

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

**Item number: 8/3/23**

**2/23 Infantry Battalion**

**November 1941**

NOVEMBER MONTH  
1941 YEAR

A.I.F. FORM C2118A

# WAR DIARY

(RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

UNIT 2/23 AUST. INF.  
Bn

1.

For material required, see F.S.R. Vol. 1, Sec. 174

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
JULIS.	1.	<p>The troops have settled down to camp conditions. One offn. &amp; 27 O.R.'s marched in from 26 Inf. Troop. Bn.</p> <p>2. Bn. parade for the first time since early March - 8 months - followed by Church parade.</p> <p>3. Training syllabus drawn up as per</p> <p>4. In accordance with Bde. G. S. Order No. 1. The villages of JUSIER and HATTA to be visited on 7 and 8 Nov. The object to impress the Arabs by moving Aps through villages to counter enemy efforts to bring about a revolt in Palestine. A Coy will visit JUSIER and B Coy HATTA. The Nuseirat rifle range was visited for rifle practice.</p> <p>5. Weather fine and mild.</p> <p>6. C Coy is to mount guard at BARBARA this afternoon and continue the tour of duty for one week. Tabloid Sports. The Nuseirat Rifle Range was visited for Bren gun practice. A Coy visited the Arab village of HATTA, an informal meeting was held with the Mukhtar as per</p>	<p>Appx. I</p> <p>Appx. 3.</p>	

*A. Marshall  
Capt. A.I.F.*

Signature *Stewart Hall*

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UNIT 2/23 AUST. INF. BN.

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JULIS	7	<p>"B" Coy with a Pl. of N.C. Coy visited the Anab millage of JUSIER and spent several hours in the millage. A short discussion was held with the Mokhibaris brother as per</p>	Appx. 2.	
	8.	<p>Weather fine &amp; mild. Free afternoon for Aps. NOT engaged on duties.</p>		
	9.	<p>Bn. parade followed by Church parade. Several offrs of the unit visited MUGHAZI for the purpose of witnessing demonstrations of - (A) Wire crushing (B) Dealing with Incendiary Bombs (C) Bay's MTK. rifle (D) Grenade 68. (E) Hand Grenade (Mills Bomb) (F) Bangalore Repedals.</p>		
	10.	<p>Weather - fine &amp; mild. Special I Sec. classes under I.O. &amp; I Sgt. of map reading for Offrs. &amp; N.C.O's</p>		
	11.	<p>Improvement in Coy. messing arrangements with the arrival of tables &amp; Mess Kents.</p>		
		<p>Armistice day - Two minutes silence observed at 1100 hrs. Personnel X List &amp; Reinforcements marched in from 26 AUST. INF. TRG. BN. This morning - 1 offr. 90 OR's</p>		

*R. Marshall*  
Capt. 11.

Signature *Stevens*

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# WAR DIARY

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UNIT 2/23 AUST INF  
DN

3.

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
JULIS.	12.	Weather fine & mild		
	13.	At 0900 hrs parade of X men & reinforcements.		
	14.	Amenities - Sporting material available for buses - Football - Basketball & Hockey.		
	15.	Weather - fine & mild. P.A.D. marks improved.		
	16.	Bn. parade followed by church parade. Final church service by Padre Morrison who is leaving for another unit. After the service the Padre took the salute in march past by Bn. I.O. rece. bivouac area Ascalon. I rec. prepare special maps for the C.O. - (Areas - Tobruk, Sabien and Tobruk Pattern French system). Difficulty was experienced in securing paper required for maps - Size of map 4'6" x 5'6" - inferior quality of paper.		
	17.	Weather - fine & mild. NBC broadcast Home greetings - Total of 175 allotted to Bn. Two days route march by HQ Coy through El Mojadal to Ascalon.		
	18.	Amenities :- 100 cases of Australian beer for Bn. supplied by donation from Australia. Two days route march by A Coy through El Mojadal to Ascalon.		

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M Marshall  
Capt + Adjt.

Signature *Howard S Col*

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# WAR DIARY

(RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

UNIT 23 Aust. Inf. Bn.

4.

For material required, see F.S.R. Vol. 1, Sec. 174

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JULIS	19	<p>Weather - light showers of rain. Reg M Hailer opened. Another batch of recruits (46 in all) marched in. "B" Coy. on two day route march to Ascalon.</p> <p>The Bn. Band under Sgt. Jannie and 17 OR's under Capt. Rattray Mc. with attachment of 34 OR's from other units in Bde., left for Cairo to act as gds. of honour to receive Gen. Sikorski - Polish C-in-C.</p>		
	20	<p>Weather - fine &amp; mild. "C" Coy. two days route march to Ascalon. Visit to 30 yd. range at Luxis for zeroing &amp; practice.</p> <p>"D" Coy. sufficient maps of local areas to hand.</p>		
	21.	<p>Palm beds arrived &amp; available for Aps. No sleep on.</p> <p>30 yd. range Luxis - Rifle zeroing &amp; practice.</p> <p>"D" Coy. 2 day route march to Ascalon</p>		
	22.	<p>Weather - fine &amp; mild. The C.O. receives congratulatory message from Gen. Mareshead "Please convey my congratulations &amp; appreciation to all ranks of the Guard of Honour &amp; Band"</p>		

*A. Marshall  
Capt & Adj.*

Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

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# WAR DIARY

(RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

UNIT 2/23 Aust LWF. BN

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
JULIS	22	supplied to receive General Sikorski in Cairo today. A good show & a credit to Div.		
		30 yd. range 1015. <sup>Gen. Warehead.</sup> Stoppage of laundry service 2045 hrs Band & gd. arrive back from Cairo		
	23	Bn. parade followed by church parade. The C.O. and I.O. left for SYRIA to give a series of lectures on the Defences of TOBRUCH. Change in command of Bn. Major Wall becomes acting C.O. with Major Spier 2 1/2. Major Brits on the sick list.		
	24	Weather fine & mild. Electric now provided for the Aps. use at Regt. Tailor. Improvements made in the Latrines The Receipts marched in.		
	25	Weather fine & mild - Jaffa Rifle Range		
	26	0900-0930. Anti Gas Training to the whole Bn.		
	27	Weather dull & cloudy		
	28	Weather rain. Rifle practice 30 yd. range JULIS		
	29	" - cloudy but fine		

*Handwritten signature:* A. Marshall  
Capt + Adj.

Signature *Handwritten signature:* [Signature]

NOVEMBER  
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# WAR DIARY

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UNIT *2/23 Aust. Inf. Bn.*

C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH  
(On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)

REFERENCES TO  
APPENDICES

SUMMARY OF EVENTS  
Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required

PLACE DATE

JULIS. 30

*Weather fine early but later in afternoon showers of rain which steadily increased throughout night  
Luncheon followed by Church Parade  
Bajai Buch returned from Con. Depot and assumed command  
- Maps WALK 2.I/c.*

### Other Appendices.

4. Orders issued to Offr. of Gd. re Prisoners under detention.
5. Field Returns.
6. Routine Enrolments (Nos. 1-34)
7. Routine Orders. (17/4042 - 34/4042)
8. C.O.'s report
9. R.M.O.'s report by Capt. J. B. Agan. NOT Submitted.
10. T.O.'s report. NOT Submitted.

*Adj. Comd. Coy. + Adj. Coy.*

*Creeseley* Lieut.  
I.O. 2/23 6n.

*Creeseley*

Signature

SYLLABUS

2/23 AUST INT BN

Time	HQ Coy	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy
<b>Tue 4 Nov 41</b>					
0830	AG Instn	Duty Coy	P & R Tng	P & R Tng	P & R Tng
0930	P & R Tng		AG Instn		
1000				Gds & Sentries	Gds & Sentries
1030	Bayonet Tng Squad Drill		Squad Drill Bayonet Tng	AG Instn	Squad drill Bayonet Tng
1130			Gds & Sentries	Squad Drill	AG Instn
1400-1600	Route Marches under Coy arrangements.				
<b>Wed 5 Nov 41</b>					
0830	AG Instn	P & R Tng	Duty Coy	P & R Tng	P & R Tng
0930	P & R Tng	AG Instn			
1000				Gds & Sentries	Gds & Sentries
1030	Bayonet Tng Squad Drill			AG Instn	Squad Drill Bayonet Tng
1100		Squad Drill			
1130		Gds & Sentries		Squad Drill Bayonet Tng	AG Instn
1400-1600	Tableid Sports Programme. Chief Marshal - Maj R.E. Wall. Organiser - Lieut J.M. Mothven. Coys will receive full details of events in adv from Lieut Mothven.				
<b>Thu 6 Nov 41</b>					
0830	AG Instn	P & R Tng	P & R Tng	Duty Coy	P & R Tng
0930	P & R Tng	AG Instn			
1000			Gds & Sentries		Gds & Sentries
1030	Bayonet Tng Squad Drill		AG Instn		Squad Drill Bayonet Tng
1100		Squad Drill Bayonet tng			
1130		Gds & Sentries	Squad Drill Bayonet tng		AG Instn
1400-1600	Route Marches under Coy arrangements				



Time	HQ Coy	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy
Fri 7 Nov 41					
0830	AG Instn	Full day march to JUFERR, ref 26 Aust Inf Bde Security Instn No 1. See Appx A.	Full day march to HATTA, ref 26 Aust Inf Bde Security Instn No 1. See Appx A.	P & R Tng	Duty Coy
0930	P & R Tng				
1000				Gds & Sentries	
1030	Bayonet Tng Squad Drill			Squad Drill Bayonet tng	
1130				AG Instn	
1400-1600	Route March under coy arrangement			Route March under coy arrangement	
Sat 8 Nov 41					
0830	AG Instn	Duty Coy	P & R Tng	P & R Tng	P & R Tng
0930	P & R Tng		AG Instn		
1000				Gds & Sentries	Gds & Sentries
1030	Bayonet Tng Squad Drill		Squad Drill Bayonet Tng	AG Instn	Squad Drill Bayonet tng
1130			Gds & Sentries	Squad Drill	AG Instn

1. - These marches are arranged in accordance with para 3 (b) of 26 Aust Inf Bde Security Instn No 1.  
A Coy will be accompanied by IO and B Coy by I Sgt, each with an interpreter.
3. All available officers of coys concerned should be on parade for these marches.
4. Discipline will be strict, and good bearing maintained throughout. Special attention is directed to para 7 of Security Instn No 1.
5. Coys will receive traces of routes from I Sec, and will notify HQ of time for RV at village with interpreter, who will travel independently, by MT, returning at conclusion of conversations.
6. Mid-day meal by coy arrangement.

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GENERAL NOTE ON SYLLABUS

CO desires coys to move out of camp for all tng periods except P & R and A-G tng. The former will be carried out in locations used hitherto, and the latter under Lieut K.O. Neuendorf in vicinity Red Shield Hut.

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APPX 2.

HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn,  
JULIS.

8 Nov 41.

HQ, 26 Aust Inf Bde.  
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Report on Goodwill Visit to JUSEIR by "B" & "HQ" Coys  
2/23 Aust Inf Bn on 7 Nov 41.

The Coys proceeded to JUSEIR and a cordial hour & half  
was spent with the Mukhtar's brother by a small party  
of Offrs and I Sgt. The Mukhtar was, unfortunately,  
away in GAZA, but brother made the party feel at home.

Attached are brief notes on the visit vide 26 Aust Inf  
Bde Security Instn No 1 of 1 Nov 41.

*S. H. Bland*

OC, B Coy, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Capt

Education:

- (i) One school is available for boys only to fourth elementary standard.
- (ii) The Government.
- (iii) No. Approx 60/70 boys attend school. Reading & writing Arabic, dictation, composition, geography, (Middle East), Arab history. Elements of hygiene, religion.
- (iv) One teacher.
- (v) Yes, though at present one teacher is insufficient. An appeal has been made for an additional teacher as the classroom is too small and some pupils have to stay away each day. So far no additional education facilities have been provided by the Government.

Talking Points:

- (i) Had heard of Sheikh Taged Din and thought him to be suitable leader as he was a "peasant of the people".
- (ii) Was aware of USA & BRITISH help being sent to RUSSIA and fully appreciated the German difficulties and hardships which would have to be faced this winter.
- (iii) Realised INDIA's help to the Middle & Far East.
- (iv) Village men seemed indifferent to enlistment. This was thought to be on account of the distance from recruiting places. One volunteer had joined from the village.

General:

Unemployment in the village was high as Military Authorities did NOT employ any of the men in the camps. An appeal was made to the party requesting that they ask that JUSEIR residents be given an opportunity to work in Military Camps.

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HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn  
JULIS.

7 Nov 41.

APPX 3.

HQ, 26 Aust Inf Bde.  
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Report on Goodwill Visit to HATA via BEIT AFFA by  
"A" Coy 2/23 Aust Inf Bn on 6 Nov 41.

The Coy proceeded to HATA via BEIT AFFA and after  
messing outside the village, the OC and Pl Comdr with 1  
Sgt and Interpreter, spent approx 1½ hrs with the MUKHTAR.

Attached are brief notes on the visit vide 26 Aust  
Inf Bde Security Instn No 1 of 1 Nov 41.

*W. D. Dutton*  
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A/OC A Coy 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

Lieut

APPX "B"

Education.

- (i) One school is available for boys only up to fourth elementary standard.
- (ii) The Government.
- (iii) No. Approx 30/40 children attend school. Reading and writing Arabic, dictation, composition, geography (Middle East only) Arab history, Elements of hygiene, religion.
- (iv) The teacher.
- (v) Yes. Children considered suitable and proficient go on to FALUJA, where they may study up to the seventh grade elementary standard.

Talking Points.

- (i) SYRIA. Know nothing of SYRIA and are NOT familiar with its leaders.
- (ii) USA and BRITISH assistance to RUSSIA was explained to the Mukhtar, who fully appreciated RUSSIA's resources of material and manpower, and their ability to resist GERMAN aggression with aid from USA and BRITAIN.
- (iii) This infm was passed on to the Mukhtar who asked why the prices of goods were mostly high. It was explained that munitions took a large proportion of available shipping space and that large quantities were supplied to the Middle East, Far East and RUSSIA.
- (iv) Attitude indifferent. Should anyone wish to volunteer, he would proceed to JAFFA or JERUSALEM to join.

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APPX "C"

The talking points as set out were discussed briefly.  
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ORDERS TO OFFICER OF GUARD

PRISONERS UNDER DETENTION

1. Prisoners blankets will be issued at Lights Out and withdrawn at Reveille.
2. Prisoners will be warned that they are not to be in possession of :-
  - a) Reading material
  - b) Card or other games
  - c) Tobacco or other cigarettes

Frequent searches will be carried out. If any of the above articles are found in the cell or on the person of a prisoner he will be charged by Gd Comdr.

3. Prisoners will not be allowed visitors at any time except Inspecting Officer, Coy Comdr or person authorized in writing by Coy Comdr.
4. Prisoners will not be permitted to talk to members of the Guard.
5. Prisoners will be made to keep their cells, except clothing, necessities and persons in a clean and tidy condition. They will shave daily before breakfast.
6. Prisoners will be employed in cleaning the Guard Room and environs under escort provided by the Guard.
7. Prisoners will not be in possession of any article capable of being used as a weapon or of any article other than :-
  - a) Regimental clothing and necessities
  - b) Private papers

Frequent searches will be carried out to ensure this and prisoners will be charged by Guard Comdr if not carried out.

8. Prisoners will not be permitted to receive parcels of food or other goods.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/23 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	5		3
Lieutenants ...	17		2
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters <i>bapt</i> ...	1		
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	27		5

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Maj</i>	<i>B. E. Spier</i>	<i>2/23 Bn</i>	<i>31 Oct 41</i>	<i>From 26 A I T B</i>

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>K. O. Peuendorf</i>	<i>2/23 Bn</i>	<i>30 Oct 41</i>	<i>Rejoined 26 A I T B</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>E. G. Anderson</i>	<i>2/23 Bn</i>	<i>28 Oct 41</i>	<i>Evacuated to hospital</i>

## 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.)
<i>bapt</i>	<i>Urquhart R. H.</i>	<i>2/23 Bn</i>	<i>26 A. I. T. B.</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Peuendorf K. O.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>26 A. I. T. B.</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Boulter R. B.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>26 A. I. T. B.</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Hodges. A. H.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>26 A. I. T. B.</i>



**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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt - Col		Evans B.	2/23 Bn	yes	Comd 2/23 Bn
Major		Birch H. R.	2/23 Bn	"	2 IC 2/23 Bn
Major		Wall R. E.	" "	"	OC HQ boy.
Major		Spier P. E.	" "	"	OC A boy.
Capt		Haworth W. G.	" "	"	2 IC B boy.
"		Morrell F. G.	" "	"	QM
"		Rattray R. J.	" "	"	OC C boy.
"		Bland G. H.	" "	"	OC B boy.
Lieut	Capt	Brown-More H. G.	" "	"	A/2 IC C boy.
Lieut		Anderson G. G.	" "	"	A/OC D boy.
Lieut		Methuen G. G.	" "	"	MORTAR OFFR
"	Capt	Marshall G. J.	" "	"	Adjt 2/23 Bn
"		Harding W. G.	" "	"	SF. OFFR.
"		McKay J. C. P.	" "	"	I. O.
"		Wilton M. A. B.	" "	"	A/IC A boy.
"		Orv J. H.	" "	"	Pioneer Offr.
"		Clarke K. G.	" "	NO	Attending School
"		McMaster G. E.	" "	yes	PL COMD
"		Reid R. K.	" "	"	" "
"		Tietjens F. W.	" "	"	" "
"		Goldstone M.	" "	"	" "
"		Thirlwell G. G.	" "	"	" "
"		Boas H. G.	" "	"	" "
"		Lukery G. W.	" "	"	" "
"		Gray G. G.	" "	"	" "
"		Mathews J. H.	" "	"	" "
"		Gones G. G. P.	" "	"	" "
"		Duke G.	" "	"	" "

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Mercer D. J.	AAMC	7-10-41	RMD
Capt		Morrison R. P.	Army	1-1-41	PADRE

2/23 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)  
1 Apr 41. (Date of Despatch.)

26 Bde 9 Aust Div JULIS. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)  
Marchant Capt Adj. (Signature of Commander.)

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/23 *Edmont Inf Bn* (Unit), *1st Lt* 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	6	1 (A/WOIA)	
Serjeants	26		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	56		5
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	520		133
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>139</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	AA MC		
1 Sgt	AA PC		
1 bpl	AA OC		
1 bpl	AA MC (Jury Wing)		
2 ovs	AA MC		
2 ovs	AA OC		
1 bpl	AA Postal Corps		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)

2/23 edust Inf Bn Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
" " (Wheeled) ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ..																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers & Harness Maker:																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
General duty personnel ...						1				1		1				5	133	139		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).						1 (A/WO II)				1		1				5	133	139		

2/23 edust Inf Bn Unit.

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 1 e/Br 41

26 edust Inf Bde 9 edust Div.  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

JULIS

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Unit) 3 Nov 41 19 41 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
W.Os. Class III.	5		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1	1 ✓/NOII	
Serjeants	25		1
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	55		6
Corporals	523		130
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.			
TOTALS	615	1 ✓/NOII	138

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 SGT	AMIC		
1 CPL	AMIC (Ting Wing)		
1 CPL	AMIC		
1 CPL	AA Postal Corps		
2 ORS	AMIC		
1 SGT	AMIC		
2 ORS	AMIC		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)

Unit.

2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS. TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
"  " (Wheeled) ...																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers & Harness Maker																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
General duty personnel ...				1					1	1			1		6	130			133	
<b>TOTALS</b> (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).				1					1	1			1		6	130			133	

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Unit.

*W. Marshall*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch **21 NOV 41**

**26 Aust Inf Bn.** Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

**2/23 Aust Inf Bn.**

(Unit.)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	5		3
Lieutenants ...	21	2	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
District Officers ...			
<b>Totals ...</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Vines W. J.	2/23 Bn	4 Nov 41	Taken on strength from 26 A.I.T.B.
Capt	Agar J. H.	AMC	8 Nov 41	Attached to 26 A.I.T.B.
Capt	Orquhart G. F.	2/23 Bn	2 Nov 41	Rejoined unit from 26 A.I.T.B.
Lieut	Boulter R. B.	" "	2 Nov 41	" " " "
Lieut	Hodges	" "	2 Nov 41	" " " "
Capt	Anderson H. W.	2/11 Fd Amb.	2 Nov 41	attached to HQ.
<b>Officers QUITTED during week.</b>				
Capt	Arundel E.	2/23 Bn	4 Nov 41	From Det 26 Aust Inf Bn
Capt	Mercer D. L.	2/23 Bn AMC	2 Nov 41	Evac. Conval Rest Dept
Capt	Anderson H. W.	AMC	8 Nov 41	Rejoined 2/11 Fd Amb
Capt	Arundel E.	2/23 Bn	4 Nov 41	Detached to HQ 9 Aust
Major	Birch H. B.	2/23 Bn	4 Nov 41	Evacuated 7 AMB

The above info is repeated on attached pro - forma for clearer state.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Lieut	Rigg C. G.	2/23 Bn	26 A.I.T.B.. See attached pro - forma. for Remarks

**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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt - Col		Evans B.	2/23 Bn	Yes	C.O. 2/23 Bn
Major		Wall R.E.	"	"	O.C. HQ Coy
"		Spier P. E.	"	"	O.C. A Coy.
Capt		Urquhart G.F.	"	"	O.C. D Coy
"		Haworth W.C.	"	"	A 2i/c B Coy
"		Morrell P.G.	"	"	QM
"		Rattray R.	"	"	O.C. C Coy
Lieut	Capt	Byron - Moore H.G.	"	"	2 i/c C Coy
"		Methven J.M.	"	"	Mortar Offr
"	Capt	Marshall H.I.	"	"	Adj't 2/23 Bn
"		Neuendorf K.O.	"	"	Post. Pending
"		Harding W.C.	"	"	Sig Offr
"		McKoy A. N.	"	"	I.O.
"		Wilton M.A.B.	"	"	A 2 i/c A Coy
"		Orr T.H.	"	"	Pioneer Offr
"		Clarke K. C.	"	No	Attending School
"		McMaster N.E.	"	Yes	Pl Comd
"		Reid R.K.	"	No	Attending School
"		Tietjens F.W.	"	No	" "
"		Goldstone M.	"	Yes	ATTENDING Pl Comd
"		Thirlwell G. McA	"	"	Pl Comd.
"		Boas H.J.	"	"	" "
"		Boulter R.B.	"	"	" "
"		Lukey G.W.	RA	No	Attending School
"		Gray H.	"	Yes	" "
"		Hodges N.H.	"	"	" "
"		<del>MATTHEWS</del> Matthews T.H.	"	"	" "
"		Jones E.J.P.	"	"	" "
"		Duke C.	"	"	" "
"		Vines W.J.	"	"	" "

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Agar J. McD.	AA MC	12/8/40	RMO
Chap		Morrison R.N.	ARMY CHAP DEPT	1/1/41	PADRE

2/23 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

8 Nov 41

(Date of Despatch.)

26 Aust Inf Bde 9 Aust Div

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

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Part B - Particulars of Offrs joined or quitted during week.

Offrs JOINED during week.

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Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Capt	Anderson H.W.	2/11 Fd Amb	2 Nov 41	Attached as RMO
Capt	Urquhart G.F.	2/23 Bn	2 Nov 41	Rejoined Unit from 26 I.T.B
Lieut	Boulter R.B.	" "	2 Nov 41	" " " "
"	Hodges H.H.	" "	2 Nov 41	" " " "
Capt	Arundel E.	" "	4 Nov 41	" " " Detach.
Lieut	Vines W.J.	" "	4 Nov 41	to 26 Aust Inf Bde. REJOINED Taken on
Capt	Agar J. McD.	AAMC	8 Nov 41	strength from 26 A.I.T.B. Re - attached after evacuated sick (from Depot Bn.) Attached as RMO

Offrs QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	CORPS	Date	Cause
Capt	Marcus D. L.	AAMC	2 Nov 41	Evac to Conval Rest Depot
Major	Birch H. R.	2/23 Bn	4 Nov 41	Evacuated to 4 AGH.
Capt	Arundel E.	" "	4 Nov 41	Detached to HQ 9 Aust Div
Capt	Anderson H.W.	2/11 Fd Amb	3 Nov 41	Rejoined 2/11 Fd Amb.

For Info SCHOOLS

Lieut	Clarke K.C.	Previously shown.		
Lieut	Tietjens F.W.	Detached to Schools		AIF (ME) SMC No 3 COURSE Fd WORKS WING ISMALIA, 1 Nov 41.
Lieut	Lukey G.W.	" " "		AIF (ME) Inf School WEAPON TRNG. . 1 Nov 41.
Lieut	Reid R.K.	" " "		No 15 Int Offrs Course MUGHASI. 8 Nov 41.

PART C.- Description of OFFRS whose return to the UNIT is particularly request.

RANK	Name	Corps	REMARKS
Lieut	Rigg C.G.	2/23 Bn	(26 A.I.T.B.). The return to Unit of this Offr is essential for Tr purposes in the Carrier Pl. He is the only Offr on Unit Strength who has had both active and trng experience in this Section.

Signature of Commander.

*Arundel E. Capt Agt*



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/23 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit.)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
<b>Amended Figures (See Part D.)</b>			
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		1
Majors ... ..	2		2
Captains ... ..	6		2
Lieutenants ... ..	21	2	
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters	1		
District Officers <i>QM Capt</i>			
Totals ... ..	31	2	3

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

**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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
<b>AMENDMENT</b>					
The following Offr Omitted from previous State in error.					
Next in Seniority to Capt Rattray R.					
Capt		Bland G. H.	2/23 Bn	Yes	O. C. B. Coy

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit.)

10 Nov 41

(Date of Despatch.)

*R. Marshall*  
*Capt Adj. 7*

(Signature of Commander.)

26 Aust Inf Bde 9 Div

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

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**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/23 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 15 Nov 41. 19 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.	5		1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	6	1 A/WO II	
Serjeants	26		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	58		3
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	599		54
TOTALS	694	1	59

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	RAMC		
1 bfl	" " " " (TRNG WING)		
2 ORS	" " " "		
1 Sgt	RAAC		
1 bfl	RA Postal boys		
2 ORS	RAOL		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)

2/23 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
" " (Wheeled) ...																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers & Harness Maker																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
General duty personnel ...					1					1	1	1								3 54 59
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A)					1					1x	1	1								3 54 59

2/23 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

Date of Despatch 15 Nov 41

Signature of Commander.

26 Aust Inf Bde 9 Aust Div  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/23 - 2nd Lt Inf Bn

(Unit.)

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	6		2
Lieutenants ...	22		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters <sup>CAPT.</sup> ...	1		
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	32	1	3

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Fallon J. J.	2/23 Bn	11 NOV 41	From 26 A.I.T.B. 11 NOV 41.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Agar J. M. D.	A.A.M.C.	12 NOV 41	(Attached RMO) Detached for special duty in Singapore. Remains on UNIT STRENGTH.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Lieut	Higg G. J. (MM)	2/23 Bn	(26 A.I.T.B) AS PER W 3008 dated 8 NOV
Lieut	Farrell L. M. P.	2/23 Bn	26 (A.I.T.B) This Offr is especially required for Specialist Posting as T.O.

**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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col		Evans B.	2/23 Bn	YES	C.O. 2/23 Bn
Major		Wall K. E.	" "	"	A/RIC. 2/23 Bn
"		Spence P. G.	" "	"	O.C. A. Coy.
Capt		Wignall G. F.	" "	"	O.C. D. Coy.
"		Worthington W. G.	" "	"	A/RIC. B. Coy.
"		Yonell J. G.	" "	"	O.M.
"		Putney K. J. (MC)	" "	"	O.C. C. Coy.
"		Blair G. H.	" "	"	O.C. B. Coy.
Lieut		Fallon W. J.	" "	"	PL. COMD
Lieut	Capt	Byron Moore H. G.	" "	"	LIC C. Coy.
"		McLellan G. H.	" "	"	MOB OFFER.
"	Capt	Marshall H. J.	" "	"	H DJT 2/23 Bn
"		Sumner K. D.	" "	"	POST. PENDING.
"		Harding W. G.	" "	"	SIG. OFFER.
"		McKay P.	" "	"	I.O.
"		Nelson H. G.	" "	"	A/RIC H. Coy.
"		Cox J. H.	" "	"	PEREGR. OFFER.
"		Roberts K. E.	" "	"	PL. COMD
"		McPherson G. H.	" "	"	" "
"		Kirk K. J.	" "	NO	Attending School
"		Jenkins F. W.	" "	NO	" "
"		Hulstone H.	" "	YES	PL. COMD
"		Thirlwell G. H. G.	" "	"	" "
"		Boss H. J.	" "	"	" "
"		Boulter N. B.	" "	"	" "
"		Leahy G. H.	" "	NO	Attending School
"		Grant H.	" "	YES	PL. COMD
"		Hodges G. H.	" "	"	" "
"		Matthews J. H.	" "	"	" "
"		Jones G. J. R.	" "	"	" "
"		White G. J.	" "	"	" "
"		Vines W. J.	" "	"	" "

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Agnew J. G. S.	RAMC	12/5/40	RMO (at present detached on special duty)
Capt		Harrison K. P.	ARMY CHAP DEPT	1/1/41	PA DRE

2/23 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)  
15 Nov 41 (Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)  
26 Aust Inf Bde 9 Aust Div JUS (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/23 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 22 NOV 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.	5		1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	6	1 A/WOT	
Serjeants	26		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	57		4
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	625		28
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>1 A/WOT</b>	<b>34</b>

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A AMC		
1 S/pl	A AMC (TRNG WING)		
1 S/pl	A ARMY POSTAL CORP		
2 ORS	A AMC		
1 Sgt	A APC		
3 ORS	A AOC		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)

2/23 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT										REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.		Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers ... ..																					
Butchers ... ..																					
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																					
Clerks ... ..																					
Cooks ... ..																					
Despatch Riders ... ..																					
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ... ..																					
"  " (Wheeled) ... ..																					
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																					
Drivers-Operators ... ..																					
Electricians ... ..																					
Equipment Repairers ... ..																					
Farriers ... ..																					
Fitters ... ..																					
Machine Gunners ... ..																					
Masons ... ..																					
Motor Mechanics ... ..																					
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																					
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																					
Range Takers ... ..																					
Saddlers & Harness Maker ... ..																					
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																					
Sanitary and Water Duties ... ..																					
Signallers ... ..																					
Storemen technical ... ..																					
Tailors ... ..																					
Wheelers ... ..																					
General duty personnel ... ..					1					1	1	1							4	28	34
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).					1					1	1	1							4	28	34

2/23 Aust Inf Bn Unit. Date of Despatch 22 NOV 44

Signature of Commander. 26 Bde 9 Aust Div. JULIS.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*2/23 Aust Inf Bn* (Unit.)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
* * * *			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	6		2
Lieutenants ...	18		1
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters <i>Capt.</i> ...	1		
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	28		4

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

**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.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>Murphy R H</i>	<i>Army Corp Dept</i>	<i>19/1/41</i>	<i>Rejoined 26 Aust Inf Bde</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Boulter R B</i>	<i>2/23 Bn</i>	<i>11/1/41</i>	<i>Evacuated 9 AGH</i>
✓	<i>Matthews J H</i>	✓	✓	<i>Detached 9 Aust Div</i>
✓	<i>Mundorf K O</i>	✓	✓	<i>26 Inf Bde</i>
✓	<i>M. Master H E</i>	✓	✓	✓

**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.)
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Omyer J D</i>	<i>2/23 Bn 26 H/TB</i>	<i>Offrs Supernumerary to Establisment as per 9 Aust Div RO 11 (20%)</i>
✓	<i>D. Mcville G A</i>	✓	
✓	<i>Hopley J H</i>	✓	
✓	<i>Lynn A</i>	✓	
✓	<i>McLeod H K</i>	✓	
✓	<i>Durham J H</i>	✓	

**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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
St-Cob		Evans B	2/23 BN	Yes	C.O. 2/23 BN
Major		Wall H.E.	✓	✓	A/2IC 2/23 BN
"		Spur P.E.	✓	✓	O.C. H Coy
Capt		Arguehart G.S.	✓	✓	O.C. D. Coy
"		Heuwerth W.B.	✓	✓	A/2IC B Coy
"		Morrill J.G.	✓	✓	G.M.
"		Katray A. (M.C.)	✓	✓	O.C. C. Coy
"		Bland G.A.	✓	✓	O.C. B Coy
Lieut		Fallon J.S.	✓	✓	Pl. Comd.
"	Capt	Synn Moore H.G.	✓	✓	2/IC C Coy
"		Wethven J.W.	✓	✓	A/2IC H Coy
"	Capt	Marshall H.S.	✓	✓	A.DST. 2/23 BN
"		Harding W.B.	✓	✓	SIG CTR.
"		McKoy A.S.	✓	✓	Int
"		Wilton M.A.B.	✓	✓	A/2IC H Coy
"		Ort J.H.	✓	✓	PIONEER CTR.
"		Clarke K.B.	✓	✓	Pl. Comd.
"		Reed K.S.	✓	No	attending school
"		Joynt J.W.	✓	✓	✓
"		Goldstone M.	✓	yes	Pl. Comd.
"		Thirwell G.M.L.	✓	✓	✓
"		Boas J.H.	✓	✓	✓
"		Luthey J.W.	✓	No	attending school
"		Gray J.H.	✓	yes	Pl. Comd.
"		Hodges H.H.	✓	✓	✓
"		Jones E.J.	✓	✓	✓
"		Luke H.	✓	✓	✓
"		Finns W.J.	✓	✓	✓

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Agar J.M.L.	R.A.M.C.	12/4/40	R.M.O.

2/23 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)

22 Mar 41. (Date of Despatch.)

26 Aust Inf Bn, 9 Aust Div 515 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*2/23 Aust Inf Bn* (Unit.)

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	<i>1</i>		
Majors ...	<i>2</i>		<i>1</i>
Captains ...	<i>6</i>		<i>2</i>
Lieutenants ...	<i>21</i>	<i>1</i>	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters <i>capt</i> ...	<i>1</i>		
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	<i>31</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

## 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.
<i>Chap</i>	<i>Memussen R N</i>	<i>Army Chap Dpt</i>	<i>19/11/41</i>	<i>Rejoined 26 Aust Inf Bde</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Boulter R B</i>	<i>2/23 BN</i>	<i>16/11/41</i>	<i>Evacuated 7 AGH</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>Matthews J H</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Detached 9 Aust Div Eng Bde</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>Huwendorf K O</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>" 26 " Int Bde</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>McMabter D E</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>" " " "</i>

## 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.)
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Dwyer J D</i>	<i>2/23 BN</i>	<i>26 AITB</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>D'Herville R B</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>" "</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>Hipsley J W</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>" "</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>Lynn J A</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>" "</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>McLeod H H J</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>" "</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>Dunham J W</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>" "</i>

*Offrs Superannuated to Establishment as per 9 Aust Div R.O. 411 (20%)*

**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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col		Evans B.	2/23 BN	Yes	60. 2/23 BN
Meyer		Wall R.E.	✓	✓	A 2/40 ✓
capt		Spier P.E.	✓	✓	O.C. A Coy
"		Marguhart G.H.	✓	✓	O.C. D. Coy
"		Haworth A.B.	✓	✓	A 2/40 B Coy
"		Morrill J.G.	✓	✓	O.M.
"		Rattray R.(Mc)	✓	✓	O.C. C Coy
"		Blaird G.H.	✓	✓	O.C. B Coy
Lieut		Fallon J.A.	✓	✓	PI Comd.
"	capt	Byron Moon M.G.	✓	✓	2/40 C Coy
"		Mithoen G.M.	✓	✓	A 0/40 HQ Coy
"	capt	Marshall H.S.	✓	✓	ADJT 2/23 BN
"		Murdoch K.O.	✓	No	detached 26 Aust Inf Bde
"		Harding W.B.	✓	yes	Sig Offr.
"		Mitchell A.W.	✓	✓	" " ✓
"		Wilton M.A.B.	✓	✓	A 2/40 A Coy
"		Ort J.A.	✓	✓	Prov Offr
"		Clarke K.B.	✓	✓	PI Comd.
"		McMaster R.E.	✓	No	detached 26 Aust Inf Bde
"		Kiel R.H.	✓	No	attending school
"		Suyters J.W.	✓	✓	✓
"		Goldstone M.	✓	yes	PI Comd.
"		Thirwell J.M.L.	✓	✓	✓
"		Boas J.H.	✓	✓	✓
"		Lukey G.W.	✓	No	attending school
"		Gady N.	✓	yes	PI Comd.
"		Hodges R.H.	✓	✓	✓
"		Matthews J.A.	✓	No	Detached 9 Aust Div TNG Bde
"		Jones E.J.	✓	yes	PI Comd
"		Duke J.C.	✓	✓	✓
"		Vines M.J.	✓	✓	✓

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
capt		Agar J.M.L.	AAMC	12/2/40	R.M.O.

2/23 Aust Inf Bde  
24 Nov 41  
(Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
D. B. ...  
26 Aust Inf Bde; 9 Aust Div  
(Signature of Commander.)  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

**2/23 BATTALION**

(Unit) ..... 19 ..... (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	3		3
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	7	2 x Supernumerary	
Serjeants	25		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	54		7
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	629		24
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	AA MC		
1 Sgt	AA PC		
1 bpl	AA MC (TNG WING)		
1 bpl	AA Postal CORP		
2 Ovs	AA MC		
2 "	AA OC		
2 "	AA OC		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
VX 26855	bpl	Kemp H.W.	2/23 Bm	Experienced armorer in all types of weap. this unit urgently requires same. 26 AITB
VX 28517	S/bpl	Mc Bracken D.M.	2/23 Bm	Experienced in sig work. Urgently needed for troop purposes, owing to 2 sig b's evacuated to hospital. 26 AITB



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/23rd Aust Inf Bn. (Unit)

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	7		1
Lieutenants ...	20	1	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ... <i>bapt</i>	1		
District Officers ...			
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.)

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>lieut</i>	<i>Birch H. R.</i>	<i>2/23 Bn</i>	<i>29 NOV 41</i>	<i>From Hospital</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Tietjens F. W.</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>29 NOV 41</i>	<i>From detachment to Schools &amp; Courses</i>
<i>bapt</i>	<i>Cumpston J. S.</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>7 NOV 41</i>	<i>From 26 AITB (still detached pending joining unit)</i>

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Whisking W. P.</i>	<i>2/23 Bn</i>	<i>23 NOV 41</i>	<i>detached to Schools</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>Blackburn K. B.</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>23 NOV 41</i>	<i>" " "</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>Hodges C. H.</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>23 NOV 41</i>	<i>" " "</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>Matthews J. H.</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>21 NOV 41</i>	<i>" " 9dnot Div</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>Boas H. J.</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>29 NOV 41</i>	<i>From Bde &amp; is seconded to SCHOOL.</i>

## 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).
<i>bapt</i>	<i>Cumpston J. S.</i>	<i>2/23 Bn</i>	<i>26 AITB</i>

**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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-col		Evans B.	2/23 Bn	NO	ON TOUR OF DUTY
Major		Birch H.R.	"	YES	LECTURING
"		Wall R.E.	"	"	ADMIN. COMD
"		Spier P.E.	"	"	A/2IC 2/23 Bn
Capt		Urquhart E.F.	"	"	O.C. A Coy
"		Haworth W.G.	"	"	O.C. D Coy
"		Mozell J.L.	"	"	A/2IC B Coy
"		Rattray R. (MC)	"	"	O.M.
"		Bland E.H.	"	"	O.C. C Coy
"		Fallon G.F.	"	"	O.C. B Coy
Lieut	Capt	Byron-McBride H.G.	"	"	PL COMD
"		McEwen G.M.	"	"	2IC C Coy
"	Capt	Marshall H.J.	"	"	A/OC HQ Coy
"		Steuendorf H.O.	"	"	ADJT 2/23 Bn
"		Harding W.G.	"	NO	Detached 26 Bde
"		McKay, Ed. CP.	"	"	attending School
"		Wilton M.A.B.	"	"	ON TOUR OF DUTY
"		Dar J.H.	"	YES	LECTURING
"		Blayke K.G.	"	"	A/2IC H Coy
"		McClellan P.E.	"	No	Prisoner of War
"		Reid R.H.	"	"	attending School
"		Dietsens F.W.	"	"	attached 26 Bde
"		Goldstone G.	"	YES	attending School
"		Whishwell G. Allen	"	"	PL COMD
"		Boas H.G.	"	"	" "
"		Lubin G.W.	"	No	attending School
"		Grant H.	"	"	" "
"		Badges E.P.H.	"	YES	PL COMD
"		Jones E.J.	"	No	attending School
"		Dukes G.	"	YES	PL COMD
"		Vines W.F.	"	"	" "
To be incl in		the above list			
Capt		Bumpston G.S.	2/23 Bn	No	next in seniority to Capt RATTRAY Detached 26 Bde

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Argon G. McC. D.	R.A.M.C.	12/8/41	R.M.O.

2/23 Aust Inf Bn  
(Unit.)  
29 Nov 41  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
26 Aust Inf Bde g.c. HQ  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

JULIS



ROUTINE INSTNS

by

Lt-Col B. EVANS, Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

No. 1.

1. SECURITY OF ARMS, PROPERTY -

Stealing in this Camp vicinity is much more prevalent than at DIMRA. One unit suffered the loss last night of 18 EPIP tent sides, most of an Offr's kit, and £30 from the pocket of his jacket, despite the activities of a strong picquet. Bde HQ advises that the Coy prowler picquet system used during DIMRA period will be inadequate here. It is required therefore, that Coys have picquet duty in their lines on the following scale :-

2 men per Coy Q Store  
1 man per EPIP tent.  
1 man per 2 RD tents.

Coys are warned that security of arms regulations apply with equal force to all Officers issue and personal pistols.

2. TRANSPORT -


All Unit vehs will bear the serial number 67 on wind shields. First duty of tpt Sgt when taking over new vehs, will be to mark them in this fashion.

3. Offr of the Guard will also perform the duties of Offr of Canteen Picquet. Offr of the Guard will live during his tour of duty in the Officer's quarters of the Guard House.

4. Lectures to Pl Offrs by Bn 2 i/c, and to NCOs by the RSM, will begin 0900 hrs 24 Oct. Offrs will report to Officers' Mess and NCOs to BHQ.  
Dress - Offrs, normal camp dress.  
NCOs, drill order.

5. GAMBLING -

Tps will NOT gamble in any portion of the Canteen establishment. The Canteen Sgt has received an order from AACS to this effect, and has been assured of the full co-operation of this unit. Coy Comds are requested to bring this under particular attention of Offrs of Canteen Picquets, in addition to ensuring that all tps are aware of the prohibition.

  
Adjt 2/23 Aust Inf Bn **Capt**

For Official Use Only.

HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn,  
24 Oct 41.

ROUTINE INSTNS

by

Lt-Col B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

No. 2

6. LIGHTS OUT -

This must be strictly observed. Last night's display of lights in tents, and continued singing and shouting after the "lights out" call, will NOT be tolerated in future. Regtl duties henceforth will strictly police the call.

7. SECURITY -

As soon as it comes together in the area, HQ 9 Aust Div will promulgate full instns of what may be written ref recent moves. It is realised that all ranks are anxious to relieve minds at home by writing news of safe return to PALESTINE, but until promulgation of Div Instn, usual censorship regulations MUST be enforced. These prohibit any reference in correspondence of location of units, tp and ship movements, etc.

8. REGTL TAILOR -

Applications are called for this appt. Stating qualifications of applicants, Coys will submit returns to BHQ by 1800 hrs 25 Oct. Nil returns required.

9. PIONEER OFFR'S FATIGUE -

To assist work of Pioneers in cleaning of showers and ablutions used by all Coys, the duty Coy will ~~XXXXXX~~ daily provide 2 ORs, reporting to the Pioneer Cpl (Cpl Orr) at HQ Coy Office at 0900 hrs.

10. LATRINES -

Until further notice, the following is allotment of latrines, side RD GAZA TEL AVIV :-

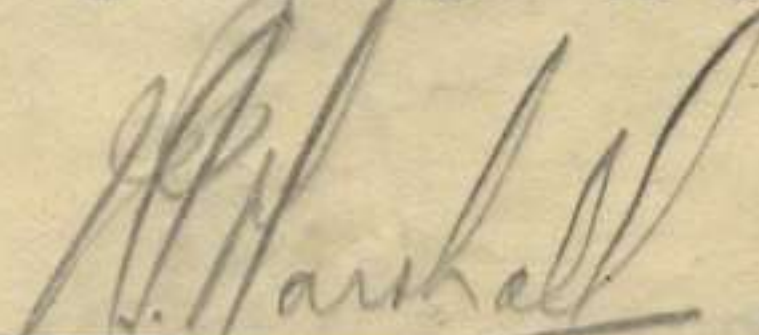
D & HQ Coys, latrines nearest their respective lines.  
A, B & C Coys, latrines nearest respective lines.  
BHQ, latrine on BHQ rd.

11. OFFRS CADRE -

Nominal roll of offr's to attend lectures by Bn 2 i/c will be notified in Offrs' Mess by CO tonight.

12. ORDERLY OFFR -

Bn Orderly ~~XXXXXX~~ Offrs throughout their tours of duty will operate from Bn Ord room, and will sleep the night of duty there beside telephone.

  
Adj't 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Capt

DAILY ROUTINE INSTNS NO 3

25 Oct 41

2/23 Aust Inf Bn

13. CHURCH PARADES -

Church of England -

0700 Holy Communion in Writing Room next Recreation Hut, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (Goddard Lines).

1000 Church Parade - Cinema Theatre  
Address - Senior Chaplain, Padre Howerhouse.

Roman Catholic -

Y.M.C.A. Hut, Gellibrand Lines.

0700 Mass and Holy Communion

0930 Mass Only

As outlined at Coy Comds conference, Coys will move independently to Cinema, and occupy seats as allotted by Bn Ord Offr, who will make a prior recce. All Coys to be seated by 0955 hrs. Dress - Shirts and shorts.

14. SECURITY -

Ref Routine Instn No 2 para 7. The latest instn from Higher Formation is that the writer may state "I am in PALESTINE". The collective sense must not be used, nor must any ref be made to the fact that the writer was in TOBRUK, to the relief of the Fortress Garrison, to Navy or shipping movements.

15. LOST PROPERTY -

The following has been lost within the Camp. Finders are requested to hand articles in to BHQ Ord Room :-

Capt H.G. Byron Moore

VX45560 Pte Rowe C.E.  
(2/24 Aust Inf Bn)

VX57458 Pte Conway W.  
(26 Aust Inf Tng Bn)

- Small leather money purse containing between £5 and £6.

- Jacket SD with paybook and wallet containing 3500 Rs.

- One sea kit bag containing the following articles :-

3 Flannel singlets

2 Cotton V pants

7 Prs socks

1 Pr putties (short)

1 Issue Razor & blades

1 Fd dressing

1 Lower denture.

Pte Conway was a member of working party in this camp, and on day of arrival of unit, left his sea kit bag with a number of others in what is now the Bn I room. Returning later he found the room had been cleared of all kit bags. Coys are requested to endeavour to locate this bag, which apparently was moved in error with others belonging to members of the unit adv party, and which may, therefore, have strayed into coy lines.

16. WASHING -

A laundry service is provided free of charge to -

(a) All members of the unit up to the scale shown below :-

1 khaki or flannel shirt      1 pr shorts

1 singlet, woollen or      2 pr socks

                                 cotton      1 towel

3 handkerchiefs.

In addition, other articles may be sent, which will be charged for. Washing may be sent twice a week in summer, and once in winter.

- (b) Tickets will be supplied by OM to Coys. These tickets will be given to personnel who will attach them to a complete list of their washing, showing No, Rank, Name and Coy. The washing will be rolled up in individual bundles, and the list included.

Every article will be marked with the mans No and Name. The bundles will be put in a coy dump and under arrangement with the TO, transported to the laundry. Coy storemen will accompany the washing, and at arrival there, check each bundle with the representative of the laundry. Arrangements will be made for the collection of clean washing at time and date stated by the laundry.

- (c) Days for the sending of the washing are as under :-  
BHQ, HQ Coy & A Coy - Saturday & Wednesday  
B, C, & D Coys - Sunday & Thursday

- (d) Washing will be checked on return, and discrepancies, if any, noted for purposes of claims.

H. I. Marshall                      Capt  

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Adjt 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

DAILY ROUTINE INSTNS NO 4

26 Oct 41

2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

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17. INSTN - ANTI GAS -

One NCO per Coy will report to Lieut K. O. Neuendorf at roadway, BHQ at 0830 hrs 27 Oct 41. Coys are requested to send NCO with AG experience if possible.

18. COMPLIMENTS -

Attention of Rifle Coys is drawn to the fact that many sentries seem to be unaware of the correct compliments to be paid according to rank. It is requested that Coy Comds endeavour to ensure that all ranks receive correct instn in this matter.

(Signed) H. I. Marshall, Capt.  
Adjt 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

DAILY ROUTINE INFANTRY NO 5.

27 Oct 41

2/23 Aust Inf Bn

**19. ORDERLY OFFERS -**

Until the issue of the Adjts roster, the detailing for duty of Bn Ord Offrs, will be left to Duty Coys, who are requested to notify BHO of names one day prior to commencement of tour of duty.

**20. ORDERLY SGTs, CPLs -**

The following roster of Bn Ord Sgts and Bn Ord Cpls has been prepared by the RSM, and comes into force today. This roster will be issued weekly. BHO will be notified of departures from the roster, compelled by leave, sickness, or any other reasonable cause.

<u>Duty Coy</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ord Sgt</u>	<u>Ord Cpl</u>
B	27 Oct	Sgt Sellick R.D.	Cpl Hayes C.B.
C	28 "	" Taylor H.A.	" Strickland N.D.
D	29 "	" Jackson J.W.	" Catlin R.J.
A	30 "	" Hamilton J.A.	" Coninon D.H.
B	31 "	" Francis T.	" Elliott S.H.
C	1 Nov	" McCallum J.	" Boon A.
D	2 "	" Robinson G.H.	" Theodore J.R.

**21. TRANSFERS - OM CLEARANCE -**

Personnel transferring from this unit, must report before departure to the OM office for the necessary clearance. Where possible, this clearance will be obtained 24 hrs before marching out. Coys are advised to give prior notice to the OM of pending departures.

Personnel transferring into the unit must report to the OM office on arrival.

**22. SPORTING EQPT -**

The Bn has received the following gifts from the Australian Comforts fund :-

- 5 cricket bats
- 6 " balls
- 1 set cricket stumps
- 4 hockey balls
- 11 " sticks
- 4 soccer balls
- 1 bat oil
- 3 cricket pads
- 5 medicine balls
- 2 boxing gloves
- 5 compo cricket balls
- 1 pr wk gloves
- 5 Rugby balls
- 1 pump
- 1 lacor

**23. NOTES ON INSPECTION, 27 Oct 41 -**

(a) Razor blades are being left on ablution benches. Cpl Hand to provide tins for these, which must be used.

(b) Lines -

- i. Many tents are not rolled, and other incorrectly rolled. Tents must be rolled front and back, and must be rolled inwards, NOT outwards.
- ii. Uniform etc hanging in tents. These should be folded away with cept and only towels hung in tents. Newspapers, books, shaving and other personal gear lying about must be packed away.

(c) Cookhouses & Butchery -

- i. All personal clothing and cept must be removed, and put in private quarters.

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ii. Some cookhouses require fly wire at water outlet, floor level. Cpl Hand to attend.

(d) Guard -

Guard Comds if armed, must turn out armed when guard turns out.

(e) Cooks Tents -

The single detached tent must be erected nearer to the other two, for security reasons. Sgt Jones to attend.

(f) BHQ Lines -

Found in particularly bad condition. Suggest that RSM be made responsible for these, and conduct his own inspection each morning prior to Bn inspection.

(Signed) H. I. Marshall, Capt.  
Adjt 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

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24. OFFICERS' DRESS - ORD DUTY, GDS -

In future, dress for Bn Ord Offr and Offr of the Cd, will be as follows :-

Bn Ord Offr & Offr of New Cd -

Uniform cloth, Offrs pattern.  
Gaiters.  
Hat fur felt (turned up).  
Waist belt.  
Pistol.  
Pouch.

Offr of the Old Cd -

Shorts.  
Shirt.  
Hat fur felt (turned down)  
Waist belt.  
Pistol.  
Pouch.

25. DAILY INSPECTION -

The attention of Coys is directed to the following extracts from the Bn Ord Offr's report on Camp inspection :-

- (a) Bn hard standing untidy.
- (b) Canteen area not cleared of empty bottles, food scraps and papers. Cleaning of canteen area is responsibility of Duty Coy.
- (c) Drains and slit trenches throughout the camp require cleaning of paper.

Coys are requested to ensure that their lines are thoroughly inspected by their respective Coy Ord Offrs before the Bn daily inspection.

26. COOKHOUSE AREA - CLEANLINESS -

Cigarette butts, papers etc must not be thrown through windows at rear of cookhouses.

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27. LEAVE -

No personnel will proceed on leave before first visiting the RAP to be issued with the usual devices protective against venereal disease. Coy Comds are requested to ensure this.

28. BAND CONCERT -

The Band of the Australian HQ Cd Bn will play for 40 mins before the free screening at 1745 hrs 13 Nov 41. Further instns ref screening will be issued when to hand.

29. DRESS - GDS, DUTIES -

Until further notice, in endeavour to achieve uniformity, gds and Bn duties will mount in shorts and shirts. This applies equally to Offrs who appear on the duties parade. Waist belt, pistol, and pouch will be worn as before, by offrs, with hats fur felt. This cancels R.I. No 6, para 24.

30. LOST -

Lieut K.O. Neuendorf reports the loss in vicinity Offrs' lines, of #14 Egyptian.

31. FOUND -

In Adjts office, one brown leather spectacle case of the envelope type, in fairly new condition. Held at orderly room.

2. TIMINGS -

(a) Bn Ord Offr will be responsible in future for securing official time from the Bn Ord room before going to breakfast, where he will announce it to the offrs in the Mess. Coy runners and bugler will obtain official time from the Bn Ord Room before sounding of half hour warning for morning parade.

(b) Sgts morning Mess will in future be sounded at 0730 hrs.

33. DEFAULTERS -

Coys will submit nominal rolls of defaulters to Bn Ord Room before 1700 hrs daily.

34. CANTEEN ORDERS -

Coys are asked to organise collection of these by Coy Clerks, who will be the only persons authorised to bring them to BHO for stamping.

5. BAND RECORDS -

Relatives and friends of the Bn, in AUSTRALIA, may buy records, made by the Band before departure from DIHRA Camp in March, from the 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Womens Welfare Assn, which has its rooms in Legacy Club buildings, Market St, MELBOURNE. Tps are advised to write this infm home.

36. GD OFFR'S MEALS -

In future the Offr of the Cd will have his meals in the Cd house, and between Reveille and Retreat, will not leave the vicinity, except to inspect his posts. Batmen will draw the rations from Offrs' Mess.

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37. RAZOR BLADES -

To avoid lack of discipline in disposal of razor blades, and obvious dangers of having disused blades lying about, Coys are asked to provide recepticals in their own lines and in vicinity ablutions and showers used by them.

38. SOUNDING OF RETREAT -

Bn Ord Offr will henceforth be responsible for ensuring that the bugler's watch is synchronised with official time daily at 1700 hrs, so that the sounding of Retreat will be as simultaneous as possible throughout the Bde area.

39. LOST -

One 4 bladed pen-knife with initials K.I.B. on one side. Finder please return to Bn Ord Room.

40. TENT SIDES -

The sides of ALL tents - both EPIP and RD - are to be rolled before 0830 hrs parade daily, and are to remain rolled until dismissal of afternoon parade, except in adverse weather, when Bn Ord Offr will notify action to be taken.

41. BN DUTIES -

The following duties will be supplied daily by the Duty Coy. This list is subject to variation without notice, depending on additional requirements or changed conditions :-

Bn Ord Offr  
Bn Ord Sgt  
Bn Ord Cpl  
2 Bn Runners  
Bn Gd  
Bn Fire Picquet  
Canteen Picquet (In charge of Offr of the Gd, and comprising 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl and 6 ORs.)  
2 ORs Pnr Fatigue, 0900 hrs EQ Coy lines.  
1 OR Bde runner, report to Bde 0800 hrs.  
2 ORs Red Shield hut, 0900 hrs.

Two ORs, drain cleaning, report to C.R.S. 0900 hrs, and thence to Dental Clinic - tomorrow only.

42. STICK ORDERLIES LEAVE -

Tomorrow, stick orderlies who have not yet had the days leave granted them by the C.O., will report to BHC by 0800 hrs, when a truck will leave for REHOVOT. At REHOVOT, the party will catch a bus for TEL AVIV at 0910 hrs, and by the same bus service, will return to REHOVOT by 2100 hrs, where unit tpt will meet the party and return to camp. This arrangement will operate in future at intervals of 4 days, the next party leaving at 0800 hrs 4 Nov 41. Coys will issue leave passes, collecting them on return and forwarding to BHC.

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43. CELL - GD HOUSE -

The cell in which prisoners are held, will be kept in darkness, and cleared of periodicals and newspapers. Offr of the Gd will ensure that a prisoner's sojourn in the Gd house is as uncomfortable as possible. The only meals served will be bully beef and biscuits, as soon as those rations are available.

44. DISCIPLINE, CANTEN -

By special arrangement with the Canteen Sgt, the wet bar in the unit canteen remains open for half an hour beyond the normal closing time at night, but this privilege may have to be withdrawn, if the picquet and the tps themselves fail to co-operate in ensuring that only our own men are served in our canteen. The special attention of offr liable for picquet duty is directed to this. Only in genuine circumstances will a man from another unit, invited into the canteen by one of our own men on the score of friendship, be permitted to enter. The foregoing is a matter for the co-operation of all tps in the interests of themselves and the unit.

45. BLANKET AIRING -

Blankets will in future be aired by coys, in places specified by coy comds, and under supervision as a drill. Individual and haphazard airing of blankets in coy lines gave the camp an untidy appearance during the morning inspection.

46. FURNITURE - OFFICE VEH -

OC HQ Coy is requested to direct the Tpt Sgt to collect the removable furniture of the Bn office veh, and hand it over to the Bn QM, together with an inventory. Please advise when action completed.

  
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47. LEAVE PASSES -

All ranks are advised that leave passes must be handed in on return from leave. This is essential to the drawing of subsistence. This money can be drawn only on the evidence of returned leave passes. Coys will collect, and fwd the passes to the leave Offr.

48. MAIL - CENSORSHIP -

While present shortage of HQ Coy Offrs persists, Offr of the Gd will be responsible during his tour of duty, for censoring mail lodged at the Gd house for that purpose. This will be mail in excess of that which can be handled by HQ Coy Offrs.

49. OFFR OF GD, MESS -

The C.O. has approved of the Offr of the Hd having evening mess in the Offrs' Mess, and proceeding from there to his Canteen Picquet duties. Other meals will be taken in the gd house, in accordance with R.I. No 7, para 36.

50. OFFRS' SHOWERS -

Bn Ord Offr will ensure from day to day that kerosene, NOT solar oil, is being used in the heater.

51. MELBOURNE CUP -

A Tote on the Melbourne cup will be operating at the RAP today, and up to 2200 hrs tomorrow. The race will be broadcast at 0740 hrs on Tuesday.

52. FOUND -

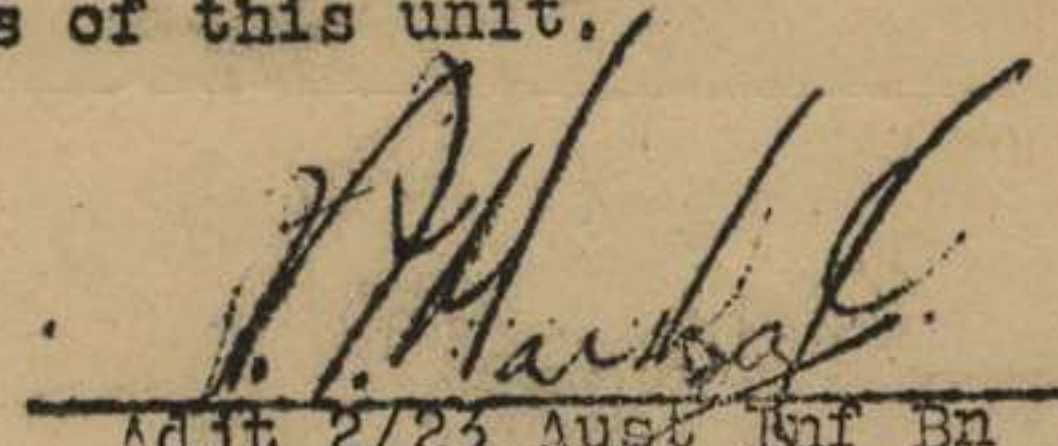
One wristlet watch. Held at Orderly Room.

53. LOST -

One money belt, containing silver only. Left in HQ Coy Latrine. Finder please return to Bn Ord Room.

54. SAFARI JACKETS -

These will not be worn by Offrs of this unit.

  
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55. DRESS - GDS -

26 Aust Inf Bde R/Os lay down that summer dress will be worn. To comply with this order, gds will in future, mount in service dress, and change for daylight duties between Reveille and Retreat into shorts and shirts. New sentries posted on the last relief will change into service dress beforehand, along with the rest of the gd, and the sentries so relieved will also change into service dress before Retreat, thereby enabling both old and new gds to perform the changing ceremony uniformly dressed in SD.

56. LEAVE - STICK ORDERLIES -

A party of stick orderlies will go on 1-day leave tomorrow, as in R/I No 8 para 42.

57. ORDERLY SGTs, CPLs -

Ref R/I No 5, para 20, roster of Bn Ord Sgts and Bn Ord Cpls will not be maintained henceforth, because of numerous absences on duty and leave. In future, coys are requested to notify BNQ 24 hrs in adv of duty, the names of the 2 above.

58. CO's ORD ROOM -

Coy's will in future, lodge charge sheets for CO's Ord Room with RSM, 24 hrs in adv. CO will conduct Ord Room when necessary between 0900 and 0930 hrs.

59. PAY -

Pay will henceforth be fortnightly, and, except for CAIRO leave, there will be no further special pay parades for leave parties. Personnel on 1-day leaves are not entitled to a special pay, and 2-day personnel can draw pay at their destination.

60. RANGE PARTIES -

With personnel nominated by HQ, B, C and D Coys, rifle practices will be fired at NUSEIR T range tomorrow, and Bron practices on 6 Nov 41. The Duty Coy (A Coy) will receive a double allotment of personnel on the units next allotted range day. Timings are :-

Reveille	0445	Mens Mess	0515
Parade (B Coy		Embus	0555
parade ground)	0550	Convoy leaves	0600

Return when practices completed.

As only 5000 rds SAA has been issued for each day, selection of personnel is necessarily restricted.

61. BROADCAST, MELBOURNE CUP -

To enable as many tps as possible to hear the Melbourne Cup broadcast at 0740 hrs tomorrow, Camp Reveille will be 0600 hrs, and Mens mess 0700 hrs. Parade times are unchanged.

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Adjt, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

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62. PRISONERS' BLANKETS -

Blankets will be allowed to soldiers detained in the Cd house at Retreat daily, and withdrawn at Reveille.

63. DETENTION -

9 Aust Div Adm Instn No 47 states that, pending the opening of two new Aust Detention Camps, units will arrange for personnel sentenced to detention for 28 days or less, to be confined within unit lines. Normal incidents of detention will apply :-

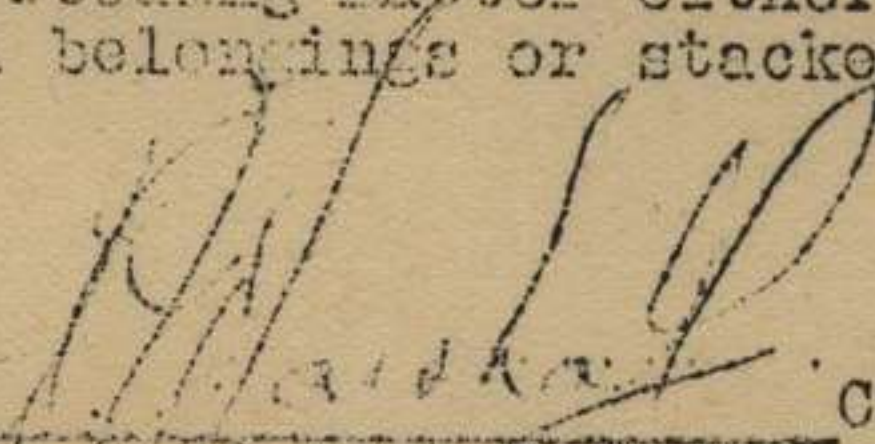
Confinement, no smoking, forfeiture of pay.

Such soldiers will be given work, but will not parade or train with their sub-units.

64. CLEANLINESS OF LINES -

The following points are to be observed :-

- (a) Rubbish tins in tents to be emptied before daily inspection.
- (b) Lamp glasses to be cleaned each morning.
- (c) Clothing and personal effects to be out of sight beneath ground-sheets. Towels, rubbish tins, and lamps only to be left exposed.
- (d) Tent drains and slit trenches, to be completed and kept clean.
- (e) Coy Ord NCOs (in the case of cookhouses, the senior cook of each) will parade to the inspection party immediately the bugle G sounds in their lines, and will proceed the inspection party through respective lines.
- (f) Cd Room -
  - i. All mess gear to be kept in cupboard.
  - ii. Palliases to be removed from cells.
- (g) Kitchens -
  - i. Wire net covering for water outlet in meat rooms to be replaced after daily floor washing.
  - ii. MQ Lines - Tents will be rolled in accordance with R/I No 8 para 40, and all reading matter either put out of sight with personal belongings or stacked neatly.

  
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65. BLANKETS - PRISONERS -

Amending R/I No 12 para 62, prisoners' blankets will be issued at Lights Out, and withdrawn at Reveille.

66. BLANKETS - AIRING -

Airing of blankets is to be a daily procedure, a proportion of the blankets in each coy being aired each day, so that all blankets are aired at least once a week. This is further to R/I No 9, para 45, which still stands.

67. COOKHOUSES - DISINFECTING -

The Pioneer Offr will arrange for disinfecting cockroaches from the bread cupboards in the cookhouses.

68. KITCHEN - SGTS' MESS -

Water from the waste pipe at present runs on to the verandah. Pioneer Offr is directed to arrange for a piece of tin to be placed over the waste pipe from the sink.

69. BATMEN - OFFRS' MESS -

Batmen listed for duty in Offrs' Mess kitchen, will be under the orders of the senior cook, and will not leave the precincts of the kitchen until dismissed by him. The senior cook will report any absence from duty to the coy comd concerned. Batmen will report on their days of duty 0715 to 1245 and at 1630 hrs.

70. NUSEIRAT RANGE -

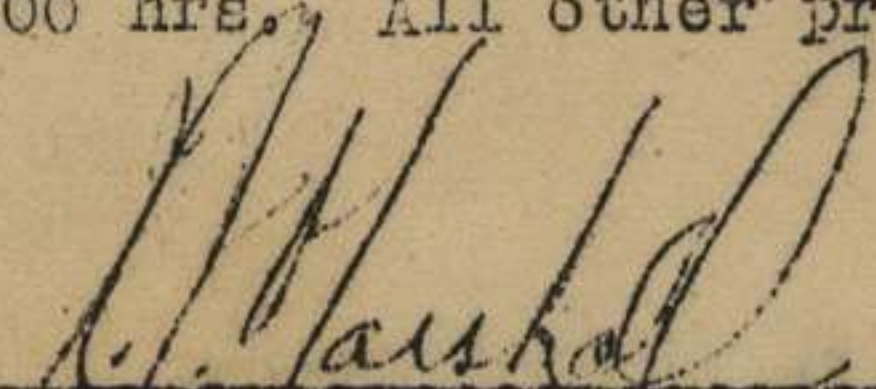
Coys are asked to ensure, as far as possible, that the same personnel who visited NUSEIRAT range on 3 Nov 41 for rifle practices, proceed there again tomorrow for Bren practices. Timings will be same as in R/I No 11 para 60.

71. CHANGE OF SYLLABUS -

Full day route marches laid down in the syllabus for A Coy to JUSEIR and B Coy to HATTA, both on Friday, will now be done as follows :-

A Coy to HATTA tomorrow.  
B " " JUSEIR on Friday.

In each case, the camp interpreter, accompanied by the I Sgt, will meet the coy at the village at 1200 hrs. All other previous arrangements stand.

  
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72. BATMEN - OFFRS' MESS -

- (a) Coy Comds are requested to regard as an offence, the failure of any batman of offrs in their coys, to report at the stated times and place for offrs' mess duty. A roster has been prepared, and will be circulated.
- (b) The Mess secretary (Licut A.N. McKoy) should be informed if a batman is unable to report as in sub-para (a) according to roster.
- (c) Unless otherwise detailed, batmen of offrs on leave, will perform full time duties at the offrs' mess during the period of absence of their offrs.

73. DRAINAGE -

Coys are advised that all drains in the camp area require deepening, and must be kept clean.

74. BN PARADE GROUND -

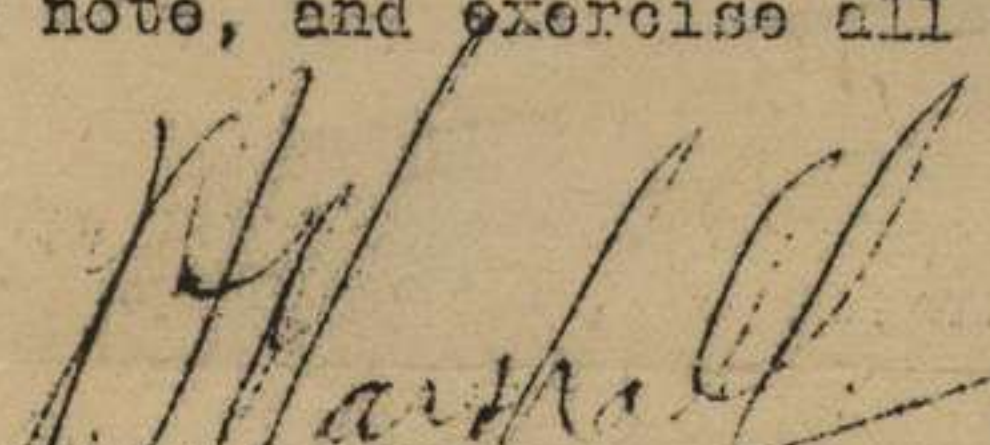
Unless otherwise notified, all ranks will in future keep clear of the area between the cinema and the roadway during afternoons. This area will continue to be used for Bn parades and for the daily duty mounting parade pending direction from Higher Formation.

75. C.B. - DRILL -

Starting today, the defaulters will parade daily at BHC at 1610 hrs until 1640 hrs for special defaulters drill under the Prov Sgt. Dress for the initial parade is drill order, helmet steel, respirator at alert, but this may be varied from time to time.

76. PAY BOOKS - LEAVE PERSONNEL -

All ranks proceeding on leave are warned to take particular precautions against loss or theft of their pay books. So many cases of pay book losses have been occurring recently that it is possible there may be some measure of organised theft. In their own interests, leave personnel should take note, and exercise all care possible in this matter.

  
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77. DRESS -

All ranks are advised that in future, when wearing shorts and shirts, either long stockings, or short socks with the issue hose tops, will be worn. Webbing anklets are not correct with the above dress. Short putties will be worn.

78. BEER - CANTEN -

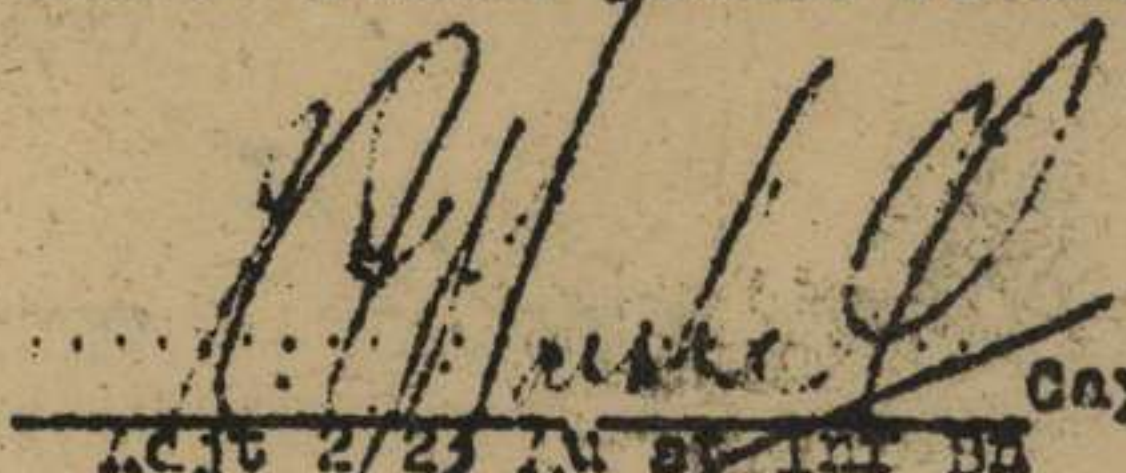
Regulations now require that beer be rationed to the scale of one glass per man per day, at the usual price, recent unlimited supplies having been granted as a privilege to AIF units returning from TOBRUK. Beer will henceforth be obtainable in the canteen only on presentation of the issue ticket. These will be distributed (scale one per man per day) by Coys at afternoon dismissal parade, and are available for the day of issue only. Tickets will be issued to Coys according to the following details of their parade states :-

- (a) On Parade
- (b) On Duties
- (c) Light Duties
- (d) No Duties.

Each of these tickets entitles the bearer TO PURCHASE one glass.

79. LOST -

A Brown purse, containing about 6,000 r's between D Coy Lines and the Cinema on Wednesday night last. Finder please return to Orderly Room.

  
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**80. CHURCH PARADE - DRESS -**

Amending Bn R/O No 25/4042 para 154, dress for Church Parade tomorrow will be shorts and shirt, waist belt, side arms. Offrs will carry canes.

**81. ROUTINE INSTNS - PROMULGATION -**

It appears that in some cases, Coys are failing to promulgate Routine Instns to all concerned. As a result, attention will now be directed to the following, so that necessary action can be taken -

R/I No 5, para 23(a)(b).  
" No 8, " 40  
" No 9, " 45  
" No 12, " 64(d)(e)(f)(g)  
" No 13, " 65  
" No 13, " 66

Coys are requested to bring these to the notice of all ranks, and to ensure that the above instns are acted on.

**82. PICQUET, BHQ LINES -**

A/RBN will organise proper prowling picquet arrangements in BHQ lines, and will ensure that there is an Ord MCO daily to see that these lines are in inspection order, and to meet the inspection order, and to meet the inspection parade there in the same fashion as with all coys.

**83. SECURITY - ARMS, AMN -**

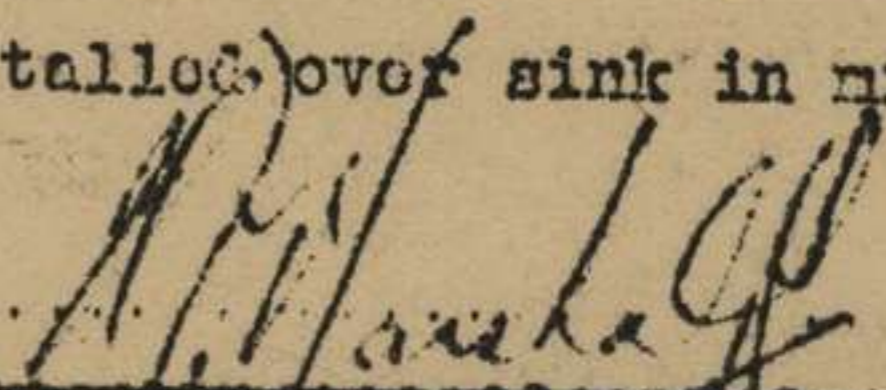
Further to Bn R/O No 18/4042 para 107, each coy will render a return daily by 1200 hrs, stating the result of the daily coy arms and amn check. This will ensure that any loss which might occur will not remain undiscovered more than 24 hrs. Should a coy have a round or rounds of amn expended, a statement of the circumstances and reasons for such expenditure will accompany the return on which the expenditure is shown.

**84. RETURN - ANTI-GAS EQPT -**

The usual short fortnightly return of personal anti gas eqpt is required at BHQ by 1800 hrs, 11 Nov 41.

**85. NOTES ON DAILY INSPECTION -**

- (a) Lines - Cigarette butts, small pieces of paper and other small refuse to be cleaned from lines and slit trenches.
- (b) Pioneer Pl to check flyproofing of meat room in C & D Coy cook-houses.
- (c) Mess tables to be thoroughly wiped down after each meal, and to be scrubbed on tops and edges at least once per week.
- (d) Pioneer Offr to arrange -
  - i. Repair of broken light switch in store room of Offrs Mess. kitchen.
  - ii. Water supply and tap to be installed over sink in milk bar of canteen.

  
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**86. ANTI WASTE -**

All offrs are to give their personal attention to the furthering of the anti waste campaign. Immediate steps will be taken to organise and supervise measures to impliment instns ref this subject. Offrs should seek and apply additional means of preventing waste and damage. Attention of all ranks should be drawn to official literature issued by anti waste movement and to AIF (ME) Order No 740, the subject matter of which was condensed into Bn R/O No 24/4042, para 148.

**87. GDS & SENTRIES -**

Attention of all coys is drawn to the fact that some newer members of the Bn seem to be unaware of the necessity for full Regimental smartness and discipline in perform ance of duty as gds and sentries. Certain slackness is still evident in the paying of compliments, and there is a tendancy for sentries to lounge on their posts, not to carry out the correct movements of arms drill when sloping arms at the approach of a car or party, and to stand easy, rather than correctly at ease after stepping back off their posts. Few sentries seem to be aware that arms are presented when an offr of Fd rank passes, and that ALL other offrs are saluted. Coy comds are requested to bring these points under notice, as it is on such matters of discipline and soldierly knowledge as these, that the casual visitor is liable to form his judgement of a Regt. This applies particularly in the case of offrs visiting Div, who have to pass en route through our lines.

**88. FINES & FORFEITURES -**

AIF (ME) Order No 732, states that all fines and forfeitures will in all cases be entered in the soldier's paybook at the time the award is made, and entered on the appropriate forms. If subsequent advise is received that the award is remitted or cancelled, the amount involved will be entered on the credit side of the soldier's paybook.

**89. LOST -**

One webbing belt, marked WX3968, H. Haslam, in HQ Coy Latrines. Finder please return to Bn Ord Room.

Temporary Pass No B194 on issue to Adolph BLANDERMAN, Laundry Employee, together with his wallet containing Identity Card No 114808/S and other articles, was lost in the Camp Cinema on 7 Nov 41. Finder please return to Bn Ord Room

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Adj. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn capt

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DAILY ROUTINE INSTNS NO. 18.

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**90. DRESS - BAND -**

Band will wear khaki BD on duty mounting parades daily.

**91. DUTY COY - ROUTE MARCH -**

In variance of the syllabus issued, the next-for-duty coy will do its route march period in the morning of the day of mounting duty. The Band will accompany each next-for-duty coy on this march.

**92. SILENCE - ARMISTICE DAY -**

All ranks are advised that the bugler will sound a long G at 1100 hrs on 11 Nov, to mark the start of two mins silence, ref Bn R/O No 26/4042 para 160.

**93. DAILY INSPECTION -**

The following points are noted following the days inspection :-

- (a) Cigarette butts not to be thrown in latrine troughs.
- (b) Articles of clothing will not be hidden under towels hanging in tents.
- (c) Storm trenches round kitchens are the responsibility of the coys concerned and will be cleaned by them daily.
- (d) Concrete drains will be similarly cleaned.

**94. SPECIAL I SEC CLASSES -**

Classes conducted by IO and I Sgt respectively for those Offrs and NCOs whom coy comds consider need such instr'n and can be spared, will be conducted for one hr daily at 0900 hrs, starting tomorrow. Such subjects as map reading, compass etc, will be covered in detail. If necessary, a further series of these classes will be conducted at a later date to provide the same instr'n for those whom coy comds are unable to spare at this time.

**95. LOST -**

On 9 Nov 41, between A & B Coy cockhouses and Coy lines, one Camera, Kodak, folding black, about 5" X 3". Finder please return to Bn Ord Room.

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96. CHURCH PARADES - ATTENDANCE AT -

To enable attendance at these to be checked, coys will from time to time at the conclusion of church parades, have their rolls called. It will facilitate checking if "RC" is marked alongside the names of all RC's in roll books and Lieut Methven furnished with a list of names of RC's. This marking can be done from paybooks.

97. NOTES ON DAILY INSPECTION -

The following points to be noted for action :-

- (a) Area immediately in rear of Mens Showers to be cleaned daily by duty coy.
- (b) Any fatigue detailed by duty coy to have NCO or senior pte in charge.
- (c) Coy Ord NCO's to carry note book and pencil on inspections. Any notes made as a result of the inspection to be handed to OC Coy or 2 i/c.

98. DRESS - BLUE SWEATERS -

All ranks are to be reminded of the CO's earlier verbal direction to coy comds ref wearing of issue blue sweaters. This is an under garment, and is incorrect dress if worn as an over garment. All comds are to give personal attention to this matter on daily inspections of their tps.

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99. PARADE - DRAFT OF 11 NOV -

All personnel, X List and reinforcements, who marched in to this unit from 26 Aust Inf Tng Bn on morning Nov 11, will parade at 0900 hrs on 13 Nov 41 under Lieut J. F. Fallon, in the open space at rear of Bn QM store. Dress - Khaki SD, marching order. Tps will take on parade with them, ALL eqpt etc with which they marched in, including bedding.

100. PAY BOOKS - SCHOOLS PERSONNEL -

In future, Coy comds are requested to ensure that personnel for schools, visit the Pay Sgt on their day of departure to the school, to have their pay books written up to date. If this is not observed, pay may not be available at the schools.

101. RESPIRATORS - CORRECT WEARING -

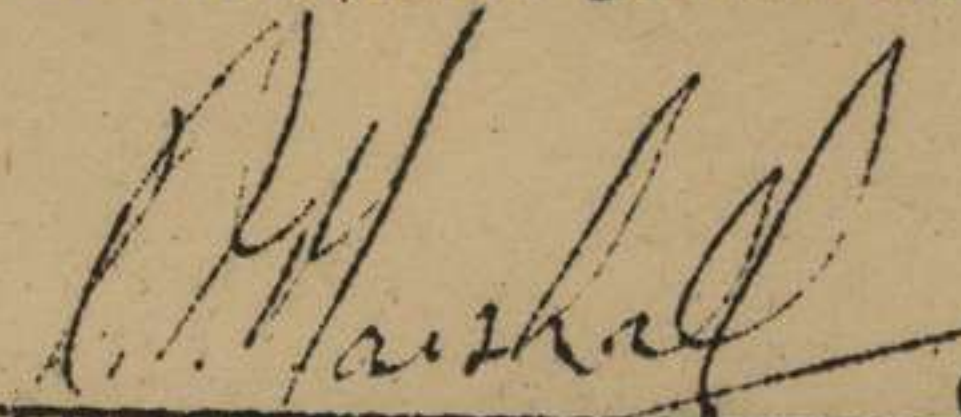
More care should be taken in the manner of wearing the respirator at the gas alert posn. The respirator should be worn high on the chest. A slovenly appearance results when it is put on carelessly, and hangs loosely at about waist level.

102. CANTEEN CHITS -

Coys which are not fully issuing canteen chits each day, may allot unrequired chits to selected personnel in their coys at their discretion.

103. LOST -

Brown canvas money belt in D Coy lines. Finder please return to Bn Ord room.

  
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104. LATRINE - CANTEEN STAFF -

Tps are warned against using latrine between canteen and the main rd. This is for use of canteen native staff only. This should be particularly noted by HQ and D Coys, whose lines adjoin this latrine.

105. MESS TENTS -

Coys will ensure that Messing areas are thoroughly cleaned after each meal -- All tables, concrete bases, drains, and ground in the vicinity.

106. TOWELS -

These are to be hung in such a way that all are aired, NOT on top of one another. Dirty towels must not remain in use, but must be washed regularly.

107. SLIT TRENCHES -

Coys will ensure that their areas have adequate slit trenches for all personnel adjacent to tents, and that trenches not required, or in dangerous posns for tps moving in lines at night, are filled in. Action to be completed by 1800 hrs 15 Nov 41.

108. PRISONERS - GD HOUSE -

Prisoners in cells will not be visited by any ranks other than Coy Comd or Offr or OR authorised by Coy Comd in writing.

109. SHAVING -

Ablution benches, NOT showers adjacent to them, will be used for shaving.

110. SHOWERS - FOULING -

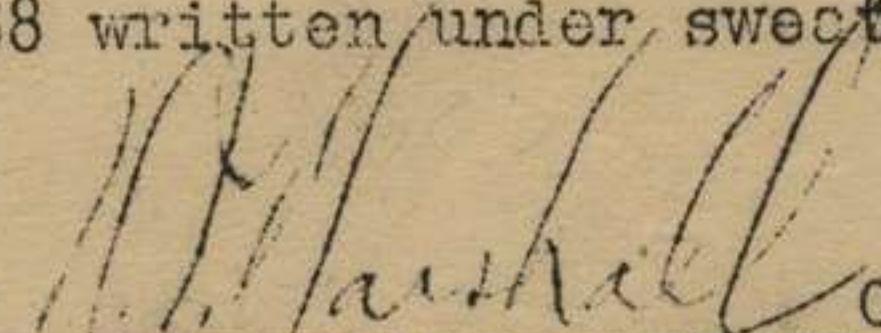
Tps will not foul shower places by using them as urinals. Any soldier finding a native fouling a shower place in this way will take the culprit to BHQ to ensure that necessary steps are taken to have his pass for the camp area cancelled.

111. ARMS & AMN RETURN - GD -

In the same manner as Coys, Gd Comd daily will render to BHQ by 1200 hrs, a brief report stating whether the arms & amn of the gd have been inspected and found correct. If amn has been expended, attached will be a statement of the circumstances.

112. FOUND -

Hat, khaki fur felt, with No VX40788 written under sweat band. Owner report Bn Ord Room.

  
Adjt, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn. Capt

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113. BROADCAST - HOME GREETINGS -

This unit has been allotted 175 messages for broadcast in AUSTRALIA. These are allotted to Coys as follows :-

BHQ	20
HQ Coy	47
Each Rifle Coy	27

Full instns and advice ref the security, composition, and length of messages are being promulgated to Coys. Each message must be approved by an offr of the Coy concerned, or in the case of BHQ, by Lieut A.N. McKoy. A proportion of all ranks is desirable in the Coy allotments. The recordings will be made by the ABC on Mon, 17 Nov 41, and will be sent home to AUSTRALIA for broadcast.

114. PAY - DEFICIENCY OF IP20 -

A Court of Inquiry is to be convened, with Major R. E. Wall as President, and Major P. E. Spier and Capt H. G. Byron-Moore as Members, to investigate a deficiency of IP20 in the acquittance for Pay of a sub-imprest advance of £5,000, made from 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office to this Unit on 5 Nov 41.

115. NOTES ON INSPECTION -

(a) Lines -

- (i) Slit trenches and drains NOT properly cleaned out.
- (ii) Lamp glasses NOT being cleaned daily. Coys will withdraw all lamps, the glasses of which are NOT cleaned daily, and will NOT re-issue same for a minimum period of 3 days.
- (iii) Tent pegs. Any NOT in use to be collected and kept in Coy QM stores.

(b) Hygiene -

- (i) Urine tubs are beginning to smell offensively.
- (ii) Cd room grease trap requires attention.
- (iii) WO's latrine seat at end of Mens' latrine broken and to be repaired.
- (iv) Urine tub in Sgts' latrine NOT emptied today.

Cpl Hand to attend to above matters.

- (v) Mess tables NOT being properly cleaned between boards where food is accumulating. Coy QMS's to personally check after each cleansing.

- (vi) Cpl Hand to ascertain and report method of ridding bread-cupboards of cockroaches.

(c) Offrs' Mess -

Pnrs to repair light in vegetable room.

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116. ERRORS - ACQUITTANCE ROLLS -

Acquittance rolls recently received in this Office have been unsatisfactory. The errors of omission and commission have included :-

- (a) Pay Cypher and Pay Period not shown on Ac quittances and reconciliation statement.
- (b) On reconciliation of acquittances statement, it should be noted from whom the advance was received.
- (c) Paybook numbers, Regimental numbers, and line numbers missing.
- (d) Acquittance roll unsigned by Paying Offr.
- (e) In column 3, names were written, and initials were not inserted above the surname printed in block letters.
- (f) Members should sign on the dotted line in the centre of the acquittance, to avoid signature running on to acquittance below.
- (g) Members signatures with initials after surname, not corresponding with signature in paybook.

Particular attention of all personnel responsible for the compilation and reconciliation of acquittance r olls is necessary to ensure against the above shortcomings.

117. PRISONERS - GD HOUSE -

Coys having pick and shovel work to do, may use Bn prisoners under-going detention, as work parties under the proper supervision of an NCO, who will be responsible for returning the prisoners to the Gd room immediately work is completed.

118. BLACKOUT -

Coys are directed to take greater care ref the observance of blackout regulations. Lights must not be left shining in tents, the flaps of which are open. Ord Ofir and Ord Sgt will regard the policing of the blackout as part of their duties.

119. TENT PEGS -

Coys are asked to remove all tent pegs not in use from the ground outside tents, and to return them to the Bn QM store.

120. CLEANLINESS - REST AREAS -

Coys will ensure that areas where tps rest between tng periods are left clear of orange peels and other rubbish.

121. CLEANING MATERIALS - COOKHOUSES -

All cookhouses are in need of scrubbing brushes and squeegees. COMS to attend.

122. CANTEEN - VENTILATION -

All windows of canteen are to be opened as often as possible.

123. CLEANING OF MESS AREAS -

Attention of Coys is drawn to R/I No 21 para 105, with particular regard to tables. In some cases, crevices in tables are not being cleaned out properly.

124. PROPERTY FOUND -

The following have been handed in at Camp Staff Office.

- (a) Canteen Order V.154883, addressed to VX50870, Pte Colin Campbell.
- (b) One pair spectacles in case (Marcus Clarke Ltd) found in canteen L2, Goddard Lines

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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Maintenance of storm water drains on either side of camp rds is the responsibility of RES.

The Camp Comd has instructed that the cleanliness of these drains will be the responsibility of the unit occupying the lines in which the roads are located.

In the case of main rds or rds forming a boundary between unit lines, units will be responsible for the drains on their own side of the rds.

126. CHRISTMAS CARDS -

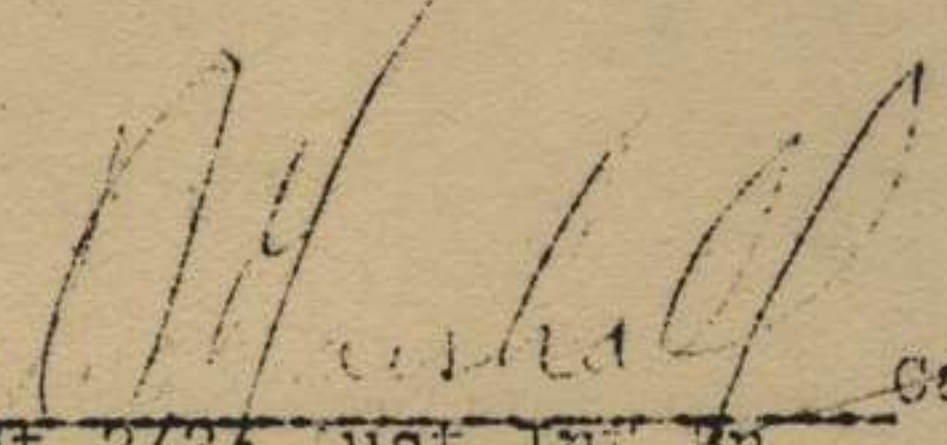
Bn Christmas cards will be issued at the scale of 4 per man and 6 per offr. A small stock will be held for purchase at 10¢ each.

127. BROADCASTS - HOME GREETINGS -

(a) Amending R/I No 22 para 113, allotment for sub-units now reads -

BHQ	16
HQ	47
Each	
rifle	
Coy	28.

(b) Recordings will be made tomorrow morning. A.B.C. representatives are expected to begin at about 0900 hrs. To enable it to depart on the 2-day march bivouac, HQ Coy will be done first. Other coys will remain within the precincts of the camp, on call, until their allotments of recordings have been made.

  
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128 DRESS - BN DUTIES -

At all times during their tour of duty, Bn ord NCO's and Bn runners will appear correctly dressed. This includes the wearing of the hat, which will not be tipped back on the head with the chin strap behind the ears.

129 NOTES ON INSPECTION.

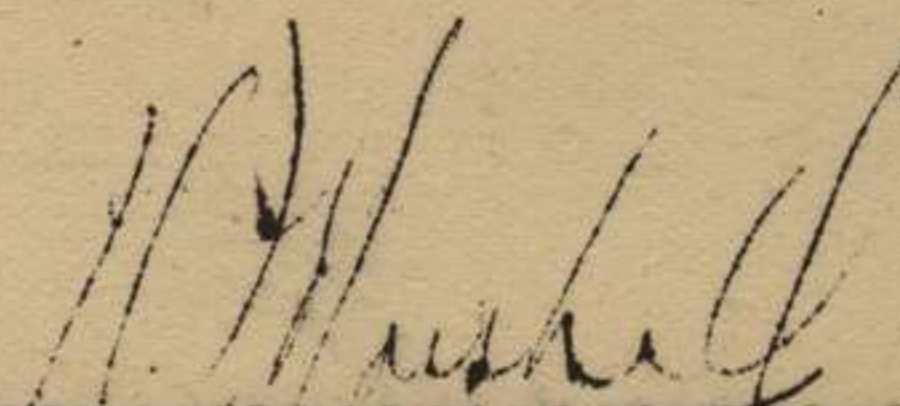
- (a) R/I No 12 para 64a is repeated:-  
"Rubbish tins in tents to be emptied before daily inspection".  
In some cases this is not being carried out.
- (b) Lamps without glasses are to be withdrawn.
- (c) In many tents there is more than one towel hanging up. Most of these are dirty. There is no uniformity in folding. Towels are to be folded double once.

130. RANK - BADGES.

Many NCO's are not wearing these, particularly noticeable in the case of Coy Ord NCO's. Badges of rank must be worn at all times.

131. FLIES -

Flies are increasing, whereas owing to colder weather they should be decreasing. The increase therefore, must be due to our occupancy of the camp. All possible steps MUST be taken to keep them down.

  
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132. CLEANLINESS, SLIT TRENCHES -

Rubbish must not be burnt or deposited in slit trenches.

133. SENTRIES -

Sentries off duty should remain in lines. They are NOT to go to recreation room.

134. ARTICLES OF UNIFORM, RAGS -

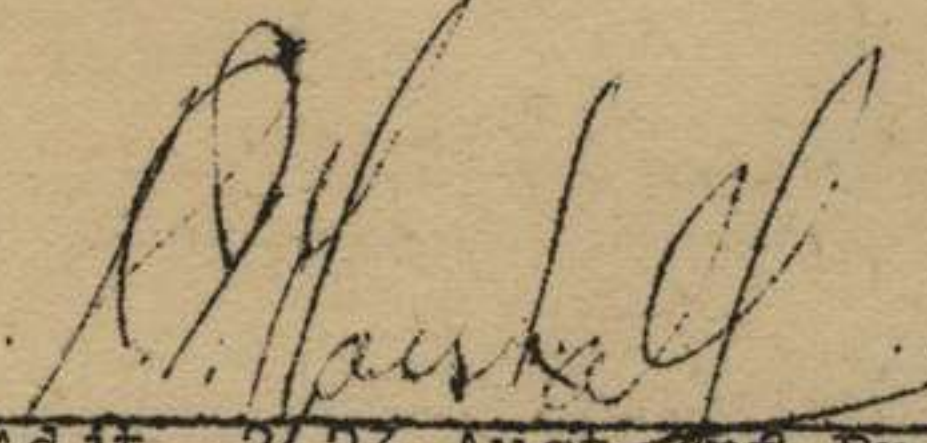
These have been found in rubbish tins. All such must be returned to COMS's, the former for reconditioning, and the latter for cleaning small arms apart from the bore. Throwing away a uniform which may be worn, by unauthorised persons, is a serious offence.

135. REGTL TAILOR -

In no circumstances is the Regtl Tailor to be paid cash or other consideration for work carried out by him. Infringement of this order will be considered an offence.

136. FREE BEER ISSUE -

All Coys will ensure that all empty bottles are collected. These have a resale value of 5 m's each, which will result in Regtl funds benefiting by LP 25.

  
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DAILY ROUTINE INSTNS NO. 27

20 Nov 41

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MT drivers will carry with them in their vehs at all times, 24 hrs rations, to be consumed by them when circumstances render it impossible for them to return to the unit for meals at normal times.

138. TENT LABELS -

All Coys will forthwith label their tents with Coy initial and tent serial No. (e.g. A.1., A.2., etc). Specimens may be seen in B Coy lines. This will facilitate Coy Ord NCOs taking notes on inspections.

139. RECEPTACLES - SALVAGE -

Tins will be delivered to coys for the collection of salvage. One tin will be reserved for all metal objects (all types, Cigarette tins, razor blades) and the other for cardboard cartons, cigarette packets, tin foil, twine, bottles, etc. Rubbish bins will NOT be used as receptacles for any articles that may be recoverable as salvage. Waste paper will be left at Coy OM stores. Salvage will be collected at 0915 hrs each morning.

140. SLIT TRENCHES -

Slit trenches will be dug near all tents, offices, and messes, in coy areas. Fire posts will be established near Coy offices and OM stores. Two buckets of water and two buckets of sand to be provided per post.

141. SANITARY PAPER -

Sanitary paper NOT to be left in latrines, but to be issued to tents. Cpl Hand to attend.

142. PHOTOGRAPHS - M.H. & I. Sec -

Ref R/O No 19/4042 para 116 of 27 Oct 41. These photographs will not be available for ordering after 1700 hrs 21 Nov 41.

143. PAY - SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE -

Coy Clerks will call upon the Pay Sgt and collect forms TS5(a) and make application for subsistence due to personnel who have had leave of 2 days and over. Leave passes must accompany these claims.

An allowance of 125 ms per day will be paid to members. The allowance is only payable where no quarters and rations are provided.

Subsistence is only payable at Jerusalem when accomodation at the Fast Hotel is not available in which case :-

(a) Leave Pass shall be endorsed by NCO in charge of Fast Hotel accordingly.

(b) Receipts from YMCA Hostel or other places of boarding shall be attached to leave pass when subsistence is being claimed.

The claim will be submitted on a Form TS5A and certified by the C.O. as "Person incurring expense" and shall contain the dates and hours of leave. Leave pass will be attached to TS5A.

In cases where leave pass is not available, the C.O. will certify that claimant was on authorised leave during the period claimed for. The certificate that "No rations and quarters were provided and that travelling allowance has not been claimed for period specified" will be signed by CO. Receipt will be signed by claimant, witnessed and date of payment entered.

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144. PAY - HAIFA -

Coy Comds will ensure that all ranks are familiar with the following :-

It is not intended that the AIF Pay Office at HAIFA should make payments to personnel on leave, as the main function of this office is to change SYRIAN currency into PALESTINIAN. It is therefore essential that personnel proceeding to HAIFA on leave should draw all the money that they require prior to departure from camp.

It has been reported that members of this unit on leave in HAIFA have been making application for pay there, advancing the reason that restricted payments only are made to them before departure from the unit. This excuse is no longer valid, as there has been no such restriction since the first pay. The practice will therefore cease.

145. DUTIES PARADE -

All ranks are advised that it is an offence to trespass on the Bn parade ground during the duty mounting parade, and the subsequent changing of Gd. Personnel proceeding to the cinema appear to have been chief offenders in this regard. In future, all personnel will keep clear of the Bn parade ground throughout the ceremony.

146. CIVILIANS IN LINES -

It is the responsibility of this unit to ensure that unauthorised civilians are kept out of our lines. At present, the number of unauthorised civilians gaining access to the camp seems to be increasing. It will be a duty of the Regtl Police to examine the passes of civilians found within the lines. Sentries will examine the passes of those entering and leaving. It is the duty of all personnel to ensure that no civilian, authorised or not, enters or leaves the camp by any other than the recognised entrances and exits.

147. RUBBISH BINS -

Rubbish tins in tents are still not being emptied. Failure to empty tins before parade in future will mean the tins being withdrawn.

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148. BEDS, PAIM -

- a) Beds must not be used until reinforced with wire and or staked - bed will be withdrawn from use until this can be carried out.
- b) No article of kit or personal belongings will be placed underneath beds.

149. SLIT TRENCHES -


Adequate slit trenches for all personnel will be completed to depth 4' 6" by 1800 hrs Wed 25 Nov.

150. ELECTRIC IRON -

An iron is available in the Regtl Tailor's Rm, behind "Q" Store, and may be used by all ORs under supervision of the Regtl Tailor.

151. ROAD TRAFFIC -

Gd Comdrs will instruct sentries posted at junction of Main Rd and branch rd leading to BHO, that staff cars only will use this branch rd. Sentries will halt all other traffic attempting to enter this branch rd and direct it to use the branch rd past the Guard House.

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152. MESS TABLES -

Further to RI 23, para 123, the centre boards of all Mess tables are to be unscrewed and left loose, to facilitate cleaning.

153. RESPIRATORS. - Wearing of

Coys are advised that the new CW Instn requires all ranks to wear their respirators with the face piece adjusted, between the hrs of 0900 and 0930 on Wednesday of each week, while carrying out the performance of normal duties. The first such practice will be carried out tomorrow, Wednesday 26 Nov 41.

154. AG RETURN -

Coys are reminded that the usual fortnightly AG Return, showing  
(a) All deficiencies under separate headings.  
(b) Steps taken to rectify this.  
(c) Brief statement as to training carried out in the period under review, is due at BHQ by 1800 hrs on 26 Nov 41. Special care is requested in the accuracy and correct setting out of this return.

(Signed) H. I. Marshall. Capt  
Adjt 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

DAILY ROUTINE INSTNS NO 31

26 Nov 41

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155. DRESS - GUARDS.

In future, all guards will mount with respirators and steel helmets. The respirator haversack will be worn in the slung posn, with the sling through the chin strap of the steel helmet, dome outwards. Sentries will be posted wearing respirators and steel helmets similarly.

156. BEDS - PALM

Collapsed palm beds must NOT be destroyed, by use of material for making tent furniture, for cook house fuel, or for any other purpose. Return of ALL pieces to QM will enable efforts to be made towards replacement. In NO circumstances can beds be replaced, unless the pieces are returned.

157. RETREAT.

Fault has been found, in some cases, with the timing of Retreat in this unit. It is the wish of the BDE Comd that sounding of Retreat throughout the whole camp area be synchronised as accurately as possible.

To this end, outgoing Orderly Officers will check watches with official time at BHQ at 1700 hrs, preparatory to moving down to the duties parade.

Should the inspection ceremony be finished quicker than anticipated, the whole parade may be stood at ease, NOT easy, until just sufficient time remains for the parade to be called up, the Cd to slope arms, the Offr of Cd to take post, and the order "present arms" to be executed, so that the bugler sounds the call at precisely 1730 Hr.

This matter is to be regarded as IMPORTANT.

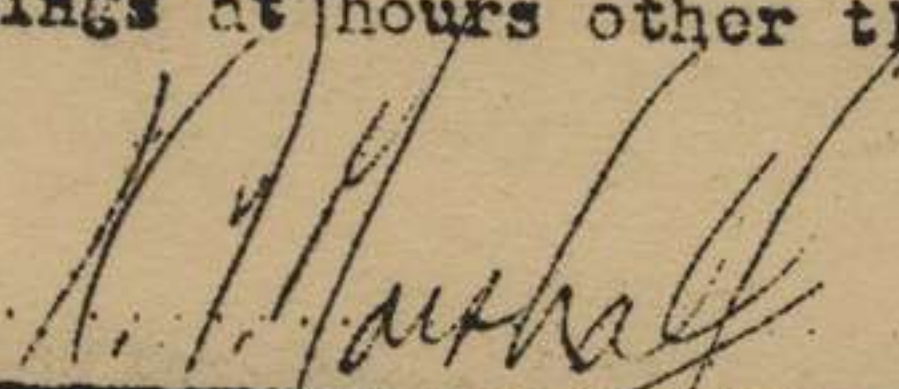
158. CINEMA BOOKINGS -

It has been arranged that, from 23 Nov 41 seats may be reserved for Cinema performances (60 mil seats only).

The procedure will be that followed in ordinary Civilian Theatres and the Cinema office will be opened for the purpose at the following hours:-

- (a) 1300 - 1400 hrs.
- (b) 1600 - 1700 hrs.

It is requested that members co-operate by NOT attempting to obtain bookings at hours other than those stated.

  
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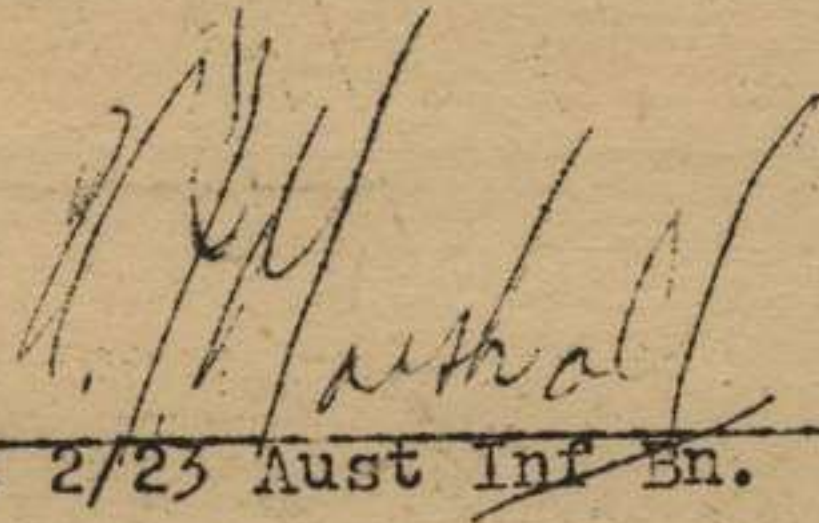
159. RESPIRATORS - Wearing of.

Attention of all Coys is directed to RI 30 Para 153. This will be strictly complied with by all Ranks throughout the camp between the hours stated every Wednesday.

160. DAILY INSPECTION.

Attention is directed to the following points:-

- (a) Dirty towels still showing throughout the camp.
- (b) Some palm beds are still not yet wired.
- (c) Cleanliness of drains throughout all Coy lines could be improved.



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161. IMMOBILISATION OF VEHs -

When any MT driver has to leave his veh unattended in a place where there is no veh park'g'd, the veh must always be immobilised. HQ Coy will ensure that all drivers of this unit receive instns in the quickest and most effective method of immobilising the types of vehs they drive.

162. EFM CHRISTMAS CABLES -

It is anticipated that the volume of these will be equally as heavy as in Dec 1940, when serious delays in transmission and subsequent delivery resulted from the large quantities lodged.

Arrangements have been made this year for EFM Christmas cables to be accepted for immediate transmission, actual delivery in AUSTRALIA to be deferred until the 2 days immediately preceding Christmas day.

These cables should be lodged NOT LATER than 7 Dec 41, after which delivery at the appropriate time cannot be guaranteed.

163. ARMS & AMN RETURN - GD -

The attention of all Coys is directed to R/I No 21 para 111, which is to be complied with by all Offrs Comd Gds. The sending of a message requesting this return should not be necessary, as the preparation and lodging of the return is part of the routine duty of the offr of the gd.

164. DUTIES PARADE -

Coy Comds are requested to ensure that R/I No 28 para 145 is again brought to the notice of all ranks. For contravention of this instn, the names of several men were taken last night, and fwded to their coy HQ's, and the action of one man resulted in a charge being laid. It is an easy matter to obey this instn, which is one that will be closely policed in future.

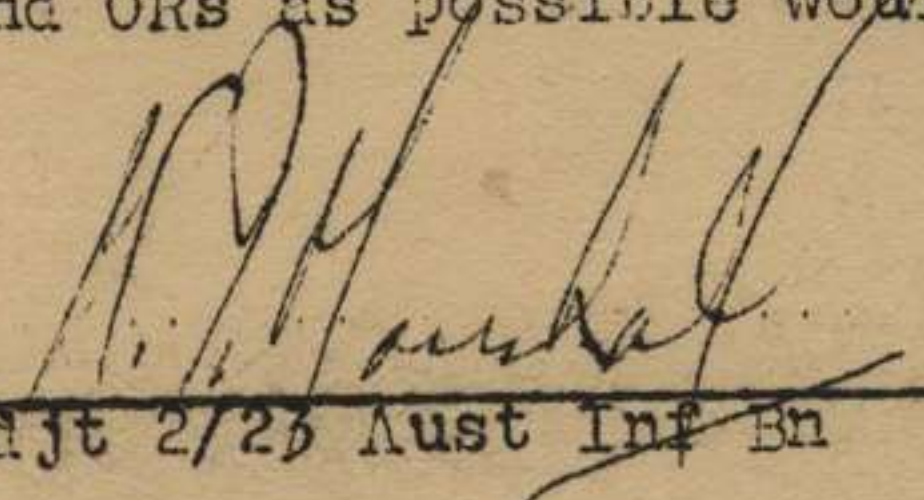
165. WASTE PAPER IN LINES -

Inspection today revealed too much waste paper untidying vicinity mens latrines, and littering most drains in coy lines. Attention of all ranks is to be drawn to this, and stronger waste-paper discipline observed in future.

166. CRICKET MATCH -

A cricket match between 2/23 Aust Inf Bn and 2/24 Aust Inf Bn has been arranged, and will be played on 2/24 Aust Inf Bn wicket, on 1 Dec 41, at 0930 hrs.

As this is the first inter-bn match, it would be appreciated by both teams if as many offr's and ORs as possible would attend the match and support them.

  
Adj't 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Capt

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DAILY ROUTINE INSTN NO 34

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167. CHURCH PARADE -

C of E.	Holy Communion	0715 hrs
	Markers	0910 hrs
	Bn Parade	0915 hrs
	Church Service	0930 hrs

Dress - Khaki SD (Winter) with waistbelt and sidearms.

R.C.            Mass        0700 hrs at YMCA Hwt 2/24 Bn.  
                  Cinema    0845 hrs.

168. ABLUTION BOWLS - GD ROOM -

The ablution bowls in the gd room are not to be used for cleaning mess gear.

169. LAUNDRY -

Laundry Depot No 14, Goddard Lines, will be open from 1400 hrs until 1500 hrs daily for the distribution of unclaimed laundry, for which coupons must be produced.

Laundry Depot No 14a, Gellibrand Lines, will be open from 1500 hrs until 1600 hrs daily for the same purpose.

No laundry will be accepted at either laundry Depot.  
The Express Laundry is still operating.

(Signed) H. I. Marshall, Capt.  
Adjt, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn,  
25 Oct 41.

by

Lt- Col B. EVANS, Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

R/O Part 1 - No 17/4042

103. HONOURS AND AWARDS -

The Commander-in-Chief has approved the following immediate awards for gallantry in action during recent operations :-

BAR TO THE MILITARY CROSS

Lieut (T/Capt) A.R. LEAKEY, M.C. 1 R.T.R.

THE MILITARY MEDAL

VX43272 A/Cpl C.B. HAYES, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn  
VX 4661 Pte L. BENNETT, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

The Commander of the Fortress extends his heartiest congratulations to all who have received these honours. The C.O. also extends his warmest congratulations on behalf of the unit.

104. PAY TIMES -

The Bn Pay Sgt will be available daily for consultation on special pay matters from 1600 to 1730 hrs. Pay will be fortnightly, with addition of special 2-day leave party pay parades as required. Pay regulations do not allow special pay parades for 1-day leave personnel.

105. ROUTINE TIMINGS -

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde have notified the following timings for units, subject to modification on receipt later of 9 Aust Div Orders :-

Reveille	0630 hrs
First parade	0830 - 1230
Second "	1400 - 1600
Retreat	1730 hrs
First Post	2130 "
Tattoo	2200 "
Lights out	2215 "

These hrs will apply as from Retreat at 1730 hrs today.

106. SUNDAY TIMINGS -

Unless otherwise notified, the following times will apply for Sunday routine :-

Reveille	0700 hrs
Mess Parade	0800 "
Offrs Mess	0800 "
Sgts Mess	0800 "

(Signed) H. I. Marshall, Capt.  
Adjut 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS -

Mails close daily with Bn P.O. at 1000 hrs and 1500 hrs. All mail including EFM cables must be censored before delivery to Postal Orderly.

Cable Rates - EFM (For use of phrases only) 125% for 3 phrases.  
Full rate, 62% per word including address.

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Parcel Rates :-

to 1 lb	20's
to 2 "	30's
to 3 "	40's
3 lb to 5 lb	50's
5 lb to 8 lb	60's
8 lb to 11 lb	70's

Air Mail -

Packet rate of 60's per 1/2 oz  
Letters 30's per 14 grammes  
Air letter cards 10's each stamp.

Mail will be delivered to Coy Clerks only, at times to be arranged when regular service commences.

All ranks are reminded that Christmas mails close for ordinary surface mail on 1 Nov 41, and all air mail closes on 1 Dec 41 which is definitely the last for Christmas delivery at home.

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by

Lt-Col B. EVANS, Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

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107. SAFEGUARD - ARMS, AMN -

AIF Standing Orders PALESTINE make it the personal responsibility of each individual officer and soldier, to safeguard such arms or amn, government or private, as may be issued to him, placed in his charge, or belonging to him. In Coy Q store, LMGs will be continuously guarded by a sentry, storeman, or orderly on duty. Coy Comds will immediately report to BHQ, if it should occur, the loss of any arms or amn, government or private, and will ensure that the site of the loss is left untouched until the PALESTINE Police have carried out their investigation.

108. STORES, FUEL -

The guarding of these must not be left to chance, but at all times must be adequately provided for by the Coy concerned.

109. CORRESPONDENCE - POSTING -

All letters from all ranks, to any destination, and with any stamps, must be posted in Army post boxes.

110. COMMUNICATIONS TO PRESS -

It is forbidden to communicate to the press, either in the form of letters, or by sending for publication, articles of a Military nature.

111. GREEN ENVELOPES -

It is understood that these may be subject to an especially strong supervision in future weeks, due to recent moves. Coy Comds are again requested to ensure that tps understand regulations ref above. Green envelopes are not to be used as a means of absolving officers from the duty of franking, nor must officers suggest to ORs that they send correspondence in them. In cases of mis-use COs may stop the issue to individuals without reference. Green envelopes lend themselves to abuse. Therefore, severe disciplinary action will be taken by officers commanding units if breaches of the regulations are brought to notice by the Deputy Chief Field Censor.

112. TELEGRAMS, CABLES -

All telegrams and cables from all ranks will be dealt with, ref censorship, in the manner prescribed for letters.

113. CENSOR STAMPS -

- (a) Unit censor stamps are secret documents, and will be treated as such. They will be included in the annual return of secret documents.
- (b) Stamps are not transferable.
- (c) Possession of a censor stamp imposes on the holder the obligation to stamp franked letters for units not in possession of a stamp.
- (d) Every precaution will be taken to ensure that a censor stamp does not fall into improper hands. If in danger of capture by the enemy, it will be destroyed. The loss of a stamp will be reported by telegram immediately, to the Chief Fd Censor direct, as well as HQ AIF Base Area, and a report fwded as early as possible explaining the circumstances.

114. PARCELS -

After impressing with the unit censor stamp, parcels should be despatched to the Fd Post Office under arrangement, which will preclude the possibility of their being opened on the way by the sender or by any other person.

(Signed) H. I. Marshall, Capt.  
Adjt, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.



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115. AIF XMAS BOOK - "ACTIVE SERVICE" -

Dealing fully with operations in which Australians have participated in the Middle East, this book is being prepared for publication, and will be priced 5/- Australian, to members of the AIF. Circulars giving full particulars will be passed round all Coys. A return is required by 1200 hrs 29 Oct, of the number required by each Coy.

116. PHOTOGRAPHS - M.H. & I. Soc -

The series of official photographs taken while the Bn was in the Salient in August, by an official AIF photographer, will be on display in the postal room at BHO, from 0900 hrs 28 Oct 41. Each photo is numbered, and in ordering, the number of the desired photograph must be quoted. Orders may be lodged with the Postal Orderly. It is not yet known what prices are charged, or when delivery is made. This infm will be notified to Coys.

117. SUPPLEMENTARY NEXT-OF-KIN -

AIF (ME) Order No 227 is repeated for infm of all ranks, at the request of the unit Records Sgt. The Order states :-

"Approval is given for the compilation of a record of supplementary next-of-kin to enable casualty advices to be fwded to near relatives on active service in addition to the normal notification to next-of-kin in AUSTRALIA.

All ranks may apply through the usual channels for registration as the supplementary next-of-kin of a named relative on active service with the AIF in the Middle East."

Coys are asked to submit to BHO, complete lists of supplementary next-of-kin to be registered, so that they may be notified to 2 Ech.

118. CHANGE OF ADDRESS - NEXT-OF-KIN -

Coy Comds are requested to ensure that all ranks appreciate the urgency of immediate notification of any change of address by next-of-kin.

119. PARADE STATE -

This is required at BHO, daily, NOT later than 0815 hrs.

120. RETURN FROM HOSPITAL -

All ranks are advised that it is essential on returning to the unit from hospital, to report to BHO on arrival.

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by

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121. USED STAMPS -

All ranks are again warned against attempting the re-use of cancelled postage stamps. One obvious case has been detected in the past 2 days.

122. CABLES -

No personal inter-unit communication by cable will be permitted in future by Army Postal authorities.

123. BN ORD ROOM -

All ranks are advised that more strict Bn Ord discipline will be enforced henceforth. Tps will not :-

- (a) Approach or enter the Ord Room improperly dressed.
- (b) Pass or be passed by Offrs without the normal compliment of saluting.
- (c) Lounge in vicinity of Ord Room or BHO.
- (d) Use Bn Ord Room after Retreat as a place for meeting and conversation.

Bn Ord Room will be entered only on duty, and personnel will remain only as long as performance of duty requires. Coy Comds are especially requested to bring this to the notice of all ranks, as observance of this order will greatly assist the administrative work of the Bn.

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124. BDE DUTIES -

This unit will perform Bde duties from Retreat on dates stated to Retreat on the following day :-

Thu	30 Oct 41.
Mon	3 Nov 41.
Fri	7 Nov 41.

The on-coming duty Coy of the above dates, will supply the Bde Cinema Picquet, comprising -

1 Offr  
1 Sgt  
1 Cpl  
10 ORs.

Attention of Coys is drawn to Standing Orders issued ref this duty. Diagram of theatre and posting of picquet may be studied in Bn Ord Room.

125. FD OFFRS -

Mounting at Retreat :-

Thu	30 Oct 41.	Major R. E. Wall
Sun	2 Nov 41.	Capt R. Rattray M.C.
Wed	5 Nov 41.	Capt W..C. Haworth.

Attention is directed to Standing Orders issued ref Fd Offr duty.

126. OFFRS - JAPANESE SPEAKING -

An immediate return is required from Coys, showing names and qualifications of Offrs who speak the Japanese language.

127. JEWISH SERVICE -

A Jewish Service will be held on Sat, 1 Nov 41 at 1000 hrs, Cinema BEIT JIRJA. Return required from Coys by 1200 hrs 3 Oct of No of personnel wishing to attend.

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by

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**128. COMPLIMENTS BY GDS, SENTRIES -**

In future, all sentries failing to pay the appropriate compliments to offrs who pass them, will be charged, and the Pl Comd concerned will be paraded to the C.O. to explain why the personnel under his comd are unable to carry out their duties.

**129. ARP -**

Personnel visiting ME cities and towns on duty or leave, are cautioned that it is contrary to civil black-out regulations to light cigarettes in open-air cinemas or in streets, after the air raid sirens have sounded. AIF (ME) Order No 656 states that the practice will cease forthwith, and that disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

**130. RESPIRATORS ANTI-GAS -**

Cracked eye-pieces, and eye-pieces which have developed defects known as "air bells" or "foam patches", will be shown under separate sub-headings in future coy anti-gas returns, as AIF (ME) Order No 660, requires all face pieces with these faults to have new eye-pieces fitted.

**131. SPARE PARTS - MT -**

All ranks are advised of the vital necessity for the immediate return to the nearest sec of 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk or AAOC work shop, of every MT spare part that can be salvaged. Offrs must make every effort to implement this, as the AAOC has the necessary organisation for reconditioning salvaged spare parts.

**132. MESSAGES - NECESSITY FOR BREVITY -**

All signals and telegrams, in particular those in cypher, are to be kept as brief as possible, eliminating all unnecessary words, but ensuring that the meaning will be clear to the recipient. Comds will ensure that those responsible for initiating signals or telegrams, draft them in the briefest possible terms.

**133. WAR TROPHIES - CAPTURED MATERIAL -**

All ranks are warned that the practice of sending home to AUSTRALIA, as trophies, captured material such as binoculars, pistols, documents, manuals etc, must cease forthwith. Such articles reaching AUSTRALIA will be confiscated, and disciplinary action taken against offenders. It is further advised that Offrs Comd units holding personnel awaiting return to AUSTRALIA, will hold kit inspections, without warning, to ensure that offrs and ORs are complying with this order.

**134. REVOLVERS -**

While travelling with their eqpt, all offrs will carry their revolvers on their person, NOT packed in luggage. This latter practice has led to recent losses of weapons.

**135. DISCIPLINE - RIDING IN GHARRIES -**

The authorised capacity of a Gharry is 5 persons only. Personnel proceeding on leave are warned that this figure is not to be exceeded. AIF (ME) Order No 677 states that large numbers of military personnel are in the habit of riding in a single gharry, and that disciplinary action will be taken against ALL personnel found in over crowded gharries.

136. ECONOMY - STATIONERY -

It is imperative that economy be exercised in use of stationery.

- (a) Single space type should be used.
- (b) For typing, unless the sheet is to be posted on a notice board, both sides of the paper will be used.
- (c) Margins should not be wider than 1", and should be on the left of the obverse side of the sheet, and on the right of the reverse.
- (d) With due regard to security, old letters and orders etc, should be used for drafts, or scribbling purposes.
- (e) Carbons must be used until unserviceable.
- (f) As far as possible, 5" X 4" envelopes will be used, and only when envelopes are necessary for security or confidential reasons.

137. CENSORSHIP -

Representatives of Red Cross Society, YMCA, Salvation Army, and similar organisations connected with the forces, who are regarded as possessing the status of officers, are authorised to frank their own correspondence, and act as unit censors.

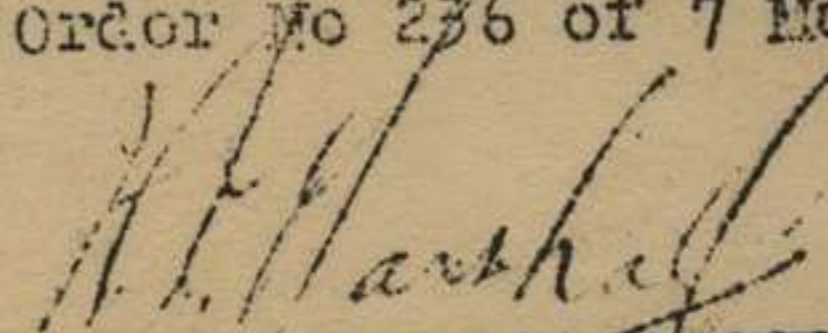
138. LEAVE, SCHOOLS PERSONNEL -

The following scale of leave may be granted by Chief Instructors to students on completion of courses at MEF and AIF (ME) Schools :-

Courses of less than 6 weeks, 3 days; 6 weeks or over 7 days.

139. CAPTURED MATERIAL - REVOLVERS -

Approval has been given for the retention, within C1096 scale, of captured pistols, by AIF personnel, temporarily, until .38 pistols become available for issue. Captured pistols will then be returned in accordance with AIF (ME) Order No 236 of 7 Mar 41.

  
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140. SKI-ING EXPERIENCE -

A return is required by 0900 hrs 5 Nov, of personnel with ski-ing experience. Return to state usual Regimental particulars, with any special ski-ing qualifications such as Ski Club of Great Britain classifications.

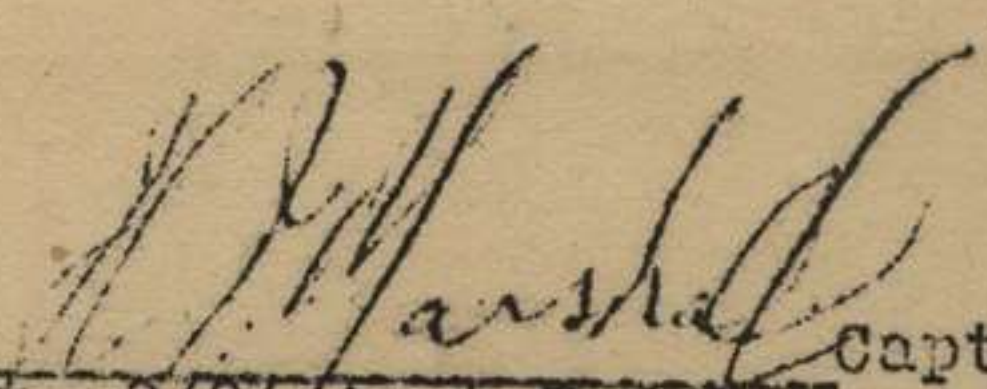
141. MESSAGE EXPERIENCE -

Return is required by 1200 hrs 4 Nov, of personnel with message experience. Returns will show -

- (a) Personnel holding message diplomas.
- (b) Personnel with message experience but no diploma.
- (c) A brief note under heading "Remarks", showing suitability of personnel.

142. TRANSFER OF STORES -

No eqpt of any description, including tng eqpt, will be transferred, except by the Q.M. Inter-coy transfers will also be carried out through the Q. Staff.

  
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Capt

4 Nov 41.

by

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143. LEAVE - CONV DEPOTS, HOSPITALS -

The granting of overnight leave to offrs or ORs, convalescing at the above will be discontinued, unless such leave is approved by one of the following :-

DMS, AIF ME,  
DDMS, 1 Aust Corps,  
AD's MS, HQ AIF ME Divs & Base Area,  
CO's, 1 & 3 Aust Conv Depots.

144. CORRESPONDENCE -

It is necessary to distinguish, in the addressing of letters to either formation, between "7 Armd Div" and "7 Aust Div". It is not sufficient to address "7 Div".

145. SECURITY - AUSTRALIAN CORRESPONDENCE -

In some cases, uncensored or insufficiently censored correspondence to AUSTRALIA, is being despatched through other than authorised channels. This includes correspondence handed to personnel returning to AUSTRALIA.

No member of the military forces will write, post, transmit, deliver or communicate in any manner, or attempt so to communicate to any person, other than in the execution of his duty, any message of a secret or confidential nature, or likely to be useful to the enemy, or relating to the numbers, description or destination of tps, tpts or warships, or likely to be prejudicial to the public safety, the defence of the Commonwealth, the efficient prosecution of the war, or the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the Defence Force or to the life of the community.

Disciplinary action will be taken against detected offenders.

146. FALSIFICATION OF PAYBOOKS -

All ranks are warned that falsification of paybooks constitutes an offence which will be tried by Court Martial, and that the audit of soldiers pay accounts now provides for the early detection of paybook frauds.

147. EGYPTIAN TEN PIASTRE NOTES -

All pay Bats and Ord Room pay personnel generally, are advised that the present issue of Egyptian 10 piastre notes will cease to be legal currency after the 6 Nov 41.

The above notes will not be used for pay or exchange purposes after receipt of this advice, and such notes will not be accepted from personnel unless they can be returned to the nearest Paymaster by the 5 Nov.

A new issue of 10 piastre notes will subsequently be issued, and will have the distinguishing features of a watermark, and brown wavy lines on the background of the reverse of the note. The present issue bears no watermark, and the background of the reverse of the note is plain.

Pay personnel are instructed to give very close attention to the above matter, as the above notes cannot be negotiated with British Paymaster, HQs, after the 6th Nov, and any loss resulting will be carried by the persons presenting the notes.

148. DAMAGE & WASTE -

AIF (ME) Order No 740 states that severe disciplinary action will be taken against individuals who cause waste or avoidable damage to Govt eqpt or stores in any form. Charges will be framed so that offenders pay for the loss or damage. Waste and wilful damage are still rife. The cumulative effect of the disregard of relevant orders is assuming proportions which are viewed with grave concern. The attitude of many offrs and ORs towards their responsibility for Govt stores with which they are entrusted, suggests that there are some who do not realise the ultimate effect of waste on the National resources in a long drawn out war. The battle of the Atlantic is being fought in vain if the determination and resource of the Royal Navy and the Merchant Service on the high seas are not also applied throughout all phases of our service in the ME. Waste of any kind definitely harms our war effort. Every ton of material reaching these shores, and converted into Army stores and eqpt, must therefore, be used and served with scrupulous economy. It is the duty of every comd, no matter how subordinate, to ensure that waste and wilful damage do not occur, and that where they do, the matter is reported immediately.

149. DECEASED PERSONNEL - CANTINEEN ORDERS -

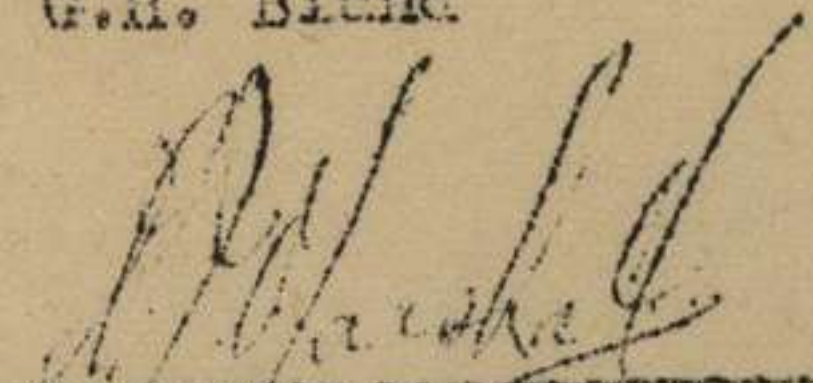
Canteen orders in parcels addressed to soldiers reported KIA, will be disposed of :-

- (a) Where the orders do not bear the donee's name, they will be negotiated by AICS, and the proceeds handed to Aust Red Cross Society for distribution.
- (b) Orders specifically made payable to the deceased soldiers, will be treated in the same way as cash found in effects, and fwded to Chief Paymaster AIF (ME) for credit to the soldier's estate.

50. FD OFFRS -

Mounting at Retreat -

Wed 5 Nov 41	Capt W.C. Haworth
Sat 10 " 41	" G.F. Urquhart
Tue 13 " 41	" G.H. Bland

  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Capt  
 Adj, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn



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**151. PW CONVENTION - PROTECTED PERSONNEL -**

The following is notified to relevant personnel by HQ 9 Aust Div, being an extract from an instr from Army HQ, MELBOURNE :-

"Under articles 9-13 of the International Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded and Sick in Armies in the Field of 1929, it is provided that protected personnel, i.e. members of the Medical Services of the Armed Forces, Chaplains and Red Cross personnel attached to the Armed Forces will not be treated as Prisoners of War if captured, and will be sent back to the belligerents to whose forces they belong.

Advice has now been received that as between the United Kingdom and Italian Governments protected personnel will not be repatriated but will be retained to provide services in their respective capacities for Prisoners of War of their own force. It is anticipated that a similar arrangement will apply as between the United Kingdom and German Governments.

**152. BDE DUTIES -**

Bde duties will be performed by this unit from Retreat on the specified date to Retreat the following day, as under :-

Fri 7 Nov 41

Tue 11 Nov 41

Pd Offrs will mount at Retreat on the date stated, as follows :-

Sat 8 Nov 41 Capt G.F. Ureuhart

Tue 11 Nov 41 Capt C.H. Bland

**153. CHURCH PARADES -**

Church parades on Sunday will be conducted as under -

C of E

Holy Communion - 0715 hrs

Markers for Bn Parade - 0905 hrs

Bn Parade - 0915 hrs thence

to Church Parade 0930 hrs.

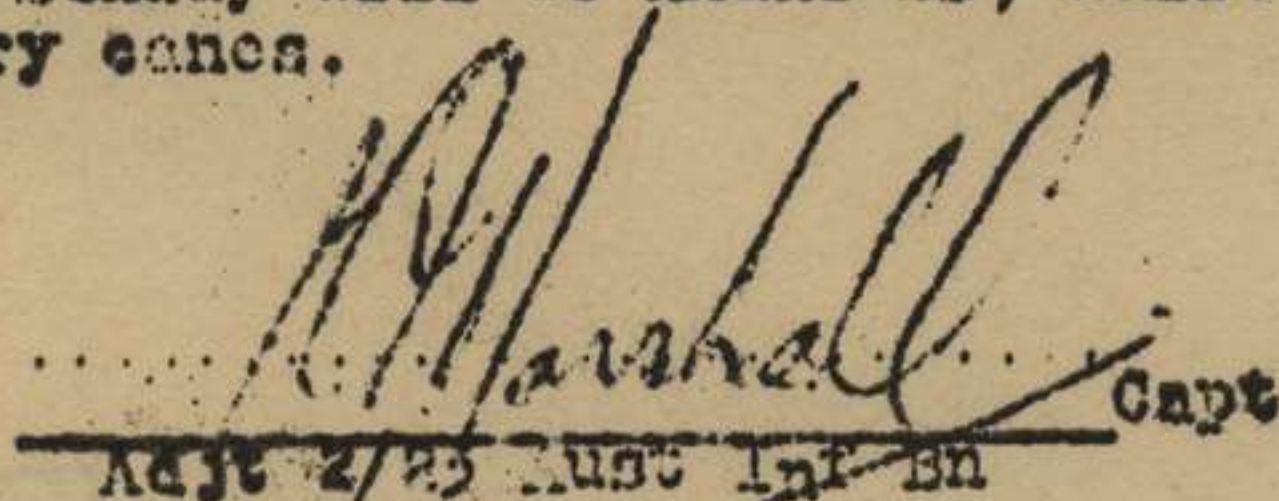
RC Masses

YMCA 2/24 Bn Lines - 0700 hrs

Cinema - 0845 hrs.

**154. CHURCH PARADE - DRESS -**

Dress for church parade next Sunday will be khaki 3D, waist belt, side arms. Offrs will carry canes.

  
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Capt  
Adj 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

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155. RETURN - FOREIGN LANGUAGES -

Ref 9 Aust Div R/O No 384, Coys are required to submit to BHQ by 1200 hrs 20 Nov 41, a full return showing particulars of all ranks who possess foreign language qualifications. Return will be set out as under :-

No..... Rank..... Name.....

Coy.....

Language/s .....

Speak (Fluent or otherwise)

Read.

Write.

Working knowledge only.

Language tests for those who claim to be fluent will be arranged at a date to be notified later.

156. ORDER OF DRESS - WINTER -

9 Aust Div R/O No 386 states that AIF (ME) Base Area R/O No 553, as under, will be observed throughout the Div. In the Base Area R/O, para 1 states that the change from summer to winter dress takes effect from 1 Nov 41, and para 3 states that winter dress will be worn by all ranks after 1900 hrs daily.

157. MILITARY TPT - "HITCH-HIKING" -

To be observed throughout 9 Aust Div, AIF (ME) Base Area R/O No 523 forbids the practice of hailing passing vehs to obtain a ride. This is dangerous, interferes with Military duties, and will cease forthwith. Tpt drivers are warned NOT to stop in response to such a hail, nor to offer pedestrians a ride, except on the order of an offr. Neither ORs nor civilians will be carried as passengers in Military vehs without proper authority.

158. SECURITY - ARMS -

In the event of a loss of arms occurring, Govt or pte, the matter must immediately be reported to the coy comd concerned, and the following provisions observed :-

- (a) Those set out in Bn R/O No 18/4042 para 107.
- (b) Details of the identity of the loser, and the circumstances surrounding the loss will be supplied to BHQ.
- (c) Particulars of action taken, or proposed to be taken, to recover the weapon will also be supplied.
- (d) Registered No of the lost weapon will be quoted.

Unless special extenuating circumstances exist, the loss of weapons will be treated as a Court Martial offence.

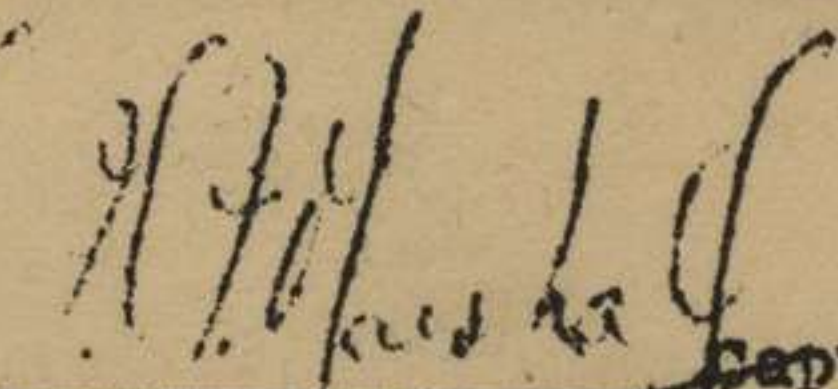
Nothing in the foregoing will be interpreted as modifying or cancelling any existing regulations and orders for the security of arms. The loss of arms in this country is a serious matter, and failure to observe ALL regulations and orders will greatly diminish the possibility of apprehending offenders.

159. CRIMES AGAINST CIVILIANS -

All ranks are warned that because crimes against civilians have become prevalent, drastic action will be taken to deal adequately with ALL offenders. It is stated in 9 Aust Div R/O No 394, that all cases of offences against civilians will be dealt with under Secs 6(3)(d) or 41 of Army Act - that is by Court Martial.

160. ARMISTICE DAY - SILENCE -

A period of 2 mins silence will be observed on Armistice day, 11 Nov 41, commencing 1100 hrs.

  
Capt

Adj, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

by

Lt-Col B. EVANS, Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

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161. SECURITY - DOCUMENTS WHILE TRAVELLING -

Cases have occurred at KANTARA where diaries and other documents containing infm of value to the enemy, have been taken from luggage of service personnel, and in other cases, losses of secret documents by personnel travelling, have occurred. There is danger to security in such instances. All ranks will be reminded of the contents of FSPB pam 3 para 26, ref disposal of pte diaries and memoranda.

Attention is further drawn to Bn R/O No 14/4142 para 86, and to the following additional provision :-

Offrs travelling on duty and requiring to carry documents for reference, will carry these in a holder or note book, kept in a secure place, and will destroy them at the first opportunity after their usefulness has ceased.

162. MILITARY PROPERTY - GIVING TO CIVILIANS -

Gifts of Military property, such as eqpt, clothing, food stuffs etc, are not permitted, and constitute an offence, while it is further a civil offence for civilians to be found in possession of such military property. All ranks are therefore, warned that the practice of making gifts of such to civilians, will cease forthwith.

163. BOUNDS - GAZA TOWN -

GAZA is out of bounds to all OR personnel from all camps except Kilo 89, GAZA Ridge, NUSEIRAT, and MUCHIASI, unless in the possession of a DUTY pass, and on a duty.

164. PRIVATE PROPERTY - TRESPASS -

AIF (ME) Base Area R/O No 576, as under, will apply throughout 9 Aust Div :-

"In future, personnel will NOT be permitted to proceed beyond the limits of Camp Areas except during tng in prescribed tng areas, or when using main or subsidiary rds."

165. DRESS -

- (a) It has been noticed that ORs on leave and otherwise not on duty have been wearing incorrect dress e.g. shoes or desert boots - caps (in many cases officers pattern) - unauthorised shirts and trousers - unauthorised pockets and fittings on the garments. All offrs and NCOs will take steps to correct this and report cases noticed to the soldiers' units.
- (b) Offrs will take particular care that they wear the correct dress.
- (c) Bn Ord Offr will inspect all leave parties before departure on leave.

166. FLANNELETTE -


As supplies of flannelette may not always be obtainable, coys should have an organised system for the maintenance of "rag-bags". Moreover, it should be normal practice that flannelette, when available, be used only for the bore and that the cleaning and oiling of other parts be done with rag.

167. ANTI-MALARIA PRECAUTIONS -

Offrs and ORs are warned that shirts and bush shirts with short sleeves will not be worn in any area of Middle East as from a date yet to be fixed in March or April next.

When summer scale of clothing is issued in 1942, all shirts etc, will have long sleeves. Thereafter, such garments of illegal pattern found in possession will be replaced at soldier's expense.

From the same date, Offrs will cease to wear illegal pattern shirts and bush shirts. Any bought henceforward should therefore have long sleeves.

  
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JULIS:  
14 Nov 41.

by

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168. BDE DUTIES -

This unit will perform Bde duties from Retreat on the dates stated to Retreat on the following day, as under :-

Sat 15 Nov 41  
Wed 19 Nov 41

Field Offr. This Unit will provide Bde Fd Offrs to mount at Retreat on the dates stated with a tour of duty until Retreat the following day, as under :-

Fri 14 Nov 41 Capt G.F. Urquhart  
Mon 17 Nov 41 Capt R. Rattray M.C.  
Thu 20 Nov 41 Capt W.C. Haworth.

169. 9 AUST DIV CONCERT PARTY -

Applications are called for personnel to form the 9 Aust Div Concert Party. Coys will conduct a search of their personnel for suitable talent, and supply returns to BHC, stating qualifications and previous experience by 1800 hrs 20 Nov 41.

The following is the establishment of the Party :-

- Manager & Producer
- Band Leader & Pianist
- Stage mechanic & Electrician
- First comic
- Second comic
- Straight or Juvenile lead
- Vocalist - tenor
- Vocalist - Bass Baritone
- Female Impersonator
- " "
- Specialty act
- " "
- Utility and Solo Dancer (tap etc)
- (Saxophone player doubling as violinist
- " " " " " " " "
- (Trumpet
- (Trombone
- (Bass
- (Drums
- Driver (who will also act as stage hand)
- " " " " " " " "

ORCHESTRA

Successful applicants for the first three posns in above list, will be given the rank of WOII, S/Sgt, and Sgt respectively. All other members of the party will be ORs.

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Adj 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Capt

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JULIS  
15 Nov 41.

by

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R/O Part 1 - No 29/4042

170. GREEN ENVELOPES -

Base Censorship reports several recent cases in which individuals have used more than one green envelope in the same week. Maximum scale of use of these is one per man per week, which must not be exceeded. The issue of green envelopes is a privilege, liable to be withdrawn at any time.

171. DRESS - DESERT BOOTS -

The wearing of desert boots, whether on or off duty, by Offrs and other ranks, is not permitted for units under command of 9 Aust Div. Offenders will be charged disciplinarily.

This order will be specially notified to all ranks.

172. DRESS - CAPS -

Caps will NOT be worn on leave by NCOs and ORs.

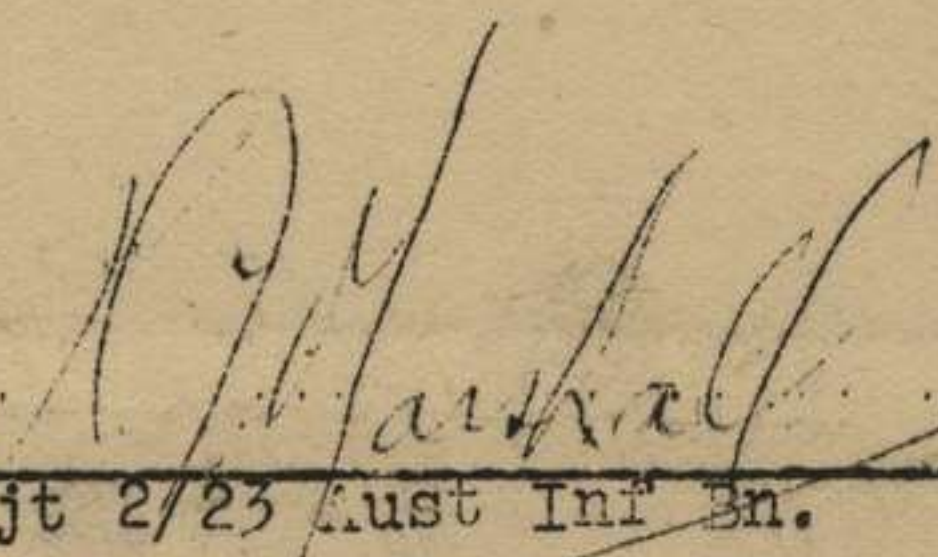
173. VACANCIES - 9 AUST DIV PROV COY -

Vacancies exist in 9 Aust Div Prov Coy for MT dvrs, Prov personnel, and one clerk. Coys will call for applications for transfer to Prov Coy, and submit a full return to BHO, by Retreat 18 Nov 41.

174. CHURCH PARADE -

C of E. Holy Communion 0715 hrs.  
Markers 0910 hrs.  
Bn Parade 0915 hrs.  
Church Service 0930 hrs.  
Dress - Shorts, shirt, hat (turned down),  
waist belt and side arms.

R.C. Mass 0700 at 2/24 Bn Hut.  
Cinema 0845 hrs.

  
Adjnt 2/23 Aust Inf Bn. Capt

21 Nov 41.

by

Lt-Col B. EVANS, Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

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175. BDE DUTIES -

2/23 Aust Inf Bn will perform Bde duties as under, from Retreat on the date stated to Retreat on the following day.

Sun 23 Nov 41.  
Thu 27 Nov 41.

Field Offrs -

Sun 23 Nov 41 - Major P.E. Spier  
Wed 26 Nov 41 - Capt R. Rettray M.C.  
Sat 29 Nov 41 - Capt R.C. Haworth.

176. MEDAL RIBBONS -

AIF (ME) Order No 770, repeated below, will apply throughout all units of 9 Aust Div.

"Medal Ribbons (in the form of a brooch) will be worn by all troops in MEF when in shirt sleeves (including bush shirts). In future, immediate awards will be presented personally by Army, Corps or Divisional Commanders, and on such occasions, an initial free issue of Medal Ribbon mounted on a brooch will be made. These will be held by DADOS of Formations."

177. CHRISTMAS - NEW YEAR AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS -

A specially designed Air Mail Letter Card is being issued about the end of November for the purpose of Christmas and New Year Greetings from our troops to the people at home.

The cover of the special card will bear a pictorial design illustrative of the Middle East surroundings with the following message below - "Greetings from the Australian Forces, Middle East - Christmas - New Year - 1941/42".

The special card will be a free issue to all ranks on the basis of three per head. They will replace one of the present weekly issues of ordinary cards.

Posting of the special cards in time for delivery in Australia before Christmas should be made, at the very latest, so as to reach Australian Base Post Office, Middle East, on or before 9th December, 1941. Later postings should of course, reach Australia in time for New Year delivery.

178. LEAVE PASSES -

These must be signed by an Offr authorised to do so by the C.O. In future, passes not so signed, may not be accepted as evidence that the holder is on leave, and the holder may, therefore, be liable to arrest. Leave passes signed by Warrant Offrs and Sgts have been confiscated by Military Police on numerous occasions.

Units are reminded that personnel visiting other camps MUST be in possession of a leave pass. Personnel without passes are liable to arrest for not being in possession of a pass.

This order is to be repeated in all coy orders, and coy comds will ensure that it is promulgated to all ranks.

179. PAY - HAIFA LEAVE -

The AIF Pay Office at HAIFA reports that members of this unit on leave are making applications for pay, giving as reason that only restricted payments are made to them prior to going on such leave. In future, personnel going on leave to HAIFA will draw their whole leave money before leaving this camp, and will NOT endeavour to obtain further advances from the Pay Office at HAIFA.



180. AUST SECURITY BN -

(a) Applications for transfer to Aust Security Bn are called for from Offrs below the rank of Major, N CO's and ORs who fall within the following categories :-

(1) B class personnel who are physically fit to do guard duties and act as sentries. Such personnel may be of any age and from any unit.

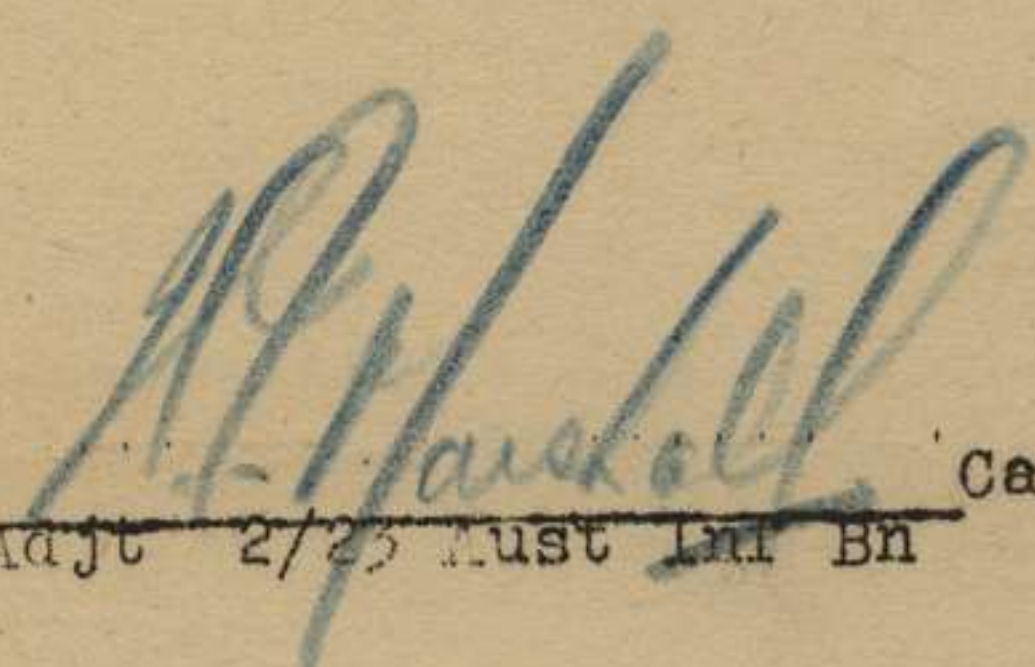
(ii) A or B class personnel who are over 40 or, being Offrs below the rank of Major, are over the prescribed age for their rank.

(b) NCO's will be accepted only up to the limit of the unit establishment.

(c) All applicants must be of good character. Their conduct sheets will be inspected at a later date by the C.O. of the new unit.

(d) The object of the unit is to provide security guards over A.I.F. Base installations in N.E. and it is not to be confused with Aust HQ Gd Bn.

(e) Coys will submit full returns of applicants, showing names, initials, and numbers, to BHC by 1800 hrs 23 Nov 41.

  
Adjt 2/25 Aust Inf Bn Capt

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JULIS.  
22 Nov 41.

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181. BAND & GD - CAIRO -

The following message was received this morning from  
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde, by the C.O.

"Please convey my congratulations and appreciation  
to all ranks of the guard of honour and band, supplied  
to receive GENERAL SIKORSKI in CAIRO today. A good  
show and a credit to DIV."

GENERAL MORSHEAD.

182. CHURCH PARADE -

C of E.	Holy Communion	0715 hrs
	Markers	0910 hrs
	Bn Parade	0915 hrs
	Church Service	0930 hrs
Dress -	Shorts, shirt, hat (turned down), waist belt and side arms.	
R.C.	Mass	0700 at 2/24 Bn YMCA Hut.
	Cinema	0845 hrs.

H. I. Marshall Capt  
Adjt 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

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HQ, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn,  
JULIS.  
24 Nov 41.

by

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183. KITS - REPORT ON CONDITION -

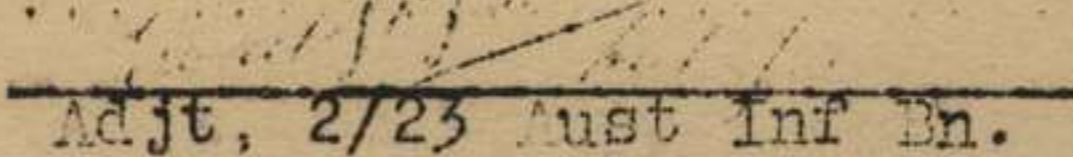
Coys will submit report by 1800 hrs 25 Nov on condition of  
offrs' and men's kits received from TOBRUK and from Kit Store and  
if any complaints of deficiencies in contents have been received.

184. SUBALTERNs -

While the present shortage of subalterns exists Coy Comds  
will ensure that subalterns do NOT leave camp during tng hrs  
except when on duty with troops.

185. COMPLAINTS FROM CIVILIANS -

Complaints re men stealing fruit have been received from the  
owner of the orange grove to the North of Bn lines - Any  
personnel found taking fruit will be severely dealt with.

 Capt  
Adjnt, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

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186. HONOURS AND AWARDS.

The Polish Government has conferred the decoration . . .  
VIRTUTI MILITARI (Fifth Class) upon Maj-Gen L. J. MORSHEAD, C.M.G.,  
C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.

Permission to accept and wear the decoration has been  
granted.

187. INDISCREET TALK BY ESCAPED P.O.W.

It has been established that cases have occurred of indiscreet  
talk on the part of AIF Personnel who have escaped from enemy  
P.O.W. camps.

The attention of all ranks must be drawn to the fact that  
indiscreet conversation regarding methods of escape and assistance  
given by friendly nationals in enemy occupied territories may have  
grave consequences for those who are helping British soldiers to  
escape.

Such indiscreet talk will further imperil the lives of  
British soldiers who have escaped from P.O.W. Camps and who are  
still being befriended in occupied territory.

188. FIRE - Camp Precautions.

The following precautions must be taken in all Coys  
and by all ranks against the destruction of buildings by fire. Coys  
will give full co-operation to the Bn P.A.D. Offr (Lieut T.H.Orr)  
who is co-ordinating standard precautionary measures.

All Ranks are to be acquainted with the action and  
location to be adopted in the event of camp fires, and are to be  
thoroughly familiar with their duties. Fire picquets must patrol  
areas likely to be affected by an outbreak.

All Ranks are warned that the practice of indiscriminately  
throwing down cigarette butts and matches constitutes a danger to  
the camp, and will therefore cease.

(Signed) H. I. Marshall, Capt  
Adjt 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

26 25 Nov 41

APPX 7

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt - Col B. Evans Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn AIFPart 1No 34/4042189. TYPISTS, STENOGRAPHERS.-

A return from all coys is required at BHO, by 1200 hrs 30 Nov 41, showing name rank and qualifications of any Offrs or Ors considered suitable to act as instructors at a Clerk's Typist's and Stenographer's Course, should one be held.

190. BOUNDS. -

KFAR MENACHEM, a Jewish settlement, is out of bounds to all ranks. For security reasons, it will NOT be visited by AIF personnel, either singly or in organised groups.

191. BILLETING - DUTY - IN CAIRO.-

9 Aust Div RO No 440 directs attention of all ranks to AIF (ME) Order No 308 of 18 Apr 41.

This Order states that all Offrs of the AIF visiting CAIRO on duty or leave will report to HQ AIF Details, Cairo, situated at Flat 10, 13 Midan Ismaili a, and will furnish to the CO thereof particulars of visit, address whilst in Cairo, and duration of stay.

The above will be strictly complied with in future.

Further to this, arrangements have now been made for Offrs and Ors visiting Cairo on duty to be billeted, instead of having to stay at hotels, thus avoiding considerable public expense.

On some past occasions, it has come to notice that Offrs and/ or Ors have been living in hotels in Cairo, despite the fact that rations and quarters are available to them.

Henceforth, Offrs and Ors on temporary duty in Cairo will have some document showing authority for their presence there, such as movement order, duty pass, or some other such document.

192. LOSS OF PAYBOOKS.-

Attention of all ranks will be once more directed to En Routine Instn No 14 para 76.

Further to this, 9 Aust Div RO No 441 describes paybook losses as "a matter of grave concern both for security and disciplinary reasons, and directs that loss of a paybook by neglect will be regarded as a serious offence, and dealt with accordingly.

193. GD OF HONOUR AND BAND.-

Ref Bn RO No 31/ 4042 para 181, the Bde Comd (Brig R.W. Tovell, DSO, ED) desires to express his appreciation of the splendid effort of all ranks concerned, both guard and band, at such short notice.

194. Bde HQ SENTRY BEAT.-

All ranks visiting Bde HQ are warned that they MUST NOT cross the beat of the sentry posted in front of Bde HQ Block.

195. CHURCH PARADE DRESS

Dress for all future Church Parades will be Khaki SD (Winter) with waistbelt and sidearms. On other than formal occasions, summer dress will continue to be worn.

196. RO NUMBERINGS.

33/4042.

Bn RO Part I of 25 Nov 41 will be amended to No

*[Signature]*  
Adj 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

**NOTICES:-**

**ROAD ACCIDENT.**

At approximately 1430 hrs on 12 Oct. 41 in a road accident near REMOVOTH, in which an AIF truck and a civilian vehicle carrying cement pipes were involved, two Australian soldiers were killed and one injured. The civilian truck was unidentified. Anyone in a position to give information is requested to inform C.O. 2/2 Aust M.G. Bn QASTINA.

**GOODWILL MESSAGE.**

The following message has been received:-

"Good luck and best wishes to you all from DIMBOOLA Shire President and all friends -- LOCK, Shire Secretary."

**FOUND.**

A gold penneil engraved "P. R. ROBERTSON, from the Staff of Bennett & Fisher Ltd." has been found in the QASTINA area.

A leather tobacco wallet with a gold mounting marked "D.G." was found on a Destroyer going to TOBRUK.

Both these articles are available at H.Q., R.A.E.

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COMD OFFR'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOV 41.

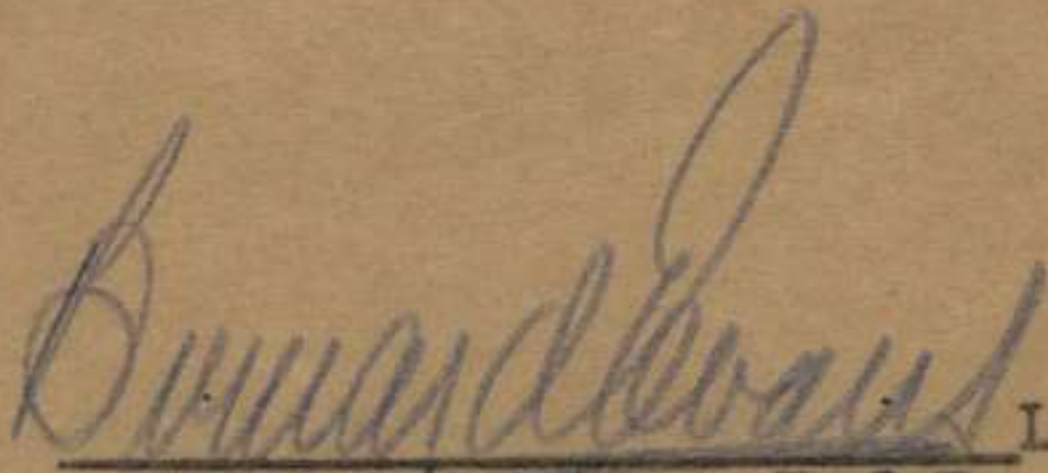
The month has been one of continual individual movement. Large leave parties both Offrs and ORs. Personnel for schools etc. At no time has there been the same personnel available for tng. Hardening exercises have been continued and all Coys bivouaced for one night.

Even myself, as CO, have been away once on leave and again on a lecturing tour to 6 Aust Div Units.

All the above has limited the scope of the Bn activities and of course little equipment is available as yet.

This was to be expected after the long operational period in the desert.

As less leave is required and the tps settle down, we will steadily improve the scope of our tng.

  
Lt-Col  
Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn