time to leave concentration area	Remarks
1	A	2/14 Bn 2/5 Pz MG Coy	1730 hrs	Responsible for own protection during move and after arrival in assembly areas.
2	B	2/27 Bn (less two coys)	1800 "	
3	C	2/18 Bn	1830 "	
4	D	Two coys 2/27 Bn plus 1900 one pl 2/2 MG Bn	1900 "	
5		Two A Ech vans per Bn only	2100 "	Carry LMGs of Bns and move by rd
6		One B Ech van per Unit only (3 ton)	0845 (27 Mar)	Rations for breakfast and out lunch

7. 5 A Tk Bty will provide a protection on rd BRIT LIBRIN - HERBY as far West as assembly area from 2000 hrs 28 Mar 41.

8. AA, mortar and carrier pls of Bns and A Coy 2/2 MG Bn less one P will remain in concentration area.

ADM

9. Tpt: H Ech Tpt remains present location.

10. Pet BP will be established at RD and TRACK JUNG 1464115 by 1800 hrs and remain open till 1800 hrs 28 Mar.

11. Sigs 2/27 Bn 1464115. One ration van per unit will meet AASC at 2/27 Bn 1800 hrs 28 Mar. One 5 ton lorry per Bn as detailed in para 6, serial 6, will take breakfast in hospital and have back lunch to unit assembly area in assembly area 28 Mar.

12. Water Water pls will be notified by sig message.

13. Medical ADS will remain present location.

INTERCOM

14. H Ech Inf Bde Gp remains present location.

15. Wireless silence. The with units, reporting completion of move to these HQ.

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**ENLARGEMENT  
AREA  
KH AS SURA**

REF NEBRON  
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Areas to which  
Units move.

A. 2/14 Lm

Act 2/5 2d bay.

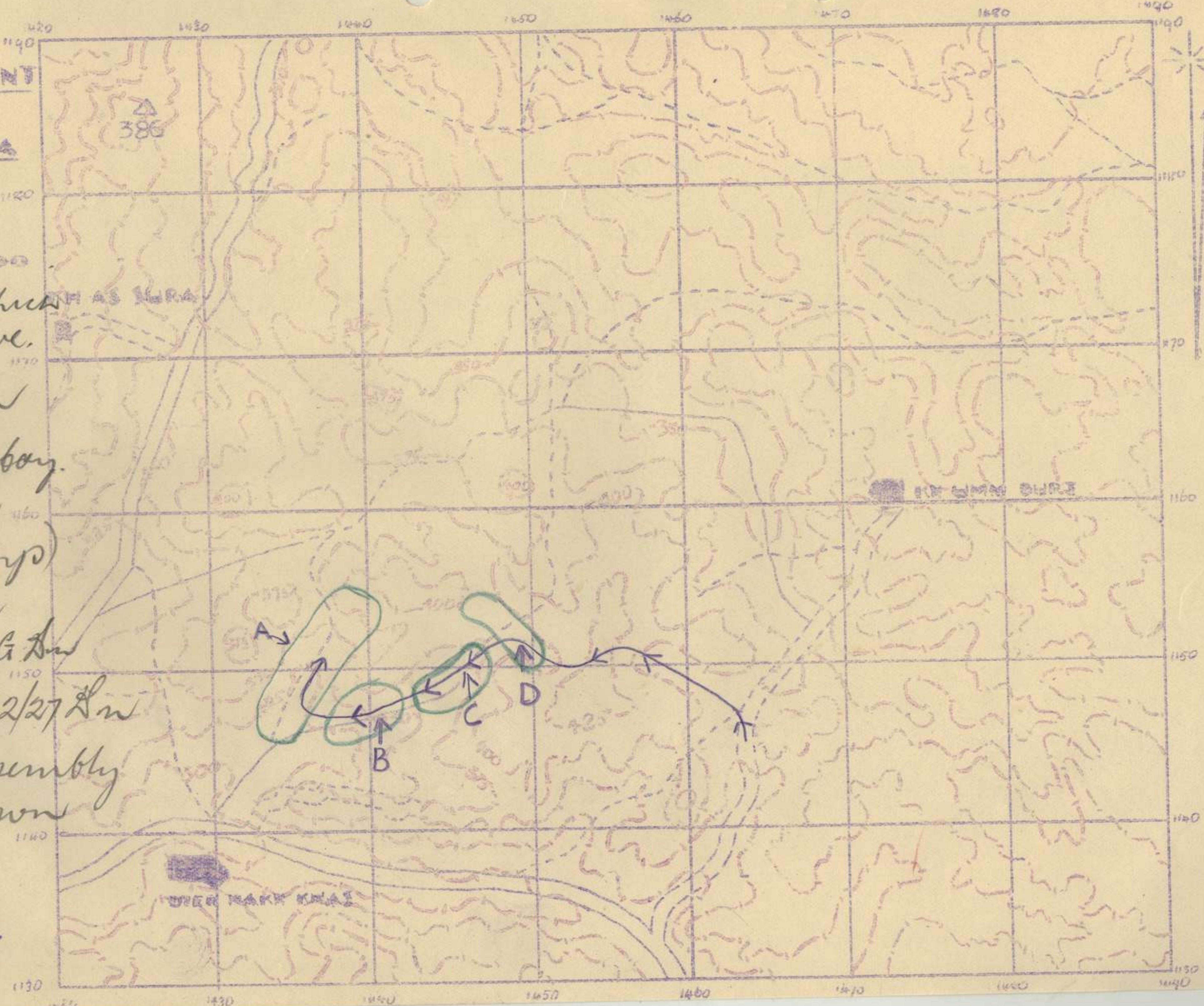
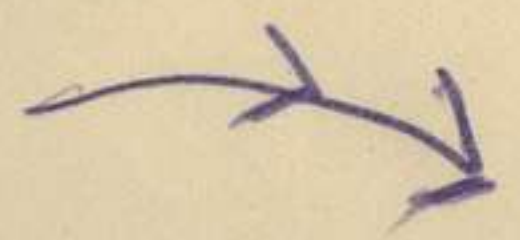
B. 2/27 Lm  
(less two corps)

C. 2/16 Lm  
one pl 2/2 MG Lm

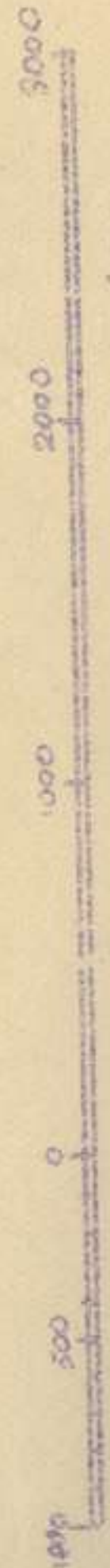
D. Two corps 2/27 Lm

Route to assembly  
areas shown

thus:-



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Ref Maps : HEBRON sheet 1/100,000.  
Enemy disposn enlargements 1/12500.

INFM.

1. Reliable source reports enemy post at KH AS SURA held by one coy.
2. Patrols 2/14 Bn penetrated frontier to TALL JUDEIDA first light 26 Mar and report that sector KH AS SURA - northern outskirts BEIT JIBRIN covered only by moving patrols.
3. Enemy disposns are shown in appx "A" **already issued.**
4. 99 Inf Bde attack still being pressed MASMIYA sector. Two enemy posts southern outskirts of MASMIYA captured and held against strong **counter attacks.**

INTENTION.

5. 21 Inf Bde Gp will capture enemy posts in KIDNA - RA'NA - ZIKRIN - BEIT JIBRIN area 27 Mar.

METHOD.

6. The op will be carried out in four phases in the order shown below :

PHASE	TPS	OBJECTIVE
1	Two coys 2/27 Bn plus one pl 2/2 MG Bn under comd from 1200 hrs 26 Mar.	KH AS SURA
2	2/16 Bn	KIDNA (Posts 101, 102 103 and 103)
3	2/14 Bn	BEIT JIBRIN (Posts 104, 105, 106 and 107)
4	2/27 Bn plus D Coy 2/2 MG Bn (less one pl) in support	RA'NA - ZIKRIN (Posts 109, 110, 111, 112 and 113).

7. FUPs, startlines, routes, objectives, limits of exploitation and inter bn boundaries for consolidation are shown on enlargements issued as appx "A".

8. 2/16 Bn will take over RA'NA from 2/27 Bn as soon as captured and consolidate as shown in appx "A".

9. Phase 4 will not commence until BEIT JIBRIN is captured thus allowing F vehs to rejoin units.  
D Coy 2/2 MG Bn (less one pl) will be in support of 2/27 Bn for Phase 4 as from 1000 hrs 27 Mar. RV to be arranged direct between 2/27 Bn and D Coy 2/2 MG Bn.

10. Moves and TimingsPhase 1.

Unit	Objective	FUP and Time to leave	Start line & time to cross	Remarks
Two coys 2/27 Bn and one pl 2/2 MG Bn under comd.	KH AS SURA	Re-entrant 14351167 Z-154	RD BEIT JIBRIN - ZAKARIYA Z-130	

/Phase 2 ....

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Phase 2.

Unit	Objective	FUP and Time to move	Start line & time to cross	Remarks
One coy 2/16 Bn	Post 101	Re-entrant 14331167 Z-124	Rd BEIT JIBRIN - ZAKARIYA Z - 80	
2/16 Bn (less one coy)	Posts 102, 103, 108	Eastern slopes KH AS SURA Z - 2	Rd NW & SE at 14001175 Z	Post 103 to be incl in first objective

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Phase 3.

2/14 Bn plus det 2/5 Fd Coy in support	BEIT JIBRIN Posts 104, 105, 106, 107.	Re-entrant 14041147 Z - 2	East-West track at 14031143 Z + 10	Det Fd Coy in support from 1200 hrs 26 Mar 41.
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Phase 4.

2/27 Bn and D Coy 2/2 MG Bn (less one pl) in support	HA'NA - ZIKRIN Posts 109, 110, 111, 112, 113.	Re-entrant 14031175 Z - 11	North-South track at 14031175 Z	To pass through KH AS SURA at 0600 hrs. Posts 109 and 110 to be first objective.
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14. Zero. For phases 1, 2 and 3 - 0600 hrs 27 Mar. For phase 4 - will be notified later but will not be before 1030 hrs 27 Mar.

15. On capture of BEIT JIBRIN, det 2/5 Fd Coy assisted by 2/14 Bn will clear minefields and obstacles from southern approaches to salient to permit entry of F vehs.

OC det 2/5 Fd Coy is responsible for declaring passage safe, marking it by red flags and passing sig to OC A Ech Tpt (see para 18 below).

16. On completion of task at BEIT JIBRIN 2/14 Bn will move direct to area re-entrant 13991156 as Bde rez.

17. Arty Support. 2/6 Fd Regt will support each phase by concentrations as set out below :

Phase	Objective	Times		Remarks
		From	To	
2	Post 102	Z + 47	Z + 59	Normal
	" "	Z + 59	Z + 62	Rapid
	" 103	Z + 60	Z + 80	Normal
	" "	Z + 80	Z + 88	Rapid
	" 108	Z + 62	Z + 72	Slow
	" "	Z + 85	Z + 93	Normal
3	Bty West of Post 103	Z - 15	Z - 5	Normal - then return each 15 mins per 5 mins until Z or until silenced.
	Post 104	Z	Z + 5	Normal
	" "	Z + 5	Z + 12	Rapid
	Post 107	Z	Z + 12	Normal
	" "	Z + 12	Z + 17	Rapid
	" 105	Z + 17	Z + 30	Slow
	" "	Z + 58	Z + 70	Normal
	" "	Z + 70	Z + 75	Rapid
	" 106	Z + 75	Z + 90	Slow
	" "	Z + 95	Z + 110	Normal
" "	Z + 110	Z + 113	Rapid	

Phase	Objective	Times		Remarks
		From	To	
4	Post 110	Z + 12	Z + 32	Normal
	" "	Z + 32	Z + 37	Rapid
	" 109	Z + 40	Z + 60	Slow
	" "	Z + 66	Z + 80	Normal
	" 116	Z + 70	Z + 80	Smoke slow.
	" "	Z + 80	Z + 95	HE Slow
	" 113	Z + 150	Z + 163	Normal
	" "	Z + 163	Z + 170	Rapid
	" 111, 112	Z + 170	Z + 195	Normal

Arty defensive fire tasks on consolidation will be notified separately.

18. F Tpt. A Ech vehs all units will form up under comd Bde TO in re-entrant 14611138 ready to move in following order not later than 0730 hrs :

- Carrier pls all units.
- 5 A Tk Bty (less det)
- K Sec 7 Div Sigs
- D Coy 2/2 MG Bn (less one pl)
- Mortar pls all units in order 2/27, 2/16, 2/14 Bns
- All other A Ech vehs all units in order 2/27, 2/16 2/14 Bns.
- Det 5 A Tk Bty (to remain at junc rd BEIT JIBRIN - ZAKARIYA and BEIT JIBRIN - KIDNA.)

19. As soon as success sig is received from 2/14 Bn at BEIT JIBRIN, F tpt will move under comd Bde TO to outer edge of minefield west of DEIR NAKH HASS and await sig from OC det 2/5 Rd Coy that passage through minefield has been cleared. They will then proceed to RV fixed previously by unit comds, 5 A Tk Bty providing protection to unit RVs.

20. MGs. After 2/27 Bn has passed KH AS SURA MG pl there will move via BEIT JIBRIN and be placed in support 2/16 Bn for defence of KIDNA on arrival there, RV to be arranged direct between comd 2/16 Bn and OC MG pl.

Two MG pls supporting attack of 2/27 Bn will remain in support for defence of ZIKRIN and RA'NA areas, comd D coy 2/2 MG Bn to coordinate.

21. A Tk. After escorting F vehs, vide para 17 above, 5 A Tk Bty will provide A Tk defence as follows :

- (a) On rd BEIT JIBRIN - KIDNA vicinity 13991131.
- (b) Rd KIDNA - RA'NA vicinity 13981178.
- (c) At Rd and track junc 13901149.
- (d) Right and left flanks of 2/27 Bn during attack on RA'NA and ZIKRIN.

On capture of day's objective 5 A Tk Bty will provide A Tk defence at Northern entrances to ZIKRIN, RA'NA and KIDNA.

22. On capture of objectives in KIDNA, RA'NA and ZIKRIN areas 2/16 and 2/27 Bns will construct rd blocks on all rds leading into their posns from North.

23. Rd Works. Order of priority of rd works on consolidation :

- Rd blocks and A Tk minefields,
- Wire,
- Weapon pits where practicable or rock sangers

50 coils concertina wire are available. They will be delivered to 2/16 Bn by 1030 hrs and utilised fwd of enemy post

102 after capture.

ADM 24. See adm instns issued separately.

INTERCOMM 25. Adv Bde HQ fellows 2/14 Bn to concentration area at 0500 hrs 27 Mar thence to cross tracks 14381159 when 2/14 Bn moves fwd.

26. One L/T det accompanies 2/27 Bn to rd BELT JIBRIN - ZAKARIYA until KH AS SURA captured, then to be withdrawn.

27. Bde HQ remains present location till success sig from BEIT JIBRIN, thence with F vehs all units to area cross-tracks 13881159.

28. Bde HQ establishes OP with T/T at TALL JUDEIDA as soon as br head established at that pt. This OP remains this location till BEIT JIBRIN captured, then rejoins Bde HQ in new location.

29. One W/T det K See Sigs allotted to each bn, joining F tpt of bns at 0730 hrs vide para 33 above.

30. Wireless silence till broken by these HQ.

31. Success sig as issued will be fired on capture of each post except posts 101, 114 and 115. Success sig after capture all posts at BEIT JIBRIN will be three rockets fired simultaneously.

32. CDF on consolidation - Red- white - red.

33. Synchroniztion of watches. 1630 hrs & 2400 hrs.

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Signed at 1305 hrs  
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DISTRIBUTION	Copy No.
2/14 Bn	1
2/16 Bn	2
2/27 Bn	3
Sigs	4
59 IAD	5
2/6 Fd Regt	6
5 A Tk Bty	7
4 Lt AA Bty	8
2/5 Fd Coy	9
A Coy 2/2 MG Bn	10
det AASC	11
2/6 Fd Amb	12
7 Aust Div	13
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ADM INSTN No 3

Issued in conjunction with 21 Aust Inf Bde OO No 3.

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Ref Map: HEBRON Sheet 1/100,000

1. AMN

(a) Arty 140 rpg HE 117 and 50 rpg smoke for 11 bty and 60 rpg HE 117 for 12 bty will be dumped at gun posns by 2100 hrs 26 Mar. An additional 80 rpg is to be available on wheels at 12 bty WL by same hour.

(b) Inf and att tps One amn veh from each bn will report to Bde CSM at Rd and TRACK JUNC 14611136 by 1800 hrs 26 Mar as Bde SAA res. This will be available at KH AL KABBARA 14361148 until success sig from BEIT JIBRIN when Bde SAA res will move with Bde HQ to new location.

(c) AP An AP will be established at TRACK JUNC 14611130 as from 0800 hrs 27 Mar and remain open until further orders. - One complete refill (2nd line) all units 21 Inf Bde Gp.

2. "B" Ech tpt "B" Ech tpt will remain present location until further orders. Bn TOs report Bde TO at Rd JUNC 14571132 at 1300 hrs 27 Mar.

3. Sups SP at Rd JUNC 13801116. One ration veh each unit will report SP at 1630 hrs 27 Mar.

4. Pet PP will be established at Rd JUNC 13441103. Time open 1600 hrs - 1700 hrs 27 Mar.

5. Water Present water pt will remain open until 1200 hrs 27 Mar. Det 2/5 Fd Coy will establish water pt at BEIT JIBRIN from 1400 hrs till 1700 hrs 27 Mar.

6. PW On capture of BEIT JIBRIN a Bde collecting centre will be established at SH TAMIM 13951134.

2/14 Bn will provide a gd of one pl at Bde collecting centre as soon as it is established. Bns are responsible for the escort of PW from fwd areas to Bde collecting centre.

7. Medical

(a) Adv ADS An adv ADS will be established at Rd JUNC 14291170 at 0730 hrs 27 Mar until completion of Phases 1, 2 and 3 of attack.

(b) ADS Remains present location until completion of Phases 1, 2 and 3, then moves to vicinity RE-ENTRANT at 13941158.

(c) CP One CP will be established at W14211151 during Phases 1, 2 and 3.

(d) MDS On completion of Phases 1, 2 and 3 MDS will be established vicinity Rd JUNC 14081132.

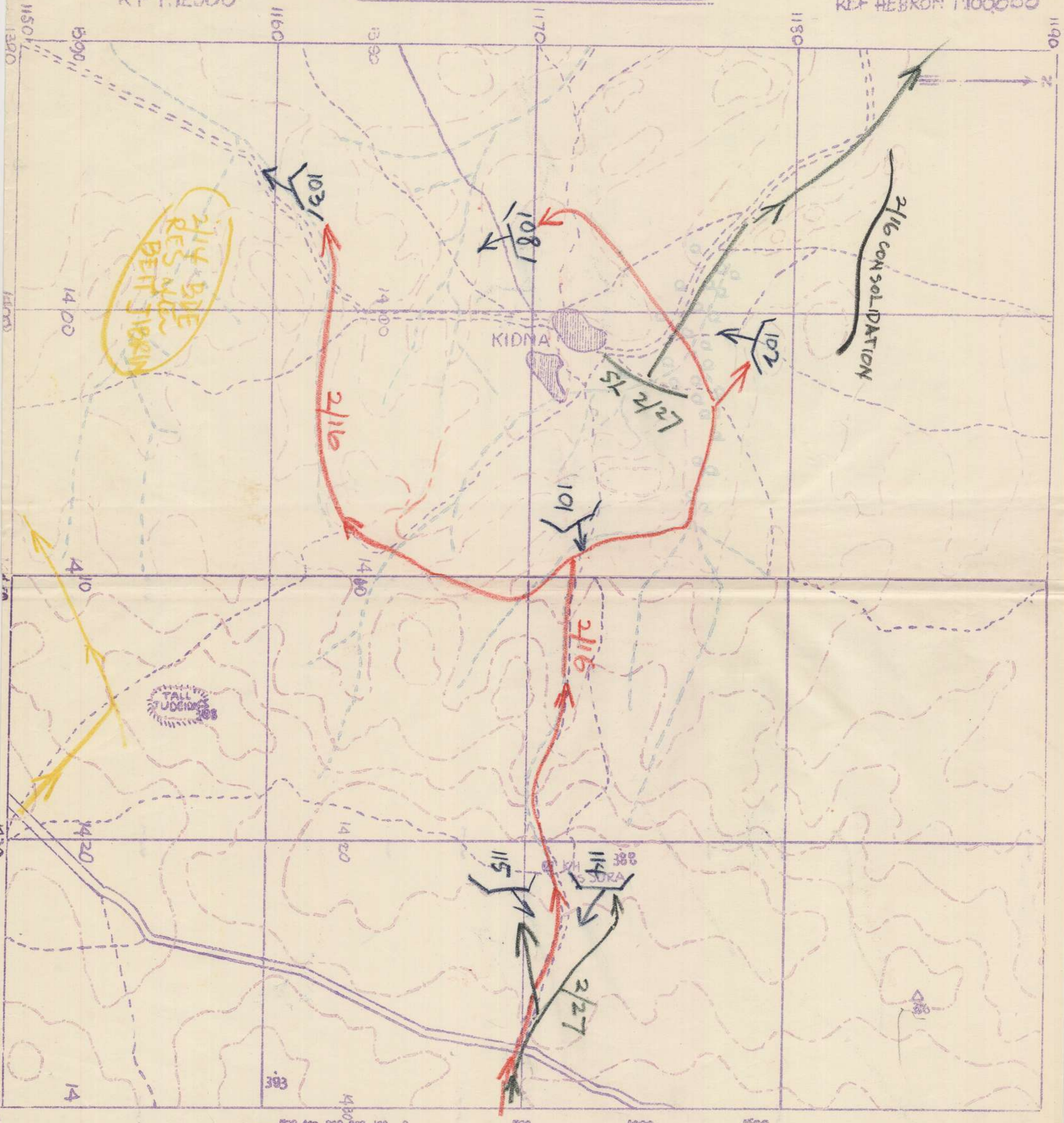
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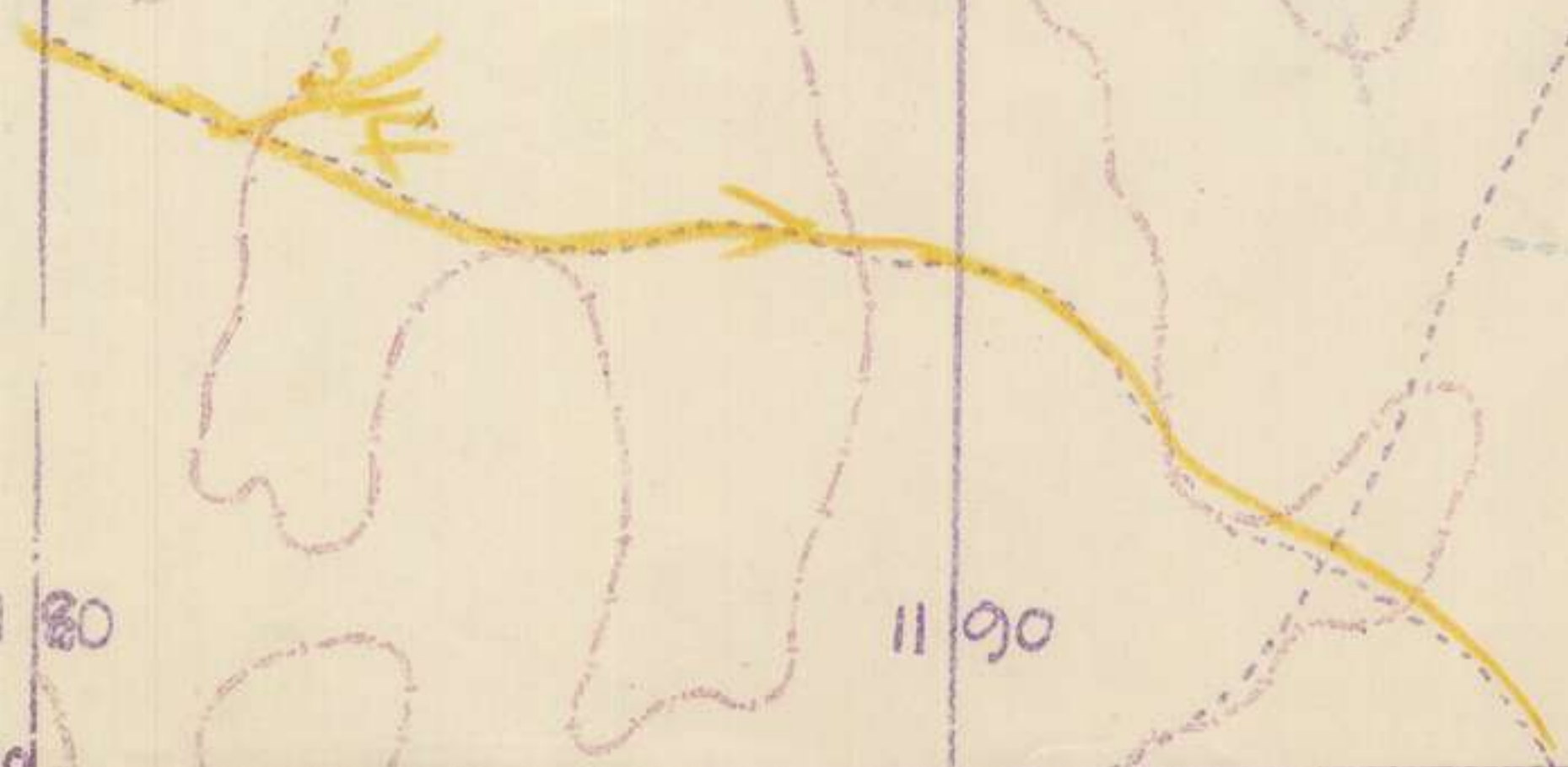
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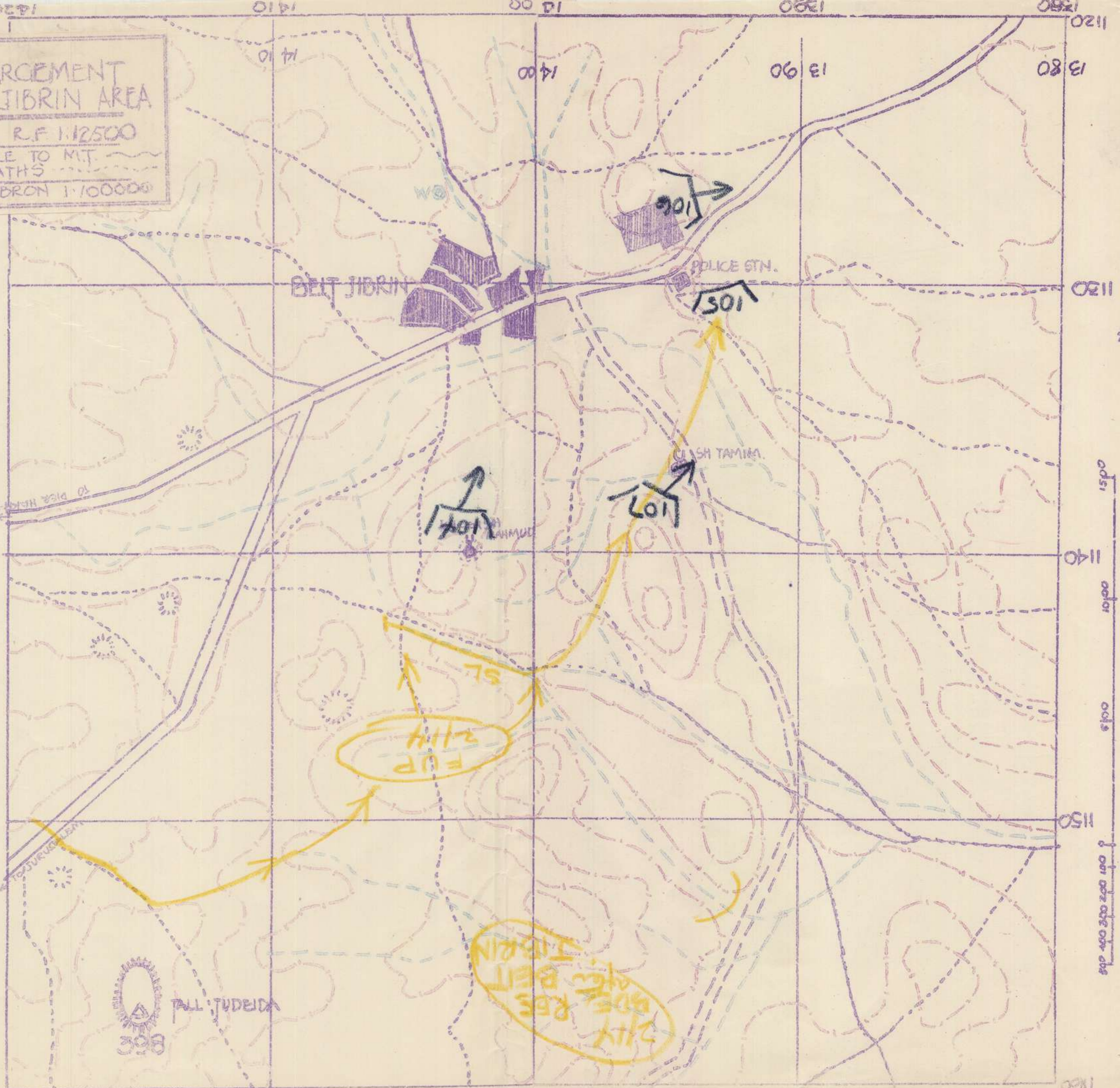
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 Enlargements 1/12500

INFM

1. As per 21 Inf Bde Int Summary No 2 dated 27 Mar.
2. All objectives for attack 27 Mar captured.
3. 20 Inf Bde reached line BETH SHEMESH 14781286 - KH AL UQDA 14561283 - KH AL KASHUM 14581282 - KH ASH SHARI'A 14591247.
4. 99 Inf Bde holding gains MASMIYA sector against strong counter attacks.

INTENTION

5. 21 Inf Bde Gp will capture enemy posts in DEIR AD DUBBAN - AJJUR - TALL AS SAFI areas on 28 Mar.

METHOD

6. The attack will be carried out in three phases :

Phase 1 - 2/16 Bn captures posts 116, 117 and 118 in DEIR AD DUBBAN area.

Phase 2 - 2/14 Bn passes East of 2/16 Bn and captures posts 119, 120 and 125 in AJJUR area.

Phase 3 - 2/27 Bn captures posts 121, 122, 123 and 124 in TALL AS SAFI area.

7. Startlines, times, routes, objectives and limits of exploitation are shown on enlargements issued separately.

8. Phase 1.

Serial No	Unit	Objective	Startline	Time to Cross	Arty times concentrations on objective at	
					Normal	Rapid
1	2/16 Bn, one pl 2/2 MG Bn in support	Post 116	East-West track through re-entrant 13861188	0800 hrs	0655 - 0620	0630 - 0625
2	"	" 118	NW and SE track through re-entrant 13921195	0700	0700 - 0710	0710 - 0714
3	"	" 117	As per Serial 1	0750	0615 - 0635 0700 - 0714 0745 - 0800	0800 - 0805

As soon as Post 117 is captured 2/16 Bn will exploit to rd AJJUR - TALL AS SAFI between 13981206 - 13861210 and then to line of track 14051208 - 13861223 to provide flank protection for move of 2/27 Bn.

/ 9 Phase 2 ---

9. Phase 2.

Serial No	Unit	Objective	Start Line	Time to Cross	Arty timed concentrations on objective at		Remarks
					Normal	Rapid	
1	2/14 Bn one pl 2/2 MG Bn in support	Post 125	East-West track at 14221211	0825	0820 - 0832	0832 -0835	
2	"	" 120	To be taped in re-entrant 14231208	0825	0820 - 0840	0840 -0843	
3	"	" 119	Post 120	0925	0925 -1010	1010 -1015	commences after Serial 2

Immediately phase 2 is completed, 2/14 Bn will move from AJJUR direct to Pt 205 13961235 to provide flank protection for phase 3. 2/16 Bn will be ordered into Bde res when 2/14 Bn occupy Pt 205 - probable role, capture of any enemy posts in TALL AS SAFI not cleared by 2/27 Bn.

10. Phase 3.

1	2/27 Bn one pl 2/2 MG Bn in support	Post 123	North-South track through re-entrant 13711228	1010	1020 -1050	1050 -1055	
2	"	" 124	"	"	1020 -1050	1055 -1105	
3	"	" 122	North-South track at 13551227	1140	1050 -1110 (slow) 1140 -1150 (slow) 1150 -1202 normal	1202 -1205	
4	"	" 121	Rd at 13461231	1255	1235 -1250 (slow) 1250 -1312 normal	1312 -1315	

11. Arty. 2/6 Fd Regt will support various phases of attack as shown in paras 8, 9 and 10. On capture of objectives, will be at call for defensive fire in front of exploitation lines.

12. MGs. D Coy 2/2 MG Bn will support attack shown in paras 8, 9 and 10. On capture of objectives, will be sited for counter-penetration tasks with secondary role of thickening defensive fire in front of exploitation lines.

13. When 2/16 Bn comes into bde res vide para 9 MG pl in support of it will be sited for defence of TALL AS SAFI from NE, OC D Coy 2/2 MG Bn to coordinate MG tasks.

/13. A Tk.

14 A Tk. One tp 5 A Tk Bty under comd 2/14 Bn from 0700 hrs 28 Mar.

One tp under comd 2/16 Bn from 2400 hrs 27 Mar, until this bn becomes bde res, thence under comd 2/14 Bn at Pt 205.

Two tps under comd 2/27 Bn from 0900 hrs 28 Mar.

2/16 Bn will construct rd blocks on rd AJJUR - TALL AS SAFT as follows :

Near Well 14011208  
Junc creek and rd 13891210.

15 Zero. 0600 hrs 28 Mar.

16 Fd Works. Order of priority on consolidation is :

- (a) Rd block and A Tk minefields on rds and tracks leading from North and East.
- (b) Slit trenches.
- (c) Weapon pits.
- (d) Wire.

17 IDM. See Adm Instn No 4 issued separately.

18 INTERCOMN. Bde HQ remains in present location until completion of Phase 3 and moves then to vicinity KH DHAKA 13851211.

19 W/T dets now with bns remain.

20 Main sig artery rd BEIT JIBRIN - KIDNA thence track to rd AJJUR - TALL AS SAFT at 13931208.

21 Success sigs as issued will be fired on capture of each post

22 CDF on consolidation, Green - White - Green.

23 Synchronization of watches - 1630 hrs and 2400 hrs.

ACK 1645  
Signed at hrs  
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21 INF BDE GP ADM INSTN No 4

(Issued in conjunction with OO No 4)

1. Tpt "B" Ech Tpt remains present location until further orders.  
"B" Ech 2/16 Bn will be prepared to move at 30 mins notice as from 0700 hrs 28 Mar.  
T0s 2/14 and 2/27 Bns report Bde TO Bde HQ at 1300 hrs 28 Mar.
2. Sups (a) HQ 21 Bde, 2/16 Bn, 2/6 Fd Amb - AASC to deliver to unit lines DIMRA at 1630 hrs 28 Mar.  
(b) Other units - SF at X Tracks 13881199. Unit guides to SP at 1600 hrs 28 Mar.
3. Pet PP will be established at Bde Tpt Park DIMRA CAMP from 1600 till 1900 hrs 28 Mar.
4. Water Water pts will be established 28 Mar as follows:-
 

(a) BEIT JIBRIN	1000 hrs - 1200 hrs
(b) RA'NA	1500 hrs - 1730 hrs
5. Wire 2/16 Bn will arrange for rolling wire used in defence of posn occupied night 27/28 Mar. This will be dumped as near as possible to RD KIDNA - RA'NA and will be picqueted.  
2/16 Bn will also arrange for rolling, dumping and picqueting of enemy wire after capture of Post 116. Arrangements will be made by this HQ for the collection of wire by MP from both areas. **2/16 Bn will also collect and dump A Tk mines with wire.**
6. Medical  
ADS will be established vicinity X Tracks 13851188 at 0830 hrs 28 Mar.  
MDS Remains present location  
CP Phase 1 CP will be established as follows :-
 

(a)	W13891194 at 0700 hrs
(b)	KH TUNEIFISA 13901201 at 0830 hrs after <b>posts 116, 117, 118</b> have fallen.

 Phase 2 CP at SH AHMAD AL MISYAD 14171216 at 0900 hrs  
 Phase 3 X Tracks 13691222 at 1130 hrs after capture of posts 123 and 124.
7. PW Bde collecting centre for PW will be established at X Tracks 13771185 as from 0815 hrs 28 Mar.  
2/16 Bn will provide a gd of one pl at the Bde collecting centre as from 0815 hrs. Units in fwd areas are responsible for escort of PW to Bde collecting centre.
8. Burials (a) A Bde cemetery is established at 14081167 and where practicable will be used for the burial of our own dead.  
(b) Enemy dead will be buried in unit areas under unit arrangements and location of such burial grounds notified to this HQ.

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9. AMN- AP An AP will be established at SH TAMIM 13951134 by 0800 hrs 28 Mar.

Arty 240 rpg (HE 117) will be dumped at gun posns and 170 rpg will be delivered boxed to wagon lines by 21 00 hrs 27 Mar.

10. Engr Services OC det 2/5 Fd Coy will carry out a recce of engr resources in AJJUR after capture, particular precautions being taken for the safeguarding of the pumping sta and flour mill against sabotage.

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Distribution as for OO No 4.

4. Water Water pos will be established as follows:-

- (a) BELL JIBIN 1000 hrs - 1200 hrs
- (b) RA'NA 1800 hrs - 1900 hrs

5. Wire S/16 Bn will arrange for rolling wire used in defence of posn occupied night 27/28 Mar. This will be dumped as near as possible to RD EDNA - RA'NA and will be digested.

S/16 Bn will also arrange for rolling, dumping and protection of enemy wire after capture of posn 10. Arrangements will be made by this Bn for the collection of wire by W from both areas. S/16 Bn will also collect and dump A 16 lines with wire.

6. Medical

ADS will be established at 0830 hrs 28 Mar.

MDS Remains present location

7. Phase 1 OP will be established as follows:-

- (a) WISBILIA at 0700 hrs
- (b) KH TUNJILIA 1300 hrs at 0830 hrs after posn 118, 11

118 have fallen.

Phase 2 OP at SH ANNA at 0800 hrs

Phase 3 X Tracks 1300 hrs after capture of posts 123 and 124.

8. FW Bde collecting centre for FW will be established at X Tracks 1300 hrs as from 0815 hrs 28 Mar.

S/16 Bn will provide a rd of one pl at the Bde collecting centre as from 0815 hrs. While in two areas the responsible for escort of FW to the collecting centre.

9. Burials (a) A Bde cemetery is established at 1408113V and where practicable will be used for the burial of our own dead.

(b) Enemy dead will be buried in unit areas under unit arrangements and location of such burial grounds notified to this Bn.

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21 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY NO 2(Compiled from infm received up to 1100 hrs 27 Mar)

Ref Map HEBRON 1/100000

1. Enemy Dispositions

Air reports indicate that enemy posts in the DIER AD DUBBAN - AJJUR - TALL AS SAFI area remains as shown on map issued as Appx A to OO 2. Air reports also indicate strong fortification being constructed at :-

MUGHALLIS	13901263
IDHNIBBA	13841278
AT TINA	13301283

2. Prisoners

Infm obtained from prisoners indicate that owing to pressure of our forces on the Northern side of the SALIENT no reinforcements are likely to be available to the posts in the DIER AD DUBBAN - AJJUR - TALL AS SAFI area.

Prisoners also confirm the report from agents that when once our forces take the SALIENT there is little likelihood of serious counter attack, as for years the contention of ownership of the SALIENT has caused many incidents on the frontier and both sides feel that better terms will exist once the question is definitely settled.

3. Agents

Agents also report that all roads leading from the South into those towns named in Para I have been mined with both A Tk and anti-personnel mines.

4. Captured Documents

Captured documents show that the enemy had no knowledge of the strength of our forces prior to the attack on KIDNA though Air Reports had indicated movement of MT in the direction of BEIT JIBRIN and it was thought that our attack would come from that direction.

Documents also indicate that plans had been made to blow up all the crossings on the WADI AJJUR to make this a tk obstacle but Air Reports confirm that this has not yet been done.

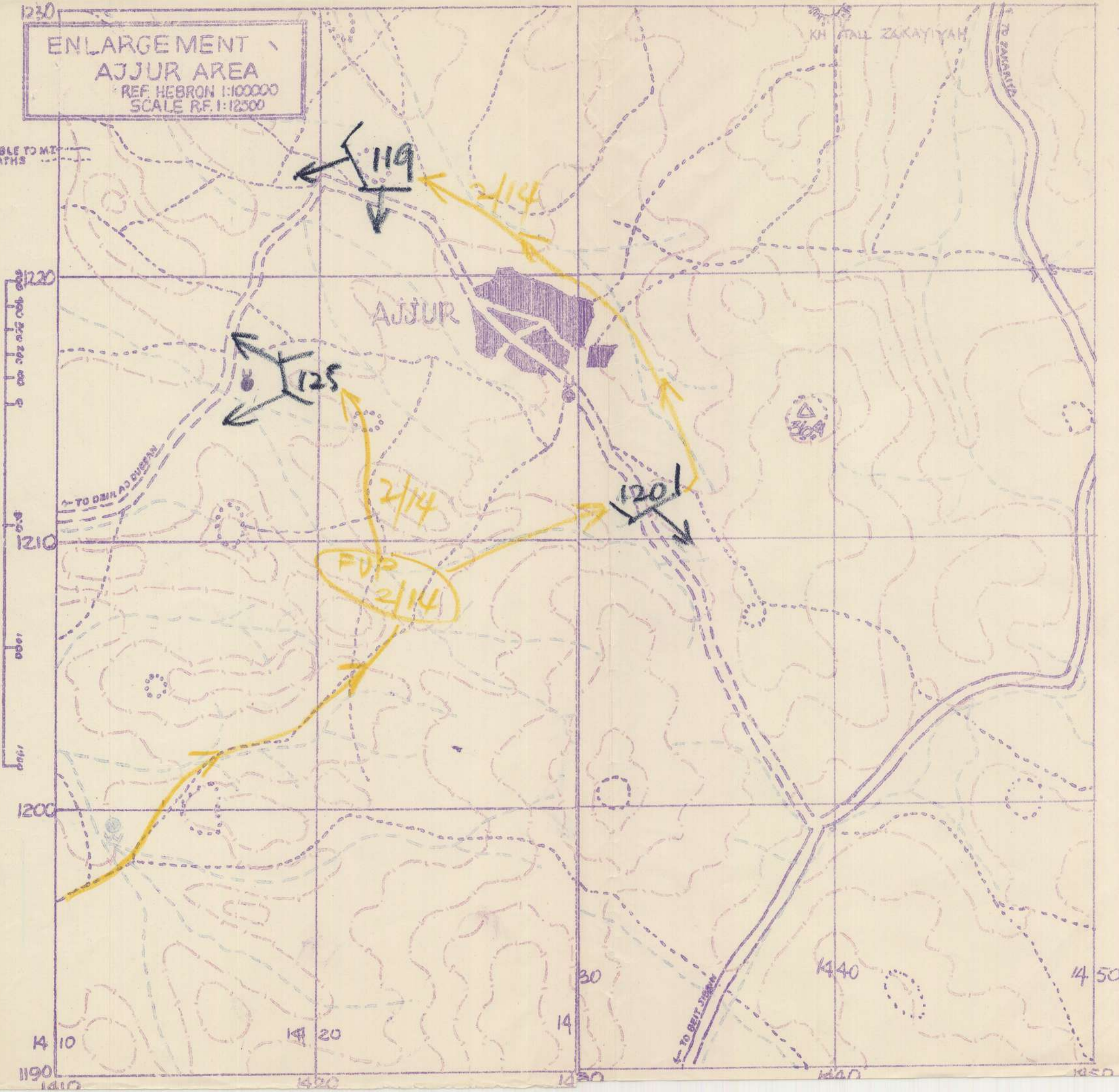
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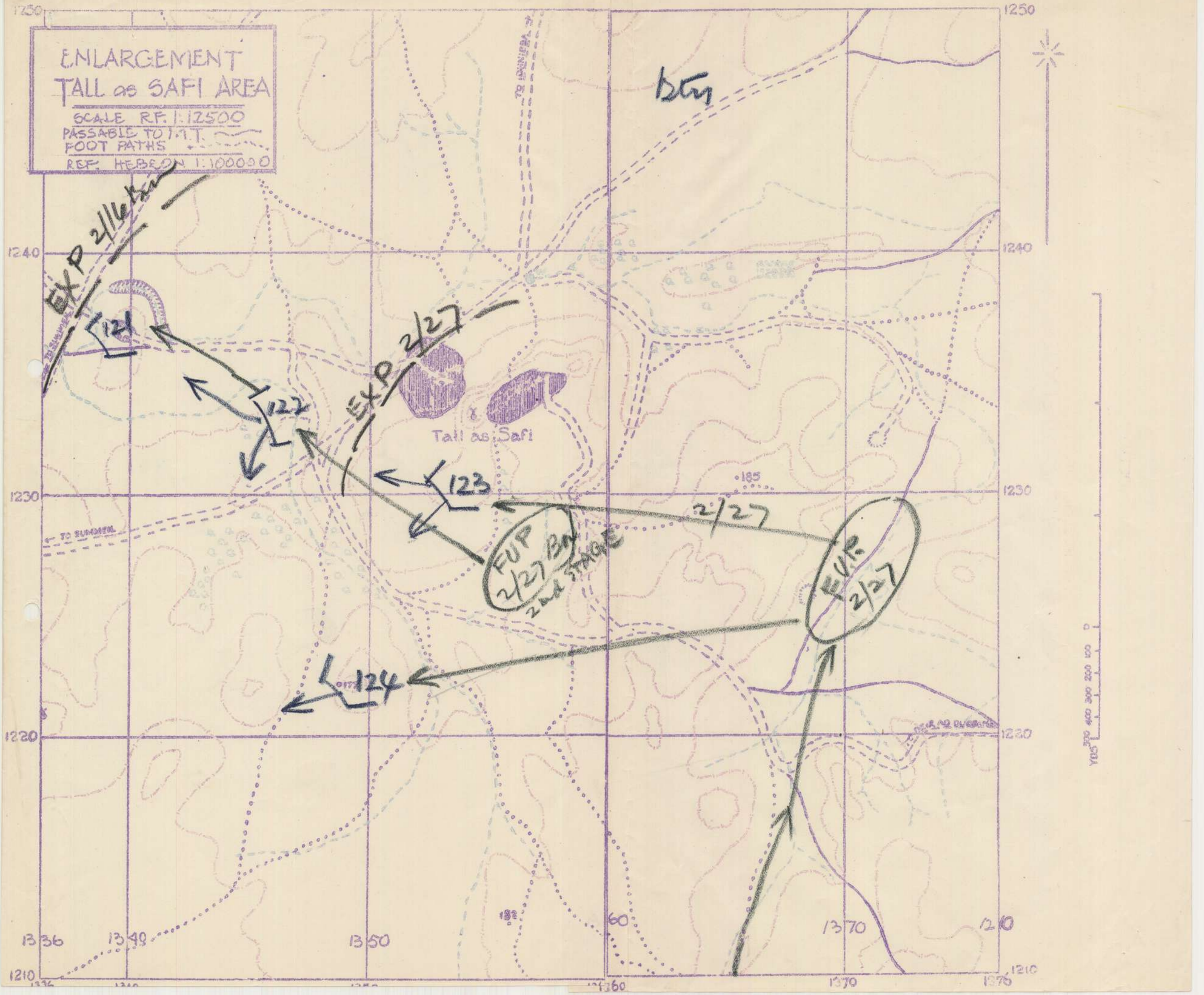
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MOVE OF UNITS OF 21 AUST INF BDE GP TO UNIT LINES ON CONCLUSION  
OF BDE GP EXERCISE NO 2

1. Units of 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move on conclusion of exercise as follows :-

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT	TIME TO MOVE	ROUTE	REMARKS
1.	28 Mar	8 Bty 2 A Tk Regt	Independently on conclusion of exercise	TALL AS SAFTI - QASTINA - JULIS - DKIR SUNEID	1 Van 1 ton and 4 30 cwt on loan for exercise to report Bde HQ Dimra by 1900 hrs 28 Mar
2.	28 Mar	Coy 2/2 MG Bn	"	TALL AS SAFTI - QASTINA - JULIS - KHAUSA	1 Van 1 ton and 6 3 ton lorries on loan from AASC for exercise to report Bde HQ DIMRA by 1900 hrs 28 Mar.
3.	28 Mar	Coy 2/6 Fd Amb	To clear KIDNA by 1415 hrs 28 Mar	BEIT JIBRIN - AL FALUJA - RD & TRACK XING 11501192 - AL JIYA HILL 95 Camp	Two M. Amb to remain with each 2/14 and 2/27 Bns until those units return to unit lines DIMRA 29 Mar.
4.	28 Mar	Det 2/5 Fd Coy	Independently on closure of water pt at RANA at 1730 hrs 28 Mar	TALL AS SAFTI - QASTINA -	
5.	28 Mar	2/16 Bn (less B Ech) 59 IAD	SP at X tracks 13881199 at 1430 hrs	RANA - KIDNA - thence as in Serial 3	Marching personnel in 35 tp carrying vehs which report embussing area at Rd and Track Xing 13891210 at 1400 hrs 28 Mar
6.(a)	28 Mar	2/14 Bn	As ordered by CO 2/14 Bn	As ordered by CO 2/14 Bn to Bivouac area RE-ENTRANT 12711163	By march route
(b)	29 Mar	2/14 Bn	To embuss in bivouac area at 0600 hrs	AL FALUJA thence as for Serial 3	By MT
7.	28 Mar	Enemy personnel	Embuss at 13501233 at 1530 hrs	QASTINA - JULIS DIMRA	3 lorries 3 ton reverting to Comd 21 Bde from 2/2MG Bn at 1430 hrs will be used in addition to the 2 already held by enemy

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT	TIME TO MOVE	ROUTE	ROUTE	REMARKS
8.	28 Mar	HQ 21 Bde (less B Ech) K Sec Sigs	1415 hrs		KH.ZEITA AL KHARAB - JUSIER KARATIYA - BARBARA - DIMRA	
9.(a)	29 Mar	2/27 Bn (less B Ech)	To move to RE-ENTRANT 12711163 by 0930 hrs 29 Mar		As ordered by CO 2/27 Bn	B ech kitchens return to DIMRA by 1000 hrs 29 Mar
(b)	29 Mar	2/27 Bn (less B Ech)	Embuss at RE-ENTRANT 12711163 at 0930 hrs		AL FALUJA thence as for Serial 3	By MT

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B ECH TPT

- (a) 2/16 B Ech 2/16 of 7 30 cwt GS, 5 30 cwt Kitchen and 2 Lorries 3 ton will return to DIMRA 28 Mar; offload baggage, cooks and gear and water tank and return to embussing area RD and TRACK JUNC 13891210 by 1400 hrs  
SP. and TIME for Fwd Move RD and TRACK JUNC 13891150 at 0730 hrs.  
ROUTE As for Serial 3 in para 1 above.
- (b) HQ BDE B Ech Bde HQ will follow B Ech 2/16 to DIMRA and offload. Vehs consisting of 2 30 cwt and 1 Lorry 3 ton will report to 2/16 Bn lines immediately off loaded and remain under comd 2/16 until that unit returns to DIMRA
- (c) 2/14 B Ech 2/14 of 6 30 cwt and 2 lorries 3 ton will pass SP RD and TRACK JUNC 13891150 at 0800 hrs and will proceed to RE-ENTRANT 12711163 where baggage will be offloaded. Vehs return immediately to bivouac area of night 27/28 Mar and await further orders.  
5 Kitchen vehs of B Ech and water tank remain under Bn control and move as directed to bivouac areas for night 28/29 Mar. No movement through KIDNA before 1530 hrs 28 Mar by these vehs.
- (d) 2/27 B Ech 2/27 of 6 30 cwt GS, 2 30 cwt Kitchen and 2 lorries 3 ton dump baggage cooks and gear at RE-ENTRANT at 13551225 by 1330 hrs and report to 2/16 Bn at embussing area at RD and TRACK King 13891210 by 1400 hrs 28 Mar. These vehs will return to RE-ENTRANT at 13551225 by 0830 hrs 29 Mar to shift 2/27 Bn baggage.

SC 21 Aust Inf <sup>Capt</sup> Bde

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DI MRA CAMP	1 Apr	9/6	Arrangements were made to lend 7 Aust Div 8 coaches for their classification on 4 and 5 Apr at JAFFA range.	R.O. APPENDIX 1-14. Bde Strength. 1A
	2 Apr	9/6	Capt F. HURLEY, official photographer to the AIF, called to discuss the cooperation of the Bde in certain films he was making.	R.O. APPENDIX 2
	3 Apr	9/6	For tng purposes the whole bde packed stores, kit etc., and moved out of camp as if proceeding to an embarkation port.	R.O. APPENDIX 3
		9/6	Orders were received governing the movement of adv parties and portion of the bde to an overseas destination in the near future.	
		9/6	An inspection was made of the close battle area by the Bde Comd in conjunction with the GSO 1 and Maj MCGOWAN, Corps Tps Engineers. It was decided that Corps Tps engineers would complete the close battle sec of the area with assistance supplied by this bde. This relieves 2/5 Rd Coy of the task as that unit is also under orders to move.	
		9/6	The return of 18 Bren guns US. was discussed with DADOS who stated that these guns should be held by the bde pending receipt of spare parts and some additional guns which will be supplied to the div. The Bde Comd stressed with DADOS the urgent need for additional gun stores and mortars.	
		9/6	21 A Tk Coy left the bde and lost its identity as a separate unit on absorption in the 2 A Tk Regt.	
4 Apr	9/6	9/6	Because of the temporary absence of the Div Comd, the Bde Comd was appointed to administer 7 Div and att tps in the area.	R.O. APPENDIX 4
		9/6	Brig BAXTER-COX, 25 Aust Inf Bde, visited Bde HQ to ask for the transfer of any officers who could be spared for service with units of his bde. He indicated that vacancies for four majors and four captains existed. Bn Comds were asked to ascertain what officers were willing to transfer.	
		9/6	Advice was received that the date of the move of this HQ and 2/14 Bn has been advanced a day. Information as to strengths of rd and rail parties was supplied to Div.	

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DI MRA CAMP	4 Apr	9/6	<p>A request was made to Div for the immediate transfer of all rfets now in the tng bn to the bns here. It was also asked that Lieut E.F. GRAHAM, 2/14 Bn, now messing officer 21 Inf Tng Bn, be replaced in that capacity by Lieut BODDINGTON, a rfct offr, 32 years old, without any military experience.</p>	
		9/6	<p>Arrangements were made with Bn Comds to donate money to a fund for our Tng Bn. The 2/14 and 2/27 Bns will each make £25 available and the 2/16 Bn £5. The latter Bn has already contributed a number of items including a refrigerator and a lot of sporting gear.</p>	
		9/6	<p>A demand to give <sup>up</sup> eleven 30 cwt vehicles was received, thus further impeding the tng of the Bde. The vehicles were delivered to BOD during the afternoon.</p>	
	5 Apr	9/6	<p>Capt F.A. WOODS, who has been SC of the Bde since it was formed, and Capt M. AUSTIN, who was the original Adjutant of the 2/27 Bn, and who latterly has been attached to these HQ as BM learner, left for a four months Staff Course at HAIFA. Capt H.B. CHALLEN, 2/8 Bn, assumed duty as A/SC. It is not proposed at this stage to replace Capt Austin as BM learner.</p>	R.O. APPENDIX 5
		9/6	<p>Capt H.E. WRIGHT (Senior LO) and Capt McPHEE, 2/27 Bn, both indicated their willingness to transfer to 25 Bde with promotion. That Bde made and issued a request for Capt WRIGHT, to Div HQ. No officers from the 2/16 Bn desired to transfer to the 25 Bde and a decision regarding the 2/14 Bn officers in this connection is deferred until Col Cannon returns from leave in Cairo.</p>	
		9/6	<p>Because of the type of instruction which he was required to give as TO and the Bde Specialists Group was beyond his capacity, Lieut R.R. WHITTAKER, 2/14 Bn, is being replaced in that capacity by Lieut HARRY, 2/27 Bn. The replacement is no reflection on Lieut Whittaker whose selection <sup>was</sup> made in the absence of any detailed account as to his special duties.</p>	
		9/6	<p>The Bde Comd discussed arrangements with DADOS regarding the deficiencies in War Equipment and asked that further pressure be brought to bear to secure the outstanding items.</p>	
	6 Apr	9/6	<p>Advice was received from Div HQ that the Div Comd would be returning and previous plans had been changed. This looks like a further disappointment for the Bde.</p>	R.O. APPENDIX 7
		9/6	<p>The Bde Comd and BM made a recce of area south of BEERSHEBA in preparation for a desert exercise. Later, approval of the use of this area was sought and Div was asked to secure the cooperation from supporting arms.</p>	

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DIMRA CAMP	7 Apr	9/6	<p>A conference was held of RMO's to ensure that all possible action was being taken to combat the fly menace. Weaknesses in latrines, Otway pits etc., had been noticed and the SC arranged for the DCRE to take immediate action to repair this.</p> <p>Orders were received that the Bde was to be in readiness to move to AMIRIYA as from 0600 hrs on the 9 Apr. The necessary preliminary work is well, in hand and the CO's of units were advised.</p> <p>Capt F. HURLEY, official photographer AIF, arrived to take films and sound recordings of the tng activities of the bde. Today he took cinema films of the 16 and 27 Bns on parade, and tomorrow hopes to make a record of the 2/16 Bn band and of messages from lads from different states to their own people. Tomorrow he will film activities in tng in the close battle area.</p> <p>VX 8310, Pte C.A. HUTTON, 2/14 Bn, collapsed and died during tng in the camp area. The arrangements for his funeral were completed by 1 AGH.</p> <p>Further pressure was brought to bear to secure all the rfets now in the tng Bn immediately.</p>	<p>ADM. O. No 1 APPX 6 R.O. APPENDIX 8</p>
	8 Apr	9/6	<p>The order of priority for the move to AMIRIYA was received and the 25 Bde gp will follow on after advance Div HQ.</p> <p>Lieut G. LYON arrived to take up appointment as LO.</p> <p>Div HQ asked for the services of Lieut R.W. CAMERON as IO. He will be replaced as Bde IO by Lieut J. GUNNEEN and Lieut V. LEACH, 2/16 Bn, will be borrowed temporarily as LO.</p> <p>Arrangements were made for a further TAB inoculation for the whole bde.</p> <p>The 2/16 Bn constructed a grenade range in the sand hills opposite the camp, thus enabling 2/16 and 2/27 Bns to throw their tng grenades on hand as they will not be able to do so at JAFFA.</p>	<p>ADM. O. No 3 APPENDIX 9.9A.</p>



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DIMRA CAMP	9 Apr		At 2300 hrs, 8 Apr, orders were received for 21 Bde to take charge of movement to AMIRIYA of rd parties of the following units :- 21 Aust Inf Bde, 2/4 Fd Regt, 2/6 Fd Regt, 2/5 Fd Coy, 2/6 Fd Amb, 7 Aust Div Amn Coy, Adv party 7 Aust Div Sigs. Orders were completed by midnight and delivered to all the above units by LOs. The rd parties moved at 0630 hrs under convey leadership of Lieut R S WHITE BTO. Orders were received at 1000 hrs for remainder of the Bde to move by rail on night 9/10 and 10 Apr. Bde HQ, 2/14 Bn and 2/16 Bn entrained at DEIR SUNEID on night 9/10 Apr. All heavy stores and baggage were loaded at GAZA. One pl 1 Aust Corps Gd Bn came under comd at time of entrainment and is to remain as Bde HQ Protective Pl with Lieut M MUMMERY as Comd.	ADM.O. APPX. 10.
	10 Apr		Bde Comd, BM, SC and Bde Sup O, with 7 ORs, 2 Cars and one utility van, travelled to AMIRIYA independently on 10 Apr, leaving DIMRA at 0600 hrs. 2/27 Bn entrained at DEIR SUNEID at 1730 hrs. Bde Comd's party arrived at 1930 hrs. The rail parties which left DEIR SUNEID on 9 Apr arrived at AMIRIYA throughout the night 10/11 Apr and detraining was completed by Bde HQ, 2/14 and 2/16 Bns by daylight 11 Apr and these units settled into the new camp. On arrival in the new area, orders were received the Brig J E S STEVENS was to take over temporarily the comd of the Division in consequence of Gen J D LAVARACK taking comd of the forces in the WESTERN DESERT. Lt-Col M J MOTEN, 2/27 Bn assumed temporary comd of the 21 Aust Inf Bde.	
AMIRIYA CAMP	11 Apr		Rail party 2/27 Bn arrived at 1600 hrs and were settled in the camp.	
	12 Apr		The day was spent in settling into the new camp and unloading stores from the ry sta.	
	13 Apr		Infm was received that Div Comd was returning to 7 Aust Div and that the Bde Comd would resume comd of Bde. Capt H E WRIGHT, 2/14 Bn, senior liason offr on bde HQ was transferrd to 33 Bn as a Maj.	

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AMIRIYA CMAP	14 Apr	9/6	<p>Orders were received at 0400 hrs that Bde was to move to BAGGUSH on 15 Apr, first train at 0400 hrs. OO No 1 was issued in confirmation of verbal orders.</p> <p>Additional MT, including carriers, and more eqpt continued to arrive during the day. Weather conditions were extremely unpleasant due to a sand storm which raged throughout the day.</p>	04
BAGGUSH	15 Apr	9/6	<p>Bde HQ closed AMIRIYA at 0530 hrs and opened in western sector BAGGUSH BOX at 1200 hrs. Bde comd handed over adm of the 7 Aust Div to CRA and moved with Bde.</p> <p>On arrival at BAGGUSH, Bde Comd received orders from Maj Gen EVATT, Force Comd, to take over the western sector of the box and to undertake in order, (a) clearance of anti-tank ditch (b) repair of fwd posts and (c) repair and completion of wiring.</p> <p>Due to delays en route 2/14 Bn did not arrive until 1600 hrs and 2/16 Bn two hrs later. Both bns moved straight to their defensive posns as indicated in OO No 2 att. The train carrying 2/27 Bn broke down and the unit did not arrive.</p> <p>Gen LAVARACK visited Bde HQ at 19 00 hrs and gave the latest infm concerning the posn at TOBRUCH.</p>	O.O. No 1 APPENDIX 13, A-B.
	16 Apr	9/6	<p>2/27 Bn completed detraining at 0600 hrs and by 0800 hrs had occupied the allotted posn on the escarpment.</p> <p>The clearing of the anti-tank ditch and of the various posts in the area was commenced, 50 native labourers being obtained for the purpose.</p> <p>At 1005 hrs <sup>PM</sup> who had gone to Desert Force HQ for further infm respecting the defence plan of the BAGGUSH BOX returned with orders that the Bde was to move immediately to MATRUH and relieve 16 Inf Bde. Lorries of the 7 Div Amn Coy were to be used for tp tpt.</p> <p>Bns were ordered to send recce parties fwd immediately and to move in order 2/27, 2/14 and 2/16 Bns, first bn not before 1400 hrs.</p> <p>Bde HQ moved at 1045 hrs with recce party from 2/27 Bn, arriving at MATRUH 1200 hrs. The Bde Comd visited Force HQ and received orders to take over right sector, relieving first the BUFFS of the 16 Inf Bde and then SCOTS' GDS of 22 Gds Bde. Comd 2/27 Bn proceeded immediately to BUFFS HQ to take over and by 1600 hrs, three coys of 2/27 Bn had arrived. This represented max capacity of lorries available. Relief was commenced forthwith and the BUFFS were taken back to BAGGUSH in out returning lorries.</p> <p>21 Bde HQ opened in old 22 Gds Bde HQ at 1230 hrs and took over comd of right sector. At 1800 hrs orders were received that 2/16 Bn were fortress res and would be disposed by Fortress HQ. In the meantime, Bde Comd and Comd 2/16 Bn had completed recce of whole right sector.</p>	O.O. No 2 APPENDIX 14

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MATRUH	17 Apr		<p>The relief of BUFFS by 2/27 Bn and of SCOTS' GDS by 2/14 Bn was completed by 0600 hrs. Bde Comd and Comd 2/4 Fd Regt made a detailed recce of left bn sector and out to CHARRING CROSS to obtain ideas as to defensive and counter prepn arty tasks. Following a later discussion with CRA it was decided to hold over decision until the fortress fire plan was coordinated. The arty fire desired on this sector was indicated by the Bde Comd.</p> <p>Orders were received that fortress MGs would be <del>manned</del> by bn personnel but sited and coordinated by Fortress MGO.</p> <p>OO No 3 was issued defining sectors etc - copy att as appx. 15</p> <p>During the day a number of medium tanks for use as land forts commenced to arrive in the sector. Full details of their disposn are being made available later by CRA.</p> <p>2/16 Bn, Fortress Res, were placed in F sector of the fortress.</p> <p>2nd line amm for the Bde arrived and was dumped in left bn sector.</p> <p>Efforts to obtain 3" HE Mortar bombs were again unsuccessful.</p> <p>18 vehs for the bde were brought up by portion of the rear party.</p> <p>Adv 7 Aust Div HQ arrived to take MATRUH fortress.</p> <p>7 Aust Div Amn Coy from Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde and came under Comd MATRUH Fortress for operation as 2nd line tpt tp IDEK Force.</p>	<p>O.O. No 3 APPENDIX 15</p>
	18 Apr		<p>Adv Div HQ arrived at MATRUH at 1300 hrs. Div Comd arrived late afternoon and assumed comd MATRUH Fortress on arrival.</p>	
	19 Apr		<p>Div Comd and Bde Comd carried out recce of front of A and B Sectors comprising arty def fire and siting points of observation.</p> <p>HQ 2/4 Fd Regt which is in support of bde in sectors A and B, moved into building next to Bde HQ.</p> <p>Afternoon Bde Comd, Comd 2/4 Fd Regt and BM carried out recce areas in front of outer <del>perimeter</del> perimeter, finally confirming with arty comd the defensive fire tasks in those sectors.</p>	<p>OP. INSTN 21 APPENDIX 16</p> <p>OP. INSTN 2 APPENDIX 16A</p>

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MATRUH	20 Apr		<p>/sectors. Brig SELBY, who comd the MATRUH fortress for some time and who was responsible for a good deal of the defensive work, visited the area and discussed with the Bde Comd the general conception of the defence plan. The detailed information he was able to give was most valuable and his personal explanation on the ground has saved much time.</p> <p>A conference of Bn comds and adjts was held in the evening, at which the Bde Comd outlined the defence plan for the right sector and issued Ops Instn No 3.</p> <p>Advice was received from Div that Maj J.A. CORBY, now comd 21 Tng Bn, would be nominated for comd 7 Div Tng Bde.</p> <p>The disposition of all A Tk weapons in the area was received.</p> <p>Six additional carriers came to hand - 3 for 2/16 Bn and 3 for 2/27 Bn.</p> <p>A recommendation was forwarded to Div that Lieut J.F. CUNNEEN be appointed BIO and Lieut V.P. LEACH be appointed LO.</p>	<p>OP: INSTN No 3. APPENDIX 17</p>
	21 Apr		<p>A recommendation for the appointment of Maj A. POPE to comd 21 Tng Bn, vice Maj J.A. CORBY, was submitted.</p> <p>The Bde Comd completed his detailed recce of all localities in the left Bn sector. He also discussed with the CRE and comd 2/27 Bn the question of new HQ for the latter unit so that it could transfer from the Bde Battle HQ which it now occupies.</p> <p>The BM completed a detailed examination of the MMG locations and tasks and made certain adjustments to them.</p> <p>The 2/16 Bn (Fortress Res) was advised that the strength of its post at CHARING CROSS would be reduced to one pl. It was also instructed to provide a patrol of one pl at RAS ABU LAHO on the coast road.</p> <p>The 2/14 Bn was instructed to provide a standing patrol on MAE WEST, a feature opposite their/</p>	<p>DAILY STRENGTH APPENDIX 17A.</p>

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MATRUH	21 Apr	9/6	their/ centre fwd coy.	
			46,000 rds of amm for Thompson Sub-machine gun were received.	
	22 Apr		A conference was held at FORTRESS HQ. The Bde Comd and BM attended. The Fortress Comd <sup>outlined</sup> the general plan of the defence and dealt with various details.	OPS INSTN No 4 APPENDIX 18
			The first issue of wiring stores was received and the work of re-wiring in the right sub-sector together with local wiring round certain posts was commenced. A working party from 2/16 Bn assisted on the 2/14 Bn front.	
		9/6	Ops Inst No 4 - see Appx 18 - was issued tightening up on a number of aspects of the defence. Instructions were also sent out regarding a further recce to establish definitely the posn of all wiring and obstacles in the sector.	
	23 Apr		A final examination of MMG posts was made by the Bde Comd with the object primarily of withdrawing the guns now in ARUNDEL and PILTDOWN on defensive fire tasks further to the rear. This was found impossible. One sec of guns was moved fwd from the quarry to the twin pillboxes at R 17 to cover the wire on the second line.	
			The 2/4 Fd Regt was asked to move an OP being constructed in a tree immediately above a sec post of the 2/14 Bn.	
			The 2/14 Bn moved its HQ back some 500 yds into a valley in the sand dunes thus freeing their original HQ for RAP purposes.	
			The gap between 2/14 Bn and 2/27 Bn was closed by a force of 7 carriers under Lieut FAWCETT, 2/27 Bn.	
			All I secs were engaged on a special recce to confirm location of wire in the sector.	
			Approval to relieve 2/14 Bn with 2/16 Bn on 29 Apr 41 was asked for from FORCE.	OPS. INSTN. No 5 APPENDIX 19
		9/6	Four of the tanks dug in as A Tk weapons were moved into mobile reserve and replaced by 18 pdrs. This affects the Arty defensive fire plan which is being reviewed.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH	24 Apr		<p>The GOC CYRENAICA, (Lt-Gen Sir NOEL BERESFORD-PEIRCE) visited Bde HQ with the Div Comd and discussed the situation with the Bde Comd. He was accompanied by Brig HARDING (BGS).</p> <p>As the 25 Bde is entirely without tpt, 6 vehicles from each of the 3 Bns of this Bde were lent to it.</p> <p>The disposition of the 15 MMG's in the area was finally decided upon and fixed lines allocated.</p> <p>A trace was received from 2 A Tk Regt showing the dispositions and arcs of fire of all A Tk weapons in the sector. This replaces the earlier information supplied. The problem from an infantry point of view is now the protection of infantry posts from the fire of our own A Tk guns.</p> <p>Six additional carriers were received. A number of them were in bad order and one had a burnt-out clutch. Twelve carriers in the Bde of the universal pattern have to be handed over to the 6 Div Cav Regt, who will replace them by six Aust pattern carriers.</p> <p>The CRE was asked to look at the defences on the outer perimeter SE of WYCHCROSS and of PILTDOWN where they are not at the present time strong enough. He has requisitioned for hedgehogs, and in the interim, proposes to lay additional minefields.</p>	
	25 Apr		<p>An order was received from Div that special steps were to be taken to guard the main water supply which is in the right sub-sector. The measures are to include air and ground protection and camouflage.</p> <p>The AACS opened a bulk canteen in the fortress.</p> <p>The first air attack on the fortress since the arrival of the 21 Aust Inf Bde occurred at 1830 hrs. Only 7 bombs were dropped and there were 4 casualties amongst British personnel.</p> <p>A conference of Bn comds was held at Bde HQ, at which many points regarding the defences and the physical condition of the men were stressed by the Bde Comd. Op Inst No 6 is being issued in confirmation.</p> <p>Advice was received that as from 1300 hrs, 26 Apr 41, one coy 2/2 MG Bn would come under comd.</p>	

# WAR DIARY

Army Form C 2118.

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH	25 Apr		<p>/comd. The Bde Comd and BIO made a recce outside the perimeter to a depth of about 5000yds with the object of checking the usefulness of Arty CP tasks.</p> <p>The Div Comd was absent from 1200 hrs for a period of about 24 hrs and the Bde Comd assumed comd of the garrison for that period.</p>	OPS INSTN N°6 APPENDIX 20
	26 Apr		<p>Orders were received that 2/16 Bn was to relieve the 2/32 Bn in C Sector and that on completion of this relief, comd of C Sector would pass to 21 Bde.</p> <p>The 2/2 MG Bn arrived during the afternoon but as the adv party including the comd had been delayed, no disposns were made. The 2 i/c of Coy to come under comd was given all available information.</p>	
	27 Apr		<p>During the early hours, messages were received indicating increased enemy activity in the SOLLUM area and the withdrawal for a short distance of the Mob Force. Non-essential tpt of this force passed through MATRUH during the morning.</p> <p>The relief of 2/32 Bn by 2/16 Bn was completed by 1800 hrs and comd of C Sector passed to this Bde, giving it a front of six miles, with all bns fwd and no reserve.</p> <p>Comd 2/2 MG Bn arrived and was given all details respecting the sector. He was informed of the Bde Comd's desires respecting additional tasks for MMGs. He spent the balance of the day in recce.</p> <p>A chart showing the additional minefields desired in A and B Sectors was submitted to Div for approval. This was received and the detailed arrangements are being made with the CRE direct. Pnr pls of bns will be provided to lay the fields.</p> <p>The Bde Comd and Comd 2/4 Fd Regt settled the arty defensive fire and counter preparation tasks on the ground and survey was commenced.</p> <p>The patrol provided at EL MATIREH by 2/16 Bn was relieved by two secs fo 2/27 Bn. A copy of the orders to the patrol comd are attached as App</p> <p>Orders were received to hand over six universal carriers to 6 Div Cav Regt. Four were withdrawn from 2/14 Bn and one each from the other two bns.</p>	OPS INSTN. 7 APPENDIX 21

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH	27 Apr		<p>/bns. 2/14 Bn was ordered to remove its Q Store into its own area.</p> <p>Two additional A Tk guns - Bredas - are to be provided by 2 A Tk Regt for use in A sub-sector. They will be manned by 2/14 personnel.</p> <p>A trial of the SOS was made from each sector at intervals from 21 00 hrs onwards.</p>	<p>COAST PATROL ORDERS. APPENDIX 22</p>
	28 Apr		<p>The Bde Comd carried out a complete recce of C sub-sector with Col MacDonald and an Engr offr.</p> <p>The positions of the new minefields in A and B sub-sectors were pointed out to engr offr on the ground by the Bde Comd and arrangements made for the necessary labour from bns.</p> <p>The Arty in Fortress is to register DF and CP tasks tomorrow and fwd posts are being evacuated.</p> <p>CO 2 A Tk Regt is providing 2 additional A Tk weapons for A sub-sector. The locations of the weapons are to be selected in consultation with sub-sector comd.</p>	
	29 Apr		<p>One unidentified EA dropped two sticks of bombs in the sea off MATRUH at 2100 hrs.</p> <p>The dispositions of the 2/16 Bn in subsector C were agreed upon subject to a final adjustment in respect to the res pl of B Coy.</p> <p>Two additional A Tk guns were made available for C sector.</p> <p>The Arty registered all DF and CP tasks during the morning.</p> <p>The additional minefields required in sub-sector C were forwarded to Div and approval was given to them. Arrangements were made direct with OC 2/6 Fd Coy for the laying of these, assistance to be provided by 2/16 Bn.</p> <p>Lieut G. LYON was nominated to attend an LO course commencing on 19 May 41.</p> <p>SX 3304, Pte FAGG, 2/27 Bn, was killed instantly during the morning. Returning from wiring in front of MARESFIELD, he trod on an A Tk mine.</p>	



WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH	30 Apr		<p>The arty tasks in front of C Sub-sector were decided upon following a recce by bde, bn and arty comds.</p> <p>Details of the approved new minefields in C sub-sector were given to the bn comd with orders to commence the laying of them in conjunction with the RAE personnel.</p> <p>The Comd, 4 Indian Div, visited MATRUH to see the general defences and the method of digging in <b>A</b> tk guns.</p> <p>7 Aust Div Ops Instn No 2 was received covering the defence of MATRUH. All phases of this instn had already been covered in the various instns issued to units.</p>	

*J. Stevens* BRIG.  
*comd. 21 Aust. Inf Bde.*

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1 Apr 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

NO 13

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1800 Hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
1 Apr 41	2/16 Bn
Next for duty	2/27 Bn

OFFRS  
VISITING  
ALEXANDRIA

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

RESPIRATORS  
AG - HAVER-  
SACKS

3. Every effort will be made to reduce the wastage of haversacks for respirators AG.  
Condemnations will not be effected merely because the haversacks are frayed or look unserviceable.  
Haversacks returned to the Returned Stores Depot, or other Ordnance Depot, will be carefully examined on receipt and repaired if at all possible. Any parts from unserviceable haversacks that may be of further use will be recovered and used for repair.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
BH 21 Aust Inf Bde.

1 Apr 41

APPENDIX (A).

The strength of the Bde on this day is as follows :-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bde HQ	13	58	71
2/14 Bn	31	757	788
2/16 Bn	33	774	807
2/27 Bn	30	758	788
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Total	107	2347	2454
21 A Tk Coy	3	61	64
59 LAD	1	12	13
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TOTAL	111	2420	2531
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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde  
2 Apr 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

NO 14

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

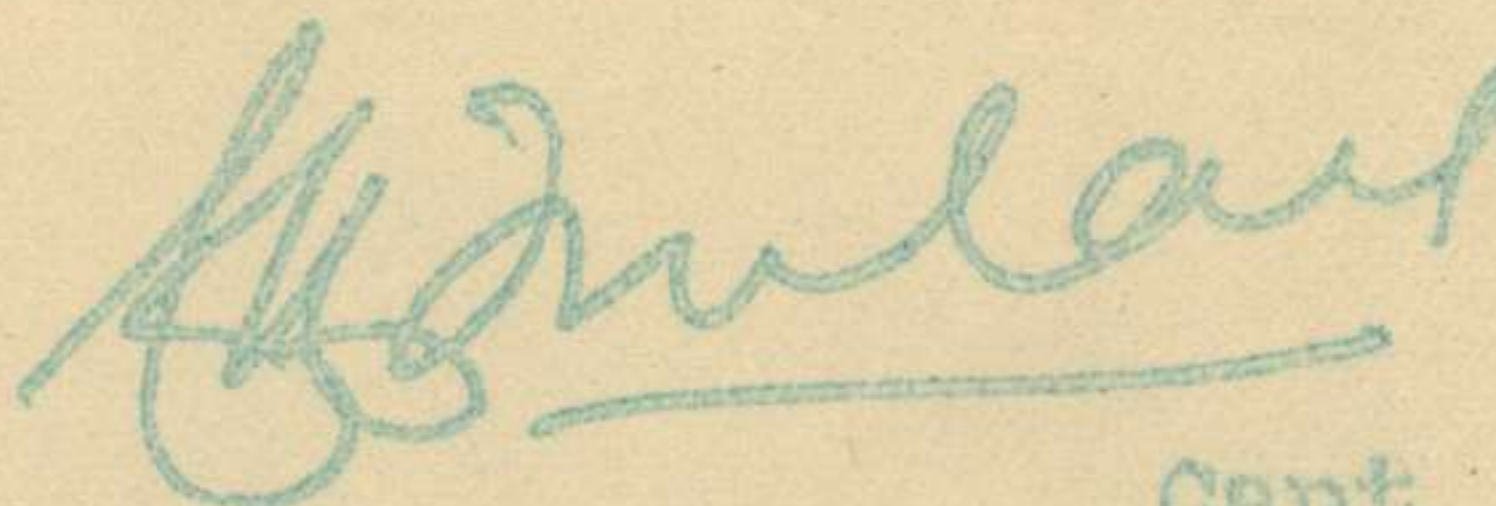
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Next for duty

DUTY UNIT

2/27 BN

2/14 BN



Capt

BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

SPORTS

The following cricket matches have been arranged for the weekend.

Sun 6 Apr 41

HQ 21 Bde  
2/16 Bn  
2/14 Bn

vs  
vs  
vs

HQ 7 Div  
HQ 7 Div  
18 Inf Tng Bn

at: DIMRA 1030 hrs  
at DIMRA 1030 hrs  
at DIMRA 1030 hrs

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

NO 15

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

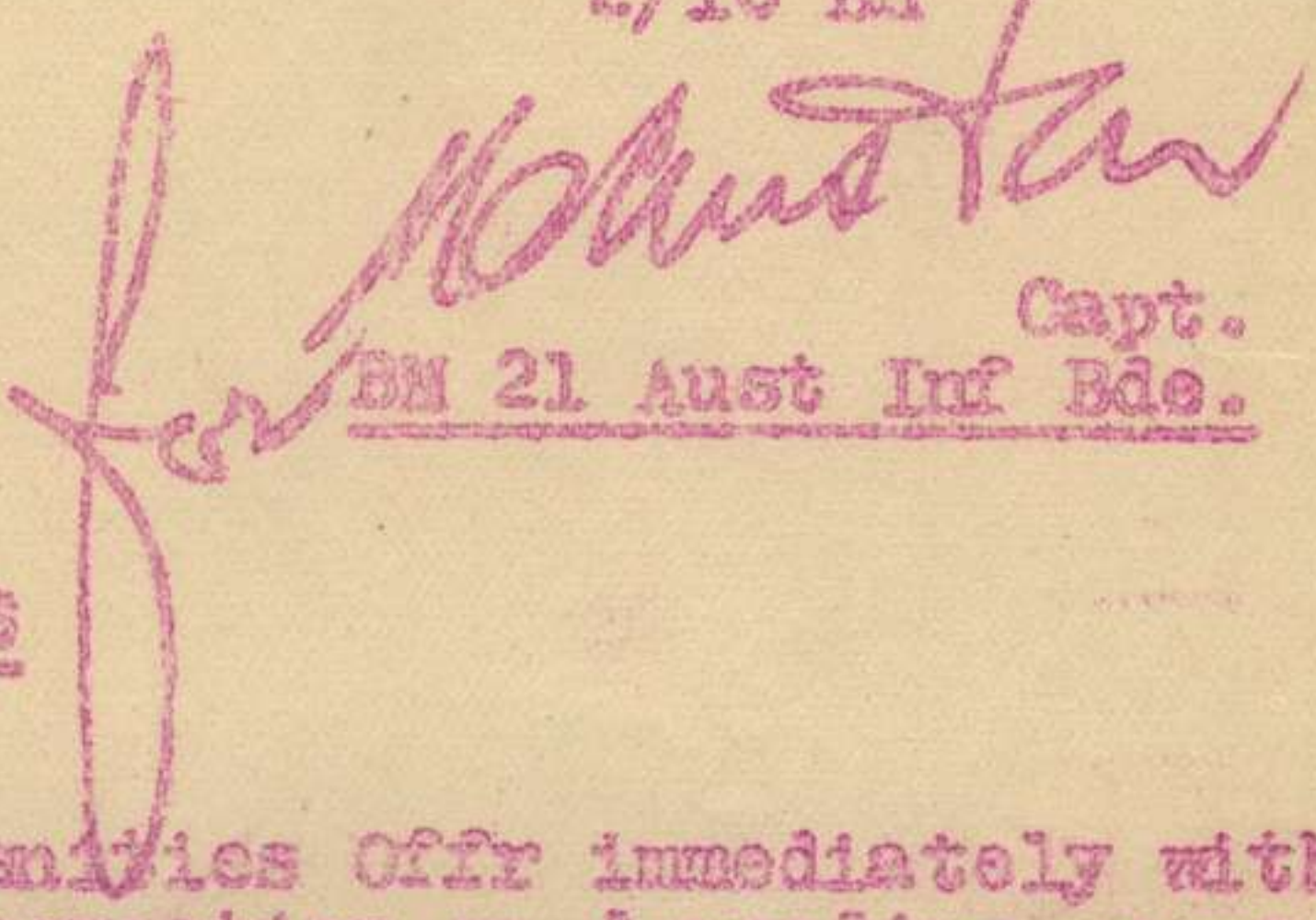
3 Apr 41

Next for duty

DUTY UNIT

2/14 Bn

2/16 Bn

*for*   
Capt.  
BN 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

RECREATION HUTS

Units will supply the Bde Amenities Offr immediately with an inventory of furniture in their recreation and reading rooms. The inventory will include HF Lamps supplied by ACP.

CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 6 APR '41

Same as last Sunday with the exception of 2/16 Chaplain - delete Chap. SPRATLING insert Chap BURT.

COMFORTS

The receipt of 3302 pkts cigarettes from ACP is gratefully acknowledged. Distribution was as follows :-

HQ 21 Bde	78
59 IAD	13
"K" Sec Sigs	36
Other Details	9
CRS	28
21 A Tk Coy	72
2/14 Bn	801
2/16 Bn	784
2/27 Bn	772
7 Div Sigs	250
2/6 Pd Amb	193
18 Inf Tng Bn	266

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4 Apr 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS      E D

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

No 16

DUTIES    1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
4 Apr 41	2/16 Bn
Next for duty	2/27 Bn

*H. M. M. M. M.*  
Capt  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

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5 Apr 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D.

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

NO 17

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

5 Apr 41  
Next for duty

2/27 Bn  
2/14 Bn

SECURITY OF INFM

2. (a) Reports from the FSS discloses that there is a growing laxity in the observance of the proper precautions to ensure security of military infm - particularly in relation to tp movements.

(b) Attention is directed to AIF SOs, PALESTINE, Pam 1, para 1 (b) and (c).

(c) It is important that COs should remind all ranks periodically - once per month, of the necessity for safeguarding infm and warn them that the disclosure to unauthorised persons of secret military infm, whether directly or indirectly, e.g. through careless conversation in a public place, is a serious military offence.

(d) All ranks should be requested to co-operate in check-and-reporting breaches of security instns, so that suitable disciplinary action can be taken immediately against all offenders.

AUST COMFORTS FUND

3. A complaint has been received from the Aust Comforts Fund that tables, chairs, ping pong tables, etc are being removed from recreation huts and camp areas by units when they move, without reference to it.

COs will ensure that these articles are not removed unless with the consent of a duly authorised rep of the Commissioner.

SPEED LIMITS

4. Attention is drawn to the speed limits laid down in SOs PALESTINE (Prov), Pam 3, Appx, "D". Disciplinary action will be taken immediately against any dr under comd of this HQ who exceeds these speed limits.

INDENTS - ORD

5. The following return will NOT be in future rendered.  
"Return of Oil Burning Cooking and Heating Appliances."

RD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AIF PALESTINE.

6. Appx "D" para 3, SOs, PALESTINE (Prov), as amended to 1 Apr 41 is issued separately in book form as Appx "A" to this order.

COs of units will make arrangements for the issue of a copy of this appx to all MT drs under their comd.

All drs and other personnel who drive army vehs in PALESTINE will be in possession of a copy of this appx. This order is to be brought to the notice of all ranks.

Units will indent on Stationery Depot through normal channels for supplies as required.

GAZA TOWN LEAVE

7. GAZA Town is out of bounds to ORs, who will be warned accordingly. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders

/ 8. CAMP BATHHOUSE.....

Routine Orders - Part 1. (Contd.)

CAMP BATH HOUSE.

Reference Camp ROs para. 9, the camp bath house is allotted for the following period of eight days as under:

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit</u>
No.1	5	HC 31 Aust Inf Bde
2	7	2/14 Bn.
3	8	3/16 Bn.
4	9	2/27 Bn.
5	10	As for serial No.1
6	11	" " " "
7	12	" " " "
8	13	2/27 Bn

*W. J. Murray*  
Capt

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.  
2/14 Bn  
"K" Sec 7 Aust Div Sigs  
59 IAD  
2/16 Bn } For infm.  
2/27 Bn }

21 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER NO 1.

GENERAL INSTNS FOR UNITS LEAVING PALESTINE.

1. GENERAL

These instns are to amplify previous instns and will be read in conjunction with the following where applicable :

- (a) AIEF (ME)
- (b) "LUSTRE" Force Adm Instn No 1
- (c) 7 Aust Div Adm Cir Q97 of 30 Mar 41
- (d) 7 Aust Div Adm Orders Nos 8 and 9
- (e) Pam AIF Kit Store

Certain items of (d) above are repeated in full as all units are not in possession of the orders referred.

These are for infm only for 2/16 and 2/27 Bns, further details for which units will be issued under separate orders.

2. METHOD OF MOVE

- (a) Units will move by rd or ra, or rd and ra, as ordered.
- (b) Method and times of move will be issued as appendices to this order.
- (c) Units will adopt adm det applicable their move.

3. BAGGAGE

(a) Scale of personal bag is :

- (i) Offrs - Lt-Cols and upwards 100 lbs
- Other offrs 75 lbs

(ii) ORs - 1 kit bag universal 1 sea kit bag

(b) Surplus bag will be dep at Kit Store, ALEXANDRIA.

(i) Nominal rolls in gps, on AIF KS4 if available, will be made out in duplicate and will accompany kits. Roll will be made out in alphabetical order.

(ii) Gps are :

Gp 1	-	A - H
Gp 11	-	I - Q
Gp 111	-	R - Z

(iii) Each article deposited will have firmly att a label (W3387) containing particulars of owner's Regtl No, Name, Rank and SN of Unit. In addition each kit bag will have similar particulars clearly marked on base.

- (iv) Wherever possible kits and surplus bag will be carried to store by MT. If this is not possible they will be consigned to store in sep box van. In the case of small units or details, 7 Aust Div will order procedure.
- (v) 7 Aust Div has requisitioned for forms KS4 and W3387. They will be issued as required when available.
- (vi) 7 Aust Div will be notified of No of box van carrying kits to ALEX.

4. RATIONS

(a) Rd Parties

- (i) Units will carry unconsumed portion of day's ration, two days' track ration and two days' reserve ration.
- (ii) Water bottles will be carried full.
- (iii) Cooking appliances will be carried.
- (iv) Water is available at staging camps.

(b) Ra Parties

- (i) The rations for journey to KANT. E will be provided by units. Two days' res ration and one day's track ration will be carried.
- (ii) Hot meal will be provided at KANT. E. Personnel will have mess gear accessible.
- (iii) Unconsumed res rations will be delivered to nearest AASC Sup Depot on arr at destination.
- (iv) Water bottles will be carried filled.

5. WEAPONS & AMN

(a) Rd Parties

- (i) On the man - rifle and 50 rds SAA .303.
- (ii) Each veh gp - 1 LMG with AA mounting and 1000 rds SAA .303

(b) Ra Parties

- (i) As (a) (i) above.
- (ii) Each pl (or equivalent unit) - 1 LMG with AA mounting and 1000 rds SAA .303.

6. POL

(a) Vehs will pass SP with fuel tanks full and carry sufficient POL to reach ISMAILIA without refilling. A res as follows will be carried :

(i) Lorries	min	3 X 4 gln tins
Vans	min	2 X 4 gln tins
Cars	min	2 X 4 gln tins

(ii) Reserve lubs and water for radiators will be cd.

/ 7. Recovery.

7. RECOVERY

(a) Convoys will have LAD, or veh fitted as bk dn veh travel at rear of convoy.

8. RAIL WARRANTS

Will be supplied by 7 Aust Div.

9. FRONTIER PASSES

(a) Block frontier passes will NOT be cd by main bodies proceeding by ra. All other parties proceeding will move with block frontier pass.

(i) Units will prepare pass if possible. Otherwise 7 Aust Div will issue.

(ii) Passes for rd parties will be prep in dup and will show army No of each veh in convoy.

10. CONVOY NOTES

All box vans or waggons loaded by AIF must be accompanied by convoy notes which will be made out by the unit supervising the loading and fwding of vans. Arrgts will be made with RTO at loading sta.

11. MEDICAL

All units moving by rd or ra will be accompanied by MOs or ords.

12. RD MOVEMENT

(a) Stages

(i) First stage will be present area - MOASCA approx 220 miles.  
Second stage MOASCA - DAHIG approx 202 miles.

(ii) Speeds and Densities

	Mih	Vtm
GAZA - ASLUJ	20	20
ASLUJ - ABU AWEIGLA	12	20
ABU AWEIGLA - MOASCA	25	20

Details onward under orders GHQ ME.

(b) Dispersion

Maximum dispersion allowed by ground will be effected at FERRY POST, ISMAILIA. Vehs will NOT close up when halted at any pt en route to final destination.

(c) Intercomm

(i) Comm with both EGYPT and PALESTINE can be made from ABU AWEIGLA per telephone.

(ii) Offr i/c Rd Parties will inform MVTs, CANAL per telephone of time of departure of head of coln ex ABU AWEIGLA.

13. SECURITY

The following will be returned immediately to AIF Base Area through the usual channels.

- (a) All maps
- (b) List of code names

/ c. PALESTINE ---

- (c) PALESTINE Place names and co-ordinates.
- (d) PALESTINE Security Instns.

14. PAD

- (a) If an air raid alarm is sounded during the stay of the train in a sta the train crew have instns from MC concerned to take the train out of the sta immediately and only to stop at the most suitable cover such as an orange grove or other wooded feature immediately adjoining the lines.
- (b) The following course will be adopted, therefore, on the sounding of an air raid alarm :-
  - (i) Those actually in the train will remain seated, and proceed in the train until it stops, when they will immediately detrain and disperse in the cover by which the train stops.
  - (ii) Those who have detrained and those who are meeting the train will immediately take cover. If no cover is within the immediate vicinity, then such personnel will lie flat on the ground at the spot where they were standing when the alarm was sounded.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Capt  
 BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

ACK  
Method of issue  
DESPATCHED

12. RD MOVEMENT

(a) Stages

- (i) First stage will be present area - MOASGA approx 250 miles.
- (ii) Second stage MOASGA - DAHIG approx 202 miles.

Dist	Miles	Area
250	250	MOASGA - ABUL
202	202	MOASGA - ABU AWEIGIA
202	202	MOASGA - ABU AWEIGIA

(b) Dispersal

Maximum dispersal allowed by ground will be effected at HARRY POST, ISMAILIA. Vans will NOT close up when halted at any pt en route to final destination.

(c) Intercom

- (i) Comm with both EGYPT and PALESTINE can be made from ABU AWEIGIA per telephone.
- (ii) Offr in Rd Parties will inform MWS, GARAL per telephone of time of departure of head of colr ex ABU AWEIGIA.

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - DIMRA

NO 18

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

6 Apr 41

Next for duty

DUTY UNIT

2/14 Bn

2/16 Bn

RETURNABLE  
CONTAINERS

2. It is apparent that sufficient control is not being exercised over the prompt return of returnable containers. Apart from the monetary loss to units, it must be realised and made known to all ranks that waste of any sort will not be allowed.

It is desired that all containers be returned as soon as possible and that necessary action be taken against any individual responsible for waste.

BATHHOUSE

3. For the week starting 0600 hrs 7 Apr, 2/14 Bn will be responsible for cleaning the Bde Bathhouse.

*M J M*  
Capt.  
Bn 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

POSTAL

Ordinary Mails close at FPO as under :-

Mon to Sun 0800 hrs and 1500 hrs.

Air Mail Mon and Fri 0800 hrs

Supplementary - 0800 hrs Sat.

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7 Apr 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - DIIRA

No 19

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

DATE

7 Apr 41

Next for duty

DUTY UNIT

2/16 Bn

2/27 Bn

WASHING  
OF MESS  
UTENSILS

2. The practice of washing mess utensils at ablution benches must cease forthwith. It causes small deposits of food in and around the benches and is most unhygienic, providing breeding places for flies. Units will take urgent steps to enforce this order and will provide special arrangements for washing mess utensils.

*W. H. Hall*  
Capt  
for BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

7 Apr 41

APPENDIX SA

The strength of the Bde on this day is as follows :-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bde HQ	16	64	80
2/14 Bn	32	785	817
2/16 Bn	32	722	754
2/27 Bn	30	703	733
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Total	110	2274	2384
59 LAD	1	12	13
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TOTAL	111	2286	2397
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21 AUST INF BDE.ADM ORDER No 3.1. GENERAL

Ref LUSTRE Force Adm Insta No 1 and 7 Aust Div Adm Orders Nos 8, 9 and 10, Rd parties following units move AMIRIYA area 9 Apr in accordance with Movement Table att.

<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Formation or Unit</u>
1.	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.
2.	"K" Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div.
3.	2/14 Bn
4.	2/16 Bn
5.	2/27 Bn
6.	59 LAD
7.	2/4 Fd Regt
8.	2/5 Fd Regt
9.	2/5 Fd Coy
10.	Sigs 7 Aust Div (Adv Party only)
11.	7 Aust Div Amn Coy
12.	2/6 Fd Amb.

Serials 7 to 12 are under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde as from receipt of this order.

2. CONTROL

TO, 21 Aust Inf Bde, will comd the convoy.

OC Adv Party Sigs, 7 Aust Div, will please make available to convoy leader the six MG DRs in that party for intercomm duties on convoy, DRs to report TO, HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde at 0500 hrs 9 Apr.

3. GROUPING

For purposes of control and rec duties etc convoy will move in following gps :

<u>Gp.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>
1.	2/4 Fd Regt $\emptyset$ 2/5 Fd Regt (less LAD) 2/5 Fd Coy Adv Party Sigs 7 Aust Div
2.	2/14 Bn $\emptyset$ 2/16 Bn 2/27 Bn LAD
3.	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde plus "K" Sec Sigs. $\emptyset$ 7 Aust Div Amn Coy 2/6 Fd Amb IAD 2/5 Fd Regt

$\emptyset$  Unit will supply offr to comd gp.

4. AMN.

Personnel moving with rd parties will carry SAA 50 rds per man or normal operational scale for arms other than inf.

/ AA Protection.



5. AA PROTECTION.

Units shown below will detail two vehs in gp to carry AA IMGs and mountings. Amn as stated in para 4, 7 Aust Div Adm Order No 8.

<u>Gp.</u>	<u>Unit to Provide AA Protection.</u>
1.	2/4 Fd Regt.
2.	2/16 Bn.
3.	(One BQ 21 Aust Inf Bde (One 7 Aust Div Amn Coy

6. FRONTIER PASSES.

Units will prepare the above as indicated in Para 8 (ii) of 7 Aust Div Adm Order No 8. These will be handed to comd of gp concerned at SP.

7. REC.

Rec duties will be carried out for gps concerned by LADs shown which will travel last in gp.

<u>Gp.</u>	<u>LAD.</u>
1.	LAD 2/4 Fd Regt
2.	59 LAD
3.	LAD 2/5 Fd Regt.

In so far as possible veh casualties beyond immediate repair will be towed to end of stage.

In the event of it being necessary to leave a veh at least two armed men with rations and water will be left on gd.

8. MEDICAL

2/6 Fd Amb will travel last but one in Gp 3.

This unit will provide facilities for mob DS to handle casualties en route.

Cases in fwd portion of convoy for urgent medical treatment will be evacuated to 2/6 Fd Amb at two hourly halt under arrangements by Gp Comd.

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2/14 Bn	1	7 Aust Div Amn Coy	10
2/16 Bn	2	2/6 Fd Amb	11
2/27 Bn	3	7 Aust Div	12, 13, 14
"K" Sec 7 Div Sigs	4	HQ AIF Base Area AIF	15
59 LAD	5	Comd	16
2/4 Fd Regt	6	BM	17
2/5 Fd Regt	7	SC	18
2/5 Fd Coy	8	Bde TO	19
7 Aust Div Sigs	9	File	20-21
		War Diary	22-23.

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MOVEMENT TABLE.

ROUTE : SP - GAZA - BEER SHEBA - BIR ASLUJ - ABU AWEIGLA - MOASCAR - thence as directed by rep  
 GHQ, ME.  
 SP LMS : SP - ASLUJ 20 mih; - ASLUJ - ABU AWEIGLA 12 mih; ABU AWEIGLA - MOASCAR 25 mih.  
 DENSITY : 20 vtm throughout.  
 HALTS : First halt 0730 hrs - thence 10 mins every two hrs - All gps halt 30 mins at 1330 hrs for lunch.

Serial No (a)	Date (b)	Formation or Unit (c)	No of vehs (d)	Place		SP (g)	Time Past SP (h)	Speed to SP (i)	Dispersal Pt (j)	Remarks
				From (e)	To (f)					
1	9 Apr	2/4 Fd Regt) (less LAD)	27 X	DEIR	AMIRIYA - IKINCI MARIYUT Area	Entrance from Rd GAZA - JAFFA to HQ 7 Aust Div.	0630 hrs	20 mih	AMIRIYA under direction GHQ ME.	X Dets 2/5 Fd Coy and 7 Aust Div Sigs report HQ. 2/4 Fd Regt 0630 hrs for marshalling of gp which passes SP as a gp.
2	"	2/5 Fd Regt) (less LAD)		SUNEID						
3	"	2/5 Fd Coy		LA STINA						
4	"	7 Aust Div		DIMRA						
5	"	Sigs LAD 2/4 Fd Regt		DEIR SUNEID						
6	"	2/14 Bn	16	DIMRA			0704			
7	"	2/16 Bn	16				0707			
8	"	2/27 Bn	17				0710			
9	"	59 LAD	6				0713			
10	"	HQ 21 Aust) Inf Bde )	0	DIMRA HILL 95			0744			
11	"	7 Aust Div) Amn Coy )	38							
12	"	2/6 Fd Amb)								
13	"	LAD 2/5 Fd) Regt )								

Details of move beyond MOASCAR are under GHQ, ME. Pro dets act as guides beyond MOASCAR.

Action on completion of first stage to MOASCAR will be detailed by GHQ ME on arrival.

TCPs est under arrangements DAPM 7 Aust Div?

APPENDIX QA

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21 AUST INF BDE.ADM ORDER NO 4.1. GENERAL.

Force HQ MCO No 59 and 7 Aust Div Adm Order No 11 have been fwded under separate cover.

21 Aust Inf Bde and att Pl Corps HQ Gd Bn moves by rail 9 and 10 Apr to AMIRIYA - IKINGI MARIYUT area.

2. ADV PARTIES.

In confirmation of order already issued adv parties of 1 offr and 10 ORs per unit will travel by train leaving GAZA 9 Apr at 1445 hrs.

Hired tpt will be used to carry these personnel to ra sta.

Maj Wain, 2/16 Bn, will be OC, Adv Parties.

Lorries will be provided by :

2/16 Bn	1 lorry	
2/14 Bn	1 lorry	(Adv Parties 2/14, 2/27
HQ 21 Aust		Bns and HQ 21 Aust Inf
Inf Bde	3 lorries	Bde will be picked up at
	15 cwt	unit HQ at 1315 hrs.)

2/6 Rd Amb Adv Party will report to HQ 2/16 Bn to load in truck provided by that unit at 1315 hrs.

Adv Parties move to GAZA ra sta at 1330 hrs under direction LO 21 Aust Inf Bde.

Rations, etc, to be carried by adv parties are incl in orders already issued.

Personnel will have mess utensils handy at KANTARA EAST.

3. RAIL PARTIES.

Entrain vide MCO No 59.

OC Trains are detailed as under :

	<u>OC Train</u>	<u>Ent Offr</u>
Train C	Maj J G Evans MC 2/14 Bn	Lt R B Whittaker 2/14 Bn
Train D	" A W Potts MC 2/16 Bn	Maj A E Care 2/16 Bn
Train E	" A Pope 2/27 Bn	Lt R L Johnson 2/27 Bn

Attention is directed to Appx to AIEF Instns to OC tns.

Personnel march to entraining sta and carry kit bags.

Orders re rations, etc, have already been issued.

4. LOADING OF BAG.

Box vans as shown in MCO 59 are ready for loading at GAZA and units will concentrate on loading trains prior / to returning

to returning excess over Scale A to BOD.

5. TPT OF KITS

Irrespective of 7 Aust Div Adm Order No 11 unit comds may use hired tpt to convey bag to train provided all other essentials are fulfilled.

6. BAG GDS.

Where it may be necessary to dump bag units will arrange adequate gds to ensure security.

7. LOADING PARTIES.

At unit comds discretion to conform with tpt available and loads to be handled.

8. UNIT LINES.

Units will devote their utmost energies to ensuring that their lines are in the cleanest possible condition for handing over.

Arrangements are being made for rep Camp 30 to inspect and take over lines.

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2/14 Bn	1
2/16 Bn	2
2/27 Bn	3
2/6 Pk Amb	4 (for infm)
Comd	5
BM	6
SC	7
Camp	8
LOs	9 - 11
Bde CSM	12
File	13, 14
War Diary	15, 16.

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ALL OFFERS BDE HQBDE HQ ORGANISATION1. GENERAL

The following directions are issued for the organisation of Bde HQ and will have effect from the date of issue of this order.

2. ORGANISATION

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde will be divided into two clear-cut subdivisions.

(a) Bde Staff  
(b) Bde HQ Dets (under command Camp Comd)

3. DETAIL

These will consist as under :-

(a) Bde Staff.

- (i) Bde Comd
- (ii) BM
- (iii) SC
- (iv) LOs (3)
- (v) Bde IO
- (vi) Bde Sig O (2)
- (vii) Bde TO
- (viii) Bde Sup O
- (ix) OC 59 IAD
- (x) BOWO

(b) Bde HQ Dets

- (1) Camp Comd (until further notice Lieut D J Brewin is appointed Camp Comd)  
This offer is also Coy etc Comd (vide AMR & O 413,389 (6) 1435, 394, (4) 423.) for Bde HQ dets.
- (ii) Bde CSM
- (iii) Bde CQMS
- (iv) All other Bde HQ dets not specified in (a) above.
- (v) The following are att to gp (b) for rations and quarters but NOT for discipline.
  - (a) "K" Sec Sigs
  - (b) 59 IAD
  - (c) Bde HQ protective pl (Pl 1 Aust Corps HQ Gd Bn)
  - (d) Such other dets as may be att to Bde HQ from time to time.

4. DUTIES

The following definitions of duties will have effect immediately.

(a) Bde HQ Staff

- (1) Carry out all staff work in contact with Div rearwards and Bns fwd.  
Bde Staff will not handle questions of personnel, discipline, rations etc concerning Bde HQ Dets except in so far as these are referred for decision to BM in capacity of CO, Bde HQ Dets.

(b) Camp Comd

- Handles all details of personnel, discipline, pay, rations quartering and detailed duties of ORs.  
The Bde CSM and Bde CQMS are personally responsible to Camp Comd on all points of interior economy of Bde HQ Dets.  
Camp Comd will deal direct with Bde Staff in exactly the same way as if Bde HQ Dets constituted a separate unit in the Bde on as nearly the same basis as possible as a bn.

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5. TPT

Bde TO will make available to Camp Comd such tpt as duties or circumstances demand and as available.

The operational functioning of the tpt sec remains under control.

Bde Tpt O.

6. SUB-DIVISION OF BDE HQ DETS

For purposes of adm Bde HQ dets will be regarded as consisting of the following secs (in addition to att secs such as Sigs and LAD).

- (i) Offrs, Sgts and mess personnel
- (ii) Bde HQ office sec (incl I Sec)
- (iii) Tpt Sec
- (iv) Batmen
- (v) Att personnel (incl AAOC, AASC also hygiene personnel)

Camp Comd will allot duties to various personnel in above secs in order that moves and other operational functions may be reduced to a drill.

7. FUNCTIONING

The efficient functioning of Bde HQ demands the closest cooperation between Bde Staff and Camp Comd and also the individual cooperation of all ranks.

All ranks will give this matter their earnest attention.

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(vii) Secy  
 (ix) Secy  
 (x) Secy

(b) Bde HQ

- (i) Camp Comd (incl further notice from D J Brewin as appointed Camp Comd)
- (ii) This secy is also Coy Comd (vide AMR & O 413,389)
- (iii) Secy
- (iv) All other Bde HQ dets not specified in (a) above.
- (v) The following are sec to (b) for various and purposes but NOT for discipline:
  - (a) Secy
  - (b) Secy
  - (c) Secy
  - (d) Secy
  - (e) Secy
  - (f) Secy

4. DUTIES

The following distribution of duties will have effect immediately.

- (a) Bde Staff
- (b) Camp Comd
- (c) Bde HQ
- (d) Bde HQ
- (e) Bde HQ
- (f) Bde HQ
- (g) Bde HQ
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- (r) Bde HQ
- (s) Bde HQ
- (t) Bde HQ
- (u) Bde HQ
- (v) Bde HQ
- (w) Bde HQ
- (x) Bde HQ
- (y) Bde HQ
- (z) Bde HQ

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NOTES FOR COY COMDS ON PTS BROUGHT OUT IN THE  
LIBYAN CAMPAIGN

1. In bivouac area prior to moving to assembly posn

- (a) Necessity for putting pl comds thoroughly into the picture now increased, as at TOBRUK, instns were received that Coy 2 i/cs would return to rear area with "A" Ech vehs, and remain with "B" Ech during the battle. Particularly important are roles, routes and times.
- (b) It was only after constant practice tps were able to move silently at night, particularly if a hot meal was served at bivouac area before movement. Rattling of mess tins created most of the noise. All movements in fwd areas were by night, the total absence of cover from air observation making this necessary.
- (c) Before moving from bivouac areas rum issue was handed out. This is solely the prerogative of the coy 2 i/c - there were instances where, left to the CQMS or other NCO, an equitable issue did not take place. The supervision of the 2 i/c is therefore necessary.
- (d) Tps were very widely dispersed in bivouac areas, therefore sufficient time had to be allowed for the Coy to reach the Bn RV and the coy routine drawn up accordingly. I saw a coy arrive at the Bn RV flustered and distressed, due probably to one or more of the following :-
- (a) Coy comd had not reced
  - (b) Had not allowed sufficient time to reach RV
  - (c) Inefficiency in movement from bivouac area.
- The result being that coy went fwd with the Bn to the AP flustered and unnecessarily distressed.
- (e) Final check of tps is important. Main pts are :-
- (i) Boots - while "A" Ech still with the coy there is still time to adjust ill-fitting or worn boots.
  - (ii) Eqpt - fitting of haversack sitting comfortably, Capes AG and Respirators AG.
  - (iii) Water bottles filled, iron rations in haversacks (generally inside mess tins)
  - (iv) Wire - cutters
  - (v) Pl dressings
  - (vi) All papers from which info could conceivably be conveyed to enemy left behind. Early in the campaign the only distinguishing marks of AIF units - viz colour patches were removed, but from BARDIA onwards units wore their colours.
  - (vii) Weapons - Rifles, Boys A/Tk Rifles, Brens and Thompson Sub MGS and Mortars IM 2".
  - (viii) Ammunition -

The above are the main items in the final check, but a lookout should be made for tps carrying excessive loads, or articles of private ownership etc. Frequently tps were found loaded up with all sorts of things not part of their eqpt.

- (f) There may be occasions where a soldier wishes to send a final message to his people or give any instns regarding the disposal of any valued article should he become a casualty. I experienced this twice during the campaign at the last minute almost.
- (g) A final warning regarding mines, "thermos" bombs and booby traps. Too many unnecessary casualties occurred due to carelessness with all three and occasionally by curiosity also in the third.

2. During the battle

- (a) At TOBRUK one Bn after passing through the wire had to make a slight wheel and, further on, another, almost at right angles. The coy comd on the inner flank was instructed beforehand of the /necessity

necessity of allowing the other fwd coy time to complete the wheel. Yet the coy on the outer flank was frequently compelled to double. As this bn covered, and fought over 20 miles on that day the unnecessary doubling added to their considerable fatigue in the final stages.

- (b) Tng of Orderlies - The value of thoroughly trained orderlies was demonstrated on a number of occasions. An incident with a bearing on this occurred to one coy comd. He had reached his first objective and had his coy disposed. He sent back a message to that effect and in accordance with instns sat tight until orders were received to push on in the second phase. The period was utilised in consuming the midday meal from the iron ration. Shortly afterwards it became evident enemy snipers were paying particular attention to that particular spot and its immediate vicinity and a pl runner or anybody else coming in or going out was subjected to immediate attention. The enemy snipers' observation was so good he had located the Coy HQ by the coming and going of runners.
- (c) The sending back of infm is essential. Without full infm HQ cannot help you. Also in all battles fwd coys were instructed to use ground strips to mark Coy HQ. An army co-operation plane was present throughout and the strips were his only means of identifying our fwd tps. If such instns are issued, carry them out - a small thing but of considerable help to all.
- (d) Tanks cannot be countered by lowering the head and charging in at the head of your men. It may mean a VC but is more likely to bring terrific casualties as actually happened at TOBRUK. The Coy Comd, three subalterns and the greater proportion of the coy were killed or wounded - the coy comd himself was killed. The situation demanded help and infm sent back to Bn HQ would have brought that help.
- (e) Maintenance of direction - One coy, let us call it X Coy was to have followed one fwd coy to first objective then swing left and come in on left flank of that coy. It finished up away out on the R of the R fwd coy! Had they been in their correct place some of the incidents which occurred to the coy referred to in (d), the previous para, would not have occurred - briefly lives could have been saved.
- (f) "Souvenir" hunters or "Looters", whichever they may be called are a menace. The momentum of the attack must be maintained and if men are going to stop and prowl around dugouts for loot, the attack is held up. This occurred at BARDIA and strong measures were taken to prevent its occurrence at later battles.
- (g) Fire discipline - The value of fire discipline was demonstrated on innumerable occasions - the outstanding example to my own knowledge at TOBRUK when the Italians launched a counter-attack when the leading bn were halfway between the first and second objectives. The Boys riflemen withheld their fire until the order was given - result the counter-attack was turned and between thirty and forty tanks were knocked out. Incidentally here it was proved beyond all possible doubt the Boys A/Tk Rifle is a weapon of great efficiency and penetrating power - proved by the number of tanks they knocked out.
- (h) Necessity of keeping up with the barrage if one being put down. Our tps were able to adv so rapidly because they kept up to the barrage.
- (i) Use of stretcher bearers. SB's were att to each coy and where tps are pinned down, if a man is hit it is useless yelling out for SB's. At DERNE I saw an instance of this - a man was hit and his comrades yelled out for SB's. The enemy fired on the SB's and as they were carrying the wounded man back, the wounded man on the stretcher and one SB were killed. It was dark two hrs later when the wounded man could have been evacuated safely

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as all tps were withdrawn from that particular area .

3. General - A number of interesting pts were brought out during the campaign, a few are -

(a) Ammunition - the necessity for the efficient sup of amn in the fd. At FORT PILASTRINO the enemy posn was finally captured at dusk - consolidation completed about 2100 hrs. On re-organising, our tps (consisting of three coys only, less casualties) it was found had only 10 rnds amn .55 AP amongst them and very little 303. Less than 1000<sup>x</sup> away were 15000 of the enemy and tanks could be heard moving about in their lines. It was 1000 hrs the following morning before further amn was brought up and had the enemy launched a counter attack at dawn, as could almost certainly be expected with good tps, our tps would have been helpless. The amn sup in the fd had broken down, it might have been with tragic consequences.

(b) Casualties - An interesting pt is that 87.5 per cent of our casualties were Reinfts and I believe this was general throughout. The figures speak for themselves.

In concluding these few notes there are two things I would emphasize, and I cannot do it too strongly. Firstly the weapons we are given to fight with gave a magnificent performance - Brens fired throughout the campaign in terrific dust-storms and other handicaps and rarely did they stop. The few occasions they did were the fault of the men, not the gun. Boys A/Tk Rifle proved itself a magnificent weapon with amazing penetration and our men soon had utter confidence in facing ~~charges~~ *attacks* by tanks. The same applies to all our weapons. Secondly you will find, as we found, that all the teaching we have had is right and if you apply all the principles you have learnt, they will be successful. I cannot stress these two pts too strongly for we all proved it. Remember - our weapons and our teaching are "the goods".

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INFM

1. As already passed to unit comds no further infm re enemy.
2. No change reported in locations own tps.
3. Recce parties all units under comd Maj Isaachson 2/27 Bn proceeded MAATEN BAGGUSH 1100 hrs 14 Apr.

INTENTION

4. 21 Aust Inf Bde will concentrate 15 Apr in MAATEN BAGGUSH area.

METHOD

5. Vehs all units proceed by rd in accordance with movement table att Appx A.
6. Remainder (less dets below) proceed by rail as detailed in Appx B.
7. Rear parties remain to collect additional tpt to be issued and bring fwd to MAATEN BAGGUSH area. No of personnel to be detailed later. One offr per unit will remain with this party.
8. Security:-
  - (i) Rd party: units will provide one LMG with full amn, one sub MG 100 rds and two A Tk rifles each 30 rds, per ten vehs.
  - (ii) Rail party: LMGs, Sub MGs and full amn will be carried in train with personnel ready for immediate action. OC Train is responsible for allocation of LMGs for AA defence.
  - (iii) Bag train: Carriers will travel by flat top truck and will mount LMGs for ground and AA protection. Crews will travel in carriers. One A Tk rifle of the unit carrier pls will be carried on this train.

ADM

9. Amn: Riflemen - 50 rds per man.  
 LMG - full 30 magazines per gun plus 1000 rds per pl res.  
 Bn res - divided between rd and rail parties to provide against enemy action.
10. Blankets: One blanket on the man remainder carried in bulk on bag train.
11. Sup: Rail party - Hot meal prior to entrainment. Hot box meal prepared for consumption on train or on arrival. These arrangements may be varied at Bn Comds discretion.  
 Rd party: Hot meal prior to departure - dry ration for journey.
12. Pet: Rd party carries res pet on following scale -
 

Lorries	3 ton	-	4 x 4	gal tins
"	20 cwt	-	3 x 4	" "
Vans	1 ton	-	2 x 4	" "
Vans	15 cwt	-	2 x 4	" "
Cars	DS	-	2 x 4	" "
13. Water: One x 4 gal tin carried on each veh.
14. Traffic: TCPs at doubtful pts on route under arrangements DAPM 7 Aust Div.
15. Medical: Two light secs 2/6 Fd Amb with rd convoy as per Appx A.

OVER

INTERCOM

16. HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde closes present location - 0600 hrs - thence en route BURG EL ARAB - DAABA - MAATEN BAGGUSH - reopening new location on arrival.

17. Wireless silence.

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2/14 Bn	1	Comd	9
2/16 Bn	2	BM	10
2/27 Bn	3	SC	11
Sigs	4	LOs (3)	12-14
59 IAD	5	Bde TO	15
2/6 Fd Amb	6	File	16-17
7 Aust Div	7-8	War Diary	18-19

8. Security:-  
 (i) Rd party: units will provide one IMG with full amm, one sub MG 100 rds and two A TR rifles each 30 rds, per ten vehs.  
 (ii) Rail party: IMGs, sub MGs and full amm will be carried in train with personnel ready for immediate action. OG Train is responsible for allocation of IMGs for AA defences.  
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9. Amm: Riflemen - 30 rds per man.  
 IMG - full 30 magazines per gun plus 1000 rds per pl res.  
 Bn res - divided between rd and rail parties to provide against enemy action.

10. Blankets: One blanket on the man remainder carried in bulk on bag train.

11. Sup: Rail party - Hot meal prior to embarkment. Hot box meal prepared for consumption on train or on arrival. These arrangements may be varied at Bn Comd's discretion.  
 Rd party: Hot meal prior to departure - dry ration for journey.

12. Pet: Rd party carries res per following scale -  
 4 x 4 gal tins  
 20 cwt  
 1 ton  
 2 x 4  
 2 x 4  
 2 x 4  
 2 x 4

13. Water: One x 4 gal tin carried on each veh.

14. Traffic: Tugs at doubtful pts on route under arrangements DAFM 7 Aust Div.

15. Medical: Two light sets 2/6 Fd Amb with rd convoy as per Appx A.

21 AUST INF BDE RD MVMT TABLE

Route.- SP - Rd Junc 988251 - Rd Junc 942303 - EL DAB'A - MAATEN BAGGUSH. SP. Fd BAKERY 500 yds North of Bde HQ. Dispersal Pt - MAATEN BAGGUSH.

Speed.- 20 mih. Density - 15 vtm.

Halts.- First halt 0750 hrs for 10 mins thence 10 mins in every two hrs at 10 mins to the hr. - halt 30 mins at 1230 hrs for lunch.

Serial No (a)	Date (b)	Formation or Unit (c)	No of vehs (d)	Place		Time past SP (g)	Speed to SP (h)		Remarks (i)
				From (e)	To (f)				
1 2 3	15 Apr " "	2/14 Bn HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde K Sec Sigs	) ) 46 )	IKINGI MARIYUT	MA'ATEN BAGGUSH	) ) ) 0600 hrs	mih	) ) ) Gp 1	Convoy divided into two gps as shown Comd Gp 1 - Lieut James 2/27 Bn Comd Gp 2 - Capt Murdoch 2/16 Bn General control whole convoy Capt R J White, HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.
4 5 6 7	" " " "	2/16 Bn 2/27 Bn Lt Sec 2/6 Fd Amb 59 LAD	) ) ) 59 ) )			) ) ) 0620 hrs		) ) ) Gp 2	
8		Rear parties all units	-			) ) Gp 3			

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ENTRAINMENT TABLEAppx "B" to 21 Aust  
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Serial No (a)	Date (b)	Unit (c)	Place of Entrainment (d)	Train (e)	Time of			Composition of train (i)	Personnel (j)		Remarks (k)
					arr (f)	loading to be completed (g)	dep (h)		Offrs	ORs	
1	15 Apr	2/14 Bn HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	IKINGI MARIYUT	B	0300	0400	0400	Not yet notified	36	798	OC Train - Maj EVANS 2/14 Bn Ent Offr - Lt WHITTAKER 2/14 Bn
2	"	2/16 Bn Det 7 Div Amn Coy		C	0500	0600	0600		32	670	OC Train - Maj POTTS 2/16 Bn Ent Offr - Capt INKPEN 2/16 Bn
3	"	2/27 Bn Det 7 Div Amn Coy		D	0700	0800	0800		33	680	OC Train - Maj POPE 2/27 Bn Ent Offr - Lieut JACOBS 2/27 Bn
4	"	Bagg all units		A			0001 15 Apr				Bag gd as under for train "A" 2/14 Bn 1 Offr 4 ORs 2/16 Bn 1 Sgt 4 ORs 2/27 Bn 5 ORs

Notes 1. Carriers all units entrain on flat tops of baggage train  
Entrained under rep D Tr and lashed by unit personnel  
Entrainment offrs allot accommodation to units on train

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APPENDIX 13C

The strength of the Bde on this day is as follows :-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bde HQ	16	66	82
2/14 Bn	32	790	822
2/16 Bn	34	744	778
2/27 Bn	36	752	788
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Total	118	2352	2470
59 LAD	1	12	13
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TOTAL	119	2364	2483
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21 AUST INF BDE OO NO 2.

Ref Map : RAS EL KANAYIS 1/100,000 Sheet.

INFORMATION

1. The enemy attacked TOBRUCH morning 14 Apr but was repulsed with substantial losses in tanks and personnel.
2. An enemy force is operating in the vicinity of SOLLUM where it is opposed by our mobile tps.
3. 21 Aust Inf Bde, plus 7 Div Amn Coy concentrates 15 Apr in MATRUH BAGGUSH area.

INTENTION

4. 21 Aust Inf Bde will occupy the Western Sector of the BAGGUSH Box.

METHOD

5. Two bns fwd - right 2/14 Bn  
left 2/16 Bn.
6. Inter-bn boundary incl to 2/14 Bn Rd ALEXANDRIA - MERSA MATRUH.
7. FDLS - A Tk ditch and defended posts already sited.
8. Rear boundary of fwd bns : North and South line through water pt KILO 42.
9. Res : 2/27 Bn.

Roles : Protective duties on escarpments between areas pointed out on ground, and to be prepared to counter attack to recapture western edge of BAGGUSH Box.

10. Patrols. 2/14 Bn and 2/16 Bn will maintain mobile patrol fwd of their areas throughout daylight hrs a distance of one mile with normal patrols half a mile fwd during dark.
11. On the escarpment 2/16 and 2/27 Bns will patrol to the south for a similar distance during the daylight and for half a mile during the hours of darkness.
12. Pd Works. Order of priority :
  - (i) Clearance and completion of western A Tk ditch;
  - (ii) Wiring of western edge of defence;
  - (iii) Repair of existing defended localities.
13. Additional shovels have been allotted as follows :
 

2/14 Bn	50
2/16 Bn	140

will be delivered to unit HQ.

14. Fifty native laborers will be available to 2/16 Bn as from 0700 hrs 15 Apr and this number will probably be increased. Laborers are to be utilised only for clearing and constructing A Tk ditch.

/ 15. Fwd bns ----

- 15. Fwd bns will repair and complete TDF across their front.
- 16. Res bn will wire defended localities in its area. Demands for wiring stores to reach HQ by 1200 hrs 16 Apr.
- 17. 2/27 Bn will make available one coy daily to 2/16 Bn to assist in fd works.
- 18. Existing sec posts, etc, in the fwd and res areas will be cleared immediately.

ADM

- 19. Water. Pending the opening of a water pt at KILO 42 water will be drawn from a pt at SIDI HANESH ry sta.
- 20. Tpt. All vehs other than essential fighting vehs will move to Bde Tpt area at BIR HAFIZ 5730 by 1200 hrs 16 Apr.
- 21. Accommodation. Tentage will not be erected. Tent flies may be used to cover dug-in shelters.

INTERCOMN

- 22. Wireless silence.
- 23. Signal L/T layout will be fwded separately.
- 24. HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde opens 500 yds North of entrance to SIDI HANEISH ry sta 1630 hrs.

ACK.

Signed at 1700 hrs.  
Issued to Sigs.

Maj.  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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21 AUST INF BDE OO No 3.

Ref Map : MATRUH Sheets 1 & 2 1/12500.

INFM

1. Enemy mob colns in area BARDIA - CAPUZZO.  
Containing force in contact with 9 Aust Div at TOBRUK.
2. Own mob tps holding SALUM escarpment.
3. 2/16 under comd Fortress HQ on arrival.

INTENTION

4. 21 Aust Inf Bde (less 2/16 Bn) will defend sectors A and B of MATRUH Fortress (see tracing att)

METHOD

5. Sector A - 2/14 Bn.  
" B - 2/27 Bn.
6. Defence works and posts as already sited will be taken over and coordinated within sectors.
7. Fd Works. Priority :
  - (i) Clearing and improving wire,
  - (ii) Clearing and improving sec posts.
8. Openings in defences : The responsibility for closing entrances through A Tk and wire obstacles in each sector is upon sector comds.  
Material for closing is already dumped at openings.  
These stores are to be kept immediately available at all times and will NOT be used for any other purpose.  
Sector comds will notify these HQ of the name of the offr who is responsible personally for supervising this action.
9. Defensive fire plan :
  - (a) Details of defensive fire tasks will be issued separately.
  - (b) MG. MGs already in sectors will be manned and operated by personnel of unit within sector.  
Siting and coordination will be carried out by Fortress MGO in liaison with sector comds.
  - (c) A Tk. Traces issued separately shows dispositions of A Tk guns in sectors.
10. Minefields. Location of minefields is being notified separately by trace.  
Sector comds will ensure the safety of their personnel in this regard.  
The maintenance of these mines is being carried out under RE arrangements.
11. No patrols will be sent fwd of outer perimeter until further notice.
12. Stand to 0430 hrs.

ADM.

13. Separate adm instn issued.

/INTERCOMM.

INTERCOMN

- 14. Wireless silence.
- 15. SOS - green green.
- 16. Fortress time signals daily as per Bde SOS.

ACK  
 Signed at 1600 hrs  
 Issued to sigs.

*Moberney*  
 Maj.  
 BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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Comd	9	5. Sector A - 2/14 Bn. " B - 2/27 Bn.
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7. Field Works. Priority.

(i) Clearing and improving wire.  
 (ii) Clearing and improving sec posts.

8. Openings in defences: The responsibility for clearing defences through A TR and wire channels in each sector is upon sector comds.

Material for clearing is already stored at openings. These stores are to be kept immediately available at all times and will NOT be used for any other purpose. Sector comds will notify these HQ of the name of the officer responsible personally for supervising this sector.

9. Defensive fire plan:

(a) Details of defensive fire tasks will be issued separately.

(b) MGs already in sectors will be manned and operated by personnel of unit within sector. Siting and coordination will be carried out by Fortress HQ in liaison with sector comds.

(c) A TR. These issued separately show dispositions of A TR guns in sectors.

10. Minefields. Location of minefields is being notified separately by these.

Sector comds will ensure the safety of their personnel in their sectors. The maintenance of these mines is being carried out under the arrangements.

11. No patrols will be sent fwd of outer perimeter until further notice.

12. Stand to 0430 hrs.

ADM.

13. Separate adm instrn issued.

INTERCOMN

SECRET

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ADM INSTN No 3

(Issued in conjunction with 21 Aust Inf Bde OO No 3) 17 Apr 41

1. Sups  
 (a) Fwd Areas - The following will be retained in reserve -
- (i) Rations - Seven days iron ration
  - (ii) Water - Seven days - calculated at rate of half a gallon per day per man.
  - (iii) Pet - 20 gallons per veh.
- (b) Drawing of Sups Units will continue to indent and draw direct on DID until further orders. Rations 24 hrs notice, pet on demand.
2. Tpt Essential vehs of "A" ech only in fwd areas. Remainder of "A" ech will remain with "B" ech.
3. Medical - Evacuation of sick and wounded to 215 Fd Amb - location near NAAFI on Eastern side of MATRUH town, until further orders.

Ack  
 Signed at 20<sup>00</sup> hrs  
Issued to Sigs

*S. Bracken* Capt  
SC 21 Aust Inf Bde

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As for OO No 3.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX 158. Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	No. of Groups GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP.
	OUT		

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO 2/14 2/27 Bns

FROM 21 Aust Inf Bde	Originator's Number 03	Date 17	In Reply to Numbers
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URGENT	⊙	Reports	required	of	condition
of	units	order	and	switches	at the
ditches	⊙	condition	of	were	⊙
condition	of	sec	pos'n	and	purpose
⊙	whether	contact	established with		flank
units	and	where	⊙	location	of
gaps	in	were	and	rd blocks	back

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means.

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

Originator's instructions Degree of priority

Time of origin.

*[Signature]*

*Priority*

1400

Signed

Signed (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

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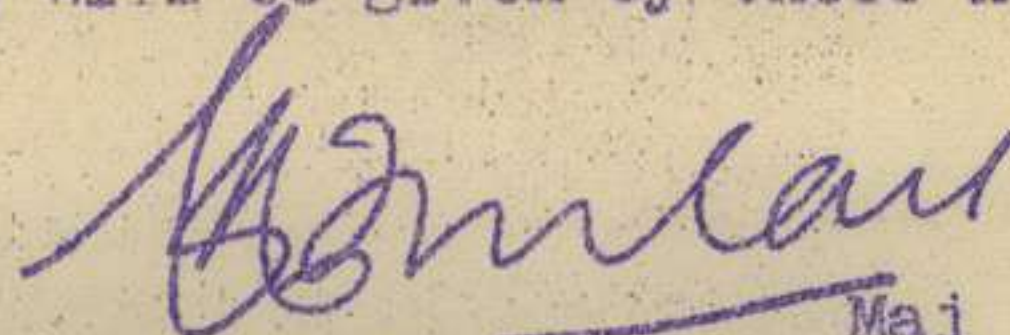
Ref Map : MATRUH Sheet 1/12.500

OBJECT

1. To constitute a bde res operating directly under the Bde Comd.

METHOD2. Tps :- Comd - Capt D.R. McPHEE 2/27 Bn  
BCoy 2/27 Bn  
4 carriers, 4 pl, 2/14 Bn.3. Role To counter attack to recapture WYCHCROSS 155505 and  
ARUNDEL 1684934. Location Bde res will occupy posts in area at Western edge of  
BARRACKS No 17 166504.5. Constitution Bde res will be constituted forthwith and OC bde  
res will carry out recce and prepare immediately plans  
for counter attack on the above posns.ADM6. Components of bde res remain under comd their own units for  
adm.INTERCOMN

7. Order for committal of bde res will be given by these HQ only.



Maj  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

Ack

Signed at            hrs  
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21 AUST INF BDE OPS INSTN No 2.

Ref Map : MATRUE Sheets 1 &amp; 2 1/12500.

INTENTION

1. 21 Aust Inf Bde will place the defences of A and B sectors in the highest possible state of readiness immediately.

METHOD

2. Wire : The order of priority for the repair of wiring is :
- (a) Across front.
  - (b) Flank (2/14 Bn)
  - (c) Around fwd posts.
  - (d) Switch lines.
  - (e) Res posns.
3. The minimum number of gaps only are to be left in the wire. All other gaps will be closed permanently.
4. Special wiring parties are to be constituted immediately and the work pushed on with the utmost vigour.
5. Concealment : Fwd posts must be concealed. The majority of these in the right bn sector are on fwd slopes and in their present condition are "sitting shots". All unnecessary timber and iron is to be cleared from their vicinity. All bright objects such as kerosene tins used for revetting and other purposes will be covered with sand and tracks to and from posts curtailed.
6. When essential work is completed movement to and from and around posts will be rigidly restricted.
7. AA LMGs must also be given the maximum concealment and when sited on top of hills and dunes must be dug in and not left standing up like statues.
8. Alternative posns : Immediately fwd posts are put in order, secs are to be thinned out during daylight hours and all available men put to work on alternative posns. These, when prepared, are to be maintained in good order.
9. Comm Trenches. After the task referred to in 8 above is completed, comm trenches will be constructed in 2/14 Bn sector from all fwd posts in sand dunes under direct observation.  
Comm trenches should be taken to crawl depth only and covered.
10. Amn. The following amn is to be maintained in each fwd post.
- SAA : On the man - 100 rds.  
" : LMGs - 24 mags.  
.55 A Tk Rifle : 50 rds / A Tk Rifle.  
Grenades : 5 per sec posts.  
grenades
- The res of 500/in each bn sector is to be used as follows :
- (a) Fwd coy HQ - 80
  - (b) Isolated fwd posts - 10
  - (c) Balance in Bn SAA res.
11. Cartridges Signal : Coy comds only will be issued with pistols signal and cartridges signal.  
Cartridges illuminating will not be issued at this stage.  
/12. Patrols ---

12. Patrols : The outer A Tk ditch and outer belts of wire are to be patrolled throughout hours of darkness. Patrols are to move outside the outer perimeter, patrol leaders being duly warned as to the location of minefields. Strength of patrols - one rifle sec.

Patrol from 2/27 Bn will contact twice nightly the mobile patrol at KNOLL 30, 162484 and SPUR 20, 167485.

13. M MGS. M Mgs within bn sectors are under cmd but their sites or tasks are not to be altered without prior approval of this HQ.

14. MLOTOV COCKTAILS. The necessary components of these weapons are expected in the near future. Bns will immediately commence their manufacture when the material is available. The distribution and method of transport will be notified later.

ACK  
Signed at 1435 hrs  
Issued to Sigs.

*Blair*  
Maj.  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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10. Amn. The following amn is to be maintained in each twd post.

9. Comm Trenches. After the task referred to in 8 above is completed, comm trenches will be constructed in 2/14 Bn sector from all twd posts in sand dunes under direct observation.

8. Alternative posts : Immediately twd posts are put in order, sec are to be thinned out during daylight hours and all available men put to work on alternative posts. These, when prepared, are to be maintained in good order.

7. AA IMGs must also be given the maximum concealment and when sited on top of hills and dunes must be dug in and not left standing up like statues.

- BAA : On the man - 100 rds
- " : IMGs - 24 rds
- 55 A Tk Rifle : 50 rds / 2 Tk Rifle
- Grenades : 5 per sec posts

The res of 500 in each bn sector is to be used as follows :

- (a) Fwd coy HC - 50
- (b) Isolated twd posts - 10
- (c) Balance in BAA res.

11. Cartridges Signal : Coy comds only will be issued with pistols signal and cartridges signal. Cartridges illuminating will not be issued at this stage.

21 AUST INF BDE

OP INSTN NO 3.

DEPENDENCE OF RIGHT AREA OF MATRUH.SECRET  
Not to be taken fwd  
of bn HQ.GENERAL.

1. The area is divided into two sectors each held by one bn. The right bn sector comprises the sand dunes on the sea coast to southwest of the rd junc at 159505 and includes the vital water supply of MATRUH. The left sector extends to about 300 yards north of the CHARING CROSS GATE on the outer perimeter.
2. The frontage of the right sector is approx 3000 yds and of the left sector about 3700 yards.
3. The right sector consists primarily of sand dunes with limited fields of fire and of view and is overlooked in part by a feature known as MAE WEST about 141517. The sand dune portion is held by two coys and the remainder of the sector, which comprises a flat plain, is held by a third coy. The res coy is on the sand dunes. The posn tapers off on the right flank to a narrow neck of land bordering the salt lake and at the inter-bn boundary on the left flank is about 1200 yards deep.
4. The left bn sector faces an open plain and within itself contains a series of isolated posts on relatively prominent features. The sector is held with two coys fwd, the remaining two coys being echeloned in rear and to the left flank. It is overlooked from KNOLL 30, ~~162483~~, on which a mobile patrol is maintained. 162483

A TK DEFENCES.

5. Except in the sand dune area two A Tk ditches, approx 600 yards apart, run across the whole front with one switch ditch about the centre of the left bn sector, a ditch on the left flank of the Bde area and a third lateral ditch in rear of JES BONDINE 187486. Other tank obstacles comprise dragon's teeth and hedge hogs. The outer ditch is being cleared but neither the inner, switch or flank ditches at present constitute an obstacle because of silting.

WIRE.

6. The front is wired with single and double apron fences and Dannert wire. In each sector there is a second line and in the left bn sector a third line, southeast of the sand dune sec. There are numerous switch lines laterally across the left bn sector. Portions of the wire on the right bn sector are wholly or partly covered by sand drifts. About 400 yards west of front wire a double apron fence runs across the sand dunes. In parts it is in disrepair.

A TK WEAPONS.

7. The following A Tk weapons are sited within the Bde res :
  - (a) 12 tanks with 3 pdr guns, dug in;
  - (b) four 2 pdr guns of 2 A Tk Regt;
  - (c) 5 Solothurn .55 automatic rifles;
  - (d) five 18 pdrs with A Tk roles only.

Disposns on trace already issued.

Except for the 18 pdrs which open at 800 yards, the remainder of ---



der of the weapons open at 500 yards only.

8. Molotov cocktails are to be made up as soon as the essential components come to hand.

MINEFIELDS.

9. A Tk mines are laid behind the front line wire across the whole front, in small areas on the right bn front, and on the flanks of WYCH CROSS, ARUNDEL and PILTDOWN. Certain other minefields exist in the area also - see trace already issued.

MMGS.

10. 15 MMGS are located in the Bde area, 6 in the right sector and 9 in the left. These are sited primarily to fire along the tank obstacles between infantry localities and from the vicinity of BALACLAVA and the Quarry to cover the flanks of ARUNDEL, PILTDOWN and MARESFIELD - separate trace shows disposns and tasks.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR DEFENCE.

11. T The most likely line of initial approach for an enemy is along the COAST RD which enters our posn on the left flank of the right bn. Following recce, attacks might develop between WYCH CROSS 155506 and PILTDOWN 174482.
12. The right bn sector is not very suitable for AFVs and whilst tanks could possibly operate there they would be slowed down. In any case the advantage to be gained from an AFV attack in that area is limited except in the left portion of it. The sand dune country seems more likely to be the scene of an infantry fight. The most dangerous sec of the posn however is in the left fwd coy area where the width of the defences narrows to 1100 yards and where the country is suitable for AFV attack. Enemy success on this portion of the front would cut off the right bn which must therefore be prepared to fight it out on its own reserves. The possibility of this has been foreseen in the construction of A Tk defences and wire which will make any widening of a breach created on the front of this coy or opposite the left bn a difficult proposition. The holding of BEAU GESTE and WYCH CROSS is essential for the defence of the right sector and the sector cmd will immediately rehearse his res in counter-attacks to recover these two posns. The counter-attack on BEAU GESTE should issue from the direction of PALM GROVE, and that on WYCH CROSS from the broken ground east of the tarmac rd in 1550 and 1650.
13. The keystones of the defences of the left sector are ARUNDEL 167494 and PILTDOWN with support from HANTHORN HILL 172498, BURTON'S COURT 177492, and JESMONDINE, these three latter posts being in rear of the inner tank obstacles. Loss of the two former posts would give the enemy observation over the major portion of the remainder of the centre and the sector cmd will immediately rehearse his res coy in counter-attacks to recover these two posns, viz ARUNDEL and PILTDOWN. The possibility of support from carriers is to be considered.
14. If enemy are successful in finally securing the four posts mentioned, the defences of the left sector will be based upon the A Tk obstacles in 1850, 1849 and 1848 with the garrison in the res line at BARRACKS, BALACLAVA, the Garden 186495, Quarry 187492 and Garden 195490.

GARRISON OF POSTS.

15. Garrisons of fwd posts will be maintained at full strength throughout, the strength of each post being governed by the accommodation and the purpose of the post.

When essential work on fwd posts and wire is completed garrisons of fwd posts will be thinned to the essential minimum and the alternative posns in rear manned continuously.

BDE RES.

16. A bde res, as such, will not be constituted but the Bde Comd has prior right to the res of fwd bns which will not be committed by the sec comds without prior approval of Bde HQ. The only exception to this is in case the right bn is cut off when its res is at the disposal of comd. As already stated the objectives of counter-attacks by these local reserves are as follows :

Right bn - BEAU GESTE and WYCH CROSS;  
Left bn - ARUNDEL and PILTDOWN.

PATROLS.

17. A mobile patrol of one sec has already been est by left bn at KNOLL 30, 162483 and HILL 20, 168485. The right bn will est a standing patrol of one rifle sec on MAE WEST forthwith.
18. The outer tank ditch and wire will be patrolled continually throughout the hrs of darkness along the whole bde front.
19. Both bns will patrol fwd to their patrols on KNOLL 30 and MAE WEST twice nightly.

FD WORKS.

20. The priority of fd works is already set down in OPS INSTN No 2. The immediate repair, replacement and maintenance of fwd wire at all sec posts is an urgent and vital task and bn comds will be held personally responsible for any neglect or lag in this direction. The work of making the fwd edge of the defended localities battle-worthy must be pressed on with the utmost vigour.
21. Materials required are to be asked for and any delay in obtaining them is to be represented by sector comds to the Bde Comd personally.

AMN.

22. The res of amn is laid down in OPS INSTN No 2 is to be maintained except that the .55 AP for A Tk rifles is to be increased immediately by 100 rds per rifle. A further allotment of .303 SAA to bns as a res has been made. An inspection by an offr is to be made daily of amn in posts and in res.

SUPPLIES.

23. For the moment 7 days supplies of rations and water are to be maintained in all fwd posts but efforts to substantially increase these so far as the right bn is concerned are being made in view of the possibility of it having to fight alone. These supplies are to be inspected daily by an offr.

24.

MATRUH must be held and no ground within the outer defences is to be yielded to the enemy. Posts isolated must continue the fight and this fact is to be impressed on all ranks of the Bde.

*Jestovens* Brig.  
Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde.

21 Apr 41

APPENDIX 17A

The strength of the Bde on this day is as follows :-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Bde HQ	16	68	84	
2/14 Bn	36	788	824	
2/16 Bn	32	732	764	
2/27 Bn	35	749	784	
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	<b>Total</b>	119	2337	2456
59 LAD	1	12	13	
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		120	2349	2469
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21 AUST INF BDE

S.E.C.R.E.T

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22 Apr 4121 AUST INF BDE OP INSTN NO 4

Ref Map : MATRUH Sheets 1 and 2 1/12500

1. GENERAL

The following points are to receive urgent attention.

2. NAMING OF SECTORS

On receipt of this order the following descriptions will be taken into use :-

- (i) Sector - the area occupied by a bde.
- (ii) Sub-sector - the area occupied by a bn.

3. MUZZLE BLAST

Every effort must be made to prevent muzzle blast scoring the ground in front of pill-box embrasures - such scoring is very obvious from the air.

In addition the dust so created by firing obscures the firers vision and makes conditions in the pill-box extremely unpleasant.

Each pill-box will keep a petrol tin of salt water for damping down the dust on the floor of the pill-box and the area outside the embrasure.

4. CONCEALMENT AND CAMOUFLAGE

Sec and MG posts must be concealed. All comds must give this and rigid track discipline their constant attention.

Where dummy pill-boxes exist in sub-sectors comds will have tracks made leading to and away from them

Concealment and camouflage means saving lives and holding posns.

5. KNOWLEDGE OF FRONT

Bns will arrange inter coy reliefs in order to enable all personnel to become familiar with the whole sub-sector. The first of these reliefs will take place on Sunday 27 Apr, subsequent reliefs will, until further orders, be made each five days.

6. OPs

For purposes of control and observation, bns will establish OPs in their sub-sectors, with communication to HQ. These OPs will be manned continually.

7. DUTY OFFRS

Bns will maintain a duty offr at their HQ at all times.

The duty offr will act for the comd and/or adjt in all matters of minor decision in their absence and must be capable of receiving important orders on behalf of the unit comd in his absence.

His duties are not those of an orderly offr which, apparently, is the impression held in some bns.

8. DESTRUCTION OF GOVT PROPERTY

The Port Naval offr reports that a number of navigation bouys have been sunk by rifle fire from tps on shore, thus endangering shipping.

The criminal nature of this action is obvious. Unit comds will impress urgently upon all ranks the stupidity of hampering facilities the full functioning of which is in their own vital interests.

/ 9. SEC AND PL POSTS .....

9. SEC AND PL POSTS

A sentry will be posted at all times in posts containing a garrison.

In posts which have the old type of wide trench, "T" trenches of a smaller width will be dug fwd from the main trench in which the garrison will fight. This is essential to reduce casualties from dive-bombing.

All posts will maintain a res of sand-bags with which to block crawl trenches in the case of portion of a post being overrun.

10. MANNING OF TANKS

Sub-sector comds will arrange direct with tk comds for inf personnel to receive instn in the operating of 3 pdr guns in dug in tks in case of the withdrawal of RTR personnel.

11. GAPS IN OBSTACLES

Sub-sector comds will undertake immediately a survey of gaps through obstacles and after determining which are at present essential, will permanently close all others.

When active ops start, it is desirable that existing gaps be discarded and alternative tracks and gaps be available. These latter must be prepared forthwith in consultation with the Engineer offr for the sub-sector but must not be used at this stage. To facilitate the passage of essential personnel during active ops the alternative gaps in wire must be narrow and of the "Z" type and must be under fire from an adjacent post.

Bn HQ staffs, Bde LOs, runners etc must make themselves familiar with the alternative routes.

A track map is to be prepared by each sub-sector comd showing (a) existing and (b) alternative tracks to each fwd post.

One copy is to be sent to this HQ.

12. SUPS

All localities will be made self contained with seven days supplies.

Arrangements are being made to establish reserves in localities in "A" Sub-sector of 23 days.

ACK

Time of signature 2230 hrs  
Issued to Sigs

Maj  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

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DESTRUCTION OF GOVT PROPERTY  
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9. SEC AND PL POSTS

2/14 Bn  
2/27 BnOP INSTN NO.5

1. A complete check of all wiring and obstacles in sectors "A" and "B" of MATRUH defences will be carried out on 23 Apr '41.

2. Method :

(i) The sectors will be divided as follows, and with concurrence of bns, the undermentioned personnel detailed :-

Area	RV	Personnel
'a'	Arranged by Lieut McAllester	Lieut McAllester and two men from 2/14 Bn Int Sec.
'b'	on rd at 7153235148	Cpl McGrath and two men from 2/14 Bn Int Sec.
'c'	on main rd at 7192035013	Lieut Cunneen, Cpl Kealy and one man from 2/27 Bn Int Sec.
'd'	as for area 'c'	Lieut Bennier, Cpl Cheong and two men from 2/27 Bn Int Sec.

- (ii) The first mentioned in each party will be in charge and will be responsible for the final accurate reproduction of all wiring and obstacles in his area.
- (iii) Parties will be at RVs by 0930 hrs 23 Apr '41.
- (iv) Before commencing, OSC parties will be personally responsible for informing their party of location of mine fields in their area.
- (v) Marked maps showing areas and RVs are attached.
- (vi) Main tracks in areas will also be shown together with gaps in wire and obstacles through which they pass.
- (vii) It is important that correct conventional signs be used as set out in legend on MATRUH Sheet 1, 1/12500.
- (viii) When area has been covered, comd of each party will dismiss his party, complete his map neatly and return same to Bde HQ not later than 2100 hrs 23 Apr '41.
- (ix) Rations will be carried by all personnel for midday meal.

(Signed) C.H. Finlay, Maj  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

Copies to: Lieut McAllester - 2/14 Bn  
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21 AUST INF BDE OP INSTN No 6.A Tk RIFLES.

1. These rifles are to be fought from outside pill boxes as otherwise it is impracticable for them to be effective against fast moving targets. Suitable cover is to be provided but the underlying principle is that they must be able to fire all round the compass.

LMGs.

2. It is imperative that unit comds impress on all offr and men the importance of flank and rear fds of fire in a defensive posn such as this. A clear explanation of this point will serve to dispel the anxiety which some pl and sec comds have regarding their limited frontal fds of fire.

STORAGE OF AMN.

3. Adequate protection is to be afforded the amn res in fwd areas. The res amn must not be piled up at the entrances to pill boxes.

RECCE BY SUB-SECTOR COMDS.

4. Each sub-sector comd and coy comds must immediately reconnoitre their posn from outside the perimeter thus permitting them to form an opinion as to the likely means of enemy approach.

COUNTER-ATTACKS.

5. Plans for counter-attacks on the localities already specified are to be completed without further delay. Sub-sector comds will then discuss them with the sector comd.

NEW WIRE.

6. New wire is **NOT** to be erected until the sub-sector comd has personally approved of the location, type and design of the fence. Advantage is to be taken of the knowledge of the RAE offr operating in the sub-sector.

The two principles to be observed in relation to wire are :

- (a) that it can be covered by fire from adjacent posts, and
- (b) that it is sufficiently far enough from the post it is intended to protect to prevent hand grenades being thrown and flames from flame-throwers reaching the garrison.

A Tk GUNS.

7. The number of A Tk guns in the sector means that practically every infantry locality is within the arc of fire of one of these weapons and sub-sector comds must immediately examine the protection available in the infantry posts against fire from our own A Tk weapons.

CARRIERS.

8. The role of the carriers in defence must be worked out at once. Due to the minefields their radius of activity is limited but there are two effective means of employing them, viz :

- (a) utilising the guns dismounted to protect the flank of infantry localities, and
- (b) to support an immediate counter-attack.

/ The carriers -----



The carriers must be rehearsed in the role that is allotted to them by the sub-sector comds.

INFORM REGARDING POSTS.

- 9. Each sub-sector comd will immediately compile a statement showing :
  - (a) location and size of each pill box and post,
  - (b) the number of loop-holes in each and direction of fire, and
  - (c) occupants.

This infm will be invaluable when re-adjustments are required and when inter-bn reliefs take place.

SUB-SECTOR COMDS.

- 10. These must be located near a telephone when at HQ. Too much time is now being wasted in making contact with them.

DANNERT WIRE.

- 11. Much of the Dannert wire in the sector has apparently been down for some time and has lost much of its value as an obstacle unless it is supported by a single or double apron fence. All Dannert wire which is not portion of an apron fence is to be examined and, if necessary, either replaced or strengthened by a single apron fence.

CAMOUFLAGE.

- 12. This pt has been already stressed but it is imperative that early action be taken, particularly in the right sub-sector, to render fwd posts less conspicuous.

Coy and pl comds must be taken outside the perimeter to view their posts from the enemy's angle and thus appreciate how easily they can be identified at present.

ACK  
Signed at 1340 hrs  
Issued to Sigs.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Maj  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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21 AUST INF BDE OP INSTN No 7.

Ref Map : MATRUH Sheet 1, 1/12500.

GENERAL.

1. Two salient features are concerned in the defence of "A" sub-sector. They are :
  - (a) the possession of the vital water supply of MATRUH, and
  - (b) the denial to the enemy of observation over the back area of the fortress.

Of these the first is much the more important.

2. The posn as at present held is based on a series of posts which in the sand dune area are protected only by extensive belts of wire. Whilst the country is not favourable for the use of tanks it is not impracticable.
3. Some 2000 yards behind the fwd line is another belt running between the COAST and the SALT LAKE. Some 500 yards in front of the main wiring is a single apron fence west of the feature known as MAE WEST but this wire is at present of no account. In the left fwd coy area the front is heavily mined and protected by an A Tk ditch on most of the front and by a good deal of wire.

INTENTION.

4. The defence of A sub-sector will be based on five successive posns in depth from the outer perimeter to the Western Shore of SALT LAKE.

METHOD.

5. The main portion of the right sub-sector is in a poor state of defence and immediately the first and second lines of wire and those on the left flank of the centre coy are repaired, the whole resources of the bn are to be utilised in digging and wiring the series of posts following general lines :
  - (a) east of the wire rd behind the present A and B Coy HQ,
  - (b) the general line STAFFORD 71563523 - HILL 20, 71583521 - PALM GROVE 71583513, and
  - (c) the line of existing wire through STOKE 71643521.

As indicated in Para 15 of Op Instn No 3 the garrison of fwd posts is to be thinned to an essential minimum when fwd wiring is completed and the alternative posns now available behind the second line of wire are to be manned continuously.

6. The posts to be constructed on the three lines mentioned in Para 4 above are to be ready for immediate occupation in the event of an enemy attack.
7. The present disposition of the res coy is not satisfactory and the pl now disposed on the coast watching duties on the right flank is to be relieved and placed in the new posts on the line STAFFORD - HILL 20, thus linking up with the area now held by No 16 Pl, D Coy, and with the res pl of C Coy at PALM GROVE. The coast watching duties are to be carried out by small patrols provided from elsewhere in the bn.
8. Defensive posns for HQ Coy personnel are to be provided in the lines STAFFORD - HILL 20 - PALM GROVE or behind the wire running through the STOKE posn.
9. The successive left flank pivots of this area are :

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SECRET  
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27 Apr 41.ORDERS FOR CC COAST PATROL.

Ref Map : MATRUH Sheet 1/100,000.

1. You will establish an observation patrol, strength 1 offr and 2 rifle secs, at EL MATARIK, 707352. One sec will remain in that vicinity to observe the exits from the escarpment through WADI UMMASHIAN. The second sec will during daylight patrol fwd along the coast rd as far west as WADI HALAXIN 688358.
2. Patrols must stick to marked tracks as it is suspected there may be land mines still along the coast rd.
3. At RAS ABU LAHO, south of the coast rd in square 700358, there is an RAF listening post. A further one is established, it is believed, fwd towards WADI HALAXIN. You will contact the O i/c of each of these posts and inform him of your location.
4. Your role is observation and you are not expected to maintain your posn against an enemy force. In the absence of definite orders, you will exercise your own discretion as to when to withdraw.
5. Elements of the 22 Cds Bde may be returning along the coast rd. You will hold up any traffic along the rd or in the area until satisfied that it has the right of movement. Where you have any doubts you will place personnel and vehs concerned under gd and return them to this HQ.
6. There will be a trial of the SOS sig (red over green) from the Fortress today at intervals from 2100 hrs to 2200 hrs. This is a test only.

*M. J. ...*  
Maj.  
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APPENDIX 23.

The strength of the Bde on this day is as follows :-

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Bde HQ	16	68	84	
2/14 Bn	37	786	823	
2/16 Bn	33	733	766	
2/27 Bn	35	744	779	
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	Total	121	2331	2452
59 LAD	1	12	13	
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		122	2343	2465
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