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December 1940 - January 1941

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
12 Dec '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS

No.17

DUPIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

DATE

12 Dec

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

2/27 Bn

2/5 Fd. Amb.

DRIVING
OF ARMY
VEHICLES

2. Attention is drawn to the following extracts from Standing Orders AIF (Pamphlet 3, paras 19 and 20).

19. Private Purposes

The use of Australian Military Vehicles for private purposes is prohibited.

20 Officers Driving Vehicles

Officers may drive Australian Military Motor Vehicles only in the following exceptional circumstances:-

- (a) when the driver is incapacitated;
- (b) in an emergency; or
- (c) to afford relief to the driver on long journeys.

The above will be repeated in all Unit Orders.

OTWAY
PITS

3. The following Otway pits are to be closed.

GODDARD LINES

Two on main road opposite to Leane Lines and one nearest road opposite to Monash Lines.

HOBBS LINES

Two near laundry

GELLIBRAND LINES

One in group of three farthest from Cinema

H.Q. LINES

One near main road nearest to latrines.

New pits will be dug as soon as possible, until then the other available pits are to be used.

PICQUET -
PICTURE
THEATRE

4. This picquet, provided by the Duty Unit is to be increased by the addition of four (4) men. Their duty will be to see that the ground in the vicinity of the Picture Theatre is not fouled. Six urine buckets will be placed three on each side daily by 1800 hrs by D.C.R.E. staff. The conservancy contractor's labour will be responsible for the removal of the urine buckets each morning. The picquet will notify this H.Q. if the urine buckets are not in position daily. Disciplinary action is to be taken against any soldier who does not use the conveniences provided.

(Sgd) T.N. GOOCH Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

NOTICES.

CANTEEN

Canteen L5 has been granted sole rights for the sale of sweets in the Camp Picture Theatre. The sweets will be sold at the canteen ruling prices.

/OVER

Opposition

Not to be published
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H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
18 Dec '40.

WRESTLING

Men interested in wrestling are requested to hand in their names to their unit sports officer. A competent instructor is present in this camp, and a team will eventually be trained for inter-camp bouts.

SPORTS

The following matches have been arranged for Sat 14th Dec and Sun 15 Dec.:-

CRICKET :- Sat 14 Dec at 1400 hrs 2/27 Bn v 2/5 Fd Amb

AUST. RULES

FOOTBALL

:- Sat 14 Dec at 1430 hrs 2/14 v 2/16 Bn
Sun 15 Dec at 1430 hrs 2/27 Bn v 2/5 Fd Amb

SOCCER :-

Sun 15 Dec at 1430 hrs 2/14 v 2/16 Bn

Units will provide their own material and officials.

DRIVING
OF ARMY
VEHICLES

19. Private Drivers
The use of Australian Military Vehicles for private purposes is prohibited.
20. Officers Driving Vehicles
Officers may drive Australian Military Motor Vehicles only in the following exceptional circumstances:-
(a) when the driver is instructed;
(b) in an emergency; or
(c) to allow relief to the driver on long journeys.
The above will be repeated in all Unit Orders.
3. The following Gway pits are to be closed.
DOWNWARD LINES
Two on main road opposite to Lane Lines and one nearest road opposite to Normal Lines.
UPWARD LINES
Two near laundry
GUILLIARD LINES
One in group of three furthest from Glens.
H.Q. LINES
One near main road nearest to Lathams.

WAY
PITS

New pits will be dug as soon as possible, until then the other available pits are to be used.
4. This picket, provided by the Duty Unit is to be increased by the addition of four (4) men. Their duty will be to see that the ground in the vicinity of the Picture Theatre is not fouled. Six urine buckets will be placed three on each side daily by 1800 hrs by D.C.R. staff. The conservancy contractor's labour will be responsible for the removal of the urine buckets each morning. The picket will notify this H.Q. if the urine buckets are not in position daily. Disciplinary action is to be taken against any soldier who does not use the conveniences provided.

PICKET
PICTURE
THEATRE

(Sgd) T.H. GOUGH
D.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

NOTICE

Canteen is has been granted sole rights for the sale of sweets in the Camp Picture Theatre. The sweets will be sold at the canteen selling prices.

NOTICE

OVER

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
11 Dec '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS

No. 10

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
11 Dec	2/14 Bn
Next for Duty	2/16 Bn

PAY.

2. Camp Standing Orders Para 24 are amended as follows -

- (a) Pay will in future be drawn by units on FRIDAYS and not SATURDAY - commencing FRIDAY 13 DEC '40.
(b) Unit representatives will report at CAMP H.Q. to draw pay at 1030 hrs and not 0830 hrs as originally set down.

PETROL TINS

RETURN OF

3. The following is an extract from 1 Aust Corps Routine Orders. -

All A.I.F. units in Palestine will furnish immediately:-

- (a) the number of good tins available now, and;
(b) an estimate of the number available weekly for the next three months.

These tins are required for use by the olive trade and consequently only tins in good condition are suitable. Tins which have been used for defence works or similar purposes (i.e. filled with sand etc are NOT suitable.

In order to comply with these instructions units will submit to this H.Q. by 0900 hrs 11 Dec '40 a return giving the information asked for in paras (a) and (b).

P.A.D.

4. (a) Sufficient progress is not being made with P.A.D. measures. Tents are not being camouflaged and some units have not yet constructed slit trenches. These works must be put in hand immediately.
(b) The danger of looking up when a plane passes overhead must be impressed on all ranks. The white face can be very distinctly seen from the air.

HYGIENE OFFICER

5. Captain J. Ray, 2/5 Fd Amb, will act as Hygiene Officer, Julis Camp. He will visit unit lines at frequent intervals and report to C.O's any weaknesses noticed. Units are requested to facilitate his work.

FLYPROOF

6. Units will submit a report to this H.Q. by 1200 hrs Sat 14 Dec giving details of the measures necessary to comply with A.I.F. S.O's respecting flyproofing of kitchens etc.

ORDNANCE INDENTS

7. When indents are submitted for Ordnance Stores a separate sheet will be used for each section or sub-section of the vocabulary of Army Ordnance Stores.

RAILWAY WARRANTS

8. (a) (i) In future, railway warrants (except on the counterfoil will not show the unit of the individual or body of troops, for whom they are made out - only the nature of the force, e.g. British Troops, N.Z.E.F., A.I.F., French volunteers, Poles, etc. etc.
(ii) The purpose of the journey, similarly will not be shown on railway warrants, e.g. "rejoining unit".

/(b) In view

(b) In view of this care will be taken to ensure that:-
 (i) The counterfoils are correctly completed.
 (ii) The name of the officer who signs the warrant is shown in block capitals below his signature.

(c) H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps or other authority, will be quoted in all cases where this is possible.

INVESTIGATION
OF
OFFENCES

9. (a) When any offence, such as larceny, breaking and entering or burglary, has been discovered, civil and military police will be notified immediately, and a guard will be posted at the scene wherever the offence or offences have been committed, to prevent any interference with property or buildings concerned by any authorised persons.

(b) The scene of the offence will be left exactly as discovered until the arrival of the police. This is to enable the investigating officer to discover if any finger prints, foot or shoe marks, or other marks or signs have been left by the offender.

(c) Any objects, such as boots, shoes or articles of clothing found at the scene will not be handled, as this would effectively mask any scent left on these objects, and render the use of the police dogs and native trackers non-effective.

(d) If any tracks or footmarks are seen at the scene of the offence, care will be taken that they are NOT obliterated by persons walking over them and by the passage of vehicles.


 Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

NOTICES.

COMFORTS

The receipt of the following goods from A.C.F. is gratefully acknowledged:-

- 3 electric irons, 5 draught boards, 5 dart boards,
- 15 darts, 6 chess sets, 1 table tennis set, 6 footballs,
- 12 soccer balls, 12 sets boxing gloves, 8 packets air mail paper, 4 x 500 envelopes, 1 football pump,
- 1 lacer,
- 1 set draughts)
- 1 halma) - 8th Special Dental Unit.

The games etc. will be distributed immediately to units.

CONCERT

The "Troupers" concert party will appear in a new programme at the Camp Picture Theatre on Friday 13 Dec. Shows will be given at the normal theatre hours.

A.I.F. NEWS

This paper can be obtained at all canteens at the cost of 5 mils, A.I.F. News supplies the reader with Australian news.

CANTEENS

Hours for milk bars in Men's Recreation Huts are to be extended on Sundays from 1200 to 2000 hrs inclusive. The new hours will take effect from 15 Dec '40.

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10 Dec. '40.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

by

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

COMD. 21 AUST. INF. BDE.

Today was the first occasion on which the 21 Aust. Inf. Bde. has been on parade and I know that each one of you shared with me a feeling of real pride in belonging to it. To me, the parade was an inspiration and it made me realise more clearly than ever what an honor it is to command this Brigade.

I congratulate all ranks on their appearance, steadiness, drill and marching. Today's work is the result of the hard training we did in Australia and I am confident that, because of the keenness manifested by everyone in the Brigade, our fighting efficiency will very shortly be comparable with our work on the parade ground.

I extend my thanks to each member of the Brigade for his efforts in making a success of our first Brigade Parade.

J.E.S. Stevens
Brig.
Comd. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
10 Dec. '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS.

No 15.

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

10 Dec.

2/5 Fd. Amb.

Next for Duty

2/14 Bn.

AIR
SENTRIES

2. Units providing the Camp Air Sentries should instruct these sentries that they are to challenge all planes seen and not only those which fly over the Camp.

Air Sentries are to report to Camp H.Q. whenever they challenge a plane and to state the reply, if any, made by the plane.

COMFORTS
FUND

3. Socks in quantity and a limited number of pullovers are now available for units from the A.C.F.. Units will notify the A/Amenities Officer of their requirements.

(Sgd) T.N. GOOCH

Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

NOTICES.

PICTURES.

The roster for the picture theatre published in R.O. No 13 of 8 Dec. '40 is cancelled and the following substituted :

2/14 Bn)
2/5 Fd. Amb.)

1st. Session Nightly.

H.Q. 21 Bde)
21 A.T. Coy.)
2/27 Bn.)
59 L.A.D.)

2nd. Session Nightly.

The Strength of the Bde on this day, 9 Dec'40, is as follows:-

<u>Unit</u>		<u>Off.</u>	<u>OR's</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
HQ, 21 Aust Inf Bde	-	12	63	75
21 A Tk Coy	-	4	74	78
59 LAD	-	1	12	13
2/14 Bn	-	39	871	910
2/16 Bn	-	36	872	908
2/27 Bn	-	33	859	892
Strength of Bde less 21 A Tk Coy and 59 LAD	-	<u>120</u>	<u>2665</u>	<u>2785</u>
<u>Total Strength</u>	-	<u>125</u>	<u>2751</u>	<u>2876</u>

9 Dec. '40.

ALL UNITS.TRAINING CIRCULAR NO 4.

The syllabi submitted by Bns. show extraordinary variations in the time set aside in Period 2 (Dec. 10 - 28) for the different subjects and it is necessary therefore to allocate the available time. Allow ing for the Bde. Parade, for breaks on each Saty. and Sunda y and on Christmas day, there are 12 working days in the Period. 5½ working hours in each day (incl. time spent on moving to and from training areas) give an aggregate of 66 hours which are to be spent as follows :-

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>
(a) Weapo n Trg. - SAT. Vol.1 - Pam. 3	24
(b) A.A.Trg. - Sat. Vol.1. Pam.6.	4
(c) Rifl e Exercises	6
(d) Marching P.T. and B.T.	18
(e) Drill	5
(f) V.T. Recognition and J.D. - SAT Vol. 1. Pam 2	9
	66

2. Should the Bren Guns and A.T. Rifles become available in this period, Drill is to be reduced to 2 hours and rifle exercise to 3 hrs., and the six hrs. so gained are to be added to Weapon Trg.

3. The trg of Sec. Leaders is to proceed under Bn. arrangements during Period 2 in readiness for Period 3.

4. Six hours is to be spent on trg. at night. These six hrs. are to be utilised for night marches and are in addition to the normal 5½ hour working day.

5. New syllabi are to be prepared immediately on the basis outlined in Para. 1 and 2 copies forwarded to this H.Q. by 1200 hrs, Thursday, 12 Dec. '40.

6. The digging of slit trenches and drains are to be undertaken either outside training hours, or by special working parties. The trg. of the Bn. as a whole is no longer to be held up for these reasons.

7. More uniformity is also desired in the method of sett ing out the syllabus. Headings will therefore be used in future as in the following example :-

<u>Day & Date</u>	<u>Coy.</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Remarks & References.</u>
Thur. 26 Dec.	All	0900 - 1000 hrs	Rifle Trg. - Lying Pos.	SAT. Vol 1. Pam. 3 Les. 14.
		----- ----- -----		
	All	1930 - 2130	Night Marching	By Pls. across open cory on compass bearings fixed by Coy. Comds.

Booch Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
9 Dec. '40

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS.

No 14.

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

9 Dec.

2/27 Bn.

Next for Duty

2/5 Fd. Amb.

PERSONNEL LEAVING CAMP AREA

2. A number of groups of unarmed tps. were seen yesterday beyond the Camp Area. Some of the men were also without hats. Units are reminded that, except for training purposes, personnel are not to proceed beyond the perimeter guard unless in possession of a pass. Sentries must be ordered to enforce this restriction.

The attention of Comds. is also directed to A.I.F. Standing Orders regarding the carrying of arms outside the Camp Area.

INSPECTION OF LAUNDRIES

3. Unit Comds. are to ensure that the Laundries in their Unit Lines are regularly inspected by Orderly Officers. These inspections should be carried out both by day and night.

Any serious irregularities should be immediately reported to this H.Q.

CONFERENCE OF T.O.'s

4. The Conference of T.O.'s arranged verbally for 1930 hrs today at Bde. H.Q. has been deferred until 1930 hrs tomorrow, Tuesday.

WORKING PARTIES

5. Ref. R.O. 13, 8 Dec. '40, please note the alteration in dates for working parties of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men that are to be detailed by the Duty Unit on 11.14.19 and 30 Dec. respectively to prepare the Picture Theatre for Concert performances.

The new dates are Dec. 13, 17, 19 and 31.

SECURITY

6. All Unit sentries should ensure that civilians entering camp are in possession of an Identity Card as well as an Army Pass.

The main road passing through the camp is considered to be within the camp bounds and no civilian should be allowed to loiter in this area.

LOST RIFLE

No. 53680.

7. Rifle No 53680 has been lost. Q.M.'s 2/14 Bn., 2/16 Bn., H.Q. 21 Bde., 21 A.Tk. Coy., and 2/5 Fd. Amb. will please check all rifles on charge, and advise this H.Q. A nil return is required.

REMOVAL OF SULLAGE WATER

8. Units will submit by 0900 hrs each Sat. the cubic content in metres of all sullage water removed by the Conservancy contractor during the week from sedimentation tanks attached to Tel Aviv pits in unit areas.

OUT OF BOUNDS

9. All civilian establishments just outside the perimeter of this Camp are placed out of bounds to all troops.

/10 Air Sentries.

Appendix 23

Not to be published
A.M.R. 3.0.1337

AIR SENTRIES Ref. R.O. No 4 para 2 of 29 Nov. '40, the following is a further roster of Units for provision of Air Sentries :-

Monday 9 Dec.	}	2/27 Bn.
to Sunday 15 Dec.		
Monday 16 Dec.	}	2/1 Pnr. Bn.
to Sunday 22 Dec.		
Monday 23 Dec.	}	2/5 Pd. Amb.
to Sunday 29 Dec.		

(Sgd) T.N.GOOCH.
Next for Duty

Maj.

B.M.21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

NOTICES.

CONCERTS. Ref. R.O. 13, 8 Dec. '40. Concerts to take the place of pictures at Camp Picture Theatre have been re-arranged as shown hereunder. Two programmes will be given each night.

- 13 Dec. - "The Troupers".
- 17 Dec. - Palestine Light Orchestra.
- 19 Dec. - "Spotlights".
- 31 Dec. - Sax Concert Band.

CONFERENCE
PAGE 2
T.O.A.

WORKING
PARTIES

LOST
RIFLES
No. 5280.

REMOVAL
OF SULLY
KITE WATER

OUT OF
BOUNDS

21 AUST. INF. BDE.

7 Dec. '40.

ALL UNITS.

During the early stages of our training at least, notes dealing with trg. and admn. matters and with items of general interest will be issued. The Bde. Comd. desires that the widest publicity be given to these notes having due regard to their nature in each case and that Comds. take every practicable step to either correct the weaknesses referred to or give effect to the suggestions.

FRUIT : Attention is again directed to the purchase of fruit from hawkers. This practice must cease and disciplinary action taken against offenders in future. Medical opinion is definite that the eating of this unwashed fruit is one of the main causes of stomach disorder.

HATS : A great deal more attention is to be given to the cleanliness of hats and the angle at which they are worn. They are to be worn as Australian hats - not American cowboy or larrikin style.

DRESS : Summer and winter dress is not to be mixed, i.e. S.D. serge jackets are not to be worn with shorts.

TPS. WANDERING ABOUT THE CAMP AT NIGHT : It is observed that gps of tps wander about the vicinity of the camp at night untidily dressed and unarmed. Comds. must strive to inculcate in their personnel a spirit of tidiness and pride in their appearance.

TOILET PAPER : The authorised scale of issue represents a reasonable minimum and unless units curtail the present extravagant use of it, they will be short.

PRESENT ARMS : The average soldier does this movement well on a parade but badly as an individual sentry. The cause is probably self-consciousness and efforts to overcome this state of mind must be made.

HAWKERS : Hawkers of all kinds must be absolutely excluded from unit lines unless they are in possession of an authorized pass.

SOCIAL AMENITIES : The lack of social amenities here throws everyone back on their own resources to a greater extent than in Australia. Comds. must give this matter close personal attention. Every encouragement must be given to local entertainment, games, etc., in Unit Recreation Huts. Officers and N.C.O's can spend, with profit to themselves and to the Unit, a good deal of time at night on tactical discussions, passing of verbal orders, writing of messages, and on war games using cloth models. Most of these items can be conducted in an entertaining as well as an instructive manner and here again Comds must set out to stimulate interest in them.

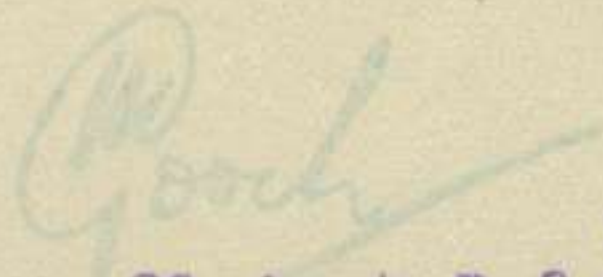
/ Church Parades.

CHURCH PARADES : Units arriving in the vicinity of the Picture Theatre for Church Parades must take steps to ensure that their bands or the orders given by officers do not interfere with a service already proceeding.

Tps. or bands are not to be halted on the road outside the main entrance to the Picture Theatre. If it is necessary for them to wait they must be moved clear of the road.

DRYING BLANKETS : Units must take every opportunity to dry blankets during sunny periods and to thoroughly air tents and the ground on which they are pitched.

RETREAT : When retreat is sounded all ranks should stand at attention but not salute. Sentries on beats should slope arms.


Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

LETTERING IN NO IN REV'S OFFICE DROPPED	TIME	DENOMINATION	UNITS	PLACE	CHAPLAIN	DUTY UNIT
	0700 hrs	R.C. (Mass)	All Units except 2/1 Pnrs.	Picture Theatre	Chap Honner	2/14 Bn.
	0900 hrs	R.C.	All Units except 2/1 Pnrs.	Picture Theatre	Chap. Honner	2/14 Bn.
	1000 hrs	Protestant	2/14 Bn. R.Q. 21 Bde 21 A.T. Coy. 59 L.A.D.	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whereat	2/14 Bn.
	1100 hrs	Protestant	2/27 Bn 2/5 Pd. Amb.	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whereat	2/27 Bn.
	1000 hrs	Protestant	2/16 Bn.	Open air 2/16 Bn. Lines	Chap. Spratling	2/16 Bn.
	Unit arrangements	Protestant) R.C.) 2/1 Pnrs.	Unit Lines Unit Lines	Chap. Bransfield Chap. Whelan	2/1 Pnrs.

Duty Unit as detailed for service will provide one officer as Staff Officer Parade. He will be responsible that all arrangements as regards the hall, seating accommodation, music etc. are made. He will hand over to senior officer present when all units are in attendance.

The duty unit will detail a working party to clean the place of parade at the conclusion of the particular service.

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
8 Dec '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1
BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS B.D.
CAMP COMD. JULIS
NO. 13

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
8 Dec	2/16 Bn
Next for Duty	2/27 Bn

WORKING PARTIES

2. Working parties of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men are to be detailed by the Duty Unit on 11, 14, 19 and 20 Dec. respectively to prepare the Picture Theatre for Concert performances.

The party in each case will report to the Bde Amenities N.C.O. Sgt. D. Brewin, at the Picture Theatre at 1400 hrs.

(Sgd.) T.N.GOOCH.

Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

NOTICES.

SPORTS

A meeting of Unit Sports Officers will be held at this H.Q. on Monday 9th Dec at 1700 hrs.

TOC H

All Toc H members are invited to make contact with Provost Sgt. Allen 2/27 Bn. The object being the possible formation of a Sub-unit.

CONCERTS

On the nights shown, concerts as listed will take the place of pictures at the Camp Picture Theatre. Two programmes will be given in all cases:-

- 11 Dec - THE TROUPERS
- 14 " - THE PALESTINE LIGHT ORCHESTRA
- 19 " - THE SPOTLIGHTS
- 20 " - THE SAX CONCERT BAND.

PICTURES.

The following is the picture roster until further notice and will function as from 9 Dec. '40.

- 2/1 Pnr.Bn.) 2nd showing on
- 2/16 Bn.) Tues., Thurs., Sat., Sun.

- 2/14 Bn.) 1st showing on
- H.Q. 21 Bde.) Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., Sun.
- 21 A.T.Coy.)
- 59 L.A.D.)

- 2/27 Bn.) 1st showing on Tues., Thurs., and
- 2/5 Pd.Amb.) 2nd showing on Mon., Wed., Fri.

Theatre picquets will strictly enforce this order.

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
JULIS
7 Dec '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAM COMD. JULIS

No.12

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
7 Dec	2/14 Bn
Next for Duty	2/16 Bn

SPORTS

2. The following sporting fixtures are to be held on Sunday 8th Dec at 1430 hrs:-

Soccer - challenge match between 2/14 and 2/16 Bns.
Australian Rules Football - between 2/27 Bn and 2/5 Pd. Amb.

Units are advised that they are unable to move to these grounds through the lines of 2/1 Pnr Bn.

The grounds are located north of the Pnr's lines should any doubt arise as to location units are advised to contact Sgt. Brewin, A/Amenities Officer 21 Aust Inf. Bde.

BRIGADE COURSES

3. In order to finish the present series of Brigade Courses at a reasonable time Course Serial No 3 "Section Leading and Field-craft" will be continued on SUNDAY 8 Dec. Other courses will not work on SUNDAY.

Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Church Parades over.

NO
IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

(ix) Vehicle should on no account be left unprotected.

10. VEHICLES AND VEHICLE REPAIRS.

Fitters and Mechanics A.A.O.C. att. to units of 21 Aust. Inf. Bde. will carry out repairs and adjustments to maintain unit vehicles in good order and condition; they will not however undertake any repairs or adjustments requiring special technical skill or special tools, nor will they dismantle major assemblies. O.C. and W.O. II, 59 L.A.D. are available at all times to advise in case of doubt. None other than authorised personnel will undertake any repairs or adjustments.

(b) 59 L.A.D., located at 21 Inf. Bde. H.Q. Julis, will carry out first line repairs to vehicles on charge to units of the Bde. and if C.O's of other Units in Julis Camp so desire, to their vehicles, also. No requisition is required. Vehicles sent to 59 L.A.D. must be accompanied by a driver who will be required to assist during repairs. 59 L.A.D. will also carry out 500 mile and 1000 mile mechanical check on all new vehicles issued to 21 Bde. Units, and thereafter every 2500 miles. This service is also available to other Units if they so desire.

(c) 59 L.A.D. will decide whether vehicles or parts must be sent to Workshops for repair; in this case G1045 in quadruplicate must be filled in and countersigned by O.C. 59 L.A.D. before any vehicle or part will be accepted by Ordnance Workshops. All loose parts and tools must be removed before any vehicle is sent to Workshops, Barbara.

Fauvels. Capt.
S.C. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

NO
IN BENTLEY STREET OFFICE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - SOUTHERN COMMAND

TELEPHONE

6. REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

Units desiring the use of vehicles other than their own should make application to this H.Q. in accordance with the following pro-forma at least 12 hrs in advance of the time the service is required :

Camp Comd.

Transport is desired for carriage of (Names of officers &/or
(No. of personnel &/or
(Nature & Quantity of goods

To report at (place).....time.....

To proceed to (place).....

and commence return trip at (time).....

Trip will be completed by (time).....

.....C.O.
(Unit)

7. WORK TICKETS.

Work tickets must show clearly the names of all personnel travelling in a vehicle and the amount and nature of the load.

8. SECURITY.

Attention is directed to A.I.F. S.O's PALESTINE, Provisional Pam. No.1, paras 9-12, 14, 15, 17 and 46. Appendices A., B., C. & D..

Drivers are frequently well informed respecting military movements, dispositions, strengths, etc., and therefore are an excellent source of information. They must be specially warned to be on their guard should civilians or people in uniform attempt to converse with them whilst they are waiting in or with their vehicle.

9. BREAKDOWNS.

In the event of a vehicle becoming disabled drivers must not send verbal messages back to their H.Q.. A written message should be forwarded containing the following information :

- (i) Name of unit to which vehicle is on charge;
- (ii) Regd.No., type and make of vehicle;
- (iii) Name of driver;
- (iv) No. of personnel, i.e. officers and O.R's;
- (v) Statement of arms in vehicle including driver, e.g.
1 Pistol,
2 Rifles,
1 Bren;
- (vi) Position of vehicle. It is important that the position be given as accurately as practicable. State nearest kilo stone if possible;
- (vii) Nature of defect - be explicit. State whether vehicle is towable, also if possible what parts required to effect roadside repairs;
- (viii) Time of origin and name of sender. These messages should be sent by telephone as a military message, or if possible, by a passing vehicle, to the nearest military camp for transmission to Bde. H.Q. Julis;
- /(ix) Vehicle

NO
IN BETA SERVICE CODE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY SERVICE CONTROL

TELEPHONE

8 Dec. '40.

CIRCULAR No 5.ALL UNITS.TRANSPORT.

The following instructions are issued in order that all transport may be used with the maximum degree of efficiency, expediency and safety.

These instructions are to be read in conjunction with A.I.F. S.O's PALESTINE Pam No 3, Sec. iii and Appx "D", Pam No 2, Sec v, Part vii.

2. STORES TO BE CARRIED IN VEHICLES.

Vehicles must carry the following stores at all times:-

- 1 Blanket (one of those issued to driver);
- 1 tin bully beef;
- 4 biscuits.

Drivers must carry rifle (ten rounds of amm. in magazine, but not loaded), steel helmet, water bottle (filled), Field Dressing, message forms, Accident Report Form (A.3676) and pencil.

3. VEHICLE STRENGTH RETURNS.

Units will forward to this H.Q. by 0900 hrs Friday 6 Dec. '40 a return showing type, make and regd.no. of each vehicle on charge and a further return by 0900 hrs each succeeding Friday giving similar particulars for all vehicles marched in and out.

Particulars of vehicles and defects should be included in this return for any vehicle which has been defective for more than 24 hours during the preceding week.

4. CO-ORDINATION OF M.T. MOVEMENT.

To ensure economy in the use of M.T. and to obtain the maximum value from each vehicle leaving the Camp, it is necessary to coordinate movement. With this object in view the following procedure is to be adopted :-

- (a) Vehicles must not proceed outside "Camp Area" without authority from this H.Q.
- (b) Work tickets for trips outside Camp area should be lodged at Bde.Tpt.Office at least 12 hrs prior to trip. These will be endorsed "Permission to Proceed" by Bas.T.O. and will be collected at Bde.Tpt.Office by the driver when the vehicles are leaving Camp.
- (c) For the purpose of this order only, "Camp Area" will be considered as within the limits of training areas.

5. These instructions do not relate to cars used solely by C.O's or to the vehicles of 2/1 Pnr.Bn. engaged in construction or road patrol work.

NO
IN SERVA BREVZE ORDE

/6. Units.....

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - SOUTHERN COMMAND

TELEPHONE

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
JULIS
6 Dec '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS

NO.11

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
6 Dec	2/5 Fd. Amb.
Next for Duty	2/14 Bn

RETURN OF
BLANKETS

2. (a) On receipt of blankets of Australian manufacture which are amongst Unit War Equipment brought from Australia Units will take action as outlined in para (b) below.

(b) Units will retain blankets on the following scale:-

- (i) the Australian blanket issued on disembarkation;
- (ii) two blankets, Australian will be issued to personnel;
- (iii) one blanket, local pattern will be retained by unit Q.M's in reserve.

All other blankets will be returned to C.O.O., B.O.D. on submission of Return Stores Req A.F.G.1033 through Bde W.O., A.A.O.C. to D.A.D.O.S. 7 Aust. Div. Advice will be given by C.O.O., B.O.D. as to time and date of return. (see para 83 of A.I.F. S.O's Palestine).

PROVOST

3. Ref. 1 Aust. Corps Admin. Instruc. No.32. In addition to the instructions outlined in the above quoted Instruction, the following will be observed :-

- (i) blankets will not be retained by personnel sentenced to serve detention in Detention Barracks, Jerusalem;
- (ii) an inventory of property in triplicate will be handed over with the soldier under sentence to the Prov. escort. One copy to Prov. Escort; one copy to Soldier sentenced to Detention; one copy to be retained by unit.

Pro forma:-

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Inventory of property</u>	
	<u>Articles</u>	<u>Money</u>
		£ <u> </u> <u> </u> mils
.....
.....

Signature of soldier under sentence
" " escort

- (iii) the duty unit will arrange an escort of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men who will be present at the arrival of the Prov. Bus from Jerusalem at 1030 hrs daily (except Sundays)

NO
IN USE BY OTHER ORG.

F. Woods Capt for
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

TELEPHONE

Appendix 16

21 AUST. INF. BDE.

st/HJ
37/3

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
JULIS.
5 Dec. '40.

C.O.
2/14 Bn.

Bn. PARADE.

I offer you my heartiest congratulations on the showing your Bn. made on the parade this afternoon. Their appearance, drill, steadiness on parade and marching were very good and I would like you to convey my appreciation to all ranks who participated.

Keep it up, 2/14!

(Sgd.) J. E. S. STEVENS, Brig.
Comd. 21 Aus. Inf. Bde.
Comd. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
JULIS
5 Dec '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD. - JULIS

No.10

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
5 Dec '40.	2/27 Bn
Next for Duty	2/5 Pd. Amb.

CANTEENS

2. Unit Comds are to instruct their men to utilise the Canteens and particularly the Recreation Huts on their own lines. Cases of overcrowding of certain of these facilities by men from other units have been noticed in some lines.

RECREATION HUTS

Unit Comds are to keep a very close check on gambling in Recreation Huts.

TRANSFERS

3. Transfers between units, whether in the interests of the service or on the application of the member concerned may be carried out subject to the approval of both Comd. officers. Unless there are reasons to the contrary, applications for transfer with the object of enabling two brothers to serve together in the unit should always be approved.

INSPECTION BY BRIG. COMD.

4. Bn Parades for inspection by Brig. Comd. will be held tomorrow 6 Dec as follows:-

2/16 Bn	-	1000 hrs
2/27 Bn	-	1130 hrs

All arrangements in connection with the parades will stand as originally made.

Crook
Maj.
D.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Date of last A.F. W.3011 rendered

4 DEC 1940 Number of sheets

attached to this return 1

HQ 21 AUST INF BDE (Unit.)

CASUALTY RETURN—OTHER RANKS.

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
					Date.	
VX 14985	A/SGT	TAYLOR W I	HQ 21 AUST INF BDE	ACTING RANK CONFIRMED	4 DEC 40	INT SGT
VX 15935	A/CPN	MURRAY H	"	(AS ABOVE)	"	AASC. Clerk to Bde Supply Off.
VX 98853	A/S/SGT	KEANE E J	"	(AS ABOVE)	"	C. Q. M. S.
VX 14989	A/CPN	BEVERIDGE CH	"	(AS ABOVE)	"	Tpt. Cpl
VX 29465	A/CPN	DIXON F M	"	(AS ABOVE)	"	Int. W/cpl.
						Appendix 1R

(Date) 4 DEC 1940

F. J. Woods
for. (Signature of Commander.)

HQ 21 AUST INF BDE (Unit.)
7 AUST DIV AIF (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

H.Q. 21 Aust Inf Bde
JULIS
4 Dec '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS

No. 9

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
4 Dec '40	2/16 Bn
Next for duty	2/27 Bn.

TRANSPORT OFFICERS

2. A conference on general transport matters will be held at CAMP H.Q. at 1930 hrs THURSDAY 5 Dec '40.

Unit Comds should arrange for their Transport Officer to attend.

DRESS

3. It has been noticed that, notwithstanding the fact that instructions have been issued for all O.R's to wear service dress after RETREAT, many men are still attending the picture theatre in working dress. This practice must cease. As from THURSDAY 5 Dec the officer in charge of Picture Theatre Picquet will ensure that no personnel enter the theatre unless they are properly dressed.

Gooch
Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
JULIS
3 Dec '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS A.D.C.

CAMP COMD. JULIS

No. 8

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

DATE

3 Dec '40

DUTY UNIT

2/14 Bn

Next for duty

2/16 Bn

HUTS AND
BILLETTS

2. The tendency to crowd men into huts and billets to get them out of tents in the wet weather must be strictly guarded against. This practice is highly dangerous to health in that it causes the spread of infectious disease, especially under "black-out" conditions.

In huts and billets on no account will personnel have less than 600 cubic feet per man for sleeping.

On no account will personnel sleep in huts or buildings NOT specifically allotted for the purpose.

POBICE
BUILDINGS

3. A case has been reported of troops on the line of march using an unfinished police building as a refuge for the night.

In sudden cases of emergency such as when the weather is very bad, there is no particular objection by Force H.Q. to the use of these buildings provided every care is taken and adequate arrangements are made with the local representative in charge of the building. It will be appreciated that the use of these buildings should only be made if no other accommodation is available.

It is most important that a 'marching out' certificate should be obtained in which the fact that no damage has been done or a detail of such damage as may be claimed is recorded and signed.

DISTRIBUTION OF
CANTEEN
PROFITS

4. Notification of all distributions of profits from A.A.C.S. to units either in cash or in kind WILL be promulgated in unit orders.

LOST KITS

5. The following items of kit belonging to members of A.A.N.S. have been lost in transit:-

Kit bag NX 2168 Sister Cook, L.

" " NX 420 " Jones

Kit bag) NX 34832 Sister Himmlehook.

and holdall)

Units will examine baggage delivered to their lines and advise if any of the above items are discovered.

PROMULGATION
OF ORDERS

6. The posting of Unit Routine Orders on Unit Notice Boards is NOT sufficient promulgation of orders to ensure that all ranks are acquainted with them. Unit Routine Orders Part 1 and the relevant portions of Part II Orders are to be read out always on appropriate parades.

KIT
STORE
A.I.F.

7. A kit store A.I.F. has been established at 26 RUE ECHELLES ALEXANDRIA (O.C. Capt. G. Cohen 2/4 Bn). This store will be available for the kits of officers and O.R's A.I.F. which are not required to be retained with units.

Opposition

Not to be published
A.M.R. & O. 1287

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
JULIS
3 Dec '40
R.O. No 8 cont.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

CHALLENGING BY SENTRIES

7. More attention is required in most units to the education of their sentries in the correct method of challenging at night. In many instances sentries are shouting their challenge and demanding the password from a great distance. The password is then shouted back. This is incorrect and is bad training for both the sentry and the individual challenged. In another instance a sentry was approached at night by an N.C.O. quite unknown to him and asked the password. The sentry gave it freely. This is obviously wrong. Unless taught otherwise men are apt to be far too trusting.

2. The tendency to crowd men into huts and billets to get them out of the wet weather must be strictly guarded against. It is highly dangerous to health in that it causes the spread of infectious diseases, especially under "black-out" conditions. In huts and billets on no account will personnel have less than 600 cubic feet per man for sleeping. On no account will personnel sleep in huts or buildings not specifically allotted for the purpose.

(Sgd) T.N. GOOCH
Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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PROFITS

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" " " " " Jones
Kit bag (M 248) Stater Himmlehook.
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OF ORDERS

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NO
IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

KIT
STORE

APPENDIX 6 (a).

The strength of the Bde this day, 2 Dec'40, is as follows:-

	<u>Off.</u>	<u>OROs.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
HQ, 21 Aust Inf Bde -	12	62	74
59 LAD -	1	12	13
21 A Tk Coy -	4	76	80
2/14 Bn -	40	880	920
2/16 Bn -	39	874	913
2/27 Bn -	35	871	906
Strength of Bde less 21 A Tk Coy and 59 LAD -	<u>126</u>	<u>2687</u>	<u>2813</u>
<u>Total Strength</u> -	<u>131</u>	<u>2775</u>	<u>2906</u>

L A U N D R Y

PRICE LIST.

		mils.
Khaki Shirts		10
Civilian Shirts		10
Collars		5
Drill Jacket		20
Drill Trousers		20
Shorts		10
Pyjama Suits		20
Athletic Singlets		5
Woollen Singlet		10
Long Underpants		10
Short Underpants		5
Socks		5
Towels		10
Hankerchiefs	four for	10
Tablecloths		20
Sheet		20
Pillow Case		5
Sweaters		10
Uniform Jacket - Heavy		40
Trousers - Heavy		40
Kitbag		5
Tie		5

Air mail leaves on Sunday and Tuesday and will close at the Post Office at 0830 hrs on the previous day. Cables may be handed in under Unit arrangements or direct to the Post Office.

No packages will be received for air-mail.

28. CONTROL OF M.T.

Attention is directed to Circular No 5 issued separately. Economy in the use of M.T. is essential.

29. HAWKERS.

Attention of Unit Comds. is invited to STANDING ORDERS, PALESTINE Pam 3 para 60. All hawkers in Unit lines must be questioned. If not in possession of a current pass they must be rigidly excluded.

30. FIRE ORDERS.

Unit fire orders should be produced and incorporated in their P.A.D. Schemes.

Tins or buckets of water and of sand should be kept on the verandahs of all buildings and should be readily available for use in case of fire. Empty 4 gallon petrol tins are suitable for this purpose. These are obtainable from A.A.S.C. and should be indented for on A.B. 55.

Goach

Maj.
B.B. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

CAMP STANDING ORDERS

by

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

CAMP COMMANDER - JULIS.

1. DAILY ROUTINE

0630 hrs	Reveille
0645 hrs	Early Morning Parade
0645 hrs	Sick Parade
0730 hrs	Breakfast
0900 hrs	Parade
1215 hrs	Dismiss
1230 hrs	Dinner
1400 hrs	Parade
1600 hrs	Guard Mounting
1630 hrs	Dismiss
1700 hrs	Tea
1730 hrs	Retreat
2130 hrs	First Post
2200 hrs	Last Post - Tattoo
2215 hrs	Lights out.

2. RESPONSIBILITY.

Irrespective of anything contained in these orders, Commanding Officers are at all times responsible for the general administration, discipline and training of their own unit.

3. DRESS.

Vide STANDING ORDERS PALESTINE PAM. 3, Sec. 1X :

Dress for parades will normally be shirts and shorts. In inclement weather instructions respecting change of dress may be issued.

Dress for guards and Ceremonial Parades will be laid down in separate instructions.

For evening wear khaki drill trousers will be worn when these have been issued. Pending this issue, field service dress should be worn between Retreat and Reveille. When shirts are worn no sweaters, pullovers, etc., are to be worn outside the shirt. If used, these must be worn under the shirt and tucked away out of sight. Puggarees are to be worn only by officers, W.O's and Sgts.

Color patches are to worn on the right side of the hat, a patch being taken for this purpose if necessary, from the right sleeve of the greatcoat.

Tps will at all times be neatly dressed.

4. PASSIVE AIR DEFENCE.

Slit trenches are to be constructed immediately outside tents and orderly rooms. They should be approximately 5' long x 6' deep x 2'6" wide but the actual dimensions will have to be decided with due regard to the nature of the soil, drainage, etc., the object being to secure reasonable cover. Each trench should normally accommodate two men. Those outside tents should be dug between the stay ropes.

Tents are to be camouflaged temporarily with mud until permanganate of potash or some suitable color can be obtained. Mud should be used sparingly and only sufficient to break the outline of the tent should be used.

Camp air sentries comprising 1 N.C.O. and 2 men are to be detailed by units on a weekly basis. The roster of duty will be published in R.O's. The sentry post will be located on the high ground east of Camp H.Q. An Officer of the unit taking over this duty is to report at Camp H.Q. at 0900 hrs on the SATURDAY preceding the unit's tour of duty to receive instructions as to the duties of the air sentries.

5. DEFENCE AGAINST GAS.

Respirators will be carried by all ranks during training. They must always be kept alongside personnel whilst sleeping.

Units are to prepare their own P.A.D. schemes immediately and to establish their own Decontamination and Gas Cleansing Centres. The location of all these Centres when established will be published in R.O's.

6. TRAINING AREAS.

Training areas have been allocated and are as pointed out already to units.

7. AMENITIES.

An Amenities Officer is being appointed for Julis Camp and his name will be notified later. His duties involve the co-ordination of sport and entertainment for the camp. Units are referred to A.I.F. Standing Orders Pamphlet No. 3 Sec V.

8. LEAVE.

Until further orders, no leave is to be granted beyond the Camp Area to any personnel who arrived in Palestine after 23 Nov. '40.

9. GUARDS AND DUTIES.

(a) Guards. There will be no Camp Guard. Each Bn. will be responsible for a perimeter guard to cover a proportion of the Camp Perimeter together with an additional guard or picquet to protect its own tents, lines, etc..

The main object of the guards is to prevent any unauthorised persons entering, or remaining in, the Camp Area. Separate detailed instructions regarding guards have been issued to all units.

(b) Duties. A Duty Unit will be detailed each day in Routine Orders. The duties to be carried out by this unit will be as set down from time to time in Routine Orders. The tour of duty will commence at 1600 hrs on the day nominated.
/10. Medical

10. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

A Camp Reception Station has been established in the vicinity of 2/5 Fd.Amb.lines to which all sick evacuated from unit lines will be sent. Whilst in the C.R.S., sick will be borne on unit strength. If evacuated from C.R.S. to a General Hospital personnel will be removed from unit strength and the necessary Casualty Returns must then be submitted.

11. PICTURE THEATRE.

Two sessions are held nightly at the Picture Theatre - 1745 and 2000 hrs. A weekly allocation of sessions to units will be made in Routine Orders. There will be a matinee each Sunday afternoon at 1430 hrs and the usual two sessions will be held on Sunday nights.

12. BLACKOUT.

Commanding Officers will ensure that their unit lines are completely "blacked out" every night from sunset to sunrise. No lights are permitted in tents.

13. STOVES.

Fowler Stoves and, where practicable, Soya Stoves, must be placed on sand beds under cover so that inclement weather will not interfere with the preparation of meals.

14. FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION.

Attention is drawn to A.I.F. Standing Orders Palestine, Pam. No 1. Sec. 1.. Each rifle and pistol must be checked daily, the registered number being noted and arms must never be left unattended.

All pistols whether private or war issue must at all times be kept in the possession of the officer or soldier in whose name they are registered.

The absolute necessity for safeguarding firearms must be impressed on all ranks at frequent intervals and any cases of loss of arms or carelessness in the custody of them are to be dealt with severely.

15. CLEANING AND SANITATION.

Every unit is responsible for the cleanliness and sanitation of its own lines. A contractor is employed to empty and clean latrine pans, buckets, seats and floor of latrines, but C.O's must ensure that this work is properly carried out. Particular attention is to be paid to the cleanliness of drains surrounding unit lines. These must be cleaned frequently.

16. PRISONERS.

The following procedure will be followed whenever men are awarded detention :

- (a) Detention Barracks, Jerusalem, is to be notified by phone and given 48 hrs notice of the despatch of the prisoners.
- (b) The D.A.P.M. Jerusalem will arrange transport and escort and pick the prisoners up at unit lines, the Form of Commitment being handed by the unit to the escort.
- (c) Prisoners to take with them all their clothing, equipment and personal effects other than rifles and bayonets.

/ (d) Men

- 4 -

(d) Men committed to detention will be struck off the strength of the unit concerned.

17. TRANSPORT.

The use of M.T. for private purposes is prohibited. Only one person and the driver will occupy the front seat. Attention is directed to A.I.F. Standing Orders, Palestine, Pam. No 3. Sec. iii and App. "D" (Traffic Regulations).

18. HAWKERS.

Fruit sellers and hawkers of goods are NOT to be permitted entry to or be allowed to operate in the vicinity of the camp area. C.O's will arrange for Regtl. Police and Sentries to deal with this matter.

A.I.F. Standing Orders Palestine, Pam. No.3. Sec.X. refer to this.

19. D.R.L.S.

An orderly will leave this H.Q. daily at 1000, 1200, 1500 and 1700 hrs and will visit units in the following order : 2/5 Fd.Amb., 2/27 Bn., 2/1 Pnr.Bn., 2/14 Bn., 2/16 Bn., 21 A.T. Coy. In addition each unit will have an orderly at Camp H.Q. daily from 0830 to 1200 hrs and from 1330 to 1700 hrs for the purpose of carrying messages to his own unit.

20. CAMP TIME.

Camp time will be transmitted to all units through the Camp Switchboard at 0800 hrs daily. The signal will be three short rings followed by one long ring.

21. PASSWORDS.

Passwords will be issued weekly. They will be forwarded to units every Monday morning and will apply to the whole camp area.

22. CONTROL OF CIVILIANS.

C.O's are referred to A.I.F. Standing Orders Palestine, Pam. No 1, Sec ii. Any enquiries concerning civilians, or dispute with them should be referred to the Camp Staff Officer or Brigade I.O..

23. STATES AND RETURNS.

The states and returns required are very fully dealt with in A.I.F. S.O's. Palestine, Pam. No 5, which must be carefully studied. In addition to the returns shown in the above Pam., units will forward a daily strength state to this H.Q. by 0800 hrs each day. Attention is also drawn to 1 Aust Corps Administration Instruction No.21 (Summary of "Q" Returns required from Units).

The prompt rendition of returns is essential.

24. PAY.

Pay will be issued on a weekly basis, the normal pay day for this camp being Saturday.

The following general procedure as regards requisitions for and drawing of pay will be followed :

- (1) Two representatives from each unit, viz., one officer to draw the pay and one O.R., will report
/to Camp H.Q.

to Camp H.Q., suitably armed, at 0830 hrs each Saturday to proceed to 7 Div. Field Cash Office. Transport will consist of two vans, one provided by 21 Bde and one by the Next for Duty, Duty Bn.. This transport will also report at 0830 hrs. An escort of 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 5 men to be provided by the Duty Bn. and to be transported in a van provided by that Bn. to report to Camp H.Q. at 0830 hrs. each Saturday.

- (iii) The paying officer, 21 Inf.Bde., will command the Pay Convoy.
- (iv) Requisition for the next weeks cash to be handed in to Field Cash Office by unit representative each Saturday.
- (v) Acquittances and unexpended balance of pay are to be returned to the Field Cash Officer every Monday. Unit representatives, 1 Officer and 1 O.R., suitably armed are to report to Camp H.Q. at 1400 hrs. each Monday. Transport of two vans is to be provided, one by 21 Inf. Bde. and one by the Duty Battalion.

25. HYGIENE.

Attention is drawn to A.I.F. S.O's Palestine Pam. No 4, Sec. VI.

Personnel must not use latrines marked by flags, as these are for natives only. They must not use taps to which natives have access, in particular the taps near any latrines as these are used for cleaning pans by the Conservancy contractor.

Cresol and other disinfectants must not be used in trench latrines, water closets which discharge into a septic tank or latrine buckets, the contents of which are emptied into Otway pits.

Sullage water in sedimentation tanks attached to Tel Aviv pits will be pumped out by the Conservancy contractor and the contents carted away. Nothing must be emptied into the Tel Aviv pits, and C.O's must arrange for supervision of the work of the Conservancy personnel.

26. LAUNDRY.

Three laundries are established in the Camp in Goddard, Gellibrand and Hobbs lines. The allocation of laundries to units is as follows :

H.Q.21 Aust. Inf. Bde.)	Laundry on South East corner of Hobbs lines.
21 A.T. Coy)	
2/14 Bn.)	
2/16 Bn.)	Laundry on North West corner of Gellibrand lines.
2/1 Pnr. Bn.)	
2/27 Bn.)	Laundry on North West corner of Goddard lines.
2/5 Fd. Amb.)	

The official price list is attached as Appendix "A". Washing may be delivered to Laundries daily and will be available for collection three days later.

27. MAIL.

A Field Post Office is established in GODDARD LINES immediately in front of the laundry. Mail correctly franked and censored may be handed in between 0600 hrs and 2000 hrs daily. Outgoing mail closes at 0830 hrs daily.

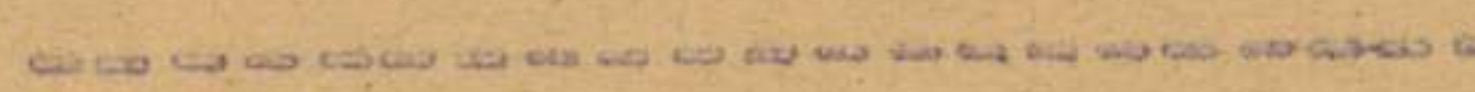
Incoming mail may be collected by Unit representatives after 1245 hrs daily.

/ Air Mail

CAMP STANDING ORDERS

I N D E X.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Para</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Para</u>
Air Defence	4	Leave	8
Amenities	7	Mail	27
Arms - Ammunition	14	Medical	10
Blackout	12	Pas swords	21
Camp Time	20	Passive Air Defence	4
Civilians	22	Payy	24
Cleaning & Sanitation	15	Picture Theatre	11
Daily Routine	1	Prisoners	16
Defence Against Gas	5	Responsibility of C.O's	2
Dress	3	Returns	23
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Appendix 5
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21 AUST. INF. BDE.

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
JULIS
2 Dec '40.

CIRCULAR NO.4
ALL UNITS

AMENITIES OFFICER.

The position of Amenities Officer, Julis Camp is being filled temporarily by A/Sgt. D.J. Brewin, 2/14 Bn. The duties involve:-

- (a) liaison between Corps Amenities Officer (Major W.T. Conder) and this camp;
- (b) liaison with A.C.F. respecting the issue of comforts;
- (c) dealing with all matters affecting pictures shown in the Cinema or performances there by visiting concert parties;
- (d) selection of sports grounds and arrangements, through this Bde H.Q., for their preparations;
- (e) preparation of a scheme of competitive sports for the camp;
- (f) general oversight, as Camp Comds representative, of the operation of the Canteens within the camp and suggestions for improvements;
- (g) minor Staff Duties at Camp H.Q.

2. Sgt. Brewin will visit each unit during the next few days and it is requested that C.O's afford him every facility in the discharge of his duties and avail themselves of his services.

3. It is suggested that each unit should appoint a Sports Officer with whom Sgt. Brewin may co-operate regarding Camp Sports.

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JULIS.
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TRAINING CIRCULAR No. 3.

Consequent upon receipt of 7 Aust. Div. Circular G 40, copy att., outlining the Div. Trg. policy, para 3 of 21 Bde. Trg. Circular No 1 of 28 Nov. is amended as follows :

- PERIOD 1 : Nov 26 to Dec 9 - As already stated.
- " 2 : Dec. 10 to Dec 28:-
Weapon Training; Trg of Sec. Leaders; Rifle exercises; S.A. instruction; Continuation of work done in Period 1.
- " 3 : Dec. 30 to Jan. 11 :-
Sec. leading; Fieldcraft; Fd works; Range practice; H.Q. training; tank hunting; night training.
- " 4 : Jan. 13 to Jan. 30 :-
Pl., Coy. and H.Q. training with a continuation of A.A., night training and tank hunting.
- " 5 : Jan. 31 onwards :-
Bn., Bde. and Div. trg. as ordered.

2. Range practices on 30 yds ranges will commence in Period 2 if ranges are available. Only a very limited amount of ammunition can be expected and full value must be obtained from every round.

3. Night training is to commence in the Second half of Period 2 as already ordered.

4. Trg syllabi already submitted covering Periods 1 and 2 are returned for amendment in accordance with the re-allocation of time as indicated in para 1. The amended syllabi are to reach this H.Q. by Friday 6 Dec. 40.

5. Attention is directed to the comments on "Defence against Tanks" contained in Div. Circular G.40. Units will make a special study of this problem and encourage all ranks to contribute suggestions. Full advantage is to be taken of the natural initiative of the Australian soldier in considering the matter. The Bde Comd will discuss the problem with Bn Comds at a later date.

6. A Bde Refresher Course of 7 days for Pl. Comd. will be held commencing Monday 16 Dec. Six students will attend from each Bn. Three of them must be Officers and the other three Officers, W.O's or Sgts. of suitable type. Nominal rolls of personnel to attend are required by Monday 9 Dec.

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DISTRIBUTION.

21 A.T. Coy.	7 Aust. Div.)
2/14 Bn.	2/1 Pnr. Bn.) for information.
2/16 Bn.	2/5 Fd. Amb.)
2/27 Bn.	

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS

No.7

PARADES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
2 Dec '40	2/5 Fd. Amb.
Next for duty	2/14 Bn

RETREAT

2. Commencing 3 DEC., RETREAT will be sounded each day by massed buglers from the roadway in front of CAMP H.Q. One bugler from every unit will report at this centre at 1725 hrs. The Spl. Bugler, Duty Bn will take charge and will obtain the correct time from Camp H.Q. Orderly Room.

MAIL

3. Units are advised that Xmas Air Mail will close at the Camp Post Office at 0830 hrs on 5 Dec.

No packets will be accepted for Air Mail.

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 JULIS.
 1 Dec. '40.

ALL UNITS.

TRAINING CIRCULAR No.2.

BRIGADE COURSES.

Refresher Courses in certain subjects are to be conducted under the direction of H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde. commencing at 0900 hrs. Tuesday, 3 Dec. '40.

The details are shown below :

Serial No	Nature of Course	Duration	Instructors	Allocation of Vacancies
1.	B.T., Rifle Trg., V.T., J.D.	7 days	Lieuts. Wright 2/16 Bn. " McGee 2/16 Bn. " Schultz 2/14 Bn. CSM Bisset* 2/14 Bn.	2 Off. & 4 N.C.O's per Inf. Bn. 1 Off. & 3 N.C.O's, 2/1 Pnr. Bn. 1 Off., 1 N.C.O. 21 A.T. Coy.
2.	Drill, Guards and Sentries	4 days	Lieut. Sims 2/16 Bn. Lieut. G. Fawcett 2/27 Bn.	2 Off., 4 N.C.Os per Inf. Bn. 1 Off., 3 O.R's., 2/1 Pnr. Bn. 2 N.C.O's 21 A.T. Coy.
3.	Sec. Leading, Fieldcraft,	7 days	Capt. Rice 2/27 Bn. Lieut. R. Pontey 21 A.T. Coy.	4 N.C.O's per Inf. Bn. 3 N.C.O's, 2/1 Pnr. Bn. 2 N.C.O's, 21 A.T. Coy.
4.	Map Reading, Field Sketching.	7 days	Lieut. Cameron 21 Bde. Lieut. Pegg 2/1 Pnr. Bn.	3 Off. or Sgts. per Bn. incl. 2/1 Pnr. Bn. 1 N.C.O., 21 A.T. Coy. 2 Off., 2/5 Fd. Amb.

2. All Instructors are to report to B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde. at 1400 hrs to discuss the scope of the course and to prepare syllabi.

3. Candidates will report to Bde. H.Q. at 0900 hrs 3 Dec. '40 and thereafter to areas nominated by the Instructors concerned.

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4. It is realised that these courses will, to some extent, interfere with the normal training of Bns. etc., but it is considered that the value to be gained justifies this.
5. The vacancies allocated to 2/1 Pnr.Bn., and 2/5 Fd.Amb., may be accepted at the discretion of the Comd. of those units as this Bde. has no authority to prescribe or interfere with training.

Gooch

Maj.
B.M.21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 1 Dec '40.

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
JULIS
 29 Nov '40.

ALL UNITS

Church Parades on SUNDAY 1 Dec '40 will be as set out hereunder. Units will parade their own personnel and get them to the place named at the correct time.

The unit shown as duty unit will detail an officer to act as Staff Officer for the particular parade. This officer will work in with the Padre and ensure that the hall, seating accomodation, music etc are all correct. He will hand over to the senior officer present when all units are in attendance.

The Duty Unit will also detail a working party to clean the theatre or hut at the conclusion of the particular service.

TIME	DENOMINATION	UNITS	PLACE	CHAPLAIN	DUTY UNIT
0700 hrs	R.C.	All	Picture Theatre	Chaps. Honner and Whelan	2/14 Bn
0900 "	R.C.	2/27 Bn 2/1 Pnr Bn 2/5 Fd. Amb	2/27 Bn. Recreat- ion Hut	Chap. Whelan	2/1 Pnr Bn
0900 "	R.C.	2/14 Bn 2/16 Bn 21 Bde. H.Q. 21 A.T. Coy	2/14 Bn Recreat- ion Hut	Chap. Honner	2/14 Bn
0900 hrs	Protestant	2/1 Pnr Bn 2/14 Bn	Picture Theatre	Chap. Bransfield	2/1 Pnr Bn
1000 hrs	Protestant	2/27 Bn 21 Bde H.Q. 21 A.T. Coy	Picture Theatre	Chap. Wherent	2/27 Bn
1100 hrs	Protestant	2/16 Bn 2/5 Fd. Amb.	Picture Theatre	Chap. Spratling	2/16 Bn

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 Bde. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Chaplain's List

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS.

No 6.

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
1 DEC. '40	2/1 Pnr. Bn.
Next for Duty.	2/5 Fd. Amb.

INSPECTION BY BDE COMD.

2. The Bde. Comd. will inspect Units, 21 Aust. Inf. Bde., on Wed. 4 Dec. 1940, as follows:

2/14 Bn	1000 hrs.
2/16 Bn	1130 hrs.
2/27 Bn	1400 hrs.

Battalions will be drawn up on their own Parade Grounds at the above times. The inspection will be followed in all cases by a march past of the Battalion.

Dress - Service Dress - Drill Order.

Unit Comds. will select the ground for the Parade of their Units and will inform Bde H.Q. of its location by 0900 hrs, 3 Dec.

PAY.

3. Units are to return acquittances and unexpended pay to Div. Pay Office, Deir Suneid, on Monday, 2 Dec.. For this purpose Unit representatives, one Officer and one O.R., correctly armed, will report at Camp H.Q. at 1400 hrs., 2 Dec.. 21 Bde and Duty Unit will each furnish one van for transport of above pay personnel.

LOSS OF DEFENCE REGULATIONS PASSES.

4. The loss of an Officer's Red Defence Regulations Pass No. A.3265 issued to Lieut. Vaclav Dedina on 7 Aug. '40 by OC 2 Leicester Regt. is reported.

The pass was stolen in a portfolio from the above officer's tent at Gadera on or about 9 Nov. '40.

Pass No 231 in possession of 7757822 Pte. Pounder, J, was lost whilst this man was on duty in Tel Aviv. Further details of the circumstances are not available.

Should any sentries, etc., discover either of these passes the person holding them is to be detained and the matter reported immediately to Camp H.Q.

SIDES OF TENTS.

6. Except in unfavourable weather the sides of all tents should be raised during the day.

GAMBLING.

7. The games of two-up and crown and anchor are forbidden. The taking part in either of these games must be treated as a serious offence.

(Sgd.) T.N. GOOCH

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B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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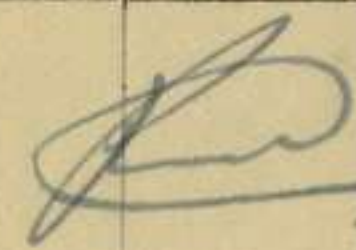
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
JULIS CAMP			<p>The characteristics of the Bde at this stage are :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The keenness and good spirits of all ranks. (b) The commonsense standard of discipline. (c) The desire to work hard to attain fighting efficiency. (d) The friendly attitude of units one to the other. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Les Stevens</i> Comd. 21 Aus. Inf. Bde. Brig.</p>	


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JULIS CAMP			<p>fostering/ Consequent on advice from 7 Aust Div that his commission could be anticipated as from 24 Dec A/Sgt. D. Brewin, 2/14 Bn who has been performing the duties of Amenities Officer joined the Bde HQ Mess as an Officer.</p> <p>31 Dec'40 marks the close of the first six months of the Bdes history, as recruits only commenced to arrive in the Bn camps at Puckapunyal, Woodside and Northam on 1 Jun'40. The 2/14 Bn was the first to complete its personnel, the 2/16 and 2/27 Bns being a little slower.</p> <p>Hard training up to the completion of Coy exercises was carried out in Australia and the physical fitness of the men at this stage was excellent. Bn training was scheduled to commence in the week in which orders to embark were received. The great problems in Australia were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Lack of MT which hindered general training and made the training of Drivers almost impracticable. (b) Lack of Bren Guns, 2" Mortars, A Tk Rifles, and A Tk Guns, which limited weapon and, to some extent, tactical training. <p>The voyage from Australia was uneventful except for the excellent behaviour of the men and the many firm friendships formed between personnel of the 2/14 and 2/16 Bns which travelled together on Aquitania as far as Bombay. This was the first time the Bns had met. The two most noteworthy features of our arrival in Julis were that (a) it was the first time the Bde had been together and (b) the very fine efforts of the 2/1 Pnr Bn in fostering the Bde in.</p> <p>Training in Palestine has been directed so far, to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Regaining physical condition lost on the voyage over (b) Recapitulation of individual training. (c) Building up the confidence of the man in his weapons <p>as a preliminary to more advanced work. Unfortunately frequent detachment of officers and OR's for many and varied tasks and for courses has affected training, but physical fitness is being rapidly regained. With the advent of a limited number of Bren Guns and A Tk Rifles plus a certain number of MT vehicles, progress towards efficiency is being steadily maintained.</p>	

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JULIS CAMP			<p>3 Jan'41/ A further request was received from 7 Aust Div for a complete Bn Sig Pl to participate in a demonstration at the Corps Intelligence Course on Friday 3 Jan. The difficulty regarding equipment was pointed out and arrangements are being made for a composite Pl from the Bde under Lieut. Sanderson, Sig Officer 2/27 Bn to do the job. The available equipment in the Bde will be pooled for the purpose.</p> <p>The DMS, 1 Aust Corps, and ADMS, 7 Aust Div discussed with the Bde Comd the quarantine measures to be adopted in future cases of CSM. The DMS has now ruled that only direct contacts with any case need be quarantined. As a result of the decision a large quota of leave is being allocated to the 2/16 Bn whose freedom has been very much restricted because of the previous quarantine instructions.</p> <p>The Bde Comd and A/BM made an inspection of the two 30 yd Rifle Ranges now being constructed South West of the Camp by the 2/27 Bn. Steady progress is being made and one range should be ready within a week.</p> <p>An Officer of HQ 9 Aust Div who has just arrived in the area went over the arrangements for the reception of the personnel arriving on 31 Dec.</p> <p>Capt R.C.Anstee, BTO, gave an interesting talk to officers of Bde HQ on his experiences while taking a convoy to the Western Desert in Egypt. He passed on much information of value relating to transport difficulties, road concealment, etc.</p> <p>Maj. T.N.Gooch, marched out at 1100 hrs to his new command. Capt. M. Austin, Adjnt, 2/27 Bn took up duties as A/BM.</p>	
	31 Dec		<p>The funeral of Pte J. Chambers 2/27 Bn was held this day.</p> <p>Owing to inclement weather the practice for the Ceremonial Parade for the 2 Jan had to be cancelled.</p> <p>Visits were received from Lieut-Cols J Mann (CRE), T. Simpson (DADOS) and Maj. Dodds (DAAG) of 9 Div HQ, which has moved into this camp area.</p> <p>Orders were received for the movement of 2/1 Pnr Bn and 2/5 Fd Amb to Egypt. This Bde is to provide an entraining Officer at El Majdal Station and to foster these units on the day of their departure. The 3 Bns of the Bde are undertaking the fostering.</p>	<p><i>Re. O. Part 1 - App 55</i></p>

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JULIS CAMP	28 Dec	<i>[Signature]</i>	<p>A detailed reconnaissance of the area selected for the ceremonial parade on 2 Jan was made and feeding areas selected. Arrangements were made with 2/1 Pnr Bn to construct a track for the reviewing Officers' Car. The BM visited Qastina Camp to discuss further details of the parade with the Camp Comd there.</p> <p>The Div Comd visited 2/16 Bn during the afternoon and discussed the condition and training of the Bn with the CO.</p> <p>Definite orders were received for the BM to proceed to Egypt on Monday 30 Dec to take comd of 2/1 MG Bn.</p> <p>Another case of CSM occurred on the 2/16 Bn.</p>	<i>R.O's Part 1 - App 52</i>
	29 Dec	<i>[Signature]</i>	<p>The BM, Maj T.N.Gooch was farewelled by officers of Bde HQ and CO's and 2 i/c's of Bns.</p> <p>Advice was received that the 2/5 Fd Amb and 2/1 Pnr Bn would leave Julis Camp on 4 Jan '41.</p> <p>All arrangements were finalised for the reception of the Adv Ech of 9 Div HQ, advice being received that this contingent would arrive one day earlier than previously notified.</p> <p>The provision of electric light globes and expense stores did not materialise until repeated trips to Ordnance had been made.</p>	<i>R.O's Part 1 - App 53</i>
	30 Dec	<i>[Signature]</i>	<p>Pte J. Chambers, 2/27 Bn died during last night and arrangements were made for his funeral tomorrow.</p> <p>The ADMS, 7 Aust Div investigated the cause in conjunction with the RMO of that Bn.</p> <p>A conference of the CO's of all units in Julis and Qastina Camps was held at Bde HQ and subsequently a rehearsal of the orders was carried out on the parade ground in preparation for the parade on 2 Jan. assembly and feeding areas were indicated on the ground to Qastina units by the S.C. The GSO ii (Maj Wells) together with Maj Wills (1 Aust Corps) attended to gain first hand information respecting the arrangements.</p> <p>A request was received from 7 Aust Div that Capt. C.V. Anderson, QM 2/14 Bn be attached to DADOS, 7 Aust Div as a staff learner. Arrangements were made for him to report to 7 Aust Div on Monday 6 Jan.</p> <p>Div also requested the services of an officer to assist the Camp Comd, Lieut K.A. Evans, 2/14 Bn. was selected. He will report to Div on Friday 3 Jan. '41.</p>	<p><i>R.O's Part 1 - App 54</i></p> <p><i>Ceremonial Bde - App 54b</i></p> <p><i>Bde. Strength - App 54c</i></p>


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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
JULIS CAMP			submitted: /		
			Name and Rank	Unit and present appt.	Appt for which recommended
			1. Major W.C.J. Gavan-Duffy	Coy. Comd 2/16 Bn	D.A.Q.M.G. or D.A.A.G.
			2. Capt. F.A. Woods	Staff Capt. 21 Bde.	B.M. or G.S.O. <u>II</u>
			3. Capt. M. Austin	Adjnt. 2/27 Bn	B.M. or S.C.
			4. Capt. R.C. Anstee	Tpt. Officer, 21 Bde	G.S.O. <u>III</u> .
			5. Capt. H.E. Wright	L.O. 21 Bde	D.A.A.G.
			6. Capt. W.S. Howden (a)	Coy. Comd. 2/14 Bn	G.S.O. <u>II</u>
			7. Capt. P.E. Rhoden (a)	2 i/c Coy. 2/14 Bn	G.S.O. <u>III</u> or D.A.A.G.
			8. Lieut. R.W. Cameron	I.O. 21 Bde	G.S.O. <u>III</u> .
			9. Lieut. F.G. Sims	Tpt Officer 2/16 Bn	S.C.
			10. Lieut. J.F. Cuneen	Rfct. Officer 2/27 Bn	S.C.
11. Capt. J.W. Tighe	Camp Staff Off.	S.C.			
(a) Not desirous of accepting appointment.					

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
JULIS CAMP	26 Dec	<i>[Signature]</i>	<p>A decision was given by Div HQ that training could take place on six days a week.</p> <p>The Bde Comd arranged with the GSO 1 to come to Julis on Monday to discuss the proposed Bde TEWT.</p> <p>The CO, 2 A Tk Regt and Maj. Schneider (Batt Comd) made a reconnaissance of the area to be covered by the Bde perimeter ^{Exercise}, with the object of sighting A Tk weapons. They will provide a suggested solution prior to the commencement of the TEWT.</p> <p>Advice was received that the Chief of General Staff, Australia, and the Minister for the Army would visit Julis on 2 Jan'41, and that a Bde parade was to be arranged at 1130 hrs on that day.</p>	<i>P.O's. Part 1 - App 50</i>
	27 Dec	<i>[Signature]</i>	<p>The officers and NCO's who had been selected by the Divisional Committee for the special task previously referred to, reported to Corps HQ for further selection and medical examination.</p> <p>Capt. R.C. Anstee and the remainder of the personnel who had been engaged in convoy work to the AIF units in the Western Desert reported back. Capt Anstee gained much interesting information during his trip and Brig. Savage, Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde has been most helpful in this direction.</p> <p>The Div Comd accompanied by the GSO 1 and DAQMG, attended a conference at this HQ to outline details of the ceremonial parade to be held at Julis Camp on Thursday 2 Jan, when the Minister for the Army and Chief of General Staff Aust will be present. The parade is to be attended by all units in Julis and Qastina Camps who will be Comd by Brig J.E.S. Stevens.</p> <p>Later a reconnaissance was made by the Bde Comd, BM, and BIO, to select an area large enough for the parade. Great difficulty was met in securing one and should much wet weather intervene it will be almost impracticable to conduct the parade.</p> <p>Recommendations for the following officers as staff learners, were submitted :-</p>	<i>P.O's. Part 1 - App 51</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
JULIS CAMP	25 Dec '40		<p>and/ one officers' mess. Capt. Woore, 2/27 Bn, duly reported to Corps H.Q. for orders concerning duties as Foster Liaison Officer 9 Div. H.Q. He returned to camp as no further information could as yet be given.</p> <p>The Div. Comd. & Staff visited camp to wish units the compliments of the season.</p> <p>The Bde. Comd. attended church parade and spoke to the troops at its conclusion. Later, he visited the lines of each unit during their Christmas meal.</p> <p>The Officers and Sergeants of Bde. H.Q. joined the men in their mess for the Christmas dinner and acted as mess orderlies.</p>	<p>Special Order of the day App: 149</p>

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JULIS CAMP	23 Dec '40	<i>[Signature]</i>	<p>Bde. Comd., B.M. & B.I.O. spent some hours on a reconnaissance of the area immediately around the camp in connection with the preparation of a Bde exercise for the protection of the camp.</p> <p>Lieut-Col. C.M. Lloyd, who has just been transferred to the staff of 9 Div, called at H.Q., and the details and arrangements made in connection with the fostering of 9 Div were discussed with him. He concurred with the whole lay-out.</p> <p>The refusal of B.O.D. to fulfill the requisitions submitted for tents etc., for 9 Div H.Q., was explained to him and he promised to clear the matter up with the C.O.O. there.</p> <p>The Bde refresher course in the maintenance, driving and handling of M.G. carriers, commenced under Lieuts. Hearman (2/16 Bn) and Allan (2/14 Bn).</p>	<p><i>R.O.'s Part 1 - App 46</i></p> <p><i>Leave some table - App 47</i></p> <p><i>Bde. strength - App 47(a)</i></p>												
	24 Dec '40	<i>[Signature]</i>	<p>The Bde. Comd., with the Corps and Div. Comds., met at 20 Bde. H.Q. and the question of B.M's for the 21 & 26 Bdes. was discussed. The Corps Comd. indicated that suitable trained Staff Officers would be secured to fill the vacancies.</p> <p>The B.M. & B.I.O. undertook a further reconnaissance in connection with the proposed Bde TEWT. and settled details of the M.M.G. defensive tasks.</p> <p>Advice was received that a number of new M.T. would be available to this Bde. on Friday 27 Dec on the following allotment:-</p> <table> <tr> <td>H.Q. 21 Bde.</td> <td>- 7 Cars</td> <td>3 Motor Vans.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/14 Bn.</td> <td>- 1 "</td> <td>6 " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/16 Bn.</td> <td>- 1 "</td> <td>6 " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/27 Bn.</td> <td>- 1 "</td> <td>6 " "</td> </tr> </table> <p>Delivery of camp equipment and stores for 9 Div. H.Q. was commenced, practically all requirements in tentage being received. 2/27 Bn foster party made good progress in the preparation of the site. Three main central drains being opened up and all holes filled in.</p> <p>Steady progress is being made by the contractor on the erection of the G.O.C's quarters and</p>	H.Q. 21 Bde.	- 7 Cars	3 Motor Vans.	2/14 Bn.	- 1 "	6 " "	2/16 Bn.	- 1 "	6 " "	2/27 Bn.	- 1 "	6 " "	<p><i>R.O.'s Part 1 - App 48</i></p>
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JULIS CAMP	22 Dec		<p>Wet weather caused the abandonment of three Church parades but the remainder were conducted as usual.</p> <p>Advice was received that Maj. Gooch was to assume comd of the 2/1 MG Bn immediately on its arrival in the Middle East.</p> <p>As arranged by the Bde Comd, Capt Austin, Adjnt 2/27 Bn will understudy the duties of BM temporarily pending a permanent appointment.</p> <p>Col. E. Milne (AAQMG, 7 Aust Div) called to ascertain if there were any problems in which he could assist. There was no direction, however, at the moment where his help is required although suggestions to improve the arrangements associated with convoy work such as the one with which Capt Anstee proceeded, were made.</p> <p>Staff Capt discussed on the ground with Capt Woore and Lieut Skipper, 2/27 Bn the layout for the new Div HQ. Capt. Woore's Coy to start Monday on the filling in of existing tent holes and the construction of main drains for the area.</p>	<p><i>Ad. Carr 1 App 45</i></p>

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	21 Dec		<p>Staff./ Capt. T.G. Moore, 2/27 Bn is being sent to meet 9 Div Staff as Liaison Officer between 21 Aust Inf Bde and 9 Aust Div.</p> <p>6 officers and 120 OR's under comd Capt R. Anstee, Bde TO, left Julis to undertake the delivery of about 160 new MT to 6 Aust Div in the Western Desert.</p> <p>The GSO 1, 7 Aust Div called at Bde HQ to discuss training during period 3 (Dec 30 to Jan 11). The Bde Comd outlined his plans which were agreed to subject to confirmation by 7 Div, but there was no objection to working the troops 6 days per week. The GSO 1 also indicated that the selected volunteers for the special task referred to previously were to be at Corps HQ for further interview and medical examination on 27 Dec.</p> <p>Bde Comd spent some time with the pl comd course. The exercise in progress was the sighting of a pl in a defensive position.</p> <p>The Bde HQ officers Mess had its Xmas party, this being arranged slightly early because of the dispersion of officers on other duties.</p> <p>1 Aust Corps Sigs started the installation of telephones in the offices in the new lines to be occupied by 9 Div HQ, on a provisional allotment outlined by the Staff Capt. Requisitions for camp equipment and Off and Sgts Messes for 9 Div HQ were prepared. 2/27 Bn is providing one Coy to do the fostering of the incoming HQ.</p> <p>Church parades and celebrations for Xmas day were produced. Circular NO ^{covering parades} is attached as an appendix. 44</p> <p>A further quota of leave to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv for units in Julis Camp was received. The allotment up to 4 Jan'40 is shown in circular No which is attached as an appendix.</p>	<p>R.O's Part 1 App 43</p> <p>Training bus No 6 App 43(B)</p>

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			<p>2/27 Bns./ Advice was received that Bren Carriers will be available one day this week. The tentative allotment is to be 3 for each of two Bns and 2 for the remaining Bn. Advice was also received that one officer and 20 MT drivers were required to go to Hifa on Tuesday 17 Dec to bring back a convoy of new MT vehicles.</p> <p>The first Bde MT Convoy exercise was held with all available vehicles in camp. The Bde TO was in command. During this exercise a 30 cwt vehicle on charge to 2/27 Bn went into a ditch and three of the personnel in it were injured.</p>	
	19 Dec		<p>The Bde Comd was engaged all the morning at Div HQ interviewing NCO's who had volunteered for the special task previously referred to.</p> <p>All CO's and other officers attended a demonstration by the MEWTS at the Jaffa rifle range. Ref - Circular No. 20.</p>	<i>Ref - Part 1 App 41</i>
	20 Dec		<p>A conference of CO's was held at Bde HQ to discuss :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A-training to be undertaken in phase 3 commencing on 30 Dec. B-The selection of officers suitable as staff learners. <p>The necessity for intensive training as from 30 Dec was stressed and all sport, make and mend, etc after that date to be confined to Sundays whilst a substantial measure of light work is to be undertaken.</p> <p>Brig. J.J.Murray M.C., Comd 20 Dec and Brig R. Tovell D.S.O. Comd 26 Bde, together with their respective BM's (Majs McDonald and White) lunched with the Bde Comd. This is the first occasion on which the three Bde Comds of the 7 Div have been together.</p> <p>Lieut-Col Munro, comd 3 A Tk Regt called on the Bde Comd and expressed his appreciation of the work done by the 2/14 Bn in fostering his unit into camp.</p> <p>Due to a further case of C.S.M., the 2/16 Bn was again quarantined.</p> <p>Maj-Gen. H.D.Wynter CMG, DSO, Comd 9 Aust Div visited Julis Camp to inspect his new HQ. He later called on the Bde Comd to thank him for the work already done by the Bde in readiness for the reception of the 9 Div Staff.</p>	<i>Ref - Part 1 App 42</i>

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JULIS CAMP	15 Dec	L	<p>The usual Church Parades were held, 2/16 Bn and 2/1 Pnr Bn conducting their parades separately because of quarantine restrictions.</p> <p>The Bde Comd visited Div HQ at 1430 hrs to meet: Major-General A Smith (DCGS Middle East) Brig. Brunskill (In charge Administration Jerusalem.) Brig-General Thiron (South African L.O.)</p> <p>These Officers later witnessed the donkey races conducted by 2/14 Bn at Julis Camp.</p> <p>The details of the leave schedules for this camp were received and tentative allocations were prepared. The first leave to be granted is Tuesday 17 Dec'40. 500 men will go on leave.</p>	<p>RO's Part 1. App. 34</p> <p>Leave Time Table App. 35</p>

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JULIS	14 Dec '40	<i>[Signature]</i>	<p>In company with the C.O. 2/14 Bn the Bde Comd inspected the progress of the work at Dimra, the new camp which is being prepared for the 2/24 Bn. Things are proceeding satisfactorily, but 7 Aust Div HQ have decided that part of the area is to be evacuated and the tents already erected to be transferred to higher ground.</p>	<p><i>R.O.'s Part 1 - App 33</i> <i>20's Part 1 - App 33</i></p>
			<p>The Bde Comd and BM visited 7 Aust Div HQ and discussed with the Divisional Comd and GSO I the organisation and training of the Tank hunting platoons and possible changes in Bde organisation. The question of a successor to Maj. Gooch was also discussed. 7 Aust Div also indicated that the convoy of illegal immigrants would not now be passing through the Corps area.</p>	
			<p>Lieut. R. W. Cameron, Bde IO volunteered for the special task referred to in yesterday's comments.</p>	
			<p>All units have agreed to the purchase of puggarees for the hats of all ranks.</p>	
			<p>Capt S McC Walker, Field Security Service 1 Aust Corps called on the Bde Comd and discussed the nature and scope of the F.S.S.</p>	
			<p>Brig. E. Milford, DSO visited Bde HQ en route to Tiberias from which place he is flying to Australia to assume the position of MGO</p>	
			<p>Advice was received that the Corps Comd would not approve of the application of A/Sgt D.J. Brewin to commissioned rank as amenities officer in view of the</p>	

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JULIS	13 Dec. '40	<i>[Signature]</i>	<p>Div H.Q. also asked for the opinions of C.O's respecting the issue on 3 days in 7 instead of one as at present of preserved meat instead of fresh. The C.O's consider that as a means of accustoming troops to the hard ration scale the idea is all right, but the same weight of preserved meat should be issued as fresh meat. At present the scale of issue is 14 ozs frozen meat, 12 ozs preserved.</p> <p>A case of C.S.M. occurred in the 2/5 Fd Amb and the unit was placed in quarantine.</p> <p>Reports were received from sentries of the 2/14 and 2/16 Bns engaged in guard duties in the area to be occupied by the 3 A.T. Regt of shots being fired to the west of the camp and it was thought that some of the shots were directed towards the camp. Definite confirmation could not be obtained, however, but a patrol from the 2/14 Bn was sent out after dark to search the area from which the shots were suspected of being fired.</p> <p>Removal of contractor's buildings from the site of 3 A.T. Regt was completed. The conservancy in the camp area as carried out by the contractor, S. Azzouni is only fair. A close check over the amount of sullage water removed over the period 30 Nov-7 Dec-13 Dec shows approx 24 and 27 c.m. as against the 60 c.m. weekly claimed by the contractor.</p> <p>Capt. J. Armstrong, O.C. No 3 Coy 7 Aust Div Sigs called on the Bde Comd who again stressed the desirability of the Bde Sig Officer running a refresher course for all Regimental signallers.</p>	

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JULIS	13 Dec. '40	<i>R</i>	<p>The Corps Comd inspected the 2/16 and 2/27 Bns on parade together with the 2/5 Fd Amb and 21 A.T. Coy. He addressed both parades and later took a salute at a march past. He expressed pleasure at the appearance of the men and was most impressed with their steadiness on parade.</p>	<p><i>R.O.'s Part 1 - App. 31</i> <i>Weekly Notes To 2 App. 32</i></p>
			<p>The G.O.C. 7 Aust Div called a conference at these H.Q. which was attended by the Bde Comd, B.M., the three Bn C.O's, C.O. 2 A.T. Regt, C.O. 2/1 Pnr Bn, C.O. 7 Div Sigs, C.O. 7 Div ASC, the C.R.E.</p>	
			<p>A special task was discussed and the requirements of volunteers were outlined. Particulars are to be available for 7 Div H.Q. by Tuesday 17 Dec.</p>	
			<p>Steady progress is being made by the 2/14 Bn in the erection of camps for the units which it is fostering.</p>	
			<p>The standard of camp amenities in the new camps is of a much less generous scale than in the existing camps i.e., there are no permanent structures for officers and sergeants messes, no showers and no electric light.</p>	
			<p>Word was received that the issue of fuel was being reduced from 3½ to 2lbs per man per day. This matter was discussed with the 3 Bn C.O's and the necessity for stringent economy, a reorganization of the menu, the improvising of burners of various kinds utilising sump oil and waste products as fuel was stressed by the Bde Comd.</p>	

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JULIS CAMP	11 Dec		<p>The Bde refresher courses in Map Reading and Weapon Training were completed.</p> <p>The 2/14 Bn commenced the erection of camps at Dimra and in a new area of Julis for the additional AIF units arriving in the near future.</p> <p>The 2/1 Pnr Bn has overflowed into the lines to be occupied by the 3 A Tk Regt and adjustments will have to be made.</p> <p>A number of cases of mumps have occurred in the 2/27 Bn, including a number of officers. The camp reception station which, through, a case of C S M passing through it, has been isolated, is unable to deal with cases evacuated by units; these have to go direct to the general hospital. To overcome this, efforts are being made to secure two tents for erection in the lines of the 2/1 Pnr Bn to which could be evacuated the patients now in the C R S. These do not require any further medical attention and it would mean that the reception station could then resume its normal function. The shortage of tents is, however, the problem. The Bde Comd carried out a further inspection of the training of the 2/27 Bn and of the feeding of the 2/14 Bn.</p> <p>Maj. Corby, 2 i/c 2/14 Bn and Staff Capt went to 7 Div HQ and viewed blue print of area to be occupied by 2/24 Bn, 26 Bde at Dimra. The site was visited and "B" Coy 2/14 Bn were in occupation as foster unit. A further blue print was obtained from one of the contractors. This was much more accurate and a clear picture of the limits of the area obtained as well as the proposed new buildings to be erected.</p> <p>The general layout was decided upon and "B" Coy 2/14 Bn proceeded with the erection of tents while fine weather lasted.</p> <p>The site for occupation by 3 A Tk Regt was also visited. Contractors buildings were centrally situated and their removal is desired.</p>	RO's Part 1 App-27.
	12 Dec		<p>Advice was received from 7 Aust Div that the Bde HQ would be responsible for fostering the new Divisional HQ Staff which are to be accommodated in the lines adjacent to the 2/27 Bn. An inspection of the lines was carried out and it was ascertained that except for officers' and sergeants' messes the work would be complete before the actual date of arrival.</p> <p>A conference was held at Corps of the LO's detailed by units fostering the troops of the next convoy. Advice was received that the Corps Comd would inspect units in Julis camp tomorrow.</p>	

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JULIS CAMP			<p>tomorrow/ Because of the dispersion of 2/14 Bn on foster work it would not appear on parade. A copy of the parade order is attached - appendix 29.</p> <p>Utilising his rights under the contract the Bde Comd cancelled the camp laundry contract because of the unsatisfactory work done by the contractor. A new contract was let immediately.</p> <p>The DDMS, 1 Aust Corps accompanied by hygiene experts from HQ, Middle East Comd, inspected the lines of the 2/1 Pnr Bn to see conditions at first hand with the object of applying pressure to secure additional tents and thus reduce overcrowding.</p> <p>The training of the 2/16 and 2/27 Bns was inspected by the Bde Comd and BM.</p> <p>A circular was issued to all units in camp regarding the additional security measures necessary to tighten up security. (A copy of which is attached as an appendix)</p> <p>The Bde "I" Section commenced work on an enlargement of the camp area as a basis for a tactical exercise involving the perimeter defence of the camp.</p> <p>The Bde refresher courses in Section Leading terminated with satisfactory results.</p> <p>The Camp site of the incoming 3 A Tk Regt was again visited by the Staff Capt in company with Mr. Quegan, Garrison Engineers. The removal of contractors buildings, quarters and stores was finalised; tpt to be supplied by this Bde. Removal to be completed by 1800 hrs Friday 13 Dec. Erection of tents was proceeding under Capt. Howden O.C., "C" Coy 2/14 Bn. Arrangements were made for the removal of nine tents of 2/1 Pnr Bn from this area.</p>	<p>RO's Part 1 App.28</p> <p>Cir.No.15 App.29</p> <p>Circular on Security App30.</p>

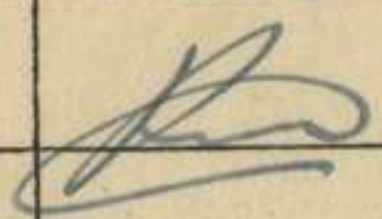
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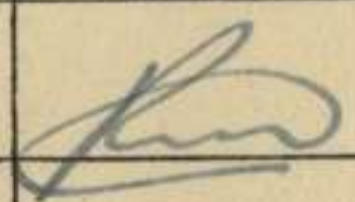
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JULIS	10 Dec. (cont)		The site occupied by the 2/1 Pnr. Bn. was condemned and a warning sounded that greater care is essential in the selction of camp sites.	
			The first air raid warning was received at approx. 2000 hrs. There was no enemy activity in the area.	
			The Bde. Comd. approved of the project to publish a souvenir magazine at Christmas. The work is being done by experienced journalists who are amongst the personnel of Bde. H.Q.	
			The Bde. Comd. has not been happy concerning the senior officers of the 2/14 Bn. The matter was discussed by him with the C.O. whose views supported those held by the Brigadier. It seems evident there is not complete harmony between the senior Majors and there is a possibility of the Bn. suffering in consequence. The capacity of the R.S.M. was also considered.	
			The Bde. Comd. laid down certain lines of activity ^{on} for the C.O. to take and the question of transfer between units of the Bde. will be considered if the situation does not improve.	
			The capacity of the 21/c 2/27 Bn. was also taken up with the C.O. of that unit, who while not happy about some aspects feels that there is no justification for a change.	

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	10 Dec. (cont)		Mr Parer, official news photographer, took a number of photos of the parade.	
			Later in the day the Bde. Comd. issued a special Order of the Day, which is attached as an appendix.	
			Brig. W. Bridgeford, M.C., D.A.Q.M.G., 1 Aust. Corps, visited the camp and passed on to the Bde. Comd. and Bn. C.O's much interesting information regarding conditions in England.	
			Advice was received at at 2130 hrs. that 2/16 Bn, because of quarantine restrictions, could not undertake the work of fostering the 3 A.T. Regt. The 2/14 Bn. is to do this in addition to looking after the 2/24 Bn.	
			Preliminary warning was received that a Bn. of this Bde. would probably have to go to Northern Palestine immediately for Security duties. The 2/27 Bn. was warned to be prepared. A Bn. of the 20 Bde. is to go to the Suez Canal on similar duty.	
			A copy of the report submitted by the M.O., Corps H.Q., who investigated the cases of C.S.M. was received, the principal recommendation being :	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) putting the cinema out of bounds to the units concerned; (b) reduction of the number of men in tents; (c) prevention of overcrowding in canteens; (d) issue of a fourth blanket. 	

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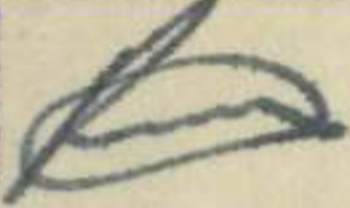
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JULIS CAMP	 		were/ spoken to by the Bde Comd who outlined his desires in the matter.	RO's Part 1 App 25 Special Order of the Day - App 26

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JULIS CAMP	9 Dec '40		<p>appendix/ Due to wide variation in the time allocated by Bns to the various subjects for the period ending 28 Dec, training Circular No.4 was issued, making a definite allocation of time to each subject. Bns were asked to revise their syllabi immediately. A copy of training Circular No.4. is attached as an appendix.</p> <p>Further conflicting Medical advice was received respecting the quarantine measures to be applied to the 2/16 and 2/1 Pnr Bn. After further discussion with Division the Bde Comd was informed that he should act on the advice given by the S.M.O. in Camp, Col. Green was then asked to indicate immediately what he considered necessary and he stated amongst other things that the cinema was definitely to be out of bounds to both Bns. Instructions were issued accordingly.</p> <p>Bde Comd and BM visited each recreation huts and canteens during the evening to check the conditions prevailing. Whilst the black-out makes things a little unpleasant in the wet canteens, generally the situation is satisfactory. Full use is being made by the troops of the recreation huts, which are a definite asset to the camp.</p> <p>Members of the Corps Security force went right through the camp checking on passes held by civilians. A few laundry workers without passes were located and expelled from the camp area.</p> <p>The parade ground to be used for the Bde parade was marked out. The blankets issued in Palestine to Bde HQ personnel and 21 A Tk Coy were withdrawn. Australian blankets brought with units being substituted.</p> <p>A meeting of sports officers was held to prepare a programme of competitive sports. The unit CO's and representatives were</p>	<p>R.O's Part 1 - App 23</p> <p>Trng Cir.No.4- App 24</p> <p>Bde Strength - App 24a</p>

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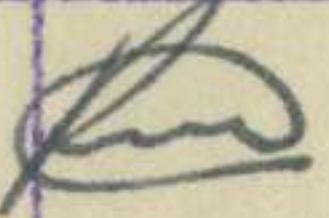
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JULIS CAMP	6 Dec '40		<p>2/14 : " / A conference of all Transport Officers in camp was held to discuss various matters associated with the control and maintenance of M T. It was attended by Capt. Statham who discussed the local procedure and action to be taken to obtain service and repair work on vehicles and the recovery of damaged vehicles on the road.</p> <p>Maj Wells, GSO <u>II</u>, 7 Aust Div, and an officer of 7 Div Engineers, inspected the sites for 30 yd ranges. Two of the three sites were approved but the third did not give sufficient safety margins.</p> <p>The Bde Comd inspected the lines of the 2/16 Bn. The lines themselves were in order but the cookhouses were not good. The CO is to take steps to rectify the trouble.</p> <p>Confirmation was received that the suspected case of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis from the 2/1 Pnr Bn was genuine. Advice is still awaited as to the extent of the quarantine measures to be adopted.</p> <p>A telephone message was received from 7 Aust Div asking for lists of personnel in each unit considered suitable for nomination for attendance at a future potential officers course. Units were asked to supply.</p> <p>The Bde Comd inspected the 2/16 and 2/27 Bns on parade and later took the salute at a march past. The turn out and marching of the two units was quite good.</p> <p>Three additional utilities were drawn from Ordnance.</p> <p>The four days refresher course on drill, guards and sentries was completed with advantage to all attending.</p>	RO's Part 1 - App.17. Cir. No.5. Transport. - App.18.

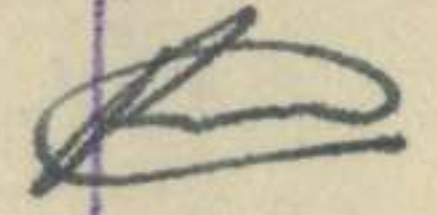

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JULIS CAMP	5 Dec '40		<p>quarantined/ The Bde Comd discussed with DADOS, 7 Aust Div, the disposal of blankets, in view of the arrival of blankets from Australia. It was agreed that an issue of 3 Australian blankets be made and that 2 blankets per man issued from Palestine stocks be withdrawn and returned to ordnance.</p> <p>The Bn parades ordered by the Bde Comd were postponed owing to heavy rain.</p> <p>The lines of the 2/27 Bn were inspected by the Bde Comd who congratulated the CO on their condition.</p> <p>Warning was given to CO, 2/27 Bn by the Bde Comd to commence training a new Adjutant as it was probable that Capt Austin, the present Adjutant, might be withdrawn when a suitable vacancy on a staff occurs.</p> <p>The whole of the baggage and War equipment of the 2/16 and 2/27 Bns arrived.</p> <p>A parade of the whole Bde for 1430 hrs on Tuesday the 10 Dec was ordered.</p> <p>The candidates to be sent to the O.C.T.U. were interviewed by the Bde Comd.</p> <p>The Bde Comd inspected the 2/14 Bn on a ceremonial parade which was called at less than two hours notice. The turn out, drill and steadiness on parade and the marching past was very good.</p> <p>The following message was subsequently sent to the CO :-</p> <p>" I offer you my heartiest congratulations on the showing your Bn made on the parade this afternoon. Their appearance, drill, steadiness on parade and marching were very good and I would like you to convey my appreciation to all ranks who participated. Keep it up, 2/14 ! "</p>	<p>R.O's Part 1 - App.15. Message from Bde Comd to CO, 2/14 Bn -App.16.</p>


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JULIS CAMP	4 Dec'40	 	<p>follows/</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">H E - 144 rounds per Bn. Smoke - 15 " " "</p> <p>Foster Units for incoming units were contacted and given detail of their responsibilities.</p> <p>Requisitions for Camp Equipment to be in by 1200 hrs 7 Dec. Foster units also to requisition for stationery for incoming units. This will greatly assist and will remove a number of difficulties experienced by our own units on their arrival.</p> <p>Commencement was made with the Bde refresher courses in :</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A - General rifle and bayonet training B - Drill, guards and sentries.</p> <p>Heavy rain prevented the section leading course being commenced.</p> <p>In order to secure additional training facilities in this camp, authority was secured from Lieut-Col Parsons, Aust Canteens Services, to utilize the privates and Corporals bars in the camp canteens for instructional work when rain prevented this being done outside.</p> <p>A conference was held, attended by Mr. Goward and Mr. Pennman of the Australian Comforts Fund respecting the best method of handling comforts, particularly in relation to co-ordinating the demands from all units in Julis Camp. The Bde Comd preferred a scheme of this sort but it was agreed to allow the matter to stand over until they could submit a scheme suitable from their point of view.</p> <p>A case of suspected Cerebro Spinal Meningitis was admitted to the C.R.S. from the 2/1 Pnr Bn. The patient was immediately evacuated to 1 AGH and the unit quarantined.</p>	<p>R O's Part 1 - App.8. Cas Retn OR's - App.9. " " " - App.10. " " " - App.11. " " " - App.12. " " Off's - App.13. " " " - App.14.</p>

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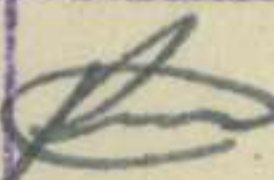
 Capt. Tighe, Camp Staff Officer inspected the 2/5 Fd Amb and C.R.S. The kitchen of the Officers' Mess was exposed to the weather and a temporary shelter was erected immediately. A permanent wall will be erected as soon as possible. In the C R S the following maintenance work was commenced:

Shelves for pack store
Repairs to basin in dispensary.

The MO considers that the verandah should be closed in but material for this will be difficult to obtain, but steps are being taken to obtain same. It was decided to cut a turntable for the ambulances and this will be done when the weather permits.

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JULIS CAMP			<p>shortly/ The 2/14 Bn are to look after the 2/24 Bn. and 2/16 Bn to foster the 3 A Tk Regt.</p> <p>Consequent upon the receipt of 7 Div Circular G 40 outlining the Div training policy, the Bde Circular No.1 was slightly amended by Circular No.3. Circular No.3 is attached as an appendix(4). It was decided to conduct a platoon comds course with the BM as chief instructor and Capts Austin, 2/27 Bn, and Buckler, 2/14 Bn as assistant instructors. The course is to commence on 16 Dec.</p> <p>Advice was received from ^{7 Aust} Div that there would be no objection to the use of ex-Staff Corps Officers, now holding appointments of adjutants in Bns, being employed as Staff Captains. Corps approval would first be necessary.</p> <p>The Bde Comd raised the question of a training Bn and was advised by the GSO I, that troops would be organised when accomodation was available.</p> <p>Capt.G.Hill, Bde Supply Officer, approached all Units with a view to co-ordinating requirements in poultry etc, for the mens Xmas dinners. Reports have been received that poultry, particularly turkey, is available in large quantities in Jerusalem.</p> <p>7 Aust Div advised the scale of tracer ammunition to be used, and requisitioned for in War Equipment Tables (G 1098), the scale being :</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">For every AA LMG - one round tracer to two Mk VII. For every armd fighting vehicle - one round in four. For every LMG which <u>may</u> be used for AA purposes - one in ten.</p> <p>The Scale of Mortar Ammn for training was also advised. This is as follows :-</p>	<p>Training Circular No.3 - App 42.</p>

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JULIS CAMP	3 Dec '40	 	<p>training/ It was suggested to him that in view of the dress worn by senior officers (Colonels and above) and the absence of red bands on hats, that sentries should be instructed to present arms only to cars bearing the pennants or to officers wearing a cap with a red band. It is considered this procedure would save sentries much embarrassment and would comply with all necessary courtesies.</p> <p>Sgt D.J.Brewin, 2/14 Bn commenced duties as Amenities Officer. He was given a list of duties and made contact with the Corps Amenities Officer (Maj.W.T.Conder). The GSO I was asked to endeavour to arrange for a pictorial record of the first parade of the complete Bde on Tuesday 10 Dec.</p> <p>Except for the Map Reading and Field Sketching, the courses set down to commence today had to be postponed owing to very heavy rain which set in late on the previous night.</p> <p>The following is a list of Officers and Sgts attending the Map Reading and Field Sketching course :-</p> <p>2/27 Bn - Sgts Frazer J.K., Murphy F.R., and Trenessy A.R. 2/16 Bn - Lieuts Langridge B.D.N., Meecham N.B., and Neil J.H. 2/14 Bn - Lieuts Arthur W., Nye P., and Christopherson. 2/5 Fd Amb - Cpts Lavarack and McGregor. 21 A Tk Coy - Sgt. Bell. 2/1 Pnr Bn - Cpls O'Neil M.J., Noake E., and L/Cpl Clark A.N.</p> <p>Bde Comd visited 7 Aust Div to stress the necessity for the immediate construction of drying rooms.</p> <p>Capt Woods (Staff Capt) attended a conference at 7 Aust Div regarding the arrangements for Foster Units for the 26 Bde and other troops arriving shortly.</p>	<p>Circular No.4. App.5.</p> <p>Camp S.O's - App.6. Bde Strength- App.6 a.</p> <p>R.O's Part 1.- App.7.</p>

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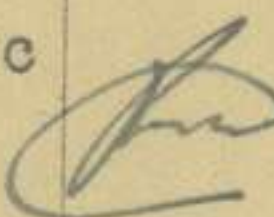
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JULIS CAMP	2 Dec		Capt. Tighe, Camp Staff Officer inspected the 2/16 Bn lines with the Clerk of Works R S and found the following items needed attention :- Heaters in mens showers shortage of roses in showers. Extra latrine boxes needed; repairs to many in use. Light globes missing in cook houses etc. the work of rectifying these items was commenced at once.	

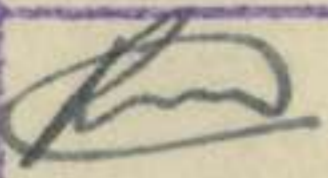
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JULIS CAMP	2 Dec 40.		<p>assistance, With beautiful weather a solid days training was carried out by all units in camp.</p> <p>The Bde Comd inspected C and D Coy of the 27 Bn during the afternoon and later made a reconnaissance with the BM and BIO to select sites for 30 yds rifle ranges.</p> <p>Accompanied by the BM and BIO the Bde Comd attended a lecture by the B.G.S. (Brig.S.F.Rowell) on the general situation throughout the Middle East and Southern Europe.</p> <p>Later the 3 Bn Comds visited the Intelligence room at Corps HQ.</p> <p>The instructors in the Bde refresher courses which are to commence to-morrow, paraded at Bde HQ at 1400 hrs and the scope and object of the courses were outlined to them.</p> <p>The instructors in these, the first instructional courses to be held in the Bde in Palestine, are as follows :-</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">B.T. Rifle Trg., V.T., J.D. - Lieuts Wright and McGee 2/16 Bn. Lieut Schultz, CSM Bissett 2/14 Bn.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Drill- Guards and Sentries - Lieut Sims - 2/16 Bn. Lieut Fawcett - 2/27 Bn.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Sec.Leadng, Fieldcraft. - Capt. Rice - 2/27 Bn. Lieut R.Pontey - 21 A Tk Coy.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Map Reading Field Sketching - Lieut.Cameron - 21 Inf Bde. Lieut.Pegg - 2/1 Pnr Bn.</p> <p>The GSO I, 7 Aust Div visited the camp and discussed with the Bde Comd various aspects of training.</p>	<p>R.O'S Part 1 - App.4.</p> <p>Training Circular No.2. App.3.</p> <p><i>Handwritten:</i> 44.4(c)</p>

Unit HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde. Date and Time from 1 Dec '40 to 31 Dec '40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries
JULIS CAMP	1 Dec '40		<p>The first Church Parades in Palestine were held and the relative order is attached as an appendix. It was decided to inaugurate a series of short refresher courses and preliminary instructions, which were supplemented by verbal orders, [✓] instruction is attached as an appendix. <i>was issued.</i></p> <p>The camp reception depot was established under Maj Halliday.</p> <p><u>War Equipment.</u> : Representatives of Inf Bdes were called to a conference at Corps HQ with ADOS, Corps, (Lieut-Col Beavis) on Friday morning 29 Nov '40. Lieut-Col A.R.B.Cox, C O, 2/16 Bn, Capt Anderson, QM 2/14 Bn, and Bde Staff Capt represented 21 Bde. Copies of G 1098 - War Equipment Tables for Inf Bns-were issued and amended to suit Aust War Establishments. It was decided that Units should indent for the whole of their requirements as soon as possible with the exception of those items drawn in Australia and brought overseas.</p> <p><u>Stationery</u> : All units are affected. Many of the forms required, both A and Q are new to fresh arrivals and Stationery Depot, Jerusalem, cannot satisfy demands on short notice. This has held up the submission of returns and indents relative to War Equipment.</p> <p><u>Camp Equipment</u> : 21 Aust Inf Bde was introduced to the camp by the Foster Unit, 2/1 Pnr Bn, who gave every assistance possible. Some difficulty was experienced in the supply of bed-boards and palm beds for personnel. 2/16 Bn suffered most, personnel sleeping on the ground through one period of wet weather. This has been remedied due to the assistance of C O O, B O D, who has given every assistance.</p>	<p>RO's Part 1 - App.1. Church Parade Order App.2.</p> <p>Training Circular No.2 <i>APP.3</i></p>

21 AUST. INF. BDE.CIRCULAR NO. 15
ALL BNS.

12 Dec '40.

INSPECTION BY COMD. 1 AUST. CORPS.

The Comd. 1 Aust Corps will inspect Units tomorrow,
FRIDAY 13 DEC. as follows -

1000 Hrs. - 2/27 Bn. and 2/5 Pd. Amb.

1100 Hrs. - 2/16 Bn. and 21 A.T. Coy.

PLACE - 2/16 BN. PARADE GROUND.

DRESS - OFFICERS - SERVICE DRESS.
O.R's. - SERVICE DRESS - DRILL ORDER.

MARCH PAST. - The Inspection will be followed by a March Past. The saluting base will be the same as used by the Bde. Comd. during his inspection of individual Battalions.

TRAINING. - After completing the parade, Units will change and proceed with their normal training programme. No other band is to play during the inspection and march past of any Unit.

CONTROL OF CIVILIANS -

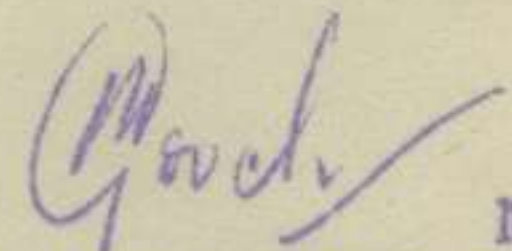
Units as under will be responsible for providing picquets to ensure that no unauthorised civilians remain in the Camp Area during the inspection. Civilians on the main roads are to be moved on and not allowed to loiter -

2/14 Bn. - 0930 hrs. to 1100 hrs.

2/27 " - 1045 " " 1245 "

GENERAL. As this is the first occasion on which the Corps Comd. has inspected the Units of this Bde., the Brig. Comd. is particularly desirous that Units do their utmost to make the parade an absolute success. Duties are again to be cut to a minimum and as many men as possible brought on parade.

A Parade State is to be brought on parade by each Unit. If not required at the time it will be handed to Bde. H.Q. after the parade.


Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

12 Dec '40.

CIRCULAR NO.14ALL UNITSSECURITY

It is quite apparent that, up to date in this camp, the question of security has not received sufficient attention from most units. Two glaring examples of this are the apparent trust that all sentries seem to place in anyone wearing uniform and the apparent ease with which anyone in uniform can enter a H.Q. office when it is unoccupied.

The following measures therefore are to be adopted immediately:-

- (1) All Guards, before mounting are to be addressed on the question of security. The following points are to be stressed:-
 - (a) the duties of a sentry and the method of challenging;
 - (b) the types of passes natives must have before being permitted to enter the camp;
 - (c) unless certain of the identity of any person at night, that person is to be challenged - this includes officers and other ranks, in uniform. (In this connection it can be explained that large quantities of uniforms of all descriptions have disappeared from Australian Camps in the past few months. It is very simple therefore for a stranger to enter camp dressed as an Australian soldier).
- (2) A sentry is to be stationed always on the verandah of Unit H.Q. offices and, in addition Coy. Offices are never to be left unattended. The duties of the sentry will be to prevent anyone unknown to him from entering any Office when the occupant of that Office is out. The correct procedure for the sentry by day will be to find out who the person wishes to see and call an Orderly. The Orderly will find out if the person concerned is in. No stranger is to be permitted to enter or remain in an unoccupied Office without an Orderly remaining with him.
- (3) All draft copies, wax sheets etc. of secret, security or confidential documents are to be destroyed by fire and the ashes broken up.
- (4) All secret documents, unless properly sealed, are to be passed between Officers from hand to hand. When not in action they are to be placed in a locked box, which is chained to portion of a building or in some other manner secured so that it cannot be taken away.
- (5) Rigid attention is to be paid always to the security of rifles and ammunition.
- (6) Personnel are to be warned from time to time of the dangers of talking freely to or in the presence of strangers. A good rule is never to discuss matters of any military significance unless perfectly certain of the identity of every person present. This is important. On the trains coming from the Port of Disembarkation a few strangers travelled with our troops. These men during the short journey heard the name of practically every ship of the convoy, what units were travelling and where the convoy had called. This is merely quoted as an example of how easy it is to give away important information by careless talk.

Goeh. Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
13 Dec '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COND. JULIS

No.18

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
13 Dec	2/5 Fd Amb.
Next for Duty	2/14 Bn

LAUNDRY CONTRACT 2. Units are advised that the present Laundry Contract has been cancelled. The present contractor finishes Sat night 14 Dec '40. All laundry is to be redeemed by that time. Any complaint as to loss or damage to be submitted, with full details, in writing to the Camp Staff Officer.

DETENTION BARRACKS 3. Units will advise this H.Q. forty-eight hours in advance of the proposed movement of personnel to Detention Barracks, JERUSALEM.

SECURITY 4. With reference to AIF Standing Orders, Palestine, Camp 1, Sec 11, para 22(d). All persons employed by W.D. contractors in 1 Aust Corps area on and after 12 Dec '40, must hold a Certificate of Identity issued by the Palestine Authorities, in addition to the Pass issued by the Contractor and certified by a member of R.E. The Certificate of Identity has a photograph of the holder attached for identification purposes.

CLINICAL MEETING 5. A Clinical Meeting will be held at the 2/1 Aust. Gen Hosp, GAZA RIDGE, at 1130 hrs, 14 Dec '40. All Medical Officers are invited to attend.

(Sgd) T.N. GOOCH Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

NOTICES.

PICTURES. Until further notice there will be only on show nightly at the Camp Picture Theatre, and will commence at 1930 hrs. All troops not quarantined may attend.

14 Dec. '40.

ALL UNITS.

LATE SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION. : This hardy annual is rearing its ugly head again. The difficulty of ensuring that information is always furnished within the period specified is realised, but now is the time when units must organise their offices so as to avoid the delays occurring at present.

ORDERS : These are not being read carefully. Instances have occurred where, obviously, units have merely scanned Routine and other Orders looking for reference to themselves instead of going carefully through the whole order.

Another unsatisfactory feature of some Unit R.O's is the practice of merely repeating an extract from an R.O. issued by a higher authority without some appropriate comment by the C.O. to give it a local application of value. This sort of comment is not always necessary but, in certain cases, it is essential. In other instances it is better for units to frame an entirely new para. for their R.O's rather than merely repeat the words contained in the higher authority's order.

COOKHOUSES. : Much remains to be done to improve the conditions in and around cookhouses. Untidy woodheaps, open rubbish bins, washing cloths (not too clean) are not things of beauty with which to adorn the landscape around a cookhouse. Within, washing cloths again, clothes, untidy cupboards, uncovered dishes of fat etc., are in evidence in some cases. C.O's must give special attention to these matters.

SPOIL : Due to the numerous excavations, there is quite a quantity of spoil in various parts of the Camp giving the area an untidy appearance. Except where this spoil is required to bank drains, it should be used for filling or be levelled off.

PHYSICAL TRAINING : A lot of time is being wasted in this work because of lack of control and "snap" on part of instructors. It is useless to leave P.T. instruction to Sec.Comds. who have not received reasonable tuition. A trained instructor can control a large group for P.T. and advantage must be taken of all trained instructors available.

P.T. in hats and pullovers is futile - its like swimming in a dress suit. Nevertheless a lot of it is being done that way. Men are not to go to the other extreme and strip off singlets - see A.I.F. S.O's.

Short cross country runs should be incorporated in P.T. periods to strengthen legs and wind.

RECOGNITION OF INSPECTING OFFICERS :

(a) More uniformity is required throughout Units in the recognition given to the Bde.Comd. when he moves round squads. In future when the Brig.Comd. or other senior officer moves near a squad the Instructor will order the squad to stand fast and ask if he may "go on".

(b) Pl.Comds., Squad instructors, etc., should also let their personnel know as far as possible the names and appointments of visiting officers.

G. Wood
Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
14 Dec. '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS.

No 19.

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
14 Dec.	2/14 Bn.
Next for Duty	2/27 Bn.

RANGEFINDER
INFANTRY

2. Units are advised that one Rangefinder Infantry is available at this H.Q. for training purposes. Units will make application twelve hours in advance in writing, stating the period for which they require it.

CURRY
POWDER

3. The following is an extract from 7 Aust. Div. Routine Orders :-

"It has come to notice that several units issue raw curry powder for consumption with bread at tea time and for use as a condiment at other times.

"Curry powder issued in the raw state may constitute a danger to health if consumed in quantity or at frequent intervals. It will not, therefore, be issued for consumption in this manner.

"It is appreciated that many men do not like "curry" cooked in the ordinary way. If it is desired to use the powder in sandwiches, etc., it should be mixed and cooked with such things as meat, eggs, vegetables, etc..

LOST
PROPERTY

The following are held by units shown :-

2/4 Fd. Regt.	Rifle No 53490
"	" " 90687
"	" " 85795
2/5 Fd. Regt.	Kit bag - NX 12486 S.G. Bentley.

Units owning the articles will arrange to collect direct from holding unit.

(Sgd) T.N. GOOCH

Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

NOTICES.

COMFORTS

The receipt of the following comforts from A.C.F. is gratefully acknowledged :

360 prs Socks	93 Scarves	-	2/14 Bn.
147 prs Socks	93 Scarves	-	2/16 Bn.
12 Pullovers		-	2/27 Bn.
78 prs Socks	52 Scarves	-	2/6 Fd. Amb.
1000 prs Socks	92 Scarves	-	2/1 Pmr. Bn.

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde
15 Dec '40

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS

NO.20

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT.</u>
15 Dec	2/27 Bn.
Next for Duty	2/5 Fd. Amb.

(sgd) T.N.GOOCH

Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

NOTICES

SPORTS
TRAINING
DAYS

The following is a roster of days on which units will have the sole use of all playing fields in the camp area for training purposes :-

Monday	2/16 Bn.
Tuesday	2/14 Bn.
Wednesday	2/1 Pnrs.
Thursday	2/5 Fd. Amb. and Brigade
Friday	2/27 Bn.

The allocation was made by drawing from a hat by the Bde. Comd.

2. Owing to the theft of goal posts from football fields, units vacating playing areas will take up and convey posts to the Bde. Q.M. Store at the conclusion of their training periods. Each unit will be responsible for the erection of posts on their training day.

CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 15 DEC '40

TIME	DENOMINATION	UNITS	PLACE	CHAPLAIN	DUTY UNIT
hrs 0730	Protestant Holy Comm- union	All units except 2/16 Bn & 2/1 Pnr Bn (Voluntary)	Recreation Hut 2/27 Bn	Chap. Whereat	2/27 Bn
0900	R.C. (Mass)	All except 2/16 Bn & 2/1 Pnr Bn	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whelan	2/14 Bn
1000	Protestant	H.Q. 21 Bde 59 L.A.D. 21 A.T. Coy 2/14 Bn	Picture Theatre	Chap Spratling 2/16 Bn	2/14 Bn
1100	Protestant	2/27 Bn 2/5 Fd. Amb.	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whereat	2/27 Bn

- Notes
1. Church Parades will be conducted under unit arrangements in the open air by 2/16 Bn and 2/1 Pnr Bn.
 2. Duty Unit as detailed for service will provide one officer as Staff Officer Parade. He will be responsible that all arrangements as regards the hall, seating accommodation, music etc are made. He will hand over to senior officer present when all units are in attendance.
 3. The duty unit will detail a working party to clean the place of parade at the conclusion of the particular service.

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Maj.
B.H. 2 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf Bde.
16 Dec. '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - Part 1.

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

CAMP. COMD. JULIS.

No 20.

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

16 Dec.

2/5 Md. Amb.

Next for Duty

2/14 Bn.

IRREGULAR
USE OF AIR
MAIL LABELS.

2. The use of air mail labels, or envelopes bearing the air mail label imprint, for letters to be despatched by surface transport, is irregular and will be discontinued forthwith.

OFFICERS
VISITING
OTHER
UNITS.

3. Officers visiting other Units and intending to stay with such Units overnight, will take with them a complete kit including valise or bed roll. This applies especially to officers visiting Units in Egypt.

LEAVE
CAIRO.

4. The following is an extract from A.I.P. Routine Orders of 13 Dec. '40 :

"The provisions of para 2 (d) of A.I.P. Standing Orders, PALESTINE (Prov) Pamphlet No 3 are not being observed. Officers i/c parties to Cairo will report with their whole parties to R.T.O., Railway Station, Gaza, not later than 1200 hrs on the day of departure.

LOSS OF
KITBAG.

5. The loss is reported of a kitbag branded 242 and marked SX 3870 Pte G.P. Luscombe. The loss probably occurred during the move of the Rear Party by train to El Majdel Station. Units should check up and return the kitbag if discovered to Bde.H.Q.

(Sgd.) T.N. GOOCH.

Maj.

B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

NOTICES.

SPORTS.

Football guernseys can be bought in Tel Aviv for 1500 mils per dozen. Sports Officers should notify Bde.H.Q. of their requirements. Guernsey colours should be specified.

PICTURES.

Two shows will be given nightly at the Cairo Picture Theatre as from 16 Dec. '40. The Palestine Light Orchestra will give two performances on Tuesday 17 Dec. '40. All troops, with the exception of 2/1 Par. Bn. are to attend both performances.

FOUND.

The following articles have been found and may be claimed by the owners at Bde.H.Q. Orderly Room :

1 Wristlet Watch found in Cinema.

1 Car Key found in front of Bde.H.Q. Orderly Room.

Not to be published
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H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
17 Dec '40

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS

NO. 21

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

DUTY UNIT

17 Dec

2/14 Bn

Next for Duty

2/27 Bn

(Sgd) T.N. GOOCH Maj.
B.M. 21 AUST. INF. BDE.

NOTICES

LOST.

Kitbag belonging to VX 31893 - Pte V.M. Perrett - 21 A.T. Coy
was left in Ambulance conveying him to 1 A.G.H. Gaza Ridge.
Finder please advise this H.Q.

LEAVE TABLE - UNITS JULIS CAMP 17 DEC - 21 DEC 40

Date	Leave Place	Period of Leave Days	Nos allotted to each Unit							Total	Remarks.
			HQ 21 Bde	21 AT Coy	59 L A D	2/14	2/16	2/27	2/5		
Tues 17 Dec	Jerusalem Tel Aviv	1 Day 1 Day	8	9	2		180P	81 170	50	100 400	2/16 Bn to supply Picquet to Tel Aviv. Details for Picquet see A.I.F.S.O. Pal. Pamph. 3 Para 3. App "H". Picquet is additional to leave quota
Wed. 18 Dec	Jerusalem Tel Aviv	1 day 1 Day		17	18	3	109P	100 25	28	100 200	2/14 Bn to supply Picquet to Tel Aviv.
Thurs. 19 Dec	Jerusalem Jerusalem	1 day 2 days					4	3 29	18 21	25 50	2/27 Bn and 2/16 Bn will each detail an O.C. leave party for personnel on leave to Jerusalem.
Frid. 20 Dec.	Jerusalem Tel Aviv	1 day 1 day					100P 100			100 100	2/14 Bn to supply Picquet to Jerusalem.
Sat 21 Dec	Jerusalem	2 days	2	3	1	30	-	7	7	50	O.C. Leave Party as detailed by 2/14 Bn will be responsible also for other ranks of other Units.
Totals			27	30	6	343	337	325	82	1150	

- Unit leave parties will be personally inspected by C.O. or 2 i/c Unit before leaving unit lines.
- Leave parties will assemble on Parade Ground East of Picture Theatre. All leave parties will embuss and debuss at Picture theatre. Leave Parties returning will be marched from debussing area to unit lines by O's C parties. Leave parties of a strength of 10 or less will be in charge of a responsible N.C.O. Parties of 100 strength or over will be in charge of an Officer of not less rank than a Capt. Officers will accompany unit leave parties on the basis of one for every 25 other ranks.
- Return Fares are as follows :-
 Julis - Jerusalem 200 mils
 Julis - Tel Aviv 145 mils.
 Fares will be collected prior to issue of leave passes and handed to bus contractor's representative.
- Buses will report Picture Theatre as follows :- For one day leave to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. 0730 hrs.
 For two day leave to Jerusalem 1300 hrs daily.
- Dress :- Service Dress
- Other details regarding Leave and conduct of troops whilst on leave are contained in A.I.F. S.O. Pal. Appendices H & K.

Fawcett.
 Capt.
 S.C. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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21 AUST. INF. BDE.

17 Dec. '40.

CIRCULAR 20.

ALL UNITS.

DEMONSTRATION - JAFFA RIFLE RANGE.

A demonstration by the Middle East Weapon Trg. School will be staged at the Jaffa Rifle Range from 0900 hrs to 1200 hrs Thursday, 19 Dec.

The demo. will be on the Bren L.M.G. (firing all phases except A.A.) and Boys A.T. Rifle $\frac{1}{2}$ Charge against improvised moving target.

All Officers have been invited to attend.

Units will please furnish by 0900 hrs., 18 Dec., the names of Officers who will attend. Transport arrangements will then be notified.

The Pl. Comds. Course will be closed down for the morning of 19 Dec. in order that officers at present attending the Course may see the demonstrations.

These Officers should be included on Unit Lists when the return is furnished.

Booch.

Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

ROTTEN ORDERS - PART 1

LT. COL. J. E. S. STEVENS E.D.

CAMP CO. LD. JULIS

10.22

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

DUTY UNIT

18 Dec

2/27 Bn.

Next for Duty

2/8 A.C. Amb.

MAPS AND
SURVEY
DATA

2. The practice of applying direct to the Map Office at TEL AVIV for maps or survey data is to cease. All information in future is to be obtained through the normal channels.

COURT OF
INQUIRY

3. The following Court of Inquiry is appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the injury received by VX 23677 Pte. HARPER - H. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde - at PICTURONYAL on 9 Oct '40. :-

PRESIDENT - Capt. G. J. HILL 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

MEMBERS - Lieut. R. CAMERON 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Lieut. W. FRIEND 21 A.P. Coy

The proceedings are to be completed and forwarded to H. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde by 26 Dec '40.

FATIGUE
PARTY

4. The Duty Unit will supply 1 N.C.O. and 8 men to be at Camp Picture Theatre 18 Dec at 1145 hrs to assist in (i) unloading of material and erection of scenery (ii) re-arrangement of theatre seats.

Booch

Maj.
B. H. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

ROTTEN

CONCERTS

The "Spotlights" will give two performances at the Camp Picture Theatre at the usual time, on 19 Dec '40. The Concert Party is a mixed one, and possesses excellent talent.

Not to be published
A.M.R. & O. 1587

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf Bde.
19 Dec '40

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS

NO. 23

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
19 Dec '40.	2/5 Fd. Amb.
Next for Duty	2/14 Bn

SANITATION-
Conservancy
Services

2. (a) The sanitary Contractor has, in certain instances, been emptying his sanitary bins into the Tel-Aviv drainage pits. If the practice is unchecked, the pits will block and the drainage system of the camp concerned will be put out of action.

(b) Any future occurrences of this kind will be reported immediately to Camp Staff Officer.

MESS
ACCOUNTS -
Payment of

3. (a) All officers and N.C.O.'s attending schools or courses or attached to British units or formations for temporary duty, will pay their mess bills in full before leaving the unit, formation, school or course to which they were attached.

(b) If necessary, Pay Books may be overdrawn for the purpose of paying the accounts but will NOT be overdrawn by more than the amount for which reimbursement will be claimed. The overdrawn Pay Book will be adjusted as soon as possible and NOT later than the receipt of the Credit Note for the claim.

(c) Reimbursement may be claimed for non-personal items such as Mess Subscriptions, Entrance Fees etc. only and claims for items of the following type are NOT admissible:-

- (i) newspapers;
- (ii) radiograms;
- (iii) laundry;
- (iv) stationery;
- (v) wine bills.

(d) Claims will be submitted on AAF TS 4 and will include:-

- (i) actual dates of arrival at and departure from the Mess concerned;
- (ii) rate at which each Messing and other subscription is charged and the number of days etc. for which reimbursement is claimed;
- (iii) similar details for any other item for which reimbursement is claimed.
- (iv) certification by the Commanding Officer;
- (v) a deduction of Field Allowance for the number of days of attendance at the schools etc from the total amount claimed. The Palestine equivalent of the Field Allowance is 133 mils per day. The Egyptian equivalent is 130 millimes;
- (vi) the receipted mess bill attached to the TS 4.

(e) When the period of attachment is longer than one month, mess bills will be paid and claims submitted monthly.

SUPPLIES -
Fresh
Fruit

4. (a) Arrangements have been made for supply of Grapefruit and lemons to units in PALESTINE.

(b) Units may draw Grapefruit and Lemons in lieu of Oranges, up to 10% of their entitlement of Oranges.

(c) Requirements of Grapefruit and Lemons in lieu of Oranges will be shown on indent for supplies.

/5. Over.

FUEL FOR COOKING PURPOSES- Scale of

5. (a) The maximum scale of fuel for cooking is as follows:-
 2lbs wood per head per day or
 1 lb Coal per head per day or
 4/13 pint of Kerosene per head per day.
- (b) Units will be held financially responsible for any consumption over and above this scale to which strict adherence will be given.

BAND ROSTER

6. Commencing on SUNDAY 22 Dec one Band of this Bde is to play in GAZA every Sunday afternoon from 1400 to 1600 hrs.

This duty will be taken in the following order:-

- 2/14 Bn
- 2/16 Bn
- 2/27 Bn

BDE AUDIT BOARD

7. The following officers will constitute the Bde Audit Board:-

- PRESIDENT: CAPT. J. TICHE
- MEMBERS: LIEUT. R.W. CAMERON
- LIEUT. R. PONTRE

The above Board will be responsible for Auditing the following accounts of H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde, 21 A.T. Coy and 59 L.A.D. once per month:-

- BDE TRUST FUND ACC
- BDE OFFICERS MESS ACC
- BDE SGT'S MESS ACC

Statements on the result of these audits are to be submitted to H.Q. 21 Inf. Bde on the first day of every month.

(Sgd) T.N. GOOCH Maj.
 B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

NOTICES.

COMFORTS FUND PINS

A request was made last week that safety pins on A.C.F. socks issued to units be returned to the Bde A/Amenities Officer for use by the Fd. Amb. Units that have not complied are requested to do so immediately.

SPORTS

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

SATURDAY 21 Dec

CRICKET 2nd day of match 2/27 Bn (266) v 2/5 Fd. Amb (3/64)

AUST RULES 2/27 Bn v 2/16 Bn

RUGBY Trial match between two XV's selected from all units.

SUNDAY 22 DEC

AUST RULES 2/14 Bn v 2/5 Fd. Amb.

RUGBY 2/1 Pioneers "A" v 2/1 Pioneers "B"

SOCCER 2/16 Bn v 2/27 Bn

All football games will commence at 1430 hrs.
 Cricket match on 21 Dec will resume at 1400 hrs.

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde
20 Dec '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS

NO. 24

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
20 Dec '40	2/14 Bn
Next for Duty	2/16 Bn

CONCRETE
SLABS

2. Units are advised that representatives of the D.C.R.E. staff have full authority to remove concrete slabs used by units for pathways. This refers only to such places where units themselves have utilised slabs for that purpose. D.C.R.E. will make gravel paths in the place of slabs taken away.

Gooch
Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

NOTICES.

COMFORTS

In order to centralise and facilitate the work all equipment and comforts requisitions to the A.C.F. must come through the Camp Amenities Officer.

COMFORTS

The receipt of a parcel of cigarettes from the A.C.F. is gratefully acknowledged. Distribution is as follows:-

H.Q. 21 Inf. Bde.	226	Pkts
59 L.A.D.	22	"
21 A.T. Coy	162	"
2/14 Bn	1796	"
2/16 Bn	1730	"
2/27 Bn	1776	"
2/5 Fd. Amb,)		
5 A.G.H.)-	504	"
Dental Unit)		
Postal Unit	10	"
Other Details	16	"
3 A.T. Regt	1250	"
2/1 Pnr Bn	2000	"

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.,
21 Dec '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS.

NO. 25.

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

DATE.

DUTY UNIT.

21 Dec '40

2/27 Bn.

Next for duty

2/5 Fd. Amb.

CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS.

2. The Prime Minister of Australia has sent Christmas Greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all ranks of 7 Aust. Div. (Units will please copy).

INSTITUTION
OF ENGINEERS

3. Authority has been given for the formation of a GROUP of the Institution of Engineers (Aust). All Chartered Engineers, Junior and Student Members and also students who were attending engineering courses prior to enlistment are asked to write direct to the COME 1 Aust. Corps, GAZA, where full particulars are available.

LANGUAGES.

4. Units will submit returns of all personnel who can speak any languages (other than English) fluently. Returns will state the languages spoken, and the standard attained. Returns will be forwarded to reach this H.Q. by 0900 hrs. 1 Jan. '40.



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ALL UNITS

21 Dec '40.

TRAINING CIRCULAR NO.6

1. As all units have now had time to become acclimatised and to settle down to their new conditions, the Bde Comd desires that more intensive training be undertaken during period 3 and thereafter.
2. The following measures will therefore be adopted:-
 - (a) Training is to be conducted during six complete days per week, all sports, make and mend etc being undertaken on Sundays.
 - (b) During Period 3 (two weeks) normal night training (two hour periods) is to be conducted on four separate nights and complete all-night exercises on two other occasions.
 - (c) Personnel are to be trained gradually to do without the hot midday meal in camp. For the time being, units are to use dry rations only for the midday meal on two days weekly and these are to be eaten away from the camp. The object is to dispel the idea of a fixed camp routine and to accustom men to conditions more closely related to those they will encounter during active operations.
3. During the normal night training (two hour periods), training in night patrols and night marching is to be undertaken. Night marching is to be by Pls with sections deployed and is to include marching by compass, exercises being set by Coy Comds. The various points associated with this training were set out in Bde Circular No.9 issued in Australia on 20 May 40.
4. The two complete all-night exercises are to be conducted as follows:-
 - (a) Units will carry out a normal morning's training programme in the camp area and will move from camp at approx 1300 hrs and march to a Bivouac Area between 7 and 10 miles distant.
 - (b) The move will be by Coys deployed down to Secs, varying formations being adopted en route.
 - (c) Coys, in turn, will be equipped with their complete Coy tpt. Pl trucks will follow in rear of respective pls and will move across country with the pls, wherever this is practicable. Tpt will be practised in making full use of any available cover whenever the pl halts.
 - (d) On arrival at the bivouac area, the bivouac will be organized and the perimeter defence immediately arranged. Token A.T. Rifles will be used where the actual rifles are not available. Particular attention is to be given to P.A.I. measures.
 - (e) After eating, the unit will rest for about two hours and will then carry out Pl and Sec patrol exercises for a period of about four hrs. The necessary recce of area and preliminary daylight recce for patrols will have to be arranged.
 - (f) After the conclusion of patrol etc exercises, a further rest will be taken and the unit will return to camp to arrive back at approx 0700 hrs.
 - (g) On arrival at the camp site the unit will continue the march for about a mile beyond its lines and will carry out about 15 mins smartening up close order drill. The intention to move beyond the camp area should not be made public. This will then be a good test of stamina and morale.
 - (h) The unit will return to camp for breakfast and will then rest for the remainder of the morning, but will carry out a normal training programme in the camp area in the afternoon.

5. PREPARATION OF EXERCISES

During Period 3, pl and coy exercises are to be prepared for use in Period 4. Two copies of all Coy exercises are to be forwarded to this H.Q.

6. FIELD WORKS

The field works to be undertaken during Period 3 will consist of the preparation of weapon pits and section posts, the latter being so placed that they can later be incorporated as part of a company locality. Wiring will be practised so far as stores will permit. In preparation for the training, C.O's will immediately select a suitable digging area in their own training area and will submit particulars to this H.Q. for approval.

This area should permit of the preparation of a defensive position on reverse slopes with forward observation and should be suitable for a coy area having two pls forward. All round defence of the area must be considered. Where a natural anti-tank obstacle exists in a Bn area the digging area is to be associated with it. The question of tank hunting pls is dealt with later in this Circular.

7. TRANSPORT

Apart from the training of transport personnel as envisaged in para 4 (c) above and other training undertaken by units, the collective training of Bde transport personnel both by day and night will be organized from time to time by the Bde T.O. Units will be advised.

8. SPECIALIST TRAINING

The specialist training of the pls of H.Q. Coy will be undertaken during Period 3. This can be arranged whilst pls of rifle coys are carrying out sec training. The physical condition of Bn H.Q. personnel must be considered and steps taken to ensure that clerks, orderlies etc receive sufficient training to enable them to stand the strain of active operations

9. MARCHING

In order to prepare units for the physical test of the two night bivouac exercises a certain amount of marching will be necessary. This will be carried out on two separate days on each of which units will march to a training area about 6 miles distant and will there carry out 3 hrs section training before marching back to camp. These periods of section training away from camp are included in the hours shown below as allotted to that subject.

10. COURSES.

During Period 3, Bde Courses will be conducted as follows:-

- (a) Carrier Course - To commence at 0900 hrs MONDAY 23 Dec. All unit carriers will report on that day at Bde Transport Lines. Lts. Allan 2/14 Bn and Heerman 2/16 Bn will conduct the Course. One experienced N.C.O. will be left with each carrier pl and the remainder will attend the course, reporting to Lt Allan at Bde Tpt lines at 0900 hrs 23 Dec.
- (b) Coy Comds Course - It is intended to commence a course for the training of Coy Comds as soon as practicable. Units will be advised later of the detailed arrangements.

11. SYLLABUS OF WORK - PERIOD 3

A total of 77½ hrs is available for training during Period 3 (30 Dec to 11 Jan) and is arrived at as follows:-

11 days at 5½ hrs each	60½ hrs
Less 2 days taken up in marching to Bivouac areas and resting after complete night exercises	11 hrs
	<u>49½ hrs</u>
Add 2 afternoons of 3 hrs each, marching to bivouac areas and 2 mornings of 3 hrs each, marching from bivouac areas	12 hrs
	<u>61½ hrs</u>
Add 8 hrs for patrol exercises on two bivouacs	8 hrs
	<u>69½ hrs</u>
Add 4 normal night exercises - patrols and night marching - of 2 hrs each	8 hrs
	<u>77½ hrs</u>

These total periods are to be allocated as follows:-

- (a) FIELD CRAFT - subjects as set out in MTP 33 Ch II - 5½ hrs

/ (b) SECTION

(b) SECTION TRAINING	- Fire orders	- 3)	
- DAY	- Formations	- 1)	
MTP 33 Ch II	- Ground	- 2)	
	- Message Carrying	- 1)	
	- Patrols	- 3)	- 20 hrs
	- Sec in defence	- 3)	
	- " " attack	- 3)	
	- Road blocks	- 4)	
SECTION TRAINING	- Night marching and		
- NIGHT	patrols - (Normal		
	Nights)	- 8)	
	- Patrol Exs, bivouac	- 8)	16 hrs
	Areas	- 8)	
FIELD WORKS	-		10 hrs
WEAPON TRAINING	- Bren L.M.G.	- 6)	
	30 ^x Range Pracs.	- 3)	9 hrs
MARCHING	- To and from Bivouac		
	Sites	-12)	
	Two other days)	
	marching to distant)	
	training areas)	
	(para 9 (5))	- 5) -	17 hrs
			77½ hrs

Within the framework of the above hours C.O's may, at their own discretion, set aside not more than 5½ hrs for recapitulation of work missed through bad weather, leave, or other causes. These hours could best be deducted from the fieldcraft and sec leading portions of the above outline.

12. Units will now draw up detailed syllabi based on the above allocation and submit them to this H.Q. for approval by 0900 hrs 27 Dec '40. Based upon local advice, January is a wet month and units must have an alternative syllabus prepared should rain curtail outdoor training. Weapon trg and sec and pl exercises on cloth models are to figure largely in any indoor training undertaken.

13. TANK HUNTING

As from the commencement of Period 4 (see Trg Circ No 3), special training for tank hunting in accordance with 1 Aust Corps Circular 2959 of 30 Nov '40 is to commence. Tank hunting is not to be the province of a special pl. Each pl is to be trained, a start being made by training one pl in each coy.

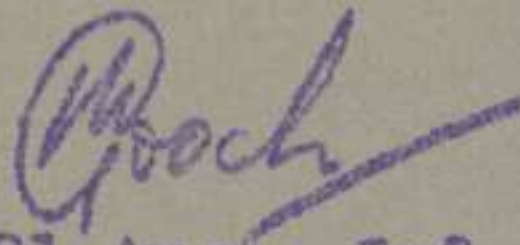
14. The main points of the circular are:-
- (a) the necessity for offensive action against tanks;
 - (b) the necessity for a close study of all available information concerning tanks;
 - (c) the limited field of vision of tank crews;
 - (d) the field of fire of tank weapons;
 - (e) tank habits at night;
 - (f) German methods of employment;
 - (g) types of anti-tank weapons, incl. bombs;
 - (h) types of ambushes.

15. The lack of close acquaintance with the modern tank, its capabilities, appearance etc makes the training of this pl a difficult proposition but attention is directed to the message from the C.G.S. on page 20 of Army Training Memorandum No.28 which applies in this case.

16. A.T. Rifles in limited numbers are now available and must be afforded all ranks early opportunity to become familiar with them. Similar action must be taken as the other weapons referred to in App D of the Circular come to hand.

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The suitability of certain personnel in each pl will doubtless be obvious to Bn Comds and these men should be given training in the preparation of bombs, care being taken to minimise the risk of injury. These men can also be exercised specially in throwing hand grenades and in field works of the type necessary to impede the progress of tanks.



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CHURCH PARADES - CHRISTMAS DAY - 25 DEC 40

1. CÉLEBRATIONS

Time	Denomination	Units	Place	Chaplain	Duty Unit
2400 hrs 24 Dec	All Protestants	All except 2/16	Recreation Hut 2/1 Pnrs.	Chap. Bransfield	2/1 Pnrs.
0715 25 Dec	Protestant	2/27 Bn.	2/27 Bn Recreation Hut	Chap. Whereat	2/27 Bn.
0715	Protestant	2/16 Bn.	Recreation Hut 2/16 Bn.	Chap. Spratling	2/16 Bn.
0730	Protestant	2/1 Pnrs 3 A.Tk. Regt	Recreation Hut 2/1 Pnrs.	Chap. Bransfield	2/1 Pnrs.
0730	R.C.	All except 2/16 Bn.	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whelan	2/1 Pnrs
0900	Protestant	2/14 Bn H.Q. Bde. 21 A.Tk. Coy. 2/5 Pd. Amb. 59 L.A.D.	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whereat	2/14 Bn.

2. PARADES

0830 0900	R.C.	All Units except 2/16	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whelan	2/1 Pnrs
0900	Protestant	2/16 Bn.	Open Air own lines	Chap. Spratling	2/16 Bn.
0930	Protestant	2/1 Pnrs 3 A.Tk. Reg.	Open Air 2/1 Pnrs. Lines	Chap. Bransfield	2/1 Pnrs.
1000	Protestant	2/14 Bn H.Q. 21 Bde. 21 A.Tk. Coy. 59 L.A.D.	Open Air 2/16 Bn Parade Ground	Chap. Whereat	2/14 Bn
1100	Protestant	2/27 Bn. 2/5 Pd. Amb.	"	"	2/27 Bn.

- Notes. 1. Duty Unit as detailed for service will provide one officer as Staff Officer Parade. He will be responsible that all arrangements as regards the hall, seating accommodation, music etc are made. He will hand over to senior officer present when all units are in attendance.
2. The duty unit will detail a working party to clean the place of parade at the conclusion of the particular service.
3. 2/16 Bn is requested to make amplifier available to other parades on 2/16 Bn. Parade ground.

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CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 22 DEC 40

Church parades are to be held in the open when weather permits. Due to the uncertain state of the weather, parades for Sunday 22 Dec 40, for units not in quarantine, will be held in the Picture Theatre at the times shown:-

Time.	Denomination	Units	Place	Chaplain	Duty Unit.
0830	R.C. (Mass)	All units except 2/1 Pnrs & 2/16 Bn.	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whelan	2/27 Bn.
0900	Protestant	2/1 Pnrs	Open Air own lines	Chap. Bransfield	2/1 Pnrs.
0900	Protestant	2/16 Bn.	Open Air own lines	Chap. Spratling	2/16 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/27 Bn 2/5 Fd. Amb.	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whereat	2/27 Bn
1000	Protestant	2/14 Bn H.Q. 21 Bde 21 A.Tk. Coy 59 L.A.D.	Picture Theatre	Chap. Spratling	2/14 Bn
1100	Protestant	3 A.Tk. Regt.	Picture Theatre	Chap. Bransfield	3 A.Tk. Regt.

- Notes
1. Duty Unit as detailed for service will provide one officer as Staff Officer Parade. He will be responsible that all arrangements as regards the hall, seating accommodation, music etc are made. He will hand over to senior officer present when all units are in attendance.
 2. The duty unit will detail a working party to clean the place of parade at the conclusion of the particular service.

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S.C. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
22 Dec. '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS.

NO 26.

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1500 hrs.

DATE

DUTY UNIT.

22 Dec. '40

2/5 Fd. Amb.

Next for Duty

2/3 Anti-Tank Regt.

CONTAINERS
- SUPPLIES

2. All containers issued to units with supplies are now classed as "returnable" and will be returned to the Supply Depot, El Majdal, immediately their contents have been removed. The value of containers issued and not returned will be debited against Units responsible.

INDENTS
FOR WAR
EQUIPMENT.

3. Ref CRO No 36 dated 3 Dec '40, para 149, which is repeated below, all AIF units in Palestine will comply with this order immediately.

(a) All A.I.F. Units in Palestine which have not already submitted indents (A.F. G.997) for War Equipment will do so immediately.

(b) Indents will be based on A.F. G.1098 series. Where necessary, allowance will be made for variation between British and Australian War Establishments.

(c) Indents will be for quantities required to complete initial issues (i.e. war outfit) only, and will not include any maintenance requirements not shown in A.F. G.1098.

(d) Indents will be endorsed "Required to complete initial issues."

(e) They will be submitted:-

(i) In the case of units of 7 Aust. Div, to
DADOS, 7 Aust. Div.

(ii) Units other than those of 7 Aust. Div., to
DADOS, GAZA Area.

A copy of each unit indent will be forwarded by D.A.Ds. O.S. direct to ADOS (P) Barbara for provision action.

Demands will be submitted in order that ADOS (P) has copies in his possession within seven days of this date.

(f) War Equipment Tables, where available, have been issued to Units and D.A.Ds. O.S.

A reference library of W.E. Tables is held by ADOS (P). These are available for the use of Units in the office of ADOS (P), but cannot be taken away.

Where no A.F. G.1098 is available the general table A.F. G.1098/1000 will be applicable.


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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS

NO.27.

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
23 Dec 40.	2/3 Anti-Tank Regt.
Next for Duty	2/14 Bn.

PICQUET
PICTURE
THEATRE

2. All previous instructions regarding provision of a picquet at the Picture Theatre and the duties of this picquet are cancelled and the following substituted therefore:-

The Duty Bn will, each evening, furnish a picture picquet of 1 Officer, 4 N.C.O's and 20 men.

The picquet will be disposed both inside and outside the theatre to maintain order and discipline from 1730 hrs to 1015 hrs.

The particular duties of the picquet will be -

- INSIDE
- (a) To prevent rowdyism
 - (b) To prevent personnel entering the theatre unless correctly dressed.
 - (c) To prevent any liquor being taken into or drunk in the theatre
 - (d) To prevent personnel of units in isolation from entering the theatre.
- OUTSIDE
- (a) To prevent rowdyism
 - (b) To ensure that the urine tubs are in position and that the men use them. In this connection fouling the ground in the vicinity of the theatre is to be treated as a serious offence and men found doing this are to be taken back under escort to their own unit lines and a charge preferred against them.

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B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS
DAY SERVICES

In addition to those celebrations and services shown in the Circ. for Christmas Day, the following will be instituted:-

0700	R.C.	All except	Picture	Chap.
25 Dec	Mass.	2/16 Bn.	Theatre	Whelan.

Confession will be held in the 2/1 Pnr. Recreation Hut at 1915 hrs. 23rd. and 24th. Dec 40.

COMFORTS

The receipt of 4661 Christmas Hampers from the A.C.F. is gratefully acknowledged. Distribution was made as follows:-

2/1 Pnrs	952	H.Q.21 Bde & Att.	93	2/27 Bn.	882
2/5 Fd.Amb	254	21 A.Tk. Coy	81	3 A.T.Regt	617
2/14 Bn	901	2/16 Bn	881	TOTAL	4661

SPORTING
FIXTURES

Matches were arranged for Sat 21 Dec between units in the camp. Matting was put down for a cricket match which was cancelled by mutual consent of the units concerned, only late notification being received at this H.Q. Goal posts were erected and the football ground made ready for play, one team arrived but the other failed to do so. No notification was given to either this H.Q. or the other team. In order to save unnecessary trouble and labour it is essential that units adhere to the arrangements made or give sufficient notice of inability to do so to this H.Q. and to the other teams participating.

LEAVE TABLE - UNIT JULIS CAMP. DEC - 5 JAN

Serial	Date	Leave Period	Leave Place	H.Q. 21 Bde	21 A.Trk. Coy.	59 L. A. D.	2/14 Bn	2/27 Bn	2/5 3d. Amb.	2/1 Pnr. Bn.	Total
1.	Mon 23 Dec	1 day 1 day	TEL AVIV JERUSALEM	10	9	1		180 P	50	200	400 50
2.	Tues 24 Dec	2 days	JERUSALEM	2	3					20	25
3.	Thur 26 Dec	1 day	JERUSALEM						20	P 180	200
4.	Frid 27 Dec	2 days	JERUSALEM	2	3		15	5	25		50
5.	Sun 29 Dec	2 days	JERUSALEM				50				50
6.	Mon 30 Dec	1 day	TEL AVIV	9	8	1	332P				350
7.	Tues 31 Dec	2 days	JERUSALEM					50			50
8.	Frid 3 Jan	1 day	JERUSALEM					125p			125
9.	Sat 4 Jan	2 days	JERUSALEM	9	9	2		5			25
TOTALS				32	32	4	397	365	95	400	1325

1. Picquets - Serial 1, 2/27 Bn. Serial 3, 2/1 Pnr. Serial 6, 2/14 Bn. Serial 8, 2/27 Bn. The whole picquet will be carried in M.T. provided by unit supplying picquet.
2. Unit Leave parties will be personally inspected by C.O. or 2 i/c Unit before leaving unit lines.
3. Leave parties will assemble on Parade Ground East of Picture Theatre. All leave parties will embuss and debuss at Picture Theatre. Leave Parties returning will be marched from debussing area to unit lines by O's C parties. Leave parties of a strength or 10 or less will be in charge of a responsible N.C.O. Parties of 100 strength or over will be in charge of an Officer of not less rank than a Capt. Officers will accompany unit leave parties on the basis of one for every 25 other ranks.
4. Return Fares are as follows:- Julis - Jerusalem 200 mils - Julis - Tel Aviv 145 mils.
Fares will be collected prior to issue of leave passes and handed to bus contractor's representative.
5. Buses will report Picture Theatre as follows :- For one day leave to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. 0730 hrs.
For two day leave to Jerusalem, 1300 hrs daily.
6. Dress - Service Dress
7. Other details regarding leave and conduct of troops whilst on leave are contained in A.I.P. S.O.Pal Appendices H&K

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S.C. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde. Capt. Appendix 47

APPENDIX 47(a)

Strength of the Bde this day - 23 Dec'40 is as follows :-

UNIT	Offrs.	OR's	TOTAL
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	12	61	73
21 A Tk Coy	4	77	81
59 LAD	1	10	11
2/14 Bn	40	857	897
2/16 Bn	36	846	882
2/27 Bn	33	847	880
TOTAL	126	2698	2824
Total of Bde less 21 A Tk Coy and 59 LAD -	121	2611	2732

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD. JULES

NO. 28

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1800 hrs.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
24 Dec 40	2/14 Bn.
Next for Duty	2/27 Bn.

CHIROPODISTS 2. (a) Courses in Chiropody are being arranged to train Cpl Chiropodists who will fill vacancies on the WE (see AIF Order No. 130 of 13 Dec 40.
 (b) All units will forward to this H.Q. by 26 Dec 40 the names of
 (i) men employed in units as Chiropodists
 (ii) men who wish to be trained as Chiropodists
 (c) The qualifications of each man should be clearly stated
 (d) Units which have previously submitted names will re-submit them pursuant to this order.
 (e) Candidates who qualify will be appointed to units as Cpl Chiropodists up to the number required.
 (f) Unless already in the AAMC, men selected to fill vacancies will be transferred to the AAMC

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS 3. On Christmas Day 25 Dec 40, Boxing Day 26 Dec 40 and New Year's Day 1 Jan 41 all training will be suspended.
 No leave to visit JERUSALEM, TEL AVIV or other towns, additional to that contained in leave-tables, will be granted.
 COs of all units, except those in quarantine, may grant leave to members of their units to enable them to visit other units in the Australian Camp area between incl GASTINA and incl GAZA RIDGE. Camp lines of units in quarantine are out of bounds to members of other units. GAZA TOWN will be out of bounds to other ranks of 7 Div on the three days above mentioned.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY CANTEEN SERVICE 4. 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 Sergeants, 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 will be forwarded with recommendations of COs, to this HQ by 0900 hrs 2 Jan 41.

CANTEEN HOURS 5. Canteen hours for 25th. Dec may be allotted at CO's discretion:-
 1 hour a.m.
 1 hour p.m.
 1 hour Night.

CHURCH PARADES CHRISTMAS DAY 6. Church parade Cdre for Christmas Day is amended as follows:-
 (a) For R.C. Celebration at 0730 hrs read 0700 hrs
 (b) For R.C. Parade at 0900 hrs read 0815 hrs.

Blusky Capt
 for
 Maj.
 B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Appendix 49.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

by

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

COMD. 21 AUST. INF. BDE.

Best wishes for a pleasant Christmas and for a speedy and safe return to your homes with our job well done go to all who are serving with the Twenty-first Brigade from one who is very proud to command it.

The keenness and the good spirits which are so marked throughout our Brigade will help us to tackle whatever tasks may be allotted us in the New Year, and I have no fear that we will fail for lack of trying hard. Fit bodies and alert minds are essential and all of us must do our utmost to attain a high standard of physical and mental fitness.

1941 lies ahead of us and if, at the end of it, we can honestly claim to have done our jobs well and lived our lives decently, the year will have been well spent.

Good luck to you all.

J.E.S. Stevens
Brigadier.
Commanding 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
24 Dec. 40

O.C. Bde HQ.

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H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
26 Dec. '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS. - Part 1.

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS.

NO 29.

HOOCH, N.T. (.522)

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

26 Dec. '40.

2/5 Pd.Amb.

Next for Duty

3 Anti-Tank Regt.

SPORTS.

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

Saturday, 28 Dec. '40.

- Cricket - H.Q. 21 Bde. v 2/5 Pd.Amb.
- Rugby - 3 A.Tk.Regt. v 2/1 Pnr.Bn.
- Aust. Rules - 2/16 Bn. v 2/27 Bn.

Sunday, 29 Dec. '40.

- Aust. Rules - 2/14 Bn. v 2/16 Bn.
- Football - 2/27 Bn. v 2/16 Bn.
- Rugby - Combined team from 2/14, 2/16 and 2/27 Bns. v 3 A.Tk.Coy.

The Cricket match will commence at 1400 hrs. All football fixtures will commence at 1430 hrs. Units will provide their own sporting material.

COURSE FOR SIG. INSTRS.

3. A Signal Course lasting one month will begin on a date after 29 Dec. with the object of training instructors for various Signal Schools and Courses.

The work to be carried out will include both theoretical and practical signalling and in the first instance will aim at the standard required of Regimental Signallers, later including all branches of Signal work.

As there are so many different branches, e.g. Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony, Line Telegraphy and Telephony, Despatch Riding, Visual Signalling, there is plenty of scope for the individual to find the work most suited to his tastes, and at the same time for the ambitious man to find opportunities for promotion.

Officers, N.C.O's and men of this Bde. are invited to submit their names to this H.Q. for selection. The following qualifications are desirable :-

- (i) A good general education, preferably to the Junior or Intermediate standard.
- (ii) A general knowledge of the Army and its organization.
- (iii) A genuine interest in Signal works.

Those who have had experience in any technical branch of communication work are especially required.

Although the above qualifications are desirable, this should not deter the man to whom the work of Signals appeals and who wants to make headway.

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The syllabus of the Course covers most requirements and the instruction given will enable the individual, providing he puts his best into it, to gain the knowledge required.

Successful candidates at the conclusion of the Course will receive appointments to the Staff of 1 Aust. Corps. School of Signals or other Signal Units, either as Sergeants or Commissioned Officers.

Appointment as an instructor to a school does not mean that the N.C.O. will be retained at the school indefinitely. Individuals will have opportunities for re-appointment to a unit after a period of about six months at the School.

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(Sgd.) T.W. COOCH,

TO HONOUR T. 1800 hrs.

DUTY UNIT

Maj. B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

2/5 P.A. Bn.

28 Dec. '40.

3 Anti-Tank Regt.

Next for duty

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

SPORTS

Saturday, 28 Dec. '40.

Cricket - H.Q. 21 Bde. v 2/5 P.A. Bn.
Rugby - 3 A.T.K. Regt. v 2/1 P.A. Bn.
Aust. Rules - 2/18 Bn. v 2/27 Bn.

Sunday, 29 Dec. '40.

Aust. Rules - 2/14 Bn. v 2/18 Bn.
Rugby - 2/27 Bn. v 2/18 Bn.
Combined team from 2/14, 2/18 and 2/27 Bns. v 3 A.T.K. Coy.

The Cricket match will commence at 1400 hrs. All football fixtures will commence at 1430 hrs. Units will provide their own sporting material.

A Signal Course lasting one month will begin on a date after 29 Dec. with the object of training instructors for various Signal Schools and Courses.

COURSE FOR SIG. INSTRUCTORS

The work to be carried out will include both theoretical and practical signalling and in the first instance will aim at the standard required of regimental signallers, later including all branches of signal work.

As there are so many different branches, e.g. Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony, Line Telegraphy and Telephony, Morse and Visual Signalling, there is plenty of scope for the individual to find the work most suited to his tastes, and at the same time for the ambitious man to find opportunities for promotion.

Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of this Bde. are invited to submit their names to this H.Q. for selection. The following qualifications are desirable :-

- (i) A good general education, preferably to the Junior or Intermediate standard.
- (ii) A general knowledge of the Army and its organization.
- (iii) A genuine interest in signal work.

Those who have had experience in any technical branch of communication work are especially required. Although the above qualifications are desirable, this should not deter the man to whom the work of Signals appeals and who wishes to make headway.

Over.

H.Q. 21 Aust Inf. Bde.
27 Dec. '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - Part 1.

BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS, R.D.

CAMP COMD. JULIS.

NO. 30.

DUTIES. 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

DATE.

DUTY UNIT.

27 Dec '40.

3 Anti-Tank Regt.

Next for Duty

2/14 Bn.

DETENTION BARRACKS. 2. Warrants for temporary Detention etc.

(a) In view of restricted accommodation at 1 Aust Detn Bks., C.O.'s will NOT issue warrants for the temporary detention of persons charged with an offence triable by Court Martial requiring 1 Aust Detn Bks to hold such persons unless such warrant is countersigned by a formation etc commander or a brigade commander.

(b) Such persons will, where possible, be confined in unit detention compounds while awaiting trial and NOT committed to 1 Aust Detn Bks.

LEAVE.

3. Individual leave may now be granted by Commanding Officers for inter Camp visits. Leave passes must be issued for such visits. No leave for other ranks is to be granted to GAZA TOWN.

DENTAL FITNESS.

4. All Units 21 Bde will report by 0900 hrs 30 Dec. regarding the dental fitness of their personnel. A general summary only is required.


Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

NOTICES.

MAILS.

As from 26 Dec, mails will arrive and depart from the Field Post Office twice daily.

Departures 0915 hrs.
1515 hrs.

Arrival 1200 hrs.
1830 hrs.

Postal Orderlies must have mail at Field Post Office by 0845 hrs and 1445 hrs in order to catch outgoing mails.

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H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.,
28 Dec. '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - Part 1.

BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS, B.D.

CAMP GULD, JULIS.

No. 31.

DUTIES.

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

DATE.

28 Dec. '40.

Next for Duty.

DUTY UNIT.

2/14 Bn.

2/27 Bn.

BREN GUN.

INSTRUCTORS.

2. A statement is required from units by 3 Jan '41 of :-

1. Number of trained Bren Gun Instructors in their units.
2. Number of men in their units capable of firing the Bren Gun.

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CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 29 DEC '40

TIME	DENOMINATION	UNITS	PLACE	CHAPLAIN	DUTY UNIT
hrs 0730 (Voluntary)	Protestant Holy Communion	All except 2/16 Bn	Recreation Hut 2/27 Bn	Chap Whereat	2/27 Bn
0830 hrs	R.C.	All units except 2/16	Picture Theatre	Chap Whelan	2/14 Bn
0900 hrs	Protestant	2/16 Bn	Open Air	Chap. Spratling	2/16 Bn
0915 hrs	Protestant	3 A.T. Regt 2/5 Pd. Amb	Picture Theatre	Chap. Bransfield	3 A. Tk Regt.
1015 hrs	Protestant	2/27 Bn	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whereat	2/27 Bn
1030 hrs	Protestant	2/1 Pnr Bn	Open Air	Chap. Bransfield	2/1 Pnr Bn
1115 hrs	Protestant	2/14 Bn H.Q. 21 Bde 21 A.T. Coy 59 L.A.D.	Picture Theatre	Chap Spratling	2/14 Bn
1930 hrs	Protestant (voluntary)	All except 2/16 Bn	2/27 in Recreation Hut	Chap Whereat	2/27 Bn

- NOTES
1. Duty unit as detailed for service will provide one officer as Staff Officer Parade. He will be responsible that all arrangements as regards the hall, seating accommodation, music etc are made. He will hand over to senior officer present when all units are in attendance.
 2. The duty unit will detail a working party to clean the place of parade at the conclusion of the particular service.

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B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

2/16 Bn

2/16 Bn

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29 Dec '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD. - JULIS

No 32

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
29 Dec '40	2/27 Bn
Next for duty	2/1 Pnr Bn

M. AUSTIN Capt.
A/B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde

NOTICES.

CONCERT

Sax's Concert Band will give two performances at the Camp Picture Theatre on 31 Dec at the usual show hours.

The concert party is comprised of wellknown artists in the Palestinian world.

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The following positions are at present vacant
21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
30 Dec '40.

Records, (if you wish) - (if you wish) - (if you wish)

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD. - JULIS.

NO. 33.

DUTIES. 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT.</u>
30 Dec. '40	2/1 Pnr. Bn.
Next for Duty	2/5 Pd. Amb.

CAMOUFLAGE OF TENTS. 2. All tents in JULIS CAMP will be re-camouflaged with mud by 1800 hrs. 31 Dec. '40.

CONSERVATION OF FUEL. 3. It is to be noted that in the present fuel situation over-drawals cannot be permitted. With wet weather there will be greater requirement of fuel, but the ration of 2 lbs of wood per head per day cannot be exceeded.

TELEGRAPH ROUTES. 4. Considerable damage is being done to insulators by stone throwing by thoughtless youths and children, particularly in rural areas.
All ranks will co-operate to safeguard these insulators and will take action to hand offenders over to nearest Police Station.

PISTOLS - 5. (a) ORs will NOT be in possession of privately-owned Revolvers, Automatic pistols, ammunition or weapons of any description.
(b) All such weapons will be collected forthwith. Each article will be clearly labelled with the owner's name and will be forwarded to Base Ordnance Depot for safe custody.
(c) The possession of privately-owned weapons by ORs will constitute a disciplinary offence.
(d) This order will be repeated in all unit RO's and action to implement this order will be completed by 9 Jan '41 and confirmation to this effect forwarded to this H.Q.

IDENTIFICATION PHOTOGRAPHS. 6 (a) All units in PALESTINE will check paybooks forthwith and will signal direct to Officer i/c Records, 2nd Ech. the numbers only, of personnel whose Identification photographs have NOT yet been taken.
(b) Nominal rolls will be prepared simultaneously and will be held in readiness for use by photographers.

VEHICLE STRENGTH RETURNS 7. Ref 1 Aust Corps Admin Instn No 21, Appx "F", "Vehicle Strength Return". These returns will be made up as at mid-night on the last day of each month, and a clear and legible copy forwarded DIRECT to HQ 1 Aust Corps. It will NOT be possible to complete unit transport to War Establishment unless returns are accurately and promptly rendered.

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VACANCIES
PERSONNEL
7 AUST DIV.

8. The following positions are at present vacant on the DADOS staff and applications are called for to complete such vacancies.

Clerk (Trade Group 111) - Correspondence, Records,....1
Publications,

Storeman (General knowledge of handling of stores)....2

Applications should reach this H.Q. by 0900 hrs 3 Jan.

CAMP COMMAND

(Sgd) M. AUSTIN,
No. 32

TO MOUNT AT 1800 hrs
A/B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

DUTY UNIT
2/1 Pw. Bn.
2/5 Pw. Bn.

30 Dec. '40
Next for Duty

All tents in 321B CAMP will be re-camouflaged with mud by 1800 hrs. 31 Dec. '40.

It is to be noted that in the present fuel situation over-drawals cannot be permitted. With wet weather there will be greater requirement of fuel, but the ration of 8 lbs of wood per head per day cannot be exceeded.

Considerable damage is being done to insulators by stone throwing by thoughtless youths and children, particularly in rural areas. All tents will co-operate to safeguard these insulators and will take action to hand offenders over to nearest police station.

(a) GAs will NOT be in possession of privately-owned Revolvers, Automatic pistols, ammunition or weapons of any description.
(b) All such weapons will be collected forthwith. Each article will be clearly labelled with the owner's name and will be forwarded to Base Ordnance Depot for safe custody.
(c) The possession of privately-owned weapons by GAs will constitute a disciplinary offence.
(d) This order will be repeated in all unit RO's and action to implement this order will be completed by 9 Jan '41 and continuation to this effect forwarded to this H.Q.

(a) All units in BALISTHE will check psychics forthwith and will sign direct to Officer in Charge, Balisthe, and the numbers only, of personnel whose identification photographs have NOT yet been taken.
(b) Mental rolls will be prepared simultaneously and will be held in readiness for use by photographers.

Ref 1 Aust Corps Admin Order No 21, Appr '40, "Vehicle Strength Return". These returns will be made up as at mid-night on the last day of each month, and a clear and legible copy forwarded DIRECT to HQ 1 Aust Corps. It will NOT be possible to complete unit transport to War Establishment unless returns are accurately and promptly rendered.

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Appendix 54(a)

ALL UNITS.

CEREMONIAL PARADE ON THURSDAY, 2 JAN. '41.

COND., LOCATION AND TIME.

A ceremonial parade will be held on an area approx. 1 1/2 miles N.E. of Julis Camp at 1130 hrs on Thursday, 2 Jan. '41. Troops from Julis and Gastina Camps will participate and will be in position by 1100 hrs. A rehearsal will be held in the same area at 1130 hrs on Tuesday, 31 Dec. '40. Troops will be in position for the rehearsal by 1100 hrs.

The parade will be cmd. by Brig. J.E.S. Stevens, 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.. Prior to his arrival the parade will be cmd. by Lt.-Col. A.R. Baxter-Cox, 2/16 Bn.

2. FORMING UP.

Units will be formed up in close coln. of coys. at 8 yds. distance - interval between units 5 yds. Units will occupy a frontage of 25 files only. The right flank of all coys. will be marked by flags. The attached sketch shows the positions of all units on parade.

3. STRENGTH.

The approx. strength of units on parade will be as follows:-

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
2/7 Fd. Regt.	500	7 coys.
2/12 Fd. Regt.	300	4 coys.
2 A. Tk. Regt.	540	8 coys.
3 A. Tk. Regt.	500	7 coys.
(H.Q. 7 Div. Engrs.)		
(2/4 Fd. Coy.)		
(2/5 Fd. Coy.)		
(a) (2/6 Fd. Coy.)	-	10 coys.
(2/7 Fd. Coy.)		
(2/5 Fd. Pk. Coy.)		
2/14 Bn.	750	10 coys.
2/16 Bn.	750	10 coys.
2/27 Bn.	750	10 coys.
2/1 Pnr. Bn.	750	10 coys.
(2/5 Fd. Amb.)		
(b) (H.Q. 21 Inf. Bde.)	-	5 coys.
(21 A. Tk. Coy.)		
TOTAL	5860	

- (a) to be organized as one unit under the C.R.E.
- (b) to be organized as one unit under G.O. 2/5 Fd. Amb. - personnel with rifles to form the leading coy or coys.

4. MOVE TO PARADE.

Units in Julis Camp will move to the parade ground in accordance with the attached March Table which applies to both rehearsal and review.

/Gastina Units....

Qastina Units will move to the parade ground in accordance with March Table to be issued by Camp Comd., Qastina. A copy of the March Table is to be sent to this H.Q.

5. PROCEDURE.

Procedure from the time the Reviewing Officer arrives at the parade ground, with necessary words of command and relevant details, are shown in Annex. attached.

6. POSITION OF OFFICERS.

(a) On the Parade: C.O's will be 8 paces in front of the centre of their units. All other officers will be in line 3 paces in front of their respective sub-units.

(b) During the March Past: C.O's will move 8 paces ahead of the right file of the right sub-unit. Other officers will move in the same relative positions as they occupied on the parade.

7. DRESS.

The dress for the parades will be :-

(a) Officers - Service Dress, Officers pattern - with gaiters - hats turned up - web belt. Pistols carried if in possession of same.

(b) Other Ranks - Service Dress - gaiters - hats turned up - drill order - bayonets fixed by personnel armed with the bayonet.

8. CARS.

Cars of the official party will be parked under the direction of Ede. T.O. in the area adjacent to the saluting base.

9. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

Any necessary traffic control on the main Qastina - Julis road will be undertaken by 1 Aust. Corps. Details affecting units will be issued later.

10. SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS.

The S.C. 21 Inf. Bde will supervise the construction of latrines in rear of the parade ground. He will arrange direct with the 2/14 Bn for the necessary working party. He will indicate the location of the latrines in the rest areas allotted to QASTINA units which will be responsible for the construction, screening and filling in of their own latrines.

11. FEEDING AREAS

Feeding areas will be selected by S.C. 21 Inf Bde. Unit representatives will report to him at the Parade Ground at 0930 hrs on the days of the rehearsal and parade. They will guide their units to the area at the conclusion of each parade. The midday meal on each day will be provided by QASTINA units in the feeding areas under unit arrangements

12. P.A.D.s

The defence of the route QASTINA - JULIS against air attack during the move on both the rehearsal and review days is the responsibility of 2 A.T. Regt. P.A.D. arrangements at the review area will be organized by the B.I.C., 21 Bde. 2/14, 2/16 and 2/27 Bns will each provide two Bren Guns with A.A. Mountings and necessary dets. These dets. will report to B.I.C. at the Flagstaff on the parade ground at 0930 hrs each day.

In the event of air alarm and the command DEPLOY being given by the Parade Comd, units will move as follows:-

(a) 2/14 Bn

- (a) flank units, 2/7 Fd Regt and 2/5 Fd Amb will turn outwards and double off;
- (b) 2/12 Fd Regt, Engrs, 2/16 Bn and 2/1 Pnr Bn will double straight forward. When clear of the parade 2/12 Fd Regt will move to the right and 2/1 Pnr Bn to the left;
- (c) 2 A.T. Regt, 2/14 Bn, 2/27 Bn, 3 A.T. Regt will turn about and double off. When clear 2 A.T. Regt will move to the left (original right of parade) and 3 A.T. Regt to the right (original left);
- (d) as soon as possible all units will deploy into smaller groups.

13. WET WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS

In the event of wet weather, the ceremonial parade on 2 Jan will be cancelled, suitable advice of this being issued to all concerned. The reviewing officer will then address representatives of all dets. of all units in the picture theatres, Gastina and Julis, at 1130 and 1215 hrs respectively, the theatres being filled to only half their capacity.

The Camp Comd. Gastina will make all necessary arrangements in connection with the Gastina Picture Theatre.

Julis units will send parties to the local picture theatre as follows:-

3 A.T. Regt	-	50
H.Q. 21 Inf. Bde	-	10
21 A.T. Coy	-	10
2/14 Bn	-	90
2/16 Bn	-	1 officer
2/27 Bn	-	90
2/1 Pnr Bn	-	90
2/5 Fd. Amb.	-	30

All unit parties will be in the theatre at a time to be notified, all C.O's attending.

14. BANDS

Bands may play their own units to the parade ground but will cease playing on entering the area. Bands will form up in rear of their own units on the parade ground, taking their dressing from the band on the right. The General Salute will be played by the 2/16 Band only. During the March Past, the bands of 2/14 and 2/16 Bns. only will play, the 2/16 Band playing until its own Unit moves off. It will then cease playing and will march past on the left of the Bn. The Band of the 2/14 Bn. will then commence to play and will continue to play until the last Unit has passed the Saluting Base. It will then cease playing and return to Camp by the shortest route. All other bands will remain silent throughout the parade and will march past the parade on the left of their Units.

15. PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM.

2/16 Bn. will install and operate their Public Address System on the parade ground for both the rehearsal and Parade, the equipment being available each day by 1000 hrs.

Maj.
B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

MARCH TABLE - JULIS UNITS - BDE. PARADES - 31 DEC. 2 JAN.

Serial No.	Unit	S.P.	Time Pass S.P.	Route	Remarks
1	21 Bde.H.Q. 21 A.Tk.Coy 2/5 Pd.Amb.	Grossing over drain opposite 2/1 Pnr.Bn.H.Q.	1000 hrs.	As pointed out to C.O's by Bde. Comd. 30 Dec.	Comd. - Lt.-Col. Green, C.O. 2/5 Pd.Amb.
2	3 A.Tk.Regnt.	as above	1006 hrs.	as above	
3	2/1 Pnr.Bn.	as above	1012 hrs.	as above	
4	2/27 Bn.	as above	1018 hrs.	as above	
5	2/16 Bn.	as above	1024 hrs.	as above	
6	2/14 Bn.	as above	1030 hrs.	as above	

NOTE. All watches are to be carefully synchronised with Bde. time between 0800 and 0900 hrs. each day.

PROCEDURE AND SEQUENCE OF ORDERS.

APPENDIX II.

Serial No	Command	Given by	When	Action to be taken in Comd.
1.	"The parade will come to attention and slope arms."	Lt.-Col. A.R. Baxter Cox.	On arrival of Parade Comd. at Flag Pole.	Units called to attention by C.O's and preparatory Comd. given "Unit, slope....." The Executive will be indicated by the lowering of the Pde.Comds.pennant after a "G" on bugle and Unit Comds.will then give the Executive comd. "Arms".
2.	"The parade will present arms".	Lt.Col. A.R.Baxter Cox.		Prep. by C.O's - "Unit - present". Executive on lowering of pennant - "Arms".
3.	"The parade will slope arms".	As for 2		as above.
4.	"The parade will order arms and stand at ease."	Parade Comd.	After taking over parade.	Preparatory orders by C.O's "Unit, order....." Executive by pennant as for 1. "Stand at ease" by Unit Comds.
5.	As for 1	Parade Comd.	Prior to arrival of Reviewing Officer.	As for 1.
6.	"General Salute. Parade will present arms".	Parade Comd.	On arrival of Reviewing Off. at Flag Pole.	C.O's "Unit - General Salute present". Executive on Parade Comd. pennant. 2/16 Bn. Band plays General Salute. Flag breaks.
7.	"Parade will slope arms".	Parade Comd.	On conclusion General Salute.	Prep. by C.O's. Exec. on lowering of pennant.
8.	"Parade will order arms".	Parade Comd.	After slope complete.	Prep. by C.O's. Exec. on lowering of pennant. Parade Comd. moves to front to meet Reviewing Officer.
9.	"Parade will stand at ease"	Parade Comd.	After Pde. Comd. returns to Parade.	Prep. order by C.O's "Stand at". Executive, "Ease" on lowering of pennant.
10.	"Parade will come to attention."	Parade Comd.	On completion of address.	Prep. by C.O's. Executive "Shun" on lowering of pennant.
11.	"Parade will march past from the left by units in line of Coys in coln. of route".	Parade Comd.	After slope complete.	Unit C.O's in succession : "Slope Arms. Unit move to the left in line of Coys in Col. of route - left turn".
12.	"Unit, eyes right."	C.O's only.	On reaching 1st. Red Flag at saluting point.	All officers salute between red flags.
13.	"Unit, eyes front".	C.O's only.	When unit passes 2nd. Red Flag at Sal. Point.	
14.	"Units right (or left) turn, Double March"	All C.O's.	When unit reaches left flank.	Qastina units give left turn. Julis units right turn. Thence to private parades.

Distances. Distances marching past - 100 Yds between Units.

REVIEWING OFFICER

DIAS

LOUD SPEAKER

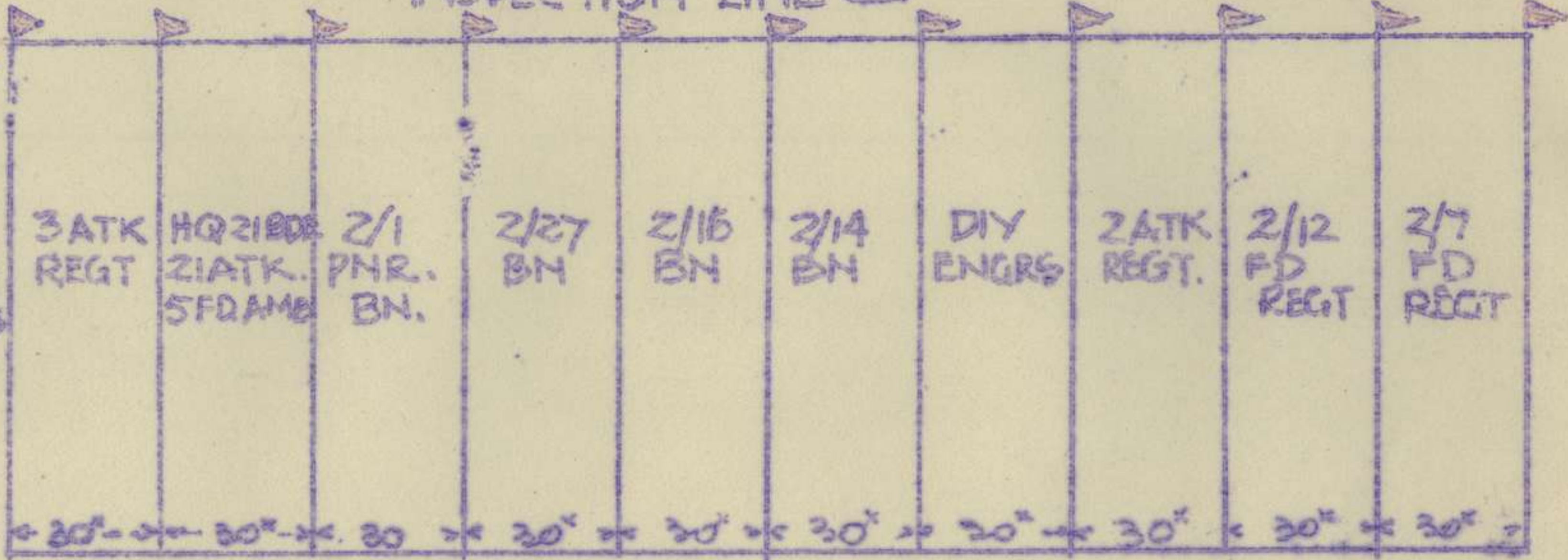
LOUD SPEAKER

SALUTING BASE

APPROX 150 YDS

INSPECTION LINE

APPROX 100 YDS



CEREMONIAL PARADE 2 JAN '41

NO 31 BDE INT'SS. 26 DEC 40 W/IT 607

APPENDIX 54 (6)

Strength of the Bde this day - 30 Dec'40 - is as follows :-

UNIT	OFFRS.	OR's	TOTAL
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	12	61	73
21 A Tk Coy	4	77	81
59 LAD	1	10	11
2/14 Bn	39	856	895
2/16 Bn	36	846	882
2/27 Bn	34	855	889
TOTAL	126	2705	2831
Total of Bde less 21 A Tk Coy and 59 LAD -	121	2618	2739

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
31 Dec. '40.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.
BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS E. D.

CAMP COMD. - JULIS.

NO. 34.

DUTIES.

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

DATE.

31 Dec. '40

DUTY UNIT.

2/5 Fd. Amb.

Next for Duty

3 Anti Tank Regt.

RECREATION HUTS.

2. All units will supply immediately to the Brigade Amenities Officer an inventory of Australian Comforts Fund tables, chairs, ping pong tables, games etc at present in their reading and writing rooms and Recreation Huts. Tables, chairs and ping pong tables supplied by this organization and located in Officers' and Sergeants' Messes and unit offices are to be recorded separately, and returned with the Recreation Hut inventory.

A.C.F.

3. Units will notify the Brigade Amenities Officer of any surplus they may have in Christmas Hampers.

WET CANTEEN HOURS.

4. As from receipt of this Order, Wet Canteens will normally operate from 1900 to 2030 hrs. only each day.

When night training is conducted however, the times may be varied at C.O's discretion but the aggregate period viz. 1 1/2 hours, is not to be exceeded.

On New Year's Day only, Wet Canteens may, if C.O's so desire, be opened as follows:-

- 1100 - 1200 hrs.
- 1600 - 1700 hrs.
- 1900 - 2030 hrs.

CONTROL OF CANTEENS.

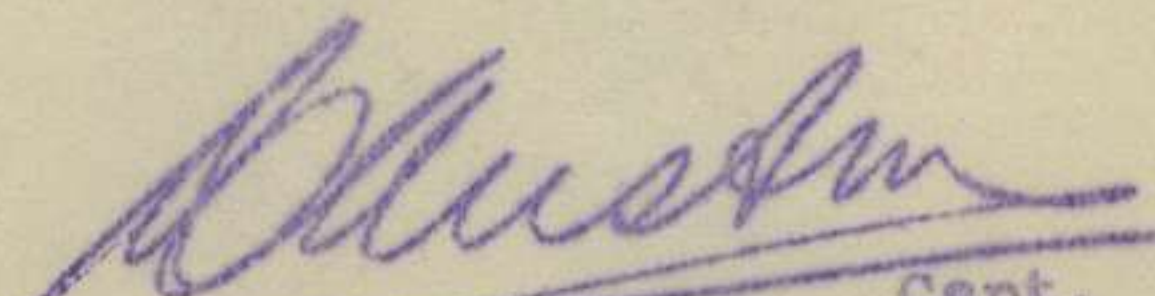
5. 3 A.T. Regt will assume control of the Canteen in MONASH LINES as from 0900 hrs Sunday 5 Jan '41.

H.Q. 21 Bde. will assume control of the Canteen in LEANE LINES as from 0900 hrs on Sunday 5 Jan '41.

SEASONAL GREETINGS.

6. The following Cable has been received from the Ladies Welfare Committee of the 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.:-

"Xmas Greetings to Officers Noncommissioned Officers Men from Brigade Ladies Welfare"


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

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NOTICES.

UNIT BANDS.

A Band Contest open to all A.I.F. Units in the area will be held shortly. Pieces will be pre-selected, and judges will be chosen from outside the A.I.F. The Contest will probably include both Quick Step and Selection.

SPORTS.

In addition to the normal week-end sporting fixtures, the following inter camp matches will be played :-

SOCCER.

New Year's Day.

UNIT.

2/14 Bn. V S 7 Div. H.Q. Deir Suneid, 1430 hrs
at Deir Suneid.

RUGBY. Sat 4 Jan 1941.

3 A. Tk. Regt. V 8 Belt Jirja 1430 hrs
at Belt Jirja.

AUST. RULES. New Year's Day.

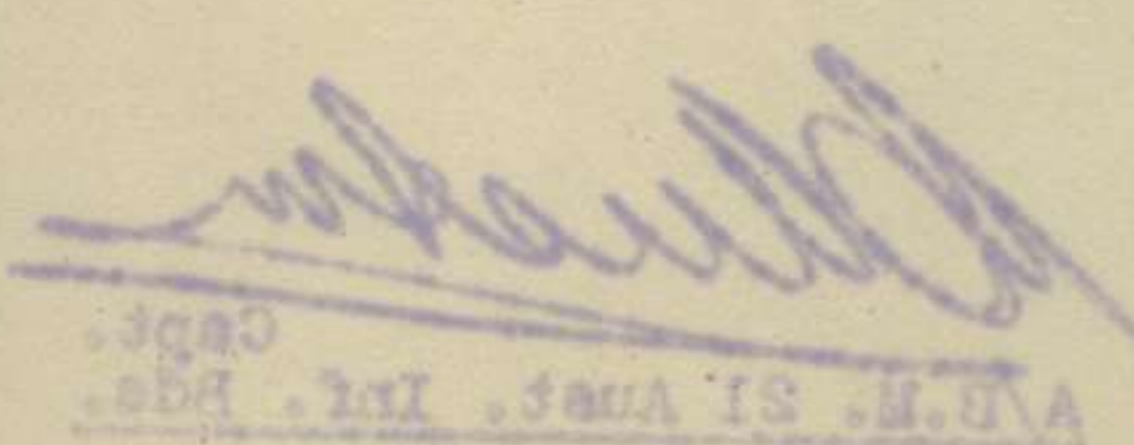
2/16 Bn. V S 2/8 Trng. Bn. 1430 hrs
at Jirja.

3. Units will notify the Brigade Assistant Officer of any surplus they may have in Christmas Hampers.
4. As from receipt of this Order, Wet Canteens will normally operate from 1900 to 2030 hrs. only each day. When night training is conducted however, the times may be varied at C.O.'s discretion but the aggregate period viz. 1 1/2 hours, is not to be exceeded.
On New Year's Day only, Wet Canteens may, if C.O.'s so desire, be opened as follows:-

1900 - 2030 hrs.
1800 - 1900 hrs.
1100 - 1200 hrs.

5. 3 A.T. Regt will assume control of the Canteen in MOWAH LINES as from 0900 hrs Sunday 5 Jan '41.
H.Q. 21 Bde. will assume control of the Canteen in LEAVE LINES as from 0900 hrs on Sunday 5 Jan '41.

6. The following Cable has been received from the Ladies Welfare Committee of the 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.:-
"Xmas Greetings to Officers Noncommissioned Officers Men from Brigade Ladies Welfare"


Capt.
A.V.M. St. Aust. Inf. Bde.

OVER

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit 21 Anti Tank Coy. Date and Time.—From 1 Dec '40 To 10 Dec '40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Julis.	1.		Church Parade	ⓑ
"	2.		Training & Camp Studies.	ⓑ
"	3.		" " "	ⓑ
"	4.		1 Officer & 6 N.C.O.'s attended Refresher Courses and Infantry Training held in Camp Area	ⓑ
"	5		Refresher Courses, Training & Camp Studies.	ⓑ
"	6		" " " "	ⓑ
"	7		" " " "	ⓑ Appendix. 1.A & 1.B
"	8.		Church Parade, Section Leading & Fieldcraft Course continued.	ⓑ
"	9.		Refresher Courses & Company Fatigues	ⓑ
"	10.		Brigade practice March Past in morning Brigadier Stevens inspecting & taking salute. At 1430 hrs Maj. Gen. J.H. Laverack saw Brigade on Parade & took the salute at March Past.	ⓑ

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit 21 Anti Tank Coy

Date and Time.—From 11 Dec '40 To 23 Dec '40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Jules.	11.		Camouflaging of tents & P.A.D. measures	
"	12.		Digging of slit trenches	
"	13.		" " " "	
"	14.		" " " "	Appendix. 2A + 2B
"	15.		Make & Mend. Cricket match in afternoon Brigade	Appendix. 3.
"			H.Q. versus Anti Tank Coy. B.H.Q. winning easily	
"	16.		Church Parade.	
"	17.		Training Syllabus.	
"	18.		Unit leave 9 of personnel went on leave to Jerusalem	
"	19.		Training Syllabus	
"	20.		" " "	
"	21.		Make & Mend. No Sport owing to High Wind & rain	Appendix. 4A + 4B
"	22.		Church Parade, Leave to Tel Aviv	
"	23.		Training Syllabus, Leave to Tel Aviv.	Appendix. 5

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit 21 ANTI TANK Coy Date and Time.—From 24 Dec '40 To 31 Dec '40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Julis.	24.		Training Syllabus + pay.	
Julis	25.		Christmas Day, Church Parade, Officers acted as Mess orderlies for men + Officers Sgts + men ate in Men's Mess. Cricket Match in afternoon	
"	26		Boxing Day, No training, Leave granted to all camps between Maslina + Gaza Ridge.	
"	27.		Training Syllabus + some leave	
"	28		Make + mend, Cricket match versus 3 A/Tk. Regt.	Appendix. 6.A + 6B
"	29.		Church Parade.	
"	30		Training Syllabus, Route March	Appendix. 7.
"	31.		Training Syllabus (wet weather)	Appendix. 8.

Ben White
 31 DEC 1940
 21 ANTI-TANK COMPANY

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

21 Anti Tank Coy (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...	1 One		
Lieutenants ...	3 Three		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	4 - Four	—	—

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

21 Anti Tank Coy. (Unit) 7 Dec 1940. (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.		/	
W.Os. Class II.	One (1)		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	One (1)		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	Three (3)		
Corporals	Eight (8)		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	Sixty Three (63)		
TOTALS	Seventy Six (76)		Two (2)

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
Vx 42279	Pte Drs. G.I.B.	EVANS J.G.	21 Anti Tank Coy	British Hospital Meascar.
Vx 17177	Pte	MILLS E.A.	21 Anti Tank Coy	A.S.H. Gaza Ridge.

Not to be published

Appendix 3.

DIAMMOC IN COMMAND ROUTINE ORDERS. AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FOR 15 Dec..40

by

CAPT. D.A.H. WHITE

O.C. 21 ANTI TANK COY.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
NO

DUTIES. 16 Dec.40

<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	Lieut. R.M.Pontey
<u>NEXT FOR DUTY.</u>	Lieut. H.W.Friend
<u>ORDERLY SERJEANT</u>	Cpl. Bowler
<u>NEXT FOR DUTY</u>	Sjt. White
<u>ORDERLY CPL.</u>	Cpl.
<u>NEXT FOR DUTY</u>	Cpl.

TRAINING. As from 0900 hrs today training will commence under Platoon arrangements.. Pl. Commanders will be responsible for the supervision and training of their own Platoons according to the Syllabus.

RECOGNITION OF INSPECTING OFFICERS :-

In future when the Brigade Commander or other Senior Officers moves near a Squad, the Instructor will order the Squad to "stand fast!" then ask if he may "go on!"

If possible the Pl. Comds or Instructor should let their personnel know the names and appointments of the visiting Officers.

Capt.

O.C. 21 Anti Tank Coy.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Appendix 2A
21 Anti Tank Coy. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...		/	/
Majors ...			
Captains ...			
Lieutenants ...	1 - One. 3 - Three.		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	4 - Four		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

21 Anti Tank Coy. (Unit) 14 Dec. 19 40. (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).	
W.Os. Class I.		/		
W.Os. Class II.	One (1)			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	One (1)			
Staff Serjeants				
Serjeants	Two (2)			1 Serjeant attending O.C.T.U. Abbas. Himli Barracks Abbassia
Corporals	Eight (8)			
Troopers, Privates, &c.	Sixty Three (63)			2 (Two)
TOTALS	Seventy five (75)		3 - (Three)	

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
/			

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
Vx18839	Pte.	Anthony G.E.	21 A. Tk. Coy	Evacuated I.A.S.H. Gaza Ridge
Vx36225	Pte.	Lindeman C.G.	" " "	" " " "
Vx16798	A/Sjt	MacLeod A.F.	" " "	Attending O.C.T.U. Abbas. Himli Barracks Abbassia

Unit.

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

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

21 Anti Tank Coy.

Unit.

D. White Capt.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

14/12/40

21 Aust. Inf. Bde 7 Aust. Div. Julius

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

21 Anti Tank Coy. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*		/	/
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...	One (1)		
Lieutenants ...	Three (3)		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	Four (4)		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
/				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
/				

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

21 Anti Tank Coy (Unit) *21st Dec.* 19*40* (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).	
W.Os. Class I.		/		
W.Os. Class II.	One (1)			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	One (1)			
Staff Serjeants				
Serjeants	Two (2)			1. Serjeant attending O.C.T.U. Abbas Hindi Barracks Abbassia
Corporals	Eight (8)			
Troopers, Privates, &c.	Sixty three (63)			2. including 1 cook attending School of H.Q. Lydda Area - Sarafand
TOTALS	Seventy five (75)			3 (three)

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX 15539	Pte	Anthony G.E.	21 Anti Tank Coy	Evacuated I. A.G.H. Gaza Ridge
VX 36426	Pte Cook	Duncan A.	" "	Attending (Cooking) School of H.Q. Lydda Area - Sarafand.
VX 16798	A/Sjt.	MacLeod A.F.	" "	Attending O.C.T.U. Abbas Hindi Barracks Abbassia

21 Anti Tank Coy Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																1 Attending O.C.T.U Abbassia
Privates																1 AS. R. Siza Ridge
Serjeant																1 Attending School of Cookery - Sarcopina
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)															3	

21 Anti Tank Coy Unit.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 21/10/40

21 Aust. Inf. Bde. - 7 Aust. Div. Italy.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

23/12/40

By

CAPT. DAA.H. WHITE

O.C. 21 ANTI TANK COY

DUTIES:- 24 DEC.1940

ORDERLY OFFICER

Lieut. White

NEXT FOR DUTY

Lieut. Pontey

ORDERLY SGT.

L/Sjt. Kirk

NEXT FOR DUTY

Sjt. Green

GREEN ENVELOPES. These are available at the Coy. H.Q. to all personnel at the rate of 1 per week as a maximum, and are issued under the following conditions :-

- (a) On application to the O.C. by the individual.
- (b) The envelopes must not be used for coin or valuables and cannot be registered.
- (c) The correspondence in "green envelopes" need not be censored by the Unit Officers but is liable for examination at Base.
- (d) The users of these envelopes must sign an oath that there is nothing but private and family matters in the letter.
- (c) In the case of mis-use of "green envelopes. Officers Commanding Units may stop the issue to individuals without reference.
- (d) Green envelopes lend themselves to abuse and severe disciplinary action will be taken if breaches of regulations are brought to notice by the Chief Field Censor

MESS ORDERLIES

As from 0630 hrs 24 Dec there will be only one permanent Mess Orderly to be detailed daily. Each platoon will detail 1 extra mess orderly to report to C.Q.M.S. 15 minutes before each meal parade and ~~him~~ to remain for thirty minutes after the meal is finished, except after the evening meal when all mess orderlies will remain on duty until cook-house and mess tents and washing up have been completed. All mess orderlies except the man detailed for whole day will attend all parades.

BOOTS

- (a- Boots handed in for repairs may be collected at Q Store up to 1900 hrs today..
- (b) All boots requiring repairs will be handed to Q.Store before 1900hrs Wednesday. Each boot must have a label attached with No.Name Rank and Unit marked clearly on it. Boots will be tied together. Labels are available at the Q.Store

COOK-HOUSE

Personnel are again reminded that the Cook-house is out of bounds to all men except those who are required there for duty.

[Handwritten Signature]

Capt.

O.C.21 Anti Tank Coy.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

21 ANTI TANK Coy (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...	1 ONE		
Lieutenants ...	3 THREE		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	4 FOUR	—	—

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

21 ANTI-TANK COY (Unit) 28 DEC 40 19 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.		/	/
W.Os. Class II.	ONE (1).		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	ONE (1).		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	THREE (3).		
Corporals	EIGHT (8).		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	SIXTYFIVE (65).		
TOTALS	SEVENTYFIVE (75)		

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
/			

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX16798	A/SGT.	M ^{rs} LEOD A.F.	21 ANTI-TANK COY	C/O.C.T.U. 4 ABBAS-HMLI BARRACKS ABBASSIA.
VX18839	PTE.	ANTHONY G.E.	"	EVAKUATED I.A.G.H GAZA RIDGE.
VX36426	PTE COOK	DUNCAN A	"	ATTENDING COOKERY SCHOOL 4 H.R. LYDDA AREA - SARAFAND

A.M.R.&O.1587
(Not to be published)

ROUTINE ORDERS
By
CAPT. D.A.H. WHITE
O.C. 21 ANTI TANK COY.

Appendix 7.

30/12/40.

<u>DUTIES</u>	31/12/40.	<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	Lieut. Pontey
		<u>NEXT FOR DUTY</u>	Lieut. White
		<u>ORDERLY SERGEANT</u>	Sgt. Greene
		<u>ORDERLY CORPORAL</u>	Cpl. Heriot

REHEARSAL - GENERAL - PARADE

Company will in at 0920 Hrs. on Coy Parade Ground.

DRESS

Service Dress, Drill Order, Hats turned up, Gaiters.

PUGAREES

Pugarees will be worn with colour patches sewn neatly on right hand side.

TELEGRAPH LINES

Considerable damage is being done to insulators by stone throwing by thoughtless youths and children, particularly in rural areas.

All ranks will co-operate to safeguard these insulators and will take action to hand offenders over to nearest Police Station.

PISTOLS

ORs will NOT be in possession of privately owned Revolvers, Automatic Pistols, Ammunition or weapons of any description.

All such weapons will be collected forthwith. Each article will be clearly labelled with the owners name and will be forwarded to Base Ordnance Depot for safe custody.

The possession of privately-owned weapons will constitute a disciplinary offence.

D. A. H. White

Lieut. for Capt.
O.C. 21 Anti Tank Coy.

ROUTINE ORDERS

31 Dec..40

Appendix 8

A.R.M. & O 1587
Not to be published

by

LIEUT. R.J. WHITE

FOR O.C. 21 ANTI TANK COY.

DUTIES:-

<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	Lieut. White
<u>NEXT FOR DUTY</u>	Lieut. Friend
<u>ORDERLY N.C.O.</u>	Sjt. Cpl. Lindeman
<u>NEXT FOR DUTY</u>	Cpl. Von Bibra
<u>DUTY PLATOON</u>	No.2 Pl.

REVIEW The Coy. will take part in the General Parade on Thu.2 Jan..40

The Coy will parade on Coy Parade ground at 0920 hrs.

DRESS Service Dress, Drill Order, hats turned up, gaiters will be worn.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

There will be no parades on 1 Jan..41 other than the ⁷⁰⁰ 0630 Roll Call.

Inter-Camp leave will be granted after 1000 hrs; Leave ~~pass~~ passes must be obtained at the Unit Orderly Tent.

CAMOUFLAGE OF TENTS.

If weather fines up tents will be camouflaged by 1000 hrs.
1 Jan..40

AIR MAIL POSTAGE

<u>Letters & packets</u>	under $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. - 9 pence
	over $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. - 1/6 every oz
<u>example</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.- 9 pence
	1 oz.- 3/-
	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 4/6/

i.e. No concession rates will be given on letters exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz including the first $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

R. J. White Lieut for Capt.
O.C. 21 Anti Tank Coy..

H. Q. 21 AUST. INF. BDE.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F.S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
JULIS CAMP.	2 Jan'41		<p>The Ceremonial parade attended by all Units in Julis and Gastina Camps was held in the vicinity of Julis Camp. The parade Strength being 4668 all ranks. The salute was taken by the Corps Comd and the Minister for the Army (Hon. P.C. Spender, K.C.) addressed the troops. Lieut-Gen. V.A.H. Sturdee C.B.E., D.S.O. (Chief of General Staff Australia) was also present at the parade.</p> <p>The Bde Comd held a conference of CO's during the afternoon at which details of future training were discussed together with the basis for assessing standards of fitness for war of the Bde.</p> <p>The whole question of zeroing rifles was referred to 7 Aust Div in view of the expenditure of ammunition involved and the shortage of ammunition for training purposes.</p>	RO's Part 1 - app 2.
	3 Jan'41		<p>The Bde Comd visited each Bn and went carefully through the organisation of units with CO's, the main points in each case were as follows :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) desirability and capability of each officer.(b) " " " of senior NCO's.(c) standard of NCO's in HQ Secs.(d) standard of training in HQ Secs.(e) the training of Bn office personnel.(f) the distribution of duties as between 2 i/c and adjutant.(g) Unit courses in progress.(h) the frequencies of Medical inspection.(i) the measures taken to check personnel arms and equipment. <p>The GSO <u>I</u> and <u>II</u> 7 Aust Div went on the ground selected by the Bde Comd for the tactical exercise, and subject to the slight adjustment of two coys, agreed with the basis for the exercise. Arrangements were made later for the BM, 7 Div Arty to visit the camp to discuss Arty tasks.</p> <p>The 30 yds rifle ranges being constructed South West of the Camp were approved by the GSO <u>II</u></p>	RO's Part 1 app 3 Churchill

H. Q. 21 AUST. INF. BDE.

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WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

OR
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required).

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
JULIS CAMP			<p>The Bde Comd and BTO attended a lecture at 7 Aust Div given by Capt. Sellers, Div Intelligence Officer, dealing with his experiences while taking a convoy of MT to the Western Desert. Capt. Sellers also presented some useful information about conditions in forward areas generally. Verbal advice was received from 7 Aust Div that Capt. R.C. Anstee would probably be required there as GSO <u>III</u> learner.</p>	
	4 Jan '41		<p>The following officers were recommended, in the order shown, for attendance at a Staff Course commencing on 17 March :</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Capt. F.A. Woods. " M. Austin. " H.E. Wright.</p> <p>The BM, 7 Div Arty and the CO 2 A Tk Regt discussed with the Bde Comd the Arty tasks and A Tk defence required in the Bde exercise.</p> <p>The 2/5 Fd Amb and 2/1 Pnr Bn moved from Julis Camp. Adjustments in regard to the perimeter guards and canteens were made. The BTO acted as entraining officer at El Majdal Station for the move.</p> <p>Reports were received from Bn CO's regarding the fitness for war of their units. The estimated date at which it was anticipated each unit would be ready was as follows :-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2/14 Bn - 6 weeks from the date it is completely equipped. 2/16 Bn - 31 March. 2/27 Bn - 28 Feb.</p> <p>Each CO refers to the difficulty in estimating the date of readiness because of lack of information concerning future issues of equipment and MT.</p>	<p><i>RO's Part 1-App 4</i></p>
	5 Jan '41		<p>The question of defensive field works was taken up with the GSO 1. It was pointed out that training would be seriously interfered with if it were imperative to keep clear of cultivated lands. The GSO 1 agreed with the Bde Comd that digging was to be confined where practicable to uncultivated areas but that should it be essential to construct field works in ploughed</p>	<p><i>RO's Part 1-App 5</i></p>

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JULIS CAMP	6 Jan '41		<p>ploughed/ land the work should be gone ahead with and claims would have to be met.</p> <p>A draft of Training Circular concerning the next period from 13 to 31 Jan was forwarded to 7 Aust Div for approval prior to issue.</p> <p>The opening situation and first narrative of the Bde T.E.W.T. was issued to Bns.</p> <p>The Bde Comd forwarded to Div a report on the fitness for war of the Bde. If the present conditions continue he estimated the Bde could not fight till the 28 Feb, but subject to the issue of at least 70% of war equipment and transport immediately, it could fight within a month of receipt of the issue.</p> <p>The Bde tactical exercise was commenced by the issue of the appropriate orders to CO 2/16 Bn for the occupation of the right forward Bn area. Lieut-Col C Ingate, D.C.M., acting CRA, 7 Aust Div and his BM attended as Artillery representatives. Notes indicating how the tactical exercise is to be developed were issued to all concerned (a copy is attached as an appendix)</p> <p>Capt. J.W. Tighe, Camp Staff Officer who was recommended as a Staff learner does not now desire to be considered as such and his name has been withdrawn.</p> <p>7 Aust Div was asked to arrange for the services of Lieut. L. Luxton, Div Pet Coy, to be made available as Bde Transport Officer vice Capt R.C. Anstee when the latter goes to 7 Div as Staff Learner. The ultimate object is to later secure the appointment of Lieut Luxton as Staff Capt learner.</p> <p>The ADMS, 7 Aust Div made a complete inspection of the conservancy arrangements, and it was agreed by him that Capt. J.W. Tighe, C.S.O. should act as Camp Hygiene Officer, seeking medical advice from an RMO when this was necessary.</p>	<p>Tactical Exercise - App. 5a.</p> <p>R.O's Post 1 - App. 6. Bde. Strength - App. 6a.</p> <p>Training Crc. No 7. - App. 6b.</p>

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JULIS CAMP	17 Jan		<p>Advice was received that, in all probability, the C.O. 2/16 Bn would be leaving the Bde for another appointment in the relatively near future.</p> <p>Arrangements were made with the Div Comd for a Bde parade at 1030 hrs on 1 February.</p>	RO's Part 1 - app 7

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JULIS CAMP	7 Jan		<p>The task allotted to them in the Bde exercise was given to the 2/27 and 2/14 Bns. Lieut-Col. A. McDougall, Comd 2/4 Fd Regt is also participating in the exercise.</p> <p>The Div Comd, GSO's <u>I</u> and <u>II</u> lunched with the 2/16 Bn and later spent two hours watching the training.</p> <p>Advice was received that Lieut. L. Luxton, 7 Div Pet Coy would be attached to BHQ as from 8 Jan. The party of 20 officers and 80 OR's which had been to Egypt fostering the 18 Bde group, returned. The OC of the detachment, Maj. Gavin Duffy, 2/16 Bn, had managed to get as far West as Bardia, entering the outer defences on the morning after the battle had commenced. He is the first member of the Bde to see active hostilities.</p> <p>Rearrangement of the accomodation in HQ building was carried out. The Camp Staff Officer was transferred to another building and additional space made in the main building for the BIO, clerks and orderlies.</p> <p>The BTO conducted a convoy exercise (50 vehicles) commencing at 1900 hrs.</p>	
	8 Jan		<p>The compasses on issue to the Bde and those privately owned by Officers were tested by the BIO on accurately determined reference points near Gaza.</p> <p>The Bde Comd visited 7 Aust Div and discussed with the Div Comd the fitness for war of the Bde. It was agreed that for a group operation against the Italian in conditions similar to those now existing in the Western Desert, the Bde would be considered ready one month from the date of issue of equipment and MT. Other matters discussed were :-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Additional carriers, Bren Guns and Mortars. The fitting of existing carriers to take Bren Guns and the provision of A Tk mines and danert wire for training purposes.</p> <p>It was further agreed that the A Tk Coy should train on a Syllabus prepared by the CO, 2 A Tk Regt so that should the Coy be absorbed in that Regt later, the standard of training would be uniform.</p> <p>A close examination of training of the Bns indicate that in some instances a lack of preparation of minor tactical exercises and the absence of a clear explanation of the exercises being conducted. This has been taken up with all CO's.</p> <p>Lieut. L. Luxton reported at BHQ on attachment as BTO.</p>	<i>RO's Part 1-App. 8.</i>

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JULIS CAMP	9 Jan		<p>as BTO The Bde Comd inspected the training of the 2/16 and 2/27 Bns. The BM inspected the training of the 2/27 Bn. Training notes are to be issued as a result.</p> <p>Training scale of amn, viz 18,000 rounds the Bde allotment, was received together with a second delivery of 2,400 rounds of 22" amn. Minature targets were also delivered.</p> <p>Staff Capt and BSO visited Beit Jarja and inspected models of improvised and experimental cooking appliances. Those seen are no more effective than the methods being used in our own Bde.</p> <p>Due to the evacuation to hospital of the IO, 2/16 Bn, and as there was no one to replace him in the Bn, the services of the Bde IO were made available temporarily to the Bn.</p> <p>The training of the Sig Pl of the 2/14 Bn is proving difficult owing to the absence on courses of the two officers with any knowledge of Sig work, and to the absence also of the only qualified NCO's. At the suggestion of the Bde Comd, Lieut. Cuneen, 2/27 Bn is being temporarily attached to the 2/14 Bn as Sig Officer.</p> <p>A short conference of the Bn CO's was held by the Bde Comd during which the following subjects were discussed :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Fitness for War. (b) Weakness in training. (c) Re-arrangement of the leave system to minimize interference with training. (d) Bde Parade on the 1 Feb. <p>The weaknesses in training referred to in (b) are being made the subject of notes to units tomorrow.</p> <p>The Bde Comd and BM inspected the training of the 2/14 Bn.</p> <p>Lieut. Gen Sir Thomas Blamey, CB, CMG, DSO, inspected 3 A Tk Regt in Julis in the morning.</p> <p>The Bde Comd made a reconnaissance in Gedera area in the afternoon.</p>	<p>RO's Part - App 9. Church Parade App 9A Training Notes App 9B.</p>
	10 Jan.		<p>The GSO's <u>I</u> and <u>II</u> 7 Aust Div inspected the two 30 yds rifle ranges which had been constructed in the vicinity of the camp and passed both as being fit for use.</p> <p>Capt. D.A.White, OC, 21 A Tk Coy returned to duty from the Weapon Training School.</p>	<p>RO's Part - App. 10.</p>

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JULIS CAMP			<p>School / A nomination was asked for a Lieut-Col to attend a training course in combined operations. In view of the uncertainty ^{respecting the movement} of a particular CO, which it was desirable to nominate, the Div Comd decided to obtain further information. An alternative move was submitted and in the event of the Lieut-Col nomination finally being offered to the 20 Bde, it was recommended that Maj. A Potts, 2/16 Bn should fill the vacancy for an officer of that rank.</p> <p>Both the 2/14 and 2/27 Bns were again engaged in night exercises and the Bde Comd, BM, and Staff Capt visited each of the Coys of the 2/14 Bn in three bivouac sites.</p> <p>A list was received from 7 Aust Div of all the officers recommended in the Div as Staff Learners and nominations were requested for BM and Staff Capt. Learners in this Bde. Capt. F.A. Woods was asked for as BM learner and it was requested if that be approved, Capt. M Austin be appointed Staff Capt. As an alternative to Capt. Woods, the name of Capt. K. Bishop 2/48 Bn was submitted. It was asked that the appointment of Staff Capt learner be kept open for the time being.</p> <p>A nomination was asked for by 7 Aust Div for an officer to attend at a chemical warfare school, the selection being made with the ultimate object of the officer concerned being employed as G 111 (CW) on Div HQ. It was specified that this officer should have had some Intelligence Training. The nomination of Lieut. R.W. Cameron, Bde IO was submitted. Advice was received that one 3", one 2" mortar would be issued to each Bn within the next few days.</p> <p>Lieut-Col. Kirkhope, Deputy Chief Pay Master, A.I.F., called on the Bde Comd. The object of his visit was to make contact with senior officers in 7 Aust Div to discuss any matters relating to pay.</p>	<p>Leave roster - App. 10a. 303 S.A.A. for training App 10 b.</p>

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JULIS CAMP	11 Jan		<p>Advice was received that this Bde has to undertake the fostering of a large number of units arriving in Kassa Camp in the near future. The number of units involved and the work to be done will result in a loss of at least a week's training for the Bde, at a time when every endeavour is being made to reach a standard of fitness for war. The Bde Comd and Staff Capt visited the Kassa Camp which is still in course of erection and obtained definite information as to progress from the contractor.</p> <p>The only three 30 cwt MT vehicles on issue to the Bde were withdrawn by order for despatch to the Western Desert.</p> <p>The three Bn CO's handed in their solutions to the first task set in the Bde exercise. These solutions are being checked on the ground early next week.</p> <p>Advice was received that the Corps Comd desired all available officers in the Qastina, Julis, Barbara and Beit Jirja Camps to attend at the Julis Cinema at 0930 hrs on Monday 13 Jan to hear a talk on the attack on Bardia by Lieut-Col J. Rogers M.C. (Corps Intelligence Section)</p> <p>A cablegram was received by the Bde Comd from the Prime Minister (The Rt Hon R.G. Menzies) extending Christmas Greetings to the Bde and congratulations on the excellent magazine published by the Bde HQ personnel on Christmas Day.</p>	R.O's Part 1-App 11.
	12 Jan		<p>A further 46 men transferred from the Bde to AAOC, making about 188 men leaving during the past week. The result of the latest transfer is that the 2/16 Bn has now lost all its 1st Reinforcements and is actually below its War Establishment. The remaining two Bns have approximately 50 of 1st Reinforcements still left.</p> <p>The BM, BIO and BTO carried out a reconnaissance in Beersheeba area in an endeavour to find a suitable training area for a Bde exercise in February, intensive cultivation, however makes the area unsuitable.</p>	R.O's Part 1-App 12. 303 S.A.A. Practices App 12 A

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JULIS CAMP	13 Jan		The Corps Comd and Lieut-Col. J. Rogers, M.C. (Corps Intelligence) addressed all officers in Julis, Qastina, Barbara, and Beit Jerja Camps in the Julis Cinema this morning. Col Rogers told the official story of the attack on Bardia, illustrating the movements by means of a large scale map. The Corps Comd commented on the lessons to be learnt.	RD's Part 1 - App 13
			The solution of the task given to 2/27 Bn in the Bde tactical exercise was checked on the ground by Bde Comd with the CO of that Bn. A recommendation for the appointment of Lieut. L. Luxton as BTO and for his promotion to Capt was submitted.	Bde Strength - App. 13 a
	14 Jan		The Bde Comd and BM attended a conference at 7 Aust Div at which the training policy was established. It was made clear that desert warfare was a phase and that training in the principles contained in text books was still essential. Fitness for war was discussed and a new delayed report regarding the standard of the various units was asked for. The Div Comd made it clear that the first Bde of the 7 Aust Div to be used would be the 21 Aust Inf Bde and that if a Bde group was required, 2/4 Fd Regt and 2/6 Fd Coy would mostly work with 21 Bde. Alteration to the plan for fostering units coming in the next convoy were agreed upon with the A.A.Q.M.G. in order that the 2/27 and 2/16 Bns could foster units from their own States. It was also agreed that in future cases of fostering the opinion of the Bde Comd would be obtained respecting the allotment of work to Bns instead of, as in this instance, the allocation being made by Div without reference to Bdes. Lieut. R. White, 21 A Tk Coy left to attend a course at the Mobile School of Mechanisation with a view to his ultimate employment as BTO. Representation by the Bde Comd resulted in instructors being supplied by 7 Div Engineers for a Danert wire and A Tk Mine Course to commence on Monday 20 Jan, and by Div Sigs for a Regt Sig Course to commence on 22 Jan. A small supply of Danert Wire for training was also arranged. Advice was received of the attendance of Lieut-Col. M.J. Moten, 2/27 Bn and Capt. G. Horley, 2/16 Bn at a special course to study combined operations, in the very near future.	RD's Part 1 - App 14

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JULIS CAMP	15 Jan		<p>future/ The Div Comd went on the ground to be used in the Bde Tactical Exercise with the Bde Comd. Maj. W. Rau, 2 i/c 2/4 Fd Regt also made a limited reconnaissance and later discussed the whole question of co-operation between the Regt and the Bde. Arrangements were made for a Bty Comd and Tp Comd to accompany the 2/16 Bn on the two day exercise commencing tomorrow. The three Bn CO's and Staff Capt visited Jaffa rifle range for the purpose of preparing field firing exercises.</p>	RO's Part 1 - App 15 Return to War Letter to 7 Div - App 15a
	16 Jan.		<p>The training programme of period 3 - 15 Feb was prepared for submission to 7 Aust Div. This commences the first Bn exercises undertaken in the Bde and is designed to enable Bn CO's to gain experience and practise the tactical handling of their units.</p> <p>The solution of the task given to 2/14 and 2/16 Bns in the Bde Tactical Exercise was discussed on the ground with the CO's of these units.</p> <p>The BM carried out a reconnaissance of the Al Faluja area for the purpose of selecting ground suitable for a Bde exercise to commence about the 15 Feb.</p> <p>The 2/7 Fd Coy, a 9 Div unit, moved into Leane lines in this camp.</p> <p>Advice was received that delivery of camp stores etc for new units to be fostered by the Bde would commence tomorrow.</p> <p>To avoid the employment of a large number of men on guard duties in the various camps, arrangements were made to have all stores delivered to Julis until it is necessary to start the actual preparation of the Camps.</p> <p>The Bde Comd discussed with the OC "L" Sec, 7 Div Sigs the details of the course to be run for Regt Sigs commencing on the 23 Jan.</p>	RO's Part 1 - App 16 Leave Line Table - App - 16a
	17 Jan		<p>The ADMS 7 Aust Div discussed the medical aspect of the Bde exercise with the Bde Comd and arranged for the CO 2/4 Fd Amb to participate in it.</p> <p>Capt. Brain returned from duty in the Western Desert and brought back much useful information about MT.</p>	RO's Part 1 - App 17

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JULIS CAMP	18 Jan		<p>about MT/ The Bde Comd, BM and BIO made a preliminary reconnaissance in connection with the preparation of a test exercise which each Bn is to be put through early in February.</p> <p>The CACS, 7 Aust Div (Lieut-Col H.M. Frenchman) called to say good bye as he is leaving 7 Aust Div for a Corps appointment.</p> <p>At 0145 hrs and again at approximately 2000 hrs an air raid warning was received by telephone in this camp. It was later learned that bombings had taken place in other parts of Palestine. Delivery of Camp stores for incoming units to be quartered in Khassa Camp commenced. As it is anticipated that a period of about a week would elapse before the necessary erection would take place, arrangements were made for delivery to foster units lines in Julis, rather than at the camp site, thus reducing the number of personnel for guard duties and allowing them to be released from training. Up to this date practically all requirements in tentage have been received. The Staff Capt made a reconnaissance of the unit areas in Khassa Camp. The site to be occupied by 3 Lt A A Regt, Jess Lines, is not good, and to obtain a good lay out, almost impossible.</p>	RO's Part 1 - Cpp 18
	19 Jan		<p>All officers of the Bde assembled at 2/16 Bn Officers' Mess to hear a talk by the Bde Comd particularly on the need for a clearer understanding of the role of Inf, a broad outline for training in the near future, and weakness observed in recent Sec and Pl exercises.</p> <p>The BIO and BTO conducted a further road reconnaissance with the object of selecting suitable ground for a Bde exercise. The area covered was South of Al Faluja.</p> <p>The BM and SC worked on details of a Bn test exercise in the Beit Tima area. Brig. B.J. Andrew (DAG) A.I.F. called at Bde HQ during a tour of the camps. During his visit he indicated that variations to pay regulations were likely in the near future which would result in more favourable treatment of men undergoing punishment and hospital treatment in certain circumstances.</p> <p>The weather was particularly unpleasant, wind at gale force blew continually. All sporting fixtures for the day were cancelled and a certain amount of damage was done to buildings in the 9 Div area</p>	RO's Part 1 - Cpp 19

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JULIS CAMP	20 Jan		area/ Starting from today, one day leave is being granted to each Bn of the Bde on Mondays, the whole of the Bde leave allotment for the week going to one particular Bn. This scheme is introduced at the Bde Comds request to avoid the continual absence on leave of groups of 40 to 50 men.	CO's Part 1 - App 20
			The Bde Training Instruction covering the period 3 - 15 Feb was forwarded to 7 Aust Div for approval before issue. This period covers Bn training, the first to be undertaken in the Bde.	Bde Strength - App 20 a.
			Staff Capt went over the lines on Khassa Camp, to be occupied by the incoming 24 Inf Bde, with Capt White 21 A Tk Coy. General layout was indicated for 21 A Tk Coy to carry out erection of tents when required.	
			Staff Capt requested the Engineers to provide an additional Mens Latrine and Ablution on the site of Jess Lines to accommodate the incoming 3 Lt A A Regt. Also the native latrine to be removed to another site. If both requests are considered this area will become more suitable allowing suitable ground to be utilised for tentage.	
			A Dannert Wire and A Tk Mines course attended by 10 personnel from each Bn was commenced. This course is being conducted by 7 Div Engineers.	
	21 Jan		The CO's 2/4 Fd Regt and 2/4 Fd Amb visited Bde HQ to discuss various aspects of the Bde Tactical Exercise. The Officers of the 2/4 Fd Regt are conducting a TEWT tomorrow based on the exercise in order to solve the artillery problems. The CO was asked by the Bde Comd to allocate 1 tp of guns for defence against heavy tanks in forward areas.	CO's Part 1 - App 21
			The Bde Comd and BM visited Jaffa rifle range and watched "B" Coy of the 2/14 Bn undertake a Pl field firing exercise. The result was good. At night the Bde Comd went with CO 2/27 Bn to a Coy exercise being conducted by that Bn in the vicinity of El Majdal.	
			The A/BM and Staff Capt were interviewed by the GOC (7 Aust Div) in connection with the recommendation submitted that they should attend the Staff Course at Haifa.	
			Advice was received of the commencement of the battle of Tobruk.	
			A Diagram was received from 7 Div showing the layout of O and I Staff Offices.	

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JULIS CAMP	22 Jan		<p>The Officers of 2/4 Fd Regt carried out a TEWT based on the Bde TEWT and the CO and 2 i/c later discussed with the Bde Comd the areas chosen for the Bty position and allocated one tp of guns for A Tk defence in forward areas.</p> <p>The Bde Comd and GSO I 7 Aust Div saw a Pl of 2/14 Bn carry out a field firing exercise on the Jaffa rifle range. The shooting was accurate and the exercise well handled.</p> <p>Sketches were received from Div showing the layout of the office and I trucks used by 6 Aust Div. They were obtained on urgent representation by the Bde Comd and steps are being taken here to temporarily fit out vehicles on more or less the same lines.</p> <p>An air raiding warning was received in this camp at approx 2100 hrs and again the warning was stressed at approx 2130 hrs.</p> <p>The GOC 7 Aust Div called at Bde HQ at 1400 hrs and conveyed some very important information to the Bde Comd regarding the future employment of the Bde, the details of which he instructed at this stage were not to be conveyed to anyone in the Bde.</p> <p>For the first time since the Bde was formed the Bde Sig Officer, Capt Cousins, commenced an instructional course at which the 15 best signallers from each Bn attended. The course will run for ten days.</p>	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 23</i>
	23 Jan		<p>Maj Gamble LSO 7 Aust Div discussed with the Bde Comd and CO 2/16 Bn the scale and frequency of punishment in the 2/16 Bn. In this Bn it was stated by the LSO that based on charge sheets forwarded to 7 Aust Div, there were more AWL's in the 2/16 Bn than in any other Bn in 7 Div and that the scale of punishment was 150 to 250% more severe than elsewhere in the Div. The matter is to receive further consideration from the CO of that unit.</p> <p>The Div Comd supplied the Bde Comd with certain further information concerning the future employment of the Bde.</p> <p>The 2/14 Bn completed its field firing course and the 2/27 Bn are now carrying on.</p>	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 23</i> <i>Church Parade</i> <i>App 23 A</i> <i>Bde I.C.W.I. App 23 B.</i>

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JULIS CAMP	23 Jan		on/ Staff Capt and Camp SO attended a conference at HQ 7 Aust Div relative to the provision of a new laundry system whereby all laundry would be collected and taken to Tel Aviv. General Merchants Association are to be the contractors. The proposed scheme provides the washing once weekly in winter and twice weekly in summer, 5/- 10 articles each, of all ranks, at public expense.	<i>Training Notes App 23 C</i>
	24 Jan		The Bde Comd, BM, and SC completed the details for the Bn Test Exercise. A Court of Inquiry was held to inquire into and report upon damage sustained by Bus M 2948 returning from leave from Tel Aviv.	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 24 Training Unit No 8 App 24 A</i>
	25 Jan		The Bde Comd visited Jaffa Rifle Range and witnessed a fd firing exercise carried out by "A" Coy 2/27 Bn. The exercise was badly run, too much "stickiness" being evident. The weaknesses were pointed out on the ground to the Coy Comd. Lt-Col M.J. Moten 2/27 Bn and Capt D. Horley 2/16 Bn left for a special course in Combined Ops. Lieut R.W. Cameron BIO left for a C.W. course. The GSO I visited Bde and discussed with the Bde Comd the syllabus for a special admin course for junior officers. He also had a quick run through the Bn Test Exercise and agreed with the general lines. All units took up foster duties at KHASSA Camp and operations are going ahead satisfactorily.	<i>RO's Part 1 - App 25</i>

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JULIS CAMP	26 Jan		<p>A final selection of the ground for the Bde gp exercise was made. The general area for the review by the Div Comd was also chosen.</p> <p>The three Liaison Officers (Capt H.E. Wright, Lieuts P. Smith and B. Fraser) returned from a course which they have been attending since early December.</p> <p>Capt Luxton, BTO, and Lieut R.M. Pontey, 21 A Tk Coy, left for Suez on fostering duties.</p>	<i>RO's Part 1. App 26</i>
	27 Jan		<p>Advice was received of the appointment of Lt-Col A.R.B. Cox, 2/16 Bn, to comd AIF Rfct Depots and to take over his new duties forthwith. A recommendation for the appointment of Maj A.W. Potts, M.C., to comd that unit was submitted to 7 Aust Div.</p> <p>A conference of CO's was held at which the Bde Comd discussed various aspects of training and points associated with the review by the Div Comd on the 1 Feb 41.</p> <p>Capt Rice, 2 i/c A Coy, 2/27 Bn and Lieut R Thomas, a pl comd in that Coy, were paraded by the A/CO to the Bde Comd at the latter's direction because of the poor execution of a Coy Fd Firing Exercise at Jaffa on Saturday. The weaknesses were pointed out to the officers concerned and they were warned to avoid similar errors in the future.</p> <p>The first delivery of war equipment as per British G 1098 series, was made when 137 Pattern Web equipment was delivered to all units of the Bde. A further issue of .303" amn for trng purposes came to hand. Advice was also received of a further allotment of 4 Brens and 1 A Tk rifle to each Bn to be available shortly.</p>	<i>RO's Part 1. App 27</i>

WAR DIARY

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or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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	29 Jan		<p>The Bde Comd visited Jaffa rifle range and witnessed a coy scheme of the 2/16 Bn.</p> <p>The Bde Comd and BM selected the site for the parade for Mr A, which will now be held on 4 Feb.</p>	RO's Part 1. App 29																																				
	30 Jan		<p>Capt C.H. Finlay has been appointed BM to 21 Bde as from 22 Feb. The appointment of Capt F.A. Woods as BM learner was not approved as he already holds a staff appointment.</p> <p><u>Fostering.</u> The first unit of Convoy US 8 to arrive was a detachment of 9 Div Sigs who arrived approx 2030 hrs.</p>	RO's Part 1. App 30 Leave time table App 30 A																																				

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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.
JULIS CAMP	31 Jan		<p><u>Fostering.</u> The next unit of Convoy US 8 to arrive was 2/2 MG Bn who arrived in the early hours of the morning. Due to enemy attention to the Canal area, original arrangements were altered considerably, very little reliable information of times of arrival being obtainable. The next units in during the day were those who disembarked at HAIFA, having got through the Canal before trouble started. The units were 2/4 Fd Park Coy, 3 Lt AA Wkshop and Sig Sec, LAD, and later, at 1800 hrs, 3 Lt AA Regt. HQ 24 Bde and 24 A Tk Coy came in at 2300 hrs and were all fed and bedded down at KHASA by 0100 hrs 1 Feb. Preliminary drainage had been carried out on all sites and everything in readiness for the reception of units. Great difficulty was experienced in getting tables, trestles, latrine buckets, soyer and fowler stoves. At this time 2/8 Fd Amb and 2/4 Fd Park Coy require further cooking facilities while all units except 3 Lt AA Regt require tables and trestles.</p> <p>The whole Bde, plus detachments from 2/4 Fd Regt, 6 A Tk Bty and 2/4 Fd Amb, was disposed on the ground in the defensive position which forms the basis of the Bde Tactical Exercise. Carriers were used to represent enemy tanks in an attack on this position in order to give the gunners an opportunity to see possible targets. GSO I, 7 Aust Div, went round the defensive position with the Bde Comd. A conference of Comd Officers was held subsequently, at which weaknesses detected during the morning were pointed out.</p> <p>Col C.E.M. Lloyd, GSO I 9 Div, who is responsible for staff arrangements for visit of Mr A, was taken to the proposed parade ground by the Bde Comd and arrangements explained to him.</p> <p>Lt-Col A.R.B. Cox, 2/16 Bn, who has been appointed to comd AIF Reinforcement Depot, was farewelled by the Bde Mess.</p> <p>Capt Luxton and Lieut Pontey, who had been on liaison duties with the Convoy US 8, returned.</p> <p>2 Offrs and 57 OR's of the Bde, who had taken an MT Convoy to the Western Desert, returned by sea via Haifa.</p>	<p><i>AO's Part 1 App 31</i></p>

Les Stevens
Brig.
Comd. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
1 Jan. '41.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD. - JULIS.

NO. 1.

DUTIES.

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

1 Jan. '41.

3 Anti Tank Regt.

Next for Duty

2/14 Bn.

NO. OF PREVIOUS ORDER.

2. As from today a new series of Routine Orders - Part 1 - is begun, the previous series terminating with No 34 issued on 31 Dec. '40.

EXPERIENCED SEAMEN.

3. A return is required from units by 0900 hrs, 3 Jan. of all personnel who have a knowledge of seamanship - mercantile marine or otherwise.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

4. The following Court of Inquiry will assemble at times and places directed by the President, to inquire and report upon damages sustained to vehicles and injuries to personnel of 2/1 PnB. Bn. and 2/27 Bn. on 31 Dec. '40.

Major J.A. Corby 2/14 Bn.

Capt. R.C. Anstee 21 Bde. H.Q.

Capt. I. Johnson 2/16 Bn.

Proceedings will be fwd. to this H.Q. by 0900 hrs., 3 Jan. '41.

M. Austin

Capt.
A/B. H. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

SPORTS.

Unit Sports Officers will attend a meeting at Brigade H.Q. on Thursday, 2 Jan., at 1700 hrs.

H.Q. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
2 Jan '41.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1
BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS E.D.
CAMP COMD - JULIS.
NO. 2.

DUTIES.

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS.

DATE.

2 Jan. 41.

DUTY UNIT.

2/14 Bn.

NEXT FOR DUTY

2/16 Bn.

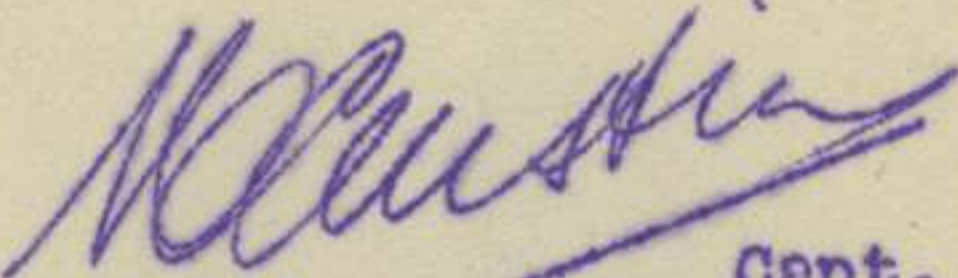
MESSAGE
FROM MIN-
ISTER FOR
THE ARMY.

2. The Minister for the Army (The Hon. P. Spender K.C.) desires to convey to all ranks who participated in the ceremonial parade today his heartiest congratulations on their discipline, bearing and obvious keenness. He was greatly impressed with the parade and will have much pleasure in telling the people in Australia of it.

PERSONNEL
FOR DETEN-
TION BAR-
RACKS.

3. Commencing tomorrow, Fri. 3 Jan. '41, the transport conveying personnel sentenced to detention in Jerusalem Detention Barracks will leave Bde H.Q. at 0925 hrs. daily instead of 1400 hrs as hitherto. Units with personnel for escort to Jerusalem should arrange for same to reach Bde H.Q. in advance of this hour.

Returning from Jerusalem the transport is scheduled to reach this camp at 1400 hrs. The escort provided daily by the duty unit should report to Bde H.Q. at this hour.


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

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMMAND - JULIS.

NO. 3.

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS.

DATE.

3 Jan '41

NEXT FOR DUTY

DUTY UNIT.

2/16 Bn.

2/27 Bn.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

2. The following Court of Inquiry will assemble at times and places directed by the President, to inquire and report upon deficiencies in stores taken over by 2/16 Bn from 2/1 Pnr. Bn., when the latter was foster unit to 2/16 Bn.

PRESIDENT MAJ A. POPE 2/27 BN.

MEMBERS. CAPT. F.A. WOODS H.Q. 21 BDE.

CAPT. W. LANDAIE 2/14 BN.

On completion proceedings will be forwarded to this H.Q.

W. Austin
Capt.
A/B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

NOTICES.

COMFORTS. The receipt of 3360 pairs of socks from the A.C.F. is gratefully acknowledged. Distribution was as follows:-

2/5 Fd. Amb	-	243 Pts.
2/14 Bn	-	700 "
2/16 Bn	-	800 "
2/27 Bn	-	800 "
3 A. Tk. Regt.	-	617 "
H.Q. 9 Div.	-	100 "

60 Xmas Hampers were also distributed amongst the personnel of H.Q. 9 Div.

SPORTS

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

SATURDAY 4 Jan. RUGBY: 3 A. TK REGT. V BEIT JIRJA XV @ BEIT JIRJA
SUNDAY 5 Jan. CRICKET 3 A. TK REGT. V H.Q. 21 INF BDE (second day of match)
SOCCER 2/16 BN. V 7 DIV. H.Q. @ JULIS
RUGBY: Practice match between XV's chosen from 2/14, 2/16, 2/27, 3 A. Tk Regt.
Cricket match to commence at 1400 hrs.
Football games will commence at 1430 hrs.

(CHURCH PARADES, OVER)

CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 5 JAN 41.

Time	Denomination	Units	Place	Chaplain	Duty Unit.
Hrs. 0730	Protestant (Holy Communion)	All Units (Voluntary)	Reading Room 2/16 Bn Recreation Hut 2/27 Bn	Chap. Spratling Chap. Whereat	2/16 Bn. 2/27 Bn.
0730	R.C. (Mass)	All Units	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whelan	2/14 Bn.
0830	R.C.	All Units	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whelan	2/14 Bn.
0900	Protestant	2/16 Bn	Open Air	Chap. Spratling	2/16 Bn.
0915	Protestant	2/27 Bn.	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whereat	2/27 Bn.
1015	Protestant	2/14 Bn.	Picture Theatre	Chap. Spratling	2/14 Bn.
1115	Protestant	H.Q. 21 Bde. 21 A. Tk. Coy. 59 L.A.D. 3 A. Tk. Regt	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whereat	3 A. Tk. Regt.

Approved

[Handwritten signature]
 Chaplain
 2/14 Bn.

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A.L. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.,
4 Jan '41.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD - JULIS.

NO. 4.

DUTIES.

1. TO MOUNT AT 1800 HRS.

DATE.

4 Jan '41.

HEAT FOR DUTY

DUTY UNIT.

2/27 Bn.

3 Anti Tank Regt.

DRIVERS,
M.T.

2. Drivers M.T. are warned that they should not follow closely behind vehicles travelling in the same direction. The difficulty of manoeuvring vehicles (fitted with Rt. Hand drive) can only be overcome, and accidents avoided by obtaining a good view of the road ahead.

REMOVAL OF
MATERIALS.

3. Materials and fittings in unoccupied lines are not to be removed without permission in writing from Camp Staff Officer.

Offenders will be severely dealt with.

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A/E.H. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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5 Jan. '41.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS.

No 5.

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

DATE

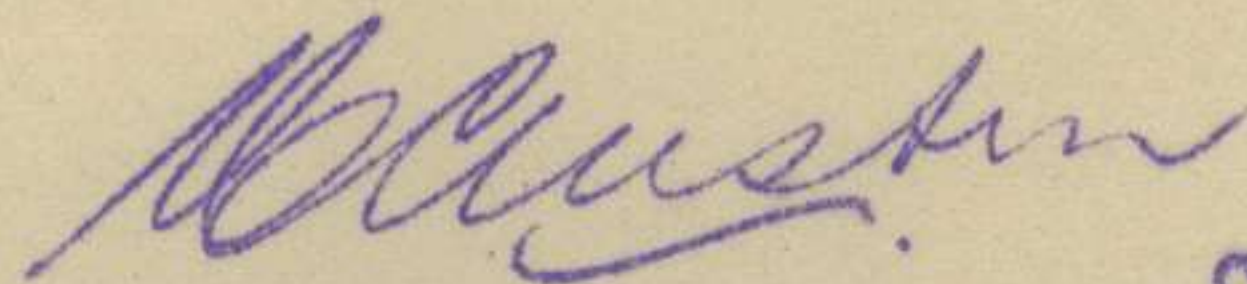
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Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

3 Anti Tank Regt.

2/14 Bn.



Capt.

A/B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

War Diary

Appendix 5a.

21 AUSTRALIAN INF. BDE.

5 Jan '41

TACTICAL EXERCISE

The object is to provide a Bde Exercise which, within itself, will, by a change of roles between Bns, afford scope for the training of Coy and Bn Comds in the

- (a) organization and occupation of a defensive position;
- (b) attack;
- (c) withdrawal;
- (d) counter attack.

2. Each phase will be conducted first as a TEWT and then with tps.

3. For the purpose of this exercise, Bns will assume that their War Estab. has been amended on the lines indicated in 7 Aust Div Secret Memo SG 24/1/7 of 20 Dec '40.

4. We are NORTHLAND

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OPENING SITUATION

5. The frontier between NORTHLAND and SOUTHLAND is the general line of the rd through AL JURA - AL MAJDAL - JULIS - QASTINA - LATRUN - JERUSALEM - JERICHO.

The frontier is defended by a series of posts intended, as and when necessary, to be occupied by Bde Gps.

The fwd edge of the defensive works is about 1000^x south-east of the frontier.

6. NORTHLAND has six Inf Divs fully mobilised, three of which are in the area AL JURA - LATRUN

SOUTHLAND also has six Inf Divs plus one Armd Bde, the Inf Divs being organized similarly to those of NORTHLAND.

The air forces of both countries are approx the same but SOUTHLAND includes a greater number of aircraft suitable for low level bombing.

7. SOUTHLAND, although the aggressor nation, has as yet made no attack on NORTHLAND, but elements of the Armd Bde have been seen in BEIT JIRJA, BEIT TIMA, AL FAJULA and JUSIER, and our agents report that offensive action is likely within seven days from 6 Jan '41.

8. On 4 Jan '41, 1 Corps (6, 7 and 9 Divs) moved into the area ISDUD - AQIR with the object of taking over the frontier posts between AL JURA - MASMIYA

NARRATIVE 1

9. On 6 Jan '41 7 Div was ordered to occupy the frontier posts from incl. AL JURA to excl. SAWAFIR al GHARBIYA village where it is to junction with 6 Div. The Comd 7 Div decides to use 20 and 21 Bdes fwd, 20 Bde on right. 26 Bde is to be in Div res in ISDUD area. The boundary between 20 and 21 Bde is to be Kilo 45 incl to 21 Bde (actual boundary pointed out on ground).

10. Both fwd Bdes are allotted one A.T. Bty (16 guns), and one Lt.A.A. Bty (12 guns), under Comd and one Fd Regt, one Fd Coy, one Coy 2/2 M.G. Bn and one Fd Amb are placed in support, 2/1 Pnr Bn is included in 20 Bde Gp Comd.

11. Comd 21 Bde decides to hold the area allotted, viz., incl, KILO 45- excl SAWAFIR, with 16 and 27 Bns fwd, 16 Bn on right. 14 Bn is to be in Bde res in the CANNON HILL area. The inter Bn boundary between fwd Bns is the general line of the rd BEIT DARAS - BEIT TIMA. (Actual boundary pointed out on ground.

/12. 7 Div Recce Regt

12. 7 Div Recce Regt is ordered to maintain recce patrols as far South as the general line HIRBYA - BEIT JIRJA - BEIT TIMA - AL FALUJA to watch for enemy movement.

TASK 1

As Bn Comd, show in detail down to sec posts your dispositions. The A.T. weapons, arty and M.M.G. tasks are as shown on the sketch produced by the B.I.O. during the recce.

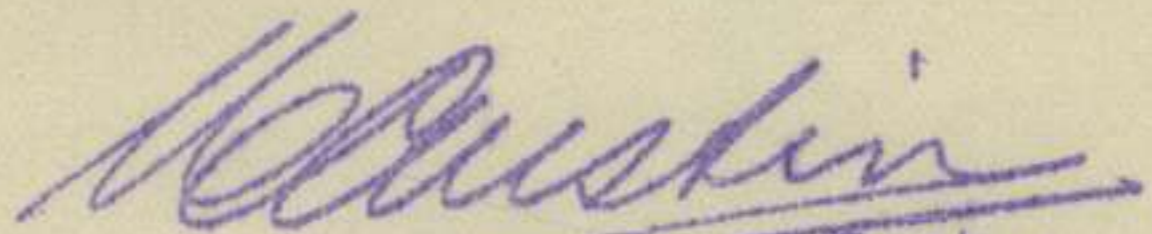
NOTE: Your Coy Comds should be given the task of organizing their own Coy areas before the Bn solution is presented.

TASK 2

(As given by C.R.A. to Comds Arty Regt)

The Comd 21 Inf. Bde has asked for defensive fire on the areas shown on the sketch produced by the Bde I.O. How do you propose to allot this task?

(NOTE: This Task 2 is included here for the information of Bn Comds. The C.R.A. is allocating the task independently).



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

GENERAL PRESENTATION OF EXERCISE

1. Issue of Opening Situation
2. Warning Order respecting the allocation of Bde posts.
3. Recce and allocation of Bn areas on ground - incl disposition of A.Tk weapons.
4. Int summaries respecting enemy movements.
5. Coy Comds allotted tasks by Bn Comds - organization of Coy areas.
6. Occupation, by Coys, of Coy areas.
7. Night patrols from Coy areas.
8. Coy reliefs within ea Bn.
9. Bn exercise - occupation, by individual Bns, of area allotted to

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF TEWT

10. Coy Exercise - attack by Coys of 16 Bn on 27 Bn positions and vice versa. 14 Bn to participate similarly. Coys to undertake attacks separately on definite localities - but to assume they are attacking as part of a Bn attack.
11. Imm counter-attack by Res Coys of each Bn in accordance with role allotted them.
12. Bn relief in fwd areas.
13. Bn attack on 27 Bn position
14. Counter attack by Res Bn
15. Bn withdrawal.
16. Bde occupation of position - to paint the picture also of a Bde on the ground.

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS

NO.6

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

DATE

DUTY UNIT

6 Jan '41

2/14 Bn

Next for duty

2/27 Bn

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

NOTICES

SPORTS

Units Sports Officers will attend a meeting at this H.Q. on Tues. 7 Jan '41 at 1700 hrs. The purpose of the meeting is to finalise arrangements for several inter-camp sporting fixtures that have already been arranged.

APPENDIX 6a

6 Jan'41.

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

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>OR's.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.	12	62	74
21 A Tk Coy .	4	78	82
59 LAD	1	11	12
2/14 Bn	41	861	902
2/16 Bn	39	854	893
2/27 Bn	38	892	930
	<u>135</u>	<u>2758</u>	<u>2893</u>
TOTAL			
Total of Bde less - 21 A Tk Coy and 59 LAD - -	130	2669	2799

6 Jan 41.

TRAINING CIRCULAR NO 7.

Training period 4 extends from 13 to 31 Jan 41, and is to be subdivided generally as follows:-

13 - 23 Jan.	Pl training.
24 - 31 Jan	Coy training.

During the whole period, the training of bn and coy H Q personnel and of the pls of H Q coy is to be made a feature. In the night exercises referred to in subsequent paras, coordination of the work of H Q and pls of H Q coy is to be practised. Tank hunting training is also to be undertaken during this period.

2. Every post is to be made a winning post with the idea of reaching the stage of fitness for war at the earliest possible moment. At the same time the correction of errors must be given particular attention and slipshod methods absolutely ruled out.

3. Other features of training in this period are to be :-

- (a) temporary fitting of office vehicles;
- (b) packing of pl trucks, due regard being paid to the mounting of Bren guns for A A defence on the move.
- (c) further instn in the use of Bren guns and in the tactical handling of Bren guns in the rifle secs and pls.
- (d) use of compass and car speedometer in cross-country movement of plt.
- (e) Bn comds recce in M G carrier.
- (f) Bde TEWT for bn comds and coy comds (details issued separately).

All these items are dealt with in detail in other paras of this circular.

4. After allowing for two one-night exercises between 13 and 19 Jan and two two-night exercises in the remainder of the training period, there are 66 hrs available. These are to be used as follows :

Pl training	20 hrs.
Coy training	12 hrs.
30 ^x range Bren	8 hrs. - Firing Course.
Bren	5 hrs. - Mechanism and handling.
Fd works	10 hrs.
At C O's	
discretion	<u>11 hrs.</u>
	<u>66 hrs.</u>

5. The one-night exercises are to be conducted as laid down in para 4 of training circular no 6. The two two-night exercises are to be undertaken as follows :

D1 Morning	Normal work in training area.
1300 hrs	Move out to area not less than 7 miles -
- 2400	bivouac - feed - pl and coy exercises.
D2 2400	
- 0530	Rest
0530	
- 0700	Attack and consolidation
0700	
- 0900	Rest and feed.

/ 0900 - 1600

0900 hrs
- 600 Pl and coy exercises
1600
- 1800 Rest and feed
1800
- 2400 Pl and coy exercises
D3 2400
- 0530 Rest
0530
- 0830 March back to camp - drill (15 minutes)
0830
- 1400 Rest
1400
- 1630 Normal training.

The above may be varied slightly at C O's discretion. PAD and A G measures must be adopted right throughout.

7. Manning details in respect of vehicles and personnel will be brought up to date. Experiments will be made, where equipment allows, with the fitting out of vehicles. Only temporary fittings will however, be used pending further advice as to standard designs.

Offrs are to be given special training in movement across country using compass and speedo in conjunction. The allowance to be made with vehicles fitted with oversize tyres where the speedo has not been altered is 6 % increase in speedo reading to give true mileage.

4 and 6 pls may be employed in conjunction with the training of offrs in this direction to practise drs in driving across unknown country at night.

The equipment taken by offrs during two-day exercises should be as suggested by units in the replies to bde training circular No 1 of 28 Nov 40. No additional kit will be taken.

8. To date, coys have had to train without Bren guns. During period 4, sec and rifle pl comds must be made to realise that there are three Bren guns in the pl and their tactics must be adjusted accordingly. Attention is directed to SAT I P4 Sec 5.

Coys, in turn, will be equipped as far as possible with complete ipt and equipment to enable the coy and pl comds to gain the correct picture.

Pl and coy exercises will be based primarily on the bde TEWT to commence on 6 Jan 41, but there is no objection to other exercises on different ground being undertaken if time permits.

Investigations will be carried out to determine the practicability of so packing pl trucks as to allow for one Bren gun per pl to be mounted for AA protection on the move.

The layout of kits must be such to facilitate rapid turnout from bivouacs and camp lines. Kits, both offrs and men, must be reduced to essentials.

Coy H Q office will accompany coys on bivouacs and training will be given on the rapid issue of orders and the functioning of R O F and T gps.

9. Bn H Q will carry out the night exercises as laid down with a selected coy. A temporary office lorry should be used on these occasions (see para 2)

Attention will be directed to the smooth working and rapid
/packing up

packing up and movement of bn HQ from place to place and its correct functioning in the fd.

Efforts will be made to camouflage bn HQ when it is functioning in the fd and the importance of truck and traffic control will be stressed.

The int and medical secs will co-operate with rifle coys on all possible occasions. Int sec must be exercised continually in ground observation. Attention is drawn to 7 Aust Div Circular A 50 and the training of int sec is to proceed on the lines indicated therein.

Bn comds will practice the carrying out of recesses from carriers and the rapid issue of O Os.

In the first instance to practice bn HQ it may be better to do several sand table exercises with only essential personnel present, the Director working in a different room to the students and transmitting his orders, where not given verbally, through bn sigs, and obtaining information from int sec.

10. HQ coy 1 pl:

Will be practised as much as possible in cooperation with rifle coys both by day and night, but periods will be reserved for intensive individual training.

W/T will be used for the rapid issue of orders during movement with the object of bn and coy comds becoming familiar with this means of comm. It must always be borne in mind however that there are definite limits to the value of W/T and that its use may be restricted by order.

2 pl: To be used for the protection of coys on the move and bivouac areas.

3 pl: It is realised that lack of equipment will hamper the work of this pl but the siting of weapons and a study of the tasks which will normally be allotted should occupy portion of the period.

4 pl: Intensive training must be carried out with the limited facilities available so that drs can handle their vehicles and crews their weapons in all types of country both by day and night. The types of gun mounting, of course, will make it necessary to improvise a drill. Particular care must be paid to maintenance.

Close cooperation between carriers and fwd inf posts must be practised during exercises and the disposal of carriers at night will be studied.

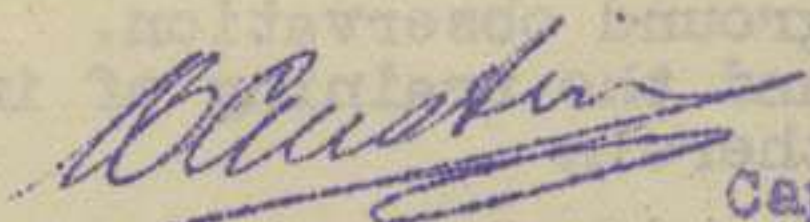
5 pl: Extensive use must be made of this pl for the protection of bn HQ during exercises.

Experience should be given in digging in sand, and, to the extent that suitable material can be produced, to revetting all fd works.

1. Fd works already dug will be extended from the weapon pit stage to task II with comm trenches if possible. The construction of fd works in the area selected for the bde TEWT will be discussed on the ground with bn comds.
2. TANK HUNTING: Attention is directed to para 13 of training circular No 6.
13. Bn syllabi (3 copies) are required at this HQ by 0900 hrs 12 Jan. Alternative wet weather syllabus must be prepared.

14. One copy of all tactical exercises prepared will be forwarded to this HQ before being used.

15. Before the end of this training period probably one coy will be dug in, in the bde TEWT area. The question of the tpt of rations and the feeding of men in the sec posts can then be studied.


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

NOTES ON M T TRAINING.

It is suggested that training syllabi for M T drs should include the following subjects :

S O's for drs of M T.
S O's for the Operation and Maintenance of M T.
F S P B pamphlet No 6.
Manual of Driving and Maintenance of M T (Wheeled)
A I F S O's PALESTINE, pamphlet No 3, sec III - appx D.
Map Reading.
Flags distinguishing, colour patches, and badges of rank.
Vehicle markings and types.
Avoidupois weights.
Loading vehicles and securing a load.
Max No of personnel to be carried in each type of Vehicle.
Convoy defence against land, air and gas attack.
Passing alarm signals along convoys.
Vehicle movement when arriving at or moving out of a halting place on bivouac.
Simple road repairs, getting vehicles out of bogs - types of military bridges and their load carrying capacity.
Speed and density, explanation of.
Concertina effect of convoys,
Anticipation of traffic blocks and passage through villages, etc when moving at low density.
General road sense.
Moving vehicles in fwd areas, avoiding skylines, etc. Making use of all possible cover.
Camouflage.
How to send intelligent messages.
Tips on night driving without lights.
Tips on desert driving.
Tips on estimating distance.
Action in event of accidents.
First aid.
Vehicle records and petrol accounts.

L A D will provide an instructor to give lectures in unit lines to classes not exceeding 40 personnel on service, roadside repairs and elementary motor engineering.

As only one instr is available the following times are allotted:

HQ & A T coy.	A M	Mon	A M	Wed
2/14 bn	P M	"	P M	"
2/16 bn	A M	Tue	A M	Thu
2/27 bn	P M	"	P M	"

7 Jan. '41.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD. - JULIS.

No 7.

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
7 JAN '41	2/27 Bn.
Next for duty	3 Anti Tank Regt.

CAMP STAFF OFFICER

2. From 7 Jan. the C.S.O. (Capt. Tighe) will act as Hygiene Offr for this camp. As such he will make frequent inspections and C.O's are requested to offer him every facility for carrying out his work.

SECURITY - ARMS AND EQUIPMENT.

3. (a) Attention of all AIF Comds in Palestine is directed to the fact that during the past few days a number of rifles with bolts and also other articles of Government property have been stolen from camps in the Corps Area. Comds are directed to take immediate action to ensure that the provision of Standing Orders PALESTINE, Para 1 Sec 1, covering the safeguarding of arms, are rigidly enforced.

(b) The bolts of all rifles will be removed from rifles each night and placed in a secure box in accordance with Standing Orders.

(c) Attention is also directed to CROs No 22 para 90 dated 30 Oct. '40, No 39 para 166 dated 13 Dec 40 and 1 Aust Corps GS Circular No 24 of 24 Oct 40 as to action to be taken in regard to loss of arms and equipment.

(d) Units will submit every Saturday a certificate signed by the C.O. to the effect that S.O's are being rigidly observed.

PERSONNEL FOR A.A.O.C.

4. (a) Applications are invited from personnel for transfer to the A.A.O.C. who require 100 men for attachment to 2/1 Ord Store Coy, or to form nucleus of 2/2 Ord Store Coy, in the event of the latter unit being raised.

(b) Applicants should have had previous experience in store and clerical duties, preferably both, and any such personnel not being employed by their unit in a capacity in which such training and experience are being used will be given an opportunity to transfer. Applications should reach this H.Q. by 0900 hrs., 11 Jan. '41.

TENTAGE AND ACCOMMODATION RETURNS.

5. (a) All units in JULIS will forward by 1000 hrs, 10 Jan. '41, returns showing situation as regards accommodation and tentage as at 1 Jan. '41.

(b) Returns will be submitted in accordance with Pro Forma at Appx "C" to Corps Admin. Instn No 21.

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

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
8 Jan '41

ROUTINE ORDER - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS

No. 8

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

8 Jan '41

Next for duty

DUTY UNIT

3 Anti Tank Regt

2/14 Bn

PERSONNEL
FOR A A O C

2. Ref yesterdays RO para 4 (b). Applications will be in this HQ by 9 Jan and not 11 Jan as stated.

AMENDMENTS
CAMP S Os

3. The following amendment to Camp S.Os daily routine is herewith promulgated:-

2145 hrs First Post
2215 hrs Last Post - Tattoo
2230 hrs Lights out

RECORDS
PROCEDURE

4. Maj Balchin, O i/c Records, 2nd Ech will conduct a lecture in the Recreation Room, LEANE LINES, at 1300 hrs on 14 Jan 41. It is desired that Adjts and OR Sgts of all units should attend.

ENGAGEMENT
OF AIRCRAFT
WITH SMALL
ARMS FIRE

5. Aircraft will NOT be engaged by Small Arms AA Defences unless:-

- (a) They are within range, i.e., below 2000 feet, and
(b) They are definitely recognised as hostile, or
(c) If of unknown identity, they commit an hostile act against the area so protected.

KITBAG

6. The following is held by the CQMS HQ 7 Aust Div:-

1 kitbag - Universal - VX29272 H.HALL

Unit owning same will communicate with HQ 7 Aust Div.

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

H.Q. 21 Aust Inf Bde
9 Jan '41

ROUTINE ORDER - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS

No. 9

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 Hrs.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

9 Jan '41
Next for duty

2/14 Bn
2/27 Bn

CAMP
STANDING
ORDERS

2. Para 19 D.R.L.S. - delete and substitute: An orderly from each unit in camp will clear any correspondence from Camp HQ for his unit at 1000, 1200 and 1600 hrs. daily.

SIGNING
INDENTS
FOR
SUPPLIES

3. Indents demanding supplies from the A.S.C. will be signed by an officer. On the delivery of the supplies to units the loading lists may be signed by other ranks, but the receipt on the indent will be signed by an officer.

WEEKLY
EXPENDITURE
OF AMN.

4. The return of weekly expended ammunition is due at Div HQ by 1000 hrs each Thursday after consolidation at this HQ. This return is NOT being rendered promptly by units of this Bde. In future this return will reach this HQ by 1800 hrs on Wed. of each week.

BREN
CARRIERS.

5. Bren carriers will NOT be driven through this camp at a speed exceeding 15 mph. Care will be taken that the surface of roads is not destroyed by turning carriers on them nor will they be driven across any playing field.

BDE. PARADE.

6. Units 21 Aust Inf Bde are warned that a Bde Parade will be held 1 Feb at 1030 hrs. GOC 7 Aust Div will inspect Parade. Further details will be issued later.

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

NOTICES.

CONCERTS.

There will be a reappearance of "Sax's Melody Masters" on Friday 10 Jan at the Camp Picture Theatre. Two shows will be given at the usual picture hours.

On Friday 17 Jan "The Wooden Troup" will give two performances at the Camp Picture Theatre.

COMFORTS

The receipt of 3516 two-oz. tins of tobacco and 3516 packets of cigarette papers from A.C.F. is gratefully acknowledged.

Distribution was as follows:-

H.Q. 21 Bde	74	of each	21 A.Tk.Coy	88	of each
59 L.A.D.	11	" "	2/14 Bn.	868	" "
2/16 Bn.	879	" "	2/27 Bn.	895	" "
3 A.Tk.Rgt	589	" "	Hq 9 Div.	68	" "
Dental Unit	5	" "	5 AGH Det.	11	" "
7 Div Postal Unit	4	" "	7nDiv Sigs	7	" "
Sick in C.R.S.	8	" "	Other Details	9	" "

TOTAL 3516

Routine order No.9 (Continued).

NOTICES.

SPORTS.

Backboards and posts for basketball have been distributed to the following units:-

H.Q.21 Bde., 2/14 Bn, 2/16 Bn, 2/27 Bn, 3 A.Tk.Rgt.

Units requiring rings for Basketball posts should make application to the Brigade Amenities Officer.

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

SATURDAY 11 Jan - Rugby 3 A.Tk Rgt v 19 Inf Tng Bn
JULIS - 1430 hrs

SUNDAY 12 Jan Aust Rules 2/14 Bn. v 19 Inf. Tng. Bn.
at Grimwade Lines, BLIF JIRJA - 1430 hrs.

SUNEID - 1430 hrs. Soccer 2/14 Bn v 2/4 Fd.Rgt. at DEIR

2/16 Bn. at JULIS Aust Rules (Camp Premiership) 2/27 Bn. v
- 1430 hrs.

JULIS 1430 hrs. Rugby - Combined XV v 2/5 Fd.Rgt. at

at JULIS 1430 hrs. Soccer - 2/16 Bn v H; 7 Aust Div

1430 hrs Hockey - 2/16 Bn v 2/5 Fd.Rgt. at JULIS

Teams playing "AWAY" matches will provide their own transport and will turn out in uniform colours.

ADDENDUM

DAILY
PARADE
STATES

7. Units are advised that in future 2 A..F. Form 1 (Daily Parade State) must reach this H. not later than 1800 hrs daily, and NOT 0800 hrs as previously advised.

CHURCH PARADE - SEE BACK.

App. 9(a)

CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 12 JAN 41.

Time	Denomination	Units	Place	Chaplain	Duty Unit.
hrs 0830	R.C. (Mass)	All Units	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whelan	2/14 Bn.
0730	G of E (Holy Communion)	All Units (Voluntary)	Reading Room 2/16 Reading Room 2/27	Chap. Spratling Chap. Whereat	2/16 Bn. 2/27 Bn.
0915	Protestant	2/14 Bn 3 A. Tk. Regt	Picture Theatre	Chap. Spratling	2/14 Bn.
1015	Protestant	2/27 Bn. HQ 21 Bde & Attach. 21 A. Tk. Coy.	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whereat	2/27 Bn.
1115	Protestant	2/16 Bn	Picture Theatre	Chap. Spratling	2/16 Bn.
1930	All Denominations	All Units (Voluntary)	Recreation Hut 2/14	Adj. Hocking	2/14 Bn.

ALL UNITS

9 Jan 41.

TRAINING NOTES.

The following points have been noticed during training:-

GOING TO GROUND

There is a tendency for men to go to ground far too quickly when "fire" is opened on them altho' the "fire" may be one or two shots. The adv MUST be continued until the volume of "fire" is such that it is presumed to be causing casualties and then and only then does the sec go to ground. When the men do go to ground, the best fire posns in the immediate vicinity must be selected. Some of the posns selected in training have been such that the men have been in more danger of being shot by their own tps than by the enemy. The momentum of an attack must be maintained, and now is the time to teach it.

SELECTION OF GROUND

Far too little attention is being paid to the selection of ground for fire posns, especially for defence. Cases have been noted where the secs, by being placed about 10 yards away from the posn chosen, could have dealt far more effectively with any attacker and, at the same time, had far better cover.

LACK OF PREPARATION

Instructors are going out in certain cases to do training with little or no preparation at all. This state of affairs is viewed with grave concern and instructors must be fully prepared for their lessons. This matter is of major importance as what men are taught now they may have to put into practice in the near future.

LACK OF INFORMATION

In many cases, information given to pl and sec comds is not reaching the men in the ranks. When questioned, the men did not know what they were supposed to be doing or where they were going. It's a great pity that the same pl comds did not hear the remarks passed by their men. - it would have had a tonic effect. Information is a vital necessity in war. A man without information is subject to the worst of fears - fear of the unknown.

CONFERENCE AFTER EXERCISES.

In many cases explanations to tps of the mistakes which have occurred during training have either not been given at all or been given in a manner which is wrong and not helpful. An illustration will suffice. One pl comd pointed to a distant coy saying "Look at those bloody fools bunched on that skyline", - yet he made a far worse mistake i.e. giving no explanation at all of the exercise he had just concluded. That same pl had just carried out an attack in which the tps:-

- (i) did not know their objective
- (ii) lay in a wadi for at least 30 minutes without moving or anyone trying to get fwd to find out what was happening
- (iii) were too far bunched. At least 20 men lying together in a line in as many yards.

SIGNALS

Field sigs are certainly being given but in most cases they are being given indecisively and without being preceded by a whistle blast. Those giving field sigs must realise that they are useless unless seen and some means must be adapted to draw attention to them.

SKYLINES

These are always a danger and when it is necessary to cross them the crossing must be made quickly with men dispersed.

I feel sure that now these weaknesses have been pointed out an immediate improvement will be effected by Bn Comds. Training now, more than ever before, is for WAR

Les Shivers
Brig.
Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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Appendix 10.

H.Q. 21 Aust Inf Bde
10 Jan '41.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS.

No. 10

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1800 hrs.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

10 Jan '41
Next for duty

2/27 Bn.
3 Anti Tank Regt.

FATIGUE

2. Duty unit each day will provide a fatigue to clean the area surrounding the Picture Theatre and storm water drain between 59 L.A.D. workshop and D.C.R.E. Depot, by 0900 hrs.

Kluster.
Capt.
A/B.M. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

LEAVE ROSTER - UNITS - JULIS CAMPTEL AVIV - 2 DAYS

DAYS FOR LEAVE	H.Q. 21 Bde No.	21 A.T. Coy No.	59 L.A.D. No	2/14 Bn No	2/16 Bn No	2/27 Bn No	3 A.T. Regt No
Jan 12 - Jan 14	3	2	1		22		22
Jan 16 - Jan 18	2	2		13	13	13	7

1. Buses will depart Julis at 1400 hrs on Sun 12 Jan and Thurs 16 Jan, and Tel Aviv for return at 1000 hrs Tues 14 Jan and Sat 18 Jan respectively.
2. Accommodation Men will stay at the King Solomon Hotel. The charge for bed, bath and morning tea is 110 mils. Officers usually stay at the Armon Palace Hotel.
3. Meals Personnel will make own arrangements for meals. The Australian Soldiers Club is recommended.
4. Payment Units should collect the amount for board and bus fares before the issue of leave passes. The amount collected for board will be handed over to the officer i/c party as detailed. The amount for bus fare will be handed to the bus contractor's representative. It is suggested that units as far as is possible have their total bus fares in notes.
5. Officer i/c Party For all 2 day leave to Tel Aviv one officer will accompany the party as O.C. party. He will be on duty. He will make his own arrangements for accommodation and meals and may claim travelling allowance as authorised. He will be responsible for general supervision of the troops while on leave and for seeing that the bus leaves to return with the full complement at the appointed hours.

2/16 Bn will detail an officer as O.C. leave party for Sun 12 Jan '41.
2/27 Bn will detail an officer as O.C. leave party for Thurs 16 Jan '41

Fawcett Capt.
S.G. 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Appendix 10a.

ALL UNITS.303 SAA FOR TRAINING

1. There is no immediate prospect of the 5500 rnds of .303 SAA per bn allotted for training purposes being increased. This amount is to be used therefore in firing practices 1 and 2 of Appendix IV of Range Practices Div 3198/9/234 - a total of 20 rnds on the 30^x range.

2. The following personnel are to fire these practices.

HQ Coy 2 pl-4 AA LMG dets @ 2 men ea.	8
4 pl-12 carriers @ 2 " "	24
Rifle Coy 5 men per sec plus Coy HQ 2	199
Bn total	<u>220</u>

3. In connection with this course the following points should be observed:-

- Men will not be hurried during firing. Sufficient time is to be taken to make sure that the 20 rnds are NOT wasted.
- Nobody will fire unless they have a good working knowledge of the gun.
- Four guns only can be used simultaneously. Other guns should be used for revising mechanism for details waiting to fire.

The 30^x range is allotted as follows:-

2/14 Bn	13-16 Jan.
2/16 Bn	20-23 Jan.
2/27 Bn	27-30 Jan.

4. The safety precautions for 30^x ranges are laid down in SATI PI sec 3 para 42. In addition, the following additional precautions will be observed:-

No.1 (South) Range

- Red flag behind targets
- Sentries on Rd to range at head of POTTS VALLEY and on cross rds on track to JULIA'S VILLAGE

No.2 (North) Range

- Red flag behind targets
- Sentries as per No.1 range will be posted if it is not in use.

5. C.S.O. will arrange for the Mukhtars of the villages and the occupants of the houses in the neighbourhood of the ranges to be warned that when red flags are flying they enter the vicinity at their own risk.

6. Instructions as to the disposal of the remaining 1100 rnds will be issued later.

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

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
11 Jan 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD, JULIS

NO. 11

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

11 Jan 41.
Next for Duty

3 Anti-Tank Regt
2/14 Bn.

RETREAT

2. From 12 Jan 41 Retreat will be at 1800 hrs.

AIMING AT
AIRCRAFT

3. Ref 1 Aust Corps G 192 of 20 Dec 40.
It is advised that proposal for practice AA aiming at
dive bombers at GAZA aerodrome cannot now be arranged.

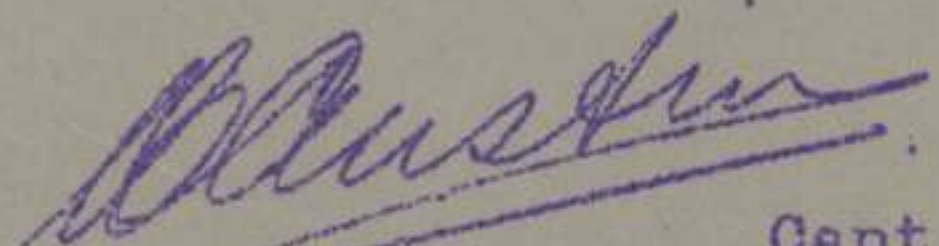
Every effort will be made to arrange the practice when
the situation alters.

ADDRESS
BY
CORPS COMD

4. Ref G 135/1/235. Address by Corps Comd; as many offrs
as possible are to attend.

SUNDAY
PROGRAMME

5. Apart from church parades and essential duties, no training
is to be undertaken on Sundays. The maximum amount of
freedom being allowed men to make and mend etc. To further
assist in this direction no church parades will commence
later than 0900 hrs as from Sunday 19 Jan.


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

NOTICES

LOST

Suitcase containing clothes between Julis and Qastina,
believed picked up by Dept. M.T. Name inside case:
S. Francis, Laundry Contractor, Deir Suneid. Return
to C.S.O. Leane Lines.

CHURCH
EARLY MASS

Mass for R.C. personnel will be celebrated at the Camp
Cinema at 0730 hrs 12 Jan 41. Units will please promulgate
this through R.O's.

12 Jan 41.

303 SAA PRACTICES.

1. All previous instructions, except those dealing with fd firing are hereby cancelled and the following instructions issued in amplification of 7 Aust Div G52 dated 11 Jan:-

2. RIFLE COURSES (APPENDIX III G198/9/224)

Amn for this course is allotted on the basis of the figures supplied in reply to 7 Aust Div G42 dated 4 Dec 40.

21 Aust Inf Bde	1500
21 A Tk Coy	750
2/14 Bn	3800
2/16 Bn	5950
2/27 Bn	4125
	<u>15925</u>

3. This practice will be fired when the JAFFA range is allotted for classification courses.

4. LMG COURSES (APPENDIX IV G198/9/224)

Rifle Coys.

Only offrs, WOs, Sgts and 5 men per sec to fire (216 per bn).

HQ Coy.

12 carriers @ 2 men (24 men)

Total per bn 240 = 12000 rounds

Practices 1 and 2 of Appendix IV will be fired on the 30^x range. Only those personnel who have actually fired the gun on the 30^x range and are capable of handling it will be allowed to fire it during fd firing exercises.

A Tk Coy.

16 guns @ 2 men = 32 men = 1600 rounds

Bde HQ.

20 men = 1000 rounds

5. AA/MLC

4 AA LMGs @ 3 men = 12 men = 720 rounds

6. TOTAL AMN ALLOTTED

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	2500	
21 A Tk Coy	2350	
2/14 Bn	16320	
2/16 Bn	18670	
2/27 Bn	16845	
	<u>56685</u>	
30 ^x range	3000	(1000 rnds per bn for indifferent shots)
Bde reserve for Fd firing	41315	
Total amn allotted	<u>101000</u>	(7,8 & 9 OVER)

7. On no account will the amm allotted above be exceeded.
8. The 1100 rnds allotted to COs for firing indifferent shots on the 30^x range is now reduced to 1000 rnds per bn.
9. The 30^x range is allotted as follows for the firing of LMG practices I and 2 (see Para 4) and for the exercise of indifferent shots with the rifle:-

2/14 Bn	13 - 16 Jan
2/16 Bn	20 - 23 Jan
2/27 Bn	27 - 30 Jan

F. W. Woods Capt.
for A/B M 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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Appendix 12.

H.Q. 21 Aust Inf Bde
12 Jan 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS

NO. 12

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

12 Jan 41
Next for Duty

2/14 Bn
2/16 Bn

Flintwood Capt.
for A/B.M. 21 Aust Inf Bde

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1
BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS, E.D.
CAMP COMD. JULIS.
NO. 13.

DUTIES.

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT.</u>
13 Jan 41	2/16 Bn.
<u>NEXT FOR DUTY</u>	2/27 Bn.

CENSORSHIP

2. Posting of Correspondence

(I) Numerous cases have occurred where personnel of the AIF have been detected posting letters in civil post offices in an endeavour to evade censorship. Attention of all ranks is drawn to AIF Standing Orders Pa 1, Sec V, para 70 and CRO No 31 dated 16 Nov 40, para 116, which contain the instruction relating to the posting of private correspondence.

(ii) CRO No 31 para 116 is repeated in part herewith for information:-

"(a) All letters from all ranks to any destination and with any stamps must be posted in Army Post Offices.

(b) All letters which are posted in civil post offices will be intercepted by the censor and disciplinary action taken against the offender."

Telegrams

All telegrams which contain reference to arrival of troops in the Middle East giving location of sender or unit will be intercepted by the censor and such reference deleted.

Newspapers etc

The following publications which are subject to Military censorship may be despatched through the Army Postal Service to AUSTRALIA:-

- (1) AIF News
- (ii) Parade

RETURNS

3. Returns which are required to be forwarded to higher authority through this HQ must be signed by the CO of the unit.

PALESTINE STAMPS

4. Personnel still holding supplies of Palestinian Stamps intended for payment of postage on Air Mail articles, may exchange same for equal value in Australian Stamps at the F.P.O. Stamps of a smaller denomination than 10 mils will not be exchanged.

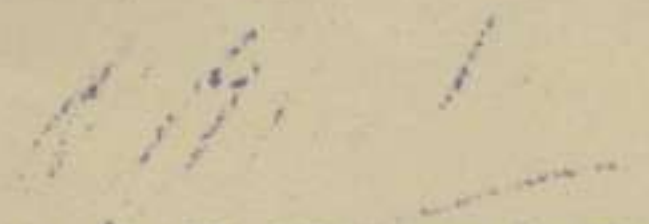
INFORMATION RE CABLES.

4. The particulars to be shown on the back of Cable Forms are now to be limited to the sender's number and name, followed by "A.I.F. Abroad". The sender's rank and unit are NOT to be shown.

ORDNANCE

5. Returned Clothing

Clothing for return to Aust Base Ordnance Depot will NOT be defaced by removal of buttons.


Capt
A/B M 21 Aust Inf Bde

APPENDIX 13 a.

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

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>OR's.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	12	62	74
21 A Tk Coy	4	77	81
59 LAD	-	11	11
2/14 Bn	39	838	877
2/16 Bn	38	871	909
2/27 Bn	38	840	878
TOTAL	131	2699	2830
Total Bde less 21 A Tk Coy and 59 LAD	127	2611	2738
	<u>6666</u>		

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
14 Jan '41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS.

NO 14.

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS.

DATE

DUTY UNIT

14 Jan '41

2/27 Bn.

NEXT FOR DUTY

3 Anti Tank Regt.

CLERKS

2. There are still some vacancies for clerks in HQ 1 Aust Corps. Applications are invited from other ranks who can type and are desirous of transfer. Applications, stating qualifications, should be forwarded with recommendations of COs to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 17 Jan 41.

ORDERLIES
STOREMEN
COOKS

3. Applications are invited from other ranks capable and desirous of filling appointments in HQ 7 Aust Div as orderlies, storemen and cooks. Applications, stating qualifications, should be forwarded with COs recommendation to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 17 Jan 41.

ADJUSTMENTS
& REPAIRS
SIGNAL
EQUIPMENT

4. Signals report that some signal equipment recently repaired by them has been damaged by unauthorised adjustments. It is pointed out that on signals rest the responsibility for the maintenance, adjustment and repair of all signal equipment in the Division.

THEIVING IN
CAMPS AND
AREAS UNDER
1 AUST CORPS

5. (a) Attention is directed to the fact that in the past few days three (3) rifles and a number of other articles have been thieved from camps in the Corps Area.

(b) Immediate action will be taken by all comds to ensure that the instns covering the safe-guarding of arms and ammunition are fully observed, and that every precaution be taken to ensure that this thieving does not continue.

(c) Sentries charged with the duty of protecting arms and ammunition and other Government property will use every means to ensure its safe-guarding. When other means fail and the circumstances demand, they are authorised to shoot.

(d) These losses are undoubtedly known to the local population, and it may therefore be expected that unless our precautions are adequate, there will be an increase in the attempts to thieve.

A. B. M. 21

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

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
15 Jan 40

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD JULIS

NO 15.

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
15 Jan 41 Next for duty	3 Anti Tank Regt 2/14 Bn.

Bluskin
Capt
A/B.M. 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

The "Wooden Troupe" will give two performances at the camp picture theatre on Friday 17 Jan at the usual picture hours.

PICTURE
THEATRE

SPORTS.

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

AWAY Sunday 19 Jan

Aust Rules 2/16 Bn v 2/4 Fd Regt at Deir Suneid at 1430 hrs
Rugby 3 A Tk Rgt v 2/6 Fd Rgt at Deir Suneid at 1430 hrs.
Soccer 2/16 Bn v H.Q. 7 Div at Deir Suneid at 1430 hrs.

HOME Sunday 19 Jan

Aust Rules 2/14 Bn v 2/27 Bn (Premiership Match) at Julis 1430 hrs
Soccer 3 A T Regt v 2/5 Fd Regt at Julis "
Hockey 2/16 Bn v Base Ordnance " "
Basket Ball HQ 21 Bde v 2/5 Fd Regt " "

Teams travelling "AWAY" will arrange their own transport and will turn out in uniform colours.

21 AUST INF BDE.S E C R E T

Appendix 15a.

st/HJ

15 Jan '41.

7 Aust Div.FITNESS FOR WAR.

Further to my report dated 4Jan '41, a more detailed outline of the standard of training in this bde is given in the following paras. The matter has been considered under,

- (a) physical fitness,
- (b) weapon training,
- (c) fieldcraft,
- (d) collective training, up to the coy stage,
- (e) bn and bde training,
- (f) HQ and HQ coy pls,
- (g) tactical control.

2. PHYSICAL FITNESS : The bde will be fit by 31 Jan 41.

3. WEAPON TRAINING :

- (a) Rifle : A few men are still to fire certain S A practices. The majority, however, have completed this phase. All bns conducted pl fd firing exercises in Australia and further exercises commence at Jaffa on 21 Jan 41.
- (b) Bayonet : Training is complete.
- (c) Grenade : All men have thrown dummies and a proportion of 2/14 Bn personnel have thrown live grenades. No grenades are available here for further training of this nature.
- (d) Bren Guns : These have only just been provided and cadre courses are still in progress. By 31 Jan 41, approx 216 men in each bn will have fired at least some practices with the Brens. Experience with Lewis Guns is already possessed by many and this will prove helpful in mastering the new weapon.
- (e) Mortars : One 2" and one 3" Mortars have just come to hand and no amn for training purposes is yet available. Mortar pls incl many men with Militia experience who have already fired the 3" Mortar and one week with complete equipment would enable these pls to function.

/ (f) A Tk -

- (f) A Tk Rifles : Only a very few men have fired this weapon and no amm is now available. There will not be any difficulty in successfully handling it.
- (g) Carriers : Not more then four carriers have ever been available in any one bn but considerable progress in training has nevertheless been made. Intensive instruction in driving and mechanism is being given on the few vehicles on issue but the absence of a mounting to take a Bren on the carriers now in use is handicapping training. The carrier pls could function fourteen days after being equipped.

4. FIELD CRAFT : Much work on this subject was done in Australia and has continued since arrival. It figures prominently in all exercises and lack of knowledge of it will not hinder the active employment of the bde.

5. COLLECTIVE TRAINING : All bns completed a number of coy exercises, by day and night, in Australia and commence a further series on 24 Jan. By 31 Jan 41 a satisfactory standard should have been attained.

6. HQ AND HQ COY PLS : HQ personnel have received only a little training in the field but from now on this aspect is receiving special attention.

The position respecting the pls of HQ coys is as follows:

- (a) Sig pls : Handicapped by lack of equipment. Require further intensive instruction for one month although the regimental sigs of 2/27 Bn are more advanced than in either of the other bns.
- (b) AA pl : Training delayed for want of Brens, although a limited amount was given in Australia. Further instn is now under way and these pls could function in 14 days.
- (c) Mortar pl)
(d) Carrier pl) see para 2.
- (e) Pioneer pl : Ready now.
- (f) Adm pl : Ready now, but 14 days with additional MT up to 70% of total war estab is desirable to improve drs.

7. BN AND BDE TRAINING : This has not yet been attempted but bn training will commence on 1 Feb 41. It will be limited by / the absence

the absence of essential MT and weapons but the basic principles will be practised. Bde training will commence on 12 Feb 41, and subject to Div approval, other arms normally found in a bde gp will be incl. The standard of this training in relation to fitness for war is dealt with in para 8.

8. TACTICAL CONTROL : This is the deciding factor in assessing fitness for war and no opportunity for bde and bn comds to exercise it has yet been possible, although bn comds have all carried out bn exercises during militia camps in Australia. One month, with units equipped to 70% of their W E (Tables), is necessary in which to practise this in anticipation of conditions mentioned in para 9.

9. I consider that this bde would be fit to participate in operations against the Italians in conditions similar to those which have applied in the Western Desert one month from the date on which it receives 70% of its war equipment. It could undertake garrison duties in rear areas immediately if equipment were made available, as there would be opportunity for further training in such areas.

10. In arriving at the above estimate I have been affected by:

- (a) the opportunity of active service under favorable conditions and the value of the experience so gained when a more resolute enemy is encountered;
- (b) the keenness of all ranks;
- (c) the effect on morale - already high - of a fwd move.

(Sgd) J.E.S. Brig.
Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde.

Appendix 16

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
16 Jan 40

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD - JULIS

NO 16

DUTIES

TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

DATE

DUTY UNIT

16 Jan 41

2/14 Bn

Next for duty

2/27 Bn

DEMON-
STRAT-
ION RAE
7 DIV

The demonstrations by RAE 7 Div in area NE of QASTINA postponed from 14 Jan 41 have been cancelled.

for Fawcett Capt
A/B M 21 Aust Inf Bde

16 Jan 41

LEAVE TIME TABLE - UNITS - JULIS GAN.

Serial	Dates	Leave Period	Leave Place	HQ 21 Bde	21 ATK Coy	59 L A D	2/14 Bn	2/16 Bn	2/27 Bn	3 ATK Regt	Total
1.	Mon 20 Jan	1 day	Jerusalem	7	9			183P			200
2.	Mon 20 Jan	2 days	Tel Aviv	13	15			320P			350
3.	Sun 26 Jan	2 days	Jerusalem	3	3	1	26	26	26	15	100
4.	Mon 27 Jan	1 day	Jerusalem	5	7	1	137P				150
5.	Mon 27 Jan	2 days	Tel Aviv	13	15	2	320P				350
			Jerusalem	3	3	1	26	26	26	15	100

Units attention is drawn to para 7 appearing in Leave Time Table No.1 period 20 Jan to 2 Feb 41 issued by HQ Base and L of C Units, Gaza dated 13 Jan 41 with reference to future allotments of leave being based as far as practicable in accordance with the table for the period 20 Jan to 2 Feb, and the major portion of the available leave for each camp re-occurring on the same day in subsequent leave periods as set out therein.

over. L. Picquets

Appendix 16a

1. Picquets Serial 1. 2/16 Bn. Serial 4. 2/14 Bn. The whole picquet will be carried in M.T. provided by unit supplying picquet. Units will ensure picquets carry the unexpended portion of the days rations.
2. Unit leave parties will be personally inspected by C O or 2 i/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 O's O 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 officer of not less rank than a Capt. Officers will accompany unit leave parties on the basis of one for every 25 ORs.
4. Fares Return fares are as follows:- Julis - Jerusalem, 200 mils. Julis - Tel Aviv, 145 mils. Fares MUST be collected prior to the 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 morning tea is 110 mils. Officers usually stay at the Armon Palace Hotel.
 (ii) 2 days Jerusalem - Men will stay the the Hotel Fast. The charge (including bus travelling, accommodation for two nights and organised Club sight seeing tours) is Officers LP 1.250 and ORs 750 mils.
 These amounts will be collected by O.C. i/c of party and handed (i) to Manager of King Solomon Hotel, Tel Aviv (ii) to A.C.F. representative at the Hotel Fast.
6. Officer i/c Party For all two day leave to Tel Aviv one officer will accompany the party as O C Party. He will be on duty. He will make his own arrangements for accommodation and meals and may claim travelling allowance as authorised. He will be responsible for general supervision of the tps while on leave and for seeing that the bus leave to return with the full compliment at the appointed hours.
7. Dress - Service Dress
8. Other details regarding leave and conduct of troops whilst on leave are contained in AIF SO Pal. Appendices H & K.
 2/14 Bn will detail an officer as OC leave party for Sun 26 Jan to Tel Aviv.

Opposition

F. Woods
S C 21 Aust Inf ^{Capt.} Bde.

H.Q. 21 Aust Inf Bde
17 Jan 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS ED

CAMP COMD.-JULIS

No.17

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

DATE

17 Jan
Next for duty

DUTY UNIT

2/27 Bn
2/16 Bn

PERIMETER 2. As from 1600 hrs 19 Jan '41, 2/27 Pl Coy will take over
GD that portion of the perimeter gd to the south and east of
LEANE LINES.

for *part of* *gd* *to* *be* *done* *by* *the* *2/27* *Pl* *Coy* *on* *19* *Jan* *'41*
for. A/B M 21 Aust Inf Bde *Capt.*

CHURCH PARADES OVER

NOTICES

COMFORTS

The receipt of 111 Pullovers from the A.C.F. is gratefully acknowledged. Distribution is as follows:-

2/14 Bn	20 pullovers
2/16 Bn	25 "
2/27 Bn	20 "
H.Q. 21 Bde	20 "
3 A Tk Regt	26 "

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CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 19 JAN '41

Time	DENOMINATION	UNITS	PLACE	CHAPLAIN	DUTY UNIT
hrs 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 Communion)	All units (Voluntary)	Reading Room 2/16 Bn Reading Room 2/27 Bn	Chap Spratling Chap Whereat	2/16 Bn 2/27 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/14 Bn 3 A Tk Regt	Open air	Senior Chap Bell	2/14 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/16 Bn	Open air	Chap Spratling	2/16 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/27 Bn H.Q. 21 Bde & Attachs 21 A.Tk Coy	Open air	Chap Whereat	2/27 Bn

Open air services will be cancelled should the weather prove unsuitable, with the exception of the 2/14 Bn service which will be held in the Picture Theatre at 0915 hrs. This procedure will be adopted in rotation - 2/16 Bn having the next use of the theatre, followed by the 2/27 Bn.

Chap Whelan

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

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

CAMP COMD. JULIS

NO. 18

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

DUTY UNIT

18 Jan 41
Next for duty

2/16 Bn.
3 A Tk Regt

CHURCH
PARADES

2. With ref to Church parades Cir 17 Jan, the 0730 C of E (Holy Communion) Service will be held in the Reading Room 2/16 Bn only. Chap Spratling will officiate.

TENTAGE
AND ACCOMM-
-ODATION
RETURNS

3. Attention is invited to C R C No.46 Para 216(b), wherein a return will be submitted with reference to the posn of tentage and accommodation as at 1 Feb 41. This return will reach this HQ by 1200 hrs 19 Jan 41 and will show the anticipated posn for 1 Feb 41. All units have submitted indents for additional tentage so that personnel can be accommodated on the basis of 8 men per tent. The anticipated posn therefore at 1 Feb 41 will be the anticipated strength of the unit at 1 Feb 41 accommodated in the number of tents at present on charge. It will be necessary to show the number of tents which are in use for purposes other than accommodation as well as those actually occupied.

CENSORSHIP
PRIVATE
CORRESPON-
-DENCE -
EFM MESSAG-
-ES

4. A number of telegrams which contained words indicating the use of a pre-arranged code, have been intercepted by the censor. All telegrams of this type will be stopped by censorship. Attention is drawn to AIF Standing Orders Pam 1 Sec V para 69, which provides that all private correspondence will be in plain language.

ROAD
SAFETY

5. Personnel are warned of the danger of walking on roads after sunset, as blackout regulations limit the vision of drivers. To prevent accidents, pedestrians will keep well clear of the formed portions of the roads.

The attention of all troops will be drawn to this order.

JAFFA
PATROL

6. Attention is directed to AIF Standing Orders, PALESTINE (Prov) Pam 1 para 14, Appx "C", declaring JAFFA "out of bounds", to all ranks with the exception of the direct route to the JAFFA Bathing Club, which is in bounds to officers only.

Leave picquets will patrol JAFFA under the direction of 1 Aust Corps Provost Coy.

UNLAWFUL
DISPOSAL
OF ARMY
ISSUE

7. Cases have recently occurred where, AIF personnel have made gifts to Arabs of Stores, Army Clothing and Goods issued by Australian Philanthropic Societies.

Under A.M.R. 79, heavy penalties may be inflicted on personnel who unlawfully dispose of articles on issue to them, or held in trust by them, from the Commonwealth.

Goods received from Australian Philanthropic Societies are to be regarded as an army issue, and any cases of unlawful disposal of such goods will be dealt with under A.M.R. 79.

CENSUS OF
WARLIKE
STORES

8. Unit commanders will be held responsible that the Returns called for in Appx "D" to 1 Aust Corps Admin Instrn No 21 are submitted by the due dates. The important action of remedying deficiencies depends entirely on all Returns arriving on the correct dates and the accuracy of every item.

Units will submit this return to this HQ by 1200 hrs 19 Jan 41.

/ The following

The following is the distribution of copies to be made by units:

By units of a Division

- To G.O.O. Aust B.O.D. - 1 copy direct.
- To Divisional HQ - 5 copies for distribution to the following:-
 - G(SD) G.H.Q. M.E. 1 copy
 - DOS(OS 3) G.H.Q. M.E. 1 copy
 - ADOS 1 Aust Corps 1 "
 - ADOS(P) M.E. 1 "
 - retention 1 "
- To HQ 1 Aust Corps - 1 copy.

STRETCHERS 9. All AIF units in PALESTINE will immediately check their stocks of Stretchers Ambulance, pillows and slings and return all surplus to War Equipment Tables, (G1098), to Aust Base Ord Depot.

PERSONNEL 10. Tradesmen are urgently required to complete War Establishment FOR ORDNANCE of the following two Workshops:-
WORKSHOPS

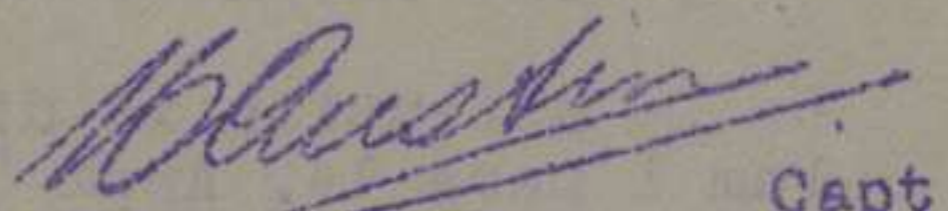
- (i) No. 2 Advances Ordnance Workshop, BARBARA
- (ii) 2/1 Army Field Workshop, DEIR SUNEID.

Applicants will be trade tested, and will not be accepted unless of sufficiently high standard. Any such personnel NOT employed by their units in a capacity in which their training and experience are being used will be given an opportunity to transfer into Ordnance Workshops.

The following trades are concerned:-

- | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Fitters | Body Builders | Clerks |
| Fitters M T | Panel beaters | Storemen |
| Mechanics | Spray painters | Drivers |
| Mechanics M T | Signwriters | Instrument mechanics |
| Turners | Blacksmiths | etc. |
| Tool Makers | Textile workers | |

This order will be brought to the notice of personnel of all AIF units in PALESTINE. Applicants names will be submitted by units to this HQ by 1200 hrs 23 Jan 41.


Capt
A/B.M. 21 Aust Inf Bde

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Appendix 19.

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
19 Jan 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS ED

CAMP COMD JULIS

No. 19

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

DUTY UNIT

19 Jan 41

3 A Tk Regt

Next for duty

2/14 Bn

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

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
20 Jan 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS ED.

CAMP COMD JULIS

NO 20

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

20 Jan 41

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

2/14 Bn

2/27 Bn

CAMP CONSER-
VANCY

2. All matters dealing with Conservancy will, as from today's date be forwarded direct to the Camp SO Leane Lines. Weekly return showing removal of sullage water from unit lines must be submitted not later than 0900 hrs each Saturday to the Camp SO.

RATIONS

3. Owing to the present shortage of bacon foods in the Middle East, the following issue in lieu will apply forthwith for troops in PALESTINE:-

For bacon M C 3 ozs or Bacon tinned 2½ ozs or Sausages tinned 4 ozs daily - Substitute Eggs (Four times per week), Fresh Fish 3 ozs (once per week), Fresh Sausages 4 ozs (twice per week)

Fresh Sausages will only be purchased from sources approved by the medical authorities when R A S C cannot provide this item. The issue of eggs in lieu of tinned herrings twice weekly will be held in abeyance until further orders.

OFFENCE RE-
PORTS
B2069

4. The copy of B2069 to be forwarded weekly to 7 Aust Div will be forwarded through this HQ by all units of this Bde.

For all offences carrying an award of detention of 14 days and over, a covering memo outlining the facts of each case will be attached.

SKILLED
TRADESMEN

5. To enable personnel with trade qualifications to be used to the best advantage of the AIF as a whole, a review of the present duties of personnel who possess these qualifications will be undertaken.

A return will be forwarded by each unit direct to 2nd Echelon AIF, one copy to this HQ, by 29 Jan 41, showing particulars of personnel who -

- (a) hold trade qualifications in the trades shown below,
- (b) are not at present holding appointments or doing duties calling for the exercise of their trade qualifications,
- (c) are available for placement where their trade skill may be utilised.

Blacksmiths
Bricklayers
Butchers
Carpenters and Joiners
Concretors
Cooks
Draughtsmen (Architectural)
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)

Electrical Fitters
Electricians
Engine Artificers
Engine Hands I.C.
Fitters
Linemen
Masons
Mechanics, M.T.

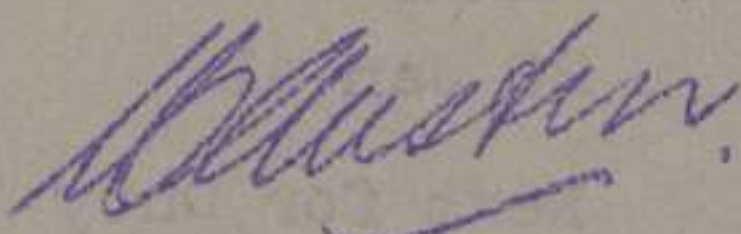
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Plumbers and Pipe-fitters
 Radio Mechanics
 Saddlers and Harness-makers
 Sawyers
 Ship and Radio Operators
 Shorthand Typists

Stokers (Stationary Engine)
 Surveyors (Engineering)
 Telegraphists
 Telephone Mechanics
 Tinsmiths
 Welders, Acetylene and Electric

The return will include only tradesmen qualified to carry out duties without further training.

The fullest co-operation of all CO's will be given in this matter.



Capt.
A/B M 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES.

SPORTS

There will be a meeting of unit Sports Officers at this HQ on Tuesday 21 Jan at 1700 hrs. It is desirable that all Sports Officers attend, as a competitive fixture list has been arranged for both Home and Away matches.

APPENDIX 20 a.

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

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>OR's.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.	12	62	74
21 A Tk Coy.	4	72	76
59 LAD.	1	7	8
2/14 Bn	37	825	862
2/16 Bn	37	801	838
2/27 Bn	36	811	847
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TOTAL	127	2578	2705
Total Bde less 21 A Tk Coy and 59 LAD	123	2499	2622
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Appendix 21

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
21 Jan 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS ED.

CAMP COMD JULIS

NO 21

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
21 Jan 41	2/27 Bn
Next for Duty	2/16 Bn

for *FauToods* Capt.
A/B M 21 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES.

FOUND Found in Camp Cinema, leather wallet with initials, envelope of photographs, silver ring. Owners apply orderly room HQ 21 Inf Bde.

CONCERTS The following Concert Parties will give two performances per night at the Camp Picture Theatre at the usual picture hours:-

THURSDAY 23 Jan 41 - "SPOTLIGHTS"

SATURDAY 1 Feb 41 - "TROUPEERS"

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COMBATS

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
22 Jan 41

has set up a list of 3459 projects to be completed by 31st Jan 41
3459 types of awards from HQ are being distributed as follows:-

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

SHAWING GREAT

2/16 Bn

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS ED.

CAMP COND JULIS

NO 22

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

22 Jan 41

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

2/16 Bn

2/27 Bn

B B C BROADCAST

2. The following extract from the advance programmes of the B.B.C. is promulgated for general information:-

Thursday, Jan 23, 20-30 hrs, local time.
Request programme for British Forces in the Near East - Sandy Macpherson (Theatre Organ)

INSPECTION OF A D S

3. 2/4 Fd.Amb have established a typical A D S in SQUIRES LINES, KILO 89 CAMP, and the Comd has extended an invitation to officers of this bde to inspect it as opportunity offers.

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

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES

Men attending early morning C of E or R C church services, need not necessarily attend later services. The matter is one for unit comd's discretion.

SPORTS

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

<u>HOME - SUNDAY 26 JAN</u>			
<u>AUST RULES</u>	3 A Tk Regt	V	2/6 Fd Regt @ JULIS 1430 hrs.
<u>RUGBY</u>	2/14 Bn	V	2/16 Bn (Premiership Match) @ JULIS 1430 hrs.
<u>BASKETBALL</u>	HQ 21 Bde	V	2/6 Fd Regt @ JULIS 1430 hrs.
<u>AWAY - SUNDAY 26 JAN</u>			
<u>AUST RULES</u>	2/16 Bn	V	2/4 Fd Regt @ DEIR SUNEID) 1430 hrs)
<u>SOCCER</u>	2/16 Bn	V	HQ 7 Div " " "
	3 A Tk Regt	V	2/4 Fd Regt " " "

Teams travelling "AWAY" will arrange their own tpt, and will turn out in uniform colours.

/over.

COMFORTS.

HQ 21 Bde
21 A Tk Coy

The receipt of 3439 packets of cigarettes and 3459 tubes of shaving cream from ACP is gratefully acknowledged. Distribution was as follows:-

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CIGARETTES</u>	<u>SHAVING CREAM</u>	<u>DUTIES</u>
HQ 21 Bde	74	74	
21 A Tk Coy	73	93	
59 L A D	7	7	
2/14 Bn	847	847	
2/16 Bn	783	783	
2/27 Bn	804	804	
3 A Tk Regt	571	571	
2/7 Fd Coy	234	234	
Dental Unit	5	5	
5 AGH Det	11	11	
7 Div Postal Unit	4	4	
7 Div Sigs	7	7	
Other Details	11	11	
Sick in CRS	8	8	
	<u>3439</u>	<u>3459</u>	

The B.D. is promulgated for general information - the following extract from the advance programme

Thursday, Jan 23, 20-30 hrs. local time. Request programme for British Forces in the Near East - Sandy Macpherson (Theatre Organ)

3. S/A Fd Amb have established a typical A.D. in SQUIRES LINES, KILGOMRAN, and the Club has extended an invitation to officers of this Bde to inspect it as opportunity offers.

INSPECTION OF A.D.

(Sgt) M. AUSTIN Capt. AMR & O 1587

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES

Men attending early morning G of B or R O church services need not necessarily attend later services. The matter is one for unit commander's discretion.

SPORTS

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

<u>HOME - SUNDAY 20 JAN</u>	<u>AWAY - SUNDAY 21 JAN</u>
2/6 Fd Regt @ JULIA 1430 hrs	2/6 Fd Regt @ DEER SUNDAY 1430 hrs
2/16 Bn (Friendship Match) @ JULIA 1430 hrs	HQ 7 Div @ DEER SUNDAY 1430 hrs
2/6 Fd Regt @ JULIA 1430 hrs	2/4 Fd Regt @ DEER SUNDAY 1430 hrs
HQ 21 Bde	2/16 Bn
2/16 Bn	2/16 Bn
2/4 Fd Regt	2/4 Fd Regt

Teams travelling "AWAY" will arrange their own food, and will turn out in uniform colours.

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
23 Jan 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D.

CAMP COMD JULIS

NO 23

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

23 Jan 41

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

2/27 Bn

3 A Tk Regt

BEER SALES IN CANTEENS

2. Beer stocks throughout Palestine are practically depleted. Fifteen new canteens will be opening in the near future in camps not having this convenience at present. Further stocks cannot be supplied until new shipments come to hand. In view of the foregoing, wet canteens will only open for the following period daily:-

1900 hrs to 1945 hrs.

LEAVE

3. Units will notify this HQ on the preceeding day if they cannot fill their leave quotas for the following day so that suitable adjustments to tpt can be made.

AD and PAD

4. The attention of units of 21 Bde is directed to 7 Aust Div Circular G54 dealing with AD and PAD. Immediate steps will be instituted to give full effect to this order and COs will report to the Bde Comd when action has been taken.

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CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 26 JAN 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 Communion)	All Units (voluntary)	Reading Room " " 2/16 Bn " " 2/27 Bn	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	Open air	Chap Spratling	2/16 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/27 Bn	Open air	Chap Whereat	2/16 Bn
2000	All Denominations	All Units	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 the 2/16 Bn service which will be held in the Picture Theatre at 0915 hrs. Personnel who attend the C of E Holy Communion Voluntary Services will be exempted from attendance at the 0900 hrs services. Unit Comds are requested to ensure that personnel attending the 0730 Holy Communion Service are punctual.

Handwritten notes and stamps:
 23
 2/14 Bn
 2/16 Bn
 2/27 Bn
 3 A Tk Regt.
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21 AUST INF BDE.

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Appendix 23B

23 Jan 41.

2/14 Bn.
2/16 Bn.
2/27 Bn.

BDE TEWT.

In order to lend realism to the Bde TEWT and to present the picture of a bde disposed in defence the defensive position is to be occupied on 31 Jan in accordance with 21 Inf Bde OO No 1.

2. Tps will be in position by 1100 hrs and will remain there until 1215 hrs after which they may move without further orders to private parades and resume normal training.

3. Bns will represent the following in their areas :-

A Tk guns - by utilities with an indication of the arc of responsibility;

MG beaten zones - by sig flags;

Road blocks - with danner wire;

A Tk mine-fields - by dummy mines, where available, or by a notice on the actual site of the minefield.

4. The representation referred to above is to be explained to all ranks participating.

5. Bn and coy comds, and comds att tps should make a quick tour of the area in order to study the dispositions.

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During the remainder of period 4 it is desirable that particular attention be given to the training of snipers on the basis of 2 per coy. Para 26 of ATM 29 reads as follows :

"RESPONSIBILITY FOR SNIPERS.

"Bn snipers will be trained by and work under the orders of the IO. As their name implies, they will be trained as expert scouts, observers, and snipers, and will also be grounded in int duties."

Certain units have already done much in this direction but more is necessary.

2. COY TEST EXERCISES.

In one bde of this div exercises are being carried out to test the efficiency of coys prior to the commencement of bn training. The following suggestions were made in that bde to bn comds :

- (a) Bn comds to prepare a scheme which involves two coys, one for defence and one for attack. The coy in defence should be weakened so as to create a natural picture and give the attacking coy a chance of success. The men withdrawn should be used as umpires and for adm duties in the scheme. Suggested procedure :
- (b) "A" coy moves out early, takes up defensive posn (area indicated by chief umpire in defence). "B" coy follows - comes up against the posn held and attacks.
- (c) "A" coy fights a delaying action all day till eventually reinforcements arrive and it goes into bivouac for the night.
- (d) Both coys in bivouac some 2,000 yards apart one hr before darkness and the exercise continues by recce and fighting patrols during the night.
- (e) "B" coy makes either a night attack or dawn attack on "A" coy which commences to withdraw towards the camp.
- (f) "A" coy fights a delaying action during second day.

Bn comds may desire to undertake something on these lines.

3. COY TWO-SIDED EXERCISES.

A great deal of value can be obtained from coy two-sided exercises, one pl carrying out defence and withdrawal, and another carrying out attack, the remaining pl being used for umpires and adm details.

4. The following was an arrangement suggested in the bde referred to above for the tactical training of a coy, considered from the point of view of a two-sided exercise :

(1) General Arrangements.

- (a) The coy comd selects a suitable piece of ground to study the operation of a pl in attack and a pl in defence. With his 2 i/c he prepares the exercise in detail.
- (b) The coy comd acts as director and umpire to the pl in attack, and the 2 i/c acts with the

defence.

(c) A and B pls are to carry out the exercise. C pl is to do some other training.

(d) Sec comds of C pl act as umpires to the attack.

(e) Each pl, incl C pl, in order is exercised in attack and defence.

(ii) On day of exercise.

(a) Exercise is explained to A, B pls and umpires by coy comds and he states objects and lessons to be taught.

(b) 0900 hrs (adm details complete) A pl moves out to take up defence with 2 i/c and umpires for secs in attack. Posn taken up in defence will be decided by the pl comd.

(c) 0930 hrs B pl moves to starting point of attack exercise some 1000 - 1500 yards from the defensive posn taken up; umpires, having seen the defence and studied the ground, join B pl.

(d) Narrative issued by pl umpire and exercise commences.

(e) At this stage the only personnel who know the ground are the coy comd, 2 i/c coy and sec umpires.

(f) From this point the picture is painted to the pl comds by the pl umpire who issues his orders accordingly. The pl comd gets his information from sec comds by the RED or BLUE flag, by voice or by runner.

(g) The sec comds carry out the orders of the pl comd and the secs those of the sec comd.

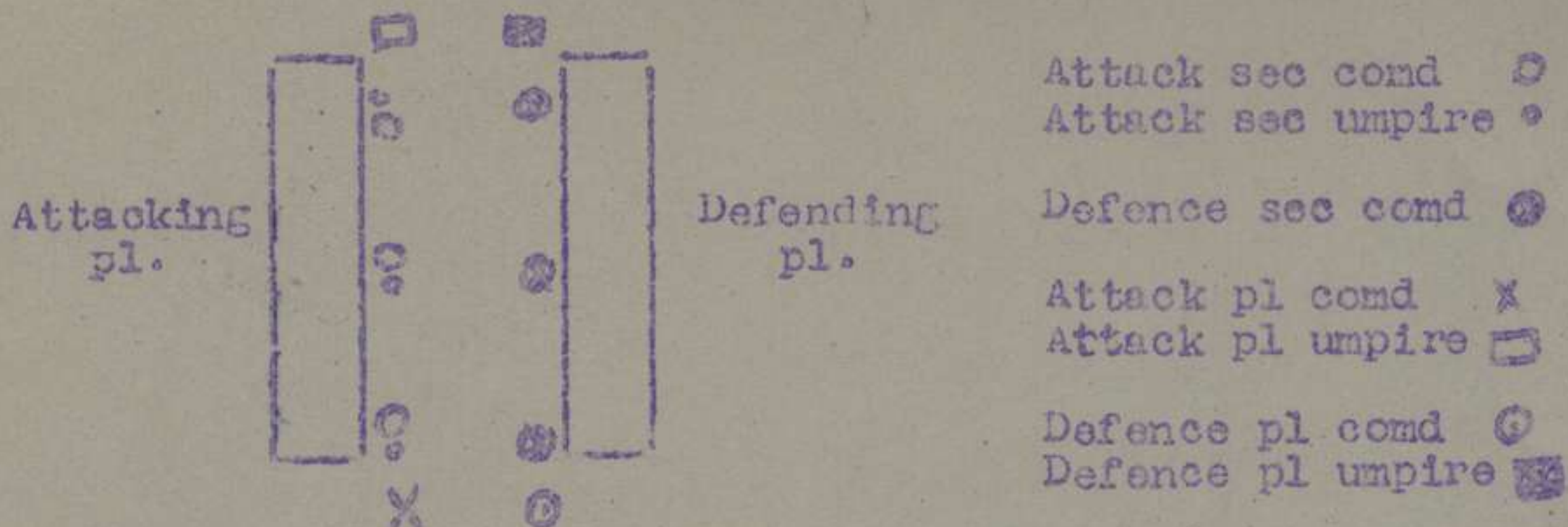
(h) Umpires merely paint the picture.

(i) The exercise must end by a pre-arranged signal from the director, but dont forget, the attacking pl must be held up, the defence withdrawn, or the exercise continued from success to exploitation to consolidation.

(j) Sec comds in defence should keep a chart of the attack as it develops so that they do not miss any points at the final discussion.

Time	Rough sketch of area	Order given	Remarks

(k) On the completion of the exercise a discussion will take place and the following drill is suggested:



Director and pl umpire attack → coy cmd
 Director and pl umpire defence → coy 2 i/c

Tps drawn up as shown in sketch on a piece of ground selected beforehand by the Director from where the ground over which the attack has passed can be seen.

Sequence of Talking :

1. Attack sec cmd No 1.
2. Attack sec umpire No 1.
3. Remarks from any sec cmd in defence.
4. Attack sec cmd No 2.
5. Attack sec umpire No 2.
6. Remarks from any sec cmd in defence.
7. Attack sec cmd No 3.
8. Attack sec umpire No 3.
9. Remarks from any sec cmd in defence.
10. Pl cmd attack.
11. Pl cmd defence.
12. Remarks by defence umpire.
13. Summing up and general remarks by director.

Remember that umpires' criticism must be constructive and not destructive. "I consider the following pls were wrong because". The exercise may only take 20 mins and the discussion twice that time.

Inclte argument rather than stop it.

Adm details.

The adm details are most important in creating a realistic picture.

The following are necessary :

- Screens : 1 red and 1 blue per sec.
- Flags : 1 red and 1 blue per pl umpire.
- Arm bands : 1 per sec umpire, 2 per pl umpire.
- Token weapons : If equipt is not available token should be constructed.
- Blanks : Liberal issue is necessary to produce reality. Rattles or other method of producing the sound of fire if blanks not available.
- Message books - offrs.
- Some method of distinguishing attackers from defenders, probably one side wear hats and the other helmets.

7. The above details are fwd to indicate one method of undertaking pl and coy training and they contain much of interest.

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Appendix 24A

24 Jan 41

TRAINING CIRCULAR NO 8

1. The programme of training for the period 3 - 15 Feb 41 is att. It is comprised, almost entirely of bn exercises and is designed to give bn comds the opportunity to practise tactical control of their units and to test out their HQ organization.

2. Each bn in turn will carry out an attack on the bde defensive posn, the remaining bns occupying the latter posn. The attacking bn will move from its lines to an area approx 3 miles south of the camp on D 2 before it is to undertake the op. On its first day out it will continue with independent coy exercises and patrols, and between 1900 and 2400 hrs on that day may send recce patrols as far north as the FDLs to obtain information as to dispositions. During the afternoon of the second day, it will move towards the FDLs as adv gd to a bde gp, be held up some 500 yds south of them, and the bn comd will then carry out a recce for an attack to be delivered at any time after 0500 hrs next day. He will at this stage be given an int summary and a map built up from aerial photographs which will give him certain information concerning enemy dispositions. He is at liberty to stage his attack on any part of the defensive posn. His attack will be umpired by umpires appointed by bde. The defenders will merely be a gallery and will not interfere with the conduct of the attack. This is to be made clear to the defenders. All offrs of the defenders will note carefully how the attack is conducted, explain the various phases of it to their men and indicate how an active defence could take advantage of any weakness in the attack.

3. Bns occupying the defensive posn prior to the attack will carry out the normal routine applicable to such posns. They will maintain OPs and outposts in adv of their front during daylight and the usual patrols will operate at night. Unnecessary movement during daylight is to be avoided, but to facilitate training, tps in FDLs may be thinned out and those not retained there given training behind the FDLs.

4. The bn relief included in the programme is to be carried out in its entirety. Representatives of the incoming bn should be taken over the area in daylight by the bn occupying the posn, times of relief of the various posts, routes, guides, assembly areas, RV's etc being arranged. The relief itself will be carried out in darkness and one hr after it is completed, the bn which has taken over the fwd area will commence a withdrawal exercise to their own camp lines which, for the purpose, may be regarded as a bn RV. The withdrawal from the actual fwd area is to be undertaken as a "drill" and based on an OO issued by the bn comd.

5. In rehearsals for dawn attacks, particular attention is to be paid to:-

- (a) daylight recce;
- (b) routes to assembly areas;
- (c) organization of assembly areas;
- (d) routes to forming up places and the marking of them;
- (e) marking of start line and indication of direction thence to objective;
- (f) discipline during movement up to the start line.

6. In the Hasty Defence exercises, the main lessons to be brought out are:-

- (a) use of any A Tk obstacles or the creation of them;
- (b) the selection of FDLs in relation to (a);
- (c) mutual support between FDLs;
- (d) siting of LMGs for defensive fire;
- (e) defensive fire tasks for mortars;
- (f) siting of res and their role;
- (g) disposal of tpt.

In a defensive posn occupied hastily, the bn comd is frequently left for a short time to his own resources and must employ his own weapons to the fullest extent possible. He must decide between committing bodies to the ground in order to hold it in the absence of strong defensive fire from arty and the value of a strong res to counter attack with should penetration take place. Verbal orders are all that will be practicable in the initial stages in a hasty defence, supplemented probably by a rough sketch prepared for cny comds by the IO.

7. In the exercise "Dawn attack, consolidation and organization of pursuit" it is to be assumed that the bn, acting as an adv gd and advancing into enemy country, has met sufficient opposition to justify a bn attack at dawn. The consolidation is to be merely such as will give a firm base for continuing the adv and for reorganizing sub units to take up the role of adv gd. The use of carriers is to be considered specially in this exercise.
8. The bn test exercises will be directed by the Bde Comd and details will be issued later. Additional MP for the Bn undergoing the test will be made available from other units under bde arrangements. The maximum number of men are to be put in the fd during this exercise and the following weapons will be pooled for the use of the bn concerned:-

Bren Guns
Carriers
3" Mortars
2" Mortars
A Tk Rifles
Sig Stores

9. During this bn training period, coy and pl comds are to study very carefully the tactical employment of the Bren guns and pl mortar. These weapons are to be represented in each exercise. The two essentials - viz local supporting fire to enable attacking tps to get fwd to their objective, and the early arrival on the objective of the LMGs have to be balanced. Long advs to an objective where supporting fire from other arms is limited will almost certainly involve the Brens going fwd with the attacking tps although they may be retained under the pl comd control instead of being left with secs. In short advs without outside support, the pl comd may find it better to utilise all his three Brens from one area to cover his attacking secs. Ground will govern his decision, but full use of his supporting weapons must be made as a means of ensuring success and reducing casualties.
10. The initiative of sec comds must be encouraged to a greater extent than at present. It must be impressed on them that immediate activity on their part will help their neighboring sec comd and they must not be content to wait for the pl comds orders.
11. In future exercises, fire will be represented in the following manner:-
Fire - but insufficient to stop movement continuing - blue flag
Fire - sufficient to stop tps when moving - red flag
These flags will be displayed momentarily in order to give the umpires an opportunity to use their screens and paint the picture.

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21 AUST INF BDE TRAINING PROGRAMME 3-15 FEB

Date	2/14 Bn	2/16 Bn	2/27 Bn	Remarks
3 Feb	Moves to area 119118 commencing 0900 hrs. Coy exercises and bn adv gd exercise; night bivouac	0900-1630: Coy exercises 1900-2400: Night occupation of Right Sector - Patrols - night bivouac	On Leave	
4 Feb	0400-0730 Rehearsal for dawn attack. 0730-1300. Rest 1400-2400 Adv gd exercise towards FDLs and recce for attack; night bivouac	0001-0630 - Patrols and normal routine of bn in line, Right Sector 0630-1300 - rest in camp 1300-2400 - occupation of Right Sector (to be completed by 1430 hrs): night bivouac	0900-1200: Practices in Res Sector the drill of withdrawal. 1300-2400 - occupation of Left Sector -(to be completed by 1430 hrs): night bivouac	(a) Right and Left Sectors referred to are those in the bde TEWT
5 Feb	0001-0800 Dawn Attack	0001-0800 - occupation of Right Sector continued	2400-0800 - occupation of Left Sector continued	(b) Where the drill of withdrawal is practiced in the Res Sector, that Sector is to be regarded as a fwd sector (c) The exercises underlined will be done under bde direction.
	0800-1830 - Rest in camp	0800-1200 - Rest in camp	0800-1600 - Rest in camp	
	1830 - Commence occupation of Right Sector - to be completed by 2030 hrs. 2030-2200 - Relieved by 2/27 Bn and moves direct to camp	1330-1630 - Practices in Res Sector the drill of withdrawal; night in camp	1930-2200 - Relieves 2/14 Bn in Right Sector. (Relief to be completed by 2200hrs) 2300 - Commences withdrawal to camp lines as drill	
6 Feb	0900-1230: Practices in Res Sector the drill of withdrawal 1330-1630: Rehearses for dawn counter attack on Right Sector: night in camp	Moves to area 119118 commencing 0900 hrs. Coy exercises and bn adv gd exercise: night bivouac	0900-1200 Rests 1330-1630 - Rehearses for dawn counter attack on Left Sector: night in camp	
7 Feb	0500-0800 - Counter attack from Res Sector to recapture Right Sector 0800-1200 - Rest 1300-2400 - Occupation of Right Sector (to be completed by 1430 hrs): night bivouac	0400-0730: Rehearses dawn attack 0730-1400: Rest 1400-2400: Bn adv gd exercise up to FDLs and recce for attack: night bivouac	0500-0800: Counter attack to capture <u>GENNIE RIDGE</u> from direction <u>CORBY RIDGE</u> 0800-1200: Rest 1300-2400: Occupation of Left Sector (to be completed by 1430 hrs): night bivouac	

Date	2/14 Bn	2/16 Bn	2/27 Bn	Remarks
8 Feb	0001-0800: Occupation of Right Sector continued 0800-1200: Rest 1400-1630: Hasty defence of CENTRE RIDGE facing east - no supporting arms night in camp	0001-0800: Dawn Attack Rest for remainder of day in camp	0001-0800: Occupation of Left Sector continued 0800-1200: Rest 1400-1630: Hasty defence of CANNON HILL and VILLAGE VIEW facing south - no supporting arms: night in camp	
10 Feb	0900-1630: Smartening up drill: Physical training, organized games night in camp	0900-1630: <u>Bn test exercise</u> night in camp	Moves to area 119118 commencing 0900 hrs Bn adv gd exercise	
11 Feb	0900-1200: Bn attack exercise objective CANNON HILL - VILLAGE VIEW - attack from north 1300-2400: Occupation of Right Sector (to be completed by 1430 hrs). night bivouac	0900-1200: Smartening up drill: Physical training, organized games 1300-2400: Occupation of Left Sector (to be completed by 1430 hrs) night bivouac	0400-0730: Rehearses dawn attack 0730-1400: Rest 1400-2400: Bn adv gd exercise up to PDLs and recce for attack: night bivouac	
12 Feb	0001-0800: Occupation of Right Sector continued 0800-1300: Rest 1400-1630: CO's discretion - correction of faults noticed in tactical exercises: night in camp	0001-0800: Occupation of Left Sector continued 0800-1300: Rest 1400-1630: Hasty defence of CENTRE RIDGE facing east - no supporting arms: night in camp	0001-0800: Dawn attack Rest for remainder of day: night in camp	
15 Feb	0900-1630: <u>Bn test exercise</u>	0900-1630: CO's discretion - correction of faults noticed in tactical exercises	0900-1200: CO's discretion correction of faults noticed in tactical exercises 1400-1630: Smartening up drill: physical training: organized games	

Date	2/14 Bn	2/16 Bn	2/27 Bn	Remarks
14 Feb	0500-0800: Dawn attack and consolidation: 0800 - onwards: Organization and conduct of pursuit	As for 2/14 Bn	0900-1630 <u>Bn test exercise</u>	
15 Feb	At CO's discretion: to be spent in a phase of Bn tactical work	At CO's discretion: to be spent in a phase of Bn tactical work	As for 2/14 Bn on 14 Feb	

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24 Jan 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D.

CAMP COID JULIS.

NO 24.

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

24 Jan

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

3 A Tk Regt.

2/14 Bn

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
25 Jan 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

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

CAMP COLO JULIS

NO 25

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 HRS

DATE

25 Jan 41

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

2/14 Bn

2/16 Bn

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
26 Jan 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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

CAMP COMD JULIS

No. 26

DUTIES 1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
26 Jan	2/16 Bn
Next for duty	2/27 Bn

CODE NAMES 2. Code names other than those allotted to formations and units in the Code lists issued after arrival in PALESTINE, will NOT be used.

CENSORSHIP 3. The attention of all ranks is again drawn to AIF Standing Orders, PALESTINE (Prov) Pam 1 para 78. The Green Envelope will be used for "private and family" affairs only. Deputy Chief Field Censor has drawn attention to the increasingly large numbers of green envelopes received by him, which have infringed on censorship regulations, and has intimated that if the privilege created by the Green Envelope continues to be abused, it may have to be strictly limited or withdrawn.

SECURITY - Press Censorship 4. The paper "Indian Opinion" founded by Mahatma Gandhi is considered subversive. Comds are directed to seize any copies found and forward direct to HQ 1 Aust Corps.

STERLING BANK NOTES 5. All ranks will be instructed that Sterling Bank Notes will in no circumstances be accepted or purchased from local inhabitants in LIBYA. Any Sterling Notes offered by local inhabitants will almost indubitably be forgeries. Any individual found in possession of, or offering Sterling Notes should be apprehended forthwith. Any attempt to unload Sterling Notes in appreciable numbers should be reported immediately to HQ, British Troops in EGYPT. (Authority HQ B.T.E. CR/EGYPT/2/14025/A).

JEWISH SERVICES 6. Monthly Jewish Service will be held on Saturday 1 Feb 41 in accordance with CRO No 194 dated 23 Dec 40.

PETROL TINS 7. Attention is drawn to para 10 (c) of AIF Standing Orders PALESTINE (Prov) Pam No 2. Many petrol tins are being damaged and rendered useless for refilling by unnecessary punctures in places other than the filler cap. The co-operation of units is necessary to ensure the greatest possible number of tins being returned un battered and with punctures only in the filler caps.

BAYONETS- Security of 7. In future, at night, where possible, bayonets will be placed in packs which will then be placed inside cane beds. If this is not possible bayonets and scabbards will be fixed to rifles and securely tied on.

(Sgd) M. AUSTIN Capt.
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N O T I C E S

LOST On or about 30 Dec 40, officers trunk, particulars of which are as follows:- Steel box approx 3'6" x 2'2" x 1'4" with heavy brass re-inforced corners. Painted grey-blue with dark blue trimmings, secured with built-in lock, and marked:- VX 13851 J.S.HEWITT in block letters with the addition of numerals 29265, buff-green-buff stripes, and symbol L12Y. Information to HQ 1 Aust Corps

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
27 Jan 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D

CAMP COMD - JULIS

No 27.

DUTIES

1 TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

DATE

27 Jan

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

2/27 Bn

3 A Tk Regt

REQUEST
BROADCAST

2 The B B C will broadcast a Request Programme for British Forces in the NEAR EAST on Thursday, 30 Jan 41, at 2030 hrs (local time) - Sandy Macpherson (Theatre Organ).

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28 Jan 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J.E.S. STEVENS ED

CAMP COMD JULIS

No. 28

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

DATE

28 Jan

Next for duty

DUTY UNIT

3 A Tk Regt

2/14 Bn

LEAVE
PARTIES

2. Advice has been received that on account of the condition of the roads, leave buses returning from 2 day period at Jerusalem will probably not reach camps until approx 1300-1330 hrs. Provision should be made for this time lag in the issue of leave passes.

DENTAL
TREATMENT

3. Units will submit immediately through this HQ for transmission to Camp Dental offr a return showing army nos and names personnel requiring dental treatment as classified below:-

- (a) All upper teeth missing and not wearing F U Dentures.
- (b) All lower teeth missing and not wearing F L Dentures.
- (c) Wearing F U Dentures but not serviceable.
- (d) Wearing F L Dentures but not serviceable.
- (e) Wearing partial dentures not serviceable.

PERSONNEL
FOR ORDNANCE
WORKSHOPS

4. Ref CRO 258 dated 16 Jan 41, the following tradesmen are also required in AAOC Workshops:-

Typewriter mechanics
Bootmakers

BOUNDS -
MOSQUES -
NOT TO BE
ENTERED

5. 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.


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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
29 Jan 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D.

NO 29.

DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY UNIT</u>
29 Jan	2/14 Bn
Next for Duty	2/16 Bn

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A/B M 21 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES.

SPORTS

The following sporting fixtures have been arranged for the weekend :

SUNDAY 2 FEB

- AUST GAMES 2/14 Bn v 2/27 Bn at Julis 1430 hrs.
- RUGBY 3 A Tk Regt v Beit Jirja XV at Julis 1430 hrs.
- BASKET BALL HQ 21 Bde v HQ 7 Div at Julis 1500 hrs.
- CRICKET 3 A Tk Regt v B O D at Julis 1400 hrs.
- 2/27 Bn v 2/7 Fd Regt at Julis 1400 hrs.

CONCERTS

"The Troopers" Concert Party will give performances at the Camp Picture Theatre on Sat 1 Feb at the usual picture hours

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CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 2 FEB 41

TIME	DENOMINATION	UNITS	PLACE	CHAPLAIN	DUTY UNIT
hrs 0730	R.C. (Mass)	All units (voluntary)	Picture Theatre	Chap. Whelan	2/14 Bn
0830	R.C. (Mass)	All units	" "	Chap Whelan	2/14 Bn
0730	C of E (Holy Communion)	All units (voluntary)	Reading room	2/16 Bn Chap Spratling	2/16 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/14 Bn 3 A Tk Regt	Open air	Chap Meyer	2/14 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/16 Bn	" "	Chap Spratling	2/16 Bn
0900	Protestant	2/27 Bn HQ 21 Bde 21 A Tk Coy	" "	Chap Whereat	2/27 Bn
2000	All denominations	All units (Voluntary)	Recreation 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 2/27 Bn service, which will be held in the Picture Theatre at 0915 hrs. Personnel who attend the C of E Holy Communion Voluntary Service will be exempted from attendance at the 0900 hrs service.

2/27 Bn

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Appendix No 30.

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

PRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D.

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DUTIES

1. TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

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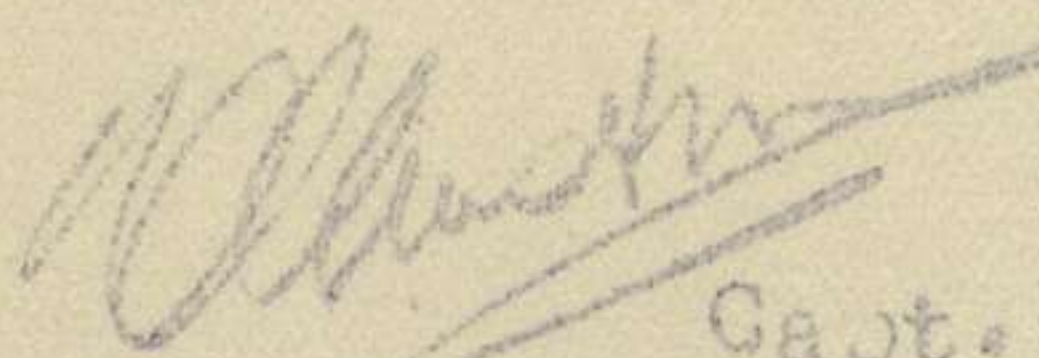
30 Jan

Next for Duty

DUTY UNIT

2/16 Bn

2/27 Bn


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LEAVE TIME TABLE - UNITS ↗ JULIS CAMP.

30 Jan 41

3 FEB 41 - 16 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	Total
1	Mon 3 Feb	2 days	Jerusalem	2	4		19	19	19	12	75
2	Tues 4 Feb	2 days	Tel Aviv	1	2		6	6	6	4	25
3	Mon 10 Feb	1 day	Jerusalem	7	9	2	-	-	182P	-	200
		1 day	Tel Aviv	15	17	2	-	-	366P	-	400
4	Mon 10 Feb	2 days	Jerusalem	3	3	1	26	26	26	15	100
5	Tues 11 Feb	2 days	Tel Aviv	2	2	-	13	13	13	7	50

Units attention is drawn to Leave Time Table No 1 dated 13 Jan 41, paras 5 - 7 (transport to and from leave)

TIME TABLE - EMBUSSING JULIS.

- 1 day - Jerusalem and Tel Aviv - 0730 hrs.
- 2 days - Jerusalem - 1330 hrs.
- 2 days - Tel Aviv - 1400 hrs.

Over. 1. Picquets

Appendix 31

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HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
31 Jan 41

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS E D.

No 31.

DUTIES

1 TO MOUNT AT 1600 hrs

DATE

DUTY UNIT

31 Jan

2/27 Bn

Next for duty

3 A Tk Regt

PERIMETER
GD.

2. From 1600 hrs 3 Feb 41, 9 Aust Div Sigs will take over that portion of the perimeter gd from the incl rd JULIS CAMP - BELT DARAS to incl rd junc HOBBS LINES - BROWNE LINES. They will also take over the gd on the AASC petrol store in MONASH LINES.


Capt.
A/B M 21 Aust Inf Bde.

L.P.

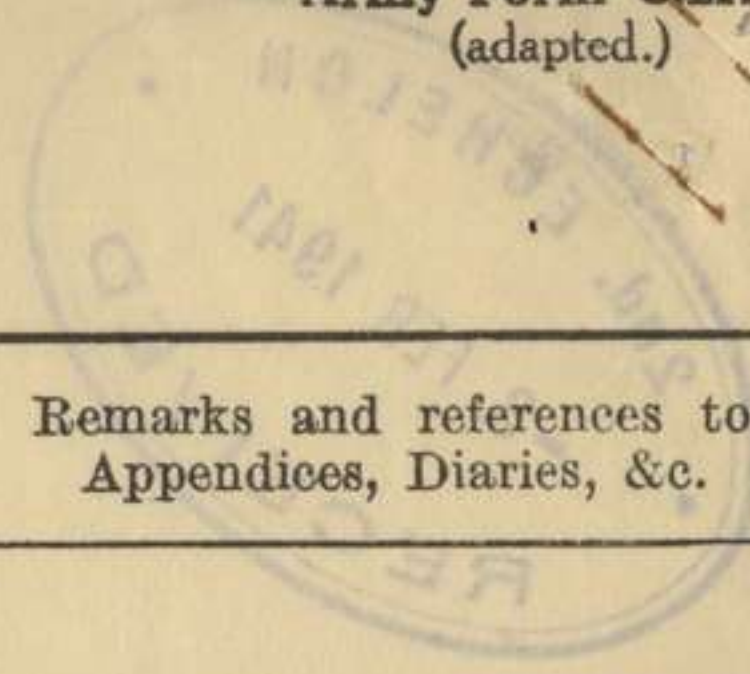
WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form G.2118
(adapted.)

Unit *21 Anti Tank Coy*

Date and Time.—From *1 Jan '41* To *6 Jan '41*



Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Julis</i>	<i>1.</i>		<i>New Year's Day (No Training)</i>	
"	<i>2.</i>		<i>Company took part in General Parade of Units from Julis + Sastina Camps. Occasion being the</i>	
			<i>visit of Australian Minister for Army (Mr Spender)</i>	
			<i>Night Patrols 1730-2130 hrs.</i>	
"	<i>3.</i>		<i>Company moved out at 0900 on bivouac for day</i>	
			<i>Company moved deployed to Mijdal Rly Stn 6 miles away. Hard rations were consumed for lunch &</i>	
			<i>Company moved back to camp by same route</i>	
			<i>arriving camp at 1600 hrs.</i>	
"	<i>4.</i>		<i>Training Syllabus, Night March.</i>	<i>appx. 1A & 1B.</i>
"	<i>5.</i>		<i>Church Parade, Make & Mend, Sports.</i>	
"	<i>6.</i>		<i>Training Syllabus, Compass Night March.</i>	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit 21 Anti Tank Coy

Date and Time.—From 7 Jan '41 To 9 Jan '41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Julis.	7.	1300.	Company moved out from Camp on bivouac reference Warning & Operation Order Appx. In arrival bivouac site Platoons took up positions in new areas & put out Standing Patrols. At Sunset platoons were brought in & provided Section Posts with Listening Posts forward. Company had tea at 1730 & Re exercise was continued until 0430 hrs when Company moved back into Camp arriving at 0630 hrs.	Appendix 2.
Julis.	8.		Company had morning off after all night exercise at 1400 moved to training area for recapitulation on Sections in attack	
Julis.	9.		Company moved out at 0900 hrs on bivouac for day moved with No 3 Platoons as Vanguard, No 1 Platoons as Rearguard & No 2 Platoons in Reserve. Lunch.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit 21 Anti Tank Coy. Date and Time.—From 9 Jan '41. To 16 Jan '41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Julis	9		was brought in Company transport. Not boxes being used for first time. Proved very successful. Moved back to camp by 1430 hrs. Area of advance main road.	
"			Julis Camp, Beil Karras Village, Gastina township	
Julis.	10.		Training Syllabus, Lunch out in training area 1 1/2 pm from camp.	
"	11.		Training Syllabus, Bren Gun + Anti Tank Gun instruction.	Appendix 3A + 3B
"	12.		Church Parade	
"	13.		Training Syllabus, Bren Gun Instruction	
"	14.		" "	
"	15.		Company moved out on all night exercise as per attached warning order. Appn. 4.	Appendix 4.
"	16.		Company moved back to camp at 1100 hrs having the rest of the day off.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit 21 Anti Tanks Coy.

Date and Time.—From 17 Jan '41 To 27 Jan '41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Jellis	17		Training Syllabus	Ⓟ
"	18		" "	Ⓟ Appendix 5A + 5B
"	19		Church Parade	Ⓟ
"	20		Training Syllabus	Ⓟ
"	21		" "	Ⓟ
"	22		" "	Ⓟ
"	23		" "	Ⓟ
"	24		" "	Ⓟ
"	25		Company moved to Khassa to erect tents & act as Hostel Unit for 24th Brigade H.Q. duties were detailed to stay in Company lines whilst this work was in progress.	Ⓟ Appendix 6A + 6B
"	26		Company at Khassa	Ⓟ
"	27		" " "	Ⓟ

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

21 Anti Tank Coy. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).	
		/		
Lieut.-Colonels ...				
Majors ...				
Captains ...	1 { One }			1 Capt. O.C.
Lieutenants ...	3 { Three }			{ Attending Officers School at Beit Jirja }
2nd Lieutenants ...				
Quartermasters ...				
TOTALS ...	4 { Four }		1	

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
/				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	D. A. H. White	19 Trq. Bn. Coy 1	30/12/40	Attending Officers School at Beit Jirja - 19 Trq. Bn.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Capt.	D. A. H. White	19 Trq. Bn.	Attending Officers School at Beit Jirja.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

21 Anti Tank Coy (Unit) 4 Jan. 19 41 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4	
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).	
W.Os. Class I.		/		
W.Os. Class II.	1 {One}			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1 {One}			
Staff Serjeants				
Serjeants	2 {Two}			1 Serjeant attending O.C.T.U. Abbas Himli Barracks Abbassia
Corporals	8 {Eight}			① Attending School of Cookery H.Q. Lyckla Area Sarafand
Troopers, Privates, &c.	63 {Sixty three}			② 1 A.S.H. Gaza Ridge
TOTALS	75 {Seventy five}	.	3. {Three}	

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
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Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
Vx 16798	A/Sjt.	MacLeod A. F.	21 Anti Tank Coy.	Attending O.C.T.U. Abbas Himli Abbassia. Barracks.
Vx 36426	Pte/ Cook	Duncan A.	" " "	Attending Cookery School H.Q. Lyckla Area - Sarafand
Vx 18539	Pte.	Anthony G. E.	" " "	Evacuated 1 A.S.H. Gaza Ridge

appendix 2

7 Jan 41

21 ANTI TANK COY. WARNING ORDER

No.'s 1 - 2 & 3 Pls.

The 21 Anti Tank Coy will be prepared to move by 1300 hrs today.

The Coy. will take up a "Bivouac Site" with all round defence at Shreks Tomb Valley.

No.3 Pl. Adv.Guard.

Axis of advance - Rd. Julis Camp- Old Pde. Gd. and Bent Darras Village.

OPERATION ORDER.

Information

Enemy known to be in the vicinity of Achelon, and have active Air Recce. out.
Own Troops holding sand hills 6 miles due West from here.

INTENTION

I intend to take up Bivouac Site with all round defence one mile south west of Beit Darras.

METHOD.

No.3 Pl. will act as VanGuard and protect Coy. to Beit Darras Village. Axis of Advance -- Rd. Julis Camp and Beit Darras Village.

First Bound- Hawthorn Hedge just east of Beit Darras. Report every half hour.

No. 3 Pl. will move right and left of road making use of all cover and ground.

I will be at head of No.1 Pl.

Reports to head of No.1 Pl

Lunch:- 1200 hrs.

INTER-COMMUNICATION ADMINISTRATION

Fall In:- 1245 hrs.

~~INTER-COMMUNICATION~~

~~Reports to head of No.1 Pl.~~

Men will wear Drill Order, Respirators at "Gas alert" position, water bottles filled, carry Ground Sheets and Messing Gear in Haversack.

Pl. Leaders will arrange for Great Coats to be rolled, marked and put in Pl. heaps by 1145 hrs.

5 rounds of ammunition per man to be collected by Pl. Sjts at C.Q.M.S's Store at 1230 hrs.

The C.Q.M.S. will be in charge of all rations necessary and be at Rendevous ~~at~~ by 1600 hrs.

C.Q.M.S. and Cook Perrett will ride in No.1 truck.

Cpl. Priestley and 1 OR. from No.3 Pl. will ride in No.2 truck.

Cpl. Bell will be in charge of Coy. Lines

L/Cpl. Hall will be in ~~charge~~ charge of Piquet and will see that Sentries are very alert during nightas lines will not be occupied.

Pte. Gardner will not leave Orderly Tent during night.

Lieut. for Capt.

O.C. 21 Anti Tank Coy.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

21A. Tank Coy. 21st Ly. Bde. A.I.F. (Unit) Jan 25 19 41 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.		/	
W.Os. Class II.	1 (One)		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1 (One)		
Serjeants	3 (Three)		
Corporals	10 (Ten)		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	49 (Forty nine)		
TOTALS	64 (Sixty four)		14 (Fourteen)

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
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/	/	/	/
/	/	/	/
/	/	/	/
/	/	/	/

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX19939	Pte	ANTHONY G.E.	21 ANTI TANK Coy.	B. Coy. GEN. BASE DEPOT.
VX38444	Pte	DIXON R.L.	21 ANTI TANK Coy.	1 A.C.H. GASA. RIDGE.

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.		Troopers, Privates, &c.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
<i>Parades</i>														14	14
General duty personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														14	14

21 Am Tank Coy. 21 Inf Bde
Unit.

R. M. Ponting Lieut for Capt.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *25 Jan 1941.*

21 Inf Bde 7 Aust. Div. A.I.F. Tulis.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

21 Am Tank Coy 21 Aust Ly Me (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...		/	/
Majors ...			
Captains ...	1 (one)		
Lieutenants ...	3 (three)		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	4 (four)		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
/				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
/				

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

21 Anti Tank Coy (Unit) 18 Jan '41 19... (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.		/	
W.Os. Class II.	1 (One).		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1 (One).		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	3 (Three).		
Corporals	8 (Eight).		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	57 (Fifty Seven).		
TOTALS	70 (Seventy).	*	2 (Two).

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
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Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX 18839	PTE.	ANTHONY G.E.	ANTI TANK COY	B Coy GEN. BASE DEPOT.
VX 38111	PTE.	DIXON. R.L.	ANTI TANK COY	1 A.G.H. GAZA RIDGE.

Unit.

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(page 2)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.					REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
<i>PRIVATES</i>															<i>118 Coy GEN BASE DEPOT 11864 GAZA RIDGE</i>
General duty personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>

21 Anti Tank Coy.
Unit.

D. H. White Capt.
Signature of Commander.
21 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. 1st Div. A.I.F.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch *18 Jan 41*

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

21 Anti Tank Company (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...	<i>One (1)</i>		
Lieutenants ...	<i>Three (3)</i>		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	<i>Four (4)</i>		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

Appendix 4.

WARNING ORDER

21 Anti Tank Coy., less Cpl. Archer and 12 O.Rs. from No.1 Pl. will be prepared to move from Camp Site at 1400 hrs. 15-1-40.

Enemy forces have been landed at Ascalon.
21 Aust. Inf. Bde. less "A" Bn. are moving to a defensive position Gaza Map 115-125 in a southerly direction to Barbara 110, 115, and will occupy their position by 1800 hrs. 15 Jan. Bde. H.Q. Julis.
"A" Bn. has been delayed owing to En aerial activity.
21 Anti Tank Coy will take up a standing patrol at approx. 115, 125 by 1700 hrs. 15 Jan. to watch for En activity on our right flank. "A" Bn. will relieve us at 0400 hrs. 16 Jan..

ADMINISTRATION

C.Q.M.S. will arrange two meals, fuel and water, to be carried on Coy. Transport to Coy. position. Cook Duncan will travel with C.Q.M.S..
Duty Pl. will detail two men to travel in Coy Transport. Pl. Sjts. will arrange to collect Greatcoats and tie in Sec. bundles ready to be placed in Transport by 1330 hrs. Transport will leave Camp Site at 1530 hrs. Evening meal at 1730 hrs.. Cpl. Archer will be in charge of Unit Lines and Guard during Coy's. absence. Guard will be particularly alert on night 15-16 Jan. as Unit Tents will not be occupied. One man will be detailed from Guard to remain in Unit Orderly Tent.

En. are in occupation of Ascalon. Our Bde. are taking up a defensive position from ---- to ----.
We are to act as a Standing Patrol on Bde. Right Flank at Green Hill to watch for En. movement in that direction. "A" Bn. will relieve us at 0400 hrs. tomorrow morning.
I will move to Green Hill with one Pl. forward, No. 3 Pl.
Axis of advance Camp Site ---- Julis Village --- Green Hill.
Coy. H.Q. will move at the head of No. 2 Pl.. Messages to Coy. H.Q..
No. 1 Pl. in rear.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

21 Anti Tank Coy. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...		/	/
Majors ...			
Captains ...	One (1)		
Lieutenants ...	Three (3)		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	Four (4)		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
/				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
/				

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

21 Anti Tank Coy (Unit) 11 Jan. 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).	
W.Os. Class I.		/		
W.Os. Class II.	1 {One}			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1 {One}			
Staff Serjeants				
Serjeants	2 {Two}			1 Sgt. Attending O.C.T.U. Abbas Hindi Barracks Abbassia
Corporals	8 {Eight}			3 Ptes. ① B Coy. Gen. Base Depot. ② I.A.S.H. Gaza Ridge. ③ transferred
Troopers, Privates, &c.	62 {Sixty Two}			4 {Four} 2nd Advance Ordnance Workshop.
TOTALS	74 {Seventy four}			

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
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Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
Vx 16798	A/Sgt.	MacLeod A. F.	21 A. Tk. Coy.	Attending O.C.T.U. Abbas Hindi Barracks. Abbassia
Vx 18839	Pte	Anthony G. E.	" " "	B Coy. Gen. Base Depot.
Vx 38441	Pte.	Dixon R. L.	" " "	I A.S.H. Gaza Ridge

