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Unit 7 BN

Date and Time.—From APRIL To APRIL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	APRIL		<p>The 7 Bn is the NORTH WEST MURRAY BORDER REGT and is commanded by Lt-Col. R.M. SADLER D.SO. M.C. V.D. with its Head Quarters in peace time at MILDURA. Its Chief Officers are:-</p> <p>2 I/C Major OSMOND W.F. Adjutant JONES C. Capt.</p> <p>Coy Comds. Captains McINNIS W., IREDALE V., ELLIS V., BLAIR K, HUGHES J., THOMSON J.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">54 6 227</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">83/14</p>

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Date and Time.—From 1 APR 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	1st APR		Inward Message No. 168	APPENDIX No. 1.
			Inward Message No. 170	APPENDIX No. 2.
			Inward Message No. 171	APPENDIX No. 3
			Inward Message No. 176	APPENDIX 4.
			Inward Message No. 177	APPENDIX 5.
			Outward Message No. 176	APPENDIX 6.
			Outward Message No. 182	APPENDIX 7.
			Digging of Weapon pits and clearing of fields of fire is still progressing. Recce of area is being carried out so enabling the remaining Coys to widen out after D Coy leaves the area, although the loss of D Coy weakens the fire power of the BN, it allows greater dispersment of the remaining Coys. Unloading parties from this BN go to DARWIN consequently are supplementing supplies of food which they were able to bring back with them. The troops are working very hard also diggings.	<i>MS</i>

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Date and Time.—From 1st APR 42 To APR 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	1st APR 42		<p>defensive positions and patrolling area at night.</p> <p>During this night area was patrolled on the right of this Bn's area to the TWIN SISTER Water Holes and on the left to MARLOWS LAGOON, where the country is difficult to travel through in the night.</p> <p>Weather hot and humid as usual, with a thunderstorm in the evening.</p>	
	2nd APR 42		<p>Password for the night was TOBACCO Inward Message No. 135</p> <p>Unit received information re the transfer of trucks to Transport Harbour further back along the route. In the evening the area was patrolled as usual. Patrols did their work well and reported everything of interest which they had seen or heard.</p> <p>D Coy under the O.C. Capt J. Hughes moved out to the 43rd Bn to form protection of 7 M.D. H.Q. Intelligence Section engaged in collecting information for Disposition Map.</p> <p>Weather fine, but still storms about. Password for the night was FOOTBALL</p>	<p>Appendix No. 8</p> <p>MS.</p>

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Date and Time.—From 5 APR 42 To 6 APR 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	3 APR 42		Inward Message No. 190	Appendix No. 9
			Inward Message No. 193	appendix No. 10
			Outward Message No. 195	Appendix No. 11
			After instructions from Brigade in the morning that this was to be the Units rest day the message was sent out to all Coys and the order was carried out accordingly. A Church Parade for Coys was given by Padre Milligan. The troops used the remainder of the day for washing mending etc. Patrols were carried out as usual.	
			Weather was as usual, hot and humid and once again storms were approaching. These rains made things a little uncomfortable since the troops were sleeping in the open. Password for the night was Cartoon.	
	4 APR 42		Lt Scholz commenced duty as the new I.O. this day, and Lt Crothers went back again to his former Coy, E Coy. After the day of rest the digging was again carried on with, and fields of fire were cleared.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	4 APR 42		<p>A raid of (notoriety) was made by Japanese, (being socalled as the) troops had the plae/sure of seeing a Japanese bomber shot down, there also being 6 other planes being accounted for, with possibly another two. (This incident caused quite an exciting moment amongst the troops those who saw it, almost jumped with glee.) In the evening a conference of Officers was held in order to discuss the exercise which was to take place on the morrow.</p> <p>Weather was fine the rain apparently gone. Password today was CHAMPAGNE</p>	
	5 APR 42		<p>Inward Message No. 201</p> <p>At 0830hrs the 7 Bn moved of from start point on an exercise which included a 3 mile march to take up positions at defined crossroads. Gun positions were to be sighted but no digging was done.</p> <p>After this the Unit marched back along to the same route to the Camp area, arriving back at approx. 1700 hrs. This was the first of a series</p>	Appendix No. 12.

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Date and Time.—From 5 APR 42 To 6 APR 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	5 APR 42		of exercises to be carried out under the syllabus prepared by the new Brigadier, to improve the physical standard and stamina of the troops.	
			The troops stood up to the march well although the conditions were somewhat trying so many stops being made. While on the exercise a raid over DARWIN was carried out by Japanese planes.	
			The area was again patrolled at night, and troops were standing to in the evening and in the morning for half an hour, and sentries were being posted in all Pl. areas.	
			Weather as usual, with clear night. The mornings now were becoming much cooler. The Password for the night was SUBMARINE. <i>DAF</i>	
	6 APR 42		Inward Message No. 203	Appendix No. 13.
			Inward Message No. 205.	Appendix No. 14.
			C and B Coys expanded to take up position formerly occupied by D Coy and digging was nearing completion in all areas, and fields of fire <i>DAF</i>	

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Date and Time.—From 6 APR 42 To 7 APR 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	6 APR 42		<p>were now being concentrated on. The area was patrolled as usual at night and stand to was made by the troops, sentries also being posted.</p> <p>During the afternoon each Company sent out fighting patrols of 1 Pl. each to investigate for training purposes happening in the nearby area.</p> <p>The greatest of care was being taken to camouflage everything and everything so as not to give our position away.</p> <p>Bn and attached troops commenced doing one hour rifle drill and P.T. in the mornings.</p> <p>Weather good. Password for the night was HURRICANE. <i>MS.</i></p>	
	7 APR 42		<p>As the digging of weapon pits was completed, Pl.H.Q. dugouts were being completed.</p> <p>Patrols were sent out in the evening to investigate into the matter of Very Lights which were seen the previous night. Listening posts were established and the lights were again seen, but were too far from the post <i>MS.</i></p>	

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Date and Time.—From 7 APR 42 To 8 APR 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	7 APR 42		for any definite information to me gained. The lights were again reported in several cases from different places and information was forwarded to Brigade H.Q.	
			Weather was clear and fine. The password for the night was No. 4 being	
			MARKSMAN.	
	8 APR 42		Outward Message No. 212	Appendix 15
			Outward Message No 213	Appendix 16
			Outward Message No 214	Appendix 17
			Outward Message No 215	Appendix 18
			Routine Order Part 1	Appendix 19
			Fraudulent Enlistment - Under Age	Appendix 20
			Demonstration of Weapons	Appendix 21
			Routine Order Part 1 No 28	Appendix 22
			Coys carried on with the preparing of the defensive posn. As the grass	

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Date and Time.—From 8 Apr 42

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	8 APR 42		<p>was drying off the coys burnt it .In the afternoon a demonstration of weapons was held in order to demonstrate to the troops the various fire powers . American and our own weapons being fired . An order came from Bde that respirators would be worn for half an hour each day to get the troops acquainted with wearing them .Coy commanders were ordered that they were resposible for the distribution of all issues in their coy gps . In the evening the troops were able to buy one bottle of beer per man at 1/10 per bottle .</p> <p>The password for the 24 hrs was <u>EXPERIMENT</u> .</p>	
	9 APR 42		<p>Outward message no 219</p> <p>The time of stand to arms was altered to coincide with the changing light .</p> <p>Work was proceeding on the defencive posn ,the troops were also making themseves comfortable by digging dugouts for sleep in . the weather was fine and hot . Apatrol was sent out to the MARLOWS LAGOON area to try and</p>	Appendix no 23

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Date and Time.—From 9 APR 42

To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	9 APR 42		locate the reason of the flares that were reported to have been seen in that locality, while patrol was out no flares were seen, in the area around the camp was patrolled and nothing unusual was reported. The weather was fine and hot. The password was CELEBRATE . <i>AS</i>	
IN THE FIELD	10 APR 42		Outward message 221	Appendix 24
			Outward message 220	Appendix 25
			Outward message 222	Appendix 26
			Inward message 240	Appendix 27
			Outward message 226	Appendix 28
			Range practise 11/12 APR 42	Appendix 29
			In the morning an R.C. Church Parade was held. Preparing of defensive posns carried on as usual. weather fine and hot. The password was CAMERA. Area around camp was patrolled and nothing unusual was reported. <i>AS</i>	

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Date and Time.—From 11 APR 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	11 APR 42		Outward message 228	Appendix 30
			Outward message 229	Appendix 31
			Routine Order Part 1	Appendix 32
			Rifle range practise was commenced this morning. All troops were to fire 25 rounds, to enable them to get the feel of thier rifles. Usual routine work was carried on in the area. The weather was fine. The password was <u>TIMBER</u> . The area was patrolled all night. <i>9RA.</i>	
IN THE FIELD	12 APR 42		Usual routine work was carried on during the day. An exercise was held in the evening, our unit was attacked by the 2/4 Pioneer Battalion. All troops in our unit stood to from 1900 hrs to 2200 hrs and only a few enemy infiltrated through our lines. Weather was fine and hot. The area around the camp was patrolled at night and nothing unusual was reported by the patrol leaders. All ammunition was taken off the troops before these inter battalion exercises began. <i>MS.</i>	

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Unit 7 BATTALION Date and Time.—From 13 APR 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	13 APR 42		<p>At 0930 hrs the unit moved in the direction of the TWIN SISTERS water holes for an exercise which was to last for two days .The unit moved in dispersed formation on both sides of the road using the diamond formation and, a halt was made for lunch . The unit arrived at the destination at 1500 hrs. Here the unit took up a defensive position at a cross roads .In the evening three patrols were sent to the LEANER AREA to keep watch for flares that had been reported in that area . In the night the unit was attacked by the 2/4 Pioneer Battalion and the exercise ended at 1000 hrs .</p> <p>The weather was fine and hot . The password was</p>	
	14 APR 42		<p>Outward Message No 259</p> <p>At 0900 hrs the unit moved from the bivouac area to the camp site . The troops moved in dispersed formation as usual and arrived back at the camp at lunch time . The area was patrolled as usual and nothing of importance was reported . A foot. inspection was held to see what the condition of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>MS.</i> Appendix No. 55 .</p>

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Date and Time.—From 14 Apr 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	14 Apr 42		the mens feet werelike . The weather was fine and the password was EXPLOSIVE .	
	15 Apr 42		Inward Message No 281	Appendix No 34
			Outward Message No 246	Appendix No 35
			Routine Order No. 50.	Appendix No 36
			XXXXXX The C.O . 2 I/C and Intelligence Officer were engaged on a recce.	
			of the proposed new posn . The layout in the new posn was to be in the	
			DIAMOND formation .	
			It was noticed in the camp area that the flies , which we had not seen anything	
			of before were becoming very prevalent in the area. This alarmed our officers	
			because flies are are usually disease carriers .	
			The weather was fine and hot . The password was Warrior .	
	16 APR 42		Outward Message No 248	Appendix No 37
			This was the units rest day . It was started in the usual manner with a	
			CHURCH PARADE in each Coy Group area . The Bn Hq Personnel had their usual	

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Date and Time.—From 16 APR 42

To 17 APR 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	16 APR 42		Physical Training for an hour . It was decided to wage a war on flies to try and eradicate them from the area . In the evening the American Band played for half an hour in the area . A lecture on the current news was also given in the evening by Major Plant from the Department of Information .	
			During the afternoon the troops spent the afternoon washing and mending and resting .	
			The weather was fine and hot . The password was REVELATION .	<i>PS.</i>
	17 APR 42		Army Form W 3009	Appendix No. 38
			Army Form W 3008	Appendix NO. 39
			Officers and I. Section engaged in sighting and laying out of the DIAMOND formation in the area adjacent to the position we now occupied.	
			En H.O. Personnel have P.T. in the morning before commencing their daily duties. Intelligence Section prepares Map on the new position. Companies carry on duties as usual. Unit receives word of intended move but no	<i>PS.</i>

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Unit 7 BN Date and Time.—From 17 APR 42 To 18 APR 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	17 APR 42		definite particulars were available. Troops were paid during the evening	
	Cont'd		and next morning, there being abundance of cash, we were able to draw	
			all our pay if we wished to. Unit transferred two M.T. vehicles to	
			NOONAMAH for attachment to Postal Unit.	
			Fine weather with fair visibility. The Password was MONKEY. <i>AWD.</i>	
	18 APR 42		Routine Order No. 31.	Appendix No. 40.
			Received word of move back to Old Camp near McMINNS SIDING and a recce	
			party was sent back to find out the condition of the camp. They reported	
			that in many instances tents had been removed and practically all tent	
			flies had been moved. Owing to an Aerodrome being built in part of the camp	
			area it was found that Bn H.Q. would have to be moved, but Coy Posns	
			would remain the same, when the Bn took up occupation again of the Camp	
			Site. A Recce was also made of the New Defensive Posn which was to be	
			extended for about 2000 yds along the road and Railway Line at McMinns	

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Date and Time.—From 18 APR 42 To 19 APR 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	18 APR 42		<p>Siding. A range practice was carried out for troops who had not fired the rifle or the L.M.G. In the evening the troops gathered for community singing. Another issue of goods from the Canteen was appreciated by the troops who had the purchasing power to buy them.</p> <p>The area was patrolled again at night but nothing unusual occurred.</p> <p>Fine weather with overcast night and consequent rain. Password - <u>PENNY</u> <i>MS.</i></p>	
	19 APR 42		<p>An advance party proceeded to McMDNS Camp to prepare any deficiencies.</p> <p>The troops were filling the defensive positions that had been dug, as an order was given that everything had to be left ground level, this caused much discontent among the troops.</p> <p>A Map of the approximate positions in the new defensive area was forwarded to Brigade. The troops were pleased to be moving back to the Camp they had left, after preparing and living there only for a short while.</p> <p>Weather Fine and Hot. Password was <u>BULLDUST.</u> <i>920</i></p>	

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Unit 7. BN Date and Time.—From 20 APR 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	20 APR 42		<p>The Bn area first thing in the morning, was a scene of activity as everyone had to be out of it by midday. Holes and duggouts were being dismantled and filled in. wing to the majority of the M.T. being at the Transport Harbour difficulty was being experienced in the packing and carrying of stores etc. The main body of troops marched to the new camp site leaving the start line at 1130 hrs and arrived at 1700 hrs a distance of 9 miles. The evening was spent moving into tents and preparing bunks. Owing to one water pipe being broken a very poor pressure sometimes none at all was had through some of the showers. D Coy who had been detached from the Bn as protective Coy for 7 M.D. H.Q. marched back into this camp and took up their former position.</p> <p>Hot weather during the day. At 2300 hrs rain began to fall, developing into a severe thunderstorm which swept through the area. An early morning patrol was sent to the vicinity of the Elizabeth River. Password- HORIZON.</p>	

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Unit 7 BN Date and Time.—From 21st APR 42 To 22 APR 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	21 APR 42		<p>Camp was scene of activity as all or many troops were engaged in putting camp into shape again. Conference of C.O. and Coy Comds to discuss our new defensive position which was afterwards recce by Coys to sight their positions in preparation for digging. The Padre i.e. Padre Milligan made enquiries re the piano that the Unit before moving had possession of. But he was unable to locate it however a promise of another one in its place was made.</p> <p>Overcast weather during the day and in the evening rain fell and continued throughout the night. A patrol consisting of 1 Pl. was in position at WELLS Ck in vicinity of ELIZABETH RIVER at first light and returned afterwards. Duty Coy for the day was E. Coy. A patrol Guard was placed around the camp. The Password for the 24 hrs hence was RAZOR</p>	
	22 APR 42		<p>Routine Order No 52.</p> <p>Companies commenced digging new defensive positions which had been sighted.</p>	Appendix No. 41.

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Unit 7 BN Date and Time.—From 22 APR 42 To 23 APR 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	22 APR 42		<p>I. Section engaged on the reconnaissance of area to locate the dispositions for the disposition map. The Band practised during the afternoon being their first practice since the camp was left. The wellknown Cornet Player of the Southern States Pte Alf. Foletta entertained the boys with early morning music, also a few rollicking tunes at Mess times.</p> <p>The weather was overcast and cloudy but the heat still persisted.</p> <p>The usual early morning Patrol proceeded to WELLS Gk. Duty Coy. A Coy. The R.S.M. W.O.I. DODD F. takes charge of the Ceremonial changing of the guard, at 1800 hrs daily. Password - BARMAID.</p>	
	25 APR 42		<p>Routine Order No. 55.</p> <p>Outward Message No. 265.</p> <p>Outward Message No. 267</p> <p>All troops for which tools were available were engaged in the digging of defensive positions, and the remainder were being trained in parade drill.</p>	<p><i>P.M.</i> Appendix No. 42.</p> <p>Appendix No. 45.</p> <p>Appendix No. 44.</p>

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Date and Time.—From 23 APR 42 To 24 APR 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	23 APR 42		<p>This training was carried out in anticipation of the march past the Brigadier which was to take place on the 26 APR 42.</p> <p>In the morning a party visited WINNELLIE CAMP where a demonstration of crossing Barbed wire entanglements was given. After the demonstration some of our troops took part in a trial demonstration and gave a good exhibition. In the afternoon the Brigadier visited the area and looked over the defensive positions. In the evening another News Commentary was given by Major PLANT at two different points in the camp area.</p> <p>Fine weather. The usual patrol was sent out to WELLS Ck. Duty Coy B Coy.</p> <p>Password was PORK.</p>	
	24 APR 42		<p>Outward Message No. 270.</p> <p>Camp Routine Order 34.</p> <p>Lt R.L. Keens transferred from D Coy to H.Q. Coy to take over duty as O.C. of Pioneer Pl. This day being rest day Reveille was not till 0700 hrs and</p>	<p>Appendix No. 45.</p> <p>Appendix No. 46.</p>

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Unit 7 BNDate and Time.—From 24 APR 42 To APR 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	24 APR 42		breakfast at 0800 hrs. Bn H.Q. Personnel have 1 hrs P.T. in the morning. The troops spend the day, washing, mending, and resting. Band played for the hour during the afternoon and was appreciated by all/ The weather was fine visibility good. and Duty Coy. C Coy. Patrol as usual. Password for the 24 hrs ensuing was WEAPON. <i>NO.</i>	
	25 APR 42		Outward Message No. 274. Outward Message No. 272 Recce of area to HULPIY DOO with object of obtaining patrol route, made from I. Section. Coys engaged on training and digging of weapon pits. Guard Drill included in training. Demonstration at 1430 hrs included a Section in attack using rifle and smoke grenades, section advanced under cover of smoke and took up position in previously dug pits. Hand grenades were thrown from this position before continuing the advance. 75 MM and 37 MM guns fired on moving targets. Mortars were also fired. <i>OK.</i>	Appendix No. 47. Appendix No. 48.

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Date and Time.—From 25 APR 42 To 26 APR 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	25 APR 42		The troops marched back to the area and a rehearsal was held for the march past which was to take place on the following day. Password for the day was DOLLAR. The weather was fine and visibility good. DM	
	26 APR 42		A Church Parade was held in the morning in vicinity of H.Q. and E Coy Area. An R.C. Church Parade was also held near Brigade H.Q. at HOWARD SPRINGS RD. Work ceased on the digging of the defences, information was to hand that the Unit was to move once again. At 1600 hrs another Church Service was held prior to the March Past, in the vicinity of D Coy Area. This service was attended by the Brigadier, immediately this Service was over at 1700 hrs the March Past began with H.Q. Coy leading, followed by E Coy, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy, in that order. Coys marched in Pls Past the saluting base and the salute was taken by the Brigadier DOUGHERTY. After passing the saluting Base, the Bn halted and a lecture was given by the Brigadier. He spoke on Security, Tactics, and the Japanese. DM	

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Unit 7 BN Date and Time:—From 26 APR 42 To 27 APR 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	26 APR 42		<p>The Brigadier informed the troops of the intended move to the vicinity of the 40 mile post. And explained what the tactical situation would be. He also congratulated the Unit on the standard of the marching and the apparent health and physic of the troops. Later the C.O. also congratulated all troops on their splendid performance.</p>	
	27 APR 42		<p>Password for the day was No. 35 being WEDDING. Fine weather. The C.O., I.O., & Adjit left with a Brigade Liaison Officer to recon the area the unit was to move to. Coys were preparing for move, from information at hand it was thought that the troops would be marching. All were complaining about lack of facilities at more transport were taken away to Transport Harbour. In the afternoon a Conference of Coy Comds was held to make arrangements for the exercise which was to take place on the following day. Another raid over DARWIN at approx 1400 hrs. The usual Patrols went out in the evening. One patrolling to the HOWARD</p>	<p>and.</p>

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Date and Time.—From 27 APR 42 To 28 APR 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	27 APR 42		RIVER area, and the other to the ELIZABETH AREA.	
			The weather was fine, and the Password was MICROBE. <i>MS.</i>	
	28 APR 42		At 0900 hrs the Unit moved out of the area and crossed the start line to move along the road in Block formation towards the ELIZABETH RIVER	
			the order of march was C and D Coy on either side of the road, followed by	
			Bn H.Q. H.Q. Coy specialists, E Coy, and A and B Coy on either side of	
			the road at the rear. The march to the river was carried out very successfully	
			and arrived at the position at 1100 hrs. Immediately on arrival the coys	
			took up a defensive position using the DIAMOND FORMATION. During the	
			march down the C.O. received orders to return to Brigade H.Q.s	
			immediately where he was informed that he would be leaving the Unit	
			and taking the position of O.C. Line of Communication. In his absence	
			Major OSMOND carried on, as C.O. After lunch the Unit returned to Camp	
			arriving back at 1500 hrs. and spirits were high as they were welcomed	

MS.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

7th BATTALION

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 7 BN

Date and Time.—From 28 APR 42 To 29 APR 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	28 APR 42		<p>by muchmail including Airmail letters and many parcels.</p> <p>The evening meal was had at the Camp and afterwards at 1800 hrs the troops again began to move out, to take up position in the defensive area where the digging had already been completed. The positions were to be occupied by 1915 hrs. The Coys were allocated in the order of B Coy, forward, C Coy, D Coy, and A Coy at the rear. During the night the Bn was attacked by the 8 BN and infiltrations by them were made into the B Coy area, and that Coys H.Q. were captured. In the morning after standdown the troops moved back to Camp, and this concluded the day and night exercise. Fine weather. Password for the night was GHOST.</p>	
	29 APR 42		<p>After returning to camp from the night spent at the dispositions <i>9th</i> the troops had breakfast, short rest was had and then the troops not engaged in packing for the move tomorrow, were required to fill in the trenches which had been dug. During the evening afarewell gathering <i>9th</i></p>	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

7th BATTALION

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit 7 BN

Date and Time.—From 29 APR 42 To 30 APR 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	29 APR 42		<p>of the BN Officers took place to bid farewell to the C.O. Lt-Col SADLER who had received news of his promotion to Col. and that he was to receive a new appointment in charge of Supply and Communications in this area.</p> <p>During the time which the Lt.Col. spent with the 7 Bn as C.O. he was looked upon and admired as a great leader who always thought of the boys and their needs foremost. Everyone in the Bn deeply regreted his leaving.</p> <p>During his absence and until a new C.O. took over the 2 I/C Major OSMOND was to take charge of the Bn. As Reveille was to be at 0430 hrs everyone was in bed at an early hour this night.</p> <p>Fine weather was had during the day. Password was THIEF.</p>	
	30 APR 42		<p>Operation Order No. 1.</p> <p>Reveille was blown at 0430 hrs and breakfast was had at 0515 hrs.</p> <p>Parade ready to move at 0700 hrs. All troops who were fit to march carried with them their Rifle and Equipment, haversack, respirator and steel helmet.</p>	APPENDIX No. 49.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY ^{7th} BATTALION

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 7 BN Date and Time.—From 30 APR 42 To APR 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IN THE FIELD	30 APR 42		<p>Troops moved from Camp at 0700 hrs to the start line which was crossed at 0800 hrs. The Coys moved in order of C Coy being the forward Coy, followed by D Coy, B Coy, and A Coy, Bn H.Q. and H.Q. Details marched between D Coy and B Coy, and E Coy were attached to Each Coy.</p> <p>Moved along Railway Line and either side of the road, with a gap of 25 yds between each section. The troops marched well and lunch was had at the 30 mile post and a rest of 1½ hrs was made. After lunch at 1400 hrs the troops moved off again reaching a site where camp for the night was to be made, at 1545 hrs, at this point a tactical position was taken up.</p> <p>This morning the G.O. Lt-Col. SADLER left the Bn permanently and post was taken over by Major OSWOND temporarily. He was greatly missed along the march as he was always taking a keen interest in carrying out of these exercises. Weather was fine. Password for night was VELVET.</p>	

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James Oswald Lt Col

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No 1

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

7 Bn

FROM

23. Bde

Originator's Number

0163

Date

1

In Reply to Number.

ref	202	fields	submit	sketch	plans
A TK	mine	mines	by	1700	has
1 APR	0	mines	now	available	probable
allocation	by	250	mines	0	Pos
base	re	road	area	between	location

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN** BY ANY MEANS:

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1205

SIGNED

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

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

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX N^o 2.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

7 Bn

FROM

2 Bde

Originator's Number

0 166

Date

1

In Reply to Number.

making	of	all	unit	int.	affs
at	this	HQ	1900	hrs	tonight
0	ack				

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX NO 3

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

7 Bn

FROM

23 Bele

Originator's Number

A 371

Date

1

In Reply to Number.

bands	officers	will	attend	at	Bele HQ
at	0915	his	on	2 APR	to
meet	Brig	Dougherty	DSO	⊙	ack

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX NO 4

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN
OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY:)

TO

7 Bn

FROM

43 Bn

Originator's Number

B1

Date

1

In Reply to Number.

please	advise	date	D Coy	7 Bn	ceases
draw	rations	from	7 Bn.		

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

2059

SIGNED

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX NO 5.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN
OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

7 Bn

FROM

23 Bde

Originator's Number

5 168

Date

2 APR 42

In Reply to Number.

required by	1000	has	2 APR 42	fixing
4 ins	showing	dispositions	and	fine
plan				

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

2123

SIGNED

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

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

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No 6

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

23 Bde

FROM

7 Bin

Originator's Number

R 50

Date

2

In Reply to Number.

<i>7 Bin</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>carry</i>	<i>out</i>	<i>range</i>	<i>practice</i>
<i>at</i>	<i>0900</i>	<i>his</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>1300</i>	<i>his</i>
<i>3 APR 42</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>972073</i>	<i>direction</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>fire</i>
<i>234</i>	<i>line</i>	<i>ref</i>	<i>DARWIN</i>	<i>line</i>	<i>lines</i>
<i>to</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>while</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>approval</i>	<i>is</i>
<i>requested</i>	<i>please</i>				

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED

SIGNED

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

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No. 7.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

43 Bn

FROM

7 Bn

Originator's Number

J 215

Date

1

In Reply to Number.

D Coy	ceases	to	draw	ration	4 APR
50	please	instruct	D Coy	to	return
	resume	ration	forthwith		

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

2242.

SIGNED

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

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

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX N^o 8

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN 7th BATTALION

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY:)

TO 7 Bn 2/4 Bn Bn Aftel 8 Bn 43 Bn 147 Pcl arby

FROM 23 Bde

Originator's Number
0168

Date
2

In Reply to Number.

ref	movement	exercise	on	5/10/56	1 APR
o	amend	dates	to	recd	2/4 Bn
Bn	SAT	4 APR	7 Bn	SUN	5 APR.

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

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

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX N^o 9.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

7 Bn

FROM

23 Bde

Originator's Number

0173

Date

3

In Reply to Number.

<i>CO</i>	<i>2/c</i>	<i>invited</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>attend</i>	<i>conference</i>
<i>on</i>	<i>exercise</i>	<i>today</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>1805</i>	<i>this</i>
<i>to</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>held</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>1400</i>	<i>8 Bn</i>

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1405.

SIGNED

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

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

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No 10

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY:)

TO

7Bn

FROM

23. Bde

Originator's Number

0 175

Date

3

In Reply to Number.

rest	days	⊙	troops	in	phases
area	will	rest	as	follows	Friday
7Bn	Saturday	8Bn	sun	12/4 Bn	Mon
43	Bn	⊙	these	commence	3 APR
4	on	same	days	weekly	

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED

SIGNED

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

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No 11

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

ABC lms

FROM

7 Bn

Originator's Number

R 54

Date

3

In Reply to Number.

Personnel	who	have	NOT	frid	refle
will	assemble	at	ramp	into	RAP
at	0830	his	4 APR 42		

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

2340

SIGNED

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

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

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No 12.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

2/4 P Bn 7th I Bn 43 Bn

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number.

A 398

shirts	will	be	worn	by	all
personnel	when	carrying	equipment		

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1025

SIGNED

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

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

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No 13

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN
OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

7 Bn

FROM

23 Bde

Originator's Number

A 404

Date

6

In Reply to Number.

900	short	pickets	available	assorted	and
screw	available	at	Bde	HQ	○
collect	as	soon	as	possible	

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

0846

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SIGNED

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

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX 4

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

7th BATTALION

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY:)

TO

7 Bn

FROM

23. Inf Bde

Originator's Number

409

Date

6

In Reply to Number.

<i>please maintain</i>	<i>ONE</i>	<i>carrier</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>vicinity</i>
<i>HQ</i>	<i>7MD</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>use</i>	<i>POC</i>
<i>if</i>	<i>required</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>report</i>	<i>when</i>
				<i>complete</i>

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1225

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SIGNED

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T.H.I.

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

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX N°15

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY:)

TO

all boys

FROM

7 Br

Originator's Number

R 67

Date

8

In Reply to Number.

respirators	will	be	worn	from	1000
has	to	1030	has	each	day
by	all	ranks	irrespective of	their	duties
chemical	INCLUDING	office	personnel	cooks	divers
or	warfare	personnel	may	release	near
during	Aug	gases	in	any	area
	that	period	○	ack	

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

0957

SIGNED

SIGNED

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

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No 16

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

7th BATTALION

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY:)

TO

B Coy 7 Bn

FROM

7 Bn

Originator's Number

J 236

Date

8

In Reply to Number.

B	Coy	will	supply	special	pass
of	/	pl	as	arrived	by
Bde	⊙	him	several	will	supply
details	at	route	times	etc	

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1657

SIGNED

G. J. Laps

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

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

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX N°17

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN
OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

A B C E rpld Lieut Patison

FROM

7 Bn

Originator's Number

J 237

Date

8

In Reply to Number.

for exercise	will	carry	WARNING	ORDER	⊙
7 Bn	9 APR	out	ALL	movement	⊙
exercise	no	making	0800	has	⊙
no	move	before			

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1703.

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

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

T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

7th BATTALION

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

Coy Comds A B C E HQ. I.O. T.O.

FROM

7 Bn

Originator's Number

1238

Date

8

In Reply to Number.

Conference

1915

hrs

Bn HQ

P

APR

4/2

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

Important

TIME OF ORIGIN

1740

SIGNED

James Capt

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

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

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY PUNISH.POSTING ORDER PART 1.

by

Lt-Col R.H. SMITH, DSO MC VD

Comd. 7 Bn

No 27

7 APR 42

1. SPEED OF
L.I.The following are the MAXIMUM speeds for
vans driven within 7 MB :-

Staff Cars	40 m.p.h.
Light Vans	35 m.p.h.
30-cwt. Vans	30 m.p.h.
Heavier Vans.	25 m.p.h.

Anyone found driving in excess of these
speeds will render himself to severe
disciplinary action.2. DRIVING.Officers will NOT drive vans except in
emergencies, when it is necessary on long
trips to give the driver a rest, or when
on log or practice in driving authorized
the CO.3. SAVINGS.Every effort will be made at all times to
save ~~money~~ ^{charges}. All ranks will be informed
that there is an acute shortage of these
items and that the strictest economy in
their use must be practiced.4. POSTAL.Inward mail is sorted at HOUSMAN by L of C
7 MB Postal Unit, and is delivered to units
with rations by AASC Coys. Outward mail
will be collected by vans delivering rations
and will be collected at HOUSMAN under
supervision of L of C 7 MB Postal Unit.5. HYGIENE.It is essential that all troops become more
"Hygiene-minded". All latrine areas are to
be kept scrupulously clean. Food scraps
and tins should not be thrown about camps
indiscriminately. When a unit vacates
camp lines it must ensure that all OLD
latrine posts are sealed and the area
thoroughly cleaned. Shower and ablution
places must be also given much more attention.

F. J. O'Connell

27-184
↑

19

2.

6. MESSING.

Coy Comds. will ensure that tps in Coy area are dispersed in section groups at meal times, this practice will greatly assist in the training of dispersion generally, which must at all times be observed.

W. Danton Lieut
for Capt.
Adj.

Distribution.

Coy Comds.	1-4.
C.O & Adj	5.
War Diary	6-7.
File	8.

no Bean

APPENDIX 20

7th BATTALION

H.Q. 7 Bn. A.M.F.
IN THE FIELD.
7 APRIL 1942.

FRADULENT ENLISTMENT - UNDER AGE.

Coys will submit to Bn H.Q. a return showing particulars as set out hereunder in reference to personnel who are serving with this unit and are still under age.

Returns to be at Bn H.Q. by 1800 hours 9 APRIL 42.

NIL returns where applicable :-

NO	NAME	RANK	AGE	PLACE AND DATE OF ENLISTMENT.
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A B Danton Lieut
for Capt. Adjt.

Distribution.
Coy. 1-5.
War Diary 6-7.
File 8.

W. J. Gray

APPENDIX 21

7th BATTALION

H.Q. 7Bn A.M.F.
IN THE FIELD
7 APRIL 42.

DEMONSTRATION OF WEAPONS.

1. **? In and attached troops will carry out a demonstration shoot on 8 APR 42 at 1430 hours in vicinity of B Coy Area. All ranks, with exception of necessary security guard and essential services in each coy area, will attend.**
2. **Guides. Guides from A Coy Group, C Coy Group and Bn H.Q. will report R.S.I. at 1030 hrs at crossover to B Coy Area.**
3. **Move to Area. Coy groups will march to area in dispersed formation, A Coy on WEST side of Road, C Coy on EAST side, directed by guides, and will be in position by 1415 hrs.**
4. **Safety Precautions. All safety precautions will be carried out, and R.S.I. will mark danger area. B Coy will supply necessary fatigues to R.S.I., and carry out any clearing required.**
5. **Officers in charge Officers in charge of demonstrations :-
Rifle, L.I.G. and R Grenade Capt. W.C. ELLIS.
H.M.G. CAPT. THOMPSON.
Mortars Lieut Leabeter.
Arty. 1st. Lieut G.E. Paterson.
147 F.A. U.S. Army.**

James
Capt.
Adjt.

Distribution.

147 F.A. Battery B.	4.
2/14 F.A.	2.
Coys.	3 - 7.
Mortars	8.
C.O. and Adjt.	9.
War Diary	10 - 11.
File	12.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.ROUTINE ORDER PART 1.by
Lt-Col R.H. SADLER, CSO MC VDComd 7 Bn.No 28.8 APRIL 42

1. Court of Inquiry. The following Officers will constitute a Court of Inquiry into the illegal absence of
 VX67745 PTE CANBY J.
 VX68614 PTE FITZGERALD W.
 This Court is convened for 13 APR 42 at 1000 hrs.
 Major W.F. OSBOND, MC President.
 Capt. J.A. THOMSON Member.
 Lieut R.L. LEABETTER Member.
2. Church Services. R.C. Confession, 2000 hrs, Thursday 9 APR
 42, 150 Yards South of Bn H.Q.
 R.C. Mass, 0700 hrs. 9 APR, 150 Yards South
 of Bn H.Q.

Church Parades. B. Coy group, 0845 hrs B. Coy Area.
 Capt. Ellis O.C.
 C. Coy group, 0945 hrs. C. Coy Area.
 Capt. Blaby O.C.
 A. Coy group, 1045 hrs. A. Coy Area.
 Capt. Iredale O.C.
 C of E Holy Communion 0900 hrs.
 150 yards south of Bn H.Q.
 Holy Communion at 2015 hrs at Padre
 Milligan's dugout.

R.H. Sadler Lieut

for Capt.
Adjt.

Distribution.

Coy Comds. 1-4.
 147 F.A. U.S. (Baty B) 5.
 Padre Milligan 6
 War Diary 7 - 8.
 C.O.A. Adjt. 9.
 File. 10.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX

23

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

ABCE

FROM

7 Bn HQ

Originator's Number

R69

Date

9

In Reply to Number.

news	commentary	by	MAJOR	PLANT	tonight
O	A	and	C	corp	2006
to	2045	his	at	grave pit	O
B	and	Bn HQ	re-entrant	SOUTH	of
B	corp	entrance	at	2100	to
2145	his				

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

LB Gordon
SIGNED
Lieut

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

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

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

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX N^o 24

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION



No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

Comds A B C D H.Q. Coys

FROM

7 Bn

Originator's Number

J 240

Date

10

In Reply to Number.

All comds will carry out a foot inspection of ALL personnel this morning. Ack

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

0745

SIGNED

Spurs bapt

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

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

T.O.R.



MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No 25

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO Coy's bands A B C E HQ Coy's

FROM

7 Bn

Originator's Number

J 241

Date

10

In Reply to Number.

CO	requires	certificate	from	coy	bands
that	foot	and	forth	inspection	has
been	carried	out	o	Return	due
1300	hrs	10 APR			

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

0831

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SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I. 0839

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

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No 26

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO A B C E HQ Coy

FROM 7 Bn

Originator's Number
J 243

Date
10

In Reply to Number.

WARNING	ORDER	○	one	offer	per
Coy	to	attend	fieldcraft	exercise	extending
probably	3	days	commencing		NOT
before	13 APR	under	7 MD	arrangement	
○	Coy	submit	termination	by	
1300	h/b	10	APR		

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1010

SIGNED

h/b

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

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

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No 27

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

2/4 Pioneer 7th Bn

FROM

23 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

17 421

Date

10

In Reply to Number.

<i>shirts</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>worn</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>all</i>
<i>ranks</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>times</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>will</i>
<i>only</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>removed</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>special</i>
<i>instruction</i>	<i>of</i>		<i>an</i>	<i>officer</i>	

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN** BY ANY MEANS:

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1038

SIGNED

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

1050

T.O.R.

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

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No 28.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN
OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO ABCE SO 10 RAP QM

FROM

7 Bn HQ

Originator's Number

R 71

Date

10

In Reply to Number.

personnel	are	required	for	training	as
AAME	personnel	to	form	AAME	garrison
boys	⊙	applications	needed	⊙	Returns
showing	number	rank	name	are	required
to	reach	Bn HQ	by	1800	in WPP
42	⊙	NIL	returns	where	applicable

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1550

SIGNED
L B Anlon
Lieut

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

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

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

7th BATTALION

11.1.47
11.1.47
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TRAINING 11/12 APRIL 47

A Range practice will be held on 11/12 APRIL 47.
Each Company will supply 8 James Rifle Am, all Lewis Guns,
with 8 Bags per gun loaded with 25 rls each.

L.I.O's and men will move to ~~range~~ with personnel
range

Each company (A B C) will supply 8 L.I.O's to report
range range at 0755 hrs on 11 April 47, and again on 12 April 47
These L.I.O's are to be selected for coaching during practice.

Coaches will be provided with cut lunches.

A Coy, 1st SS personnel who fired on 11th April 47, will conduct
range practice at 0800 hrs on 11 April 47.

Other Companies will be notified of those they are required
at Rifle Range.

W. B. Danton

11.1.47

Distribution

Cops 1-4
C.O.A. 10/10 C
1st May 7 0.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No 30

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

7th BATTALION

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

Coy Comd ABC E HQ

FROM

7 Bn

Originator's Number

J 247

Date

11

In Reply to Number.

ALL	roy	comd	will	initiate	a
reach	for	postal	COLT	automatic	45
cal	no	3543	0	reports	to
Bn	HQ	by	1500	hrs	11 APR

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN** BY ANY MEANS:

Logans left

SIGNED

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

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

0700

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

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX N° 31

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

Coy bonds ABC E HQ Coy

FROM

7 Bn

Originator's Number

5249

Date

11

In Reply to Number.

All amm. to be withdrawn from
Hqs before any exercise involving contact
with Hqs Coy bonds to
under certificate to effect before
exercise commences. This effort back

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

By mesbatt.

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

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1334

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

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

War diary

APPENDIX No 32

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED 7th BATTALION

AMR&O 185

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDER PART 1.

by

Lt-Col. R.M. SADLER DSO MC VD Commanding 7 Bn.

No. 29

11 APR 42

1. CARE OF RIFLES

Owing to the damp climatic conditions, special precautions must be carried out for the prevention of rusting.

Rifles will be wiped over with an oily rag at night, and the barrel pulled through and lightly oiled. These precautions are especially necessary before night patrols, guard duties etc.

Pl Comds are responsible for the condition of rifles, and the carrying out of these precautions.

2. HELMETS STEEL

ALL Helmets Steel will be covered with hessian or camouflaged in some other way.

[Signature]
Capt.
Adjt 7 Bn.

DISTRIBUTION

Coy Comds	1 - 4
147 F A U S (Bty B)	5
Q M	6
War Diary	7 - 8
C O and Adjt	9
File	10

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Army Form C.2128
(Pads of 100)
Reprinted May, 1941.

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO ABCE HQ TO SO 10 MO

FROM 7 Bn HQ Originator's Number R 75 Date 14 In Reply to Number.

main	NORTH	SOUTH	rd	will	be
cloud	between	PAPAP	2	BAGOT	twins
off	from	0850	his	to	1110 hrs
HE	practise	from	0	fd	arty
			batter	posns	

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

L B Hanford
Lieut

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

SIGNED

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1603

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No 34

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

Pay Sgt [Signature]

FROM

Paymaster

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number.

15

pay available

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1443

SIGNED

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

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

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX NO 35

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

A B C D E HQ QM SO IO

FROM

7 Bn HQ

Originator's Number

R 80

Date

15

In Reply to Number.

a return is required to be
at Bn HQ by 2100 hrs
showing the number of personnel yet
to fire range practice with rifle
also number of LMCs yet to
fire

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1751

SIGNED

L B Rowland
Lieut

SIGNED

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

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

A U S T R A L I A N M I L I T A R Y F O R C E SROUTINE ORDER PART 1

by

Lt-Col. R.M. SADLER DSO MC VD Commanding 7 Bn.

No. 30

15 APR 42

1. HYGIENE

It is essential that all tps become more hygiene-minded and Comds must insist on Junior Leaders paying strict attention to the following points which if carried out efficiently will do much to prevent disease within the Area :-

(a) Personal

- (i) Shower daily and dry thoroughly on clean towel.
- (ii) Do NOT use carbolic soaps.
- (iii) Do NOT wet the interior of the ears, or allow soap to enter.
- (iv) If eruptions appear under the armpits, shave the hair and report to the M.O.
- (v) If itchiness or eruptions appear in the crutch, apply dusting powder frequently. If no improvement report to the M.O.
- (vi) Long socks will be worn at all times to prevent infection of insect bites, and will be washed frequently.
- (vii) Do NOT scratch insect bites.
- (viii) Dry very thoroughly between the toes and apply foot powder daily.
- (ix) Keep your feet cleaner than your face.
- (x) Clothes will be washed at least every second day and boiled twice per week for 20 minutes.
- (xi) Mosquito nets will be used at all times.

(b) Messing

- (i) Messing gear will be kept scrupulously clean and placed away so that flies and dust cannot settle on it; i.e. shut mess tins, and put plates in clean dilly bags.
- (ii) Wash thoroughly in clean water.
- (iii) Put scraps and slops in correct receptacles.
- (iv) All dry and wet refuse MUST be burned and buried.

NOTE: The most efficient method is to mix all refuse, as the tins assist aeration. A constant slow fire gives best results.

- (v) Bottles should be stacked with noses into the ground or broken and buried.

(c) Latrines

- (i) Shallow trench Latrines are MOST unsatisfactory.
- (ii) In camps of more than 3 days duration, deep trench latrines will be dug.
- (iii) Castellani bottles will be placed in each latrine and their use insisted upon.
- (iv) Urinals should be constructed at convenient places.
- (v) Indiscriminate defaecation or micturition leads to disaster.

2. NEWSCOMMENTARIES

Major PLANT will give news commentaries weekly at the times and places mentioned hereunder:-
7 Bn THURSDAY - A and C Coys 2000 hrs, "Quarry" Area.
B and HQ Details, 2045 hrs, X Over.

NOTICES

147 Fd Arty US Army Band will play at Battery B (Quarry Area) on THURSDAY 16 APR 42, commencing at approx 1800 hrs.

[Signature]
Capt.
Adjt 7 Bn.

MESSAGE FORM.

APPENDIX N037

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	7th BATTALION	No. of Groups	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT		GR.	

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO	A + L Coy + attached		
FROM	7 Bn	Originator's Number	In Reply to Number
		1261	16
as	from	16	APR
will	be	ground	when
from	Bn	H.Q.	respiration
			advised

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** by any means.

If liable to be intercepted or fall into Enemy Hands, this message must be sent **IN CIPHER**.

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin.

SIGNED

[Handwritten Signature]

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

1017

T.H.I.

System In.	Time In.	Reader.	Sender.	System Out.	Time Out.	Reader.	Sender.	System Out.	Time Out.	Reader.	Sender.

T.O.R.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut (P)	TX 2119	MacKinnon	I.N.		
"	VX 1117	Schultz	P.H.		
"	VX 3190	Turvey	J.V.		
"	VX 2357	Knight	H.F.		
"	VX 2291	Griffin	C.E.		
"	VX 1751	Westwood	H.V.		
Lieut.	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX		

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

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

7 BN AMF

(Unit.)

20. 3. 42

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

7 BN 23 A. 1 B

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

7 Bn. A.M.F. (Unit)
Prov. 11/12/11. Est.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). <i>EST</i>	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	1	
Majors ...	2	2	
Captains ...	12	8	
Lieutenants ...	27	31	4
2nd Lieutenants ...		4	
Quartermasters ...	1	1	
TOTALS ...	43	43	4

* Incl 1st Rfts

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt 57337	Eddie N.L.	7 Bn	19.2.42	Class D Unfit.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col.	V64336	Sadler R.M. D.S.O.	7Bn	Yes	
Major	V57201	Osmond W.F. M.C.	"	"	
Capt	V57259	McLeod I.C.	"	No	att to 23 A.I.B.
Lieut	V57215	Hughes J. M.M.	"	Yes	
	V57215	Ellis V.C.	"		
	V57203	Iredale V.W.	"	"	
	V57228	Ellis V.C.	"	No	Hospital
	V57247	Blaby K.	"	Yes	
	V57246	Melnes W.O.	"	"	
	V57255	Thomson J.A.	"	"	
	V57204	Leng O.G.	"	"	
	V57268	Jones C.	"	"	
Lieut (P)	V57247	Leabeter R.L.	"	"	
	V57610	Roberts R.	"	No	Hospital
	V57230	Chaplin F.M.	"	Yes	
	V57675	McCarthy T.S.	"	"	
	V57315	Neville K.C.	"	"	
	V57259	Cameron W.O.	"	"	
	V57293	McDonald N.T.	"	"	
	V57259	Crothers A.F.	"	"	
	V57273	Piton H.R.	"	"	
	V64326	Langmore F.R.	"	"	
	V57207	Smith H.W.	"	"	
	V64590	Keans R.W.	"	"	
	V57257	Edams C.A.G.	"	"	
	V57224	Duncan J.A.	"	"	
	V57204	Benton B.	"	"	
	V57263	Strong R.W.H.	"	"	
	V57230	Thompson R.H.	"	"	
	V57222	Donald L.E.	"	"	
	V57220	McGlynn M.E.	"	"	
	V57891	Norman L.E.	"	"	
	V57294	McLeod C.	"	"	
	V57445	Tolley M.W.M.	"	"	
	V.P.4424	Horton L.B.	"	"	
	V57239	Harvey P.K.	"	"	
"	V64327	MORRIS S.G.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	V	Piper A.E.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
	V	Milligan			

7Bn A.M.F.

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

20.3.42.

(Date of Despatch.)

7Bn. 23 A.I.B.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

7th BATTALION

A U S T R A L I A N M I L I T A R Y F O R C E S

ROUTINE ORDER PART 1

by

Lt-Col. R.M. SADIER DSO MC VD Commanding 7 Bn.

No. 31

18 APR 42

1. REST DAYS The administration of the unit necessitates certain duties on rest days. In such circumstances, Coy arrangements will be made for such personnel to have their rest periods on a subsequent day.
2. POSTAL Postal Orders are available from F P O. Arrangements can be made with Postal Cpl.
3. WEAPONS Concern is expressed at the repeated loss of small arms and at the frequent references to trading pistols etc. It is to be clearly realised that the depriving of a soldier of his protective arms by either theft or trading is a most serious offence and will be treated as such. All ranks are notified that they are personally responsible for the care of the weapons with which they have been issued, and they will take suitable steps to guard their weapons against theft. Anyone found in possession of a weapon to which he is NOT legally entitled will have strong disciplinary action taken against him. All losses must be promptly reported to these H.Qs.
4. RESERVE WATER CONTAINERS Reserve Water Containers in Pl areas must be kept filled, and water changed weekly.

Jones
 Capt.
 Adjt 7 Bn.

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A U S T R A L I A N M I L I T A R Y F O R C E S

FOURTH ORDER PART 1

by

Lt-Col. R.M. SADLER DSO MC VE Commanding 7 Bn.

22 APR 42

o. 32

DUTIES

The following duties will mount at RETREAT on 22 APR 42 :-

Orderly Officer	Lieut L.E. DONALD
Orderly Sgt	Sgt W.M. OLIVER
Orderly Cpl	Cpl F.T. WILTON
Duty Coy	"A" Coy
Next for Duty	"B" Coy

LOUR
VCOLES

23 Aust Inf Bde has instructed that Unit colour patches will be sewn to hat band and worn on the right hand side of the hat. Bands hat will be sewn to hat. AIF personnel allotted to AMF units will wear the colour patch of the unit to which they are allotted but will retain and wear titles AUSTRALIA on shoulder straps. These instructions will be implemented immediately.

POSTAL

Mail matter for units will be handled by the Army postal service. The form of address for correspondence shall omit all mention of place names and shall consist of :-

- (a) Army No.
- (b) Rank
- (c) Name
- (d) Coy
- (e) 7 Bn A.M.F.
- (f) Home Forces

All personnel will advise their correspondents accordingly and will ensure that the words NORTHERN TERRITORY or DARWIN are NOT used, or 7 M.D.

4. DRESS

All ranks will wear Shirts for all parades and exercises and at all times except when authorised to remove them and with the consent of an officer. Drivers M.T. and personnel working in vehicles will wear shirts at all times whilst on duty.

5. PILFERING

Officers and N.C.Os will under NO circumstances send any Officers, N.C.Os or other ranks into DARWIN for the purpose of removing or pilfering stores, equipment or other articles of any nature from or near such town. If stores are required they must be impressed in the usual manner.

SALVAGE

Staff Sgt STAYTE has been appointed Salvage NCO and will be responsible for collection of all material in this area and its evacuation to dump at NOGNALAH.

Following are some of the articles at present being collected :-

Empty amm cases; 44 gall drums; cartridge cases; old bags and sacks; metals of all descriptions; US Ord stores; aluminium; accommodation stores; tyres; batteries.

Coys will establish Coy dumps and collect all salvageable material.

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22 APR 42

ROUTINE

Until further notice, the following times will be observed:-

Reveille	0630 hrs
Roll Call	0630-0640
Sick Parade	0700
Boy Parade States	0730
Breakfast	0730
Parade	0830
Break off	1215
Midday Meal	1230
Parade	1400
Break off	1700
Retreat	1800
Evening Meal	1815
Lights Out	2230

SICK PARADE

The following shall be the arrangements for Sick Parade:-

- (a) 0700 hrs. This parade shall consist of all personnel reporting sick for the first time or personnel who were marked duty (D) the previous day.
- (b) 0815 hrs. This parade shall consist of all personnel who have been marked "T & L D" or "T & No D" on the previous day.

Attention is drawn to the fact that it is the responsibility of the Orderly NCO to see that all men return on Sick Parade daily until marked "Fit for Full Duty".

9. RATION STRENGTHS

CQMSs will phone ration strength of Coys to W O (") LEMON at Q Store by 0930 hrs daily.

10. CARRYING OF ARMS

Many instances are still being observed of troops going about without their rifles. It must be impressed on all troops irrespective of what arm of the service they belong or what their duties are, that to become divorced from their arms is courting death at Japanese hands.

It is dangerous to rely on having sufficient warning of a Japanese attack to enable personnel to collect their arms from wherever they happen to be.

The only safe and reasonable policy to follow, therefore, is to have the rifle or revolver on the man all the time.

The practise of hovering up rifles with dust coverings must also cease. In the event of unexpected attack the rifle cannot be brought into action, with sad results to the owner. It is better to spend 10 minutes a day in cleaning the rifle and giving oneself a reasonable chance of firing that rifle at a Japanese, than to take the risk of being defenceless for the time it takes to remove the dust coverings. No Japanese will wait that period before he strikes. Troops must train themselves to be ready at all times to meet surprise attacks by the Japanese.

[Signature]
 Capt.
 Adjnt 7 Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDER PART 1

by

Lt-Col. R.M. SADLER DSO MC VD Commanding 7 Bn.

No. 33

23 APR 42

1. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at RETREAT on 23 APR 42:-

Orderly Officer	Lieut C. McLEOD
Orderly Sgt	Sgt CLOHESY L.A.J.
Orderly Cpl	Cpl HELEY L.T.
Bicycle Orderly	Pte McDONALD A.
Duty Coy	"B" Coy
Next for Duty	"C" Coy

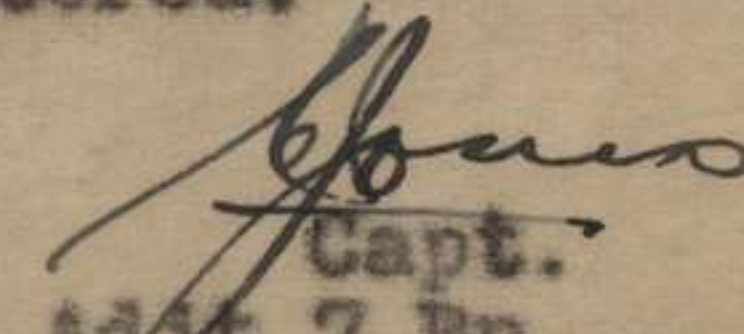
2. SHOWERS

ALL showers are strictly OUT OF BOUNDS during Parade hours:- 0830 hrs to 1215 hrs.
1400 " " 1700 "

3. REGISTERED MAIL

The following procedure will be adopted for registered mail :-

1. Letters to be registered are to be handed to the mail orderly after censorship regulations have been complied with, i.e. the letter or article as the case may be must be STAMPED and FRANKED and letters should be endorsed on the face of the envelope - "To be registered". The Post Orderly must also see that the name and address of the sender is on the back of the envelope. The full address MUST be shown on every article to be registered.
2. Letters must NOT be crossed under any circumstances with lines of any colour or description. This duty will be performed by the officer of the Postal Service who finally accepts the article for registration. Pieces of stamp selvage or other paper must NOT be stuck over the flap. If either of these irregularities occur the article so marked will NOT be registered.
3. The address on articles to be registered must be written in ink or in indelible pencil which has been dampened to give it the appearance of ink. Articles which have been addressed with ordinary pencil cannot be registered.


Capt.
Adjt 7 Bn.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No 47
Serial No. **47**

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

ALL Coys

FROM

7 Bn

Originator's Number

J 279

Date

23

In Reply to Number.

*When coys are moving to battle
posns they will move via railroad
if necessary to move along
road troops will keep well off
formation*

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN**
BY ANY MEANS:

Spence Capt

SIGNED

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

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1720

T.H.I.

1727

T.O.R.

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

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No 48

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

boy band 1 Coy Rtd HQ Coy

FROM

J Bw

Originator's Number

J 281

Date

23

In Reply to Number.

Lieut	KEENS	will	report	HQ	my
0900	has	24	APR	to	take
charge	of	Provier	pl		

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

2220

SIGNED

J Bw

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPENDIX No 45

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

7th BATTALION

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

OUT

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

A.L.L. Coy Rtd Q.M.

FROM

7. BN.

Originator's Number

1282

Date

24

In Reply to Number.

A.L.L.	Brigade	to	be	learned	to
A.A.	P.L.	for	expansion		
Brigade	to	H.Q.	Coy	by	1900 hrs
24	A.P.R.	H.V.			

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1245

SIGNED

James Capt

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

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

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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A U S T R A L I A N M I L I T A R Y F O R C E S

ROUTINE ORDER PART 1

by

Lt-Col. R.M. SADLER DSO MC VD Commanding 7 Bn.

No. 34

24 APR

1. DUTIES The following duties will mount at RETREAT on 24 APR
 Orderly Officer Lieut L.C. NORMAN
 Orderly Sgt Sgt SINCLAIR R.C.
 Orderly Cpl Col GREAVES
 Duty Coy "C" Coy
 Next for Duty "D" Coy
2. PROMULGATION OF ORDERS It is the Coy Comd's responsibility that these orders are promulgated on the day of issue to ALL ranks.
3. IDENTITY DISCS After an air raid on DARWIN, a soldier was reported killed, as his lost identity disc was found in the pocket of a victim. So that such unnecessary mistakes may be avoided, sub-units will notify Bn H.Q. immediately of the loss of an identity disc.
4. DEMONSTRATION A demonstration shoot will take place on tng South of A-B Road, at 1430 hrs 25 APR 42. Coy guide will report to R.S.M. at firing point at 1400 hrs. will be in position by 1415 hrs.
5. HOSPITALS - GEAR ETC OF PATIENTS Coys will ensure that all personnel who are being evacuated to Hospital or MDS take with them:-
 Mosquito net, respirator, steel helmet, messing personal gear.
 All other clothing and equipment will be stored in QM Store.
6. SPECTACLES All Coys will submit by 1200 hrs 25 APR 42 a nominal roll of all personnel wearing spectacles who would be unable to perform their duties if deprived of spectacles whilst wearing Respirators.
7. EVACUEES Any Coy contacting any British, Dominion or Allied personnel ex MALAYA, SINGAPORE or JAVA, etc., will report the name and location of such person or persons to these H.Qs. immediately.
8. VEHICLES - SPEED LIMITS
 Staff Cars and DRs - 40 m.p.h.
 1-ton vehs, etc. - 30 m.p.h.
 3-ton vehs - 25 m.p.h.
 Coy Comds are responsible to see that all drivers are notified of these speed limits, and that they sign a copy of such notification as an acknowledgement that they know such limits. This acknowledgement will be kept by and be the responsibility of the Tpt Offr.

J.B. Winton Lieut
for Capt.
Adjnt 7 Bn.

2. Notices.

NOTICES

FOUND Money Belt found in "C" Coy showers. Owner may have same on identification at Bn Office.

CHURCH PARADE "HQ", "E" and "A" Coys will attend Church Parade on "E" Coy Road at 0830 hrs 26 APR 42.
"B", "C" and "D" Coys will attend Parade at 1600 hrs after which Bn will march past.
Dress will be marching order.

R.C. CHURCH PARADE 1000 hrs 26 APR 42. Location HOWARD SPRINGS RD, Right side, 400 yds North DARWIN RD.

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MESSAGE FORM

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Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

NO 1771118 447

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO H.Q. E.A.B.C.D boys

FROM

7 Bn

Originator's Number

J. 286

Date

25

In Reply to Number.

Bn	will	rehearse	march	past	by
Pls	after	demonstration	this	afternoon	
o	assembly	area	runaway	SOUTH	of
m	gate	o	order	H.Q.	E
A	B	C	D	boys	

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

Jones Capt.

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1305

SIGNED

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

7th BATTALION

(272)

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

ALL. bay bonds + Q.M.

FROM

7 Bn

Originator's Number

5.284

Date

25

In Reply to Number.

7 Bn

G.O.C
and

will
baffle

be
stations

in
today.

uncertainty

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

James Capt.

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

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

TIME OF ORIGIN

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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

7th BRIGADION

7 Bn. 00 No 1.

SECRET
COPY -----
29 APRIL 42.Ref Map DARWIN 1" - 1 mile
Sheets 5 & 6.CONCLUSION.

1. There are still indications of a possible JAPANESE attack.
- 2.(a) Present dispositions of our forces in the DARWIN PENINSULA were based mainly on the aerodrome situation existing and the fact that the main supply lines were in the DARWIN PENINSULA.

Improvements in the air and supply posns now make it possible to locate our forces to meet any possible JAPANESE attacks on lines of approach leading into L of C from more SOUTHERLY directions.

The locations of our forces are therefore to be changed to an area from which they can assume a stronger and more active offensive role than is open to them in their present posns, and for that purpose the Field Force is to move to concentration areas in the general area NO NALAN - ADELAIDE RIVER.

- (b) 23 Aust Inf Tpt Group is concentrating in areas from 36 1/2 mile to 41 1/2 mile.

CONCLUSION.

3. 7 Bn will move from present location on 30 APR 42 to Tde Concentration Area, 142699 - 143684.
4. Occupation of Areas. Bn will be in dispersed diamond formation and sited for all-round defence. Posns will NOT be dug, but fields of fire will be cleared sufficiently to enable supporting fire to be developed and observation of approaches obtained.
5. Every effort will be made to conceal all posns and tents, shelters, etc will NOT be erected near fire posns. Precise posns will be utilized to provide air decoys. Existing buildings standing, turn on on roofs, and if available, leaving white or light coloured cloths to represent tents, towels, laundry, etc. Trenches will be filled in but the fresh earth left exposed. Gun posns will be left as dummies with dummy gun barrels protruding.
6. Wiring. Will be confined to trip wires and alarm wires in new areas.
7. Movement to areas.
 - (a) Bn will march to new area.
 - (b) M.T. will move in Convoy in one bound to new areas except one truck per rifle coy which will move tactically with marching personnel and will carry Coy L.L.Gs.

(2)

- (c.) Carriers from No. 3 Pl will carry E Coy M.L.Gs and Amn and with Carrier Pl will move as separate Convoy direct to new Area.
- (d) Coy will move from S.P. to 22 mile dispersal tactically, from 22 miles they will move on road in open formation. Bn will bivouac the night en route at 33 mile and occupy perimeter posns in diamond formation for protection.
- (e) M.T. and marching personnel will pass S.P. at 0730 hrs.
- (f) All Carriers will pass S.P. at 0700 hrs.
- (g) M.T. Speed 20 m.p.h.
Density 10 V.T.M.

ORDER OF MARCH

8. From S.P. to 22 mile.
- | | |
|------------|-----------|
| No 1 Group | C Coy. |
| No 2 Group | D Coy. |
| Bn H.Q. | |
| No 3 Group | E Coy. |
| No 4 Group | H.Q. Coy. |
| No 5 Group | B. Coy |
| No 6 Troup | A. Coy. |
- Above gps will be same composition as laid down for movement exercise carried out 28 APRIL 42.

From 22 Mile to Bivouac Area:

- | | |
|------------|--|
| No 1 Group | |
| No 2 Group | |
| Bn H.Q. | |
| No 3 Group | |
| No 4 Group | |
| No 5 Group | |
| No 6 Group | |

9. S.P. 21 Mile.
10. Bn will continue movement on 1 MAY 42.
S. Time 0800 hrs.
11. Time Table.

Revellie 0430 hrs.
Breakfast 0515 hrs.
Coy leave Coy lines 0700.

12. Leading trucks in M.T. Convoy will carry guides who know location of New Coy Areas.

- ADJEW. 13. Water Supplies.
Water will be restricted to carting into new areas during initial period of occupation, but facilities will be developed by CRE during this period.
Arrangements have been made for AASC to dump water containers in Unit localities before arrival of Units.
Units will be responsible for filling these containers and should endeavour to build up a reserve of four gallons a man before Unit occupies area.
All water fittings on present locations will be left standing.

14. Wiring. Wire easily salvaged will be rolled and left on roadside at points, which will be indicated to HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.
Arrangements for picking up will be the responsibility of Force HQ

15. Supplies. Coys will carry on the man unexpired portion and two days rations. Water bottles to be filled.
16. Packs. Packs will be stacked in Coy Dumps under Coy arrangements.

- INTERCOM. 17. En H.Q.'s closes present location 0700 hrs 30 APR 42 and moves as per order of march.
18. Wireless silence during move.
19. L/T between En H.Q. and Coy upon arrival at Concentration Area.

ACK.

L. B. Stanton Lieut
for CAPT. ADJT.
7 PM.

Signed at hrs.
Issued by runner at 1340 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION.

COPY NO.

A Coy	1
D Coy	2
C Coy	3
B Coy	4
E Coy	5
H.Q. Coy	6
C.O.	7
2 i/c	8
T.O.	9
Q.M.	10
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