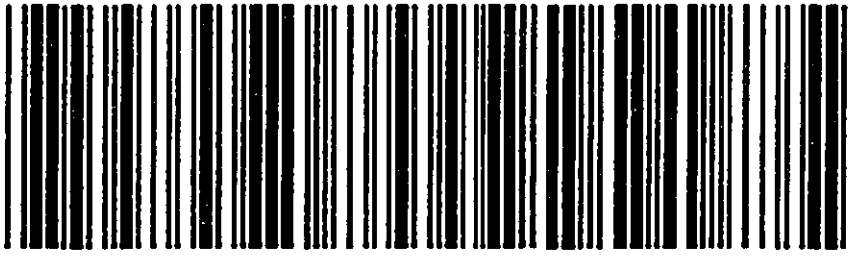
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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
ALDERSHOT	Oct 1	1400	A.C.G. A.I.F. (U.K) and G.1 carried out detailed recce of Bramley Hill in preparation for Australian Force exercise.	
			Instruction No.2. Aus Force exercise 4 Oct 40 issued.	Appx G.1
			Umpires Instruction No.1 Aus Force exercise 4 Oct 40 issued.	" 2.
			Instructions regarding possible role of Australian Force - Amendments to Role Lists "A" & "B" in Appx "G".	" 3
			Amendment No.4 to Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.35 dated 22 Aug 40 issued.	" 4
HURSLEY	Oct 2	0900	D.C.G. A.I.F. (U.K) attended 12 Bde exercise	
HASTINGS HO		1630	D.C.G. A.I.F. (U.K) met Comd 25 Bde and discussed Australian Force Exercise.	
			Sequence of Events No.1 - Aus Force exercise issued.	" 5
			Aus Force General Staff Instruction No.134 issued.	" 6
			Aus Force Intelligence Summary No.14 issued.	" 7

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COLCHESTER	Oct 3	0715	G.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K), A.A. & Q.M.G. and D.A.A. & Q.M.G. visited &	Appx C. 8
			Inspected barracks. They visited H.Q. Eastern Comd, HOUNSLOW,	
			and H.Q. II Corps, ALDBURY.	
AMESBURY		2030	G.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K) returned to H.Q. A.I.F. (U.K).	
	Oct 4	0815	G.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K) directed Australian Force Exercise in area	
			EVERLEIGH - FIVEMILE HILL - UPAVON AERODROME. C.I.G.S. General	
			Sir John G. Dill, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. and Lt.Gen Auchenleck	
			G.O.C. in C Sn Comd attended exercise.	
AMESBURY	Oct 6		Aus Force General Staff Instruction No.125 issued.	" 9
LONDON	Oct 7	0800	G.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K)., A.A & Q.M.G. and G.1 visited War Office	
AMESBURY	Oct 7	2100	Conference of unit Comds	
		2230	Conference, Comd 25 Bde, B.M. 25 Bde, Lt.Cols - Blerwirth,	
			Sparks, Garrett and Strutt with G.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K).	
BUSTARD	Oct 8	1400	G.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K) attended A Tk shoot.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
BULFORD	10	1500	C.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K) visited A.I.F. Depot of Personnel and Inspected and addressed U.K. reinforcements.	
AMESBURY			Australian Force Personal Staff Instruction No.126 issued	Apnx C. 10
MIDDLE-WALLOP	11	1030	C.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K) met Hon. S.M. Bruce, High Com for Australia and inspected units of Australian Force at training, as follows:-	
			12 Hvy Bde	
		1400	72 Bn, 1 Bty 1 A Tk Regt.	
		1500	2/3 Fd Regt.	
		1530	70 Bn, 1 M.G. Bn.	
AMESBURY			Instructions for the return of maps issued.	" 11
			C.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K) ran C.I.C.C. at War Office in connection with barrack accomodation at COLCHESTER	" 12
			Particulars of COLCHESTER Defence Scheme (Provisional) issued.	" 13
			Appendices to Colchester Defence Scheme (Provisional) issued.	" 14

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
LONDON	12	1030	C.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K), A.A & Q.M.G. attended conference held in A.M.C. office.	Appx C. 12
MILTON	13	1030	C.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K) attended conference at H.Q. Sn Comd	
AMESBURY			Roster of Duty Officers H.Q. Australian Force issued.	" 15
AMESBURY	14	0800	C.L and G.3(I) departed for COLCHESTER.	
		1300	C.1 and G.3(I) arrived Adv H.Q. Australian Force, COLCHESTER.	
COLCHESTER	15		List of Road Blocks to be manned issued.	" 16
			Amendments to Colchester Defence Scheme (Provisional) issued.	" 17
AMESBURY	16	0900	C.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K) and A.D.O.S. left for COLCHESTER	
COLCHESTER		1000	H.Q. Australian Force opened at Abbey House.	
		1530	C.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K) arrived at H.Q. Australian Force.	
	17	1100	Conference held H.Q. Australian Force, Present:- C.O.C. II Corps, C.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K), C.O.C. 15 Div., Garrison Comd., Staff Officers.	" 18

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
COLCHESTER	17	1000	G.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K) held conference H.Q. Australian Force.	
			Present:- G.S.O.2. 18 Div., Garrison Cord., Staff Officers.	Appx C. 19
		1700	G.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K) held conference H.Q. Australian Force.	
			Present:- Cord 18 Inf Bde, Cord 25 Inf Bde, C.O. 1 N.Z. Bn,	
			Staff Officers.	" 20
			Notification from Army [illegible] re organisation 9 Div	" 20 A.
			Notification from G.H.Q. re organisation from reinforcements of	
			companies.	" 20 B.
COLCHESTER	18	0900	H.Q. Australian Force opened at HEADLANDS, [illegible] RD.	
		1430	G.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K), G.1., Cord 25 Inf Bde carried out recce	
			of area COLCHESTER - [illegible] - [illegible].	
			Letter to Secretary of State for War re officers proceeding	
			to Middle East by 1st Convoy.	" 20 C.
COLCHESTER			Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.1 issued.	" 21

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Unit H.Q. A.I.F. (U.K).

Commanding Officer

Place	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
COLCHESTER	19	1000	A.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K) held conference H.Q. Australian Corps.	
			present:- Comd 18 Inf Bde. Comd 25 Inf Bde. A/Comd 24 Inf Bde.	
			G.1. 18 (S) Div. G.1. Australian Corps. D.A.A. & Q.M.G.	
			A.A. 25 Inf Bde.	Appx A. 22
			Australian Corps General Staff Instruction No.129 issued.	" 23
			Australian Corps General Staff Instruction No.129 issued.	" 24
			Roster of Duty Officers H.Q. Australian Corps issued.	" 25
COLCHESTER			Orders for Duty Officers H.Q. Australian Corps issued.	" 26
			COLCHESTER GARRISON organisation received	
			Amendment No.2 to Colchester Defence Scheme (Provisional) issued	" 27
	20		Australian Corps General Staff Instruction No.130 issued.	" 28
			received 11 Corps Operation Instruction No.27	
			Appx "A" to Colchester Defence Scheme (Provisional) issued.	" 29
			received Colchester Garrison H.Q. Standing Orders	

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Unit H.Q. A.I.F. (U.K).

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
COLCHESTER	21	0000	C.C.C. A.I.F. (U.K) proceeded on leave. Brig. L.S. Morshead, Comd 18 Inf Bde took over temporary command.	
			Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.131 issued.	Appx G. 30
			Letter despatched to 11 Corps, Home Forces:- "Australian Force Availability of Units for Operations".	" 31
COLCHESTER	22	1430	Received Operations Instructions 11 Corps Nos 30, 31. Received Operation Instruction 15 Div No.36.	
COLCHESTER	22	1430	C.C.C. 11 Corps visited A/Comd A.I.F. (U.K) and discussed both defence of COLCHESTER and mobile role of 25 Inf Bde. A/Comd A.I.F. stated that he did not like the idea of such a close defence perimeter with so many tps. C.C.C. 11 Corps agreed. Thereupon the defence scheme was modified.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
		1530	G.1 visited G.1 15(S) Div and discussed:- marking traffic routes, passing code words to 42 Army Tk Bn, disruption of petrol, areas to which 25 Bde will move on receipt of code word ("ACTION ORDERS"), Arty for mob forces, demolition and motor coaches for exercises.	
			Amendment No.3 Colchester Defence Scheme (Provisional) issued.	Appx 2. 32
			Received 11 Corps Operation Instruction No.32.	
COLCHESTER	23	1030	Conference held at Town Hall	" 33
		2030	A/Comd Australian Force held conference H.Q. Australian Force, Present:- G.1, G.2, A.A., A/Comd 18 Inf Bde, B.M. 18 Inf Bde, 2 i/c 3 Fd Regt, C.O. 1 A Tk Regt.	" 34
			Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.132 issued.	" 35
			Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.133 issued	" 36
			Received 15 (S) Div Operation Instruction No.37.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
COLCHESTER	24	1100	Comd 21 Army Tk Bde visited A/Comd Australian Force and discussed co-operation of 42 Bn R.T.R. with Australian Mob Force.	
		1500	G.I. 55 Div visited G.I. Australian Force and explained dispositions of 55 Div and the role of the Mob Force if operating in 55 Div area.	
			Notification of Test of Communications issued.	Appx C. 37
	25	1030	A/Comd A.I.F. (U.K) visited H.Q. 11 Corps and discussed with B.G.S. the following points:- Evacuation of civilians from COLCHESTER, Refugee Rds - informing of civilian population, Food supply COLCHESTER in event of emergency, Motor coaches for lifting mob res., Fd Regt to co-op with mob res., disruption of petrol, Tpt and cookers for Australian Force, Demolition etc.	
			Comd 25 Inf Bde transferred 1 Corps Middle East.	
			Received 15 (S) Div Operation Instruction No.39.	
			Received 11 Corps Defence Scheme.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
COLCHESTER	26	1000	G.O.C. 11 Corps visited A/Comd A.I.F. (U.K) and discussed details for the visit of H.M. the King to Australian Imperial Force	
		1525	Enemy aircraft bombed COLCHESTER area.	Appx G. 39 A.
			Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.135 issued.	" 38
			Roster of Duty Officers H.Q. Australian Force issued.	" 39
COLCHESTER	27		Congratulatory letter to G.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K) from Secretary of State for War, Mr Anthony Eden, dated 15 Jun 40, forwarded from H.L.O. Australia House.	" 40
			Australian Force Intelligence issued.	" 41
			Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.136 issued.	" 42
			Received from 11 Corps "Reorganization fixed defences, COLCHESTER."	

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Commanding Officer

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
COLCHESTER	28	1200	1 A. Tk Regt and 3 Fd Regt took over defence sector relieving G/9 Bn in view of their weapons being despatched overseas. 9 Bn put in reserves and efforts made to render it more mobile for any emergency.	
		1530 to 1900	A/Comd and A.D.C., Col and A.D.C. made recce of area COLCHESTER - GRAYS - PURFLEET - HARWICH - WOODBRIDGE.	
			A/Comd A.I.F. (U.K) tourel route planned for visit of H.M. the King to units of Australian Force, 30 Oct 40.	Appx A. 46
			Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.157 issued.	" 43
			Instructions for visit of H.M. the King issued.	" 44
			Australian Force Operation Instruction No.1. issued	" 13
	29	p.m.	A/Comd visited by Col. [illegible] C.O. Observer Corps, COLCHESTER	
		p.m.	A/Comd and Col visited and inspected an Observer Corps Post with C.O. Observer Corps.	
			Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.158 issued.	" 47

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
CHELMSFORD	29		received 25 (C) Div Operation Instruction No.40.	
	30		H.M. the King & Q.C.G. H Jones visited and inspected units of A.I.F. (U.K). His Majesty expressed himself very pleased with the visit generally - the bearing of the men - the present roles and standard of training. He was gratified to learn that some of the units were now fully equipped.	
			From War Office, information re Army Officers piloting Communication Aircraft.	
	31		Instructions regarding "Possible Role of Australian Force" issued.	Appx. 2.48
			Instructions regarding "Possible Role of Australian Force" issued.	" 49
			Eastern Comd Emergency Standing Orders issued all units A.I.F.	

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Classification of Subject.	G Branch.	October 40.
Training	Force Exercise	War Diary. G Branch. 1 October 40.
Operational Roll.	Colchester defence Scheme.	War Diary. G Branch. 11 October 40.
	CO-operation 11 Corps	21 October 40.
Visitors.	H.M. the King.	War Diary. G Branch. 30 October 40.

Narrative: Appendix B. 1

Ref No. Z/519/G

1 Oct 40.

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

EXERCISE WITH TROOPS : 4 OCT 40.

INSTRUCTION No. 2

1. Units to participate :

(a) Units participating to a minor extent only will be :-

A.A.S.C.
A.A.O.C.

(b) 1 A Tk Regt will function with nucleus Regtl and Bty H.Q. and allot two guns to each of 1 and 2 A Tk Btys.

2. Time-table.

(a) 2 Oct 40

On receipt of "STAND TO" message, procedure only will be carried out.

(b) 3 Oct 40

i. "ACTION STATIONS" message will be sent out early in the morning. Here again procedure only will be carried out.

NOTE that Comds and L.Os concerned will NOT report to H.Q. Australian Force till 2030 hrs 3 Oct 40.

ii. Orders will be issued night 3/4 Oct for action early on 4 Oct. L.Os will convey orders to units but will return to the ABBEY to sleep.

The orders will be confirmed in writing.

3. Transport.

(a) 60 Motor Coaches are being provided to lift personnel of 18 Mxd Bde who ordinarily march. They will report to H.Q. 18 Mxd Bde at 0630 hrs, 4 Oct 40. Major Miles Comd 27 Motor Coach Coy will be in comd of coaches and may be ordered by Comd 18 Mxd Bde to attend his conference for the issue of orders.

(b) 25 Mxd Bde and other units of Australian Force will NOT be receiving extra transport. Personnel, as required, NOT travelling in vehicles will march.

(c) The return of units from the area will be co-ordinated and definite routes allotted. It is essential that no departure, except in case of emergency, from the instructions which will be issued, be made. Otherwise traffic congestion and confusion are sure to result. Force Pro unit will be responsible for controlling the traffic out of the area of the exercise.

4. Blank amn.

Allotment of blank S.A.A. is being reduced as the quantity requested, viz, 25,000 cannot be obtained.

5. Messages, Orders and Instructions.

All units must ensure that the instructions contained in para 7 of Instruction No. 1 dated 27 Sep 40 are carried out especially under the present circumstances.

Lt.Col.
G.S. Australian Force.

DISTRIBUTION: In accordance with Instruction No. 1.

War diary: Appendix G. 2

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE EXERCISE WITH TROOPS : 4 OCT . 40.

UMPIRES INSTRUCTION No.1

Ref Map : 1 in. S.P.A.

Ref Z/519/G dated 27 Sep 40 :-

1. C.R.E. and Senior Umpires of the following will R.V. at WINTERS PENNINGS copse 622777 at 0930 hrs Thursday 3 Oct 40 when instructions will be issued and scheme explained on the ground :-

18 Mxd Bde
25 Mxd Bde
Each Bn
3 Fd Regt
1 M.G. Bn
Force Sigs

2. Senior Umpires will issue instructions and explain scheme on the ground to their unit umpires on 3 Oct 40 as operations are to commence too early on 4 Oct for any time to be available on that day.

3. Units will arrange transport during the exercise of a minimum of motorcycles for umpires mentioned in para 1. Other umpires should be made as mobile as the transport situation permits.

4. Umpires will provide themselves with an S.P.A. 1 in. Map each, together with message pad, notebook and pencils.

5. Attention of umpires is directed to Training Regulations Chap. VIII.

Maj.
G. 2 Australian Force

Distribution :

As for Instruction No. 1. plus for Umpires :-

18 Mxd Bde	37
25 Mxd Bde	34
3 Fd Regt	3
1 A Tk Regt	2
1 M.G. Bn	18
Sigs	3

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Australian Force,
1 Oct 40.

Subject : Instructions regarding the Possible Role of Australian Force

To : Addressees as per distribution list

From : Australian Force

With reference to " Instructions regarding the Possible Role of Australian Force " dated 18 Aug 40, as amended by memo on the same subject dated 8 Sep 40, the following amendments are to be made to Appendix "C" - Code Names Lists 'A' & 'B'.

List 'A'

1. Delete "Aus Force Ord Wkshop - AREA"
2. Below "41 Aus L.A.D., A.A.O.C." insert "H.Q. 1 Aus A Tk Regt - HACK "
3. After "1 Aus A Tk Bty" delete "(less one tp)".
4. Below "NORTH HANTS Sub-Area" insert "27 Motor Coach Coy - LOJO".
5. Amend alphabetical list accordingly.

List 'B'

6. Delete "Aus Force Ord Wkshop - JIKO".
7. Below "41 Aus L.A.D., A.A.O.C." insert "H.Q. 1 Aus A Tk Regt - PART".
8. After "1 Aus A Tk Bty" delete "(less one tp)".
9. Below "NORTH HANTS Sub-Area" insert "27 Motor Coach Coy - ORPA".
10. Amend alphabetical list accordingly.

Lt.Col
G.S. Australian Force

Amesbury.

Distribution :

as per "Instructions regarding the Possible Role of Australian Force" dated 22 Sep 40(re Code Names) adding :-

1 Aus A Tk Regt
27 Motor Coach Coy.

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Australian Force,
1 Oct 40.

Amendment No. 4 to Australian Force General Staff Instruction No. 95

dated 22 Aug 40.

CODE NAMES

Appendix "A" and appendix "B" (List 'A')

1. Delete "Aus Force Ord Wkshop - AREA".
2. Code word "AREA" now to be shown as a spare.
3. Below "41 Aus L.A.D., A.A.O.C." insert "H.Q. 1 Aus A Tk Regt - HACK"
4. Delete from spares "HACK".
5. After "1Aus A Tk Bty" delete "(less one tp)".
6. After "2 Aus A Tk Bty delete "(less one tp)".

Appendix "C" and appendix "D" (List 'B')

7. Delete "Aus Force Ord Wkshop - JIKO".
8. Code Word "JIKO" now to be shown as a spare.
9. Below "41 Aus L.A.D., A.A.O.C." insert "H.Q.1 Aus A Tk Regt - PART".
10. Delete from spares "PART".
11. After "1 Aus A Tk Bty" delete "(less one tp)".
12. After "2 Aus A Tk Bty" delete "(less one tp)".

Appendix "E" and Appendix "F" (List 'C')

13. Delete "Aus Force Ord Wkshop - TIGA."
14. Code Word "TIGA" now to be shown as a spare.
15. Below "41 Aus L.A.D., A.A.O.C." insert "H.Q. 1 Aus A Tk Regt - ERTA".
16. Delete from spares "ERTA".
17. After 1 Aus A Tk Bty delete "(less one tp)".
18. After 2 Aus A Tk Bty delete "(less one tp)".

Lt.Col
G.S. Australian Force

Distribution : as per amendment No. 3.

War Diary - Appendix G. 5

Ref No. Z/519/G

2 Oct 40

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE

EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS : 1.

Ref Maps :- ½" - Sheets 11 and 12
1" - Sheets 112 and SALISBURY PLAIN.

NOTES.

(a) All copies of SEQUENCE OF EVENTS are to be returned to H.Q. Australian Force at the end of the exercise.

(b) In all cases the times shown are approximate only and will depend on the actual development of the exercise.

1. Intelligence summaries received to 0800 hrs 2 Oct 40 indicate that invasion preparations are complete and that Hitler is only waiting for favourable weather to embark on his hazardous undertaking. The following information is of particular interest:-

(a) 400 enemy dive-bombers are located near the STRAITS OF DOVER and could be used for the "Blitz over ENGLAND".

(b) As far as Sn Comd is concerned recent German air recces have shown interest in the coast line from SELSEY BILL Q 21 to LYME REGIS T 71 especially POOLE BAY U 50 and CHESIL BEACH U 00

(c) The biggest concentrations of barges are at ANTWERP, OSTEND, CALAIS, BOULOGNE, and LE HAVRE.

(d) Shipping concentrations indicate (without any degree of certainty) that some three divs might be employed against Sn Comd.

(e) It is estimated that 20,000 troops could be landed as a first flight from troop carrying aircraft and by parachutes.

(f) It has been the general tendency for transport aircraft to move Westward to FRANCE.

2. 2 Oct 40.

1400 : Code message "STAND TO" received at H.Q. Australian Force and transmitted to units in accordance with H.Q. Australian Force memo on "Code Word" dated 19 Sep 40.

1600 : Information received that all our air recces over GERMANY and vassal states have been heavily attacked and driven back.

1800 : Reports received from reliable sources that intensive air activity was taking place over GERMANY and that troops were embarking in ships and barges at ANTWERP, OSTEND, CALAIS and other ports under German control.

1830 : Intelligence Summary in message form issued by G.3 (I).

3. 3 Oct 40

0500 : Code message "ACTION STATIONS" received at H.Q. Australian Force and transmitted to units in accordance with H.Q. Australian Force memo on "Code Word" dated 19 Sep 40.

1400 : Reports received of air-borne landings by both parachutists and troop carrying planes in open areas N.E. and S.E. of MANNINGFORD BRUCE 5778 and PEWSEY DOWN 6177.

1600 : Intelligence Summary in message form issued by G.3 (I).

1900 : G.O.C.-in-C Sn Comd 'phones G.O.C. Australian Force. The gist of instructions is:-

(a) Enemy air-borne landings north and N.E. of UPAVON 5775 were on a considerable scale and included light tanks, light guns and mortars. UPAVON AERODROME 5974 was stubbornly defended but enemy now seem to have captured it. It may be expected that further landings will be made by enemy on the aerodrome early tomorrow and even tonight,

(b) S.P.A. has ordered the MARLBOROUGH, TROWBRIDGE and AMESBURY mobile dets to move on PEWSEY 6080, RUSHALL 5676 and NETHERAVON 5869 respectively. G.O.C. Australian Force will assume command of these mobile dets and with Australian Force will destroy enemy tps in UPAVON area.

2045 : G.1 issues warning order to all concerned.

2050 : Following Officers warned to attend G.O.C's conference:-

G.1	C.R.E.
G.2	A.D.M.S.
AQ	Comd Force Sigs
	Comd A.A.S.C.

L.Os:-
3 Aus Fd Regt
18 Aus Mxd Bde
25 Aus Mxd Bde
1 Aus M.G. Bn

2100 : G.O.C's conference : verbal orders to be confirmed in writing:-

(a) i. 25 Mxd Bde with 5 Fd Bty, 2 A Tk Bty, one coy 1 M.G. Bn and 11 Fd Amb under comd from 0500 hrs 4 Oct will advance on 4 Oct on UPAVON AERODROME.

ii. Role : to drive in enemy adv tps and secure general line MILTON HILL CLUMP 6378 - EVERLEIGH ASHES 6377 - copse 6375 - EVERLEIGH 6374.

iii. General direction of advance : HOUGOUMONT FARM 6772 - EVERLEIGH 6474

iv. Timing point and time to pass:-

X rds 676722 : 0700 hrs.

(b) S.P.A. mobile dets.

i. AMESBURY mobile det will delay enemy movement towards and will assist in holding NETHERAVON AERODROME 6069.

ii. TROWBRIDGE mobile det will prevent enemy movement westward from UPAVON AERODROME.

iii. MARLBOROUGH mobile det will move on MANNINGFORD BRUCE and will prevent enemy movement northwards.

(c) 18 Mxd Bde. (1 A Tk Bty under comd)

i. Move to areas:-
COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS 6873
HOUGOUMONT FARM 671728
THE PENNINGS 6670

ii. Move by buses : 60 buses under comd Maj. Miles, comd 27 Motor Coach Coy will report 18 Mxd Bde at 0630 hrs 4 Oct 40.

iii. 15 v.t.m. 15 m.i.h.

iv. Route.

X rds 730581 - X rds 685625 - rd junc 673643.

v. Timing Point and time head of main body passes.

X rds 730581 : 0810 hrs.

vi. 3 Fd Amb under comd for move.

(d) 1 M.G. Bn.

One coy : WEATHER HILL FIRS 648725 - WEATHER HILL 645720.

Role : Protection of left of 25 Mxd Bde and of SIDBURY HILL 6570.
Move to be co-ordinated with move of 25 Mxd Bde.

1 M.G. Bn (less two coys) in reserve at PENNINGS.

(e) 3 Fd Regt (less 5 Fd Bty) in present areas
1 A Tk Regt (less 1 and 2 A Tk Btys) at 15 mins notice from 0700 hrs.

(f) Force A.A.S.C. - to be prepared to operate from present area: details regarding opening of A.P. and P.P. will be notified later.

(g) Reports to AMESBURY till 0900 hrs thence to Adv H.Q. copse 672709.

2130 : L.Os leave to convey orders to respective units.

2300 : Operation orders issued.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS : 2.

4 Oct 40.

1. 0700 : Head of main body, 25 Mxd Bde passes X rds 676722.

2. 0800 : Head of main body 18 Mxd Bde passes X rds 730581

3. (a) It is assumed that 25 Mxd Bde advances with adv gd of one bn with one pl 1 M.G. Bn under comd and 5 Fd Bty in support.
(b) Head of adv gd passes X rds 675722 about 0615 hrs.

4. 0715-0815 Leading tps of 25 Mxd Bde held up along general line : track junc 634781 - rd and track junc 636746 - west edge of EVERLEIGH.

Note : (a) It is assumed that units of 25 Mxd Bde will try to work round flanks. They will succeed in gaining MILTON HILL CLUMP 6378 on the right and copse 626728 on the left. Any advance beyond these places is met by heavy rifle and M.G. fire from the general line WINTERS PENNING 6277 - TUMULI 627770 - EARTH WORKS 624763 - LOWER EVERLEIGH and from the ridge to west.

(b) There is a certain amount of light artillery fire into EVERLEIGH and it would appear that the enemy are also registering west edge of EVERLEIGH ASHES 6376 - copse 634765 - west edge of copse 637755 - west edge of EVERLEIGH.

5. 0900 : Heads of main bodies 18 Mxd Bde coln begin to arrive at debussing areas.

6. 0930 : Warning order issued and conference called :
to attend:-
G.1
G.2
AQ
Comds:-
18 Mxd Bde
25 Mxd Bde
3 Fd Regt
1 M.G. Bn
Sigs

7. 1000 : G.O.C. gives out outline plan at MILTON HILL CLUMP 6378.

8. 1130 : Final orders at MILTON HILL CLUMP 6378.

9. 1300 : Zero hour. First phase.

10. 1340 : First objective captured.

11. 1440 : Zero hour. Second phase. (Very approximate - indication only)

12. 1600 : UPAVON AERODROME captured, (No actual advance on to the airfield) and exercise ends.

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SECURITY.

2 Oct 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 124.

1. LOST IDENTITY CARDS.

The following Military Identity Cards A.F. B2606 have been lost :-

No. M171942 issued to 2nd Lieut. J.O.N.C. BALCON, 7 WARWICK
No. M171766 issued to Lieut. E.T. CLUTTERBUCK, 68 Fd Regt.

If either is presented bearer will be detained and this H.Q. informed.

2. SECURITY - TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS.

The periodical censorship of telephone conversations carried out on civil lines by the G.P.O. has shown that, although in the main military indiscretions are not serious, yet greater care is still needed when dealing with secret and semi-secret matters.

All ranks will again be warned regarding security of telephone conversations.

3. MAPS - 1/25,000.

The attention of those units which might be called upon to co-operate with 5 Corps (see para 2 "Possible role of Australian Force" dated 10 Sep 40) is drawn to the following extract from letter received from 5 Corps:-

(a) The whole Corps Area is covered by over 50 sheets. Shortage of maps and tpt considerations make it undesirable for formations and units to draw in advance all maps which they may require for their potential roles. Arrangements have therefore been made to store maps considered sufficient for a force the equivalent of one div (three bde gps) operating anywhere in the Corps Area.

These maps are stored at the Sn Comd Map Store SALISBURY, which is within easy reach of formation concentration areas.

(b) Number of maps stored is based on the following scale:-

One Bde Gp.

Bde Gp H.Q.	5	
Fd Regt	25	
Att Tps and Res	20	(att tps may consist of A.Tk. (Med or A Fd Regts)
	50	

(c) For purposes of bundling the area is divided into 5 sub-areas. Each bundle contains a Bde Gp set of one sub-area.

In all there are 15 bundles totalling about 8,000 maps.

(d) Formations and units will collect bundles appropriate for the area in which they have to operate. These will be issued on direct demand to A.D. Survey, Sn Comd.

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3. TYPES OF ENEMY BOMBS.

Reference Australian Force Intelligence Summary No.13, para. 4, it is now reported that the bombs described are operated mechanically and that no long delay or electrically operated mechanism are incorporated in them.

4. FOREIGN NOTES.

(I) DAKAR.

(a) General de Gaulle's force was supported by strong BRITISH naval units including 2 battleships, 2 cruisers, and destroyers. FRENCH forces in the harbour included the damaged battleship RICHELIEU (which is without propellers), 3 cruisers and 3 destroyers which recently arrived from TOULON. After Gen. de Gaulle's emissary under the white flag had been fired upon, it is reported by VICHY that a naval action took place in which the RICHELIEU was hit by a shell, but not damaged and that a FRENCH submarine hit the battleship RESOLUTION with a torpedo. Two FRENCH submarines are believed sunk.

(b) Whilst the situation is still obscure, there is reason to suppose that the FRENCH warships which recently arrived brought fresh support to the elements opposed to this country, which have been very strong since the first BRITISH attack on the FRENCH Fleet. Gen. de GAULLE'S H.Q. have issued the statement that the attack was called off at the General's request in order to avoid the loss of FRENCH life.

(c) Reprisals were taken by the FRENCH in two air raids on GIBRALTAR, which occasioned little damage.

(d) It is reported from VICHY that the incident is now closed unless the BRITISH take further steps.

(II) JAPAN.

It is announced that a three power pact has been signed between GERMANY, ITALY, and JAPAN. The following are the main points:-

(i) The agreement is political, economic and military and pledges the support of all powers to one another should one of them be attacked by any nation not already at war.

(ii) JAPAN recognises the GERMAN and ITALIAN right to create a new order in EUROPE and similarly GERMANY and ITALY recognise JAPAN's right to create a new order in the FAR EAST.

(iii) The relations of any of the three powers towards the U.S.S.R. is not to be affected by the pact.

(iv) The agreement is for 10 years and renewable.

(III) INDO-CHINA.

Negotiations, (which have several times been broken off) for the passage of JAPANESE troops and the use of airfields, have now been concluded. Some fighting is reported to have taken place owing to misunderstandings and the fact that the JAPANESE S. CHINA Army took the initiative on its own, against the wishes of Gen. NISHIHARA, the head of the JAPANESE commission, and possibly without orders from TOKIO, but the terms include the guarantee by JAPAN of FRANCE's sovereignty in INDO-CHINA and of the present boundaries.

5. NOTES ON MINES AND BOMBS are attached as APPENDIX 'A'.

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 14.
(Extract from Sn Comd Summary No.14 and G.H.Q. Summary No.63. - Period 0630 hrs 22 Sep/40 to 0630 hrs 29 Sep/40.).

1. ENEMY ACTIVITY - AIR.

(a) The Southern Command area has received more attention from the G.A.F. during the past week though LONDON and the other parts of ENGLAND have remained the main targets. Targets attacked in the area have been Aviation factories in BRISTOL and SOUTHAMPTON, Aerodromes and communications. The number of raids, the targets of which it is impossible to identify remains high.

(b) The GERMAN JU 87 and Me 109 have been used in attacks on MALTA and it is reported that units of the ITALIAN AIR FORCE are being despatched to NORTHERN FRANCE. It is considered probable that these units may be equipped with the MACCHI 200, the latest ITALIAN Fighter.

(c) The score for the past week has been:-

	ENEMY			OWN	
Date	Confirmed	Unconfirmed	Damaged	Losses	Pilots Safe.
21 Sep	2	1	6	-	-
22 "	1		1	-	-
23 "	13	7	7	14	8
24 "	9	8	15	5	3
25 "	27	8	12	5	2
26 "	33	11	13	13	7
27 "	133	35	52	28	9
	218	70	106	65	29

(d) NOTE:- The number of the crew of each type of enemy aircraft is as follows:-

Type	Crew	Type	Crew
DO 17	3	Ju 87	2
DO 18	4	Ju 88	3 or 4
DO 215	3 or 4	Me 110	2
He 111	4	Me 109	1
He 120	2	Ju 52	3 or 4 Troops 15

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY - LAND.

Certain changes have taken place in the organization of the GERMAN ARMY since the Armistice with FRANCE.

(i) Some Divs in AUSTRIA being equipped for Colonial warfare.
(ii) 14th and 16th Divs are being motorized.
(iii) 2 new Mountain Divs are being formed.
(iv) It is reported that 30 Divisions are being demobilized.

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APPENDIX "A"
(Issued in conjunction with Australian Force Intelligence Summary No.14 of 2 Oct / 40.).

NOTES ON MINES AND BOMBS.

1. PARACHUTE MINES.

It is now possible for aircraft to drop mines from a high level when accuracy is unimportant.

2. When attacking harbour entrances and channels where accuracy is important, low flying is likely to continue and where balloon barrages can be provided such obstacles will still be of value.

3. A mine dropped by parachute at high level will travel a long way before reaching sea, so that reports of parachutes at this level are of little or no value towards determining position of mine and it is most difficult to be certain whether what is seen is a parachute.

4. The limit speed of aircraft at release of mine remains unchanged at about 110 knots (130 m.p.h.).

2. MAGNETIC MINES.

Detonation

The following has been issued by the Ministry of Home Security:-

Detonation of magnetic mines dropped by enemy aircraft:-

The risks are two-fold, those operating magnetically and those relating to vibration. As regards the former it is important that small steel or iron tools etc., e.g. shovels, hammers, chisels, screw drivers and steel helmets should not be brought within four or five yards of the mine. Detonation depends on a clock which may be stopped when the mine is falling or as it comes to rest. Very slight vibration may, however, set it going again. For example, a mine was hanging in a warehouse with its nose on the ground, and the footfall of those approaching it set it going. When erecting barriers around the mine, it is thus inadvisable to drive stakes into the ground. If this is unavoidable, the barrier must be erected not less than 50 yards from the mine.

Safety Distances

The blast from these mines has been felt up to 2 miles away and windows have been broken up to a mile away. Blast which breaks windows may tear off internal doors and affect persons in an adjoining passage or room. This occurred at about 150 yards from a mine, at the same time in well constructed property structural damage to houses would probably not be great at a distance of about 100 yards and even at lesser distances it might be neutralized by other buildings giving complete physical intervention.

3. INCENDIARY BOMBS.

A case has occurred of an incendiary bomb being attacked with a chemical extinguisher. This causes dangerous fumes to be given off, against which respirators are not proof.

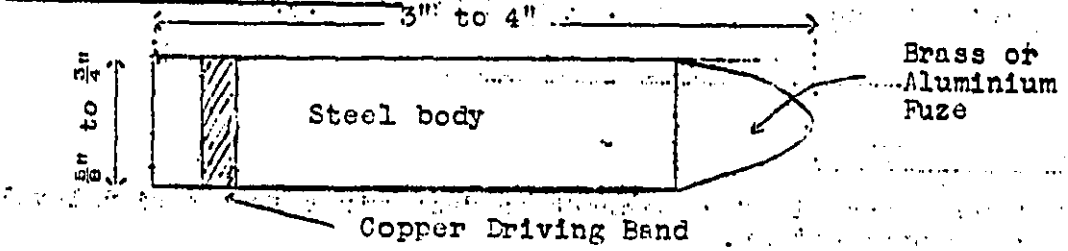
Chemical extinguishers should therefore not be used against incendiary bombs.

4. DISPOSAL OF "CANNON SHELL".

Unexploded enemy cannon shell as fired from aeroplanes can be recognised from the sketch overleaf:

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They must be handled with great care as they may explode if dropped or even jolted. Under no circumstances must the pointed end be touched.

Any person finding shells should at once carefully mark them; surround them with stones, earth, or bricks to protect them from disturbance.

They should be picked up by the hand, by the middle. Great care should be taken:-

(i) To keep them horizontal.
(ii) To avoid jolting, or sudden change of direction.
(iii) Above all, not to drop them.

For transporting, they should be placed in a basket or box, lined with cotton wool, felt or other soft material. Only two shells should be carried in any one basket, and these should be separated by a wad of soft material.

A sandbag "enclosure" should be provided in a convenient place, not accessible to the public, for the reception of shells. This should be 20 feet from the nearest building, 20 inches thick and 10 inches high, with a square space 10 inches x 10 inches in the middle covered 1" deep with sand.

The top should be covered by sandbags.

Disposal.

Shells should be blown up in the enclosure by using a 1-oz dry Gun Cotton primer. The top of the enclosure will be covered by sandbags before this operation. A maximum of four shells should be demolished at any one operation.

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3 Oct 40

Visit to new quarters at COLCHESTER allotted to Australian Force.

G.O.C. A.I.F. U.K. saw G.O.C.-in-C Eastern Command. G.O.C. states it would be necessary to obtain reasonable distribution accommodation for cap-city of one floor only of barracks could be used and if necessary the surplus should be billeted. G.O.C.-in-C agreed.

G.O.C. then visited G.O.C. 11 Corps. Arranged that move should not commence before 14 Oct, also that if practicable Aust Force should eventually take over part of beach defences. This was agreed to but definite arrangements be deferred until after arrival of A.I.F.

G.O.C. visited COLCHESTER. Saw C.O.Tps and made clear the principle on which quarters were to be allotted vide agreement with G.O.C.-in-C Eastern Command. Also agreed that COLCHESTER defences would be taken over on 14 Oct when Aust Tps arrived. Recce parties to visit -rea earlier on date to be arranged.

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6 Oct 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 125

1. A course will be held at Camouflage Development and Training Centre FARNHAM 27 Oct-17 Nov to train officers for future appointment as G.S.O.s 3 (camouflage).
One vacancy has been allotted to Australian Force and applications from Lieutenants for nomination for this course with C.Os recommendations will be forwarded to reach this H.Q. by 11 Oct 40.

2. REGISTERED MAIL FOR DESPATCH BY D.R.L.S.

(a) All registered mail for despatch by D.R.L.S. must be marked D.R.L.S. in the top right hand corner, signed by an officer and with a reference number in the bottom left hand corner of the envelope, as laid down in F.S.P.B. Pamphlet No. 2 Appx 11, V.3. Other packets will be sent unregistered.

(b) Packets sent by unregistered D.R.L.S. cannot be traced in the event of loss so important or secret letters should be sent by registered D.R.L.S..

(c) Bulky or heavy packets cannot be accepted for despatch by D.R.L.S.. The largest packet that can be accepted is 15" x 10".

(d) Packets will be addressed to the formation or Unit only. Full address will not be shown.

3. FITTING OF Mk V. FACEPIECES

In many cases difficulty has been encountered in fitting the mk V facepiece to men wearing spectacles, owing to the metal buckle at the temple resting on the spectacle frame. This has occurred through the buckle being rivetted too tightly to the rubber, with the result that the buckles are turned slightly inwards so tend to hold the facepiece away from the face. This fault may be corrected by bending the buckles slightly outwards with pliers so that they be in the same plane as the rubber.

4. MARKED INDIVIDUAL TRAINING DETECTORS FOR USE BY UMPIRES

It should be noted that the drops on these detectors are meant to resemble the drops on the individual training detectors, which do not run and NOT the drops on the war individual detectors which do run. Care should therefore be taken to make the point clear to units when the marked detectors are being used in conjunction with war individual detectors.

5. LOST IDENTITY CARDS

The following identity cards and permits have been lost :-

A.F.B. 2606 No. M.O. 5428 issued to Maj. R. St.G.T. Harper
A.F.B. 2606 No. M. 276877 issued to Lieut. J.O. Squire.
A.F.B. 2606 No. M.O. 9461 issued to Maj. W.K.O. Shepherd
Military Permit No. 00252 issued by 1st. A.A. Div Sigs
A.F. A17 No. P/27812 issued by 1st. A.A. Div to Capt, The Earl of Jersey.
If any of the above are presented, the bearer will be detained and this H.Q. informed.

6. FINAL CONFERENCE - EXERCISE.

Ref. Exercise with Troops - 4 Oct.40. Instruction No.1. dated 27 Sep para 8 (b)-
The Final Conference detailed at 1500 hrs 7 Oct.40 is POSTPONED until further notice.

E.K. Lloyd Lt.-Col.
G.S.Australian Force

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10 Oct 40

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 126.

1. LOST UNIT CENSOR STAMPS

Unit Censor Stamps No. 125 and 128 have been lost. These stamps are withdrawn from official use.

If either of these stamps, evidence of their existence or detection of impressions is found, report will be made to this Headquarters immdoiately.

2. REPORTS ON GERMAN BROADCASTS

Alleged German Broadcasts have been heard recently, the Substance of which, included reference to Australian Force Units and statements regarding their locations and future activities. Accurate and reliable information is required concerning any such broadcasts of a suspicious nature and where this is obtainable, reports should be sent promptly to this Headquarters containing :-

Notes of text, as verbatim as possible; date heard; exact time; wavelength; locality; context of programme, i.e. item immediately proceeding and following the broadcast in question; identity of person or persons who heard broadcast.

3. SCHOOLS AND COURSES

The following allotment of vacancies has been made :-

Army Gas School WINTERBOURNE GUNNER WING
R.I. Course No. 24 28 Oct/8 Nov 40
A.D.M.S. 1 Officer
18 Bde 1 N.C.O.
H.Q. A.I.F. 1 N.C.O.
Nominations to reach this Headquarters by 16 Oct 40.

Army Gas School TREGANTLE WING
R.I. Course No. 42 4 Nov/15 Nov 40
C.R.E. 1 N.C.O.
A.I.F. Depot of Personnel 1 N.C.O.
Nominations to reach this Headquarters by 28 Oct 40.

N.R.A. Wing Small Arms School BISLEY
Course S8 4 Nov/28 Nov. 40
A.I.F. Depot of Personnel 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O.
Nomination to reach this Headquarters by 20 Oct 40.

N.R.A. Wing , Small Arms School BISLEY
Course S9 25 Nov/13 Dec. 40
25 Bde H.Q. 1 Officer , 1 N.C.O.
Nominations to reach this Headquarters by 10 Nov 40

4. SCHOOL AND COURSES - CASUALTY RETURNS FOR PERSONNEL ATTENDING

In a number of cases, units have failed to show in their Casualty Returns the fact that personnel have attended Schools or Courses. Units must pay strict attention to this matter and show the serial number and date of course, name of school etc., in their returns.

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Ref No. Z/ 305/ G.

11 Oct 40.

Subject : MAPS

To : All Units, Col i/c Adm (2), G.(4), AQ (4), Engrs (1), Ord (2), Med (2), Pro, Camp, Ord (Fixed), Pay, Records (2), L.S.O., Welfare Officer.

1. All maps on issue will be returned to this H.Q. by 1800 hrs, 12 Oct 40, apart from certain numbers of certain 1 inch sheets which will be retained by units for training purposes. The scale which will be retained by units is as follows:-

Per Bn	..	65	copies of each sheet
" Bde H.Q.		10	" " "
" Fd Amb	..	10	" " "
" Fd Coy	..	15	" " "
" L.A.D.	..	1	" " "
" M.G. Bn	..	50	" " "
" Fd Regt	..	50	" " "
" A Tk Regt		30	" " "
" Force Sigs	..	20	" " "
" A.A.S.C.	..	20	" " "

The sheets to be retained are 1 inch - Nos 111, 112, 121, 122.

2. Maps will be returned to this H.Q. wrapped in bundles of 50 or 100 each and clearly marked on the outside of the bundle with the Sheet No. and the number of maps the bundle contains.

3. Maps which are heavily marked or badly worn will be wrapped in one bundle with particulars of numbers etc on the outside of bundle.

4. ¼ inch maps sheets Nos. 11 and 12 will also be retained by units for use during the move to new location. Sheet 12 will also be required for operational purposes in new area.

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11 Oct 40.

Tel message from D.A.Q.M.G. (Major Harvey) who was at Colchester to effect that he had been informed by O.C. troops that Hyderabad Barracks would not be available for A.I.F. and that an order was being issued to G.O.C., A.I.F. by Secretary of State that barrack accommodation where necessary must be used to full capacity.

11 Oct 40.

G.O.C. rang C.I.G.S. at War Office informed him -

(a) It had been agreed with Eastern Command owing to liability to air bombing that barrack accommodation would be used only to the extent of one floor, i.e. one floor to be left empty.

(b) This had been the policy of G.O.C. in C. Eastern Comd before G.O.C., A.I.F. made representations to him on similar lines and that their respective views on the subject entirely coincided.

(c) On this basis recce of the barracks proceeded, it having been ascertained from W.O. that Hyderabad bks, about which there had been some question, would be available.

(d) That during recce by A.A. & Q.M.G. on 4 and 5 Oct the Hyderabad question had again been raised by the local authorities.

(e) On return of A.A. & Q.M.G. who reported that there was doubt of availability of Hyderabad G.O.C., A.I.F. had sent (on 6 Oct) a telegram to Eastern Comd saying that if those bks not available move of A.I.F. to Colchester on 14 and 15 Oct could not take place. Reply from Eastern Comd recd 8 Oct stated that those bks would be available.

(f) Now at this late hour when adv parties had actually arrived in new area and move was almost a fait accompli this later decision re bks and threatened on actual order of Sec of State if given effect to would result in Aust tps being quartered en masse in vulnerable area and obvious targets which would be plain lunacy. If the oredr was adhered to G.O.C. A.I.F. would require to consult his Government before complying.

C.I.G.S. replied that he had no knowledge himself of any details other than the fact of move to Colchester but would make immediate enquiries and telephone later in evening.

At 2345 hrs C.I.G.S. rang G.O.C. - stated that G.M.Q. had informed him that all bks were being filled to full capacity and asked whether G.O.C. could attend conference at War Office on following day at which G.O.C. in C Eastern Comd would also be present. G.O.C., A.I.F. replied that he could be in London by 1030 hrs. This time was fixed for conference.

12. Oct 40.

Conference in Q.M.G's room at War.Office 1030 hrs.

Present

General Sir Walter Venning, Q.M.G.
Brigadier Hon. Maurice Wingfield, Director of Quartering
Lt-Gen Sir Guy Williams, G.O.C. in C Eastern Comd.
Maj.Gen. H.D. Wynter, Comd. A.I.F., U.K.
Lt-Col. A.P.O. White, A.A. & Q.M.G., Australian Force.

Q.M.G. opened conference with remarks that winter quartering was very difficult problem; that other Commands were required to use where necessary full capacity of barracks and double bunking and that it was to be expected that Dominion Tps would accept similar conditions. G.O.C., A.I.F. asked to be permitted to state the history of the question of winter quartering as it affected A.I.F.

First proposal was that A.I.F. should go to quarters in barracks at Shorncliffe and Dover. In regard to this G.O.C., A.I.F. had told D.Q.M.G. (Maj-Gen Riddell-Webster) that the A.I.F. would willingly undertake any operational role - defence of beaches or anything else in any area decided incl Dover area. But in that case especially in defence of beaches there would be a natural dispersion for performance of role, but the putting of men in that area en masse in barracks purely fot the purpose of quartering where they would be an obvious target for air bombing was plain lunacy.

Some time later G.O.C.,,A.I.F. was asked whether Colchester Barracks would be acceptable. G.O.C., A.I.F. though not liking the area as a place for quarters accepted as he felt that he could not continue objecting. G.O.C., A.I.F. subsequently sent a message to Eastern Comd asking that when accommodation was being allotted in detail at Colchester it be allotted owing to liability to bombing on the basis that that one floor only be occupied (Colchester is on the route of bombers to and from N. and N.E. of London and might itself be a deliberately selected objective.)

D.A.Q.M.G. Eastern Comd subsequently visited H.Q. A.I.F. in U.K. and informed him that his views on subject of avoiding any crowding into barracks in vulnerable areas coincided with those of the G.O.C. in C. (Gen Sir Guy Williams) who in fact, had already issued similar instructions on the subject.

G.O.C., A.I.F. subsequently visited G.O.C. in C. Eastern Comd H.Q. 11 Corps and Colchester. Principles concerning accommodation were confirmed and G.O.C., A.I.F. received at hands of Command and Corps nothing but sympathetic consideration.

Later information reached H.Q., A.I.F. that Hyderabad Barracks in Colchester would not be available. G.O.C., A.I.F. then sent telegram referred to in previous conversation with C.I.G.S. and recd a reply that Hyderabad Bks would be available. It was on this basis that the arrangements for the move proceeded. Advanced parties had actually arrived at Colchester when information was recd of a decision by Sec of State which altered the whole basis of the arrangement. Thus when the move was in process of becoming a fait accompli G.O.C., A.I.F. was told by telephone of a new decision which would cause his tps to be quartered en masse in certain Bks in contravention of arrangements so recently made. G.O.C., A.I.F. added that he did not like being double-crossed.

Q.M.G. remarked that he had especially allotted Dominion Tps to Barracks, i.e. in the best accommodation. This had been demanded practically at "pistol point". G.O.C., A.I.F. replied that he had not at any time asked for his Tps to be quartered in Bks.

After further conversation G.O.C., A.I.F. said that he thought Q.M.G. should keep to the agreement. C. in C. Eastern Comd then said he saw no reason why the training bn R.E. should not be moved to enable the original decision to be maintained. He was not clear on whose insistence it was that the R.E. Bn should remain at Colchester - certainly not on his. He said it might not be possible to move them by 14 Oct and asked whether A.I.F. could if necessary postpone some of the moves arranged. G.O.C., A.I.F. replied that this certainly could be done. Q.M.G. having concurred it was decided that Hyderabad Bks would be available to A.I.F. and the original basis of the quartering be maintained.

Later on 12 Oct message recd from G.O.C. Eastern Comd saying that R.E. Training Bn would vacate Bks by 1200 hrs on 14 Oct.

Consequently not necessary postpone any A.I.F. moves.

14 Oct 40.

Attached letter dated 11 Oct recd from Director of Quartering. This superseded bu decision given at conference on 12 Oct 40.

COPY.

From - Brig. Hon. M.A. Wingfield, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Director of Quartering,

War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.

11 Oct 40.

My Dear General,

The C. in C. Eastern Comd, General Sir Guy Williams, has asked me to write to you to inform you of a decision which has just been taken by the Secretary of State for War, and which affects temporarily the accommodation of your troops at Colchester.

The Secretary of State has decided that the question of the use of double bunks and the upper floors of buildings should be left to the discretion of Cs. in C, but that this method of increasing accommodation is not to be dispensed with if the alternative is to leave troops under canvas.

I understand that under this ruling it will not be possible to accommodate all your troops on the ground floor at Colchester until either we can find suitable accommodation for No.4 Training Bn, R.E. or until some of your troops go overseas.

This period, however, should not last for more than a few weeks.

(signed)

Major-General H.D. Wynter, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Headquarters Australian Imperial Force in U.K.
Amesbury Abbey, Amesbury, Wilts.

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SECRET

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11 Oct 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE

COLCHESTER DEFENCE SCHEME

(PROVISIONAL)

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1. LOCATION

COLCHESTER M 44 is within 44 Inf Bde Area of 15 Div of 11 Corps which is under G.H.Q. Home Forces for operations and Eastern Command for administration.

2. DEFENCES : GENERAL

(a) The defences of COLCHESTER are based on a perimeter scheme and include :-

i. tank stop lines such as RIVER COLNE flowing north and east of COLCHESTER and an anti-tank ditch south of COLCHESTER.
ii. road blocks
iii. pill boxes
iv. earthworks
v. fortified houses
vi. 6 pr anti-tank guns on Corps stop line manned by Corps troops under C.R.A., 11 Corps.
vii. reserve localities

(b) The defences include portion of the Corps stop line from incl X rds 419437 to incl R COLNE about 472417.

(c) The general line of the defences including the portion of the Corps stop line is shown on the attached diagram.

3. ALLOTMENT OF TROOPS

The general allotment of units of Australian Force to the defences will be :-

(a) 18 Mxd Bde with three coys 1 M.G. Bn and 1 A Tk Bty under comd will be responsible for defence sectors.

(b) 5 Fd Bty will be in support 18 Mxd Bde.

(c) Remainder of units will be in reserve in barrack areas.

(d) 25 Mxd Bde units quartered outside the area will be withdrawn to reserve area about ABBEY FIELD 4442 on code word " ACTION STATIONS " being received. Detailed orders regarding role etc. will be issued when recces have been completed.

4. SECTOR DEFENCE

(a) The area is divided into three sectors which are allotted to units of 18 Mxd Bde and att tps as follows :-

A. Sector - 9 Bn
B. Sector - 10 Bn
C. Sector - 12 Bn

Each bn will have one coy 1 M.C. Bn and one tp 1 A Tk Bty under comd from time of arrival of units at COLCHESTER.

(b) Inter sector boundaries :-

A. - all incl : Rd rd junc 394403 - BOTTLE END 4141 - X rds 441433 - X rds 443433 - MILE END 4346.
B. - excl rd X rds 443433 - MILE END 4346 and incl rd X rds 443433 - X rds 447432 - WATER TOWER 4739.
C. - excl both boundaries sectors A. and B..

5. VULNERABLE POINTS

(a) V.Ps for which Australian Force will be responsible are :-

	N.C.Os	Men
1. Military Telephone Exchange FLAGSTAFF RD 445428	1	3
2. Coastal Telephone Exchange WEST STOCKWELL St. 444436	1	6
3. Petrol store : REED HALL 435418	1	3
4. Electricity Supply Station HYTHE QUAY 463427	2	12
5. Borough Electricity Department OSBORNE St. 447432	1	3

All the above guards will be posted at night only except 4. which will be on 24 hour duty. "Night" will be taken as one hour before "stand to" in the evening till one hour after "stand down" in the morning (see para 14 below).

(b) Sector comds will be responsible for mounting guards within their own sectors

6. BRIDGE GUARDS

(a) Bridge Guards consisting of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men will be mounted on bridges in which charges for demolition are already placed. These are :-

BATHING PLACE Bridge 439443
NORTH BRIDGE (or CASTLE INN Bridge) 443440

(b) A. Sector comd will be responsible for the mounting of these guards.

(c) One sentry will be posted.

7. ROAD BLOCKS

(a) Road block guards will consist of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men.

(b) Certain road blocks only will be manned during "normal" periods. Details of these road blocks will be obtained by sector comds on taking over. The road blocks manned will be changed from time to time in order that all routes are periodically checked. All road blocks will be fully manned on receipt of code word " ACTION STATIONS ".

(c) Details regarding road blocks are contained in Appx B. attached.

8. TAKING OVER OF DEFENCES

All sectors, guards etc. will be taken over by 18 Mxd Bde by 1200 hrs 15 Oct 40.

9. COMMAND

(a) Until arrival of G.O.C. Australian Force at COLCHESTER Comd 18 Mxd Bde will comd as follows :-

i. from time of arrival at COLCHESTER till 1200 hrs 15 Oct 40 - all units of Australian Force at COLCHESTER.

ii. from 1200 hrs 15 Oct 40 - all units at COLCHESTER

(b) G.O.C. Australian Force is taking over comd on arrival at COLCHESTER.

10. HOME GUARD

One coy of H.Gs are allotted to COLCHESTER defences. They are disposed :-

(a) One pl defence of LEXDEN PARK area 4242 and 4243.

(b) One pl : manning of five pill boxes in B. sector.

(c) One pl : area CEMETERY 4441.

(d) One pl : area BARN HALL 453419.

11. MANNING OF DEFENCES

(a) During the present "normal" period skeleton manning of pill boxes (1 N.C.O. and 3 men) only will take place at night.

(b) Full manning will be effected on receipt of the code word "ACTION STATIONS" (see Appx C. attached).

(c) In order that all troops may be acquainted as soon as possible with their posts, all troops allotted to sector defences will be exercised in :-

i. full manning during daylight as soon as practicable after units arrive in area.

ii. full manning during the night on two nights before night 19/20 Oct 40.

Exercise mannings of sector defences will be effected under orders 18 Mxd Bde.

12. PATROLLING

On defences being manned the gaps between pill-boxes must be constantly patrolled at night or during thick weather to prevent enemy infiltration.

13. A.A. DEFENCES

(a) All A.A.L.M.G. posts will be manned during the hours of (daylight.

(b) Present A.A. L.M.Gs posts will be taken over and others provided as considered necessary.

14. STAND - TO

(a) All guards and personnel manning pill-boxes and other defence works will "stand to" for two one hour periods each day beginning as follows :-

i. Morning : one hour before black-out time ceases.

ii. Evening : black out time.

(b) Other personnel will "stand to" in accordance with instructions contained in Appx C. "Code Words".

(c) In the event of weather conditions making visibility poor unit comds will use their own discretion in regard to extending the "stand to" time.

15. CODE NAMES

Code names lists A. B. and C. at present in use will continue to be employed. The instructions regarding the use of the various lists remain unchanged.

16. P.A.D.

(a) Details of P.A.D. are contained in Appx D.

(b) The necessity for immediate and complete P.A.D. arrangements cannot be too strongly stressed. The black-out MUST BE COMPLETE. Particular care must be exercised in billets and buildings newly taken over. Improvised arrangements may have to be made pending the provision of proper screens. It must be realised that numerous enemy aeroplanes fly over COLCHESTER both at night and during the day on their way to and from LONDON. The showing of any light at night therefore might lead to the bombing of this town.

(c) If the slit trenches or other anti-bomb accommodation provided is NOT adequate arrangements must be made immediately for the provision of additional shelter.

(d) All troops must be fully acquainted with the methods of dealing with incendiary bombs.

17. DEMOLITION OFFICER (see Appx E. attd.)

Major R.J.H. Risson , Comd 3 Fd Coy

18. IMMOBILIZATION OF CIVILIAN MOTOR CARS (see Appx H. attd.)

Force A.A.S.C. will be responsible for manning and controlling refugee car parks.

19. ADM INSTRUCTIONS

(a) Amn. :

Details regarding the amn to be held in pill-boxes etc. is shown in Appx F.

(b) Rations :

Arrangements are being made for the provision of 4 days reserve rations.

(c) Water :

A reserve supply of water will be kept in all pill boxes and defence posts.

(d) Medical :

i. R.A.Ps - unit lines.
ii. Camp reception station (functioning as A.D.S.) at SABRAON huts. Evacuation R.A.Ps to C.R.S. will be effected by 3 Fd Amb.
iii. Military Hospital COLCHESTER is functioning as Casualty Clearing Station. 11 Fd Amb will evacuate from camp reception station to Military hospital.

iv. Evacuation may be effected direct from R.A.Ps to the Military Hospital.

(e) Detailed adm instructions are being issued separately.

20. LOCATION OF H.Q. AUSTRALIAN FORCE

H.Q. Australian Force will be situated at Garrison H.Q. Old Government House, Flagstaff Rd. ('Phone COLCHESTER 2251) until the new headquarters at "Woodlands" Lexden Rd is ready.

21. S.O.S. SIGNAL

(a) RED - GREEN - RED verey lights.

(b) denotes that enemy is attacking and calls for defensive fire from arty. S.O.S. signal will be fired by coy and equivalent comds only.

(c) The above warning will only be made when no other form of intercomn is available or when time does NOT permit of the information being passed by other means. Signals will NOT be made in repetition of similar signals.

22. APPENDICES

(a) The following appendices are attached :

Group 1 :

Appx A. - Diagram , COLCHESTER defences.
" B. - Road blocks
" C. - Code Words
" D. - P.A.D. Instructions
" E. - Demolitions
" F. - Ammunition to be maintained in defence posts and pill boxes.
" G. - Bomb disposal instructions

Group 2. :

Appx H. - Refugee car park
" J. - Location statement and telephone numbers
" K. - Recognition signals
" L. - Movement by road
" M. - Security
" N. - Warning signals
" O. - W/T communication
" P. - Description of petrol

(b) All appendices will be produced and issued as soon as possible. Priority is however, being given to Group 1 Appendices.

Lt.Col
G.S.O. 1 Australian Force

Signed 2200 hrs.

Distribution :

Copy No. 1 - 5	18 Bde	20	G.O.C.
6 - 10	25 Bde	21	Col i/c Adm
11	3 Fd Regt	22 - 23	G
12	1 A Tk Regt	24 - 25	A.Q.
13	R.A.E.	26	Med
14	Sigs	27	Ord
15	1 M.G. Bn	28	Pro
16	A.A.S.C.	29	Camp
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18	15 Div	32 - 33	File
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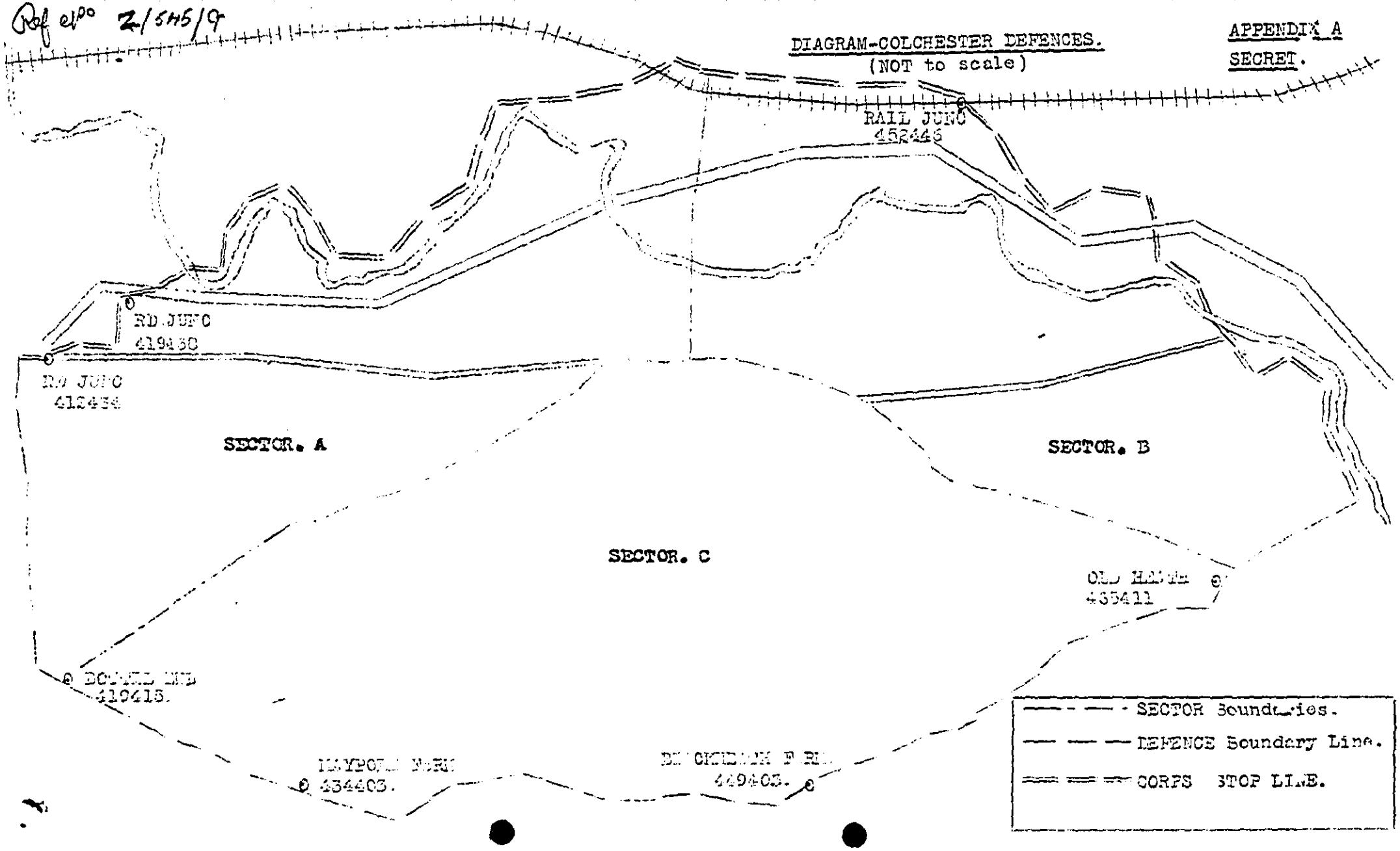
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APPENDIX A

SECRET.

DIAGRAM-COLCHESTER DEFENCES.

(NOT to scale)



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APPENDIX 'C'

SECRET

C O D E W O R D S

1. There are three degrees of readiness :-

(a) Normal.

(b) Precautionary.

(c) Invasion Imminent.

2. During the "Normal" period which exists at present, the following action will be carried out :-

(a) By day, all troops will be at 2 hours notice, but may carry out training anywhere in their own training areas.

(b) By night, all troops will be at 30 minutes notice.

(c) 75 % of troops will be at 5 mins notice during evening and morning stand to periods and 100 % during morning stand to period when visibility is bad.

3. During the "Precautionary Period", which will be notified by the code word "LOOK OUT" , the action will be similar to the "Normal" period with the exception that troops will be at 30 mins notice by day and 10 mins notice by night.

4. "Invasion Imminent" will be notified by the code words "ACTION STATIONS" . This order will be originated by sub area comds if they consider the situation demands it.
The following action will be taken on receipt of "ACTION STATIONS" :-

(a) All defences and road blocks will be manned.

(b) Home Guard will be called out.

(c) Traffic personnel will take post.

(d) Any additional transport requirements will be taken up.

(e) Demolition charges will have detonators inserted and demolition parties will take post.

(f) Emergency labels will be issued when ordered by H.Q. 11 Corps.

5. The order to revert from "ACTION STATIONS" to "Normal" will be "STAND DOWN".

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APPENDIX 'F'

SECRET

AMMUNITION TO BE MAINTAINED IN DEFENCE POSTS AND PILL-BOXES

1. SKELETON MANNING

S.A.A. :

Per rifle : 50
" L.M.G. : 12 magazines
" A Tk Rifle : 30

2. FULL MANNING

S.A.A. :

Per rifle : 100
" L.M.G. : 12 magazines
1 Box S.A.A.
" A Tk Rifle : 80 rds.

Molotov etc. bombs :

50 in pill-boxes guarding road blocks only.

10 in posts selected by sector comds in posts forward of road blocks - as ordered by sector comds.

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APPENDIX "G"

UNEXPLODED BOMBS.

1. The local bomb disposal section is located at ABBEY FIELDS Married Quarters. Application for bomb disposal section will not be made between 1800 hours to 0900 hours. Unexploded bombs found during these hours to be reported to Report Centre in consolidated form after 0900 hours.

2. The location of bomb disposal Report Centre is:-
A.R.P. H.Q., Maidenburg St., COLCHESTER.
Phone : COLCHESTER 4201.

3. This sec will deal with all unexploded bombs in the area. If requiring assistance they will apply to the nearest Fd Coy.

4. Safety Distances - Unexploded Bombs and A.A. Shells.
Bombs on surface or just below it at less than distance given in the following table:-

Diameter of Hole	Depth below surface at which bomb can be felt.	Probable size of Bomb
Less than 1 foot.	2 ft.	50 Kg.
Between 1 ft, and 1ft. 6 inches.	4 ft.	250 Kg.
Greater than 1ft. 6 inches.	6 ft.	500 Kg.

Bombs in ordinary streets.
(a) The houses should be cleared covering a frontage on that street of a 100 yds. on either side of the bomb; in the remaining houses of the street the inhabitants should be instructed to remain in the back rooms of their houses until advised that the danger is passed and keep clear of the windows as far as possible.
Where 3 or more storied buildings face the street all persons should be evacuated from all floors of the building up to 30 yards from the bomb and from ground and first floor dwellings or premises up to 100 yards and inhabitants should be instructed to avoid all rooms facing the street on all floors up to 100 yds.

Bombs in small open spaces such as squares and gardens.
(b) All barracks and houses within 200 yds of the bomb should be cleared in the remaining houses surrounding the open space the inhabitants should be instructed to remain in the rooms of their houses away from the bomb until advised that the danger is passed and to keep clear of windows as far as possible.
In all cases every window in all houses in the streets or open spaces concerned should be opened as wide as possible until advised that the danger is passed.
Where 3 or more storied buildings face an open space, all persons should be evacuated from all floors of the building up to 30 yards from the bomb and from all rooms on all floors of the side of the building facing the bomb up to a distance of 200 yds.

Bombs in buildings, narrow courts or alleys.
(c) All barracks and houses should be cleared within 30 yds all round the position of the bomb and in addition those which are exposed to the bomb without intervening buildings.

Range of Danger to traffic.
(d) There is a serious danger from splinters for a distance of 300 yds and perceptible risk up to 1,200 yds to line of site of bomb. All buildings of height greater than one storey may be considered to give adequate protection from this risk.

5. For buried bombs (i.e. bombs at depth greater than that given in para.1.)

Barracks and houses should be cleared for a distance of 30 yds all round the bomb. There is serious danger up to 100 yds in the open. There is no risk from splinters but pieces of concrete or road material may be flung distances up to 400 yds.

N.B. At distances greater than those mentioned above, up to 400 yds from a heavy bomb on the surface, minor damage, broken windows, doors, etc., is bound to occur and may cause slight casualties. While compulsory evacuation is not desirable inhabitants of houses in this zone should be warned of the danger and urged to remain away from such premises as far as circumstances permit. Sight-seers should be discouraged.

When an unexploded bomb is found at night or during a raid the initial evacuation in all cases should be up to 30 yds only.

6. Unexploded Anti-Aircraft Shells.

Holes of less than six inches in diameter will have been made by A.A. shells. There is no danger while the shells remain untouched and no action need be taken to clear the area.

A.A. shells on the surface are harmless unless tampered with and suitable precautions, e.g., by covering with sandbags, should be taken to prevent unauthorised interference without clearing the area.

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APPENDIX 'H'

SECRET

REFUGEE CAR PARKS

1. LOCATION etc..

(a) Force A.A.S.C. will be responsible for manning and controlling Refugee Car Parks as follows :-

No.	Refugee Car Park Description	Map Reference	Entrances	Personnel N.C.O.	O.R.	TOTAL
1.	Field	439447	Through gate at bottom of lane running from Station yard south of Ry : 440447 : by side of Mental hospital	2	6	8
2.	Field	418410	415412 and 421412	2	12	14
3.	Rugby Football Ground	413433	From LONDON Rd at 413435	2	6	8

(b) General allotment of duties at car parks is :-

Car Park No.	For Traffic Control N.C.Os	Ptes.	Total	For Immobilizing Cars N.C.Os	Ptes.	Total
1.	1	3	4	1	3	4
2.	1	3	4	1	9	10
3.	1	3	4	1	3	4

(c) In addition 1 civilian policeman has been detailed to each car park.

2. CAR PARK No. 1

Car Park No. 1 is on west of rd X rds 443433 - MILE END 4346 with an alternative park to the east. It is approached by a narrow lane which may be blocked in which case the alternative car park on the opposite side of the road will be used.

3. CAR PARK No. 2

(a) Rd BOTTLE END 4141 - rd junc 412434 will be blocked about 417416 and cars diverted to car park via entrance 415412.

(b) Rd BOTTLE END to BLACK HEATH 4440 will be stopped about rd junc 422412 and diverted to entrance 421412.

4. DANNAERT WIRE

Coils of dannaert wire are provided at each car park to assist in stopping cars.

5. IMMOBILIZATION OF CARS

(a) Immobilization of cars is carried out by removing the distributor or some other vital part of the engine. The part removed will be handed back to the owner.

(b) Action to immobilize cars will be carried out only on specific orders of H.Q. Australian Force.

6. MANNING OF CAR PARKS : Car parks will be manned on receipt of code word "ACTION STATIONS".

APPENDIX 'L'

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RECOGNITION SIGNALS

Serial	Signal	Meaning	Action
A. 1	R.A.F. Aircraft fires one or more WHITE verey lights in succession.	Please display identification signals from the ground	(a) Every soldier displays his identification signal. (b) H.Qs down to Coys wave a yellow flag in a half circle facing the enemy.
2.	Aircraft fires one or more GREEN verey lights in succession OR Succession of GREEN flashes by signalling apparatus	I am about to drop an urgent message for you.	H.Q. Concerned puts out appropriate ground strip or wave yellow flag and prepares to receive message.
3.	Aircraft fires one or more RED ve-rey lights in succession OR Succession of short intermittent flashes with Navigation Lights.	I am in distress (Emergency landing which permits of no delay OR (Emergency landing for which a small delay can be accepted).	Get out from under where practicable.
4.	Aircraft fires a shot containing two coloured lights. (This is changed periodically during the day).	Recognition or identification signal to other Aircraft or A.A. defences or Naval ships	None. Signal should be checked if possible by reference to nearest A.A. or S.L. unit.
5.	Aircraft fires a shot containing SEVERAL coloured or white lights i.e. they appear simultaneously and not in succession as in 1, 2, and 3 above.	No such lights are issued to our own aircraft.	Aircraft should be treated as hostile.
6.	Signals from ground are made by use of the "T" panel code	Pilot notes signal and should report it.	
7.	Aircraft emits cloud of RED smoke	Five or more enemy A.F.Vs proceeding in direction in which plane is flying.	

Serial B	Signal	Meaning	Action
31.	Own A.F.Vs will carry a Cambridge blue flag 2 ft. by 1 ft. (This flag will be arranged so that it can be run up to the wireless or an improvised flag pole without exposing the crew of the vehicle	Vehicle is friendly	A.F.V. should be treated as friendly. On no account will this recognition flag be displayed until active operations start.
32.	One RED verey light.	An additional identification signal if fired on in spite of displaying signal described in 31.	A.F.V. should be treated as friendly.
33.	4 distinct short hoots at one second intervals or 4 distinct short flashes on electric torch headlamps or signal lamps	Author of signal is friendly.	A.F.Vs should be treated as friendly. (This signal is also used by own motor cycles, cycles etc.
34.	Yellow identification cloth allowed to hang down from respirator in front of the body.	Author of signal is friendly.	Personnel should be treated as friendly.
35.	Four short blasts on whistle at four second intervals. Four short flashes on electric torch at one second intervals.	Author of signal is friendly.	Personnel should be treated as friendly

Notes :

i. The number of flashes and blasts on horn or whistle in serials 33 and 35 will be changed from time to time.

ii. For recognition signals used by R.N. motor boat patrols , see para 153. (These signals only effect beach sentries.)

APPENDIX "N"

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S E C U R I T Y.

1. All ranks will be informed that it is their duty to exercise vigilance and inquisitiveness both on and off duty regarding the actions of persons with whom they come into contact. The powers which a soldier has in this respect are:-

   (a) To question, and if necessary, arrest persons suspected of being about to act in a manner prejudicial to public safety. Whenever possible a policeman should carry out the arrest. Failing this the person arrested should be handed over to the police as soon as possible.

   (b) To stop and search any suspicious vehicle.

2. All ranks should be constantly reminded that they must not talk or write about troop dispositions and movements, nor should they pass on "rumours" and other unauthentic stories. Disciplinary action should be taken to stop these dangerous practices.

3. Local newspapers should be watched for articles which might give away military information. If they do, they should be reported immediately.

4. All persons in uniform betraying any peculiarity of conduct, manner, or dress, inconsistent with membership of His Majesty's Forces, should be reported at once to the Civil or Military Police or in their absence, detained and handed over to them at the first opportunity.

   Vagabonds and persons found wandering in the vicinity of Camps and Headquarters should be dealt with in the same manner.

5. At all times personnel who are not known to Officers and other ranks should be made to prove their identity before being allowed to enter Headquarters, billets and other premises occupied by units. Officers and other ranks who cannot prove their identity will be detained until proof is obtained.

Ref No. Z/545/G. APPENDIX B.1

STANDING ORDERS FOR GUARDS.

The guard will :-

1. Prevent interference with the post.

2. Regulate and examine traffic as laid down in Orders for Traffic picquet.

3. Maintain and defend the block and/or post in the event of a sudden attack by the enemy.

4. Furnish one sentry (One sentry and one traffic picquet if and when traffic is being checked at a roadblock).

5. Be armed as directed. Each rifleman, except traffic picquet who will be unarmed, will carry 45 rounds in pouches, 5 rounds in magazine with cut off closed and safety catch to rear, NO round in chamber. Each L.M.G. and A.Tk.Rifle will be maintained in a constant state of readiness.

6. During Air Raid Warnings Red (daytime only) mount A.A.L.M.Gs and engage hostile aircraft if and when in range.

7. Close road blocks only when ordered by Bn H.Q. or when PARACHUTISTS are seen.

8. Report location and numbers of PARACHUTISTS seen as quickly as possible to the nearest Coy or Bn H.Q.

9. Destroy PARACHUTISTS landing in the vicinity, in the air if possible, leaving pillboxes held by 3 men and L.M.G. of which one man will always keep watch on the doorway.

10. Be ready to turn out all times by day or night.

11. Allow NO demolition charge to be fired without hearing or viewing the order given by Maj. R. Risson or Maj. J. Wearing-Smith.

12. NOT obey orders given to them by anyone who appears to be an officer, no matter how senior he appears, unless he is known to them, or until he has been properly identified. Any such officer whose identity is in doubt will be detained and Bn H.Q. notified immediately.

13. NEVER mention the subject of their guard either in conversation or letters.

14. Allow NO ONE, either male or female, to loiter in the vicinity of their post.

15. Speak to NO ONE except in the execution of their duty.

16. Keep the environs of their post clean and tidy.

17. At all times make themselves, except traffic picquet, as inconspicuous as possible.

18. NOT pay compliments, but members will stand to attention when addressed by an officer.

19. NOT leave the vicinity of their post except in the execution of their duty.

20. The No. and Name of this post is _____

Ref No. Z/545/G

APPENDIX B.1
(continued)

STANDING ORDERS FOR . . GUARDS.

21. The establishment of arms and ammunition of this guard is

Weapons	Amn.
Rifles	rds
L.M.G.	rds
A Tk Rifles	rds
A.W. Bombs	

22. The No. and Name of the post on your right is _____

23. The No. and Name of the post on your left is _____

Ref.No. Z/545/G. APPENDIX "B" 2

ORDERS FOR N.C.O. i/c GUARDS.

You will:-

1. Ensure that you & all members of your guard are thoroughly conversant with Standing Orders for Guards, orders for Sentries and Traffic Picquets and Recognition, Warning & S.O.S. Signals.

2. Ensure that Orders are strictly complied with.

3. Prepare and have displayed in your post a roster of sentry and other duties.

4. You will remain fully clothed and equiped during your tour of duty.

5. You will prepare a range card.

6. See that L.M.G. and/or A Tk Rifle is laid on fixed lines ordered, by nightfall.

7. Practise the guard at least twice in closing and opening your road blocks, if any, early during your tour of duty when traffic is slack.

8. Report any unusual circumstances to

_____

_____

Ref No. Z/545/G. APPENDIX "B" 3.

ORDERS FOR SENTRIES

You will:-

1. Be responsible for the safety of your post and give warning of any approach of enemy.

2. See without being seen and move from one cover to another quietly.

3. Cover any traffic picquet posted from your guard, and shoot to hit, any person who disobeys his or your challenge and acts in a hostile manner or attempts to escape at the same time.

4. Shoot to hit the tyres of any vehicle which disobeys a signal to halt by your traffic picquet (if any) and shoot to hit any person who attempts to escape therefrom.

5. During darkness, only challenge persons directly approaching your post, or acting in a very suspicious manner. The challenge will be - "HALT - HANDS UP - ADVANCE AND BE RECOGNISED". If there is no response you will REPEAT THE CHALLENGE and if there is still no response and there is no other means of stopping the person you will shoot to hit.

6. Report immediately all unusual circumstances including flares, lights, bombing, air attack, gas attack.

7. Make yourself thoroughly conversant with these orders and the Standing Orders for the Guard.

8. Realise that failure in your duty may result in serious loss of life in your unit, the force and the civil population.

Ref.No. Z/545/G. APPENDIX "B" 4.

ORDERS FOR TRAFFIC PICQUETS

You will:-

1. Be unarmed but will be covered by an armed sentry.

2. Regulate and examine traffic during ACTION STATIONS at all times and nightly during black-out hours as follows:-

(a) During ACTION STATIONS whether by day or night stop, examine for identity, and search if necessary, all traffic including pedestrians moving towards the town. Detain anyone not satisfactoril identified & inform N.C.O. i/c Guard.

(b) Motorists during black-out hours. Check identity and if not in possession of identity card, examine drivers licence, record name and address of driver and registration number of vehicle, take names and addresses of all passengers and allow to proceed. Hand lists to N.C.O. i/c Guard at completion of your tour of duty.

(c) Pedestrains & Cyclists between blackout and 2400 hrs. Check identity and if not in possession of identity card take names and addresses and allow to proceed. Hand lists to N.C.O. i/c Guard on completion of your tour of duty.

(d) Pedestrians & Cyclists between 2400 hrs and end of blackout. Check identity and if not in possession of identity card detain and call N.C.O. i/c Guard.

(e) During AIR RAID WARNING RED by night order all vehicles (except Police, A.R.P., A.F.S., etc. e.g. vehicles which carry identification letters on one dimmed headlamp) to extinguish headlamps & to use dimmed sidelights only, any vehicle which it is found necessary to detain will be sidetracked and all lights extinguished.

(f) When ROAD BLOCK is closed examine identity of everyone most carefully and detain anyone without correct identity documents. Facilitate rapid movement, consistent with proper identification, of Army, R.A.F., Police, Fire, A.F.S., A.R.P., Gas, Water and Electricity personnel.

3. Ensure that a red lamp is burning on each cube of your road block throughout the hours of darkness at normal times.

4. Extinguish all red lamps except one on your road block when the block is closed.

5. Extinguish all red lamps from your road block if and when contact with the enemy occurs in your vicinity.

6. Signal traffic to halt as follows:-

(a) By Day - Normal police hand signals.

(b) By Night - Wave RED LAMP from side to side.

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APPENDIX 'D'

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P.A.D. INSTRUCTIONS

1. GENERAL

Full P.A.D. instructions have been issued from time to time by H.Q. Australian Force and all units should be acquainted with action to be taken. The conditions under which troops will be living at COLCHESTER are however entirely different from those appertaining to the present tented camps and the following additional instructions are therefore issued.

2. ACTION TO BE TAKEN

(a) RED warning (Raid imminent)

i. During daylight :

Personnel in open :

Wear :-

Steel helmets
Respirator at "alert",

and continue with normal work except that if in the vicinity of their quarters P.A.D. personnel will report to duty stations and A.A. L.M.G. posts will be fully manned. Sentries will be detailed to keep gas detectors in barrack areas under observation.

Personnel inside buildings :

Respirators to "slung" position.
Other anti-gas equipment and steel helmets close at hand.
Continue with normal work.

Air Raid shelters will NOT be occupied until either local A.A. fire is heard , bombs drop in the vicinity or the local alarm is sounded. If the senior combatant officer in the barrack area concerned considers that the situation demands that troops take cover , he will order the local alarm to be sounded. Personnel proceeding to Air Raid shelters will take with them anti-gas capes (rolled) in addition to the pther equipment shown above.

ii. During darkness

No action will be taken unless local A.A. fire is heard or bombs fall in the vicinity when the duty officer of the unit occupying the barracks concerned will order the local alarm to be sounded. Personnel will proceed to Air Raid shelters except those detailed for P.A.D. and A.A. duties who will go to their posts. Special gas sentries will keep gas detectors under constant observation.

(b) GREEN Message (Raiders passed)

i. If in an Air Raid shelter personnel will stand fast.

ii. If bombs or spray have fallen in the barrack area, a recce will be carried out and the necessary steps taken with respect to unexploded bombs and contaminated areas. If the recce discloses that the area is safe, the senior combatant officer in the barrack area concerned will order the Air Raid shelter to be evacuated. Steel helmets , respirators etc. will NOT however be removed.

If personnel are NOT in Air Raid shelter they will carry on their normal work , continuing to wear steel helmets and to carry respirators etc..

(c) WHITE Message (All clear .)

i. Normal work will be resumed so long as the camp area has been reported clear.

ii. Contaminated personnel, if any, will proceed to Gas Cleansing Centres. Wounded, or wounded and contaminated personnel will proceed to First Aid Posts.

3. CARRYING OF STEEL HELMETS AND RESPIRATORS

All ranks will at all times carry or wear steel helmets and respirators.

4. INCENDIARY BOMBS

(a) All personnel must be fully acquainted with the methods of dealing with incendiary bombs.

(b) Units will ensure that the necessary equipment is available and that special squads are detailed for extinguishing incendiary bombs and fighting fires.

5. A.R.P. SCHEME : COLCHESTER

Further details regarding the general P.A.D. scheme for COLCHESTER (including relevant portions of civilian A.R.P. scheme) will be issued later.

APPENDIX 'N'

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WARNINGS AND S.O.S. SIGNALS

1. (a) Any RED pyrotechnic signal denotes "Enemy action on land".

   (b) Authority to fire RED signal is delegated to Pl and equivalent comds.

   (c) Signals will NOT be made in repitition of similar signals but only by authorised persons who have actually seen enemy forces.

2. (a) Any GREEN pyrotechnic signal demotes "Enemy surface vessels sighted".

   (b) Military personnel will NOT fire the GREEN signal.

3. (a) S.O.S. signal : RED - GREEN - RED verey lights.

   (b) S.O.S. signal will be fired by COY and equivalent comds only.

   (c) S.O.S. signal will NOT be made in repitition of similar signals but only by authorised persons who have seen enemy forces.

4. RESTRICTIONS ON LIGHT SIGNALS

   (a) Red and Green light signals will NOT be used for training at any time.

   (b) Authority to use light signals other than Red or Green will be requested from Australian Force H.Q. 4 days in advance.

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APPENDIX 'O'

W / T COMMUNICATIONS

1. Details of allotments of sets, grouping and frequencies are issued from time to time in Force Signal Instructions. A Unit which moves will always be allotted a new frequency under the normal conditions.

2. Wireless Silence :- Will be kept by all sets except as follows.

   (a) If active operations commence.

   (b) At certain stated times when test calls are made.

   (c) At any time for training purposes providing sets are mobile and are never used at their normal locations.

   (d) During two periods each of two hours daily when sets may transmit and receive from their normal locations. These periods vary each day and are laid down throughout the country by G.H.Q.. The theory of breaking wireless silence during those periods is that so many messages will be on the air at the same time that it will be impossible for German D.F. sets to pin-point locations.
   The daily periods for testing in (b) above and for transmitting and receiving in (d) above will be notified to formations and units by Div Sigs.

3. On receipt of the code word "PRIMER" personnel who man W/T circuits will stand by at 5 minutes notice. On receipt of the code word "QUENCH" normal routine will be resumed.

4. Wireless messages :- messages which may be sent during the periods in (d) above will be restricted to :-

   (a) Dummy service messages in clear. The test will start and end with the word PRACTICE.

   (b) Authentic messages in CIPHER which have already been cleared in CIPHER by line. On no account will messages be sent in CIPHER which have been sent in clear by line or teleprinter, because this will compromise the cipher.

   (c) Non-service type messages in clear for practice purposes such as extracts from press cuttings etc.

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SUBJECT : COLCHESTER DEFENCE SCHEME (PROVISIONAL) 11 OCT 40

1. Herewith appendices B(1,2,3,4), N., O., additional L..

2. Extra copies of appendices B.1,2,3,4, L., N., are issued as follows to allow for one copy per guard plus spares :-

9 Bn	-	30
10 Bn	-	30
12 Bn	-	23

Those orders should be completed to provide for the particular post, and signed by unit commanders.

3. Appendices A., B.(1 - 4), C., F., G., H., K., M., N., O., D., have now been issued and , E., J., L., P., will be issued as early as possible at the new station.

4. Where Appendix letter disagrees with the scheme , para 22, it will be amended to agree.

Lt.Col
G.S. Australian Force

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As for Scheme.

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Australian Force,

13 Oct 40.

ROSTER DUTY OFFICERS

Date	Name
13/14 Oct	Capt. Kroger
14/15 Oct	Capt. Oliphant
15/16 Oct	Maj. Laybourne-Smith & Capt Binnie
16/17 Oct	Capt. McNamara
17/18 Oct	Capt. Hughes
18/19 Oct	Maj. Harvey
19/20 Oct	Capt. Rafferty

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ROAD BLOCKS.

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Serial No.	Description.	Map. Ref.
1.	NORTH STATION.	442 448
2.	NORTH BRIDGE	442 439
3.	X Roads.	457 440
4.	By Pass	459 438
5.	Bridge	456 435
6.	Railway Junc.	458 436
7.	HYTHE STATION	464 431
8.	OLD HEATH ROAD	465 414
9.	MERSEA ROAD	453 412
10.	BERECHURCH ROAD	440 410
11.	LAYER ROAD	428 412
12.	SHRUB END ROAD	426 423
13.	LEXDEN ROAD West	413 434
14.	OIL MILL HOUSE	422 441
15.	LEXDEN ROAD	428 433

15th October, 1940.

C H Rafferty Capt.
for Lieut. Colonel,
G.S. Australian Force.

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S E C R E T.
Australian Force,
15 Oct 40.

Subject : COLCHESTER DEFENCE SCHEME
(Provisional)

To : Addressees in accordance with distribution list.

From : Australian Force.

Please effect the following amendments to COLCHESTER DEFENCE SCHEME (PROVISIONAL) dated 11 Oct 40:-

Para 7 (b) Delete and substitute:-

"Road blocks are situated as follows:-

Serial No.	Description.	Map. Ref.
1	NORTH STATION	442 448
2	NORTH BRIDGE	442 439
3	X rds	457 440
4	By Pass	459 438
5	Bridge	456 435
6	Rly Junc	458 436
7	HYTHE STATION	464 431
8	OLD HEATH RD	465 414
9	MERSEA RD	453 412
10	BERECHURCH RD	440 410
11	LAYER RD	428 412
12	SHRUB LND RD	426 423
13	LEXDEN RD West	413 434
14	OIL MILL HOUSE	422 441
15	LEXDEN RD	428 433

During 'normal' periods road blocks will be manned at night only. Full manning will be effected on receipt of the code word 'ACTION STATIONS'. The orders for closing road blocks will be issued to 18 Mxd Bde by H.Q. Australian Force."

Para 6 (c) Add at end of sentence

"in a concealed position"

Para 17 Add

"Major R. Wearing Smith Comd A.I.F. Depot of Personnel"

Para 22 (a) Delete last line.

Appx "B" 1. Para 7 delete "or when parachutists are seen"

Para 17 delete "except traffic picquet"

Appx "B" 4. Para 1 delete "Be unarmed" and substitute "carry rifle slung over shoulder"

Appx "C" Para 4 add:-

"(g) The following officers will report to H.Q. Australian Force where they will be prepared to live:-

Comds:-
Sigs
A.A.S.C.

One LO. from each of:-
3 Fd Regt
1 A Tk Regt
18 Mxd Bde
25 Mxd Bde
1 M.G. Bn
4 Cav Trg Regt
Home Guard"

Appx "G" Delete para 1 and substitute:-

" (a) Three sections of 125 Bomb Disposal Company are located at:-

KINGSMEAD,
STRAIGHT RD.
LEXDEN
Phone COLCHESTER 4230

(b) Reports of unexploded bombs will be made by units direct to:-

(i) Bomb disposal sections.

(ii) A.R.P., H.Q. (see para 2 below).

(iii) In the case of units of 18 and 25 Mxd Bdes through respective bde H.Q. to H.Q. Australian Force. In the case of Force units direct to H.Q. Australian Force."

Lt.Col.
G.S. Australian Force.

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17. Oct. 40

Notes on Conference at H.Q. Australian Force.

Present:-

C.C.C. : 11 Corps
Australian Force
15 Div Garrison Cmd.
and Staff Officers.

1. **Role: Australian Force.**

(a) Defence of COLCHESTER.

(b) Provision of mobile force.

2. **Role: of Australian Mobile Force.** (vide 1 (b) above)

Counter attack in direction of:-

(a) HARWICH
or
(b) FRINTON
or
(c) CLACTON
or
(d) MERSEA.

3. **Allotment of Troops.**

(a) 13 Mxd Bde and attd tps : defence of COLCHESTER.

(b) 25 Mxd Bde and attd tps (as available) : mobile force.
During period of embarkation leave two bns only will be available.

4. **Tank bn.**

One tank bn will come under comd Australian Force on moving into area.

5. **Comd.**

(a) Australian Force under 11 Corps.

(b) Copies of Australian Force orders and instructions to be sent to H.Q. 15 Div.

(c) British tps in COLCHESTER under Comd Australian Force for operations and Garrison Comd for adm.

6. **COLCHESTER DEFENCES : BOUNDRY.**

As at present (see map in Garrison Comd's office)

7. **ADM AREA.**

COLCHESTER will be considered a separate adm area and NOT under 15 Div.

8. **MOTOR COACHES.**

10 Motor coaches are already earmarked for use of Australian Force and an additional 10 can probably be taken up in case of emergency. The exact situation is being investigated by Garrison Comd.

9. **6 pr guns on Corps Stop Line.**

6 pr guns on Corps Stop Line within COLCHESTER defence are under comd.

Lt.Col.
G.S.O. Australian Force.

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18 Oct 40.

NOTES ON CONFERENCE
HELD AT
H.Q. GARRISON COLCHESTER.

at 1200 hrs 17 Oct 40.

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1. PRESENT:- G.O.C. Australian Force
G.O.C. 15 Div
Garrison Comd
Staff Officers.

2. Conference to be held at COLCHESTER at 1000 hrs Saturday, 19 Oct 40:-

G.O.C. Australian Force
Comd 44 Inf Bde
B.M. 45 Inf Bde
Comd 25 Aus Mxd Bde
G.1 15 Div
G.1 Australian Force
AQ Australian Force.

3. Embarkation leave of 25 Mxd Bde to be postponed until end of Oct. Other units in first priority gp to complete leave beginning 21 Oct.

4. Australian Force and 15 Div to exchange LOs. on receipt of code word "ACTION STATIONS".

5. R.E. Parties are being left for demolition of bridges at MANNINGTREE and DEDHAM.

6. Bye-rds in HARWICH PENINSULA are unsuitable for M.T. but should be recced for use of marching personnel.

7. Exercises based on operational role are to be carried out by 25 Mxd Bde and att tps. 45 Bde will provide enemy.

8. Arrangements are being made for the provision of third line amn at COLCHESTER.

9. Sqn of cavalry from 4 Cav Trng Regt will come under Comd of Australian Force for operations and may be employed as advance guard mobile tps to operate with 25 Bde mobile force.

(signed) Lt.Col.
G.S. Australian Force.

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18 Oct 40.

NOTES ON CONFERENCE HELD AT
H.Q. AUSTRALIAN FORCE
1700 hrs 17 Oct 40.

PRESENT:- G.O.C. Australian Force
Comds 18 Mxd Bde
25 Mxd Bde
C.O. 1 M.G. Bn
Staff Officers

1. Allotment of tps to Australian Force roles:-

(a) Defence of COLCHESTER - 18 Mxd Bde and att tps.

(b) Mobile force - 25 Mxd Bde and att tps.

2. (a) First priority for provision of tpt will in future be given to 25 Mxd Bde

(b) All other units are to examine the tpt situation and report as soon as possible on their minimum requirements in respect of their allotted roles.

3. LEAVE:-

(a) Embarkation leave of 25 Mxd Bde is deferred. Units of first priority which have not completed their leave will send tps on leave beginning Monday, 21 Oct 40.

(b) Local leave - 33 1/3 %. Details are being arranged by AQ and Col i/c Adm.

4. Inf personnel with employment pls are to be distributed to 25 Mxd Bde.

5. For the time being motor cyclists of M.C. pls will remain with 18 Mxd Bde.

(signed) Lt.Col.
G.S. Australian Force.

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(C O P Y) SECRET.

TO: AUSTADMIN COLCHESTER.

FROM: ARMY MELBOURNE. C.778. 17 Oct 40.

IN ORDER TO COMPLETE 9 DIV FOLLOWING UNITS BEING PROVIDED FROM HERE (.) H.Q. CORPS MEDIUM ARTILLERY CONVERTED TO H.Q. 9 DIV ARTILLERY (.) 2/7 FD REGT (FORMERLY 2/7 A. FD REGT) 2/12 FD REGT (FORMERLY 2/2 MEDIUM REGT) 61 AND 63 L.A.D's. 2/7 FD COMPANY (FORMERLY 2/7 A. FD COY) 2/4 FD PARK COY 72 L.A.D. (.) SIGNALS DETAILS VIDE YOUR C.77 3/10 TRANSFERRED FROM 8 DIV (.) 24 INF BDE 24 A/TANK COY 76 L.A.D. (.) 67 L.A.D. TO COMPLETE 25 INF BDE (.) A.S.C. DETAILS VIDE YOUR C.79 6/10 TRANSFERRED FROM 8 DIV (.) 2/8 FD AMB 2/4 FD HYGIENE SECTION (.) FOLLOWING TRANSFERRED FROM 8 DIV (.) MOBILE BATH UNITS MOBILE LAUNDRY AND DECONTAMINATION UNITS SALVAGE UNITS (.) WILL ADVISE LATER REGARDING DIVISIONAL CAVALRY REGT.

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(C O P Y)

TO: AUSTADMIN COLCHESTER.

FROM: AUSFORCE GAZA.

A.D.O% 20 (G)
17 Oct 40.

WE PROPOSE ORGANIZING FROM REINFORCEMENTS NOW HERE ONE RIFLE COMPANY FOR EACH BN 25 INF BDE (.) THESE COMPANIES (WILL) BE TRAINED AS COMPLETE SUB UNITS SO THAT FORMULATED DRAFTED AT ONCE TO THEIR PARENT UNITS ON ARRIVAL HERE (.) IT IS DESIRABLE ((.)) ((.)) PERSONNEL OF ONE UNIT DRAWN AS FAR AS POSSIBLE FROM SAME STATE AND IT WILL HELP US IN SELECTING PERSONNEL IF YOU WILL INDICATE ((WHICH)) STATE HAS MAJOR REPRESENTATION IN EACH THREE BNS IN QUESTION.

[redacted]

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HDW/JH 18th October, 1940.

The Under Secretary of State for War,
War Office,
Whitehall,
LONDON. S.W.1.

Sir,

I wish to advise that it has been decided that the Headquarters of the A.I.F. in the United Kingdom (mobile echelon) is to form the nucleus of the Headquarters of the 9th Australian Division A.I.F. which is to be formed in the Middle East from units now in the United Kingdom and others being sent to Middle East from Australia.

In consequence of this it has been arranged that a number of officers from these Headquarters, including myself, shall proceed to Middle East with the November convoy. Arrangements have already been made with the branch of the War Office concerned for 50 officers and other ranks to be included in the shipping allocations. Details of this will shortly be submitted.

The senior officer remaining in United Kingdom after I leave will be Commander 25 Inf Bde. Instructions have been received by me, however, that the present Commander of that formation (Brigadier W. Bridgeford, M.C.) is to proceed with th November convoy in order to take up the post of D.A. & Q.M.G. 1st Australian Corps; also that Colonel A. W. Wardell, M.C., now Colonel i/c Administration H.Q. A.I.F. in U.K. is to command 25 Inf Bde and the Australian troops remaining in the United Kingdom after the November convoy shall have left.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(sgd.) H.D. WYNTER,

Major-General,
Comd. A.I.F. in U.K.

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Copy No. 64

18 Oct 40

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 127

1. ENEMY BOMBS

A primary report states :-

New type I.Bs : A new type of I.B. is reported in use bursting into bright flame on impact and exploding after burning for two minutes.

Use of bombs of this type will be reported to H.Q. Australian Force immediately.

2. GERMAN PROPAGANDA SERVICES

The following enemy propaganda broadcasts can be received on standard radio sets. They are situated in GERMANY though purporting to be working in this country.

Station	Topic	Times of Transmissions	Wave lgths metres
i. The "New British Broadcasting Station."	Defeatist Propaganda	2130 and 2230 hrs daily 1730 and 2130 hrs Sundays	25.08 30.77 41.07
ii. "Workers Challenge Station".	Obscene communistic propaganda	2010, 2110, 2210 hrs daily	213
iii. "Radio Caledonia" (alleged Scottish National Station)	Irregular	2120 hrs	112.55

Informants should be told that these transmissions originate from enemy territory. Intercept particulars are not required as transmissions are being monitored
Stations of similar character may begin transmission within the British Isles. Unidentified stations or doubtful stations should be rep-orted giving the following details :-

(a) Frequencies in Kilocycles , NOT metres.

(b) Time of intercepts, stating whether G.M.T. or B.S.T.

(c) Contents of message if possible.

(d) Whether R/T or W/T.

(e) Type and location of intercepting set.

(f) All reports are to be made to H.Q. Australian Force immediately followed by written confirmation.

3. LOST UNIT CENSOR STAMPS

Para 1. of A.G.S.I. No. 126 is cancelled.

4. STANDING ORDERS

The following extracts from "Eastern Command" Standing Orders are repeated for information and action where necessary.

" G. 6 SCHEMES AND EXERCISES

Two copies of all schemes, with and without troops, carried out by an Infantry Brigade (or equivalent) or higher formation will be forwarded to Command H.Q. "
(NOTE :- Bde schemes will be submitted to H.Q. Australian Force for forwarding to Command H.Q.)

" G. 7 DUTY OFFICER

An officer will be on duty for 24 hours each day at all formation or unit H.Q.s and in all military establishments. Telephones will also be manned continuously.

" G. 8 TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS

When any orders are conveyed by telephone the recipient will invariably repeat what he has written down, and both speakers will keep written records of any decisions given by telephone to be circulated if necessary.

Telephone conversations must be as short as possible.

Users of the telephone must remember at all times that conversations are liable to be overheard, and no secret matter of military importance will be discussed.

Notices to this effect will be posted on all telephone instruments in every office.

" G. 10 PRESS AND FILM APPLICATIONS

All requests or applications by Journalists, Press Photographers, Film Companies or Press Photographic Agencies for facilities to visit units, formations and areas for the purpose of writing descriptive articles, making pictures of training, or filming activities, should be referred in the first instance through the normal channels to the Public Relations Offi-cer , Eastern Command.

" G. 11. PHOTOGRAPHIC PERMITS

Any applications for permits for photography other than those re-ferred to in para G.10 will be made to "G" Branch , Eastern Command

RIFLE RANGES.

16 Rifle Ranges, each of 8 targets are situated at MIDDLEWICK 4541.

Requests for ranges, including date and time required, practices to be fixed & No.of targets will be forwarded direct by units to reach Garrison H.Q. Abbey House each Friday for the following week.

Requests for period 22-26 Oct.40 (both incl.) will reach this H.Q. by 0900 hrs 21 Oct.40.

C.i/c parties will procure a copy of Safety Precautions to be observed from Range Warden on arrival, and return same before leaving.

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Date 20 Oct.40

NOTES ON CONFERENCE HELD AT

H.Q. AUSTRALIAN FORCE COLCHESTER

at 1000 hrs, 19 Oct 40.

1. PRESENT :- G.O.C., Australian Force
Comd, 45 Inf Bde
" 25 Aus Inf Bde
A/Comd 44 Inf Bde
G.1 15 (S) Div
G.1 Australian Force
B.M. 44 Inf Bde
" 25 Aus Inf Bde

2. OBJECTS OF CONFERENCE.

(a) To discuss :-

i. Operational roles of Australian Force in relation to British Army units in locality.

ii. Training with regard to such operational roles.

(b) For comds of bdes concerned to meet and discuss respective roles.

3. ROLES OF AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

(a) Defence of COLCHESTER :
Sector defence:-
Comd Brig. L.J. Morshead, Comd 18 Inf Bde.
18 Inf Bde
three coys 1 M.G. Bn) under comd.
1 A. Tk. Bty)
5 Fd Bty (in support)

(but see note to para 4 below)

(b) Mobile force :-

i. Comd : Brig W. Bridgeford, Comd 25 Inf Bde.
25 Inf Bde
4 Cav Trng Regt) under comd.
42 Army Tk Bn)
It is assumed that 4 Cav Trng Regt can produce one sqn of horsed cavalry.

ii. Role :
Recce for counter-attack towards:-
HARWICH
or
FRINTON
or
CLACTON
or
possibly MERSEA

iii. Area.
It would appear advisable for 25 Inf Bde to move to area of woods immediately north and N.E. of COLCHESTER on receipt of code word "ACTION STATIONS" in order to avoid being "bottled up" in COLCHESTER. No decision was made pending detailed recce and more consideration of the problem. Such a move would affect 15 (S) Div which will be consulted before plans are settled.

iv. Command.

If mobile force is given operational tasks within 15 (S) Div area it will come under comd G.O.C. 15 (S) Div, date and time being stated. This decision is subject to the concurrence of G.O.C. 11 Corps and G.O.C. 15 (S) Div.

4. AVAILABILITY OF UNITS OF AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

(a) The following units are due to leave present areas about middle of November:-

H.Q. 9 Div (less details)
H.Q. 18 Inf Bde
"K" sig sec.
47 L.A.D.
2/9 Bn
2/10 Bn
2/12 Bn
2/1 M.G.Bn
48 L.A.D.
2/3 Fd Coy
2/3 Fd Amb
18 Independent Bde Coy A.A.S.C.
2/3 Fd Regt
"E" Sec Sigs
41 L.A.D.
1 A. Tk. Regt
"H" sec sigs
49 L.A.D.
13 Fd Coy

(b) It is expected that all mechanised vehicles except load carrying types will be withdrawn from units on or about 21 Oct 40

NOTE : i. Advice has since been received that on 21 and 22 Oct the following vehicles and weapons are to be despatched from COLCHESTER to port of loading:-

Guns of:-
3 Fd Regt
1 A. Tk. Regt.

All mechanised vehicles except load carriers of:-

3 Fd Coy
13 Fd Coy
1 M.G. BN
"K", "E" and "H" sig secs.

All mechanised vehicles except a proportion of load carriers of:-
3 Fd Regt
1 A. Tk. Regt
41, 48 and 49 L.A.Ds

ALL THE ABOVE UNITS WILL THEREFORE NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS AS FROM 20 OCT 40 except 1 M.G. Bn a proportion of which could be used in emergency for a limited role only.

ii. A certain number of officers and O.Rs will accompany the weapons and vehicles.

iii. It is expected that the vehicles except load carriers of other units shown in para 4 (a) above will be called for at an early date.

5. DISPOSITIONS - 45 INF BDE.

Comd 45 Inf Bde explained dispositions and tasks of units of 45 Inf Bde. Arrangements are being made for a tracing showing the dispositions to be forwarded to H.Q. Australian Force.

6. DISPOSITIONS - 44 INF BDE.

A/Comd 44 Inf Bde explained dispositions and tasks of units of 44 Inf Bde. Arrangements are being made for a tracing showing the dispositions to be forwarded to H.Q. Australian Force.

7. PERIMETER : COLCHESTER DEFENCES.

11 Corps and 15 (S) Div are to be notified if any alteration is made to the present perimeter of the COLCHESTER DEFENCES.

8. PERSONNEL CARRYING TRANSPORT.

(a) 15 (S) Div has, at present, one motor coach coy under comd.

(b) 10 motor coaches can be taken up at COLCHESTER at short notice and about 75 buses could be obtained within 5 hours. The question of the availability of this transport is being investigated.

9. TRAINING.

Exercises will be arranged to practise the mobile force in its allotted roles. Bdes in whose areas the exercises will take place will be asked to co-operate by acting as enemy etc.

10. TRAINING AREAS.

No hard and fast lines of demarcation for training areas will be specified. Any bde desiring to use an area in which another bde may be operating will ensure by direct communication that the area is available for use on the date or dates concerned.

11. DEMOLITIONS : BRIDGES AT MANNINGTREE AND DEDHAM.

(a) R.E. demolition parties are being provided by 15 (S) Div.

(b) Australian Force will provide bridge guards when required.

(c) Australian Force will provide officer for carrying message ordering the blowing up of bridges.

(d) Although the bridges have been prepared for complete destruction charges will be placed to cause minor demolition only.

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3	11 Corps
4	15 (S) Div
5	44 Inf Bde
6	45 Inf Bde
7	Comd, COLCHESTER Garrison
8	4 Cav Trng Regt
9	42 Army Tk Bn
10	G.O.C.
11	G.
12	A.Q.
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War Room

19 OCT 40

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No.128

G.S.I. 82 dated 14 Aug 40 and amendments thereto are cancelled and the undermentioned list "A" will be brought into use forthwith.

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13	3 Fd Coy
14	13 Fd Coy
15	Force Sigs
X. 16 - 22	18 Inf Bde
X. 23 - 29	25 Inf Bde
X. 30 - 31	1 M.G. Bn
32	Force A.A.S.C.
33	3 Fd Amb
34	11 Fd Amb
35	Adv Depot Med Stores
36	Force Ord Fd Park
37	Force Fd Cash Office
38	Force Postal Unit
39	11 Corps
40	15 Div
41	H.Q. COLCHESTER Garrison
42	G.O.C.
43 - 44	G
45	A.Q.
46	C.R.E.
47	A.D.M.S.
48	A.D.O.S.
49	D.A.P.M.
50	Camp
Fixed Echelon.	
51	Col i/c Adm
52	Depot of Personnel
53	Detention Camp
54 - 55	3 A.G.H.
56	A.D.O.S.
57	Chief Paymaster
58	L.S.O.
59	Fixed Echelon Pro Unit
60	D.A.D.P.S.
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1	3 Fd Ro gt
2	1 A Tk Regt
3	3 & 13 Fd Coys
4	Force Sigs
5	18 Inf Bde
6	25 Inf Bde
7	1 M.G. Bn
8	Force A.A.S.C.
9	3 & 11 Fd Amb
10	Force Ord Fd Park
11	11 Corps
12	15 Div
13	H.Q. COLCHESTER Garrison
14	G.O.C.
15	G
16	A.Q
17	C.R.E.
18	A.D.M.S.
19	A.D.O.S.
20	D.A.P.M.
21	Camp
	Fixed Echelon.
22	Col i/c Adm
23	Depot of Personnel
24	Detention Camp
25	3 A.G.H.
26	A.D.O.S.
27	D.A.P.M.
28	D.A.D.P.S.
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Australian Force,

19 Oct 40.

ROSTER DUTY OFFICERS.

Date	Name
20/21 Oct	Maj. Klose
21/22 Oct	Capt. Kroger
22/23 Oct	Capt. Oliphant
23/24 Oct	Capt. Binnie
24/25 Oct	Maj. Laybourne-Smith
25/26 Oct	Capt. McNamara
26/27 Oct	Capt. Costello

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ORDERS FOR DUTY OFFICERS

H.Q. AUSTRALIAN FORCE - COLCHESTER.

1. The duration of duty is for 24 hours from 1800 hrs daily.

2. The duty officer will be quartered at night in the "O" Room.

3. Other personnel on duty throughout the night are :-

One telephone orderly at switchboard (from Sigs).
Three operators on special duty (from Sigs).
One clerk in clerks office, Ex 10) Detailed by Chief Clerk
One orderly in orderlies Office Ex 12.) " " "

4. The duty officer will NOT leave H.Q. A.I.F. (U.K.) during his tour of duty except under special circumstances requiring his absence on duty in connection with his ordinary work. In such cases a substitute must be arranged with the approval of the G.S.O. 1 or in his absence the G.S.O. 2.

5. The Next for Duty will relieve the Duty Officer for meals as follows :-

Breakfast	0830 - 0920 hrs.
Lunch	1330 - 1420 hrs.
Dinner	1935 - 2020 hrs.

6. The duty officer will, between 2000 hrs and 0900 hrs and at other times when no other member of the staff is on duty :-

(a) See all incoming messages and take all telephone calls.

(b) Deal with any matter requiring immediate action. If unable himself to deal with it, he will refer it to an Officer of the branch concerned, or a senior officer of his own branch (waking them if necessary).

(c) Arrange for matters that are not urgent to be filed and passed to the branch concerned when an officer of that branch comes on duty or in the morning.

(d) Keep in log form (provided) a diary of events showing action taken and matters awaiting to be dealt with. He will hand this log over to his relief.

(e) Keep up the situation map.

7. OPERATIONAL on receipt of code word "LOOK OUT".

(a) Ring back originator and check authenticy of message

(b) Inform :-

		Telephone No.	Remarks
1.	G. 1 or A.Q.	Col 4429	G.O.C. Residence, 43 Lexden Rd.
2.	Off Mess	Exn 22	15 Oxford Rd.
3.	Off Mess		8 St. Clair Rd.
4.	Off Mess	Exn 23	25 Victoria Rd.
5.	Off Billets	Col 217811	37 Lexden Rd.
6.	18 Mxd Bde	2251 Exn 13&30	Meeanee Barracks
7.	25 Mxd Bde	4777 & 2251 Exn 68	Reed Hall
8.	3 Fd Regt	2251 Exn 27	Le Cateau Barracks
9.	1 A Tk Regt	" " 45	Kirkee & McMunn Huts
10.	1 M.G. Bn	" " 35	Googerat Barracks
11.	Force Sigs	" " 20	32 Inglis Rd.
12.	Force A.A.S.C.	" " 15	Reed Hall.
13.	42 Army Tank Bn	4254	Wivenhoe Pk.
14.	4 Cav Trng Regt	" " 12	Cavalry Barracks, Bn H Rd.

15.	O.C. Tps COLCHESTER	Col 2666	Mill House LEXDEN.
16.	Civil Police	4444	Request to inform all cinemas that military personnel are to report to barracks immediately and to return personnel from town, hotels, inns streets etc. and advise chief constable.
17.	Officers Club	203111	Ask senior officer to request all officers to return to barracks.
18.	W.O's club	4742	Flagstaff Rd. order return to barracks.

8. On receipt of code word "ACTION STATIONS"

(a) Prodedure as for "LOOK OUT" but in addition inform :-

H.Q. Home Guard - Col 4577 by day) Maj.Gen KIRKPATRICK
Col 2963 by night) Comdr , 8 Essex Bn
or if Bn Comdr not available
Col 2432 Lt. Col DAY Coy Comdr 8 Essex Bn.

(b) Notify Garrison exchange to send car for Garrison Comdr.

(c) On completing all notifications by phone despatch written messages of confirmation by D.R..

9. OBSERVER CORPS REPORTS

(a) In special circumstances when enemy action is positively observed an official report of the action may be received from the observer corps.
Pass the information to the unit concerned in the sector to which the information refers and repeat to all other units.

(b) If the report concerns actual landing of enemy by parachutes take action as for code word "LOOK OUT".
note. O.C. Observer Corps, Col HERRING, Tels. Office Col2090
House " 28

10. CODE WORDS

Word	Meaning	Action to be taken
"FORCEPS"	Meteorological conditions suitable for use of gas by enemy along coast to a depth of 5 miles inland from foreshore.	Originated by 15(S) Div. Take NO action
DELUGE 1.	Weather very suitable for seaborne landings from small craft.	Take NO action
" 2.	Weather Fairly suitable	" " "
" 3.	Weather unsuitable	" " "
"PARASOLS"	Enemy parachutists (number indicated) landing at	Action as for "LOOK OUT"
"STARLINGS"	Enemy aircraft landing at	" "

11. (a) Appx A shows Aust Force H.Q. and H.Q. COLCHESTER Garrison Staffs - their office and residential addresses and telephone Nos.

(b) Appx B shows orderly M.T. runs for reliefs of duty personnel for meals. (Limited distribution) .

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APPENDIX "A".

AUSTRALIAN FORCE H.Q. STAFF.

Appt.	Name	Office Location	Extn No.	Address
G.O.C.	Maj.Gen. H.D. Wynter	Woodlands	6	43 Lexden Rd., Colchester
A.D.C.	Lieut. W. Young	"	6	"
Col i/c Adm	Col. Wardell	"	7	"
G.S.O.1.	Lt.Col. A.G. Wilson	"	8	"
" 2.	Maj. E.K. Klose	"	8	37 "
" 3.(o)	Capt. K. Oliphant	"	5	8 St. Clare Rd.
3.(i)	Capt. R.A. Rafferty	"	15	37 Lexden Rd.
" 3.(c.w)	Capt. E. McNamara	"	5 or 15	8 St. Clare Rd.
L.O.	Capt. A. Binnie	"	5 or 15	"
L.O.	Capt. L. Hughes	"	5 or 15	"
I.O.	Lieut. V. Barker	"	13	"
A.Q.	Lt.Col. A.P.O. White	"	11	43 Lexden Rd.
D.A.Q.M.G.	Maj. R. Harvey	"	9	8 St. Clare Rd.
D.A.A.G. (Mob)	Maj. Laybourne Smith	"	9	"
D.A.A.G. (Fixed)	Maj. J. Hayes	"	2	"
A.D.O.S. (Mob)	Lt.Col. J.T. Simpson	"	14	37 Lexden Rd.
A.D.O.S. (Fixed)	Lt.Col. Stinson	"	27	"
Catering Officer	Capt. Kroger	"	16	15 Oxford Rd.
A.D.M.S.	Col. Fraser	12 Cambridge Rd.	21	43 Lexden Rd.
D.A.D.M.S.	Maj. Trethowan	12 "	3	8 St. Clare Rd.
O i/c Records	Lt.Col. Taylor	5 "	26	15 Oxford Rd.
Camp Comdt	Capt. Costello	12 "	24	"
C.R.E.	Lt.Col. J. Mann	12 "	28	8 St. Clare Rd.
D.A.P.M.	Capt. Hawkins	12 "	18	"
D.A.D.P.S.	Capt. R. Hollingsworth	5 "	17	25 Victoria Rd.
Paymaster	Lieut. Green	5 "	25	"
C. Clerk "G"	W.O.1. Abbott	,Woodlands	10	25 Ireton Rd.
C.Clerk Gen Office	W.O.1. Letch	"	1	"

H.Q. COLCHESTER Garrison.

GARRISON COMMANDER. Col. J.L. French. T.D.,	Mill House, Lexden	Colchester 2666
STAFF CAPTAIN. Capt. A.W. Oldham.	Road House, Layer-de-lay-Haye	Layer 233
GARRISON ADJUTANT. Capt. A. Clarke.	19 Honeywood Road, Colchester.	Colchester 3439
S.Os for P.T. Capt. E.N. Hebbert.	Red Lion Hotel, Colchester.	Colchester 369011
Capt. F.A.M. Webster.	Abbey Mill House, Cogeshall.	Coggeshall 110
Lieut. H. Gartzen.		
GN. SERJT-MAJOR. G.S.M. J.H. Cooper.	Abbey House, Colchester.	
Chief Clerk. W. Silman.	20 Artillery St., Colchester.	

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SECRET.
Australian Force,
19 OCT 1940

Subject : COLCHESTER DEFENCE SCHEME (PROVISIONAL)

To : Addressees in accordance with distribution list.

From : Australian Force.

AMENDMENT NO.2.
(Note: Amendment No.1 was dated 15 Oct 40)

Para 2 (a) vi	delete "under C.R.A., 11 Corps"
Para 3 (a)	Add "6 pr A tk guns (vide para 2 (a) vi above) will be under comd 18 Mxd Bde"
Para 7 (c)	Delete and substitute:- "(c) Orders for Guards, N.C.O. i/c Guards, sentries and traffic picquets are contained in Appendix "B" attd"
Paras 8 & 9	Delete. Re-number subsequent paras.
Para 9 (a)	Delete and substitute:- "(a) Skeleton manning of pill boxes (1 N.C.O. and 3 men) will be effected on receipt of the code word "LOOK OUT" (See Appx "C" attd)."
Para 18	Delete text and substitute:- "H.Q. Australian Force is situated at "WOODLANDS", LEXDEN Rd, COLCHESTER (Colchester 4431, 4432)."
Para 19	Delete and substitute:- "(a) 'GOLDEN RAIN' rocket."
Para 20 (a)	Delete "Appx "B" - Road blocks" and substitute:- "Appx "B" : B.1. Standing Orders for Guards. B.2. Orders for N.C.O. i/c Guards. B.3. Orders for sentries. B.4. Orders for traffic picquets.
Appx "C"	Destroy and substitute new appx attd.
Appx "D"	Destroy and substitute new appx attd.
Appx "E"	Issued herewith
Appx "J"	Issued herewith.
Appx "N" para 3 (a)	Delete and substitute:- "(a) S.O.S. signed 'GOLDEN RAIN' rockets."

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APPENDIX "D"
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P.A.D. INSTRUCTIONS.

1. ALARMS & WARNINGS - ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

(a) Message YELLOW (Cautionary Warning)
No action taken.

(b) Message PURPLE (Light warning received at night only)
All headlights of vehicles will be switched off and parking and tail lights only used.

(c) RED warning (Raid imminent)

(i) During daylight :

Personnel in open :
Wear:-
Steel helmets
Respirators at "alert"
Eyeshields
and continue with normal work except that if in the vicinity of their quarters P.A.D. personnel will report to their duty stations and A.A. L.M.G. posts will be fully manned. Sentries will be detailed to keep gas detectors in barrack areas under observation.

Personnel inside buildings :

Respirators to "slung" position
Other gas equipment and steel helmets close at hand
Continue with normal work

Air raid shelters will NOT be occupied until either local A.A. fire is heard, bombs drop in the vicinity or the local alarm is sounded. If the senior combatant officer in the barrack area concerned considers that the situation demands that the troops take cover, he will order the local alarm to be sounded. Personnel proceeding to Air Raid shelters will take with them anti-gas capes (rolled) in addition to the other equipment shown above.

(ii) During darkness :

Personnel in open
Wear:-
Steel helmets
Respirators "alert"
Eyeshields

NO action will be taken by personnel in buildings unless local A.A. fire is heard or bombs fall in the vicinity when the duty officer of the unit occupying the barracks concerned will order the local alarm to be sounded. Personnel will proceed to Air Raid shelters except those detailed for P.A.D. and A.A. duties who will go to their posts. Special gas sentries will keep gas detectors under constant observation.

(d) Message WHITE (All clear)

(i) If in Air Raid shelters personnel will stand fast.

(ii) If bombs or spray have fallen in the barrack area, a recce will be carried out and the necessary steps taken with respect to unexploded bombs and contaminated areas. If the recce discloses that the area is safe, the senior combatant officer in the barrack area concerned will order the Air Raid shelters to be evacuated.

(iii) If personnel are NOT in Air Raid shelters they will carry on their normal work, provided the area is reported clear.

(iv) Contaminated personnel, if any, will proceed to Gas Cleansing Centres. Wounded, or wounded and contaminated will proceed to First Aid Posts.

2. CARRYING OF STEEL HELMETS AND RESPIRATORS.

All ranks will at all times carry or wear helmets and respirators.

3. SUB-DIVISION OF GARRISON.

(a) The Garrison is divided into 8 sub-stations, 7 of which are occupied by units of Australian Force.

(b) The units in each sub-station and the area covered are detailed below.

(c) Each sub-station will have a comd who will be responsible for detailing the necessary P.A.D. and fire fighting services.

Sub-Station	Units	Area	Comd.
1	10 Bn 3 Fd Coy 13 Fd Coy Adv Dep Med Stores 70 Bn	Hyderabad Barracks, Garrison Church, Government Cottage, Abbey Fields M.Q., Plassey M.Q., Plum Hall.	Lt.Col.Verrier
2	H.Q. 18 Bde Sig Sec 9 Bn 47 L.A.D.	Meeanee Barracks, Ordnance Store Extension, Offices Q Napier Rd, Officers Club 3 Abbey Fields	Lt.Col. Martin
3	3 Fd Regt Sig Sec Ord Details 41 L.A.D.	Le Cateau, Abbey Hse, Govt Bldg, H.Q. Office Flagstaff Rd, Le Cateau M.Q., W.O. & Sgt Club Napier Rd Circular Rd	Lt.Col. Strutt
4	-	Cavalry Barracks, Vet Hospital, Sports Ground and Pavilion	-
5	1 M.G. Bn 3 Fd Amb Depot Personnel Spec Dental 48 L.A.D.	Goojerat Barracks, Assaye M.Q., Drury Lodge, Officers & M.Q., Goojerat Rd, Layer Rd, Menin Rd, Aisne Rd.	Lt.Col. Pryor
6	12 Bn 11 Fd Amb Spec Dental	Sobraon Barracks, Beehive Farm Berechurch Rd, Hospital, Gym, Garrison School, R.E. Stores, Cottages Berechurch Rd.	Lt.Col. Field
7	H.Q. 25 Bde Sig Sec A.A.S.C. 1 A Tk Regt 48 L.A.D. Det Barracks Provost	Reed Hall Lines, Officers and M.Q. Ypres Rd.	Lt.Col. StJohn
8	71 Bn 72 Bn 44 L.A.D.	Cherry Tree Camp, Roman Hill Hse, Roman Hill Farm	Lt.Col. Sparks.

4. P.A.D. SERVICES AND FIRE FIGHTING SQUADS REQUIRED IN EACH SUB-SECTION. P.A.G. & A.R. Pam 3.

1 P.A.D. Officer

2 Reconnaissance Party - 1 Senior N.C.O., 2 O.R's (General and Gas Recce)

3 1st Aid Post Staff - 3 O.R's (Medical Orderlies)

4 1st Aid Parties - 2 ea of 3 O.R's (Stretcher Bearers)

5 Decontamination Squad - 1 N.C.O. & 5 O.R's.

6 Gas Cleansing Centre Staff - 1 N.C.O. & 5 O.R's.

7 Lookouts and Gas Sentries (as required)

8 Fire Picquet - 1 N.C.O. & 12 O.R's.

9 In addition 3 Fd Coy will provide one rescue and clearance party of 1. N.C.O. & 7 O.R's for the whole garrison.

5. FIRE FIGHTING.

All personnel must read and become familiar with the COLCHESTER Garrison Fire Order Part 1.
Equipment is provided by the Garrison as follows:-

(a) Fire Brigade. Permanent staff - Fire Superintendent C.Q.M.S. Rawson

(b) Trailer Fire Pumps. 2 O.R's provided by garrison on each pump for instruction and supervision.

(c) Fire Points. (Stirrup Pump, Shovel, Buckets of water & sand) For immediate use against incendiary bombs.

Each sub-station will provide a weekly fire picquet of 1 N.C.O. and 12 O.R's who will be on duty for 24 hours.

If a fire occurs:-
(a) The Fire Brigade Superintendent must be notified by phone immediately and will take control of the fire fighting on arrival at the scene of the fire. To call Fire Brigade Superintendent merely ask for "Fire Brigade".
(b) All personnel other than active fire fighting squads and P.A.D. services must be evacuated from immediate area.

6. DISTRIBUTION OF TRAILER FIRE PUMPS.

Barracks.	No. of Pumps.
Meeanee	1
Hyderabad	1
Le Cateau	1
Goojerat	1
Sobraon	1
Reed Hall Lines	1
Cherry Tree	2

DISTRIBUTION OF FIRE POINTS.

Barracks.	
Meeanee	39
Hyderabad	29
Sobraon	33
Goojerat	29
Le Cateau	32
Reed Hall Lines	51
Cherry Tree	25

7. CO-OPERATION WITH CIVIL AUTHORITIES.

Sub-Station Comd may be ordered by H.Q. Australian Force to send squads to assist in the town in the following ways:-

(a) Assist police to control panic.

(b) Forming cordons around burning areas.

(c) Rescue and clearance.

(d) Traffic control.

(e) First aid and decontamination.

(f) Fire fighting.

Orders for sub-station comds of 18 and 25 Mxd Bdes will be passed through their respective bde H.Q's.

8. DECONTAMINATION OF VEHICLES.

Where possible, vehicles will be decontaminated in unit lines. In the case of heavy contamination (large splashes from gas bomb etc.) they will be taken to the Wash, Kirkee Barracks where facilities are available; the drivers must be able to carry out this work themselves.

Force A.A.S.C. will however provide a squad for the decontamination of the 9 garrison ambulances which will also be carried out at Kirkee.

9. A.R.P.

Personnel billeted in the town will be regarded as civilians for A.R.P. purposes and will receive any necessary treatment at A.R.P. Centres provided that the unit R.A.Ps cannot deal with the case.

The Essex County Hospital in Lexden Rd is the A.R.P. centre to which billetted Australian Force personnel will proceed or be conveyed for medical treatment or decontamination.

70 Bn personnel in billets in Military Rd will however use the decontamination centres etc. at Hyderabad Barracks.

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APPENDIX "C"

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CODE WORDS

1. There are three degrees of readiness:-

   (a) Normal

   (b) Precautionary "(or Alert)"

   (c) Invasion Imminent.

2. During the "Normal" period which exists at present, the following action will be carried out :-

   (a) By day, all troops will be at 2 hours notice, but may carry out training anywhere in their own areas.

   (b) By night, all troops will be at 30 minutes notice.

   (c) 75% of troops will be at 5 mins notice during evening and morning stand to periods and 100% during morning stand to period when visibility is bad.

3. During the "Precautionary Period" which will be notified by the code word "LOOK OUT" the action will be similar to the "Normal" period with the exception that:-

   (a) all troops will be at 30 mins notice by day and 10 mins notice by night.

   (b) any tpt necessary for units to implement their operational role will be taken up.

   (c) skeleton manning of pill boxes (1 N.C.O. and 3 men) will be effected.

   (d) Demolitions will be prepared as ordered by C.R.E.

4. "Invasion Imminent" will be notified by the code words "ACTION STATIONS". This order will be originated by sub-area comds if they consider the situation demands it.
The following action will be taken on receipt of "ACTION STATIONS":-

   (a) All defences and road blocks will be manned.

   (b) Traffic control personnel will take post.

   (c) Refugee car parks will be established.

   (d) The placing of demolition charges will be completed, detonators inserted, and demolition parties will take post.

   (e) The following officers will report to H.Q., Australian Force where they will be prepared to live:-

Comds:-
Sigs
A.A.S.C.
1 L.O. from each of :-
3 Fd Regt
1 A. Tk Regt
18 Mxd Bde
25 Mxd Bde
1 M.G. Bn
4 Cav Trng Regt
Home Guard

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(f) One L.O. from H.Q. Australian Force will report to H.Q. 15 Div which is sending a L.O. to H.Q. Australian Force.

(g) Emergency labels will be issued when ordered by H.Q.11 Corps.

(h) Home Guard will NOT be called out unless special orders to this effect are issued.

5. The order to revert from "ACTION STATIONS" to "Normal" will be "STAND DOWN".

6. (a) Code words as above will be received at H.Q. Australian Force and transmitted to units as follows:-

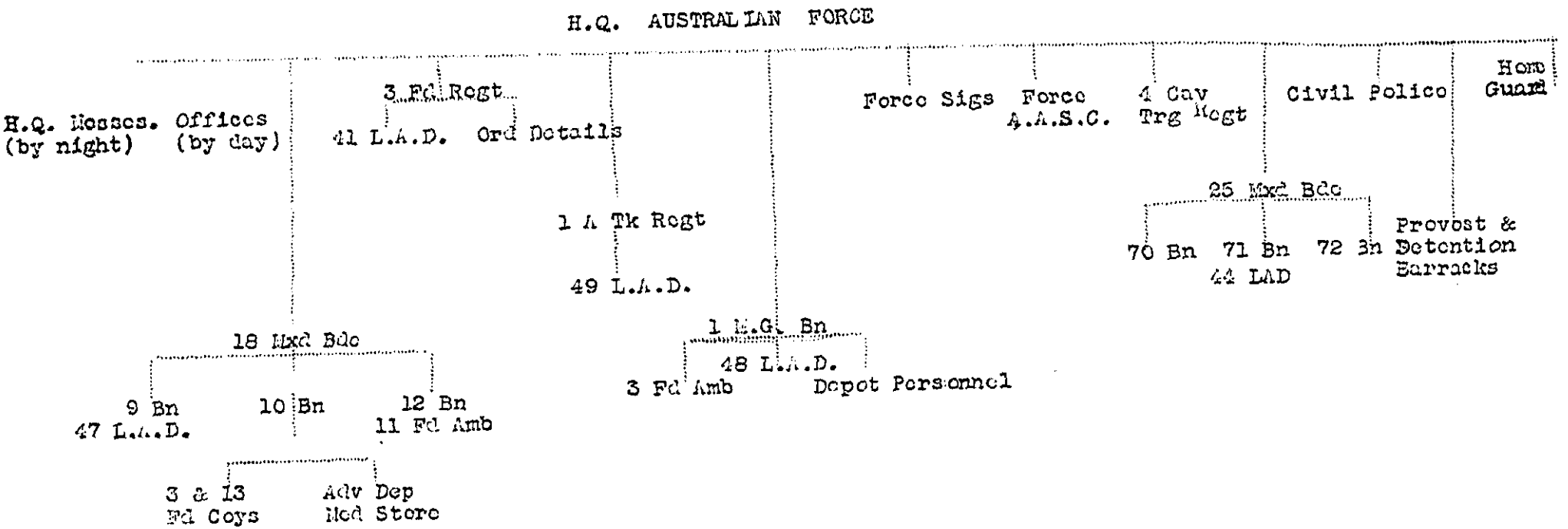
18 Mxd Bde
25 Mxd Bde
3 Fd Regt
1 A. Tk. Regt
1 M.G. Bn
Force Sigs
Force A.A.S.C.
4 Cav Trng Regt
Home Guard
Civil Police

(b) Responsibility for notification of minor units will be as follows:-

Unit responsible	for informing
9 Bn	47 L.A.D.
10 Bn	3 Fd Coy
	13 Fd Coy
	Adv Depot Med Stores
1 M.G. Bn	48 L.A.D.
	Depot
	11 Fd Amb.
12 Bn	3 Fd Amb
3 Fd Regt	Ord Details
	41 L.A.D.
25 Bde	Pro and Detention
71 Bn	L.A.D.
1 A. Tk Regt	49 L.A.D.

(See diagram attached).

RESPONSIBLITY FOR PASSING OPERATIONAL WARNING (PROVISIONAL)



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APPENDIX "E".

19 SEP 1940

DEMOLITIONS

1. DEMOLITION OFFICERS - para 17
   Major R.J.H. RISSON, Comd 3 Fd Coy.
   Major J. WEARING SMITH, Comd A.I.F. Depot of Personnel.
   These officers will order demolitions ONLY after receiving personal instructions at FORCE H.Q.

2. PREPARATION and LOCATION.

(a) Demolitions which have been or are being prepared, and for which final preparations for blowing, including placing of charges and complete wiring and fixing detonators will be made on receipt of code word ACTION STATIONS:-

Serial	Bridges	Location	Present state of preparations
a	Rd over river	442440	Piers charged and wired (without detonator)
b	" " "	456436	Not charged and only partly wired
d	" " "	463430	Not charged and only partly wired
f	" " "	439443	Piers charged and wired (without detonator)

(b) Demolitions which have been or are being prepared, and for which all preparations for blowing, EXCEPT the actual placing of charges, and final wiring, will be made on receipt of code word ACTION STATIONS:-

Serial	Bridges	Location	Present state of preparations
c	Ry over river	457434	Partly wired
e	Rd over river	421439	Not charged and not wired
g	Rd over Ry	457440	Not charged and not wired

NOT to be confused with bridge on CORPS LINE at 423440

3. GUARDS.

(a) Sector Comds will be responsible for mounting continuous guards providing one sentry on prepared demolitions in which charges are placed.

(b) The bridges which have charges placed at this date are (a) and (f) of para 2.

4. EXECUTION OF DEMOLITIONS

(a) An R.A.E. officer or N.C.O. will be in charge of each demolition party. This officer or N.C.O. will be given in writing:-

(i) The name and title of Demolition officers, and their specimen signatures.

(ii) The fact that the order to blow may be given by either of these officers or conveyed in writing signed by either of them.

(iii) An order signed by either of these officers to blow the charge should the enemy reach certain points on the ground.

(b) Force C.R.E. will be responsible for giving effect to sub-para 3 (a) above

4. EXECUTION OF DEMOLITIONS. Continued.

(c) Guards will allow NO demolition charge to be fired without hearing, or viewing the order given by a Demolition Officer.

(d) A suggested demolition pro-forma is given below (to be varied to suit the circumstances of each case):-

A. To O.C.....(Sqn. Coy or Pl)

1. You are responsible for giving to the R.E. N.C.O. i/c Demolition Party, the order to demolish the br at.....

2. In the event of your absence from the br, you will delegate the responsibility for giving this order to an offr or N.C.O. WHO WILL REMAIN AT THE BR.

3. You may expect the following tps to withdraw across the br.....

An offr of.....(Regt) will inform you when rear parties of the above have crossed.

4. (a) You will then order the br to be demolished.

OR

(b) You will order the br to be demolished at.....hrs, provided that the above tps have crossed.

OR

(c) You will order the br to be demolished at.....hrs, irrespective of whether the above tps have crossed.

5. YOU WILL NOT ALLOW THE ENEMY TO CAPTURE THE BR INTACT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WHATEVER.
If enemy reach line.....BR WILL BE DESTROYED AT ONCE.

6. ACK.

B. To the N.C.O. i/c Demolition Party at.....Br.

1. You will receive the order to demolish the br from O.C.....(Sqn, Coy or Pl.)

2. In default of any orders from him, you will demolish the br should the enemy reach "X" in strength. ("X" to be pointed out on the ground).

3. YOU WILL NOT ALLOW THE ENEMY TO CAPTURE THE BR INTACT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WHATEVER.

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APPENDIX "J"

LOCATION STATEMENT.

19 SEP 1940

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE, UNITED KINGDOM.

COLCHESTER.

Unit or H.Q.	Location	Telephone No.
H.Q. Australian Force:-	"Woodlands" Lexden Rd, Col.	Col 4431,4432
Mobile Echelon		
Fixed Echelon		
Aus Force Troops:-		
H.Q. Aus Force Engrs	12 Cambridge Rd Col	
3 Aus Fd Regt	Le Cateau Barracks	Col 2251 Exn 27
E Sec Aus Force Sigs	Le Cateau Huts	" " " "
41 Aus L.A.D.	Le Cateau Huts	" " " "
1 Aus A Tk Regt	Kirkee & McMunn Huts	
49 Aus L.A.D.	Kirkee & McMunn Huts	Col 2251
Aus Force Sigs	28 Inglis Rd Col.	Col 4431, 4432 Exn 20
1 Aus M.G. Bn	Goojerat Barracks and part Assaye M.Q.	Col 2251 Exn 35
48 Aus L.A.D.	Mons Rd, part Aisne Rd, part Assaye M.Q.	Col 2251
Force A.A.S.C.	Kirkee & McMunn Barracks	Col 2251 Exn 15
3 Aus Fd Amb	3 Blocks Assaye M.Q.	Col 2251 Exn 36
	C.O's House, Coogerat Barracks	" " "
11 Aus Fd Amb	Sobraon Huts	Col 2251
Aus Force Ord Fd Park	Le Cateau	" " 27
Aus Force Fd Cash Office.	5 Cambridge Rd., Col	Col 4431, 4432 Exn 25.
Aus Force Pro Unit	Reed Hall Huts	Col 2251, Exn 53
Aus Force Post Unit	5 Cambridge Rd., Col.	Col 4431,4432 Exn 25.
Aus Force Employment Pl.	Creffield Rd., Col.	-
Aus Force Sec Intell Corps	"Woodlands" Lexden Rd. Col	Col 4431,4432 Exn 13.
18 Aus Mxd Bde		
H.Q.	Meeanee Barracks	Col 2251, Exn 13, Exn 30.
9 Aus Bn	Meeanee Barracks	Col 2251, Exn 13.
10 Aus Bn	Hyderabad Barracks	" " 11.
12 Aus Bn	Sobraon Barracks	" " 36.
K Sec Sigs	Meeanee Barracks	"
3 Aus Fd Coy	Hyderabad Barracks	" Exn 11.
47 Aus L.A.D.	Meeanee Barracks	"
25 Aus Mxd Bde		
H.Q.	Kirkee Officers Mess	Col 2251,4777 Exn 68
70 Aus Bn	1 Abbey Fields	Col 2251, 4777 Exn 54
70 Aus Bn - one Coy	Billets - Military Rd.	Col 2251
three "	1 Abbey Fields M.Q.	"
	Plassey M.Q.	
	Plum Hall	
71 Aus Bn	Roman Hill House	Col 4457 Exn 1.
72 Aus Bn	Cherry Tree Huts	" Exn 2.
L Sec Sigs	Roman Hall House and Huts	Col 2251
13 Aus Fd Coy	Hyderabad Barracks	" Exn 11.
44 Aus L.A.D.	Blenheim House, Roman Hill Farm	Col 4457, Exn 1.
Aus Fixed Echelon Units and Establishments		
3 Aus Gen Hosp	Milford near Godalming	Hascombe 45
1 Aus Spec Dental Unit)		
6. " " ")Sobraon Huts		
E Aus Adv Depot Med Stores	County School, Ludgershall	Tidworth 215,216
1 Aus Ord Cloth & Kit Store Unit H.Q.	12 Cambridge Rd., Col	Col 4431, 4432, Exn 27
Kit Store	Haig St., Bulford	Bulford Mil.213
Clothing Store	No. 1 Ord Sub Depot Bulford.	Bulford Mil.272

Unit or H.Q.	Location	Telephone No.
Aus Fixed Echelon Pro Unit	12 Cambridge Rd., Col	Col 4431., 4432
Aus Fixed Echelon Post Unit	5 Cambridge Rd., Col	Col 4431. 4432
Detention Barracks	Reed Hall Huts	
Depot of Personnel	Drury Meddows and part Assaye M.Q.	Col 2251.

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No.130

PRACTICE AMN - ALLOTMENT

(a) S.A.A. as detailed in para (c) may be expended for practice.

(b) Replacements of these quantities will be obtained from A.S.C..

(c)

UNIT	Cartridges S.A.A. Ball Revolver .38 in	Automatic .38 in	Revolver .455 in	Colt .45 in	Hand Grenades
H.Q. Australian Force incl Clothing Store and Adv Depot Med Stores, and Detention Camp	450	260	50		
H.Q. 18 Mxd Bde incl Sig Sec & L.A.D.	140	320	50		
9 Bn	320	150	25	550	18
10 Bn	370	-	240	550	17
12 Bn	240	230	260	550	17
H.Q. 25 Mxd Bde incl Sig Sec & L.A.D.	200	130	40		
70 Bn	220	-	180	550	16
71 Bn	400	-	20	550	16
72 Bn	330	-	60	550	16
3 Fd Regt	370	-	270		
A Tk Regt	130	-	130		
3 Fd Coy	50	370	50		
13 Fd Coy	220	-	-		
Force Sigs	170	-	-		
1 M.G. Bn	470	2500	440		
Force A.A.S.C.	170	370	150		
Details A.A.O.C.	50	-	-		
Force Pro Unit	450	180	-		
3 Fd Amb	80	240	20		
11 Fd Amb	140	-	-		
A.I.F. Depot of Personnel	30	160	40		
3 A.G.H.	-	90	-		
	5000	5000	2250	3300	100

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APPENDIX "L"

20 Oct 40.

MOVEMENT BY ROAD

1. MOVEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL VEHICLES

Speed limits for individual vehicles moving in the Division Area will Be :-

(a) Hired or W.D. lorries - 25 m.p.h. in built up areas.
- 30 m.p.h. in open country.
unless the driver is in possession of written authority signed by an officer.

(b) 15 cwt. and 8 cwt. W.D. trucks - as above.

(c) Hired or W.D. cars over 10 H.P. - Built up areas - 25 m.p.h. by night - 35 m.p.h. by day.
Open country - 45 m.p.h.. This may be increased by the orders of the officer passenger or if the driver is in possession of written authority signed by an officer.

(d) Hired or W.D. cars under 10 H.P. - as for cars over 10 H.P. except the 45 m.p.h. in open country will never be increased.

2. MOVEMENT OF COLUMNS BY DAY

(a) All columns of vehicles will move at 10 v.t.m. and 15 m.i.h. This does not include Arty equipments which will move at the appropriate speed laid down for the type of equipment concerned.

(b) On long moves the column will halt for 10 mins before every EVEN hour. Vehicles will not close up during halts and will pull as far off the road as possible. Each individual vehicle will halt at the place where it will obtain the best cover from air observation.

(c) When passing a traffic control post or road block the leading vehicle of each unit will inform the T.C.P. or road block the name of the unit and number of vehicles. When the rear vehicle of the column reaches the T.C.P. or road block it will report " last vehicle ----- Bn., etc..

3. MOVEMENT OF COLUMNS BY NIGHT

(a) Columns will move in sub-unit blocks according to the most convenient distribution. Vehicles in each block will keep closed up. The leading vehicle will carry side and tail lights. Remaining vehicles will carry tail lights only. If possible 12½ m.i.h. should be aimed at.

(b) The procedure when passing road blocks and T.C.Ps and for periods for halts, will be the same as during moves by day.

4. TRAFFIC CONTROL

In the event of hostilities a compulsory traffic organisation will come into force.

(a) GREEN Roads : are the main routes by which all reinforcements will arrive. They are two-way roads limited to Military and civil defence traffic with E.L. labels. They are marked with black arrows on green discs for up or forward traffic and black arrows on red discs for down or rearward traffic.

(b) RED Roads : are roads on which Military traffic has priority. Civil defence traffic with E.L. labels may also use these roads.

They are two-way roads. Until required for a military move normal local traffic will be permitted on them. They will be closed to normal traffic only for the period that they are required for military traffic. (This differs from Green roads which are permanently closed to normal traffic in the event of hostilities.)

RED Roads are marked with Black arrows on white discs for up or forward traffic and with Black arrows on Red discs for down or rearward traffic.

(c) YELLOW Roads : are for the exclusive use of refugee traffic. They will be marked by paper signs bearing the word "EVACUEES", and will be policed by civil and military police, and by military traffic personnel.

Evacuees from smaller towns and villages will use "white" (uncoloured) roads only until they reach a yellow road.

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21 Oct 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 131.

1. TRAINING AREAS.

General Staff Instruction No. 88 is cancelled. Details of areas allotted for training are available in G.3 (O) office at this H.Q. where reps of Bdes and Units of Force Tps will be given them on application.

Reps will bring with them 1/25000 sheets 62/24 S.E. and 62/22 N.E. on which to mark the areas. Units who have not received issues of these sheets will be given one copy of each on application.

Applications for the use of any other areas which may be required from time to time will be submitted through normal channels to H.Q. Australian Force showing dates and boundaries.

Attention is directed to General Staff Instruction 35 para 2 which is amended by deleting para (a) and deleting "Command Land Agent" in para 2 (b) and substituting "H.Q. COLCHESTER Garrison".

2. RIFLE RANGES.

(a) General Staff Instruction No. 127 para 5 is cancelled.

(b) Requests for Rifle Ranges will be forwarded direct by units to Garrison H.Q., Abbey House each Friday for the week after next.

(c) Garrison H.Q. are to inform units on Mondays of their allotment for the next week.

(d) Offr i/c Parties will procure a copy of Safety Precautions to be observed from Range Warden on arrival and return same before leaving.

Allotment for week ending 26 Oct 40.

G & H Ranges	23/25 Oct (both incl)	18 Aus Inf Bde
J & K "	-do-	25 Aus Inf Bde

3. TESTING OF RESPIRATORS.

Service respirators should be tested in a gas chamber once every three months. Units will apply direct to Garrison H.Q., Abbey House for the use of the garrison gas chamber which is situated approx 400 yds south of the married quarters in YPRES Rd. Units must supply their own gas capsules. The key is also kept at Garrison H.Q.

4. FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES.

(a) CHERRY TREE camp and ROMAN HILL House areas will not be served by the Garrison Fire Brigade unless extra assistance is required. The No. 5 Fire Brigade situated at ROMAN WAY will cover these areas and can be called by phone through the military exchange.

(b) To ensure that there is no confusion when a fire brigade is to be called out, units will phone as follows:-

i. Units in HYDERABAD, MECANEE, LE CATEAU, CAVALRY, SOBRAON, KIRKEE, McMUNN and GOOJERAT areas will call the military exchange and say "Fire. Garrison Fire Brigade"

ii. Units in CHERRY TREE and ROMAN HILL areas will call military exchange and say "Fire. No. 5 Fire Brigade".

5. .22 in RIFLES.

Units desiring an issue of .22 in Rifles and ammunition will forward requirements to reach this H.Q. by 25 Oct 40.

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G.S. Australian Force.

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE

SECRET.
21 Oct. 40.

Subject:- AUSTRALIAN FORCE: AVAILABILITY OF UNITS FOR OPERATIONS.

To:- 11 Corps

From:- Australian Force.

1. Attention is invited to the fact that on 21/25 Oct.40 the following vehicles and weapons of units of Australian Force are to be despatched from COLCHESTER :-

(a) Guns of :-
3 Fd Regt.
1 A.Tk.Regt.

All mechanical vehicles except load carriers of :-
3 Fd Coy
23 Fd Coy
2 H.Q.Sm.
"E", "E" and "F" Sig Secns.

All mechanical vehicles except a proportion of load carriers of :-
3 Fd Regt.
1 A.Tk Regt.
42, 48 and 49 L.A.Bs.

(b) All the above units will therefore NOT be available for mobile operations as from 20 Oct.40 except 1 H.Q.Sm., a proportion of which could be used in emergency for a limited role only.

(c) A certain number of officers and O.Rs are to accompany the above vehicles. The remaining personnel and weapons could be used in an emergency for local defence purposes.

2. CORPS RESERVE.

(a) 25 Inf Bde is allotted to Corps reserve and together with units under Comd Australian Force will provide a mobile force as follows :-

Comd: Brig W.Bridgeford, Comd.25 Inf.Bde.

25 Inf.Bde.
One sqn and one H.Q.tp
4 Cav.Trg.Regt.
42 Bn R.T.R.
} under Comd.

(b) Each bn of 25 Inf Bde is less one Rifle Coy and has at present insufficient transport and cookers to carry out a mobile role. Arrangements are in hand for transferring to 25 Inf Bde certain load carrying vehicles of units of Australian Force having static roles and for the supply of extra vehicles, water-tank lorries and portable cookers from outside sources. Until these vehicles and cookers are received by 25 Inf Bde, their mobility is strictly limited.

(c) It will be noted that the mobile force mentioned in para 2 (a) above. has no artillery and no A.tk guns. 42 Bn R.T.R. will provide to a certain extent the necessary A.tk protection, but it is suggested that some artillery should be allotted in order that the force can carry out its counter attack roles. This matter will be the subject of a further communication.

Brig.
A/Comd. Australian Forces.

Copies to -
Mr Collins (M.M.O. & P.)
G.H.Q. Home Forces
Embassy Cairo.
AE (x) Div.
Mr Dibary (2)

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SECRET.

22 Oct 40.

Subject : COLCHESTER DEFENCE SCHEME (PROVISIONAL)

AMENDMENT No. 3

1. Appendix "C" para 4 (h) delete and substitute:-

"Home Guard will be called out".

para 6 (a) add:-

"Garrison H.Q., COLCHESTER
42 Bn R.T.R."
and amend diagram accordingly.

2. Appendix "L": "Movement by Road" attached. This completes appendices to be issued.

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DISTRIBUTION : As for original scheme.

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE AT

TOWN HALL, COLCHESTER

at

1030 hrs, 22 Oct 40.

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1. PRESENT :- [redacted] Mayor
Chief Constable
A/Cmd Australian Forces
Garrison Cond.
A.A., Australian Forces
Town Clerk.

2. REST ROOM, TOWN HALL, COLCHESTER.

(a) A Rest and Writing Room is available at the Town Hall, COLCHESTER for the use of troops.
Light Refreshments are served at a nominal cost. The entrance to this Room is via the Spiral Staircase and NOT the Main Staircase.

(b) Troops may continue use the Room during RED Air Raid Warnings but will evacuate the Room and go to the basement on instructions being received from any of the Council's Staff.

(c) Details may be obtained from the Town Clerk, COLCHESTER.

3. TRANSPORT TO CHURCH TOWN CAMP.

(a) The question of providing bus opt from COLCHESTER to CHURCH TOWN CAMP was discussed. One proposal was to provide 3 special buses to carry out 2 trips at night at 2145 hrs and 2210 hrs.

(b) The Chief Constable was investigating the situation and would communicate direct with Cond 25 Inf Bde on the matter.

4. TRANSPORT FOR TRIPS OUTSIDE COLCHESTER.

Arrangements could probably be made with the National Bus Coy or the Eastern County Bus Coy for extended trips outside COLCHESTER.

5. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

(a) The Chief Constable drew attention to the practice of Australian soldiers in stopping cars at night and either requesting or demanding lifts to their barracks or camp areas.

(b) Attention was also invited to the risk involved by soldiers walking on the road at night, particularly in foggy weather. All tps should be warned that in their own interests this must cease.

6. BLACK OUT.

A N.C.O. or soldier in each billet should be made responsible for ensuring that the black-out of the billet is complete. There have been numerous complaints of lights showing from billets occupied by Australian tps.

7. REFUGEE ROADS.

The question of not informing the civilian population of roads to be used for evacuation purposes in emergency was discussed. All agreed that it was essential for the people to know in order that any evacuation could be carried out speedily and

efficiently and roads allotted to military traffic kept clear.

8. EVACUATION CIVILIAN POPULATION, COLCHESTER.

The question of the return of evacuees to COLCHESTER at the end of October was discussed. It was suggested that some definite policy should be laid down - either evacuees advised that they should under no circumstances return to COLCHESTER or that permission to return would be given to them on a definite date. The proposal was submitted that the Military Liaison Officer with the Regional Commissioner be requested to visit COLCHESTER to discuss the problem. A/Comd Australian Force stated that he could not take any direct action but would communicate with G.O.C. II Corps on the matter.

9. FOOD SUPPLY.

Food supplies available at COLCHESTER in the event of a siege taking place were considered. The Lord Mayor stated that supplies he considered were available.

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE No. 2/566 HEADQUARTERS

23 Oct 40.

NOTES ON CONFERENCE HELD AT

H.Q. Australian Force

at 2030 hrs, 23 Oct 40.

1. PRESENT : A/Comd Australian Force
G.1 " "
G.2 " "
AQ " "
A/Comd 18 Inf Bde
B.M. 18 " "
2 i/c 3 Fd Regt.
C.O. 1 A.Tk. Regt.

2. "A" SECTOR COLCHESTER DEFENCES.

3 Fd Regt and 1 A.Tk.Regt will take over "A" Sector COLCHESTER defences at 1200 hrs, Monday 28 Oct.
Comd : Lt.Col. Strutt, Comd 3 Fd Regt.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO "A" SECTOR.

Rt boundary incl 10 Bn : Rd COLCHESTER - MILE END.

NOTE. Feature immediately North of NORTH STATION will be the responsibility of 10 Bn and boundary in this vicinity will be decided by co-operation between Comds Sectors "A" and "B".

Left boundary - BLUEBOTTLE GROVE incl "A" Sector.

4. RESERVE COLCHESTER DEFENCES.

9 Bn
One coy Home Guard.

5. A TK GUNS.

The two A.Tk. guns remaining with 1 A Tk Regt will come under comd 10 Bn from 1200 hrs, 24 Oct 40 for protection vicinity sewage works COLCHESTER.

6. 3 Fd Regt and 1 A Tk Regt will come under comd 18 Mxd Bde from time and date they assume responsibility for "A" Sector, viz, 1200 hrs, 28 Oct 40.

7. INTERIM PERIOD.

3 Fd Regt and 1 A Tk Regt will be in reserve until they assume responsibility for "A" Sector. Bren guns of A Tk Regt will be earmarked for use of 25 Mxd Bde in the event of an emergency occurring before 28 Oct 40.

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DISTRIBUTION : 18 Mxd Bde (5)
25 Mxd Bde
3 Fd Regt
1 A Tk Regt
1 M.G. Bn
A/Comd
G
AQ
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SECURITY.

23 Oct 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 132.

1. DUTY OFFICER.

(a) Attention is directed to General Staff Instruction No. 127 para 4 sub-para G 7.

(b) It has been noted that this instruction is not being carried out in all units, and, in consequence, a programme of tests of communications is being instituted.

(c) The difference between a Duty Officer and an Orderly Officer is emphasized.

(d) H.Q. means H.Q. office and does NOT include the officers mess or other H.Q. living accommodation.

2. AMENDMENT - Distribution List "A" (General Staff Instruction 128)
(a) Add Copy No. 67 42 Bn R.T.R.

(b) Distribution List "B" (General Staff Instruction 129)
Add Copy No. 34 42 Bn R.T.R.

3. ENEMY BOMBING.

A new type of device is in use apparently consisting of eight H.E. Bombs wired together and dropped by parachute. A wire trailing behind explodes the first bomb on contact and the resulting explosion drives the parachute up the procedure being repeated as each bomb explodes.

4. WEARING OF EYESHIELDS

In future eyeshields will not be worn until the state of readiness of "ACTION STATIONS" has been ordered. On receipt of this order eyeshields will be worn as follows:-

(a) At all times during operational moves.

(b) When in the open, on receipt of Air Raid Warning Red.

5. P.A.D. - AIR RAID SHELTERS

The digging of the proposed Slit trenches must not interfere or damage any water or gas pipes, drains, telephone lines etc. To ensure this, units will obtain from the Garrison Engineer or Clerk of Works concerned, the plans of their own barrack area showing in detail the various pipes or drains etc.

6. BLACK-OUT DISCIPLINE

Units must pay stricter attention to the efficiency of the black-out in their buildings. Any faults or repairs required will be reported in writing to the Clerk of Works at the barracks concerned.

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

(a) Attention is again directed to the necessity for prompt ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of messages requiring this action, and, the correct form.

(b) Recent ACKs received by this H.Q. indicate a lack of knowledge of message writing by officers.

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (Continued)

(c) The following is specimen of a correct ACK message and units will compare their copy of last message sent when in most cases errors will be evident:-

To . Aust. Force			
From A Aus Bn	Y 10	21	O 139
ACK			
Q. Peas, Capt		2335	

8. SIGNAL MESSAGES.

(a) Australian Force Signals will provide communication, by means other than telephone or orderly, for COLCHESTER Military Hospital through 18 Aus Inf Bde Signal Office.

(b) Franking - Officer Commanding and Registrar, Military Hospital COLCHESTER are authorised to frank signal messages "IMMEDIATE"

E K Moore Maj
Lt.Col.
G.S. Australian Force.

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 133

1. CINEMA TRAINING

(a) The undermentioned Cinema Training equipment is held by 4 Cav Training Regt, and is available for use by Australian Force.
(b) Requests will be made by units direct to Cav Training Regt.
(c) Projectors etc.

i. Projectors sound 16 MM BTH Model SRB 100 volt and Rotary Converter.
ii. Epidiascope 200/250 AC/DC.
iii. Projectors Kodascope Model D.

(d) Films

No.	Subject	No. of reels	Time mins
C. 52	Anti Gas defence 1935	2	30
C. 53	Equitation School, Weedon, shows complete training of the horse 1935	2	20
C. 55	Steering :- 1937 Builds up and explains components of Akerman steering as applied to motor vehicles. Deals with various steering boxes. Shows maintenance and adjustments of steering, briefly, and driving "donts".	2	20
C. 56	Brakes :- 1937 shows object of brakes on M.T. vehicles components of internal expanding brakes, deals with girling, hydraulic and servo systems. Touches on brake efficiency.	2	20
C. 57	Gears 1937. Builds up from simple levers and wheels principle of Gear Box. Shows gears and shafts in crash type gear box and deals with selector mechanism. Deals briefly with care and maintenance of Gear Box.	2	20
C. 59	Magneto Ignition 1937. Deals briefly with the elementary magnetism, shows main components of magneto, explains with diagram. Induction deals with, by simple model, the Condenser. Stoppage and fault finding. Plug maintenance and magneto maintenance and care.	2	30
C. 60	Battery and Dinamo 1937. Shows elementary Primary and Secondary cell to evolution of accumulator. Generation of current by elementary mechanism and builds up to Dynamo.	3	30
C. 61	The Motor Cycle 1937 : Shows fully complete machine lay-out, controls, gear box, etc. Explains fully correct starting, gear changing and stopping on road. Lubrications of engine, gear box and machine parts and faults to avoid . Shows in detail adjustments to driving chains, wheels, brakes and steering.	2	20
C. 62:	The I.C. Engine	7	80
C. 62	Part II. :- 1938 Emphasises four stroke cycle "T & L" headed engines builds up and explains a single cylinder engine.	1	10
C. 62	Part III 1938 Shows components. Deals with valves and valve timing of a single cylinder engine.	1	10
C. 62	Part IV. 1939 Builds up with analogies from single cylinder to six cylinder engine. Shows evolution of crankshaft from one to six cylinder. Shows balance and firing order.	1	10

No.	Subject	No. of reels	Time mins
C. 62	Part V, 1939 : Deals with four cylinder engines elaborates valve positions and cylinder heads. Deals with cam-shaft drive and indicates other components. Emphasises firing order for four cylinders.	1	10
C. 62	Part VI 1939 : Carburettors. Explains the necessity for a carburettor. Builds up from simple principles by diagrams to a practical carburettor, shows action and deals with various types.	1	15
C. 62	Part VII. 1939 : Coil Ingnition. Introduces induction by diagramatic means. Build up induction coils. Details components of coil ignition system. Shows working of complete coil ignition with firing order.	1	15
C. 63	First Aid 1937. Deals with tools and gear required for unditching trucks and medium vehicles. Shows various knots and hitches for tow ropes. Shows various methods for applying pull to extricate vehicles. Continues with ways and means to use assisting lorries. advantageously and shows how to make mobile in emergency vehicles with broken back and front axels.	3	35
C. 64	The Brén Gun. 1939	8	80
C. 64	Part I. Introductory. Depicting the L.M.G. in some of its roles.	1	10
C. 64	Part II. Loading , unloading, holding aiming and firing.	1	10
C. 64	Part III . Striping.	1	10
C. 64	Part IV. Elementary handling No. 1 Acting alone.	1	10
C. 64	Part V, Elementary handling No. 1 assisted by No. 2. Immediate action and stoppages.	1	10
C. 64	Part VI. Tripod mounting and dismounting for ground and air.	1	10
C. 64	Part VII. Laying a fixed line.	1	10
C. 64	Part VIII. Advanced handling.	1	10
C. 65	The Boyes anti Tank rifle. 1939. Shows the firing positions sights and aiming loading and unloading holding and firing the mechanism and cleaning.	4	40
C. 76	The 3" Mortar 1939.	7	70
C. 73	Part I. Introductory.	1	10
C. 73	Part II. General description also aiming and laying.	1	10
C. 73	Part III. Drill (Reel 1.)	1	10
C. 73	Part IV. Drill (Reel 2.)	1	10
C. 73	Part V. Battle procedure. Recce for detachment positions occupation by day.	1	10
C. 73	Part VI. Battle procedure. Occupation of defensive position.	1	10
C. 73	Part VII, Fire control. Methods of obtaining direction and methods of control.	1	10
C. 62	Part I. 1937. Introduction to petrol engine. Deals with the elementary principles of the I.C. engine. Shows working of the Otto or four stroke cycle.	1.	10

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SECRET.

IMMEDIATE.

24 Oct 40.

Ref No. Z/583/G

Subject : TEST OF COMMUNICATIONS.

To : All Units
Duty Officer, H.Q., A.I.F.

From : Australian Force.

A test of communications will take place on night 24/25 Oct by the transmission of the message

"EXERCISE MESSAGE PLUM AND APPLE"

franked Emergency Operations.

This message will be passed to Coys and equivalent units.

On receipt, messages will be endorsed with the time and signed by the recipient and will be forwarded to reach this H.Q. by 1200 hrs 25 Oct 40.

F.H. Mackay Lt.Col.
G.S. Australian Force.

Colchester.

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26 Oct 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 135.

1. ADMISSION TO CAMPS AND BARRACKS

Passes to admit tradesmen etc., to camps and barracks are issued by H.Q. COLCHESTER Garrison signed by Staff Captain.

Passes are A.F.A. 29, or substitute, a specimen of which is shown in App. "A" with signature, for checking purposes.

No civilian will be permitted to enter barracks or camps without a pass.

Comds will recommend to this H.Q. with reasons the cancellation of any pass they deem necessary.

Similarly Comds may recommend, stating reasons, the issue of passes.

2. REFERENCE G.S.I. No. 133

Requests for the use of projectors and films will be made direct to Garrison H.Q., ABBEY HOUSE, NOT to Cav Trng Regt..

Units will supply their own operators who must be qualified to handle the equipment.

3. CODE NAMES LIST "B"

Southern Command Code Names List "B" have been compromised. All Units holding copies of Australian Code Names List "B" will destroy same by burning and will render a destruction certificate to this effect to Australian Force H.Q..

Revised lists are being prepared and will be forwarded as soon as completed.

4. TITLES OF UNITS

Titles of Units of 25 Inf Bde will be changed as from 1200 hrs. 28 Oct 40, and these units will be considered as having been raised for territorial purposes as follows. :-

Present Title	New Title	Raised In.
70th. Battalion	2nd./31st Battalion	Northern Command
71st. "	2nd./32nd Battalion	Southern Command (3 M.D.)
72nd. "	2nd./33rd Battalion	Eastern Command.

5. P.A.D. BLACKOUT

To make the blackout more effective it has been found necessary, in some cases, to paint a black band around the edge of the windows. The necessary black paint can be obtained through the clerk of works of the barracks concerned.

6. BOUNDS

Divisional H.Q. for Civil Defence "Altnacealgach" Park Rd., COLCHESTER, is out of bounds to all ranks except on duty.

7. G.S.I., No. 134.

Distribution was limited.

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APPENDIX "A"

Issued in conjunction with General Staff Instruction No. 135.

SUBSTITUTE A.F.A.29.

SPECIMEN ONLY

WAR DEPARTMENT PASS

Available only to pass through named property under the control of War Department for the purpose of :-

OFFICIAL DUTY

PERMIT : SPECIMEN ONLY.

OF :

To enter and pass through W.D. Property at COLCHESTER.

Subject to local Bye-laws and Garrison Orders for the purpose of :

Available from : Expires at :

Signed on behalf of Garrison Commander, Colchester Garrison.

Staff Captain,
Colchester Garrison.

Nationality:

Occupation :

This PERMIT is available only between hours :-

NOTE: This PERMIT must be returned to Headquarters, Colchester Garrison Flagstaff Road, COLCHESTER, on termination of the above period.

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Australian Force,
26 Oct 40.

ROSTER DUTY OFFICERS

Date	Name
27/28 Oct 40	Maj. Harvey
28/29 Oct 40	Lieut. Barker.
29/30 Oct 40	Capt. Rafferty
30/31 Oct 40	Capt. Oliphant
31/1 Nov. 40	Capt. Kroger
1/2 Nov 40	Capt. Binnie
2/3 Nov 40	Capt. MacNamara

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All Officers	H.Q. Australian Force.
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"War Diary"
Sg. A

SECRET.
H.Q. Australian Force,
26 Oct 40.

Subject : ENEMY AIR ACTION 26 Oct 40.

Ref. map G.S. 97 1" - 1 mile.

Map ref.	No. bombs.	Particulars.
433412	One H.E.	In open field. No damage or casualties.
439410	One H.E.	On road. Road rendered impassible to M.T. No casualties.
441409	One H.E.	On foot path. No casualties.
446407 approx.	One H.E.	Detail not reported.

Time - 1625 hrs.

Remarks - Bombs dropped from fast flying twin engined GERMAN machine, probably Ju 88 - travelling in S.E. direction, altitude 1500 - 2000 ft.

Craters reported to be 15 ft. diam, 15 ft. deep. The machine was engaged by fire from one A.A. L.M.G. One magazine being exploded. No hits registered.

1200 hrs.

E/ McClone Maj
Lt.Col.
G.S. Australian Force.

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COPY No. 20.
31 Oct 40.

Subject : Possible Role of Australian Force.

To : Addressees as per distribution list.

From : Australian Force.

All copies of "Possible Role of Australian Force" dated 10 Sep 40, 14 Sep 40 and 22 Sep 40 will be destroyed by burning.

Destruction certificates will be rendered to this H.Q.

Lt.Col.
G.S. Australian Force.

Distribution:-

Copy No.1	18 Mxd Bde
2	25 Mxd Bde
3	3 Fd Regt
4	R.A.E.
5	1 M.G. Bn
6	Sigs
7	A.A.S.C.
8	G.O.C.
9	Col i/c Adm
10	Q.
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15	Camp
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IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF
(Australian Section)

Australia House,
Strand.
LONDON. W.C.2.

No. M.L.O.44.

24th September, 1940.

27/40

Dear General,

Enclosed herewith is a letter of congratulation addressed to you from the Secretary of State for War. Presumably you would like to retain this notice.

Yours Sincerely,

(signed)

Major-General H.D. Wynter, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
The Abbey,
Amesbury,
WILTS.

COPY.

War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.
15th June, 1940.

On behalf of all ranks of the army in this country, I offer you my congratulations on your safe arrival after your long voyage, and a warm welcome to the home land.

You come at a timely hour. The enemy has thrown his full weight into the onslaught. The cause of the free nations needs every measure of support that can be given. Doubly welcome, then, is your presence at this moment, and doubly glad, I know, are you to be here.

With Australia and New Zealand represented in two theatres of war, with Canada and South Africa taking their full part, we can now present to our enemy a truly Imperial front - a front which, as he has learned from experience in the past, has never been and never will be broken by him.

Once more I welcome you to this great Imperial rally at this momentous hour. However stern the struggle we are confident that victory will finally crown our aims.

(signed) Anthony Eden
Secretary of State for War.

Major-General H.D. Wynter, C.M.G., D.S.O.

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27 Oct 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.15.
(Extracted from G.H.Q. Intelligence Summaries for period 1500 hrs 17 Oct to 1500 hrs 23 Oct 40)

AIR.

1. R.A.F.

(a) Night Operations.

Heavy attacks have been carried out over enemy territory, fires and explosions being observed at 12 aerodromes and 5 communication centres.

Targets successfully attacked include Ports and Docks at ANTWERP, FLUSHING, CALAIS, BOULOGNE, LE HAVRE, KIEL, HAMBURG and EMDEN. Oil Works at BERLIN (2), LEUNA, COLOGNE, REISHOLZ, GELSENKIRKEN and MAGDELBURG.

Aluminium works at BERLIN, LUNEN.

Marshalling yards at OSNABRUCK and DUSSELDORF.

Fokker works at AMSTERDAM and HIRTH aero-engine works at STUTTGART and a seaplane base at STADE.

At KIELDship building yards were attacked. One stick of bombs straddled the "SCHARHORST" and a direct hit made on a cruiser. Bombs were observed to fall close by the "GNEISENAU" and "LUTOW". Big fires were observed and it is probable that the town gas works received a direct hit.

Military objectives were heavily attacked in central BERLIN and big fires were observed.

In ITALY attacks were directed on industrial centres.

(b) Day Operations.

Unfavourable weather conditions minimised operations but the OFFERKURQUE aerodrome (near CALAIS), docks at GRAVELINES, a convoy off DUNKIRK and shipping at BOULOGNE were successfully attacked. A direct hit was made on a cargo ship off HOOK OF HOLLAND.

2. ENEMY AIR FORCE

(a) Night Operations.

Strong attacks have been made with long range bombers and mine layers. Attacks centered mainly on LONDON, LIVERPOOL, BIRMINGHAM, BRISTOL and COVENTRY.

(b) Day Operations.

Fighters and fighter bombers have been used mainly for "nuisance" and isolated attacks.

(c) Casualties.

	Enemy	R.A.F.
Destroyed	22	15 aircraft (7 pilots safe)
Probable	14	
Damaged	19	

(d) Italian Aircraft.

There are indications that Italian aircraft now in BELGIUM may soon operate over S.E. ENGLAND. The types include, B.R.20 Bombers, G.50 and C.R.42 fighters and a small number of Cant Z.1007 long range bombers.

2. ENEMY AIR FORCE (continued)

(e) Transport Activity.

Considerable transport activity has taken place to GHENT, PARIS, EINDHOVEN, SCHIPOL and operational aerodromes in FRANCE and normal traffic to NORWAY. The activity for the period has maintained high level.

(f) Enemy Bombs.

(a) Details of the new type I.B. already reported in use (Australian Force G.S.I. No.132) have been obtained by the finding of an unignited GERMAN 1 Kg bomb. It is of the ordinary I.B. pattern with the addition of a small black steel cylinder, 1" diam, 1¼" long, containing a small explosive charge, screwed into the tapered end (i.e. just below the fins or tail)

Such a bomb may be expected to explode 3 to 5 minutes after ignition. The explosive effect is not great but there would be a land crack and pieces of burning magnesium would be thrown a considerable distance.

It may well be that only a small proportion of I.Bs dropped will contain this fitting.

(b) Protection to persons dealing with these bombs is afforded by a double folded wet blanket hanging over the left arm given 4 thicknesses held as a shield.

3. CRIME in GERMANY.

"The following passages are taken from GERMAN newspapers published last month:-

(a) 'A sentence of 14 days imprisonment was recently passed on a belinquent for travelling on tramways without payment of the fare; the court stated that any petty fraud in wartime must be punished with loss of liberty.'

(b) 'With the daily increasing darkness the temptation to commit crimes during the black-out is growing and the co-operation of the public is sought in dealing with offenders. Persons convicted mat be sentences to death or imprisonment for life.

GERMAN OPINIONS AND MORALE

" The following descript-ion of conditions in occupied FRANCE is give-n by a competent observer in that Country :-

(a) The younger GERMANS are the only ones that are at all keen for war. The older men who came up later are all anxious to return to their homes and are not in favour of war. Even some of the younger ones are beginning to ask where it is all leading them. One young officer of 24 had been away from his family for 7 years owing to attendance at camps and wars and expressed the opinion that he was not in favour of going to capture AMERICA which was the next thing that the GERMANS were going to do. Another was troubled by the fear that the GERMANS might lose the War. If so he thought that his men would kill him, as none but the youth were eager to continue the war.

(b) The GERMANS are very pleased that the FRENCH have not gone over to AFRICA to continue the struggle from there. They stated that if the FRENCH had done so it would have been well nigh impossible for the GERMANS to have continued the fight as well as to have controlled all FRANCE.

(c) There is a fear amongst thinking GERMANS that the large number of FRENCH prisoners in FRANCE may rise against them. The necessary guards required to guard these camps is a strain on the GERMAN forces.

(d) The soldiers say that in letters that they have received from their families they have heard of the results of the R.A.F. bombing. Now all letters from GERMANY are censored.

(e) They have also heard that the food conditions in GERMANY are now harder.

(f) The GERMANS who are employed as police in FRANCE do not like the job. "

5. ENEMY PROPAGANDA

" An analysis of GERMAN propaganda over the period 12/18 Oct once more shows a diminution of interest in the theme of invasion of BRITAIN. For the first time in recent months no positive threats of invasion were observed in propaganda to the home population or elsewhere. Even the GERMAN operated New British Broadcasting Station, hitherto the most persistent pr ophet of invasion, makes only sidelong refer es to the theme.
Such propaganda as has dealt with invas'on at all seems to have the double purpose of exploding the stories that GERMANY has already attempted invasion and has failed, and of keeping alive the idea that the postponement of invasion does not mean its abandonment. The first of these points has received special attention both in home and foriegn propaganda.
Meanwhile the air offensive of this country appears to hold pride of place and in GERMAN minds it is being made to take place of invasion as the "decisive blow" . There has again been an increase both of arguments that GERMANY is bound to win a long war and of articles and broadcasts assuming that the war will be long.
In other fields much attention has been paid to SPAIN , the BALKANS , the NEAR EAST and AFRICA. Attention to SPAIN has doubled in home propaganda and increased by one third in propaganda for BRITAIN. Attention to GIBRALTER has increased by about one half in propaganda both to GERMANY and to BRITAIN. Much flattery and attention has been lavished on BULGARIA.

COMMENT: The GERMANS are such masters of the use of propaganda that it would be unw-ise to attempt to draw a conclusion as to their intentions from an analysis of this kind.

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No.136.

P.A.D. SPLINTER PROOFING OF HUTS.

The splinter proofing of wooden huts will be carried out in the following way:-

1. For units within the Colchester Garrison.

(a) Sandbag wall 3' above floor level around all walls except when the huts are close together and less than 18' apart.

(b) If huts are less than 18' apart, a single sandbag wall 3' above floor level will be erected in the centre of the space between.

(c) If there is a covered air-raid shelter in between huts, the protection on the top of the shelter will be built up to 3' above floor level.

(d) Sandbag walls must not be built right against a wooden wall.

2. For units at Cherry Tree Camp.

(a) Sandbag walls as above will be built around the more important huts and those farthest removed from slit trenches, of only one company at a time.

(b) Sub-paras (c) and (d) above apply also.

3. The necessary sandbags will be available during the morning 28 Oct 40 from 0930 hrs at a dump in Abbey Fields near the cookhouse opposite Cavalry Barracks.

4. Sandbags will NOT be used for the revetment of slit trenches or A.A. L.M.G. posts.

5. Units must contact the Garrison Engineer at Garrison H.Q. regarding the earth with which to fill the bags.

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G. . Australian Force.

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SECURITY.

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28 Oct 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No.137,

1. P.A.D. (11 Corps Order 374 dated 25 Oct 40.).

It is considered that a considerable proportion of enemy bombing at night is at present aimed at the roads. It is desirable therefore both to reduce night traffic and restrict lighting as far as possible. For these reasons.

(a) Road journeys will whenever possible be so timed as to be completed before dark. M.T. will not travel by night when the work can be done during the hours of daylight and night running will be on the personal authority of O.Cs. units only.

(b) Side and tail lights of all vehicles will be dimmed in accordance with the new civil regulations, i.e. the aperture is to be reduced to the size of a halfpenny and to be dimmed so that while the light is clearly visible at a distance of 30 yards, it will be invisible 300 yards away.

In accordance with the new civil regulations properly masked or dimmed headlights may be used during Red Warning periods if the vehicle is in movement, but must be extinguished when the vehicle is halted or if ordered by a police constable.

Headlights should not be used unnecessarily, i.e. when there is sufficient light to drive without them.

NOTE. The above regulations do not alter any local rules applying to private roads or entrances to H.Qs.

2. LIAISON OFFICERS - SIGNAL TRAFFIC.

In order to accelerate the delivery of correspondence and to assist Signals in the disposal of Signal Traffic, Liaison Officers will call at the Signal Office of a formation or Unit before leaving and take with them any packets that are waiting for despatch to the headquarters they are visiting. They will hand in these packets at the Signal Office on arrival.

This is in accordance with the procedure laid down in Army Training Memo No. 35 for mobile operations and its practice under existing conditions will ensure that it is not overlooked during mobile operations.

3. ENEMY ANTI-PERSONNEL BOMBS.

Anti-personnel bombs have been dropped in IPSWICH and SAXMUNDAM areas and several unexploded bombs are still in the district.

These bombs may be dropped in a container holding 6 to 10.

The bombs are a grey green colour and consist of a cylinder with flat ends. The cylinder springs apart, unhinges at the side and releases another cylinder which is attached by a thick wire running through a hole in the hinges. This inner cylinder contains gunshot and is liable to explode.

Reports give sizes of the bombs as 4 inches long - 4 inches diam
and 6 " " - 3 " "

Several fatal casualties have occurred owing to persons handling these bombs. Any such bombs found will not be handled but dealt with and reported as for unexploded bombs (Reference Colchester Defence Scheme, Appx "G" (amendment thereto)).

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Ref. No. 3/607/C.

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Copy No. 31
28 Oct 40.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VISIT OF "X"

to AUSTRALIAN FORCE COLCHESTER

30 October 40.

1. MANNING OF DEFENCES.

(a) Only Pd blocks, pill-boxes, fortified houses and earthworks in the vicinity of the route will be manned. Certain pill-boxes etc have been selected for inspection by "X". The personnel manning such posts will be inside them but in other cases will be formed up in line outside with their Bren guns and A.Tk. Rifles in position in the defence works.

Any earthworks which are so sited that "X" can see the men as he drives along will also be occupied.

LEXDEN Pd blocks will be manned until after "X" departs.

(b) In the same way only M.M.G. posts in the vicinity of the route will be manned.

(c) Personnel of 3 Fd Regt, 1 A.Tk. Regt, 10 and 12 Bns other than those manning defences vide para 1 (a) above will line the route at places which have been selected.

(d) Comds are to ensure that all defence works are clean and tidy.

2. ROUTE MARCHES.

The time allowed for each bn carrying out a route march to pass a point will NOT exceed 15 mins. No tpt nor Bren carriers will accompany these bns. 9 Bn is to use its band to lead the coln.

3. DRESS.

(a) Battle dress will be worn by all ranks except Staff Officers of H.Q. Australian Force and Comds 13 and 25 Bdes and their B.Ms and S.Cs. Jackets will be done up at the neck.

(b) Steel helmets will be worn by tps actually manning defences. Other Officers and O.Rs are to wear hats and carry steel helmets except those of 31 Bn.

(c) Officers and other ranks of 31 Bn will wear drill order and of the 9 and 33 Bns marching order. Personnel of other units will wear the order of dress appropriate to the work they will be doing.

4. BAND : 31 Bn.

25 Bde may borrow a band from 18 Bde (say 10 Bn) for parade of 31 Bn.

5. LEAVE etc.

All personnel must be in barrack or camp areas except those on duty elsewhere. It is most important that soldiers are NOT allowed to stray about the streets during the visit. This applies particularly to units which are inspected in the morning or early afternoon. No leave will be granted until after 1730 hrs.
This order applies to all units in COLCHESTER.

 SECRET.

VISIT OF "X" (contd)

6. A.A. POSTS.

(a) Unit Comds will ensure that all A.A. posts for which they are responsible are manned during the visit.

(b) Units will establish special A.A. posts at places where "X" is to stop, if none exists at present.

7. LUNCH.

Officers attending lunch except those actually accompanying "X" will be at the Officers Mess, Cavalry Barracks at 1300 hrs.

8. TIME-TABLE AND DETAILED PROGRAMME.

See Appx "A" att.

9. ROUTE.

(a) See Appx "A" att.
Arrangements are being made for the issue of marked maps to:-
18 Bde 4
D.A.I.M. 1

(b) It is essential that all Officers travelling in cars inform their drivers of the route over which they will be moving.

10. ORDER OF MOVEMENT OF CARS.

See Appx "B" att.

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APPENDIX "A"

DETAILED PROGRAMME AND TIME-TABLE.

(issued in conjunction with "Instructions for visit of "X" to Australian Force, COLCHESTER, 30 Oct 40" dated 28 Oct 40.)

Ref map : 1 inch sheet 07.

Serial No.	PLACE	TIME Arrives hrs	TIME Departs hrs	UNITS.	ACTION.	ROUTE.
1.	MARKSTEY 3642	1130	1130		H.C. escort Aus Pre Unit taken over from 11 Corps escort	
2.	45 LEXDEN Rd	1140	1205		(a) Meets G.O.C., 11 Corps and A/Comd. Australian Force; received by guard of honour 2 Bn. (b) Meets staff H.Q. Australian Force. (c) Morning Tea.	LEXDEN Rd.
3.	End of rd: 452406	1207	1217	2 Bn Regt 1 M.G.Regt	Meets A/Comd and staff 13 Bde and G.O.C. 5 Inf Regt: begins inspection of defence works	LEXDEN Rd - SUSSEX Rd.
4.	BATH & PLACE bridge: 439413	1219	1229	5 Inf Regts 1 M.G.Regt	Halts between troops and th n inspects defence works including 6 pr gun pit	Track and road on crest rd leading NE-PASS at 438413 PM-PASS
5.	X rds :457430	1232	1242	16 Bn	Inspects defence works	EM-PASS - EAST St.
6.	EAST LANE 462428	1245	1255	10 Bn	Inspects defence works	EAST ST - LARKEA Rd - WIVENHOE Rd - Rd south of ABBEY FIELDS.
7.	ABBEY FIELDS about C in BARRACKS 444433	1300	1315	31 Bn	X meets Comd 25 Bde and inspects 31 Bn formed up on parade.	ABBEY FIELDS rd
8.	Cavalry Officers Mess	1317	1430		LUNCH	Rd south of ABBEY FIELDS - POWNALL CRESCENT - MERSEA Rd.

9.	Cr MERSEA Rd-BOURNE Rd 452419	1433	1446	9 Bn	X takes salute of 9 Bn on route march	MERSEA Rd.
10.	Bend in rd 452413	1450	1515	12 Bn Comds 8,15 Fd Coys	X meets C.R.E., C.O. 12 Bn, Os.C 8, 15 Fd. Coys; inspects defence works and fd coys revetting anti-tank ditch.	
11.	CHURCH FARM Camp	1518	1536	32,33 Bns	X takes salute of 33 Bn moving out on route march; meets staff 25 pdr and Inf. Bde 33 Bn training in camp area.	MERSEA Rd.
12.	Track running west from Bend in rd 440413	1603	1610	12 Bn	Inspects defence works	MERSEA Rd - BERDONNOCH HALL Rd - MERSEA NORTH Rd Bend in rd 440413 - Mersea Beach to Barracks 453412 - Avenue South - Artillery Rd to June A13 & 12 PDRs 460 452417
13.	[illegible] South [illegible] June 452417	1621	1655	[illegible]	[illegible] (a) [illegible] C.O. formed up with vehicles. (b) [illegible] C.O. (less duty) training. In area east of KINGSL and [illegible] Barracks	
14.	SCHLAC Mess - [illegible]	1730	1740	8,11 Fd Regts	Inf Bdes 3 and 11 Fd Regts to training.	Via MERSEA Rd Rd South of MERSEA ISLAND - GOOSEPIT Rd - COMMANDING Rd - MALDON Rd - CHANTRY HILL Rd - BEVERLEY Rd - LEXDEN Rd.
15.	43 LEXDEN Rd	1650	1715		Afternoon tea	LEXDEN Rd.
16.	"WOODLANDS" LEXDEN Rd	1715	1716		H.C., Australian Force and Sigs under C.O. Sigs line route and cheer X as he passes through.	
17.	MARKETY	1725			Police escort II Corps takes over from H.C. escort Aus Pro Unit.	

NOTES :

(a) Units training will be within a reasonably small area and NOT scattered.

(b) On X leaving an area the unit concerned will, where practicable 'phone the next unit to be inspected stating the time.

(c) Times are, of necessity, approx only. Units will, therefore, ensure that they are ready to receive X at least 15 mins before the times shown.

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APPENDIX "B"

ORDER OF MOVEMENT OF CARS.

(issued in conjunction with "Instructions for visit of X to Australian Force COLCHESTER, 30 Oct 40" dated 28 Oct 40.)

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Car No.	
1.	Police
2.	X and A/Comd Australian Force.
3.	Equerry, G.1 and A.D.C. to A/Comd Australian Force.
4. Ø	Comd of Bde being inspected.
5. Ø	Comd of Unit being inspected.
6.	G.O.C. 11 Corps, Col i/c Adm and A.D.C.
7.	High Commissioner, Commonwealth of Australia and A.Q. Australian Force.
	Police
	Press

Ø These cars will only travel with convoy when other troops of the bde or unit are to be inspected immediately afterwards.

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.1.

COPY NO. 17
28 Oct 40.

To : Brig. W. Bridgeford,
Comd 25 Aus Inf Bde.

Ref map : ½ in. sheet 9
1 in. sheet 98

1. MOBILE FORCE : A.I.F. and att tps.

(a) On receipt of the code word "ACTION STATIONS", the following force will be constituted under your command:-

25 Aus Inf Bde
"L" Sec Sigs
Det Force Sigs
41 Aus L.A.D.
One coy 1 Aus M.G. Bn
Det A.A.S.C.
11 Fd Amb
42 Bn R.T.R.

(b) 11 Corps are investigating the possibility of allotting one fd regt to operate with the above force.

(c) The force will be in 11 Corps reserve.

2. TASKS.

(a) Your force may be called upon to perform any of the following tasks which are shown in order of priority:-

i In the event of an enemy landing between BRIGHTLINGSEA M 53 and HARWICH M 65 to counter-attack and drive him into the sea.

ii In the event of the main thrust being made astride the R. THAMES to move to CHELMSFORD M 12 and to be prepared to operate thence towards the DENGIE peninsula M 41 and M 42 and SOUTHEND M 30.

iii To operate in the SHOTLEY peninsula M 85 with the same object as in (i) above.

iv To move to vicinity IPSWICH M 60 and to operate thence either N.E. and S.E. to FELIXSTOWE M 75.

(b) If your force is allotted to 15 (S) Div to carry out the above tasks which necessitate you operating in 15 (S) Div area, the extension of your probable roles will be:-

i Counter-attack in the HARWICH peninsula from west of general line of the HOLLAND BROOK M 6338.

ii Prevention, in the event of very heavy attack, of the formation by the enemy of a bridgehead COLCHESTER-IPSWICH by counter-attacking to north or N.E. of COLCHESTER.

iii In the event of having to operate towards R. THAMES, to concentrate in area HIGH WOOD M 0720, STOCK M 1317, INGATESTONE M 0918 with a view to counter-attack.

3. RECCES etc.

You will carry out the necessary recces and arrange for all other preparations to be made forthwith to facilitate the carrying out of the above mentioned tasks.

4. AREAS OF CONCENTRATION.

(a) On receipt of the code word "ACTION STATIONS", units under your comd, except 42 Bn R.T.R. which will remain at WIVENHOE PARK, and det A.A.S.C., will move to area ARDLEIGH 4947 - BURNT HEATH 5146 - ARDLEIGH PARK 5045 - FOX STREET 4745.

(b) You will recce an area in vicinity of IPSWICH to which your force should move in the event of having to carry-out a role in that area.

5. COMMAND.

On your force being allotted one of the roles mentioned in para 2 (a), you will come under the comd of G.O.C. Div in whose area you have to operate.

6. INTERCOMN.

The following det of Force Sigs is allotted to 25 Inf Bde:-

3 W/T dets (No.11 sets)
(or 4 if fd regt attached)
+ D.Rs.

7. ACK.

J. Broadhead
Brig.
A/Comd Australian Force.

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"	9	15 (S) Div
"	10	55 Div
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VISIT - 30 Oct 40.

PRELIMINARY INSPECTION OF ROUTE etc

By A/COMD, AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

28 Oct 40.

Local No.	Place	Time hrs	To be present
1.	43 LINDEN Rd	1400	A/Comd 18 Bde, A/Comd 9 Bn, Guard Comd.
2.	End of rd 438436	1412	C.O. 3 Fd Regt
3.	BATHING PLACE bridge 439443	1427	C.O. 10 Bn
4.	ABBEY FIELDS about C in BARRACKS 444423	1500	Comd 25 Bde, C.O. 70 Bn.
5.	ABBEY FIELDS about 441425	1515	C.O. 9 Bn
6.	Bend in rd 436415	1530	C.O. 12 Bn, Os C, 3, 13 Fd Coys
7.	CHERRY TREE Camp	1545	Comd 25 Bde, C.Os 71, 72 Bns
8.	About M in MONTWICK 410411	1605	C.O. 12 Bn
9.	Rd junc 436417	1615	C.Os 1 M.G. Bn and A.A.S.C., O.C. Depot of Personnel
10.	ASSAYE married quarters	1635	D.A.D.M.S. and O.C. 3 Fd Amb.
11.	SABAON Huts	1645	C.C. 11 Fd Amb.

NOTE : Comds and Staff Officers will be present as shown above and are to be prepared to explain their own particular arrangements for visit.

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No.138.

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Force A.A.S.C.	120-123
3 Fd Amb	124
11 Fd Amb	125
Force Ord Fd Pk	126
Force Pro Unit	127
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Unit [illegible] (H.Q.).

Month and Year November, 1940.

Commanding Officer [illegible]

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Catalonia	1		Australian Corps General Staff Instruction No.152 issued.	Appendix C.1.
			Letter from H.Q. 6th Div. under cover of A.F. No.4 to H.Q.(Included	" 2
			among enclosures on date of receipt)	
	2	0002	Australian Force will attain its 12 hours notice (change from	
			15 (S) Div C 1127 of 31 Oct)	
			Received 11 Corps Operation Instruction No.52.	
		1000	Conference held at [illegible] H.Q. 3rd (Aust.) A.T.C.	" 3
			conference with Chief A.T.O. (T.T) - notes on conference attached.	
	3	1130	Revised Catalonia Defence Scheme issued.	" 4
			Senior Duty Officers Australian Corps issued.	" 5
	4		Received 12 (S) Div Operation Instruction No.12	
			Australian Corps General Staff Instruction No. 120 issued.	" 6
	5		Col. L.W. Wardell, H.Q. Provost Coy(Aust. Imperial Force)	
			ADC with Brig. W. [illegible], H.Q.	
			Received 56 Div Defence Scheme.	

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Unit [illegible] T.H. (H.Q.).

Month and Year [illegible], 1918.

Commanding Officer [illegible]

Place	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
CONSTANTS T			[illegible] will be [illegible]	Appendix 3. 7
			[illegible].	
	9		[illegible]	" 8
			[illegible]	
	10		[illegible]	" 9
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			[illegible]	" 10
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			[illegible]	" 13
			[illegible]	" 14
	11		[illegible]	
	12		[illegible]	" 15
	16		" Message from C.I.G.S. to A.I.F.	" 15.A.

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Unit [illegible] A.I.F. (U.K).

Commanding Officer.....

Month and Year November, 1940.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
[illegible]	16		Brig. [illegible], M.C., assumed comd A.I.F. (U.K) (see A.I.F. Order dated 12 Nov 1940).	
			Lt.Col. [illegible] assumed duty A.A.G.A.I. assumed appointment	
			H.Q.A. Australia House, LONDON.	
	17		Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.142 issued.	" 16
			Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.143 issued.	" 17
			Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.144 issued.	" 18
			Received 11 Corps Operation Instruction No.10.	
			Received 1E (S) Div Operation Instruction No.43.	
			Received 11 Corps Order of Battle No.7.	
	18		Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.145 issued.	" 19
			Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.146 issued.	" 20
	19		Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.147 issued.	" 21
			Amendments to [illegible] Defence Scheme issued.	" 22
	20		Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.148 issued.	" 23

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Unit [illegible] A.I.F. (M.E.F.).

Month and Year November, 1940. Commanding Officer [illegible]

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
COLCHESTER	20		Amendments to Coldstream Defence Scheme issued.	Appendix 3. 24
			Order of Battle A.I.F. (M.E.) issued.	" 25
	21		Received 23 A/Tk Bty Operation Instruction No.38.	
	22		Received 11 Corps Operation Instruction No.41	
	24		Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.142 issued.	" 26
			Issue of Estimate of Personnel A.I.F. Remaining in M.E. after	" 27
			Last Convoy Parade.	
	25		Australian Force General Staff Instruction No.150 issued.	" 28
	26		Amendment to Estimate of personnel A.I.F. remaining in M.E.	" 29
			after Last convoy departs issued.	
	27		List of personnel and attd M.E. A.I.F. (M.E) who will embark	" 30
			on Last convoy issued.	
			List of personnel (estimated) M.E. A.I.F. (M.E) who will remain	" 31
			in M.E. after Last convoy departs Amendment issued.	
	29		Received 16 (S) Div Operation Instruction No.44	

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Unit [illegible] (H.Q.).

Month and Year November, 1940.

Commanding Officer [illegible]

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible] Base Signal Office Instruction No.151 issued.	Appendix C. 30
	30		Received 11 Base Signals Instruction No.45.	

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WAR DIARY PRECIS.

Classification of subject.	Headquarters in U.K. "G" Branch.	November 40.
Operational Roll.	Force on 12 hours notice to move.	War Diary. H.Q. U.K. G Branch. 2 November 40.
	Colchester defence scheme revised.	3 November 40.
	Co-operation with 11 Corps and 15 (5) Div.	17 November 40.
Organisation	Col.A.W.Wardell promoted T/Brig. and to command 25 Infantry Brigade Vice Brig.W.Bridgeford M.C.	War Diary. H.Q. U.K. G Branch. 16 November 40.
	Lieut.Col.Wilson ceased duty G.S.O., appointed M.L.O. Australia House London.	16 November 40.
Embarkation. U.K.	Preparations for movement of second convoy.	War Diary. H.Q. U.K. G Branch. 24 - 27 November 40.

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Appendix G.1.

SECURITY.

1 Nov. 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION NO.139.

1. ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

There has been a considerable increase in low-flying attacks by enemy aircraft in the last few days.
The necessity for vigilant look-out by A.A.L.M.G. dets is emphasized.
Cases of engagement by A.A.L.M.G. will be reported to this H.Q. through the usual channels.

2. BLANK AMMUNITION.

A limited amount of .303 in blank amn is available when required for use. Requests will be forwarded to this H.Q.

3. TITLE - 42nd Bn.- ROYAL TANK REGIMENT.

Attention is directed to the correct title of the above unit and to the abbreviated title i.e. 42 R Tanks.

4. FLYING.

A return will be submitted by units of those officers who have had experience as aircraft pilots and who would volunteer to fly light trainer or communication aircraft.
Returns will include solo flying hours and certificates held.

5. OBJECTS DROPPED FROM ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

(a) The early examination of all enemy aircraft landing or crashing in this country and of all objects such as ammunition, parachutes, containers, flares etc dropped from them is essential in order that the R.A.F. may get the earliest possible information about new types of enemy aircraft, equipment, weapons and their employment.

(b) All objects other than unexploded bombs and ammunition maps and documents and propaganda leaflets will be forwarded to H.Q. Australian Force without delay together with a written report of the circumstances under which found.

(c) The procedure for dealing with unexploded bombs, mines etc is laid down in COLCHESTER Defence Scheme. Appx "G"(Amdt thereto)

(d) Maps and documents must be forwarded direct by the finding unit to : A.I. I.K.
No. 10 Camp,
Cockfoster BARNET.
together with a statement giving date, time, place and method of finding, a copy of which will be forwarded to H.Q. Australian Force. Such articles should be sent by Special D.R.

(e) i. Enemy propaganda leaflets will be forwarded to H.Q. Australian Force with a report giving full particulars of finding.

ii. Caution is necessary in handling boxes containing propaganda leaflets being dropped by the enemy at present attached to 20ft balloons.

iii. The leaflets are in a cardboard box divided into four or five packets. A clockwork mechanism is also in the box with the probable object of releasing each packet separately.

iv. Also in the box, attached to the clockwork mechanism, is a smaller cardboard box approx 3 ins square by 1 in deep.

v. This small box is dangerous and contains a bag of flash composition mostly magnesium ignited by a dry battery 1 inch long. The flash composition may also have some explosive content. A burning casualty has occurred by investigation of one of these.

vi. Care must be taken, therefore, to render the apparatus harmless by separating the small cardboard box from the clockwork mechanism and removing the battery. The face and hands should be shielded as much as possible while doing so.

6. MILITARY HELP TO A.R.P. SERVICES.

Units will observe the following principles when asked by A.R.P. Services for any help:-

i. Every possible assistance will be given when civilian A.R.P. Services are in difficulties, but training must not be seriously interfered with.

ii. Troops will not normally go to the assistance of civil authorities at a distance of more than 10 miles from their quarters.

iii. In emergency e.g. for the purpose of saving life, all considerations other than immediate operational requirements may be disregarded.

E.K. Williams Maj.
Lt.Col.
G.S. Australian Force.

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(C O P Y)

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

General Officer Commanding,
Australian Imperial Force (United Kingdom).

A few months ago, I sent some words of welcome to the first contingent of the Second Australian Imperial Force when they disembarked in the Middle East. It has fallen to your lot to come to the United Kingdom itself, and as you take your place beside us you find us in the forefront of the battle. To all I give a warm welcome, knowing the stern purpose that brings you from your distant homes.

I send you my best wishes and I look forward to visiting you soon.

(Sgd.) GEORGE. R. I.

16th June, 1940.

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3 Nov 40.

NOTES ON CONFERENCE HELD AT H.Q. AUSTRALIAN FORCE, COLCHESTER

1000 HRS. 2 NOV. 40.

1. PRESENT

A/Comd Australian Force.
Comd Home Guard Bn.
Comd COLCHESTER Coy Home Guard.
G. 2 Australian Force.

2. SUBJECTS DISCUSSED

(a) Role and dispositions COLCHESTER Coy Home Guard.

(b) Weapons and training H.G..

3. DECISSIONS

(a) That H.G. Coy would take over duty of staffing Refugee Car Parks, control of traffic thereto and immobilization of cars therein.

(b) That H.G. Coy. (less refugee car parks dets) would be in reserve located :-

2 Pls - Brewery) 160 - 200 rifles,
2 Pls (less dets) - Drill Hall) 16 L.M.Gs, 5 M.M.Gs
) .300"

(c) That 1 Aus M.G. Bn would provide instruction in the M.M.G..

(d) Comd Aus M.G. Bn to investigate employment of M.M.Gs including possibilities of improvising A.A. mountings and disposing on certain high buildings in vicinity of certain vulnerable points.

4. COMMENT

(a) Probable increase of role of H.G. if and when present very strong COLCHESTER Garrison Moves, including a portion of perimeter.

(b) The means of calling out H.G. by ringing church bells has been discontinued.

[signature]
Lt.Col
G.S. Australian Force

Distribution :

18 Aus Mxd Bde.
25 Aus Mxd Bde.
1 Aus M.G. Bn.
Force A.A.S.C.
Home Guard.
G.O.C.
G.
A.Q.
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COLCHESTER DEFENCE SCHEME

Ref Maps: ¼ inch sheet 12
1 inch sheet 97

1. GENERAL.

(a) The defences of COLCHESTER are based on a perimeter scheme and include:-

i tank stop lines such as R COLNE and anti tank ditches south of COLCHESTER

ii road blocks

iii pill boxes

iv earthworks

v fortified houses

vi 6 pr A Tk guns on Corps stop line manned by C. Tps

vii reserve localities.

(b) The defences include portion of the Corps stop line from incl X rds 419437 to incl R COLNE about 472417.

(c) The general line of defences is shown in diagram Appx A attd.

2. ALLOTMENT OF TROOPS.

Comd Brig MORSHEAD, Comd 18 Inf Bde.

18 Inf Bde:-
9 Bn
10 Bn
12 Bn
3 Fd Regt (less guns)under
1 A Tk Regt (less all 2 pr guns except two))comd
1 M.G. Bn (less one coy) - in support.

3. SECTORS.

(a) A Sector : Comd Lt.Col Strutt Comd 3 Fd Regt

3 Fd Regt (less guns)
1 A Tk Regt (less guns and one sec)

B Sector 10 Bn
One sec : 1 A Tk Regt - under comd

C Sector 12 Bn

(b) 6 pr A Tk guns in sector A and B are under comd 18 Bde for operations.

(c) Inter-sector boundaries:-

A - incl Rd rd junc 394403 - BOTTLE END 4141 - X rds 441433 : each Rd X rds 443433 - MILE END 4346.

B - all incl : Rd X rds 443433 - MILE END 4344 and Rd X rds 443433 - X rds 447432 - WATER TOWER 4739.

C - excl both boundaries sectors A and B.

4. VULNERABLE POINTS.

		N.C.Os	Men
(a) 1.	Military Telephone Exchange FLAGSTAFF RD 445428	1	3
2.	Coastal Telephone Exchange WEST STOCKWELL St. 444436	1	6
3.	Petrol store : REED HALL 435418	1	3
4.	Electricity Supply Station HYTHE QUAY 463427	2	12
5.	Borough Electricity Department OSBORNE St. 447432	1	3

All the above guards are posted at night only except 4. which is on 24 hour duty. "Night" is taken as one hour before "stand to" in the evening till one hour after "stand down" in the morning (see para 9 below).

(b) Sector comds are responsible for mounting guards within their own sectors.

5. BRIDGE GUARDS.

(a) Bridge Guards consisting of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men are mounted on the following bridges in which charges for demolition are already placed:-

BATHING PLACE Bridge 439443
NORTH BRIDGE (or CASTLE INN Bridge) 443440.

(b) Comd B Sector is responsible for the mounting of these guards.

(c) One sentry is posted in a concealed position on each bridge.

6. ROAD BLOCKS.

(a)

Serial No.	Description.	Map Ref.
1	NORTH STATION	442 448
2	NORTH BRIDGE	442 439
3	X rds	457 440
4	By Pass	459 438
5	Bridge	456 435
6	Rly Junc	458 436
7	HYTHE STATION	464 431
8	OLD HEATH RD	465 414
9	MERSEA RD	453 412
10	BERECHURCH RD	440 410
11	LAYER RD	428 412
12	SCHRUB END RD	426 423
13	LEXDEN RD West	413 434
14	OIL MILL HOUSE	422 441
15	LEXDEN RD	428 433

(b) A road block guard consists of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men.

(c) During the "precautionary" period vide Appx C att road blocks will be manned at night only. Full 24 hour manning will be effected on receipt of code word "ACTION STATIONS".

(d) Road blocks will be closed on orders of:-

i G.O.C. Australian Force to Comd 18 Bde.

ii Local comd in case of an emergency i.e. when the enemy is advancing towards the road block. in such strength as to prejudice the safety of the road block.

(e) Orders for Guards, N.C.O i/c Guards, Sentries and traffic picquets are contained in Appx "B" att.

7. A.A. DEFENCES.

All A A.L.M.G. posts are manned during the hours of daylight.

8. RESERVE.

9 Bn
Dets 4 Cav Training Regt.
One coy (less dets) Home Gd (incl 16 L.M.Gs and 5 M.M.Gs.)

9. STAND-TO.

"Stand-to" periods when ordered will be:-

(a) Morning : one half-hour before till one half-hour after black-out time ceases.

Evening : One half-hour before till one half-hour after black black-out time begins.

In the event of weather conditions making visibility bad unit comds will use their discretion with regard to extending the time of "stand-to".

10. DEMOLITION OFFICERS. (See Appx "E" att.)

Major R.J.H. Risson - Comd 3 Fd Coy
Major R. Wearing Smith - Comd A.ILF. Depot of Personnel.

11. IMMOBILIZATION OF G.P.O. TELEPHONES.

Comd Force Sigs as ordered by G.O.C. Australian Force.

12. IMMOBILIZATION OF PETROL.

C.R.A.E. as ordered by G.O.C. Australian Force.

13. IMMOBILIZATION OF CIVILIAN MOTOR CARS. (See Appx "H" att.)

Home Guard.

14. ADM INSTRUCTIONS.

(a) Amn. :

Details regarding the amn to be held in pill-boxes etc. is shown in Appx "F".

(b) Rations :

5 days reserve rations are held.

(c) Water :

A reserve supply of water will be kept in all pill boxes and defence posts.

(d) Medical :

i R.A.Ps - unit lines.
ii Camp reception station (functioning as A.D.S.) at SABRON huts.
iii Military Hospital COLCHESTER is functioning as Casualty Clearing Station.
iv Evacuation may be effected direct from R.A.Ps to Military Hospital.

15. HEADQUARTERS.

(a) Australian Force : "WOODLANDS", Lexden Rd, COLCHESTER (Colchester 4431, 4432).

(b) 18 Bde : MEEANEE Barracks, COLCHESTER (Colchester 2251 Exn 13).

Battle H.Q. : ABBEY FIELDS COLCHESTER at 446428.

16. S.O.S. SIGNAL.

(a) 'GOLDEN RAIN' rocket.

(b) denotes that enemy is attacking and calls for defensive fire from arty. S.O.S. signal will be fired by coy and equivalent comds only.

(c) The above warning will only be made when no other form of intercomn is available or when time does NOT permit of the information being passed by other means. Signals will NOT be made in repetition of similiar signals.

17. APPENDICES.

The following appendices issued with Defence Scheme (Provisional) dated 11 Oct 40, including amendments 1-5, remain appendices to this scheme:-

Appx A.	-	Diagram, COLCHESTER defences.
B1	-	Standing orders for Guards.
B2	-	Orders for N.C.O. i/c Guards.
B3	-	Orders for sentries.
B4	-	Orders for Traffic Picquets.
C	-	Code Words.
d	-	P.A.D. Instructions.
E	-	Demolitions.
F	-	Ammunition to be maintained in defence posts and pill boxes.
G	-	Unexploded bombs.
H	-	Refugee car parks.
J	-	Location Statement - Australian Imperial Force (U.K).
K	-	Recognition signals.
L	-	Movement by road.
M	-	Security.
N	-	Warning and S.O.S. signals.
O	-	W/T communications.

W.K. Close Maj
for Lt.Col.
G.S.O.1 Australian Force.

Signed 14.30 hrs.

Z/545/G. COLCHESTER DEFENCE SCHEME DATED 3 Nov 40.

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6 - 10,	25 Bde	17	17	5	17	5	17	17	5	5	17	17	17	17	5	
11,	3 Fd Regt	9	1	1	9	1	1	9	1	1	9	9	9	9	1	
12,	1 A Tk Regt	9	1	1	9	1	1	9	1	1	9	9	9	9	1	
13,	R.A.E.	-	-	2	2	2	-	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
14,	Sigs	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
15,	1 M.G. Bn	5	1	1	5	1	1	5	1	1	5	5	5	5	1	
16,	A.A.S.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
17,	A.I.F. Depot of Personnel	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
18,	42 Bn R.T.R.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
19,	4 Cav Trng Regt	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	X
20,	Home Guard	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	X
21,	11 Corps	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
22,	15 Div	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
23,	Garrison H.Q.,COLCHESTER	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
24,	G.C.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
25,	Col i/c Adm	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
26 - 27,	G.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
28 - 29,	A.Q.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
30,	Med	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
31,	Ord	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
32,	Pro	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
33,	Camp	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
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38 - 45,	Spares	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
	3 & 13 Fd Coy	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	
	3 & 11 Fd Amb	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	
	Adv Depot Med Stores.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	
	Force Ord Fd Park	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	
	Force Fd Cash Office.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	
	D.A.D.P.S.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	
	2nd. Echelon	-	[redacted]	-	1	-	-	[redacted]	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	

NOTE : X Attached herewith.

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Appendix G 5

Australian Force.

2 Nov. 40.

ROSTER DUTY OFFICERS.

Date	Name.
3/4 Nov.40	Major Klose E.K.
4/5 "	" Dodds N.G.
5/6 "	" Harvey R.J.
6/7 "	Capt. Oliphant K.M.
7/8 "	" Kroger H.J.
8/9 "	" Birnie A
9/10 "	" McNamara E.G.

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Appendix G 6.

SECURITY.

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No.140.

1. IDENTIFICATION OF AIRMEN.

Ref. General Staff Instruction No.114 of 19 Sep 40

CZECH AIRMEN

R.A.F./V.R uniform with word CZECHOSLOVAKIA in blue lettering on the arm near the shoulder.

DUTCH AIRMEN

The uniform is dark blue. Other ranks all wear Dutch Naval uniform similar to that of Dutch Petty Officer with propellers on the sleeve. Pilots and observers wear wings on the left breast.

Officers sometimes wear Dutch Military uniform with wings on the left breast and blue lapels.

BELGIAN AIRMEN

Belgian airmen wear V.R. in addition to BELGIUM in white letters.

2. ENEMY AGENTS.

(a) The enemy is most anxious to obtain information about conditions in England and attempts to introduce agents by sea or by parachute must be expected in all parts of Great Britain.

(b) All ranks should therefore be made aware that the danger of spies is a very real one, and they should be educated to view with suspicion anyone, however plausible, who is inquisitive or who is hanging about military establishments for no particular reason.

3. ENEMY AIRCRAFT - LANDING OF IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

In the event of an enemy aircraft being brought down a party detailed by the nearest military unit will proceed immediately to the spot and ensure that every effort is made to prevent the occupants from destroying any documents or papers in their possession or in the machine, and that the machine itself is not tampered with. The occupants will immediately be placed under escort and searched, all documents and papers in their possession, official or personal, being taken from them and held by the escort, pending the arrival of the nearest R.A.F. interrogating officer and technical personnel. Souvenir hunting is strictly forbidden and no interrogation or questioning of the prisoners by officers or other ranks, pending the arrival of the interrogating officer, will be allowed.

E. M. Lawson Lt-Col.
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G.S.Australian Force.

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Australian Force,
7 Nov 40.

CIRCULAR

SUBJECT :- VISIT BY SEC. OF STATE FOR DOMINIONS

The secretary of State for Dominions is to visit Australian Force on Monday 11 Nov 40.

Units will continue with normal training or other work in hand, an outline of which, will be forwarded to reach this H.Q. on 8 Nov 40 to assist in making up a programme.

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9 Nov 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

COLCHESTER DEFENCE SCHEME,

dated 3 Nov 40.

Amendments No. 1

These amendments will come into force at 1200 hrs 10 Nov 40.

1. para 2 : ALLOTMENT OF TROOPS.

delete and substitute:-
"Comd : Brig A.W. Wardell Comd 25 Inf Bde
25 Inf Bde
31 Bn
32 Bn
33 Bn
Two pls : COLCHESTER Coy, Home Guard.

2. para 3 : SECTORS

3 (a) delete and substitute :-

"(a) A Sector : Comd : Lt.Col A.S.C. Sparkes Comd 32 Bn
32 Bn
two pls : COLCHESTER Coy, Home Guard.
B Sector : 31 Bn
C Sector : 33 Bn"

3 (b) delete "18 Bde" and substitute "25 Bde".

3 (c) delete and substitute:-
"(c) Inter-sector boundaries:-

A. - all incl rd MILE END 4346 - X rds 443433 - X rds 441433 - BOTTLE END 4141 - rd junc 394403

B. - all excl rd MILE END 4346 - X rds 443433 - X rds 447432 - WATER TOWER 4739.

C. - incl rd WATER TOWER 4739 - X rds 447432 - X rds 443433 excl rd junc 394403 - BOTTLE END 4141 - X rds 441433

3 (d) Add new sub-para:-

"(d) Home Guard:-
One pl : North Station 439447 defended locality
One pl : LEXDEN PARK area all excl bend in rd 422436 - fence running south to junc with rd at 421429 - rd to junc 413427 - STRAIGHT Rd - LEXDEN Rd to bend 422436".

3. para 6 : ROAD BLOCKS.

6 (a) add
"16 CHURCH LANE 419430"

6 (d)idelete and substitute:-
"1 Comd 25 Bde"

4. para 8 : RESERVE.
delete and substitute
"(a) 4 Cav Trng Regt
One Coy Home Guards (less two pls)

(b) Each bn of 25 Bde will retain one coy as a reserve which is NOT to be committed without the approval of Comd 25 Bde unless the situation is such as to demand immediate action and time or communications do not permit of Bde's approval being obtained."

5. para 10 : DEMOLITION OFFICERS.

Delete text. A separate amendment regarding demolitions will be issued as soon as details of the new arrangements are available.

6. para 11 : IMMOBILIZATION OF G.P.O. TELEPHONES.

Delete "G.O.C. Australian Force and substitute "Comd 25 Bde".

7. para 12 : IMMOBILIZATION OF PETROL.

Delete text. A separate amendment regarding the disruption of petrol will be issued as soon as details of the new arrangements are available.

8. para 15 : HEAD QUARTERS.

Sub-paras (a) and (b) : delete and substitute

"(a) H.Q. 25 Bde closes KIRKEE BARRACKS (COLCHESTER 4777 or 2251 Exn 68) 1200 hrs 13 Nov 40 opens MEEANEE Barracks (COLCHESTER 2251 Exn 13) same hour.

Battle H.Q. : ABBEY FIELDS, COLCHESTER at 446428 (COLCHESTER 2251)

(b) A small adm H.Q. for A.I.F. (U.K.) is being retained at "Woodlands", 76 LEXDEN Rd, COLCHESTER."

9. APPENDICES.

(a) Appx B 1
Delete "Maj. R. Risson or Maj. J. Wearing-Smith"
NOTE - Name or names of officer or officers nominated will be notified later.

(b) Appx B 2
Add new para :
9. Ensure that convoys of Civil Defence Services vehicles marked as shown hereunder are passed through roadblocks rapidly when previous notification has been received from H.Q. 25 Bde through the usual channels:-

Each vehicle has an illuminated distinguishing letter sign, a list of which is set out:-

Service	Lettering.
Directing Staff	A.R.P.
Air Raid Warden	W
First Aid Party and Mobile First Aid Units	F.A.P.
Ambulance Service	A
Rescue Parties	R
Decontamination Squads	D.C.
Repair Services:-	
Roads etc	RP/R
Water	RP/W
Gas	RP/G
Electricity	RP/E
Messengers	M

NOTES. 1. The Civil Defence authorities will advise H.Q. Australian

Force of the route, time, and number of vehicles in convoy.

2. This information will be passed through normal channels down to Guard Comds at the road blocks concerned.
3. The convoy will halt some distance in front of the road-block, and the officer in charge will proceed on foot to the sentry on duty.
4. The officer in charge of the convoy as well as the driver of each vehicle must have his identity card and a written order specifying the destination to which the convoy is proceeding.
5. On the sentry being satisfied the convoy will proceed to its destination.

(c) Appx B 4
para 2 : delete and substitute:-

"2 Regulate and examine traffic at night during precautionary period and at all times during ACTION STATIONS a follows:-

(a) Examine for identity, and search if necessary, all traffic including pedestrians moving towards the town. Detain anyone not satisfactorily identified and inform N.C.O. i/c Guard.

(b) During AIR RAID WARNING - RED by night - when requested by the Civil Police ONLY, order all vehicles (except Police, A.R.P., A.F.S, etc. i.e.vehicles which carry identification letters on one dimmed headlight) to extinguish headlamps and to use dimmed sidelights only. Any vehicle which it is found necessary to detain will be sidetracked".

(d) Appx C
para 3 : add new sub-para (c)
"(c) Road blocks will be manned at night".

para 4 (c) : delete : re-letter subsequent sub-paras.

para 6 and diagram : delete and substitute:-

"6 Code words as above will be received at H.Q. 25 Bde and transmitted to all units including H.Q. COLCHESTER Garrison, 4 Cav Trng Regt, Home Guard and Civil Police".

(e) Appx D
para 3 : Delete and substitute:-

3. <u>Sub-division of Garrison</u>.

(a) The Garrison is divided into 8 sub-stations, 5 of which are occupied by units of Australian Force.
(b) The units in each sub-station and area covered are detailed below.
(c) Each sub-station will have a comd who will be responsible for detailing the necessary P.A.D. and fire-fighting services.

Sub-Station	Units	Area	Comd.
1.	31 Bn	HYDERABAD Barracks, Garrison Church, Govt Cottage, ABBEY FIELD M.Q., PLASSEY M.Q., PLUM HILL	Lt.Col. Garrett.
2.	H.Q.25 Bde Sig Sec L.A.D. 32 Bn 1 & 6 Spec Dental.	MEERUT, Ordnance Store Extension, Officers Quarters Napier Rd, Officers Club, 1,3,4 ABBEY FIELD	Lt.Col. A.S.C. Sparkes

Sub-station	Units	Area	Comd.
3.	A.I.F.Depot of Personnel Ordnance Details	LE CATEAU, ABBEY HOUSE, Govt Bldg, H.Q. Office Flagstaff Rd, LE CATEAU M.Q., W.O. & Sgts Club Napier Rd, Circular Rd.	O.C. Depot of Personnel.
4.		Cavalry Barracks, Vet Hospital, Sports Ground and Pavilion.	
5.		GOOJERAT Barracks, ASSAYE M.Q., DRURY Lodge Officers and M.Q., GOOJERAT Rd, Layer Rd, MENIN Rd, AISNE Rd.	
6.	33 Bn	SOBRAON Barracks, SOBRAON Huts, BEEHIVE Farm, Hospital Gym, Garrison School, R.E. Stores, Cottages BERECHURCH Rd	Lt.Col. Bierworth
7.	A.A.S.C. Detention Barracks Provost	REED HALL Lines, KIRKEE & McMUNN, Officers & M.Q., YPRES Rd	Lt.Col. Coleman.
8.		CHERRY TREE CAMP, ROMAN HILL Hse, ROMAN HILL Farm	

(f) Appx E
para 1 : Delete text : Amendment will be notified when details available.
para 4 (a) : first line : delete "R.A.E."
para 4 (b) : delete "Force C.R.E." : Officer nominated will be notified later.

(g) Appx G
para 1 (b) iii : delete and substitute:-
"iii H.Q. 25 Bde"

(h) Appx J
Destroy and substitute new Appx att.

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Lt.Col.
G.S. Australian Force.

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APPENDIX "J"

LOCATION STATEMENT.

9 Nov 40

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE, UNITED KINGDOM.

COLCHESTER.

Unit or H.Q.	Location	Telephone No.
H.Q., A.I.F. (U.K.)	"Woodlands" Lexden Rd. COLCHESTER	Col 4431,4432
Aus Force Tps.		
Force A.A.S.C.	Kirkee & McMunn Barracks	Col 2251 Exn 15
[illegible] Aus Fd Amb	Sobraon Huts	Col 2251 Exn 36
[illegible]s Force Ord Fd Park	Le Cateau	Col 2251 Exn 27
Aus Force Fd Cash Office	5 Cambridge Rd, Col)	(Col 4431, 4432
Aus Force Post Unit	5 Cambridge Rd, Col)	(Exn 25
Aus Force Pro Unit	R.A.S.C. Lines	Col 2251 Exn 53
Aus Force Employment Pl	Creffield Rd, Col	
25 Aus Mxd Bde		
H.Q.	Meeanee Barracks)	(Col 2251 Exn 13
	)	(Exn 30
H.Q. Mess	3 & 4 Abbey Fields)	(" " "
31 Aus Bn	Hyderabad Barracks	Col 2251 Exn 11
32 Aus Bn	Meeanee Barracks	Col 2251Exn 13,3[illegible]
33 Aus Bn	Sobraon Barracks	Col 2251,Exn 36
L Sec Sigs	Meeanee Barracks	Col 2251
44 Aus L.A.D.	" "	Col 2251
[illegible] Fixed Echelon Units & Establishments.		
3 Aus Gen Hosp	Milford nr Godalming	Hascombe 45
1 Aus Spec Dental Unit)	1 Abbey Fields	Col 2251,Exn 54
6 Aus Spec Dental Unit)		
1 Aus Adv Depot Med Stores	County School, Ludgershall	Tidworth 215,216
1 Aus Ord Cloth & Kit Store		
Unit H.Q.	Le Cateau Barracks	
Kit Store	Haig St,Bulford	Bulford Mil 213
Clothing Store	No. 1 Ord Sub Depot Bulford	Bulford Mil 272
Detention Barracks	Reed Hall Huts	Col 2251,Exn 83
A.I.F. Depot of Personnel	Le Cateau Barracks	Col 2251,Exn 27
Home Guard	Stanwell St, Colchester.	Col 4577.

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Australian Force,

10 Nov 40.

ROSTER DUTY OFFICERS.

Date and Time	Name
1800 hrs 11 Nov 40 to 1800 hrs 12 Nov 40.	Lieut. D.W. Young.
1800 hrs 12 Nov 40 to 1800 hrs 13 Nov 40.	Lieut. J.P. Hall.
1800 hrs 13 Nov 40 to 1800 hrs 14 Nov 40.	Lieut. R. Woodcock.
1800 hrs 14 Nov 40 to 1800 hrs 15 Nov 40.	Lieut. P. Brinkley.
1800 hrs 15 Nov 40 to 1800 hrs 16 Nov 40.	Capt. R. Edgecombe.
1800 hrs 16 Nov 40 to 1800 hrs 17 Nov 40.	Lieut. D.W. Young.
1800 hrs 17 Nov 40 to 1800 hrs 18 Nov 40.	Lieut. P. Brinkley.

Duty Officer may be located at 25 Bde H.Q. between 0900 hrs and 1900 hrs daily where switchboard attendant Woodlands will contact him when required if no officer is available at Force H.Q.

Between 1900 and 0900 hrs the Duty Officer will be located at Woodlands.

Major.
G.2. Australian Force.

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE

COLCHESTER DEFENCE SCHEME

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Lt.Col.
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25 Bde
3 Fd Regt
1 A Tk Regt
3 Fd Coy
1 M.G. Bn
File 2
War Diary 2

War Diary

Appendix 3. 11.

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COPY No.___
10 Nov 40.

CODE NAMES.

All code names on issue to you will be destroyed by burning and a certificate of destruction forwarded to this office by 0900 hrs 12 Nov 40.

Bdes and Units will ensure that this instruction is observed by Sig Secs and L.A.Ds attached.

Lt.Col.
G.S. Australian Force.

DISTRIBUTION:-

18 Bde
3 Fd Regt
1 A Tk Regt
3 Fd Coy
13 Fd Coy
1 M.G. Bn
3 Fd Amb
File 2
War Diary 2

War Diary

Appendix C.12.

CONFIDENTIAL.

IMMEDIATE

10 Nov 40.

PROGRAMME OF VISIT OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINIONS 11 NOV 40

Ref Maps : 1 inch sheet 98
1/25,000 sheet 62/24 S.E.

Serial No.	Place	Time Arrive hrs	Time Depart hrs	Route	Remarks
1.	Junc of LEXDEN Rd and By-Pass 415435	1027	1027		Official party met by M.C. guide provided by Pro Unit
				LEXDEN Rd	
2.	"WOODLANDS" LEXDEN Rd	1030	1035		Visitor meets G.O.C., G.1. and A.Q.
				LEXDEN Rd - BEVERLEY Rd - CREFFIELD Rd - BEACONSFIELD Ave - LE CATEAU Barracks	
3.	LE CATEAU Barracks	1040	1055		Meets C.O. 3 Fd Regt and inspects Regt
				Rd north of ABBEY FIELDS - MEEANEE Barracks	
4.	MEEANEE Barracks	1057	1127		Meets Comd & Staff 18 Bde : inspects 9 & 10 Bns.
				Rd south of ABBEY FIELDS	
5.	SOBRAON Barracks	1130	1145		Inspects 12 Bn.
				Rd south of ABBEY FIELDS	
6.	GOOJERAT Barracks	1147	1202		Inspects 1 M.G. Bn
				GOOJERAT Rd - LAYER Rd - KIRKEE & McMUNN Barracks	
7.	KIRKEE & McMUNN Barracks	1205	1220		Meets C.O. 1 A Tk Regt : inspects 1 A Tk Regt at training
				Track running east from K & M Barracks to bend in rd 440413- BERECHURCH Rd- BERECHURCH HALL Rd- MERSEA Rd - CHERRY TREE Camp	
8.	CHERRY TREE Camp	1225	1255		Meets Comd & Staff 25 Bde : inspects 32 and 33 Bns.
				MERSEA Rd	
9.	Bend in rd 453413	1257	1307		Inspects 3 Fd Coy revetting A Tk ditc at 450413
				MERSEA Rd-ST BOTOLPHS ST-VINEYARD ST-ST JOHNS ST-LEXDEN Rd	
10.	43 LEXDEN Rd	1315			LUNCH

NOTES:-

(a) Units training will be within a reasonably small area and NOT scattered.

(b) On the Secretary of State leaving an area the unit concerned will, where practicable, phone the next unit to be inspected stating the time.

(c) Times are of necessity approx only. Units will therefore ensure that they are ready to receive the Secretary of State at least 15 mins before the times shown.

Lt.Col.
G.S. Australian Force.

DISTRIBUTION:-

	No. of Copies.
18 Bde	5
25 Bde	5
3 Fd Regt	1
1 A Tk Regt	1
3 Fd Coy	1
13 Fd Coy	1
Sigs	1
1 M.G. Bn	1
A.A.S.C.	1
3 Fd Amb	1
11 Fd Amb	1
H.Q. COLCHESTER Garrison	1
G.O.C.	1
Col i/c Adm	1
G.	2
A.Q.	2
C.R.E.	1
A.D.M.S.	1
A.D.O.S.	1
D.A.P.M.	1
Camp	1
War Diary	2
File	2

Appendix G.13.

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Australian Force,

10 Nov 40.

ROSTER OF DUTY OFFICERS.

Amendment.

Roster of Duty Officers issued 10 Nov 40 is amended as follows:-

For 11 Nov 40 read 10 Nov 40
" 12 " " 11 " and alter remaining dates accordingly.

Major.
G.S. Australian Force.

Distribution:-

25 Inf Bde	10	
All offices H.Q.		Australian Force
Camp Comdt	2	for telephone orderlies
	1	for guard
File	2	
War Diary	2	

COPY OF MESSAGE FROM C in C HOME FORCES,
GENERAL SIR ALAN BROOKE, K.C.B., D.S.O.

War Diary Appendix C 14.

"I wish to express to all ranks of the Australian Imperial Force my appreciation of their service during their period of duty in the United Kingdom. The units of the Australian Imperial Force concerned arrived in the United Kingdom at a critical period when their presence was most welcome not only on military grounds but also because of the moral effect on the civil population arising from the knowledge that troops from the Dominions were taking part in the defence of the United Kingdom. The unremitting work devoted to training in preparation for the operational roles allotted, and the marked progress made are worthy of the highest praise.

I wish you all the best of luck in your new sphere of operations."

COPY

War Diary Appendix G.14.

HDW/JH

10th November, 1940

Dear

With reference to the verbal message which you so kindly gave to me yesterday. I enclose a copy of a circular which has been issued to all units of A.I.F. in U.K. I hope that it expresses the general sense of your remarks. There will be time, however, for the inclusion of the permanent record - publication in printed A.I.F. orders - of any alterations or additions which you may wish to make. If you should like to make any alterations or additions or compose another message, I should be glad if you would send them to Brigadier A.W. Wardell, M.C. H.Q. A.I.F. COLCHESTER, who is remaining in Command of the troops who shall not embark immediately. The message in its final form will be printed in orders issued under my name but the A.I.F. order concerned will not be actually distributed until the security factor permits.

Might I again express my thanks for all the co-operation and assistance given to us by your H.Q., the H.Q. of Southern and Eastern Commands and the Corps and areas with which we have been associated. It has been a real pleasure to work with them and we deem it an honour to have had the privilege of serving in the United Kingdom under your command.

Yours

H.D. Wynter.

General Sir Alan Brooke, K.C.B., D.S.O.,
C in C HOME FORCES.

W.P

Appendix C 15

SECRET.

Copy No. _____
12 Nov 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 141.

1. USE OF CODE NAMES.

i. The question of the use of code names is at present under review at G.H.Q. Home Forces and until a final decision is reached the rules laid down in F.S.R. Vol II and amplified in M.T. pamphlet No. 23 Part III, will be followed.

ii. To give effect to this, the following rules for the use of code names will come into effect from 1400 hrs 5 Nov.

iii. The general use of code names will be confined to Divisional areas and Corps Medium Artillery.

iv. Eastern Command code name lists will be held only by the following:-

(a) Officers authorized to frank "Emergency Operation" messages.
(b) Intelligence branch of the General Staff.
(c) Signal Offices.
(d) Cipher Offices.

v. It will be assumed that all telephone conversations are liable to interception. The telephone will not be used for conversations of a secret nature and code names will be used in other conversations where necessary.

Where the use of code names is necessary over the telephone, officers in rear of Divisional areas or Corps Medium Artillery who can use the telephone to those in these areas, will be restricted to holders of code name lists.

vi. For matters of a secret nature, signal messages will be sent by teleprinter or Fullerphone wherever possible.

vii. Code names will invariably be used in all radio-telephony conversations.

viii. In messages originated in Divisional areas and Corps Medium Artillery and in those messages originated at Div H.Q. which are addressed to formations and units within Div areas and Corps Medium Artillery, it is the responsibility of the originators to insert code names of formations and units in the addresses and texts of messages.

ix. Signals are responsible for ensuring that no clear names of formations and units are signalled in any message passing by wireless or phonogram either in the address space or in the text as laid down in Signal Training Vol 5 1938 Chap IV Sec 35.

2. MAP REFERENCE CODE.

(a) A new Map Reference Code is to be introduced into the Army forthwith. Details of this code, which are to be made known to all units and formations, are as follows:-

(b) The code is used for disguising clear map references in R/T conversations and in short written messages containing map references, which would normally be sent in cipher (See F.S.R. II 1935 Sec 19 (3). The mention of place names, localities and expressions such as road junctions, cross roads, wood, spot levels etc is forbidden in conjunction with this code.

(c) The code consists of a six-figure key which is selected at random on no systematic lines. Figures may be repeated in the key but the figure 0 may not be used. To encode a map reference, the figures of the map reference are written down

below the figures of the key and again subtracted, this giving the clear map reference. When subtracting the tens digit is not carried forward and to avoid mistakes subtraction should be done from left to right. When a four figure map reference is encoded or decoded the first, 2nd, 4th and 5th figures of the key are used.

EXAMPLE.

Key for day	369	227	369	227
Clear map reference	734	138	54	63
Encoded reference	635	199	82	69

(d) Different sets of key figures will be used by groups a, b and c as under :-

a G.H.Q., Commands and Corps in G.H.Q. reserve

b Each Command and its Corps and Divisions.

c Each Division and its formations and units.

Key figures will be issued by the senior H.Q. in each group. They will be changed once every 24 hours at least on active service, but not at a fixed hour.
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3. SECURITY.

The practice of throwing pieces of paper bearing names and addresses to civilians in the street with whom troops wish to get into correspondence will be discontinued forthwith.

4. FALSE WIRELESS MESSAGES.

Direct evidence is forthcoming of attempts by the enemy to issue false orders to British units by wireless. Cases were reported in FRANCE and more recently in the UNITED KINGDOM. In this latter case the station which transmitted the message continued working for some time afterwards and was located as being well inside GERMANY. All concerned should be warned to be on their guard against attempts of this nature and that messages and orders, especially those transmitted by R/T, should be treated as suspect unless the recipient is satisfied that they are genuine.

Lt.-Col.
G.S.Australian Force.

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War Diary Appendix G.15.A.

COPY OF TELEGRAM FROM GENERAL SIR JOHN DILL, C.I.G.S., TO MAJOR-GENERAL WYNTER, AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE, DATED 16.11.40.

To Major-General Wynter, Australian Imperial Force.

"On the departure of you and those under your Command I would like to let you know how greatly we in England shall miss you. As soldiers and as men you have in this country made many friends who will cherish happy memories of your stay among us and will follow your future with deep and sympathetic interest.
In sending you and your men good wishes on my own behalf and on behalf of the other soldiers whom you leave behind in England may I say that I am confident that in carrying out whatever tasks you may be called upon to perform in the days that lie ahead you will enhance the traditions of those great Australian soldiers who have gone before you. May all good fortune attend you."

J.G. Dill, General, C.I.G.S.

COPY TELEGRAM FROM MAJOR-GENERAL WYNTER, AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE TO GENERAL SIR JOHN DILL, C.I.G.S., DATED 16.11.40.

From Major-General Wynter to General Dill, C.I.G.S.

"Very many thanks for your kind message. All ranks have appreciated many kindnesses shown during their stay in England. I wish to express thanks for co-opertaion and assistance of War Office Commands and Areas. We deem it an honour to have had privilege of service in U.K. during critical period. Grateful if copy your message be sent Wardell for publication (when security permits) A.I.F. Orders for permanent record."

Appendix G. 16.

SECURITY.

COPY No. 37
17 Nov 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No.142.

1. LOST IDENTITY CARDS.

Military Identity Card 058212 issued and Pay Book No.96469 issued to VX 261 Staff Nurse Beryl Jean VANY has been reported lost.

Any person attempting to use this card and/or pay book as an identification should be detained and a report made to this H.Q.

2. ITALIAN "Thermos" (VIBRATION) BOMB.

This bomb has at its base, before released from the plane, an aluminium cup and small aluminium propellor, the latter being anchored by a safety pin through one of its blades. On release the pin pin is withdrawn by hand and after a specific time the propellor and cup become detached. their departure, together with the shock of impact, puts the bomb into a condition at which the slightest jar will release the striker and detonate the charge.

The bomb itself consists of two main parts. The explosive container is a steel cylinder 2½ inches in diameter and 7 inches long painted brown and containing about 6 lbs of H.E.

To destroy the bomb, place a noose on the end of a 100 yard rope round the bomb and tow it with a vehicle from behind cover. If it is not then exploded the bomb should be destroyed by explosive (one slab of gun cotton). Sand bags round the bomb will localize its effect.

3. INCENDIARY BULLETS.

Incendiary bullets from M.G's are being used to fire hay-stacks etc. They are 7.9 mm mauser pattern with a phosphorous charge and a small percussion fuse in the nose.

The bullet can be identified by the fact that it is covered be a brass cover and sometimes with a chromium plated tip; alternatively it may be black with a plain metal tip. A certain proportion have a black ring round them indicating that they are of A.P. pattern.

Unignited bullets should be handled with care whether complete with cartridge case or not. They should NOT be broken down or tampered with in any way as they are liable to function with the slightest shock.

for Major.
G.S. Australian Force.

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Appendix G.17.

17 Nov 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No.143.

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DISTRIBUTION

LIST "A"

Copy No's	Units
1	Force Sigs
X 2 - 6	25 Inf Bde
7	Force A.A.S.C.
8	3 Fd Amb
9	11 Fd Amb
10	Adv Depot of Medical Stores
11	Force Grd Fd Park
12	Force Fd Cash Office
13	Force Postal Unit
14	11 Corps
15	15 (S) Div
16	H.Q. COLCHESTER Garrison
17-18	G.
19	A.Q.
20	A.D.M.S.
21	A.D.O.S.
22	D.A.P.M.
23	Camp
Fixed Echelon	
24	Col i/c Adm
25	Depot of Personnel
26	Detention Camp
27-28	3 A.G.H.
29	A.D.O.S.
30	Chief Paymaster
31	L.S.O.
32	Fixed Echelon Pro Unit
33	D.A.D.P.S.
34-35	2 Echelon
36-37	War Diary
38-39	File

X Includes copies for Sig Secs and/or L.A.Ds where attached.

Major.
G.S. Australian Force.

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17 Nov 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No.144.

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DISTRIBUTION

LIST "B"

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1	Force Sigs
2	25 Inf Bde
3	Force A.A.S.C.
4	3 & 11 Fd Amb
5	Force Ord Fd Pk
6	11 Corps
7	15 (S) Div
8	H.Q. COLCHESTER Garrison
9	G.
10	A.Q.
11	A.D.M.S.
12	A.D.O.S.
13	D.A.P.M.
14	Camp

Fixed Echelon

15	Col I/c Adm
16	Depot of Personnel
17	Detention Camp
18	3 A.G.H.
19	A.D.O.S.
20	D.A.P.M.
21	D.A.D.P.S.
22	2 Echelon
23-24	War Diary
25-26	File

E. K. Cox
Major.
G.S. Australian Force.

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18 Nov 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No.145.

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DISTRIBUTION
LIST "A"

Copy No's.	Units.
1	Force Sigs
X 2 - 6	25 Inf Bde
7	Force A.A.S.C.
8	3 Fd Amb
9	11 Fd Amb
10	Adv Depot Medical Stores
11	Force Ord Fd Park
12	Details A.A.O.C.
13	Force Fd Cash Office
14	Force Postal Unit
15	Depot of Personnel
16	Detention Camp
17-18	3 A.G.H.
19	11 Corps
20	15 (S) Div
21	H.Q. COLCHESTER Garrison
22	Comd
23	G.
24	A.Q.
25	D.A.D.M.S.
26-27	A.D.O.S.
28	D.A.P.M.
29	Camp
30	Chief Paymaster
31	L.S.C.
32-33	2 Echelon
34-35	War Diary
36-37	File

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G.S. Australian Force.

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18 Nov 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No.146.

G.S.I. No.144 dated 17 Nov 40 is cancelled and the undermentioned List "B" will be brought into use forthwith.

DISTRIBUTION.

LIST "B"

Copy No's.	Units.
1	Force Sigs
2	25 Inf Bde
3	Force A.A.S.C.
4	3 & 11 Fd Amb
5	Force Ord Fd Park
6	Details A.A.O.C.
7	Depot of Personnel
8	11 Corps
9	15 (S) Div
10	H.Q. COLCHESTER Garrison
11	Comd
12	G.
13	A.Q.
14	D.A.D.M.S.
15	A.D.O.S.
16	D.A.P.M.
17	Camp
18	Detention Camp
19	3 A.G.H.
20	2 Echelon
21-22	War Diary
23-24	File

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G.S. Australian Force.

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Appendix G.21.

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19 Nov 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No.147.

CODE NAMES.

Australian Force G.S.I. No.138 of 29 Oct 40 is cancelled and the undermentioned distribution for the issue of Code Names and Amendments will be brought into use forthwith:-

	Unit.	Copy No. 11 Corps Code Lists Complete	11 Corps Code Lists A.I.F. only
X	25 Inf Bde	207, 208	301-303 XX
X	Force Sigs	209	-
	Force A.A.S.C.	210 XX	-
	3 Fd Amb	-	304 XX
	11 Fd Amb	-	305 XX
	[redacted]rce Ord Fd Pk	-	306 XX
X	G.	203	-
X	A.Q.	201	-
	A.D.O.S.	211 XX	-
X	Cipher Officer	202	-
X	Duty Officer	204	-
X	Chief Clerk	200	-
	File	212	-

X List "A" already in possession to be dated 14 Nov 40.

XX List "A" herewith

All Code Lists issued in conjunction with previous G.S.Is will be burned forthwith and a certificate rendered to this H.Q.

Major.
G.S. Australian Force.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE, UNITED KINGDOM

COLCHESTER

Amendments to COLCHESTER Defence Scheme

1. Para 5 (b) - Delete "Comd B Sector" and substitute "Comd A Sector".

2. Appendix "J" - To Aus Force Tps - Add

3 Aus Fd Amb Le Cateau Barracks Col 2251 Exn 27

To 25 Mxd Bde H.Q. Add

New telephone number."DIRECT LINE" Col 4431

Major.
G.S. Australian Force.

DISTRIBUTION:-

Unit.	No of copies.
25 Bde	17
Sigs	1
A.A.S.C.	1
A.I.F. Depot of Personnel	1
4 Cav Trng Regt	1
Home Guard	1
11 Corps	1
15 (S) Div	1
H.Q. COLCHESTER Garrison	1
Col 1/c Adm	1
G.	2
Med	1
Ord	1
Pro	1
Camp	1
11 Fd Amb	1
3 Fd Amb	1
Ord Fd Pk	1
Fd Cash Office	1
2 Echelon	1
War Diary	2
File	2
Spare	4

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Appendix G.23.

SECURITY.

COPY No 35
20 Nov 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No.148.

1. CORRESPONDENCE TO OR FROM "LONELY SOLDIERS".

A.C.I. 1082 of 11 Sep 40 is repeated for attention and necessary action by all ranks:-

"In order to regulate correspondence between soldiers and individuals with whom they are not acquainted, the following procedure has been adopted, and will, henceforward, be the sole channel by which soldiers will establish communication with correspondents whom they do not know.

Each soldier will make application in writing through his C.O., or, if in hospital, through the O.C. the hospital, to the Soldiers' Correspondence Section, Headquarters, British Legion, Cardigan House, Richmond Hill, Richmond, Surrey.

The British Legion which is conducting the work under the direction and control of the War Office, will not take action on any application unless it is endorsed in writing by the applicant's C.O. or by some officer authorized to act on his behalf.

When deciding whether or not to endorse any application, officers will bear in mind that this procedure has been authorized in order to meet a genuine demand from soldiers who lack the normal opportunities for correspondence with relatives or friends, and that, both in the interests of security and for administrative reasons, officers will only endorse applications when satisfied on these grounds. On the other hand, reasonable applications will not be refused.

This procedure will be notified to all ranks, and attention will be drawn to the fact that all applications through other channels are strictly forbidden.

All applications to be put into touch with soldiers will be referred to the Soldiers' Correspondence Section, Headquarters, British Legion, Cardigan House, Richmond Hill, Richmond, Surrey."

2. LOST IDENTITY CARD.

Military Identity Card No. M.058221 issued to Capt. J.H. Trend, D.A.P.M. A.I.F. in U.K. has been lost. The card, if found, should be returned to this H.Q. Any person producing this card as an identification should be detained and this H.Q. informed.

3. ITALIAN AIRCRAFT.

The undermentioned types of Italian aircraft are reported to be operating over this country.

FIGHTERS		
	Fiat G.50	Monoplane with raised transparent cabin about midway along fuselage. Radial engine. Large engine cowling.
	Fiat C.R.42	Biplane (the only enemy biplane known to be operating over this country). Undercarriage not retractable. Wheel covers. Lower wing shorter than the upper.
BOMBERS		
	Fiat B.R.20	Monoplane. Two radial engines. Twin rudders.
	C.A.N.T. Z.1007	Monoplane. Three radial engines. Centre engine projecting considerably beyond the outer ones. Single rudder.

The Italian markings on aircraft operating under German Command are as follows:-

On upper and lower surfaces of wings. A black fascea in a white circle.

On side of fuselage. One black fascis in a white circle.

On tail. Large white cross running the whole length and breadth of the rudder.

4. AMENDMENT - SPECIAL WAR ESTABLISHMENT A.I.F. in U.K. dated 1 Aug 40.

Page 4 MISCELLANEOUS,

delete

Orderlies	- - -	4	4

substitute

Carpenter	- - -	(m) 1	1
Printers	- - -	(g) 3	3

Page 5 NOTES.

(g) Insert before Lance-Corporal - "Includes a".

This amendment will take effect from 20 Nov 40.

for Major.
G.S. Australian Force.

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Appendix G.24.

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20 Nov 40.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE, UNITED KINGDOM

COLCHESTER

COLCHESTER DEFENCE SCHEME.

Amendments

1. Para 3 (a) - Delete "two pls : COLCHESTER Coy Home Guard"

Substitute "COLCHESTER Coy Home Guard less COLCHESTER Coy Car Park dets."

2. Para 8 : RESERVE - Delete "one coy Home Guard (less two pls.)"

Major.
G.S. Australian Force.

DISTRIBUTION:-

Unit	No of copies.
25 Inf Bde	5
Sigs	1
A.A.S.C.	1
A.I.F. Depot of Personnel	1
4 Cav Trng Regt	1
Home Guard	1
11 Corps	1
15 (S) Div	1
H.Q. COLCHESTER Garrison	1
Comd	1
G.	1
Med	1
Ord	1
Pro	1
Camp	1
11 Fd Amb	1
3 Fd Amb	1
Ord Fd Pk	1
Fd Cash Office	1
2 Echelon	1
War Diary	2
File	2
Spare	4

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Appendix G.25.

SECRET.

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ORDER OF BATTLE

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE, UNITED KINGDOM.

Australian Force H.Q.

AUS FORCE TROOPS

Aus Force Sigs (less E,H,K & L Secs)
Force A.A.S.C.
3 Aus Fd Amb
11 Aus Fd Amb
Details A.A.O.C.
Aus Force Ord Fd Pk
Aus Force Fd Cash Office
Aus Force Pro Unit
Aus Force Post Unit
Aus Force Employment Pl
3 Aus Gen Hosp
1 Aus Spec Dental Unit
6 Aus Spec Dental Unit
1 Aus Adv Depot Med Stores
1 Aus Ord Cloth & Kit Store Unit
A.I.F. Depot of Personnel
A.I.F. Detention Camp

25 AUS INF BDE

H.Q.
L Sec Sigs
31 Aus Bn (less one rifle coy & M.C. pl)
32 Aus Bn (" " " " " " ")
33 Aus Bn (" " " " " " ")
44 Aus L.A.D.

for Major.
C.S. Australian Force.

Revised
20 Nov 40.

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Appendix G.26.

24 Nov 40.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No.149.

1. BLACK-OUT.

Cases have recently been reported of infringements of black-out Regulations by units in billets and camps. Officers commanding units and sub-units are responsible that the premises occupied by the tps under their command are properly blacked out in accordance with the law. Shortage of full scale of black-out material will not be accepted as an excuse for failure to comply with the Regulations.

C.O's will improvise covers for windows etc from such materials as blankets etc which are available.

Where this is not possible lights will be shaded or globes painted so that no light shows, and where this is not possible lights will be extinguished.

Failure to carry out these instructions on the part of any C.O. endangers the lives of the tps committed to his care and will be made the subject of a Charge under the Army Act.

2. AMENDMENT - G.S.I. dated 20 Nov 40.

Para 4 - last line:-

for 20 Nov 40 read 20 Jun 40.

for Major.
C.S. Australian Force.

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Appendix C.27.

SECRET.

ESTIMATE OF PERSONNEL REMAINING IN U.K. AFTER SECOND CONVOY.

1. H.Q. A.I.F. (U.K.) and attd (vide nominal roll Appx "A")
2. 3 Aus Gen Hosp (less nominal roll Appx "B")
3. 6 Aus Spec Dental Unit.
4. A.I.F. Depot of Personnel.
5. Fixed Echelon Pro Unit.
6. A.I.F. Detention Camp.
7. Remaining on courses (vide Appx "C")

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H.Q. - OFFICERS

Brig. A.W. Wardell, Comd.
Maj. R.J. Harvey, D.A.A. & Q.M.G.
Maj. J.M. Mayos, D.A.A.G.
Capt. C.H. Costello, Camp Comdt.
Capt. H.M. Howlett, Paymaster.
Capt. Pont, G. McA, Ord.
Capt. Trend, J.H., D.A.P.M. & C.C. Detention Camp.

AUSTRALIA HOUSE.

Lt.Col. Wilson, A.C.
Lieut. Fox, A.M.

ORDNANCE.

NX 9653	W.O.1.	Lee, C.T.
VX10034	Cpl.	Allan, W.J.
NX 6838	Pte.	Dunn, J.F.

PAY

WX 269	S/Sgt.	Mummery, C.V.
NX 6450	Sgt.	Malbourne, R.B.
WX 1436	Sgt.	Churchill, L.A.
QX 1645	Sgt.	Triplett. (attd Depot of Personnel)
VX11936	Pte.	Boles, C.B.
QX 1247	Pte.	Smith, J.W.
SX 2064	Pte.	Barker, C.J.
QX 7428	Pte.	Gould, W.R.
NX 11825	Sgt.	Pilcher, E.T. (attd 3 A.G.H.)

RECORDS.

VX14706	W.O.1.	Montgomery, L.G.
VX12944	Sgt.	Whittle, F.C.

PROVOST

VX10290	L/Sgt.	Chapman, M.H.

POSTAL

SX 2126	S/Sgt.	Allan, D.R.G.
NX 181	Cpl.	Atkinson, A.T.
VX10310	Pte.	Strachan, L.

TRANSPORT

NX 6342	Sgt.	Forrester, C.B.
VX11804	Pte.	Anderson, D.J.
VX10605	"	Brison, W.C.
NX11763	"	Clapham, T.E.
NX10128	"	Bellow, J.E.
NX6431	"	Groves, J.N.
NX 9431	"	Hunter, J.J.
NX10021	"	McGouldrick, P.E.
QX 7411	"	Brown, J.E.L.

BATMEN

VX12797	Pte.	Hawkins, R.V. (Brig. Wardell)
SX 777	"	Tilbrooke, B.J. (Maj. Harvey)
NX 797	"	Davis, L.H. (Maj. Mayos)
VX10137	"	Marshall, F.T. (Capt. Costello)
NX9072	"	Williams, R. (Capt. Howlett)

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Clerks and Orderlies:-

VX 12320	W.O.1.	Leech, N.J.
VX 15452	Sgt.	Waters, N.J.
VX 11930	Cpl.	Davis, J.L.
QX 2500	Pte.	Lace, A.J.
VX 6043	Pte.	Spalding, C.E.

Camp Comdt's Staff:-

VX 3461	Sgt.	Fell, J.
VX 10190	Pte.	Allender, E.A.
VX 2282	Pte.	Harris, J.
VX 16335	Pte.	Stewart, J.

Attd from Aus Force Sigs:-

VX 1641	Lieut.	Patterson, L.F.
VX 11220	Sigmn.	Scott, D.M.
VX 6061	"	Keith, C.H.
VX 1603	"	Cameron, W.C.
VX 1547	"	Merchant, R.
VX 202	"	Lloyd, H.E.

PERSONNEL OF 3 A.C.U. & A.A.N.S. WHO [illegible]

VX	349	Maj.	Ross, A.C.
CX	1471	Capt.	Wilson, A.N.
VX	349	Sister	Dows, E.J.
VX	8396	"	Langham, J.M.
CX	6105	S/Nse	Coleman, D.M.
VX	391	"	Wilson, N.D.
CX	6128	"	Glasgow, M.M.
VX	378	"	Jones, [illegible]M.
CX	6116	"	Reid, M.T.
NX	378	"	Stanmore, E.
CX	6114	"	Stewart, M.I.
CX	6117	"	Thompson, I.
CX	6102	"	Holy- ilson, U.
CX	6107	Sister	Henrahan, E.F.
CX	6103	"	Harris, I.A.
CX	6126	S/Nse	Davis, E.I.
CX	6115	"	Dean, M.V.
CX	6106		Dickson, J.C.
CX	6112	"	Hoig, [illegible]M.
VX	338	"	Forrest, E.C.
CX	6108	"	Harland, V.M.
CX	6101	"	Harvey, F.E.
CX	6109	"	Hoey, I.
CX	6104	"	Miller, F.B.
CX	6111	"	Keys, L.E.
VX	261	"	Vary, E.J.

PERSONNEL OF 3 A.C.U. & A.A.N.S. WHO IT IS INTENDED SHALL LEAVE ON SECOND SURVEY

NX	2841	Maj.	Naughan
NX	3311	S/Nse	Barnard, J.B.
NX	3322	"	Cairns-Hill, V.
NX	3319	"	Head, I.
NX	3320	"	Read, D.
VX	366	"	Metzner, H.M.
VX	367	Sister	Mcnicol, K.A.
CX	6061	"	Peterson, F.M.
NX	1569	S/Nse	Robinson, J.M.
VX	359	"	Scholes, D.
VX	6829	"	Stevens, M.E.
VX	260	Sister	Tisdall, M.A.
NX	3312	S/Nse	Waite, E.
VX	267	"	Wilson, N.
VX	264	"	[illegible]
WX	3317	"	Stanwell, C.M.

A.A.A.S. ADDITIONAL WHO MAY LEAVE ON SECOND SURVEY

NX	3315	S/Nse	Appleton, H.M.
NX	3318	"	Brearley, A.
NX	3309	"	Finlayson, F.
NX	3316	"	Folland, H.A.
NX	3314	"	Potter, D.C.M.
NX	3307	"	Phillips, [illegible]C.
NX	3313	"	Tupper, F.E.
NX	3049	"	Williams, J.T.

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ESTIMATE OF PERSONNEL REMAINING ON COURSES AFTER SECOND CONVOY.

			Approx date conclusion Courses.
WX	1560	Maj. Barham, R. J., H.Q. A.I.F. - Staff College.	21 Dec 40
WX	4	Capt. Dewar, R. E., 2/3 Fd Regt. - Sch. of Arty.	21 Dec 40
WX	85	Lieut. London, J. W., 2/3 Fd Regt - R.A.F. Squadron	13 Jan 41
DX	127	Sgt. Wilson, C. P., 2/3 Fd Regt - Sch. of Arty.	21 Dec 40

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No.150

1. MAGNETIC MINES.

Several magnetic mines have recently been dropped by parachute in 11 Corps area.

These mines must on no account be touched by Military personnel nor must iron or steel articles (tin hats, tools etc.) be taken near to them. Vibration in their vicinity should be prevented. Any such mines should be roped off at a radius of 400 yards and all persons prevented from approaching until arrival of qualified Admiralty Officials to deal with them. Units should report their presence direct to 11 Corps H.Q. repeating to Bde and Force H.Q.

2. EXAMINATION OF BOMB FRAGMENTS.

The Air Ministry wish to examine fragments of bombs which are of interest either through being marked with letters, figures or designs or through being of constructional interest, such as tail fins or portions of fuse.

These will normally be found in bombs which have broken up without exploding. They should be forwarded to 54 Maintenance Unit, CAMBRIDGE either direct or through the R.A.F. I.O. at 11 Corps H.Q.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Base I. Pte. Delete :-

VX 11216 Pte. Boles.C.E.
VX 1847 " Smith.F.W.
VX 2464 " Hooton.C.J.
VX 7423 " Gould.C.E.

Base Ammunition Points :-

VX 11584 Pte Anderson.D.J.

Substitute :-

VX 10214 A/Cpl. Blomfield.C.C.

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WILL EMBARK 2nd CONVOY

ATTD H.Q. 9 DIV

Staff:-			
TX	2028	Maj. E.K. Klose	G.S.O.2.
VX	1580	Capt. H.J. Kroger	Catering Officer
Services.-			
VX	297	Col. J.N. Moore	C.P.M.
VX	247	Lt.Col. C.A. Stinson	A.D.O.S.
WX	1526	Maj. H.N. Trethowan	D.A.D.M.S.
QX	6091	Lieut. L. Bosworth	Records
VX	9738	Lieut. T.J. Marks	Pay
NX	6890	Lieut. N.P. Newnan	Ord
TX	2055	Lieut. J.T. Self	Stationery Officer
DX	4	Lieut. T.D. Smith	Pay
Attached:-			
VX	9713	Lieut. J.F. McLean	Ord Clothing & Kit Store Unit
		Mr K. Slessor	War Correspondent.

				Previous Unit	Present Employment
Clerks:-					
VX	12476	S/Sgt	Bruce, A.A.	A.O.B.	Secret Registry
TX	767	L/Sgt	Clark, R.J.	2/3 Fd Coy	Camp Comdt Clerk
NGX	1	Cpl	Burke, F.L.	1 A Tk Regt	"G" Clerk
VX	16705	Cpl	Burt, R.J.	A.O.B.	Secret Registry
QX	2845	Cpl	Greer, R.T.	25 Bde H.Q.	Central Registry
NX	6339	Cpl	Menere, A.	A.A.S.C.	Central Registry
VX	16690	Pte	D'Arcy, L.D.	1 Aus Corps	Central Registry
Cooks:-					
VX	9882	Cpl	McGrath, T.	A.F.W.	N.C.O. Cook
VX	9881	Pte	Philips, G.	A.F.W.	Cook
Printers.-					
NX	6481	Pte	Bell, R.S.	A.A.S.C.	Printers Fixed Echelon
NX	10135	Pte	Beal, A.F.	A.A.S.C.	
NX	6234	Pte	Leaney, C.F.	A.A.S.C.	
Drivers M.T:-					
QX	4584	Pte	Gemmell, S.	1 A Tk Regt	Drivers
QX	4468	Pte	Kennedy, C.W.	1 A Tk Regt	
QX	1065	Pte	Lynagh, K.C.	1 A Tk Regt	
QX	1067	Pte	Rogers, J.T.	1 A Tk Regt	
VX	10472	Pte	Morgan, G.C.	1 Aus Corps	
Batmen:-					
VX	10004	Pte	Tandy, E.G.		(Maj. Klose)
SX	924	Pte	Burfitt, H.R.		(Capt. Kroger)
VX	10163	Pte	Arthur, R.A.		(Lt.Col. Stinson)
NX	6501	Pte	Halgren, N.O.		(Maj. Trethowan)
QX	4503	Pte	Joicey, I.H.		(Maj. Crisp)
QX	5543	Pte	Harnett, J.		(Lieut. Bosworth)
SX	2206	Pte	Findlay, S.		(Lieut. Newnan)
WX	644	Pte	Murray, R.B.		(Mr Slessor)
Medical.-					
QX	3128	Cpl	Armitage, R.T.	3 Fd Amb	Medical Clerk
QX	178	Cpl	Dux, E.T.	3 Fd Amb	Dispenser

			Previous Unit	Present Employment
Ord:-				
VX 2979	Sgt	Daley, E.S.	A.F.W.	Storeman
NX 8053	Pte	Borger, W.J.	A.A.S.C.	Storeman
VX 13679	Pte	Dansey, C.A.	A.F.W.	Storeman
SX 699	Pte	Allan, R.H.	2/3 Fd Regt	Clerk
VX 10013	Pte	Gillespie, F.	A.F.W.	Clerk
Records:-				
VX 10086	S/Sgt	Roberts, R.J.		Records
VX 8918	S/Sgt	Ridcutt, R.D.		
QX 3018	Sgt	Davidson, R.		
VX 10513	Sgt	Law, J.K.		
QX 4733	Sgt	Hayward, G.		
VX 16693	Cpl	Robinson, L.		
WX 141	Cpl	Thomas, A.R.		
NX 8991	L/Cpl	Wagner, R.		
Pay (C.P.Ms Office):-				
UK 6	W.O.I	Robson, H.		
UK 5	W.O.II	Fox, S.		
UK 8	S/Sgt	Lewis, D.B.		
N[illegible] 6363	S/Sgt	Eilbeck, N.P.		
NGX 46	S/Sgt	Cole, R.R.		
NX 3214	Sgt	Allan, T.G.		
QX 1586	Sgt	Scarles, S.A.		
QX 3764	Sgt	Norbury, F.T.		
SX 1018	Sgt	Piper, F.H.		
VX 10331	Sgt	Day, T.G.		
QX 96	Sgt	McKinnon, A.M.		
NX 3064	Sgt	Davies, L.F.		
NX 8062	Sgt	Ashley, C.W.		
SX 441	Sgt	Bird, J.T.		
VX 11936	Pte	Boles, C.B.	(if not returned to A.F.W.)	
QX 1247	Pte	Smith, J.W.		
SX 2064	Pte	Barker, C.B.		
QX 7428	Pte	Gould, W.R.		
Miscellaneous.-				
DX 126	Sgt	Mills, J.N.	2/3 Fd Regt	
NX 10061	Cpl	Spray, R.	A.F.W.	
V[illegible] 18553	L/Sgt	Elder, W.E.	1 Aus Corps	
NX 5758	Cpl	Appel, A.	A.F.W.	
QX 7059	Pte	Robinson, S.F.	2/9 Bn "X"	
QX 7006	Pte	Brenchley, G.	2/9 Bn "X"	
QX 7068	Pte	Macintosh, T.	2/9 Bn "XX"	
SX 2342	Pte	Palmer, W.A.	2/10 Bn "X"	
TX 1110	Pte	Ayers, [illegible]	2/12 Bn "X"	
QX 4710	Pte	Cotter, H.G.	1 A Tk Regt	
NX 5178	Pte	Weeks, A.L.	2/4 Bn	
QX 2252	Pte	McClelland, H.W.	1 A Tk Regt	
TX 1026	Pte	Riley, W.	1 A Tk Regt	
QX 5052	Pte	Andrews, K.N.	2/9 Bn "X"	
QX 5055	Pte	Armstrong, R.H.	2/9 Bn	
SX 2482	Pte	Brown, H.R.G.	2/10 Bn "XX"	
TX 1117	Pte	Gadd, E.G.	2/12 Bn "X"	
SX 1907	Pte	Ward, G.F.	2/10 Bn "X"	
SX 2353	Pte	Moore, C.R.	2/9 Bn "XX"	
Fd Cash Office attd:-				
SX 557	S/Sgt	Kimber, M.S.G.		
QX 4160	Sgt	Smith, H.S.		
TX 798	Sgt	Hodgman, D.A.		

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QX 4503 Pte. Joicey. I.H. (Maj.Crisp.)

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ATTD H.Q. 9 DIV.

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTIONS No.151.

1. CIPHER MESSAGES.

It is possible that, as a result of enemy action, existing secure methods of communication may be put out of action at any time. This would entail a large increase of cipher traffic.

Under such circumstances it will be essential that every effort is made to avoid unnecessary traffic, which may seriously delay inter-communication.

The following will be brought to the notice of all concerned:-

(i) Messages will be written concisely in "telegraphic" language.

(ii) The originator of a message will consider whether the whole of what he has to say is secret, or only part of it. He will, when practicable, divide the subject matter into two messages, one containing the secret matter to go in cipher, the other to be sent in clear.

These messages will begin with an indication "Part 1 (or 2)" and Part 1 will end with "Part 2 follows". Both messages will bear the same originators reference number.

(iii) Great care must be exercised in the use of priorities. Priority must be estimated on the urgency of a message rather than on the importance of its contents. In the case of priority messages "addressed and repeated" it should be clearly indicated whether the same degree of priority applies to the addressees and to the repeated addresses.

e.g. Addressed 1 Corps 2 Corps
reptd Hofor

Degree of Priority : Immediate 1 Corps
2 Corps
Important Hofor

(iv) There is no objection from cipher security aspect, to the transmission in clear of references to or extracts from cipher messages originated and addressed above the level of Divisional Headquarters.

(v) Messages signed by the originator in the right hand space for signature on a message form, i.e. "If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent in cipher" will be passed to signals; who will decide whether the message is or is not "Liable to interception".

(vi) A message of such a nature that it is undesirable for it to be seen by Signals personnel will be written by the originator, and taken by him or sent under sealed envelope direct to the cipher office. The Cipher Officer will give the Signals one typewritten copy of the enciphered message for each addressee and one extra copy.

2. BLACK-OUT.

Complaints are still being received regarding black-outs in barracks etc occupied by A.I.F. personnel. In future units will detail a senior officer each night to inspect their black-outs and take necessary action regarding irregularities. Particular attention should be paid to black-out at and after reveille until black-out period has elapsed.

3. AMENDMENT - SPECIAL WAR ESTABLISHMENT A.I.F. (U.K.) AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Approval is given for the establishment of the 3 A.G.H. to be increased by one Staff/Sergeant - Dispenser - with effect from 11 Nov 40.

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