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2/2 Infantry Battalion

December 1941



SYRIA

SECURITY

VILLAGES RAIDED and army property re-taken.

2/2 INF BN  
DEC 41

EQUIPMENT - OWN

RIFLE GRENADES preferred to 2" mortar, use of which is suggested by War Office. Rifle grenades quicker into action, lighter to carry, and more easily available to all soldiers.

2/2 INF BN  
DEC 41

BARBED WIRE OBSTACLES Suggestions for new methods of wiring following demonstrations of ease with which old type obstacles can be creased. App.

TACTICAL NOTES Notes on Warfare in Mountainous Country for GHQ publication (projected) app.

PLANS

SWITCHES of work progress etc.

2/2 INF BN  
DEC 41



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The unconfirmed reports re Fifth Column activities in the QATANA area have set higher authority on the "qui vive". A direct result of these reports was the raiding of RAS EL AIN, YAFOUR and SABOURA villages by B, C, and D Coys.

Information was received of suspicious movement in and around the village of RAS EL AIN and the 2 Dec inst. Inst. were received from Bde. to raid and search the village.

RAS EL AIN is a small village tucked away the shadow of JEBEL MAZAR about 4 to 5 miles away from our camp. B Coy who did the raid, arrived at 1400hrs in trucks which immediately formed out and encircled the village. The Coy Comd. with an interpreter to the village square and through the interpreter explained what was about to happen, to the MUKHTAR, then on a verey signal the raiding signal moved in and commenced to comb the village house by house. About 2 hrs. later the village square looked like a Paddy's Market. Much equipment and Army stores had been found in various houses and this together with the arabs who had stolen it had been herded into the square. In all about 24 arabs were arrested and sent to Bde. H.Q. for questioning.

The raids were successful both tactically and from the point of view of impressing the natives that to steal from an Australian Camp was a very unprofitable business.

Dec 2 The raids on RAS EL AIN was such a success that it was decided to raid the villages of YAFOUR and SABOURA, this was done and was just as successful as the initial raid. These raids were carried out by C and D Coys, full report on all these raids is attached.

Dec 3 A War Office letter has been received suggesting that the replacement of the rifle grenades by 2" Mortars. The Bn. replied in favour of the rifle grenade because it is :-

- (1) Quicker into action.
- (2) Rapidly available to all members of the section.
- (3) Weight of rifle grenade as against the mortar making for greater mobility.
- (4) Ammo. more readily available to men of section as against Mortar ammo.

Dec 4 Maj. Edgar C.O. of Bn. was to-day promoted to rank of Lt. Col.

Dec 7 The Bn. suggestions for warfare in mountainous country were sent to Bde. as per attached letter. Suggestions were based on experience gained in GREECE and SYRIA.

Dec 9 Mr. McCabe the Salvation Army Representative who has been doing such good work for tps. working on the defences, has moved the Salvation Army Tents down to Bn.H.Q. and H.Q. Coy areas. A and B Coys are loud in their praise for work done by Mr. McCabe. Bn.H.Q., H.Q. Coy and C Coy will now benefit by the move.

Dec 11 The weather so far this month has been getting progressively worse. and the snow line is daily creeping nearer to our camp site - Great-coats are the order of the day.

Following on the demonstration of crushing and assault of wire obstacles at BAALBEK last month, which showed the ease with which tps. could cross wire obstacles, a suggested variation of the normal Double Apron and Triple Dannert fences has been forwarded to the Bn. for trial. The Bn. comments are attached.

Dec 14 A Mobile Cinema from A.A.C.I. visited the camp last night and a full length programme was shown and except for the cold was thoroughly enjoyed by all ranks.

Sgt. Noonan E.E. has been selected by Bde. as a Carrier Instr. to the FREE FRENCH FORCES, he is to teach the tactical handling of carriers and maintenance.



- Dec 15 B and C Coys to-day moved to MEZZE BARRACKS. They are to relieve to Coys of the 2/3 Bn. who have been there on Guard Duties. Tour of duty is for a fort-night and the Coys are to be under command 85 L of C DAMAS SUB - AREA. Their break in DAMASCUS is by way of being a holiday for the tps. Instead of the cold and wet of the camp they are to be billeted in barrack and have hot showers available and electric light etc.
- Dec 16 First move was made to-day towards the MILITARY GYMKANA, which is to be held on the 1 Jan 1942 for all units in the QATANA area. There was a conference at Bde. H.Q. to decide events and entries. Maj Cullen attended as Bn. representative.
- Dec 18 In anticipation of having a pack transport coy attached to the Bn. in our present posn. an estimate of the requirements of the Bn. have been forwarded to Bde. H.Q. (copy attached)
- Dec 19 Bde. H.Q. has directed that 10 C.A.S. trucks be withdrawn from service and completely overhauled. They are to be kept fuelled and ready for service to move at a moments notice under orders from Bde. H.Q. Reason for this move is unknown and sadly depletes our Transport Park. There is a suggestion that all but 10% of our present vehicles establishment are to be taken off the road during the winter months. If this happens we will be reduced to about 4 trucks for the whole Bn. which will make work on the GAP Posn. extremely difficult, particularly as there are large quantities of wiring stores to be dumped in both areas.
- Dec 20 The C.O. has suggested to Bde. that the unit should establish a unit newspaper, if Bde. could supply the necessary funds. The Bn. has sufficient talent to edit such a newspaper.
- Dec 21 The new signal procedure issued by 9 Army came into operation to-day and to clarify the documents issued on it, the Sig. Officer lectured the Officers of the Bn. on it's use.
- Dec 23 The 2 i/c, Maj. Cullen and the Sports Officer are working at top speed to finalise all arrangements for the Gymkhana on Jan 1.
- Dec 24 During the last few days the Bn. has been preparing Xmas Day arrangements, everyone is determined to make this a brighter one than the last which was spent outside BARDIA. Comforts Hampers, a free issue of beer and half a pound of Turkey per man, plus what the men have bought themselves will all go to make this a Xmas Day that the Bn. will remember.  
In most cases in the Coys, Xmas Dinner for the men was served by officers and N.C.O.s and there was much good-natured at the expense of the waiters.  
On Christmas Evening the officers of the Bn. met for dinner at the "Cirale des Officers" a French Officer's Club in DAMASCUS. Besides the officers at present in the unit, Capt Goslett and Capt Cox were present. Lt. Col. Chilton, Capt A.S. Wilson, Capt B. Wilson, Capt. Cotter and Capt. Hendry (seconded) who were also invited were unable to attend because of the heavy fall of snow throughout SYRIA.  
Snow fell in the Bn. area for Christmas. It was the first time many of the men had seen snow and they were just like school-children, throwing snow-balls at each other and making snow-men.
- Dec 28 Band was lent to 2/1 Bn. during Xmas for the O.Rs party and to-day a message was received thanking the Bn. for the assistance rendered.
- Dec 27 Certain Sgts of the Bn. were entertained by the Bde. Sgts Mess at a cocktail party to which the Brig and B.M. had been invited.
- Dec 30 A complete list of officers and their postings in the Bn. has been made and is attached for information.



Dec 29 B and C Coys were to-day relieved of their guard duties in DAMASCUS. 2/1 Bn. was the relief.

Dec 30 An arab was shot by his guards to-day after having wrested the rifle from one of them and fired shots at the other. The arab was eventually seized and removed to hospital with a bullet wound in the jaw. The C.O. commended the prompt action by both guards, one of whom appears to be only 16 years old.

TRAINING FOR THE MONTH.

The tactical training for the Bn. during the month although restricted by the Crops digging policy, has included both Bn. and Coy exercises.

On Dec 4 C Coy did a Coy exercise under Bn. arrangements. (see attached T.E.W.T. No. 2) To add realism to the exercise the enemy fired 2" mortar smoke bombs. Main faults found by umpires were :-

- (a) Battle procedure has still to be improved.
- (b) Lack of appreciation of ground by Jun. Comdrs.
- (c) Necessity for further training in night operations.
- (d) Viewing of ground by Jun Comdrs. over which a night operation is to be launched.

Exercise was designed to bring out the following points :-

- (a) Time as limiting factor in night operations.
- (b) Forming up of tps. on start line.
- (c) Deployment in S.L. must be protected.
- (d) Consolidation and exploitation.
- (e) Immediate counter-attack.

D Coy commenced the same exercise but it was cancelled owing to heavy rain. Before the exercise was finished, the lack of Security measures in the Coy was brought home by a party of the enemy managing to sneak into the Coy lines and capture a Pl. Comd., then when the party was once more clear of the Coy area, a volley of shots rang out. This move took the Coy so much by surprise that for fully a minute nobody knew what todo. This lesson was one that D Coy are not likely to forget in a long time.

Dec 10 The Bn. exercise was conducted SOUTH of QATANA village and was designed to :-

- (a) Exercise Coy Comds. in handling of Coy in "Encounter Attack" and also the more deliberate attack with the fire support of the Bn.
- (b) To exercise the Carrier Pl. Comd. in the handling of the Carrier Pl. in flank protection, support of Fwd. Inf., flank protection of defensive posn.
- (c) Defence by all ranks against A.F.V.s.
- (d) Consolidation.
- (e) Practise the drill of a Bn. withdrawal
- (f) Exercise A and Q personnel of the Bn.

The exercise not only brought out the lessons to be learnt, but the introduction of G(R) personnel and a tp. of light tanks., also the use of the Carrier Pl. which we have not had for many months illustrated many points not included in the lessons to be learnt.

The tp. of light tanks was used in the early stages with the enemy and managed to infiltrate through the Bn. which was in Box Formation, and disorganised two Coys. Later acting with our own tps. as Inf. tanks, they supported the Inf. in the attack on the final objective.

G(R) personnel acting as Fifth Columnists did much during the exercise to make the Bn. Security minded. Their reports (attached) show the ease with which they mingled with our own tps. and gained information. They did not appear to have much difficulty in escaping when they wanted to.



By the finish of the exercise, the Coys had become so Security minded that one could hardly move 10 yds. without being challenged.

An important discovery during the exercise was that the Box Formation has been almost forgotten by most of the older members of the Bn.

The exercise was concluded in a terrific downpour of rain with visibility almost nil. As a result of this the Bn. Transport was rushed back to camp, off loaded and returned and lifted the remainder back to camp.

ANTAR AND GAP POSNS. - DEC.

The month of December has seen a vast progress on the posns. and things are now taking definite shape on the ground. Bn. proposals for mines, scarping, Arty and 3" Mortar D.F. Tasks and road blocks have been finalised and approved by Bde..H.Q.

- Dec 2 C.O. and 2 i/c with Engineer representatives of 2/2 and 2/3 Fd. Coys. together visited the line of scarping to be dug in Q3 area. In all approx. 1000 yds of scarping has been plotted for the Bn. Difficulty in siting scarping in this area has been the slope of the ground, which, within the defences is in most places far too rocky for digging. It has been decided that the scarping can be only put down in front of part of A and B Coys, the remainder of the Bn. perimeter is to be mined and where possible, fields of boulders will be erected.
- To dig the scarp we are to get 200 native labourers who commence work on Dec 3.
- Dec 6 C.O. made a recce. of GAP Posn. with Coy Comds. who are to site Coy areas in detail in accordance with 10 Corps policy.
- Dec 9 Coys have pushed ahead with work on the GAP POSN. and Coy areas have been marked on the ground with stones.
- Dec 10/11 C.O. approved siting of posns. by Coy Comds. and digging has commenced on posts. Wire has also been laid to conform with trace supplied by 10 Corps (Copy attached)
- Dec 13 Bde. has asked for requirements for Q3 and GAP Posns., Bn. estimates were :-
- ( 80400 yds of Double apron fence
  - ( 63200 " " Triple dannert "
  - (104000 " " Double apron fence
  - ( 78000 " " Dannert fence.
- Dec 15 C.O. and Sgt. Pye (Mortar Pl. Comd.) selected areas for Mortar D.F. Tasks in Q3 Area. The tasks were selected on the basis of 6 Mortars or 12 Mortars being available for the defence.
- Dec 6 Works Progress Reports as at present rendered do not give a clear picture of depth dug in various sections of trenching in Q3 area. Coys have therefore have been asked to report each week length of trenching dug to 3 ft. in the Coy areas.
- Dec 16 C.O. and I.O. sited the A/Tk minefield plan for the Bn. area. This was done on the basis of mines being laid around the Bn. perimeter and along vulnerable wadis within the posn. Allowance was also made for spoke-minefields being laid around vulnerable sect. and Pl. Posns. Working on the above basis a quota of 35,004 mines are required for Q3 Area.
- Dec 14 Concrete slabs 1 ft. by 9 ft. are to be used as overhead covering for trenches. Estimate sent to Bde. for 4498 of such slabs, which will be distributed as follows :-

STORES

SLEEPING BAYS

WEAPON PITS%



Dec 13 Arty. D.F. Tasks were to-day selected by the C.O. They are four in all and cover vulnerable approaches not already covered by Mortar Fire.

Dec 17 A change in priority of work was announced to-day.  
 (1) Weapon Pits will be dug to full depth.  
 (2) All weapon pits are to be connected by an outer circle which is to be dug to 1 ft.  
 (3) Wire in Pl. localities first and then work outwards.

Dec 18 Capt. Marshal of 10 Corps inspected the posn. from the hygiene point of view to decide hygiene policy for Q3 Area.

Dec 23 Ammended concrete requirements for Q3 Area have been specified in a letter to Bde. H.Q. and are as follows :-

1 Sig. Centre	2 O.P.s
1 Weapon Pit	6 H.Q.s

Dec 26 Bde. H.Q. have laid down emplacements which have to be concreted :-

1 Sig Centre	6 Coy H.Q.
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Dec 28 A further alteration in Works Policy for the defences has been issued by Bde. H.Q. All positions are to be dug to a depth of one foot as soon as possible. Also only cattle fences to be erected.



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Field Engineering Notes

No. 1

Issued by C.R.E. 9 Aust.Div.

Distribution: Inf. Bdes., Bns., and  
Equivalent units, Fd. Coys. R.A.E.  
and Fd. Park Coy. R.A.E.



## Preface

1. It is intended to issue from time to time a series of Field Engineering Notes for the guidance in technical matters of all units engaged in the construction of field defences. It is not intended to try and curb the initiative of unit and sub unit commanders, but in addition to technical details there are certain principles laid down by higher authority that must be adhered to by all concerned.
2. The distribution of these Notes will be to all Inf.Bdes. and to Bns. and equivalent units.
3. Where necessary units should seek the advice of the O.C. of the Fd. Coy. R.A.E. working in the area concerned. It should be noted that 9 Div. Engrs. are only concerned with the JEBEL MAZAR, BOURKOCH, QATANA GAP AND QATANA BOX areas.

### 1. Revetment of trenches.

Where revetment is necessary this will be done in stone, either built dry or in mud mortar.

Mud mortar must be properly mixed with chopped straw, animal dung, fibrous matter, etc. to give it binding properties and must be mixed at least 24 hours before required for use.

### 2. Wiring.

The principles of 'protective' wiring of Section Posts, Pl. etc. localities, and of 'tactical' wiring have already been laid down.

Higher authority has also ordered that until further notice all wiring will be done as for a 'cattle fence', i.e. just the fence without aprons. This is necessary owing to the present shortage of wire and pickets. It has been noted however that some units are still erecting D.A.F. and this must cease.

### R.E. Stores.

#### (a) Dumps

It is intended at a future date that R.E. Stores dumps will be established, under the Fd. Coys. R.A.E. concerned, in the Fortress at JEBEL MAZAR, BOURKOCH, and QATANA. At the present time however, the only R.E. dumps that are established are a fortress dump at JEBEL MAZAR under the control, of 13 Fd. Coy. R.A.E. and a Divisional Dump at YAMOUR with a temporary off shoot at SAUSAGE WOOD, QATANA: this Divisional Dump and its temporary offshoot is under the control of 24 Fd. Park Coy. R.A.E., Units in the JEBEL MAZAR area will demand direct on the 13 Fd. Coy. for R.E. stores. Until Fortress Dumps are established in BOURKOCH and QATANA Boxes, units in those areas will demand through the C.I.F. 9 Aust. Div.

#### (b) Supply of tools

At present the supply of picks, shovels, hammers, etc. is strictly limited. Units requiring same will demand as in (a) above, although it is unlikely that demands will be able to be met

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in full for some time. The Fd. Coys. in the area concerned will be responsible for ensuring that a proper system of accounting for such tools is put into force. These tools from R.E. dumps are R.E. stores, and should not be looked on by units as a means of making up their deficiencies in G1098 unit equipment. It is very necessary to see that such tools are not misappropriated by native labourers.

#### 4. Standard dug-outs and Section Posts.

(i) Units excavating for the standard dug-outs in Section Posts, and for Coy. Bn. Bde. H.Q.s etc. in accordance with the type plans already issued should allow in their measurements for a masonry wall 12 ins. thick.

(ii) It is noted that in some Section Posts where digging has commenced that no standard dug-outs have been included at all. This should be rectified.

(iii) Reinforced concrete slabs for roofs of dug-outs and for overhead cover in section Posts, O.P.s, M.M.G. posts etc. are now being manufactured and can be supplied on demand. Demands will be made on the C.C. Fd. Coy. in the area who will make arrangements for delivery to the required sites. Care should be taken in handling the slabs otherwise there will be a high percentage of breakages. They should be laid with the correct side upwards, i. e. that side which is smooth or has the letter 'T' stamped on it. A limited supply of sandbags is also available for the development of section posts in accordance with the type plan.



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ROUTINE ORDERS  
- BY -

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COMD 2/2 AUST INF BN.

PART 1 ..... 102.

- 1. COURT OF INQUIRY. -- NX 14265 PTE RIGBY R.J.  
NX 1541 PTE HERON R.J.

Whereas the above <sup>soldiers</sup> have been absent without leave from their duty for a period exceeding 21 days, the undermentioned officers will constitute a Court of Inquiry under Section 72 of the Army Act to inquire into the prescribed manner (RPI25) on oath respecting the facts of such absentees and the deficiencies (if any) in the arms, ammunition, equipment, instruments, regimental necessaries, or clothing of the soldiers; and if satisfied of the fact of such soldiers having absented themselves without leave or other sufficient cause, to declare such absence and the period thereof, and the said deficiencies if any;

PRESIDENT	CAPT A.A. BUCKLEY
MEMBER	LIEUT D.S.I. BURROWS
MEMBER	LIEUT H.B. SWAIN.

All ranks are notified that the above Court of Inquiry will examine all witnesses who may be desirous of coming forward on behalf of the absentees, and will put such questions to them as may be desirable for testing the truth or accuracy of any evidence they have given, and otherwise for eliciting the truth, and the Court in making their declarations will give due weight to the evidence of such witnesses.

Anyone desirous of giving evidence as in the preceding paragraph will notify the Adjt through Coy HQ by 1800 hrs 8 Dec 41.

- 2. D.C.M. -- NX 1890 PTE McRAE D.P.

By District Court Martial convened by GOC 6 Aust Div, the above-named was tried at QATANA on 26 Nov 41, on two charges:-

FIRST CHARGE; A.A. Sec 41.

WOAS, committing a civil offence, that is to say robbery contrary to Sec 23 (2) of Larceny Act 1916, in that he in the Field at approx 2000 hrs 1 Nov 41, robbed ABDO BOREKY of £S 147.

SECOND CHARGE; A.A. Sec 41.

WOAS, committing a civil offence, that is to say common assault, in that he in the Field at approx 2000 hrs 1 Nov 41, assaulted ABDO BOREKY by hitting him in the face with his hand.

The Court found the accused NOT guilty of all the charges and honourably acquitted him of the same.

- 3. THEFT FROM CANTEEN AT JULIS.

The theft of money and goods to the value of £A47-3-4 from 2/2 Bn Canteen, in Julis in Jun 41 will be recalled.

It is notified for general info that under Corps Order this sum has been deducted from the Unit's Regimental Fund.

- 4. COY Q. RETURNS.

Coy Q. Returns are at present often being signed by CQMS's storemen or clerks. In future ALL returns from Coys, including Q, will be signed by an Officer. It is suggested that whenever possible Coy 2 i/c should sign the Coy Q. Returns.

P.T.O.

*[Handwritten signature]*



5. CHURCH SERVICES; SUNDAY 7 DEC 41.

Mass will be celebrated at 0930 hrs in Syrian Catholic Church QATANA. L/Sgt J. Hukins "HQ" Coy will be i/c Bn party.

- Holy Communion (Chaplains tent) - 0730 hrs.
- Bn HQ, HQ, C and D Coys to parade in Bn HQ Lines - 0900 hrs.
- A and B Coys to parade at point between two coys - 1000 hrs.

*J. W. Raulson*  
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ADJT 2/2 AUST INF BN.



for War Service





ATTENDANCE AT DAMASCUS CINEMAS.

Approval has been given for units to send personnel to Damascus for the purpose of attending evening screening. This approval grants a special privilege which can only be continued, if conduct of soldiers attending warrants it. All personnel must be warned and frequently reminded that any complaints concerning behaviour of troops from Picture parties will lead to cancellation of the permission for units whose members are concerned and drastic action against offenders.

The following conditions will apply:-

1. NATURE OF LEAVE;

Permission is given for parties to go to Damascus for the purpose of attending Cinemas only. Non-attendance by a member of party will be regarded as a serious breach of discipline.

2. TRANSPORT; Coys will arrange own transport. Transport will be under unit arrangement, and approval is given for the use of arrangements.

Parties will move independently but will leave the town immediately after completion of the Show.

3. CONTROL;

Parties of 10 (Ten) or more will be in charge of an Offr. Smaller parties may be under control of a senior NCO. The Offr or NCO in charge of the party will be responsible to see that conditions set out herein are strictly adhered to, and that good order is maintained.

4. PIQUET;

Where the party consists of more than 10 (ten) persons the Offr in charge will also be piquet offr, in respect of troops from his unit.

Piquet will consist of 1 NCO and 5 O/R's. This piquet will attend the Cinema, but will wear belt and side arms, and be available at any time to assist the Piquet Offr as required.

5. ALLOCATION TO COYS;

To avoid duplication of piquet and reduce administration generally, coys are allotted one night per week each;

- Mondays - A Coy
- Tuesdays - Mobile Coy of previous week,
- Wednesdays - B Coy
- Thursdays - C Coy and Bn HQ
- Friday - D Coy
- Saturday - HQ Coy

6. REDUCED PRICES.;

Proprietors of Cinemas mentioned below have agreed to admit parties of ten or more from this Bde at 25 Piastres per man to any part of the stalls.

This concession offers a saving of 10 piastres per seat, and is subject only to the following conditions.

(a) Offr in charge of party must previously collect money from members and pay it direct to manager, as soon as troops have been checked into the theatre.

(b) No reduction will be available for parties of less than 10, and any tickets sold at the window will cost full price.

(c) In the case of the Empire and Royal Theatres, the concession is not available on Sundays.

The foregoing concession is considered a generous one and it will be appreciated if all ranks are informed of the conditions and asked to co-operate to ensure that our part of them is carried out without any incident, that would tend to suggest an attempt at imposition.

The management is particularly anxious that troops avoid discussion in the vicinity of the theatres concerning the concession.

Offr in charge of party will have nominal roll, and will ask attendant to admit his party and to put him in touch with the manager.

7. THEATRES;

Particulars are set out hereunder of theatres which have made us concessions:-

- " EMPIRE" (Sessions at 1500, 1630 and 2115 hrs) Programme changes on Sundays.



Showing this week- "Little Tough Guys in Society"

" ROYAL" Sessions at 1500, 1830 and 2115 hrs, Programme changes on Sundays,

Showing this week, " Air Devils"

( Programme for both above theatres, always includes English and Australian News Reels)

" ROXY" Sessions at 1500 , 1830 and 2130, Programme changes on Mondays.

Showing this week, " Babes in Arms", Judy Garland etc.

" AIDA" Sessions at 1500 , 1830 and 2130 hrs, showing this week.

This Theatre shows English and French features on alternate weeks.

Programmes for each week, will be promulgated from this HQ before the end of the previous week.

*[Signature]*  
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

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The Court found the accused NOT guilty of all the charges and honourably acquitted him of the same.

- 3. THEFT FROM CANTEEN AT JULIS.

The theft of money and goods to the value of £A47-3-4 from 2/2 Bn Canteen, in Julis in Jun 41 will be recalled.

It is notified for general info that under Corps Order this sum has been deducted from the Unit's Regimental Fund.

- 4. COY Q, RETURNS.

Coy Q, Returns are at present often being signed by CQMS's storemen or clerks. In future ALL returns from Coys, including Q, will be signed by an Officer. It is suggested that whenever possible Coy 2 1/ should sign the Coy Q, Returns.

R.T.O.

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5. CHURCH SERVICES; SUNDAY 7 DEC 41.

Mass will be celebrated at 0930 hrs in Syrian Catholic Church QATANA. L/Sgt J. Hukins "HQ" Coy will be i/c Bn party.

Holy Communion (Chaplains tent) - 0730 hrs.

Bn HQ, HQ, C and D Coys to parade in Bn HQ Lines - 0900 hrs.

A and B Coys to parade at point between two coys - 1000 hrs.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
ADJT 2/2 AUST INF BN.

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4. SITUATION I. approx 1600 hrs D+1, controlled by umpires at 1829 1779.

When leading troops which were advancing along Rd running N.E. from the village reached point 1829 1779, they were fired on by several men who moved back to CAIRN HILL (1025). The Comd leading Pl pushed on but when Pl reached DONKEY KNOLL it came under heavy MG fire and finally was unable to make progress.

5. SITUATION II ; ( controlled by Chief Umpire with Coy Comd) Enemy maintains by fire from CAIRN HILL; Coy Comd decides to capture CAIRN HILL by night attack.

6. SITUATION III; ( Issued at CAIRN HILL 0600 hrs D+2) The attack is successful, the enemy retreat N.E. towards SADDLE.

7. SITUATION IV ; ( Presented by enemy and controlled by umpires) Enemy attack under cover of H.E. and Smoke from Mortars and dislodge right Pl.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

Approx Time	Event	Enemy Action	Notes for Umpires.
1345-1545	Approach March	NIL	Umpires to note; Formations, Control, Action at halts, Dispersion, A/A sentries and protection, Move & dispersion of tpt, Water discipline and March discipline generally.
1600	At 1829 1779 Advancing troops meet fire from DONKEY KNOLL area	2 men to be in posn on DONKEY KNOLL by hrs and fire for some 3 min- utes on Coy coming within 7/800 <sup>x</sup> , then withdraw to CAIRN HILL.	Note; Scouts if any, Action (of leading tpt when fired upon, " " " Pls Comd, Passing of infn to Coy Comd, N.B. Troops will be allowed over crest of DONKEY HILL
1615	Coy Comds recce	Fire one round if Coy Comd is seen.	Note; posn from which recce is made, Battle procedure, Warning order O Group, Arrangements for recces by Sec Comds.
1630-1730	Coy Comds orders	NIL	Note; sequence, clarity
1830 - 1800 0230 - 0300	Preparations for the attack	Fire if recce or other parties expose themselves.	Note; recces, Laying of tape, Protective screen? patrols? Silence, Control, Formations to PUP " " SL Timing.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

Approx Time	Event	Enemy Action	Notes for Empire.
0530 -0600	The attack,	Fire when attackers seen, or heard, - withdraw when attackers within 20 <sup>X</sup> to cover of wadi.	Note; Formations, Maintenance of direction, Silence, Pace.
0600-0630	Consolidation		Note; Action on capture of objective, Exercise of control, Patrols? Construction of sangars.
0630	Enemy counter attack,	Fire Mortar Smoke from Wadi, C/attack right pl and consolidate in its posn.	Note; Alertness or otherwise of tps, Fire orders, Control.
0700	Counter-counter attack	Allow themselves to be captured.	Note;Speed Any prior plan? Use of 3" Mortars.



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1. OBJECT.

To exercise Comds in the approach march, planning and conduct of a night attack, consolidation and exploitation, and counter attack.

2. LESSONS.

(a) The thoroughness and care with which a night operation should be planned will be limited only by the time available.

(I.T. 1937 Chap XIII Para 2)

(b) The forming up of the troops for the attack requires careful organisation to ensure that it is conducted noiselessly and without confusion.

( I.T. 1937 Chap XIII Para 3 )

(c) The deployment must always be made under cover of protective detachments.

( I.T. 1937 Chap XIII para 93 & 27 )

(d) When a body of troops has reached the objective allotted to it, it is apt to suffer from reaction, to consider that its part in that particular attack is over for the time being and to become inactive.

Leadership and energy are required more than ever from subordinate commanders at this stage - There is much to be done.

( I.T. 1937 Chap XI Sec 71 )

(e) The immediate counter-attack by a reserve platoon, has as its object to check the enemy and to stabilise the local situation. The immediate counter attack should be delivered without delay by the local commander... It will whenever possible have been reconnoitred planned and even rehearsed beforehand.

( I.T. 1937 Chap XI Para 11 )

3. OPENING NARRATIVE; issued Morning D-1 >

(a) Enemy forces have entered Syria from the NORTH and have moved SOUTH in 2 columns, one along the coast, and one along LITANI valley via BAALBECK.

(b) This latter column is known to have sent a small force of lorry borne infantry SOUTH along BAALBECK - ZEBDANI Rd.

(c) Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde which was bivouaced in area 2 miles N.W. of QATANA received instructions to move via SABOURA and occupy a position astride BEYROUTH-DAMASCUS rd in area 1855 1905.

(d) Tac R at 1300 hrs D-1 reported 7 M.T. and some W/C on road 1828 1910. C.O. 2/2 Adst Inf Bn was instructed to send one rifle Coy to secure feature 1925. 1833 1785.

(e) He gave this task to .... Coy and placed under Comd O.C. Coy;

One Tp 3 A/Tk Regt imaginary,

" Pl 2/1 MG Bn "

" Detachment Ms. 3" "

- Coy and attached tps move via YAPOUR.

The exercise commences as they leave SAUSAGE WOOD area.

Orders as to route of Coy etc, will be issued verbally Morning B-1. D1



2/2 AUST INF BN.  
TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS..... NO. 2.  
REF MAPS QATANA and ZEBDANI, 1/50,000.

1. OBJECT.

To exercise Comds in the approach march, planning and conduct of a night attack, consolidation and exploitation, and counter attack.

2. LESSONS.

(a) The thoroughness and care with which a night operation should be planned will be limited only by the time available.

(I.T. 1937 Chap XIII Para 2)

(b) The forming up of the troops for the attack requires careful organisation to ensure that it is conducted noiselessly and without confusion.

( I.T. 1937 Chap XIII Para 3 )

(c) The deployment must always be made under cover of protective detachments.

( I.T. 1937 Chap XIII para 83 & 27 )

(d) When a body of troops has reached the objective allotted to it, it is apt to suffer from reaction, to consider that its part in that particular attack is over for the time being and to become inactive.

Leadership and energy are required more than ever from subordinate commanders at this stage - There is much to be done.

( I.T. 1937 Chap XI Sec 71 )

(e) The immediate counter-attack by a reserve platoon, has as its object to check the enemy and to stabilise the local situation. The immediate counter attack should be delivered without delay by the local commander... It will whenever possible have been reconnoitred planned and even rehearsed beforehand.

( I.T. 1937 Chap. XII Para 11 )

3. OPENING NARRATIVE; issued MORNING D-1 D1

(a) Enemy forces have entered Syria from the NORTH and have moved SOUTH in 2 columns, one along the coast, and one along LITANI valley via BAALBECK.

(b) This latter column is known to have sent a small force of lorry borne infantry SOUTH along BAALBECK - ZEBDANI Rd.

(c) Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde which was bivouaced in area 2 miles N.W. of QATANA received instructions to move via SABOURA and occupy a position astride BEYROUTH-DAMASCUS rd in area 1855 1805.

(d) Tac R at 1300 hrs D-1 reported 7 M.T. and some M/C on road 1828 1810. C.O. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn was instructed to send one rifle Coy to secure feature 1025. 1833 1785.

(e) He gave this task to .... Coy and placed under Comd O.C. Coy;

One Tp	3 A/Tk Regt	imaginary,	- Coy and attached
"	P1 2/1 MG Bn	"	tps move via
"	Detachment Ms. 5"	"	YAFOUR.
			The exercise commences as they leave SAUSAGE WOOD area.

Orders as to route of coy etc, will be issued verbally morning D-1 D1



4. SITUATION I. approx hrs hrs D+1, controlled by umpires at 1829 1779.

When leading troops which were advancing along Rd running N.E. from the village reached point 1829 1779, they were fired on by several men who moved back to CAIRN HILL (1025). The Comd leading Pl pushed on but when Pl reached DONKEY KNOLL it came under heavy MG fire and finally was unable to make progress.

5. SITUATION II ; ( controlled by Chief Umpire with Coy Comd) Enemy maintains by fire from CAIRN HILL; Coy Comd decides to capture CAIRN HILL by night attack.

6. SITUATION III; ( issued at CAIRN HILL 0600 hrs D+2) The attack is successful, the enemy retreat N.E. towards SADDLE.

7. SITUATION IV ; ( Presented by enemy and controlled by umpires)

Enemy attack under cover of H.E. and Smoke from Mortars and dislodge left Pl.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

Approx Time	Event	Enemy Action	Notes for Umpires.
1345-1545	Approach March	NIL	Umpires to note; Formations, Control, Action at halts, Dispersion, A/A sentries and protection, Move & dispersion of tpt, Water discipline and March discipline generally.
1550 1600	At 1829 1779 Advancing troops meet fire from DONKEY KNOLL area	2 men to be in posn on DONKEY KNOLL by 1300 hrs and fire for some 3 min- utes on Coy coming within 7/800 <sup>x</sup> , then withdraw to CAIRN HILL.	Note; Scouts if any, <sup>posn made,</sup> Action (of leading tpt when fired upon, " " " Pls Comd, Passing of info to Coy Comd, N.B. Troops will <sup>not</sup> be allowed over crest of DONKEY HILL
1615	Coy Comds recce	Fire one round if Coy Comd is seen.	Note; posn from which recce is made, Battle procedure, Warning order O Group, Arrangements for recces by Sec Comds.
1630-1730	Coy Comds orders	NIL	Note; sequence, clarity
1630 - 1800 0230 - 0500	Preparations for the attack	Fire if recce or other parties expose themselves.	Note; recces, Laying of tape, Protective screen? patrols? Silence, Control, Formations to FUP " " SL Timing.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

Approx Time	Event	Enemy Action	Notes for Umpires.
0530 -0600	The attack,	Fire when attackers seen, or heard, - withdraw when attackers within 20 <sup>X</sup> to cover of wadi.	Note; Formations, Maintenance of direction, Silence, Face.
0600-0630	Consolidation		Note; Action on capture of objective, Exercise of control, Patrols? Construction of sangars.
0630	Enemy counter attack,	Fire Mortar Smoke from Wadi, C/attack rightpl and consolidate in its posn.	Note; Alertness or otherwise of tps, Fire orders, Control.
0700	Counter-counter attack	Allow themselves to be captured.	Note;Speed Any prior plan? Use of 3" Mortars.



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S/2 AUST INF BN.  
TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS..... NO. 2.  
RIF MAPS QATANA and ZEBDANI, 1/30,000.

1. OBJECT.

To exercise Comds in the approach march, planning and conduct of a night attack, consolidation and exploitation, and counter attack.

2. LESSONS.

(a) The thoroughness and care with which a night operation should be planned will be limited only by the time available.  
(I.T. 1937 Chap XIII Para 8)

(b) The forming up of the troops for the attack requires careful organisation to ensure that it is conducted noiselessly and without confusion.

( I.T. 1937 Chap XIII Para 5 )

(c) The deployment must always be made under cover of protective detachments.

( I.T. 1937 Chap XIII para 23 & 27 )

(d) When a body of troops has reached the objective allotted to it, it is apt to suffer from reaction, to consider that its part in that particular attack is over for the time being and to become inactive.

Leadership and energy are required more than ever from subordinate commanders at this stage - There is much to be done.  
( I.T. 1937 Chap XI Sec 71 )

(e) The immediate counter-attack by a reserve platoon, has as its object to check the enemy and to stabilise the local situation. The immediate counter attack should be delivered without delay by the local commander... It will whenever possible have been reconnoitred planned and even rehearsed beforehand

( I.T. 1937 Chap. XII Para. 11 )

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3. OPENING NARRATIVE; issued MORNING D-1 D

(a) Enemy forces have entered Syria from the NORTH and have moved SOUTH in 2 columns, one along the coast, and one along LITANI valley via BAALBECK.

(b) This latter column is known to have sent a small force of lorry borne infantry SOUTH along BAALBECK - ZEBDANI rd.

(c) Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde which was bivouaced in area 2 miles N.W. of QATANA received instructions to move via SABOURA and occupy a position astride BLYMOUTH-DAMASCUS rd in area 1855 1805.

(d) Tac R at 1300 hrs D-1 reported 7 M.T. and some W/C on road 1828 1810. C.O. S/2 Aust Inf Bn was instructed to send one rifle Coy to secure feature 1825. 1833 1785.

(e) He gave this task to .... Coy and placed under Comd G.C. Coy;

One Tp 5 A/Th Regt	Imaginary,	- Coy and attached
" Pl S/1 M3 Bn	"	tp move via
" Detachment No. 3"	"	YAPOUR.

The exercise commences as they leave SAUSAGE WOOD area.

Orders as to route of Coy etc, will be issued verbally morning D-1 D



4. SITUATION I. approx 1600 hrs D+1, controlled by umpires at 1032 1779.

When leading troops which were advancing along Rd running N.E. from the village reached point 1032 1779, they were fired on by several men who moved back to CAIRN HILL (1035). The Comd leading Pl pushed on but when Pl reached DONKEY KNOLL it came under heavy MG fire and finally was unable to make progress.

5. SITUATION II ; ( controlled by Chief Umpire with Coy Comd) Enemy maintains by fire from CAIRN HILL; Coy Comd decides to capture CAIRN HILL by night attack.

6. SITUATION III; ( issued at CAIRN HILL 0600 hrs D+3) The attack is successful, the enemy retreat N.E. towards SADDLE.

7. SITUATION IV ; ( Presented by enemy and controlled by umpires)

Enemy attack under cover of N.E. and Smoke from mortars and dislodge right Pl.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

Approx Time	Event	Enemy Action	Notes for Umpires.
1345-1545	Approach March	NIL	Umpires to note; Formations, Control, Action at halts, Dispersion, A/A sentries and protection, Order & dispersion of tpt, Order discipline and March discipline generally.
1600	At 1829 1779 Advancing troops meet fire from DONKEY KNOLL area	2 men to be in posn on DONKEY KNOLL by 1300 hrs and fire for some 3 min- utes on Coy coming within 7/800 <sup>x</sup> , then withdraw to CAINE HILL.	Note; Scouts if any, <del>recces</del> Action (if leading tpt when fired upon, " " " Pl Comd, Passing of info to Coy Comd, N.B. Troops will <sup>not</sup> be allowed over crest of DONKEY HILL
1615	Coy Comd's recco	Fire one round if Coy Comd is seen.	Note; posn from which recco is made, Battle procedure, Warning order O. Group, Arrangements for recces by Sec Comd.
1630-1730	Coy Comd's orders	NIL	Note; sequence, clarity
1630 - 1800 0230 - 0500	Preparations for the attack	Fire if recco or other parties expose themselves.	Note; recces, Laying of tape, Protective screen? patrols? Silence, Control, Formations to FUP " " SL Timing.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

Approx Time	Event	Enemy Action	Notes for Officers.
0530 - 0600	The attack,	Fire when attackers seen, or heard, - withdraw when attackers within 20' to cover of wadi.	Note; Formations, Maintenance of direction, Silence, Face.
0600-0630	Consolidation		Note; Action on capture of objective, Exercise of control, Patrols? Construction of sangars.
0630	Enemy counter attack,	Fire Mortar Smoke from wadi, C/attack rightpl and consol- idate in its posn.	Note; Alertness or otherwise of tps, Fire orders, Control.
0700	Counter-counter attack	Allow themselves to be captured.	Note; Speed Any prior plan? Use of 3" Mortars.



2/2 AUST INF BN.  
TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.... NO. 2.  
REF MAPS QATANA and ZEBDANI, 1/50,000.

1. OBJECT.

To exercise Comds in the approach march, planning and conduct of a night attack, consolidation and exploitation, and counter attack.

2. LESSONS.

- (a) The thoroughness and care with which a night operation should be planned will be limited only by the time available.  
(I.T. 1937 Chap XIII Para 2)
- (b) The forming up of the troops for the attack requires careful organisation to ensure that it is conducted noiselessly and without confusion.  
( I.T. 1937 Chap XIII Para 3 )
- (c) The deployment must always be made under cover of protective detachments.  
( I.T. 1937 Chap XIII para 83 & 27)
- (d) When a body of troops has reached the objective allotted to it, it is apt to suffer from reaction, to consider that its part in that particular attack is over for the time being and to become inactive. Leadership and energy are required more than ever from subordinate commanders at this stage - There is much to be done.  
( I.T. 1937 Chap XI Sec 71 )
- (e) The immediate counter-attack by a reserve platoon, has as its object to check the enemy and to stabilise the local situation. The immediate counter attack should be delivered without delay by the local commander... It will whenever possible have been reconnoitred planned and even rehearsed beforehand  
(I.T. 1937 Chap XII Para 11)

3. OPENING NARRATIVE; issued D-1 D.

- (a) Enemy forces have entered Syria from the NORTH and have moved SOUTH in 2 columns, one along the coast, and one along LITANI valley via BAALBECK.
- (b) This latter column is known to have sent a small force of lorry borne infantry SOUTH along BAALBECK - ZEBDANI Rd.
- (c) Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde which was bivouaced in area 2 miles N.W. of QATANA received instructions to move via SABOURA and occupy a position astride BEYROUTH-DAMASCUS rd in area 1855 1805.
- (d) Tac R at 1300 hrs D-1 reported 7 M.T. and some M/C on road 1828 1810. C.O. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn was instructed to send one rifle Coy to secure feature 1025. 1833 1785.
- (e) He gave this task to .... Coy and placed under Comd C.C. Coy;

One Tp 3 A/Tk Regt imaginary, - Coy and attached  
" Pl 2/1 MC Bn " tps move via  
" Detachment Ma. 3" " YAPOUR.  
The exercise commences as they leave SAUSAGE WOOD area.

Orders as to route of Coy etc, will be issued verbally morning D-1. D.



4. SITUATION 1. approx 1600 hrs D#1, controlled by umpires at 1829 1779.

When leading troops which were advancing along Rd running N.E. from the village reached point 1829 1779, they were fired on by several men who moved back to CAIRN HILL (1025). The Comd leading Pl pushed on but when Pl reached DONKEY KNOLL, it came under heavy MG fire and finally was unable to make progress.

5. SITUATION 11 ; ( controlled by Chief Umpire with Coy Comd)  
Enemy maintains by fire from CAIRN HILL;  
Coy Comd decides to capture CAIRN HILL by night attack.

6. SITUATION 111; ( issued at CAIRN HILL 0600 hrs D#2)  
The attack is successful, the enemy retreat N.E. towards SADDLE.

7. SITUATION 1V ; ( Presented by enemy and controlled by umpires)  
Enemy attack under cover of N.E. and Smoke from mortars and dislodged right Pl.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

Approx Time	Event	Enemy Action	Notes for Umpires.
1345-1545	Approach March	NIL	Umpires to note; Formations, Control, Action at halts, Dispersion, A/A sentries and protection, Move & dispersion of tpt, Water discipline and March discipline generally.
1600	At 1829 1779 Advancing troops meet fire from DONKEY KNOLL area	2 men to be in posn on DONKEY KNOLL by 1300hrs and fire for some 3 min- utes on Coy coming within 7/800 <sup>x</sup> , then withdraw to GAINN HILL.	Note; Scouts if any, wood made, Action of leading tpt when fired upon, " " " Pl. Comd, Passing of info to Coy Comd, N.B. Troops will be allowed over crest of DONKEY HILL
1615	Coy Comds recce	Fire one round if Coy Comd is seen.	Note; posn from which recce is made, Battle procedure, Warning order O Group, Arrangements for recesses by Sec Comds.
1630-1730	Coy Comds orders	NIL	Note; sequence, clarity
1630 - 1800 0230 - 0500	Preparations for the attack	Fire if recce or other parties expose themselves.	Note; recess, Laying of tape, Protective screen? patrols? Silence, Control, Formations to PUP " " SL Timing.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

Approx Time	Event	Enemy Action	Notes for Empires.
0530 -0600	The attack,	Fire when attackers seen, or heard, - withdraw when attackers within 20 <sup>x</sup> to cover of wadi.	Note; Formations, Maintenance of direction, Silence, Pace.
0600-0630	Consolidation		Note; Action on capture of objective, Exercise of control, Patrols? Construction of sangars.
0630	Enemy counter attack,	Fire Mortar Smoke from Wadi, C/attack rightpl and consolidate in its posn.	Note; Alertness or otherwise of tps, Fire orders, Control.
0700	Counter-counter attack	Allow themselves to be captured.	Note;Speed Any prior plan? Use of 3" Mortars.



1. OBJECT

1. To exercise Comdr's in the approach march, and planning and conduct of a night attack, *consolidation and exploitation, and counter attack.*

2. LESSONS

2. The following lessons will be taught.

(a) The thoroughness and *Care* ease with which a night operation should be planned will be limited only by the time available.

(I.T. 1937 Chap. XlIII Para 2

(b) 3. The forming up of the troops for the attack requires careful organization to ensure that it is conducted noiselessly and without confusion.

(I.T. 1937 Chap XlIII Para 3)

(c) 4. The deployment must always be made under cover of protective detachments

(I.T. 1937 Chap. XlIII Para 83 (27)

(d) 5. When a body of troops has reached the objective allotted to it, it is apt to suffer from reaction, to consider that its part in that particular attack is over for the time being and to become inactive. Leadership and energy are required more than ever from subordinate commanders at this stage - There is much to be done.

(I.T. 1937 Chap XI Sec 71)

3 OPENING

NARRATIVE

(e) *attaches issued ~~message~~ D-1*  
(6) Enemy forces have entered SYRIA from the NORTH and have moved SOUTH and 2 columns, one along the coast and one along LITANI valley via BAALBECK.

(7) This latter column is known to have sent a small force of ~~enemy~~ lorry borne infantry SOUTH along BAALBECK-ZEBDANI Rd.

(8) Comdr 16 Aust Inf Bde which was bivouaced in area 2 miles N.W. of QATANA received instructions to move via SABOURA and occupy a position astride BEYROUTH-DAMASCUS Rd in area 18551805.

(d) *Tac R.*  
(9) ~~Tactical reconnaissance~~ at 1300 hrs D 1 reported 7 M.T. and some motor cyclists on Rd 18281810. and C.O. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn was instructed to send one rifle Coy to secure feature 1025. 18331785

(10) *He gave this task to - Coy and placed under cmd of Coy*  
The following troops were placed under command  
one Tp 2/1 Fd Regt  
one Tp 3 A/T Regt *(magazine)*  
one Pl. 2/1 MG Bn  
one Detachment Ms. 3" *(p)*  
*- Coy and all tps move via Yafour*  
*The exercise commencing as they leave Yafour SAUSURE Wood area.*

4. Situation I

*Issued to  
at 1829 hrs  
Controlled by  
Company at  
18291779*

11. This force moved via YAFOUR and when leading troops which were advancing along Rd running NE from the village reached point 18291779 they were fired on by several men who moved back to CAIRN HILL (1025). The Comdr leading Pl. pushed on but when Pl reached

12. DONKEY KNOLL it came under heavy MG fire and finally was unable to make progress.

13. Coy Comdr arrived and decided to attack and capture hill by a night attack. This attack was successful and consolidation commenced.

(Narrative continued exercise No. 16)



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

<u>13 ESTIMATED TIME</u>	<u>EVENTS</u>
1000hrs	Company leaves Camp
1300 "	Enemy leaves camp
1400 "	Opening remarks
1510 "	Leading Troops fired on
1520 "	Advance held up
1530 "	Coy Comdr makes recce
1600 "	Coy Comdr issues orders
1630 "	Pl Comdr issues orders
0230 "	Patrol sent out to cover S .L
0415 "	Hot drink served to Coy
0450 "	Move to F.U.P.
0520 "	" " S.L.
0528 "	Arrive S.L.
0534 "	Zero leave S.L.
0550 "	Objective captured.
0555 "	Consolidation commenced.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY

Enemy will consist of 1 Pl to be supplied by ..... Coy. Each man requires 10 rounds of Blank. Transport 1 30Cwt truck will be supplied and rations for 2 days carried on D 1 day enemy will have several men on RIDGE S.E. of DONKEY KNOLL remainder of Pl on CAIRN HILL. After firing on leading troops enemy will retire to CAIRN HILL. This feature will be held until night attack is put in when enemy will withdraw to EAST of RAMPARTS and prepare for next exercise (Counter Attack) O.C. enemy will post some men on CAIRN HILL in such a position that they will fire on attack from flank and endeavour to divert it from objective.

DIRECTING STAFF

DIRECTOR	C.O. 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
CHIEF UMPIRE	2 I/C 2/1 " " "
Pl. UMPIRES	LIEUT
	LIEUT
	LIEUT

D.S.HQ will be marked with 2' square white flag.  
White armbands will be worn.  
D.S.CAR will fly white flag.

Conference which all umpires will attend will be held at 0800hrs D 2 at CAIRN HILL.

INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES

Umpires will observe and report on the following Approach

Formations, control, action at halts, dispersion, A/A sentries and protection, move of transport and dispersion of same, water discipline and march discipline generally.  
Action of leading troops when fired upon  
Action of leading Pl Comdr  
Passing of information to rear.

The Attack

Recce, orders of all comdrs - Was picture painted for troops. Patrols move to F.U.P. & S.L. formations and control in attack, Pace and direction.



Consolidation

Action on objective and manner in which control was exercised.-Were patrols sent out to cover consolidation Umpires are to inform troops when and where fire is coming ~~fre~~ down and may inflict casualties on Secs which are badly controlled.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS:-Transport

O.C.HQ Coy will arrange to provide.

<u>Enemy</u>	1 30 cwt Truck
<u>Coy</u>	1 P.U.
	1 15 Cwt Coy Truck
	3 Pl Trucks.

Meals

Coy will provide.

D 1 Midday meal  
Evening meal

D 2 Hot tea before attack  
Breakfast  
Midday meal

Enemy will cook under pl arrangements

Water carts will be required at evening D 1 and 0730 hrs D 2 to water both Coy and enemy.

D.S.NOTES

The Coy Comdr upon arrival at the point where his forward troops were held up was confronted with the problem of putting in an attack immediately or taking advantage of darkness and attacking later.

In view of report of enemy movements received Topography and Intensity of fire being experienced by his fwd Platoon he decided on a silent night attack. Main points of his orders were as follows.

INFORMATION

ENEMY Moving S in 2 columns in M.T. Left column had detached Inf. in M.T. along BAALBECK-ZEBDANI Rd. Tac/R reported 7 M.T. and motor cyclists at 18281810 at 1300hrs.

OWN TROOPS

16 Aust Inf Bde moving N.E. to cut BEYROUTH-DAMASCUS Road.

INTENTION

C Coy will attack and capture CAIRN HILL by night attack.

METHOD

13 & 14 Pls fwd  
13 Pl Right objective Central CAIRN to Right Slope inc.  
14 Pl. Left from Centre CAIRN to Left slope inclusive.

F.U.P. 400yds S.E. of S.L.

Direction of attack degrees  
S.L. & F.U.P. and routes thereto to be taped by 2 I/C

15 Reserve Pl. follows 50yds rear 14 Pl  
Role exploitation.



Limit of exploitation 200yds beyond objective

Formation from assembly area to F.U.P.

" " F.U.P. to S.L. and throughout advance.

Pace

TIMINGS Assembly area to F.U.P.  
F.U.P. to S.L.  
Zero leave S.L.

Arty

F.O.O. with reserve Pl to engage targets -  
opportunity at first light.

Ms

1 Det reserve move rear of reserve pl.

MGs.

To objective by first light.

Role consolidation

1 Sec 14 Pl area

1 Sec 15 Pl area

A/T

1 Gun cover track S of CAIRN HILL first light

1 Gun E slopes CAIRN HILL ( See sketch)

ADMINISTRATION

Coy HQ will move with Res Pl

150 Rds S.A.A. per man to be carried

Coy Reserve S.A.A. Tools and Water to be brought  
fwd at first light

2 Shovels 1 Pick carried by each sec.

Synchronise Time.



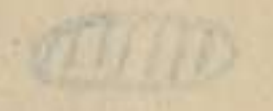
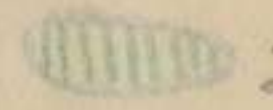
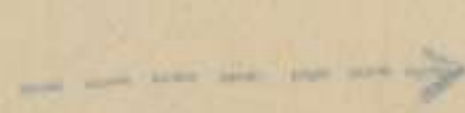
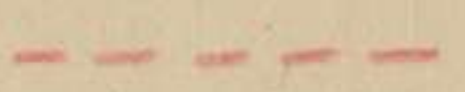
THE RAMPARTS

Enemy Retire  
beyond here

CAIRN  
HILL

DONKEY  
KNOLL

LEGEND

-  1 Enemy 1st Position
-  2 " 2nd "
-  Line of Retirement
-  Axis of Advance

CAIRN HILL REF:-  
ZEBDANI 1:50,000  
18331785

ASSEMBLY  
AREA

FUP



L.P./

2/2 AUST INF BN.  
ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION FOR T.E. with TPT NO 2.

1. DURATION OF EXERCISE.

Exercise commences approx 1000 hrs D 1 and concludes approx 0800 hrs D 2. D 1 for C Coy is 4 Dec; other Coys will be notified.

2. WEAPONS, EQUIPMENT ETC.

Q.M. will arrange to equip coy doing exercise with following:-

- Full W.E. of weapons,
- 1 Jerkin per man taking part,
- 3 Compasses,
- Tape.

3. TPT. M.T.O. will provide Coy doing exercise with full W.E. including kitchen truck, mortar truck, and blanket truck.

4. ATT TPOB. (a) D.R. O.C. HQ Coy will provide 1 DR to report O.C. Coy by 0900 hrs D1.
- (b) Mortars; one det will report to O.C. Coy in truck ready to move by 0900 hrs D1.
- (c) SB; two SB will report to O.C. Coy, ready to move by 0900 hrs D1.

5. COOKING ARRANGEMENTS;

Midday meal D1	-	carried
Evening meal D1	-	depending on situation. Each for purpose of exercise is established in present area. Coy cooking truck is at disposal of Coy Comd.
Breakfast D2	}	

6. WATER.

Water cart will be sent out if asked for.

7. BLANKETS.

Blankets will be loaded on blanket truck before Coy moves out. Blanket truck will remain with cooking truck in camp, but at orders of Coy Comd.

8. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE.

Q.M. will provide <sup>enemy only</sup> Coy with ~~pts~~ of blank.  
 Mirrors represent LMG's,  
 Any smoke fired during exercise = mixture smoke and H.B.

9. ENEMY.

Sgt Pye and 20 O/R's No 3 Pl will act as enemy for C Coys exercise. Subsequently enemy will be drawn from Coy which has done exercise.

10. DS;

Director C.O.	2/2 Aust Inf Bn.	} white armbands are being worn.
Asst Dir. 2 i/c or Adjt,	2/2 Aust Inf Bn.	

DS car is neutral and will fly white flag.

11. UMPIRES.

Following will umpire and will report to Adjt 1400 hrs D-2 for instns and to recon ground:-

- |       |                |                                  |
|-------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Lieut | I.B. Ferguson  | } White armbands are being worn. |
| "     | W.J. McPherson |                                  |
| "     | H.G. McCannan  |                                  |

*W. Durlan*  
 .....CAPT  
 ADJT 2/2 AUST INF BN.

*Absent Coy, 1200*



LSP/

2/2 AUST INF BN.  
T.E. with TPS No. 2,  
ADMIN INSTN FOR ENEMY.

DURATION OF EXERCISE;

Enemy to be in posn by 1200 hrs D-1, exercise will conclude approx 0800 hrs D-2.

DRESS; Battle order, less steel helmets, Hats.

BLANK; Draw from Q.M. 10 rds per man.

2" MORTAR;

Enemy will take one 2" Mortar and 5 rds Smoke and will fire same under direction of Adjnt.

TPT:

T.O. will supply enemy with one 2 ton truck, to report to O.C. enemy at 1000 hrs D-1.

COOKING ARRANGEMENTS;

Pl cooking on Primuses,  
Q.M. to supply rations.  
Water in 2 Gal tins.

..... CAPT.  
ADJT 2/2 AUST Inf Bn.

*As copy issued.*



4. SITUATION 1. approx 1600 hrs D-1, controlled by umpires at 1829 1779.

When leading troops which were advancing along Rd running N.E. from the village reached point 1829 1779, they were fired on by several men who moved back to CAIRN HILL (1025).

The Comd leading Pl pushed on but when Pl reached DONKEY KNOLL it came under heavy MG fire and finally was unable to make progress.

5. SITUATION 11 ; ( controlled by Chief Umpire with Coy Comd)  
Enemy maintains by fire from CAIRN HILL;  
Coy Comd decides to capture CAIRN HILL by night attack.

6. SITUATION 111; ( issued at CAIRN HILL 0600 hrs D-2)  
The attack is successful, the enemy retreat N.E. towards SADDLE.

7. SITUATION 1V ; ( Presented by enemy and controlled by umpires)

Enemy attack under cover of H.E. and Smoke from Mortars and dislodge right Pl.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

Approx Time	Event	Enemy Action	Notes for Umpires.
1345-1545	Approach March	NIL	Umpires to note; Formations, Control, Action at halts, Dispersion, A/A sentries and protection, Move & dispersion of tpt, Water discipline and March discipline generally.
1600	At 1829 1779 Advancing troops meet fire from DONKEY KNOLL area	2 men to be in posn on DONKEY KNOLL by 1300 hrs and fire for some 3 min- utes on Coy coming within 7/800 <sup>x</sup> , then withdraw to CAIRN HILL.	Note; Scouts if any, Action of leading tpt when fired upon, " " " Pl <sup>5</sup> Comd, Passing of infn to Coy Comd, N.B. Troops will be allowed over crest of DONKEY HILL
1615	Coy Comds recce	Fire one round if Coy Comd is seen.	Note; posn from which recce is made, Battle procedure, Warning order O Group, Arrangements for recces by Sec Comds.
1630-1730	Coy Comds orders	NIL	Note; sequence, clarity
1630 - 1800 0230 - 0500	Preparations for the attack	Fire if recce or other parties expose themselves.	Note; recces, Laying of tape, Protective screen? patrols? Silence, Control, Formations to FUP " " SL Timing.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

Approx Time	Event	Enemy Action	Notes for Umpires.
0530 -0600	The attack,	Fire when attackers seen, or heard, - withdraw when attackers within 20 <sup>X</sup> to cover of wadi.	Note; Formations, Maintenance of direction, Silence, Pace.
0600-0630	Consolidation		Note; Action on capture of objective, Exercise of control, Patrols? Construction of sangars.
0630	Enemy counter attack,	Fire Mortar Smoke from Wadi, C/attack right pl and consolidate in its posn.	Note; Alertness or otherwise of ops, Fire orders, Control.
0700	Counter-counter attack	Allow themselves to be captured.	Note;Speed Any prior plan? Use of 3" Mortars.



4. SITUATION I. approx 1600 hrs D41, controlled by umpires at 1829 1779.

When leading troops which were advancing along Rd running N.E. from the village reached point 1829 1779, they were fired on by several men who moved back to CAIRN HILL (1035).

The Comd leading Pl pushed on but when Pl reached DONKEY KNOLL it came under heavy MG fire and finally was unable to make progress.

5. SITUATION II ; ( controlled by Chief Umpire with Coy Comd)  
Enemy maintains by fire from CAIRN HILL;  
Coy Comd decides to capture CAIRN HILL by night attack.

6. SITUATION III; ( Issued at CAIRN HILL 0600 hrs D42)  
The attack is successful, the enemy retreat N.E. towards SADDLE.

7. SITUATION IV ; ( Presented by enemy and controlled by umpires)

Enemy attack under cover of N.E. and Smoke from mortars and dislodge right Pl.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

Approx Time	Event	Enemy Action	Notes for Umpires.
1345-1545	Approach March	NIL	Umpires to note: Formations, Control, Action at halts, Dispersion, A/A sentries and protection, Move & dispersion of tpt, Water discipline and March discipline generally.
1600	At 1829 1779 Advancing troops meet fire from DONKEY KNOLL area	2 men to be in posn on DONKEY KNOLL by 1300 hrs and fire for some 3 min- utes on Coy coming within 7/800 <sup>x</sup> , then withdraw to GAINH HILL.	Notes: Scouts if any, Action of leading tpt when fired upon, " " " Pl Comd, Passing of infn to Coy Comd, N.B. Troops will be allowed over crest of DONKEY HILL
1615	Coy Comd's recce	Fire one round if Coy Comd is seen.	Notes: posn from which recce is made, Battle procedure, Warning order O Group, Arrangements for reccees by Sec Comd.
1630-1730	Coy Comd's orders	NIL	Notes: sequence, clarity
1830 - 1800 0230 - 0500	Preparations for the attack	Fire if recce or other parties expose themselves.	Notes: reccees, Laying of tape, Protective screen? patrols? Silence, Control, Formations to PUP " " SL Timing.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

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0700	Counter-counter attack	Allow themselves to be captured.	Note; Speed Any prior plan? Use of 3" Mortars.



2/2 AUST INF BN.  
T.E. with TPS No. 2.  
ADMIN INSTN FOR ENEMY.

DURATION OF EXERCISE;

Enemy to be in posn by 1200 hrs D-1, exercise will conclude approx 0800 hrs D-2.

DRESS; Battle order, less steel helmets, Hats.

BLANK; Draw from Q.M. 10 rds per man.

2" MORTAR;

Enemy will take one 2" Mortar and 5 rds Smoke and will fire same under direction of Adj. Lt.

TPT;

T.O. will supply enemy with one 2 ton truck, to report to C.C. enemy at 1000 hrs D-1.

COOKING ARRANGEMENTS;

P1 cooking on Premises,  
Q.M. to supply rations.  
Water in 2 Gal tins.

..... CAPT.  
ADJT 2/2 AUST Inf Bn.



LOR/

2/2 AUST INF BN.  
T.S. with TFS No. 3.  
ADMIN INSTRN FOR ENEMY.

DURATION OF EXERCISE:

Enemy to be in posn by 1200 hrs D-1, exercise will conclude approx 0800 hrs D-2.

DRESS: Battle order, less steel helmets, Hats.

BLANK: Draw from Q.M. 10 rds per man.

2" MORTAR:

Enemy will take one 2" mortar and 5 rds smoke and will fire same under direction of Adj. Lt.

YPT:

T.C. will supply enemy with one 3 ton truck, to report to C.C. enemy at 1000 hrs D-1.

COOKING ARRANGEMENTS:

P1 cooking on Primuses,  
Q.M. to supply rations.  
Water in 2 Gal tins.

..... CAPT.  
ADJT 2/2 AUST Inf Bn.



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2/2 AUST INF BN.  
T.M. with TTS No. 3.  
ADMIN INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXERCISE.

DURATION OF EXERCISE:

Enemy to be in position by 1200 hrs D-1, exercises will conclude approx 0800 hrs D-2.

UNISS: Battle order, less steel helmets, Mats.

BLANK: Draw from Q.M. 10 rds per man.

2" MORTAR:

Enemy will take one 2" mortar and 5 rds smoke and will fire same under direction of Adj. Lt.

TPL:

T.C. will supply enemy with one 2 ton truck, to report to O.C. enemy at 1000 hrs D-1.

COOKING ARRANGEMENTS:

F1 cooking on Primuses,  
Q.M. to supply rations.  
Water in 2 Gal tins.

..... CAPT.  
ADJUTANT 2/2 AUST INF BN.



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2/2 ADJT INF BN.  
T.O. with TPS No. 2.  
ADMIN ORDER FOR ENEMY.

DURATION OF EXERCISE:

Enemy to be in posn by 1200 hrs D-1, exercise will conclude approx 0800 hrs D-2.

WEAPNS: Battle order, less steel helmets, Mats.

BLANKS: Draw from Q.M. 10 rds per man.

2" MORTAR:

Enemy will take one 2" mortar and 5 rds smoke and will fire same under direction of Adjt.

TRUCK:

T.O. will supply enemy with one 3 ton truck, to report to C.O. enemy at 1000 hrs D-1.

COOKING ARRANGEMENTS:

Pl cooking on Primus,  
Q.M. to supply rations.  
Water in 5 Gal tins.

..... CAPT.  
ADJT 2/2 ADJT INF BN.



LOP/

S/S AUSTRALIAN INF BN.  
T.O. with TTS No. 2.  
ADMIN INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXERCISE.

DURATION OF EXERCISE:

Enemy to be in position by 1800 hrs D-1, exercise will conclude approx 0800 hrs D-2.

DRESS: Battle order, less steel helmets, hats.

BLANKS: Draw from Q.M. 10 rds per min.

2" MORTAR:

Enemy will take one 2" mortar and 5 rds smoke and will fire same under direction of Adj. Lt.

TRUCK:

T.O. will supply enemy with one 3 ton truck, to report to C.O. enemy at 1000 hrs D-1.

COOKING ARRANGEMENTS:

Pl cooking on Primas, Q.M. to supply rations. Water in 8 Gal tins.

..... CAPT.  
ADJ. S/S AUSTRALIAN INF BN.



2/2 AUST INF BN.  
ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION FOR T.E. with TPT NO 2.

1. DURATION OF EXERCISE.

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Q.M. will arrange to equip coy doing exercise with following:-

Full W.E. of weapons,  
 1 Jerkin per man taking part,  
 3 Compasses,  
 Tape.

3. TPT. M.T.O. will provide Coy doing exercise with full W.E. including Kitchen truck, Mortar truck, and blanket truck.

4. ATT Pts. (a) D.R.

O.C. H. Coy will provide 1 DR to report O.C. Coy by 0900 hrs D1.

(b) Mortars; one det will report to O.C. Coy in truck ready to move by 0900 hrs D1.

(c) SB; two SB will report to O.C. Coy, ready to move by 0900 hrs D1.

5. COOKING ARRANGEMENTS;

Midday meal D1	-	carried
Evening meal D1	-	depending on situation. Each for purpose of exercise is established in present area. Coy cooking truck is at disposal of Coy Comd.
Breakfast D2		

6. WATER.

Water cart will be sent out if asked for.

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Blankets will be loaded on blanket truck before Coy moves out. Blanket truck will remain with cooking truck in camp, but at orders of Coy Comd.

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9. ENEMY.

Sgt Pye and 20 O/R's No 3 Pl will act as enemy for C Coys exercise. Subsequently enemy will be drawn from Coy which has done exercise.

10. DS;

Director C.O. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn. ) White armbands  
 Asst Dir. 2 i/c or Adj, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn. ) are being worn.  
 DS car is neutral and will fly white flag.

11. UMPIRES.

Following will umpire and will report to Adj, 1400 hrs D-2 for instrns and to recee grounds:-

Lieut	I.E. Ferguson	} White armbands are being worn.
"	H.J. McPherson	
"	H.G. McCannion	

*W. Durlon*  
 .....CAPT  
 ADJ, 2/2 AUST INF BN.



Ref File C/5/15

Headquarters,  
16 Aust Inf Bde.  
6 Dec 41.

2/1 Aust Inf Bn	2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt
✓ 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	2/3 Aust Fd Coy.
2/3 Aust Inf Bn	6 Aust Div Sup Col.
2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	A Coy, 2/1 Aust Fd Amb.

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MOBILE CINEMA.

Mobile Cinema will be in this area and showing at units as set out below.

Performances can be given in the open if no hutted accommodation is available. The performance includes "Topper" with Roland Young, Cary Grant and Constance Bennett, Travel Talks and Comedies and will take 2½ hrs.

Units will arrange accommodation and rations for 1 Offr & 3 O.Rs from 1000 hrs on date shown for screening in their area. They will also select a suitable site.

Thurs	11	2/3 Bn	)
Fri	12	2/1 Bn	)
Sat	13	2/11 Fd Regt	)
— Sun	14	2/2 Bn —	)
Mon	15	16 Bde HQ.	)

Smaller units arrange to attend screening nearest to them, ascertaining time and location from unit concerned.

*H. Dancy* Capt.  
S.O. 16 Aust Inf Bde.



## ROUTINE ORDERS

- BY -

Lt-Col C.R.V. EDGAR  
COMD 2/2 AUST INF BN.

PART I..... IO3

I. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL. NX9881 PTE CAMPBELL W.  
At QATANA on 25 Nov 41 NX9881 Pte Campbell W. was tried by  
District Court Martial convened by G.O.C. 6 Aust Div, on the  
following charge :-

A.A. Sec 41.

When on Active Service, committing a  
civil offence, that is to say, wounding  
with intent, contrary to Sec 18 of the  
Offences against the Person Act 1861,

IN THAT HE

in the FIELD on 25 Oct 41 wounded NX 1879  
Pte BYERS J. with a bayonet, with intent  
to do him grievous bodily harm.

The Court found the accused NOT guilty of wounding with  
intent but guilty of unlawful wounding.

The Court sentenced accused to undergo detention for 90 days.

The finding and sentence of the Court was confirmed by G.O.C.  
6 Aust Div, on 5 Dec 41.

2. PAY-BEIRUT : Personnel on leave are no longer able to draw  
pay at Pay Office in BEIRUT and all ranks are to be warned against  
attempting to do so.

3. SALUTING: Some misunderstanding has apparently arisen  
following a local news item on this subject.

The attention of all ranks is to be drawn to the fact that  
no new regulations have, as yet, been made for AIF (ME).

It is also to be stressed that the newspaper item stated  
that soldiers, when on parade, will salute Officers before  
addressing them and when leaving them. When not on parade they  
will salute an Officer when passing him or being passed by him.

Saluting in these instances will be insisted upon. (Div R.O. 252)

4. TRAFFIC CHECKS ; In order to check improper use of vehicles  
, identify stolen vehicles, etc., traffic checks will be arranged  
from time to time without notice. All army drivers will be  
warned of this and that a short delay may be caused during the  
operation of the check.

All ranks will co-operate with the officials on duty.  
(Div R.O. 255)

5. LOSSES OF KIT : Numerous reports have been received of  
losses of kit and necessaries by personnel, usually accompanied  
by a request that the articles be written off at public expense.

At the present time losses can only be caused by carelessness  
or neglect of security, and strict action is necessary to revive  
in units the necessary sense of responsibility for stores and  
equipment.

The following steps will be taken by all Coys :-

(a) A weekly kit inspection will be carried out, and shortages  
noted and investigated.

(b) If the loss is serious or if the circumstances of the loss  
justify disciplinary action, a charge of "losing by neglect"  
will be laid, or

(c) If the CO is satisfied that disciplinary action is not necessary  
the lost article will be replaced on payment.

(d) Stoppage sheets will be made out weekly by QMs and handed to  
pay staff for preparation of acquittance rolls.

Authorities confirming the finding of Courts of Inquiry into  
losses have been instructed to scrutinise these closely in order  
to reduce wastage of stores, which at present is unduly high.

(Div R.O. 256)



6. The following extracts from Area Standing Orders, DAMASCUS, are republished :-

22. BOUNDS; Area Standing Orders No 2(3) is cancelled and the following substituted :-

(a) The following are IN BOUNDS to OFFICERS ONLY:-

OMAYAD HOTEL In bounds until 2330 hrs.  
RESTAURANT TRIANON " " " " "

(b) The following is IN BOUNDS to ranks above and including that of Sergeant only:-

RESTAURANT VIVA VILLA In bounds until 2330 hrs.

(c) The following are IN BOUNDS to other ranks only:-

CAFE CHEHRAZADE I  
" BLACK CAT  
" HIGH LIFE In bounds until  
" BAR CHAMMAS 2130 hrs.  
" ELIE FARAH

GARDEN BAR  
CASINO SIRIA - In bounds until 2200 hrs.

CAFE REST DANIEL  
CAFE CHEHRAZADE II  
GEORGE GARDEN MEETING ROOMS In bounds until  
CAFE LUX 2300hrs.

RESTAURANT ROYAL  
NOUNET BROS BAR  
V BAR

CAFE DIANA  
" TRIUMPH  
" DE L'OASIS In bounds until  
" BAR REST SOKRATES 2330 hrs.  
" ROSE NOIRE  
" LIDO

BUFFET BAR RAPIDE  
CAFE OLYMPIA CASINO  
" YA BON  
" R. BOUGACHE

The above will be communicated to all ranks and put on Coy Notice Boards forthwith.

7. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS - DAMASCUS. The following extracts are taken from Decision No 112 issued by the Municipality of DAMASCUS.

ART. II. Speed limit for all vehicles in the town is 25 kph (approx 15 mph) except in the following streets, where the limit is 40 kph (25 mph):-

Boulevard de Baghdad, Mezze Road, Homs Road, Beyrouth Road.

ART. IV. The use of horns, klaxons, etc., is forbidden between 2200 hrs and 0600 hrs. Between these hours, drivers will signal their approach with their headlights.

ART. V. The use of headlamps is not allowed in streets which have street-lighting, except as provided in ART IV.

ART. VI. Trams must be passed on the right side, except when stationary, when it is permissible to overtake on the left-hand side ONLY, provided that the road is clear. Overtaking a stationary tram on the right hand side is forbidden.

(Div R.O. 257)

8. PETROL - AUTHORITY FOR DRAWING: Requirements of units and of individual vehicles will only be met at all issuing depots on production of proper authority, which is :-

(a) For replenishment of a vehicle's fuel tank or sump:  
The Active Service Vehicle Log Book (AB412) and the Transport Work Ticket (AF G3518), covering the service on which the vehicle is engaged.

(b) For packed POL to be taken away as such, whether for unit stocks or as travelling reserve for a convoy or individual vehicle:  
AB55 or similar indent, signed by an Officer of the demanding unit.

(Div R.O. 258).

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9. ARMY VEHICLES - IMPROPER USE OF; Reports have been received that army vehicles are being used for improper purposes such as smuggling hashish, dutiable goods and essential foodstuffs between Syria and Palestine. This is a criminal matter and all offences will be tried by Court Martial.

Sub-Unit Comds will be held responsible for the contents of vehicles under their Command and will take suitable measures for surprise searches when considered necessary.

Searches will also be carried out by Provost personnel either with or without the aid of Customs Officers, and every assistance will be given to Provost personnel performing this duty.

Cases of any merchants approaching military personnel will be notified to this HQ, in order that they may be reported to the civil authorities. (Div R.O. 260).

10. MODIFICATION OF ARMY FORM C2I28 (MESSAGE FORM)

1. The existing arrangement of A.F. C2I28 makes no provision for degrees of secrecy of a message. Either a message may be sent in clear by any means, or it must be enciphered if liable to interception even though the possibility of such interception by the enemy is remote.

2. The wording of the two signature spaces at the foot of the message form will, therefore, be amended to read as follows :-

(Left-hand space)	(Right-hand space)
This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means X (except)	This message must be sent IN CIPHER if liable to interception or fall into enemy hands.
(.....) Wireless Signature.....	Signature.....

X Originator may delete "except" and insert "including."

3. To cover these amendments, the following "Procedure Signals" will be introduced for use over military circuits. The signals will not be employed over the civil system.

When signed in	Procedure Signal	Meaning
Left-hand space with "except" deleted and "including" substituted.		That the message may be sent in clear by any means.
Left-hand space (AS WRITTEN except wireless)	BWC	That the message must be enciphered only if sent by wireless.
Right-hand space.	LIC	That the message must be enciphered if sent by any method liable to interception.

4. "BWC" and "LIC" will be entered in the call and instructions space and will be signalled.

5. "LIC" replaces "ICW" and the use of this latter signal will be discontinued forthwith.

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## ROUTINE ORDERS

- BY -

Lt-Col C.R.V. EDGAR  
COMD 2/2 AUST INF BN.

PART I..... IO3

I. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL. NX988I PTE CAMPBELL W.  
At QATANA on 25 Nov 41 NX988I Pte Campbell W. was tried by  
District Court Martial convened by G.O.C. 6 Aust Div, on the  
following charge :-

A.A. Sec 41.

When on Active Service, committing a  
civil offence, that is to say, wounding  
with intent, contrary to Sec 18 of the  
Offences against the Person Act 1861,

IN THAT HE

in the FIELD on 25 Oct 41 wounded NX 1879  
Pte BYERS J. with a bayonet, with intent  
to do him grievous bodily harm.

The Court found the accused NOT guilty of wounding with  
intent but guilty of unlawful wounding.

The Court sentenced accused to undergo detention for 90 days.

The finding and sentence of the Court was confirmed by G.O.C.  
6 Aust Div. on 5 Dec 41.

2. PAY-BEIRUT : Personnel on leave are no longer able to draw  
pay at Pay Office in BEIRUT and all ranks are to be warned against  
attempting to do so.

3. SALUTING: Some misunderstanding has apparently arisen  
following a local news item on this subject.

The attention of all ranks is to be drawn to the fact that  
no new regulations have, as yet, been made for AIF (ME).

It is also to be stressed that the newspaper item stated  
that soldiers, when on parade, will salute Officers before  
addressing them and when leaving them. When not on parade they  
will salute an Officer when passing him or being passed by him.

Saluting in these instances will be insisted upon. (Div R.O. 252)

4. TRAFFIC CHECKS ; In order to check improper use of vehicles  
, identify stolen vehicles, etc., traffic checks will be arranged  
from time to time without notice. All army drivers will be  
warned of this and that a short delay may be caused during the  
operation of the check.

All ranks will co-operate with the officials on duty.  
(Div R.O. 255)

5. LOSSES OF KIT : Numerous reports have been received of  
losses of kit and necessaries by personnel, usually accompanied  
by a request that the articles be written off at public expense.  
At the present time losses can only be caused by carelessness  
or neglect of security, and strict action is necessary to revive  
in units the necessary sense of responsibility for stores and  
equipment.

The following steps will be taken by all Coys :-

(a) A weekly kit inspection will be carried out, and shortages  
noted and investigated.

(b) If the loss is serious or if the circumstances of the loss  
justify disciplinary action, a charge of "losing by neglect"  
will be laid, or

(c) If the CO is satisfied that disciplinary action is not necessary  
the lost article will be replaced on payment.

(d) Stoppage sheets will be made out weekly by QMs and handed to  
pay staff for preparation of acquittance rolls.

Authorities confirming the finding of Courts of Inquiry into  
losses have been instructed to scrutinise these closely in order  
to reduce wastage of stores, which at present is unduly high.

(Div R.O. 256)

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6. The following extracts from Area Standing Orders, DAMASCUS, are republished :-

22. BOUNDS; Area Standing Orders No 2(3) is cancelled, and the following substituted :-

(a) The following are IN BOUNDS to OFFICERS ONLY:-

OMAYAD HOTEL In bounds until 2330 hrs.  
RESTAURANT TRIANON " " " " "

(b) The following is IN BOUNDS to ranks above and including that of Sergeant only:-

RESTAURANT VIVA VILLA In bounds until 2330 hrs.

(c) The following are IN BOUNDS to other ranks only:-

CAFE CHEHRAZADE I  
" BLACK CAT  
" HIGH LIFE In bounds until  
" BAR CHAMMAS 2130 hrs.  
" ELIE FARAH

GARDEN BAR  
CASINO SYRIA - In bounds until 2200 hrs.

CAFE REST DANIEL  
CAFE CHEHRAZADE II  
GEORGE GARDEN MEETING ROOMS In bounds until  
CAFE LUX 2300hrs.

RESTAURANT ROYAL  
NOUNET BROS BAR  
V BAR

CAFE DIANA  
" TRIUMPH  
" DE L'OASIS In bounds until  
" BAR REST SOKRATES 2330 hrs.  
" ROSE NOIRE  
" LIDO

BUFFET BAR RAPIDE  
CAFE OLYMPIA CASINO  
" YA BON  
" R. BOUGACHE

The above will be communicated to all ranks and put on Coy Notice Boards forthwith.

7. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS - DAMASCUS. The following extracts are taken from Decision No II2 issued by the Municipality of DAMASCUS.

ART. II. Speed limit for all vehicles in the town is 25 kph (approx 15 mph) except in the following streets, where the limit is 40 kph (25 mph):-  
Boulevard de Baghdad, Mezze Road, Homs Road, Beyrouth Road.

ART. IV. The use of horns, klaxons, etc., is forbidden between 2200 hrs and 0600 hrs. Between these hours, drivers will signal their approach with their headlights.

ART. V. The use of headlamps is not allowed in streets which have street-lighting, except as provided in ART IV.

ART. VI. Trams must be passed on the right side, except when stationary, when it is permissible to overtake on the left-hand side ONLY, provided that the road is clear. Overtaking a stationary tram on the right hand side is forbidden.

(Div R.6. 257)

8. PETROL - AUTHORITY FOR DRAWING: Requirements of units and of individual vehicles will only be met at all issuing depots on production of proper authority, which is :-

(a) For replenishment of a vehicle's fuel tank or sump:  
The Active Service Vehicle Log Book (AB412) and the Transport Work Ticket (AF G3518), covering the service on which the vehicle is engaged.

(b) For packed POL to be taken away as such, whether for unit stocks or as travelling reserve for a convoy or individual vehicle: AB55 or similar indent, signed by an Officer of the demanding unit.

(Div R.O. 258),

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9. ARMY VEHICLES - IMPROPER USE OF; Reports have been received that army vehicles are being used for improper purposes such as smuggling hashish, dutiable goods and essential foodstuffs between Syria and Palestine. This is a criminal matter and all offences will be tried by Court Martial.

Sub-Unit Comds will be held responsible for the contents of vehicles under their Command and will take suitable measures for surprise searches when considered necessary.

Searches will also be carried out by Provost personnel either with or without the aid of Customs Officers, and every assistance will be given to Provost personnel performing this duty.

Cases of any merchants approaching military personnel will be notified to this HQ, in order that they may be reported to the civil authorities. (Div R.O. 260).

10. MODIFICATION OF ARMY FORM C2I28 (MESSAGE FORM)

1. The existing arrangement of A.F. C2I28 makes no provision for degrees of secrecy of a message. Either a message may be sent in clear by any means, or it must be enciphered if liable to interception even though the possibility of such interception by the enemy is remote.

2. The wording of the two signature spaces at the foot of the message form will, therefore, be amended to read as follows :-

(Left-hand space)	(Right-hand space)
This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means X (except)	This message must be sent IN CLEAR if liable to interception or fall into enemy hands.
(.....) Wireless Signature.....	Signature.....

X Originator may delete "except" and insert "including."

3. To cover these amendments, the following "Procedure Signals" will be introduced for use over military circuits. The signals will not be employed over the civil system.

When signed in	Procedure Signal	Meaning
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Right-hand space.	LIC	That the message must be enciphered if sent by any method liable to interception.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Quote: 5574/T1/1

H.Q. 6 Aust. Div.,  
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VEHICLES - WINTER PRECAUTIONS

1. With the advent of winter and the adoption of frost precautions, it has been decided to restrict the use of unit MT. Unit Commanders will make a survey of the work performed by their vehicles and will arrange their duties, so that 10% only of the normal establishment of vehs are in daily use. The remaining vehicles will be parked in suitable areas, serviced, drained and covered as far as possible, and, as circumstances permit, will pass through the various LADs and, if necessary, Wkshop secs, for a complete overhaul so as to have them in a state of fitness for any requirement. Unit tradesmen will be made available to the LAD Commanders, if required, for the expedition of this work.
2. 6 Aust Cav will restrict the movement of their "A" vehs to the equivalent of one Sqn. The tanks and carriers now attached to the tng school will be exempted from this instn until the conclusion of the School.
3. Other exemptions will include Staff Cars, AASC load-carrying vehs (as required by CASC), 2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec and 6 Aust Div Postal Unit.
4. This Instn will come into force forthwith, and during the winter will be varied only to meet requirements as ordered by this HQ.

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*R. H. Montgomery* Col.  
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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.)

2/3 AUST INF BN  
**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 one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	2		1
Lieutenants ...	3		1
2nd Lieutenants ...	13		
Quartermasters ...	1 (Lieut incl in above 13)		6
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	30		8 (incl 6 to complete 20% increase in establishment.)

\*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.

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Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Lieut	COYLE G. RYAN W.P.	2/3 INF BN	FROM 10 I.P.S. was detached to 11P (M) Junior Officer Col as instr. Now commissioned.



**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.
1st Col		EDMUND S.M.V.	2/3 Inf	Yes	
Major		CHILLEN R.A.	"	"	
		GALDWELL W.B. M.C.	"	No	Det 1st 6 Aust Div
Capt		DICKINSON A.A.	"	Yes	
"		SMITH G.H.	"	"	
"		WILKINSON J.C.	"	"	
"		BRAYERS B.H.	"	"	
"		GODDARD G.H.	80	No	hospital
"		DUNLOP J.W.	"	Yes	
"		BRIDGES G.H.	"	"	
"		WILKINSON R.H.	"	"	
Lieut		ROBINSON I.B.	"	"	
"		MAGEE R.H.	80	No	Atty AIF (M) S.M.B.
"		ROBINSON W.J.	"	Yes	
"		BURTONS H.V.I.	"	"	
"		HARRIS G.F.V.	"	"	
"		BRIDGES J.D.	"	"	
"		LEITCH G.F.	"	"	
"		BLANEY J.H.	"	"	
"		MCWILLIAMS D.Y.	"	"	
"		CURTIS K.F.	"	"	
"		NICHOLSON G.H.	"	"	
"		COCHRAN P.	"	No	Atty AIF (M) Inf Sch.
"		EVANS G.D.	"	Yes	
"		WILKINSON G.J.	"	No	Atty 1st 6 Aust Carrier School
"		SMITH G.D.	"	Yes	
"		HOGAN M.D.	"	"	
"		SMITH W.D.	"	"	
"		BURTONS H.C.	"	"	
"		SMITH W.D.	"	"	

(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		SMITH W.D.	80	5-10-39	Malabar Sch.
Chaplain		PHILLIPS H.W.	80	1-7-41	padre
MC		HOGAN G.	81 Army	17-7-41	padre
Capt		SMITH W.D.	80		

2/3 1st 6 Aust Div (Unit.)  
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*J. D. Dunlop*  
Adj. 2/2 (Signature of Commander.)  
16 Aust Div (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).



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- 3 Ptes )

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NX 47742 Pte      Bennett L.A.      2/2 Bn      Evac 2/2 AGH 19 Sep 41.

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2/2 AUSTRALIAN INF BN.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TT3 No 3.

Ref Map QATANA I/50,000.

A. Objects.

(a) The Bn.

- I. To exercise the Coy Comd in the handling of his Coy in  
(I) the encounter attack, in which he has to rely on his own fire resources,  
(II) the more deliberate form of attack where initial fire support is provided as part of the Bn Comd's plan.
2. To exercise all ranks in co-operating with and defending against AFV's in open country.
3. To exercise all ranks in the consolidation of ground won.
4. To practice the drill of a Bn withdrawal.
5. To impress on all ranks the necessity for constant security vigilance.
6. To exercise Bn and Coy A and Q personnel and services.

(b) The Carrier Pl.

See attached.

B. Lessons

(a) The Bn.

1. The characteristics of [an attack against unco-ordinated resistance] will be
  - (i) a plan quickly organised and limited in its scope
  - (ii) general reliance on inf fire and manoeuvre and the use of ground with such additional support from other arms as may be immediately available
  - (iii) the leading inf moving forward with boldness, seeking opportunities for infiltration and taking risks, with the knowledge that any success achieved will be supported
  - (iv) inf comds well fwd with their reserves readily available to influence the fight. ( I.T. Chap xi Sec 63).
2. During [the initial attack against organised resistance] the inf attack will go through to the full distance that prearranged supporting fire and tanks can take it, with only such pauses as are necessary for control. ( I.T. Chap XI Sec 63).
3. The task of the tanks will be to enable the inf to advance by silencing the enemy small arms fire which is holding it up. In order to do this each unit of the tanks should be responsible for the advance of a unit of inf on to a definite objective. ( I.T. Chap XI Sec 65).
4. The process [of consolidation] includes the organisation of the posn for defence; the reorganisation of the tps; the replenishment of amm etc; the establishment of comn to rear and to flanks; provision for observation and infn; arrangements for supporting a further advance. (I.T. Chap XI Sec 71 )

(b) The Carrier pl.

See attached.

C. Opening narrative (issued D-1)

1. We are at war with BUCKLEY LAND, a small country to the SOUTH, which is organised and equipped on the lines of our W.E.
2. Enemy is reported to be moving NORTH; 2/2 Bn, less one coy on security duties elsewhere, is encamped near SAUSAGE WOOD and is ordered to move as early as possible D1 and occupy a defensive posn astride the road ROSHPINAH-DAMASCUS along the high ground NW of OUMM ECH CHARATITE (18051534).



D. Situation 1 (issued evening D-1 in camp)  
At O Group conference held 0400 hrs D1 CO 2/2 Bn issues following orders:-

INFN

Enemy. Enemy's main advance is reported to be along coast road, Tac R yestord reported only minor movement NORTH of ROSHPINAH on rd ROSHPINAH-DAMASCUS. But I have just received a message that a motorised det estimated at no more than one rifle coy has seized KHAN ECH CHIH (18411582), and that there is enemy movement on the high ground which is our objective.  
Own tps. You know our strength and present disposition; we can expect some art and tanks to help us during the day but no inf can get here for 24 hrs.

INFN

The Bn will seize and hold the high ground astride the rd ROSHPINAH-DAMASCUS WEST of OUMM ECH CHARITTE (18051534)

METHOD

Two phases - (i) D Coy and att tps will capture KHAN ECH CHIH  
(ii) Bn will capture the high ground at OUMM ECH CHARITTE.

First phase - D Coy will have a/c  
carrier pl less one sec ) who will report to OC D Coy by  
one det mortars ) 0630 hrs D1.

D Coy will move by the track OUMM ECH CHARITTE-TELL ABOU SIYE (18441621)-KHAN ECH CHIH. Carriers will precede coy and will occupy high ground astride the track WEST of TELL ABOU SIYE. They will make what roads they can, and await the arrival of D Coy. I don't expect any enemy at the TELL, but you never know. Further orders from OC D Coy at TELL. D Coy will move at 0700 hrs. Carriers at the same time. Remainder of Bn will move in column of route, 500 yds between coys 100 yds between pls, but moving in bounds behind its sub-unit.

Order of march - A Coy and det AA - CO's car with DR - Sigs Offr - two dets AA pl - Mortars less one det - Pars - HQ Coy HQ - "I" section - Bn office truck

Band pl - RAP - SAM reserve - B Coy and one det AA pl.  
AA dets with coys report to Coys at start point 0820 hrs.  
Protection on move - one sec carrier pl (real) will be responsible for protection fwd and right flank. One sec carrier pl (imaginary) responsible for protection left flank and rear. Start time - A Coy to pass HQ coy HQ at 0830.  
Orders for Phase II will be issued at KHAN ECH CHIH. Start point - HQ Coy HQ.

ADM

B ech to be on wheels present location 1000 hrs. Expect to be able to move you to KHAN ECH CHIH shortly after that hour but await further orders.  
Rations - QM will issue midday meal to coys by 0600 hrs.

Water - fill all tins. Water cart will come forward with B ech and water Bn at night.

Dress - battle order. Haversack on back containing spare socks, mess gear, rations (if issued), holdall, spare laces, Packs on pl trucks to contain change of underclothes, spare boots, greatcoat, Water bottle slung on rear, Ground sheet rolled on belt at rear, secured by straps supporting from packs, Respirator at alert,

Ann - WE on trucks. (Coys will inspect before marching out and ensure no live amm being carried on man).

Medical - RAP moving as indicated previously.

Dental - Dental unit will remain present location.

Blankets will NOT be taken.

INTER-COMM

One 108 set and normal phone and visual equipment to each coy. Sigs report to coys by 0600 hrs.

No wireless silence.

Bn HQ in column as indicated



*Carriers*

1. To practice the carrier pl comd in the handling of his pl in
  - (a) protecting the flank of an advancing force.
  - (b) operating in support of fwd inf
  - (c) covering consolidating inf
  - (d) protecting the flank of a defensive posn.
  
2. To practice the carrier pl in
  - (a) use of signals
  - (b) reconnaissance
  - (c) use of ground
  - (d) dismounted action.

B. LESSONS

1. Good ground scouting and a signal system rapidly understood will always be necessary. (M.T.P. 39 Pt 11 chap 111 para 12.)
  
2. Throughout the attack, reconnaissance and appreciation of ground by both the inf Comd and the carrier Comd must be constant. Points to be looked for are likely carrier posns, lines of advance, and obstacles to movement.
 

During the advance the inf Comd may realise that some of his leading tps are held up by fire from an enemy centre of resistance. If the advance is only partially checked, he may decide to move forward his carriers in the wake of the troops still advancing to posns from which they can bring fire to bear on the enemy from the flank or rear, and so enable the advance to continue.

On other occasions, carriers may be sent wide to a flank to a posn from which flanking fire against enemy resistance may be employed. (M.T.P. 39 Pt 11 chap 1 para 2)
  
3. Flank protection consists not only in stopping enemy counter attacks, but also the neutralisation of enemy fire coming from the flank. Efficient performance of this task depends mainly on good observation. (M.T.P. 39 Pt 11 chap 111 para 14.)



2/2 AUSTRALIAN INF BN.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TF3 No 3.

Ref Map QATANA I/50,000.

A. Objects.

(a) The Bn.

- I. To exercise the Coy Comd in the handling of his Coy in  
(I) the encounter attack, in which he has to rely on his own fire resources.  
(II) the more deliberate form of attack where initial fire support is provided as part of the Bn Comd's plan.
2. To exercise all ranks in co-operating with and defending against AFV's in open country.
3. To exercise all ranks in the consolidation of ground won.
4. To practice the drill of a Bn withdrawal.
5. To impress on all ranks the necessity for constant security vigilance.
6. To exercise Bn and Coy A and Q personnel and services.

(b) The Carrier Pl.

See attached.

B. Lessons

(a) The Bn.

1. The characteristics of [an attack against unco-ordinated resistance] will be
  - (i) a plan quickly organised and limited in its scope
  - (ii) general reliance on inf fire and manoeuvre and the use of ground with such additional support from other arms as may be immediately available
  - (iii) the leading inf moving forward with boldness, seeking opportunities for infiltration and taking risks, with the knowledge that any success achieved will be supported
  - (iv) inf comds well fwd with their reserves readily available to influence the fight. ( I.T. Chap xi Sec 63).
2. During [the initial attack against organised resistance] the inf attack will go through to the full distance that prearranged supporting fire and tanks can take it, with only such pauses as are necessary for control. ( I.T. Chap XI Sec 63).
3. The task of the tanks will be to enable the inf to advance by silencing the enemy small arms fire which is holding it up. In order to do this each unit of the tanks should be responsible for the advance of a unit of inf on to a definite objective. ( I.T. Chap XI Sec 65).
4. The process [of consolidation] includes the organisation of the posn for defence; the reorganisation of the tps; the replenishment of amm etc; the establishment of comn to rear and to flanks; provision for observati and infn; arrangements for supporting a further advance. (I.T. Chap XI Sec 71 )

(b) The Carrier pl.

See attached.

C. Opening narrative (issued D-1)

1. We are at war with BUCKLEY LAND, a small country to the SOUTH, which is organised and equipped on the lines of our W.E.
2. Enemy is reported to be moving NORTH; 2/2 Bn, less one coy on security duties elsewhere, is encamped near SAUSAGE WOOD and is ordered to move as early as possible D1 and occupy a defensive posn astride the road ROSHPINAH-DAMASCUS along the high ground NW of OUMM ECH CHARATITE (18051534).



*carriers*

1. To practice the carrier pl comd in the handling of his pl in
  - (a) protecting the flank of an advancing force.
  - (b) operating in support of fwd inf
  - (c) covering consolidating inf
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  - (a) use of signals
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  - (d) dismounted action.

B. LESSONS

1. Good ground scouting and a signal system rapidly understood will always be necessary. (M.T.P. 39 Pt 11 chap III para 12.)
  
2. Throughout the attack, reconnaissance and appreciation of ground by both the inf Comd and the carrier Comd must be constant. Points to be looked for are likely carrier posns, lines of advance, and obstacles to movement.
 

During the advance the inf Comd may realise that some of his leading tps are held up by fire from an enemy centre of resistance. If the advance is only partially checked, he may decide to move forward his carriers in the wake of the troops still advancing to posns from which they can bring fire to bear on the enemy from the flank or rear, and so enable the advance to continue.

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D. Situation 1 (issued evening D-1 in camp)

At O Group conference held 0400 hrs D1 CO 2/2 Bn issues following orders:-

INFN

Enemy. Enemy's main advance is reported to be along coast road, Tac R yesterday reported only minor movement NORTH of ROSHPINAH on rd ROSHPINAH-DAMASCUS. But I have just received a message that a motorised det estimated at no more than one rifle coy has seized KHAN ECH CHIH (18411582), and that there is enemy movement on the high ground which is our objective.

Own tps. You know our strength and present disposition; we can expect some air and tanks to help us during the day but no inf can get here for 24 hrs.

INFN

The Bn will seize and hold the high ground astride the rd ROSHPINAH-DAMASCUS WEST of OUMM ECH CHARATITE (18051534)

METHOD

Two phases - (i) D Coy and att tps will capture KHAN ECH CHIH  
(ii) Bn will capture the high ground at OUMM ECH CHARATITE.

First phase - D Coy will have w/c  
carrier pl less one sec ) who will report to OC D Coy by  
one det mortars ) 0630 hrs D1.

D Coy will move by the track GATIFA-TELL ABOU SIYE (18441621)-KHAN ECH CHIH. Carriers will precede coy and will occupy high ground astride the track WEST of TELL ABOU SIYE. They will make what speed they can, and await the arrival of D Coy. I don't expect any enemy at the TELL, but you never know. Further orders from OC D Coy at TELL. D Coy will move at 0700 hrs. Carriers at the same time. Remainder of Bn will move in column of route, 500 yds between coys, 100 yds between pls, but moving in bounds behind its sub-unit.

Order of march - A Coy and det AA - CO's car with DR - Sigs Offr - two dets AA pl - Mortars less one det - Pars - HQ Coy HQ - "I" section - Bn office truck

Band pl - RAP - SAA reserve - B Coy and one det AA pl.

AA dets with coys report to Coys at start point 0620 hrs.

Protection on move - one sec carrier pl (real) will be responsible for protection fwd and right flank. One sec carrier pl (imaginary) responsible for protection left flank and rear. Start time - A Coy to pass HQ coy HQ at 0830 hrs.

Orders for Phase II will be issued at KHAN ECH CHIH. Start point - HQ Coy HQ.

ADM

B ech to be on wheels present location 1000 hrs. Expect to be able to move you to KHAN ECH CHIH shortly after that hour but await further orders.

Rations - QM will issue midday meal to coys by 0600 hrs.

Water - fill all tins. Water cart will come forward with B ech and water Bn at night.

Dress - battle order. Haversack on back containing spare socks, mess gear, rations (if issued), holdall, spare laces. Packs on pl trucks to contain change of underclothes, spare boots, greatcoat. Water bottle slung on rear. Ground sheet rolled on belt at rear, secured by straps supporting from packs. Respirator at alert.

Amn - WE on trucks. (Coys will inspect before marching out and ensure no live amn being carried on man).

Medical - RAP moving as indicated previously.

Dental - Dental unit will remain present location.

Blankets will NOT be taken.

INTER-COMN

One 108 set and normal phone and visual equipment to each coy. Sigs report to coys by 0600 hrs.

No wireless silence.

Bn HQ in column as indicated



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*C/11*

"A" Company  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
FIELD  
9 Dec 41

Adjt

2/2 Aust Inf Bn

REF BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS IN BDE DETENTION COMPOUND

1. This afternoon I was playing football on the Bde Ground being constructed by the prisoners in the Bde Detention Compound.
2. At approximately 1540 hrs, Ptes BOURKE and WARD, two men of this Company undergoing detention, appeared from the compound to watch the match. The men were escorted by a guard. There was no reason for them being anywhere near the playing field.
3. During the half time of the match Pte WARD passed some remarks of an insolent nature which seemed to be addressed to me. Therefore I went over and asked him what he said, He then became insolent. I ordered the guard to remove both prisoners to the compound. It is my opinion that Pte WARD was under the influence of liquor - a state in which he should NOT be whilst in detention.
4. I should like to draw attention to the following facts:-
  - (i) that apparently men in detention have any amusement they wish by merely asking for a guard to escort them.
  - (ii) that apparently men in detention have access to liquor of some nature.
  - (iii) that no close supervision is being kept over the comings and goings of prisoners.
5. Could some action please be taken to prevent the Bde Detention Camp from becoming a holiday resort?

*G*

*B. N. Trauers*. Capt  
2 I/C "A" Company



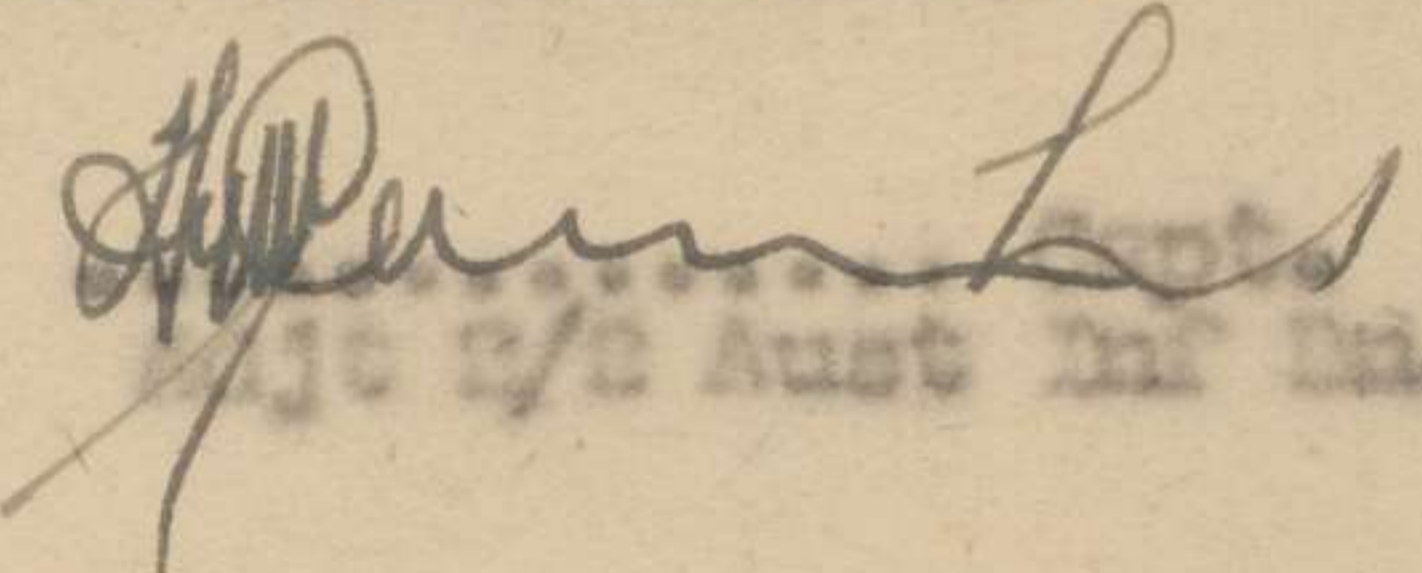
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Maj 3/2 Aust Inf Bn,  
9 Dec 41.

All COYS

MOBILE CIRCUS SUNDAY 14 DEC 41

1. The Mobile Circus will show to this Bn on Sunday 14 Dec 41 at hrs.
2. Location as Div Concert Party (in C Coy lines).
3. Programme - Roland Young, Cary Grant and Constance Bennett in "Topper", Travel Talks and Comedies.
4. Duration - 2½ hrs.
5. Dress - S.D. - Crestcoats.
6. OM will arrange accommodation and rations for 1 Officer and 3 OAs as from 1000 hrs on 14 Dec to 1000 hrs 15 Dec 41.

  
Maj 3/2 Aust Inf Bn.



1/20/41

TRAINING SYLLABUS.11 DEC - 24 DEC 41.

Serial No	Date	Sub-unit	Type of tng	Details	Time	Location	Remarks.
1.	11 Dec-24Dec incl less one day per week	All Coys		Digging & Wiring, Defence Posn			TEWTS for Offrs & NCO's will be conducted.
2.	11 Dec	A Coy	Individ- ual & W.T.	(i) Crushing wire obstacles, (ii) Bren tng (iii) TSMG Range Practices, (Reinf)		Coy area, New Range,	
3.	18 "	A "	Pl	(i) Pl attack exercise, (ii) Manufacturing & throwing of Molotoff Cocktails,		Coy area,	
4.	11 "	B "	(i) W.T. (ii) Individ- idual (iii) Pl	Brens & Bayonet Maps & Compass Patrols		Coy area,	
5.	18 "	B "	(i) W.T. (ii) Individ- idual (iii) Gas	Brens & Bayonet Maps & Compass Gas TOET's & Demonstration.		Coy area.	
6.	11 "	C "	(i) Coy (ii) Pl	Coy drill Field firing		Coy area To be recce'd	
7.	18 "	C "	(i) W.T. (ii) Sec & Pl, (iii) Gas	Recapit firld formations, use of ground, TOETS and demonstns		Coy area,	
8.	11 "	D "	Coy	Coy exercise in attack,		To be recce'd	
9.	18 "	D "	(i) W.T. (ii) Pl	Bren, A/Tk rifle, bayonet, Pl exercise, attack & consolidation and exploitation		To be recce'd	



Serial No	Date	Sub-unit	Type tng	Details	Time	Location	Remarks
10.	11 Dec	HQ Coy	(1) Signals	Buzzer, Gas, Lamp, procedure, practical exercise,			Coy drill each morning.
11.	18 "	"	" "	Buzzer, Lamp, R.T. Procedure, Weapon tng, wire crushing & Attack exercise		Coy area.	
12.	11 Dec	"	(1) A.A	Rifle, squad drill, gas lecture, bren			"
			(11) "	TSMG, Aircraft recognition, Gas, lecture, 2" Mortar, wire crushing & Attack exercise		Coy area,	
13.	11 Dec	"	(1) Mortars,	Squad drill, recapit Bren & Mortar, gas lecture and wire crushing,			"
14.	18 "	"	(11) "	Squad drill, recapit mortar, gas lecture and drill, pl attack			"
15.	13 "	"	(1) Pnr	Erection of fencing, DAF WBC and crushing, Bren tng handling & Firing,			"
16.	20 "	"	(11) "	Sec attack exercise, and range practice.			"
17.	11 -24	"	Tpt	Permanent duties			"



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TRAINING SYLLABUS.

26 NOV - 13 Dec 41.

H.Q. 2/2 AUST INF BN.

Serial No.	Date- unit	Sub- unit	Type of tng.	Details	Time	Location	Remarks.
1.	24 Nov to 13 Dec incl: less one: day per week	All Coys		Digging & Wiring Defence posn			TEWTS for Offrs and NCO's will be conducted.
2.	27 Nov	A Coy	(i) W.T.	(i) Close order drill, bayonet tng weapons & gas recapitulation, (ii) Crushing of wire obstacles.	:0830-1230: :1400-1600:	Coy area " "	Reinforcements will receive musketry instrn.
3.	4 Dec	A Coy	Coy	Coy in dawn attack Consolidation and subsequent advance.	:0530	To be recce'd	"
4.	11 Dec	A Coy	Pl W.T.	Pls as patrols Bayonet tng; weapon & gas recap- itulation.	:0830-1230: :1400-1600:	To be recce'd Coy area	"
5.	27 Nov	B Coy	(i) W.T. (ii) Pl & Sec	Close order drill, Bayonet tng ) Weapon recapitulation ) Crushing wire obstacles.	:0830-1230: :1400-1600:	Coy area	"
6.	4 Dec	B Coy	(i) Pl (ii) W.T.	Pl as patrols Weapon, Bayonet, Gas recapit.	:0830-1200: :1400-1600:	Coy area	"
7.	11 Dec	B Coy	Coy	Coys in Dawn attack, consolidation and subsequent advance	:0530-1400:	to be recce'd	
8.	27 Nov	C Coy	(i) W.T. (ii) Sec & Pl	Close order drill Weapon & Gas recapit. Bren fixed line & range card. Crushing wire obstacles.	0830-1230	Coy Area	"



Serial No	Date	Sub-unit	Type of Tng	Details	Time	Location	Remarks.
9.	4 Dec	C Coy	Coy	Coy in dawn attack Consolidation and subsequent advance	0530-1400	To be recce'd	Boundary instr.
10.	11 Dec	C Coy	(i) W.T.	(i) Gas recapitulation Trip wire, A/Tk mines, Booby traps, bayonet tng,	0830-1230		
			(ii) Pl	(ii) Pl as patrols	1400-1600		
11	27 Nov.	D Coy	(i) Pl.	Close order drill. Trip wires booby traps etc.	0830 0915		
			(ii) W.T.	Bayonet tng & weapon recapit.	1030	Coy area.	
			(iii) Individual	Gas Recapit. - general knowledge	1400		
12	4 Dec.	D Coy	Coy	Coy in dawn attack, consolidation and subsequent advance.	0530-1400	To be recce'd	
13	11 Dec	D Coy	(i) Pl.	Pls as patrols	0830-1230	To be recce'd	
			(ii) W.T.	Weapon & Gas Recapit. and	1400-1600	Coy area	
14	27 Nov.	HQ Coy	(i) Signals	(i) Drill/procedure Gas, weapon Tng			Coy drill each morning.
			(ii) 2 Pl.	(ii) W.T. and gas recapit.			HQ Coy details will take part
			(iii) 3 Pl	(iii) Mortar drill, Gas recapit.			in Coy exercise
			(iv) 4 Pl	(iv) Maintenance, weapon Tng			
			(v) 5 Pl	(v) Pd eng. gas recapit.			



Serial No.	Date	Sub Unit	Type of Tng	Details	Time	Location	Remarks.
15	4 Dec.	HQ Coy.	(i) Signals	(i) Drill and procedure Gas, Weapon Tng	:	:	Coy drill each morning.
			(ii) 2 Pl	(ii) W.T. and Gas recapit.	:	:	H.Q. Coy details will take part in Coy exercise.
			(iii) 3 Pl.	(iii) Mortar drill, Gas recapit.	:	:	
			(iv) 4 Pl.	(iv) Maintenance, Weapon Tng	:	:	
			(v) 5 Pl	(v) Pd Eng'g. gas recapit.	:	:	
16	11 Dec.		(i) Signals	(i) Drill and procedure Gas, Weapon Tng	:	:	Coy drill each morning.
			(ii) 2 Pl	(ii) W.T. and Gas Recapit.	:	:	H.Q. Coy details will take part in Coy exercise.
			(iii) 3 Pl.	(iii) Mortar Drill. Gas recapit.	:	:	
			(iv) 4 Pl	(iv) Maintenance, weapon Tng	:	:	
			(v) 5 Pl	(v) Pd Eng. Gas Recapit.	:	:	



# War Diary

Report on the operations of  
4 Coy H.T. STEEN  
operating with the enemy (C Coy)  
on the 10 Dec '41.

Myself & Cpl HIDDINS were left at the first position to hinder the enemy in any way we thought fit. by the O.C. enemy. LT. ERWIN. He hid under some corn bunks in a small mud hut, and while we were there two people came to the door, but never through a door, or in any way met us. We ventured out, and as a soldier was walking about outside with his rifle, we asked him in for a bit of spirits, and as it was rather cold he readily agreed. We captured him and asked him for his steel helmet, but he said as his officer was just around the corner, he could not play, at this point his officer (CAPT. GREEN) came around and we captured him, and as he would not play we reported him to the umpires. As we could not get the steel helmets, we had to be content



with the one the umpires gave us. As  
the hot felled me I had to march ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup>  
Higgins around as a prisoner. As he has  
friends in the Sig, he wanted to speak  
to them, as we stayed talking there a good  
10 min. they had time to think, and as I  
did not know the pass-word I was captured.  
Although I passed from their hands to  
the I section, then to the B. P. and finally  
Sidness I was never at any time searched.  
It was dark when myself and Mr. HUSTON  
just walked away from them and  
as we were told that 'e' Coy would be  
a certain bridge we started from  
there. We met some B' Coy. people who  
were having tea just lined up, had some  
dusshes, and on telling the driver we were  
from 'H' Coy. and lost, he said he would  
take us back to camp. He finished feeding  
the other two platoons in the course of which  
Sgt. May. FURNESS, landed against the lorry  
rather dangerously close to the left of the  
HUSTON'S right, and CAPT. FAIRBROTHERS close



same thing. We did not make ourselves  
known until we were almost in camp  
and just for something to do held the  
coats up, they threatened to make us  
walk home, so we called the doors off.

NX8713

G. J. Shea.



Report of Pte T.G. Harvey NX 1243 operating with "C" Coy  
10.12.41

On 10.12.41 at 1030 hrs with Pte Auster I took up a position in a wadi on the right flank of "C" Coy's second position and on the right of the main road. Both of us remained here until the battalion attack had begun. We then separated and made our way to the rear where I waited until darkness was setting in. I then crossed the main road and by following two trucks was able to get to within fifty yards of Bar Hq. Before attempting anything there I determined to find out the password and dispositions of the coy's.

While going through "A" Coy lines I was halted by Capt Travers & two other men who appeared to be unarmed. I held them up with my rifle & told them that they were my prisoners. Capt. Travers rushed me and we both fell to the ground. In the scuffle I was disarmed and made prisoner, taken to battalion headquarters, & handed over to the



prisoners captured. My rifle and bayonet remained with  
"A" Coy. The time I found was 1800 hrs. After  
about 20 mins. we <sup>(the prisoners)</sup> were marched to one of the  
trucks for dinner. I had learned the password  
"press nerves" from one of the prisoners. During  
the mess parade I ran away and made my way  
back to "A" Coy. where I listened to the sentries  
and men in the platoons but I could not check  
up on the password. I went up to Capt Travers  
and asked him for my rifle and bayonet telling  
him that I was being sent away. He gave them  
to me but when I would not assure him that  
I was fair dinkum ordered that I go  
back to Battalion under escort. As ~~he~~ <sup>it</sup> was told that  
the exercise was nearly over I did not try to re-  
escape.

(signed) NX1243 Pte W.C. Harvey

11.12.41



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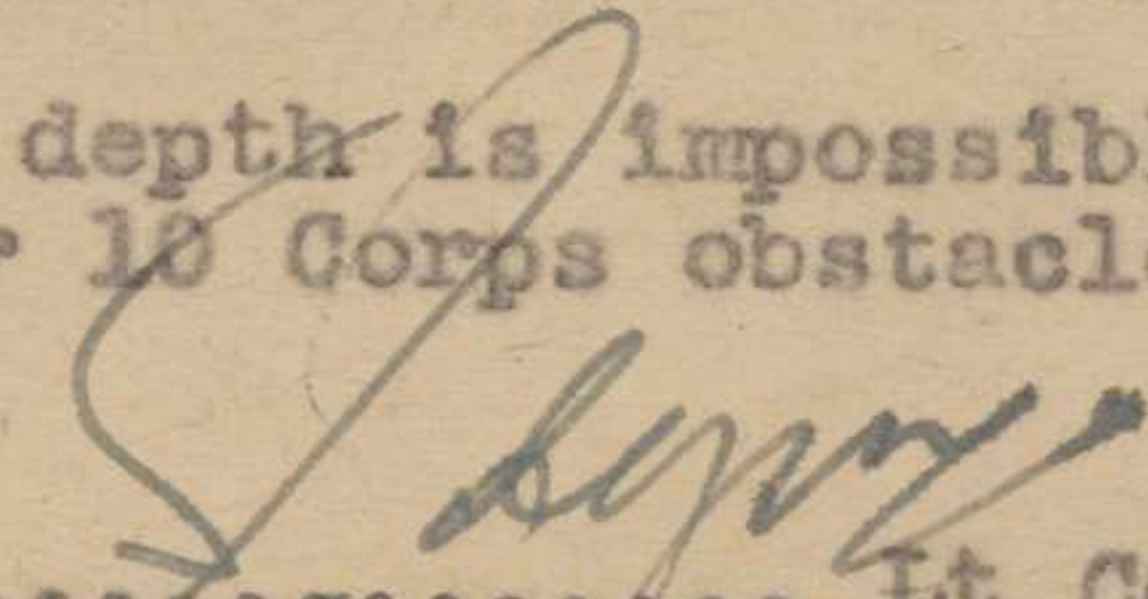
HQ 2/2 Aust Inf Bde,  
11 Dec 41.

16 Aust Inf Bde

CROSSING OF WIRE OBSTACLES

After carrying out tests this unit feels regarding the suggested new wiring -

- (1) It is easier to cross section by section than the standard double bouble apron-~~type~~ Dannert, but affords a better obstacle because the whole fence takes longer to cross and increases the time that crossing infantry are under fire.
- (2) It takes approx 50% more time to erect than DDAF-Triple Dannert.
- (3) In open country, though better than DDAF-Triple Dannert, it is no better against infantry than the layout detailed by 10 Corps.
- (4) In confined spaces, as in wadis, where depth is impossible, it is better against infantry than the standard or 10 Corps obstacles.

  
..... Lt Col.  
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters  
16 Aust Inf Bde

12 Dec 41.

SOCGER

1st Round

2/1 Aust Inf Bn V 2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt - Qatana Sun 21 Dec 1400 hrs  
2/2 " " " V 6 Aust Div Supp Col " " 21 " 1530 "  
2/3 " " " BYE

2nd Round

2/1 Aust Inf Bn V 6 Aust Div Sup Col Qatana Sun 28 Dec 1400 hrs  
2/2 " " " V 2/3 Aust Inf Bn - 2/3 Bn Ground " 28 " 1400 "  
2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt BYE

3rd Round

2/1 Aust Inf Bn V 2/3 Aust Inf Bn 2/3 Bn Ground 4 Jan 42 1400 hrs  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn V 2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt Qatana 4 " " 1400 "  
6 Aust Div Sup Col BYE

4th Round

2/1 Aust Inf Bn V 2/2 Aust Inf Bn Qatana 11 Jan 42 1400 hrs  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn V 6 Aust Div Sup Col " 11 " " 1530 hrs  
2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt BYE

5th Round

2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt V 2/3 Aust Inf Bn 2/3 Bn Ground 14 Jan 1400 hrs

6th Round

6 Aust Div Sup Col V 2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt Qatana 18 Jan 42 1400 hrs

RUGBY UNION

To play on DAMASCUS Ground

1st Round

16 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. V 2/1 Aust Fd Amb. 20 Dec 41 at 1330 hrs  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn V 2/1 Aust Inf Bn 20 " " " 1530 "  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn V 6 Aust Div Sup Col 21 Dec 41 ~~xxxxx~~ Sun morning

2nd Round

16 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. V 2/1 Aust Inf Bn 27 Dec 41 at 1530 hrs  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn V 6 Aust Div Sup Col 28 Dec 41 at 1100 hrs  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn V 2/1 Aust Fd Amb 27 Dec 41 at 1330 hrs

3rd Round

16 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. V 6 Aust Div Sup Col 4 Jan 42 at 1400 hrs  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn V 2/1 Aust Fd Amb 4 Jan 42 at 1100 hrs  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn V 2/1 Aust Inf Bn 4 Jan 42 at 1530 hrs

4th Round

16 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. V 2/3 Aust Inf Bn 10 Jan 42 at 1400 hrs

5th Round

2/2 Aust Inf Bn V 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn 14 Jan 42 at 1400 hrs

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Quote: 5930/H1/3.

H.Q., 6 Aust. Div.  
12 Dec, 41.

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PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION OFFICERS.

1. Attention is drawn to 1 Aust Corps Admn Instn No.12, para 13.
2. Compensation officers must ensure that records of all payments made by them reach the A.H.O. of the Area concerned as early as possible after the claim is settled.
3. Full details of the reason why payments have been made must also be given, so that in the event of claims being made later, there is some record of what damage was done to the land.
4. Records of any claims that have already been paid by compensation officers, and which have not been sent to the A.H.O. concerned, will be forwarded to the nearest A.H.O. immediately.

*Johnno outgained 11/10/41*  
Col.  
A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 Aust. Div.

DISTRIBUTION:-

- Admn List "B"
- + A.H.O. Baalbeck Area
- A.H.O. Damascus "



*Capt Fairbrother*  
*please read & return*

*Johnno*  
*Fairbrother*  
*Capt*



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*Handwritten:* W. D. D. D.

HQ 2/2 Aust Inf Bn,  
13 Dec 41.

RELIEF OF 2/3 AUST INF BN'S GUARD IN DAMASCUS AREA

2/2 Aust Inf Bn is relieving 2/3 Aust Inf Bn's DAMASCUS guards for a period of two weeks.

1. Relief will take place by 1100 hrs 15 Dec under orders of O.C. relieving detachment.
2. Personnel - B Coy, C Coy, and att tps.  
O.C. detachment - Capt A.A. Buckley.
3. Attached tps - B and C Coys will retain present att personnel. Following will report to C Coy HQ by 0830 hrs 15 Dec:-  
2 DRs from HQ Coy, who will remain with detachment.  
2 Sigs " " " " " instal telephone and then return to unit. (C Coy will provide Don V).
4. Tpt - M.T.O. will provide -  
2 m/c for DRs, to be handed over to Sigs pl 14 Dec.  
3 GAS to assist in move and remain with detachment throughout its tour of duty. ) to report to B and C Coys by 0830 hrs 15 Dec. TO will arrange allocation with Capt Buckley.  
Sufficient other tpt to move remainder of B and C Coys (this tpt to include as many GAS as possible, to make reliefs easier.)
5. Jerkins, prizes - HQMS will provide prizes on scale of one per sec, and up to 6 extra jerkins on Capt Buckley's requisition.
6. Rations - Detachment draws rations through AASC at HEEZE Barracks. HQMS will liaise with 2/3 Bn and ensure indent is placed immediately for rations, kerosene, POL.
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- B Coy
- C Coy
- HQ Coy
- I.O.
- T.O.
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6/7/35

HQ 2/2 Aust Inf Bn,  
13 Dec 41.

RELIEF OF 2/3 AUSTRALIAN INF BN'S GUARD IN DAMASCUS AREA

2/2 Aust Inf Bn is relieving 2/3 Aust Inf Bn's <sup>DAMASCUS</sup> guards for a period of two weeks.

1. Relief will take place by 1100 hrs 15 Dec under orders of O.C. relieving detachment.
2. Personnel - B Coy, C Coy, and att tps.  
O.C. detachment - Capt A.A. Buckley.
3. Attached tps - B and C Coys will retain present att personnel. Following will report to C Coy HQ by 0830 hrs 15 Dec:-  
3 DRs from HQ Coy, who will remain with detachment  
2 Sigs " " " " " Instal telephone and then return to unit. (C Coy will provide Don V).
4. Tpt.- M.T.O. will provide -  
2 m/c for DRs, to be handed over to Sigs pl 14 Dec.  
3 CAS to assist in move and remain with detachment throughout its tour of duty. (to report to B and C Coys, 15 Dec. T.O. will arrange allocation with Capt Buckley.)  
Sufficient other tpt to move remainder of B and C Coys (this tpt to include as many CAS as possible, to make reliefs easier).
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## ROUTINE ORDERS

-BY-

LT-COL C.R.V. EDGAR  
COMD 2/2 AUST INF BN

PART I..... I 04

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(Div R.O. 543)

2. TRANSPORT - IMPROPER USE OF:

Add to Bn R.O. 103 the following:-

M.T.O. will search all vehicles detailed for duty involving crossing the Palestinian border before such vehicles leave unit lines.

(Div R.O. 550)

3. WIVES AND FAMILIES IN SYRIA:

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(Div R.O. 551)

4. CARRYING OF MESS TINS AND CUTLERY BY SOLDIERS TRAVELLING BY RAIL

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(Div R.O. 556)

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In areas where water supply is not sterilised by civil or other authorities, sterilisation by superchlorination followed by dechlorination will be carried out before the water is used for drinking purposes.

The provisions of this Order are to be adhered to strictly.

(Div R.O. 557)

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(Div R.O. 558)

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(Div R.O. 561)

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*W. D. Dimes*  
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.FIELD.  
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2/2 AUSTRALIAN 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 ... ..																			1	
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) ... ..																			10	
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers & Harness Maker																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																			1	
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
<del>Mortarmen</del>																			6	
<del>Intelligence personnel</del>																			4	
General duty personnel ... ..						7	6				2								4	
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).						7	6				2								26	23

2/2 AUSTRALIAN INF BN

Unit.

Date of Despatch

15 Dec 41.

*W. Dunlop*  
Signature of Commander.  
Adj. 2/2 Bn. A.I.F.

10 AUSTRALIAN INF BN Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(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 one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...			
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...			

\*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.)
Lieut	COYLE G.	2/2 BN	From 10 I.T.S.
Lieut	RYAN W.P.	"	was detached to Jun Offrs Sel as instr. Now commissioned.
Six	Reinf Offrs to build up to 20% extra now authorised.		



**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		HOGAN C.R.V.	2/3 Bn	Yes	
Major		GULLEN P.A.	"	"	
"		CALDWELL W.B. R.C.	"	No	Det HQ 6 Aust Div.
Capt		BUCKLEY A.A.	"	Yes	
"		GREEN C.H.	"	"	
"		RICHMOND J.C.	"	"	
"		TRAVERS B.R.	"	"	
"		GOSSOLD C.H.	"	"	
"		DUNLOP J.W.	"	"	
"		SWINTON C.H.	"	"	
"		FAIRBROTHER D.H.	"	"	
Lieut		FISHERSON J.D.	"	"	
"		MOORE R.H.	"	No	Atts. AIF (M/S) 2008
"		ROPERSON W.J.	"	Yes	
"		BURTONS D.S.L.	"	No	Hospital
"		BAYLES J.P.A.	"	Yes	
"		BANKS J.D.	"	"	
"		ANDERSON C.H.	"	"	
"		DEANE J.A.	"	"	
"		MCNEILL D.J.	"	"	
"		SMITH K.F.	"	"	
"		WHELAN G.P.	"	"	
"		GOODEAN P	"	No	Atts 1 Aust Corps Training Sch.
"		EVAN O.B.	"	Yes	
"		SKERWITT C.J.	"	No	Atts 1 Aust Corps Training Sch.
"		SMITH R.C.	"	Yes	
"		MCCANNON R.C.	"	"	
"		SWAIN H.B.	"	No	Hospital
"		BONNEVILLE R.C.	"	Yes	
"		SMITH R.C.	"	"	
"		Coyle	"	"	
"		BROWN W.F.	"	"	
"		HALL W.D.	"	"	
"		HALL LT	"	"	
"		POPE NW	"	"	

**(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		Arnold L.V.	ASAC	5-10-39	ASAC
Chaplain		Phillips D.S.	A.C.M.D.	2-7-41	ASAC
"		McGabe S	Col Army	2-4-41	17-7-41

2/3 AUST INF BN

(Unit.)

13/10/41

(Date of Despatch.)

*W. Dunlop*  
(Signature of Commander.)

Adj. 2/2 Bn. A.I.F.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Ref File T/1/200



Headquarters  
16 Aust Inf Bde

14 Dec 41

2/2 Aust Inf Bn ✓  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn  
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CARRIER INSTRS TO F.F.F.

1. The following N.C.Os will be detached for duty for a period of one month from 14 Dec 41, as instrs to F.F.F. :-

NX 2342	Sgt NOONAN E.E.	2/2 Aust Inf Bn
NX 4714	Sgt CAMERON A.	2/3 Aust Inf Bn

2. Movement will be direct from 16 Aust Inf Bde Carrier School, Sgt NOONAN proceeding to H.Q., F.F.F., DAMASCUS and Sgt CAMERON to F.F.F. Barracks, CHOUKRI RHANEM.

3. Carriers No T 2097 & T 21419, on charge to 2/2 Aust Inf Bn and 2/3 Aust Inf Bn respectively, will be taken by the N.C.Os for instructional purposes.

*G*  
For Infm -

16 Aust Inf Bde Carrier School  
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*Deoslet*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde  
A.O.O



*War Diary*

CAMPAIGNING LESSONS

H.Q.  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
15 Dec 41.

The mistakes made by all ranks in recent exercises show that the general campaigning standard of the Bn has slipped back to almost the level of 18 months ago. Offrs NCO's and men who have been through LIBYA and GREECE have largely forgotten the many lessons experience taught them which they formerly did as a matter of course, and which made for smooth working of the Bn; while recent reinforcements have not had the opportunity of learning these things or appreciating their value and the absolute necessity for most of them.

Battle procedure and Drill is the outstanding weakness of the Bn at present. It is proposed to conduct TEWTS and sand-table exercises, as well as exercises with tps, to teach and/or remind offrs and NCOs of the procedure, but meantime study of, and thinking about the attached should help.

Reading again the training notes, lessons from exercises, etc, issued by Bn and Bde H.Q. 18 months ago shows many small points which need republishing. They are attached.

It is felt that coy and other comds do not need impressing with the urgent necessity of improving the campaigning sense of the Bn and getting it back to the old standard.

It is only a campaign which can finally succeed in doing this, but offrs and NCOs can do much by thinking tactically along the lines of the attached notes, and by discussions and lectures with the men.

DISTRIBUTION :

One copy each rifle coy and H.Q. Coy  
M.T.O.  
I.O.  
R.M.O.  
R.S.M.  
File  
War Diary,

One copy each pl H.Q. Coy,

*J. S. ...*  
Adj't 2/2 Aust Inf Bn, Capt.



## CAMPAIGNING LESSONS

### DISCIPLINE TRAINING

### ERRORS IN STAFF DUTIES

The Brig Comd directs that it must be impressed on all ranks that Discipline training is an absolutely essential part of training for war, and that all must realise the seriousness of the recent indication of ill-discipline while on leave. This is indicative of lack of leadership by Officers and NCOs and self respect on the part of the men. Weak leadership and the desire by leaders for cheap popularity, only engenders the contempt of the men. An ill-disciplined army can never succeed in battle, and an officer who cannot control his men is a menace. A man who cannot control himself under peace conditions, is unlikely to do so in the stress of battle.

### CONCEALMENT OF HEADQUARTERS

H.Q. Standing Orders must lay down who is responsible for inspecting the H.Q. concealment at first light. This should be done daily and not only after a night move.

### A.A. DEFENCE OF H.Q.'S.

- (a) Personnel manning A.A.L.M.Gs must be clear as to when they are to open fire.
- (b) The action to be taken when the air alarm is sounded must be known by all ranks and strictly obeyed. This will inevitably cause delays, which must be accepted. Air sentries must be clear as to when the alarm is to be sounded.
- (c) The danger of gas spray at night must be guarded against. Men who cannot sleep in houses or beneath vehicles must erect ground-sheet bivouacs.

### LOCATION AND MARKING OF H.Qs

- (a) H.Q's at crossroads are dangerous. Pilots pay particular attention to such places. They are particularly liable to harrassing fire when within artillery range.
- (b) The marking of H.Q's and the routes to them is the responsibility of R.P. Sgt. Direction posts must start from the turning off the main road. On two-way roads the direction posts must be visible from both directions. One H.Q. relied upon a traffic policeman to direct traffic from the main road. This was not enough as there was no notice board or direction posts to show why he was posted and traffic was liable to pass him without realising why he was there.
- (c) The marking of H.Q's by night is most important. The correct coloured lights are given in F.S.P.B. Pamphlet No. 5 (Plate 1). Here again it is important that there should be one set of lights at the turning off from the main road as well as at the signal centre.

### REPORTING ARRIVALS OF COMMANDERS AND LIAISON OFFICERS

- (a) The arrival of a visiting commander should be reported to his own Headquarters in order that his staff should be able to get in touch with him.
- (b) Similarly, the arrival of a liaison officer with orders or important information should be reported to his own headquarters. This is equivalent to acknowledging the receipt of an operation order.



ERRORS IN STAFF DUTIES

In general, far too many signals were franked in the left (May be sent by any means) space. This was probably done under the misapprehension that all signals signed in the other space must necessarily be enciphered. This is NOT so.

The originator is responsible for informing Signals whether precautions are necessary in the transmission of the message. He does this by signing in the appropriate space at the foot of the message form (A.F.C.2128). If the originator requires precautions taken, he will sign in the RIGHT hand space. The OUT clerk of the signal office. If the message is signed in the right hand space, the out clerk of the signal office will decide whether it shall go by L/T, DRIS or enciphered W/T. If by W/T he will send it the cipher office for enciphering. He will base his decision on :-

- (i) The 'G' policy as laid down as to safety of DRs.
- (ii) The length of the message.
- (iii) The amount of traffic awaiting clearance on any particular circuit.
- (iv) The time of the next DRIS.

If the message has a priority (IMMEDIATE or IMPORTANT) and cannot be cleared quickly by any of the normal means it will be referred to one of the staff officers entitled to order a special D.R. The staff officer will decide whether a special D.R. is necessary.

It will generally be found quicker to send any signal of over 15-20 groups by DRIS or special D.R., if there is no cable communication and the distance is over 15 miles.

ORGANISATION OF REST

(a) One Headquarter kept a duty roster for night only. But it often happens, as in this exercise, that the main pressure of work is by night and that the day is comparatively quiet. In this event, rest periods must be organised and enforced by day. Clerks must be included.

(b) Too much importance cannot be attached to the organisation of man power. Officers and men who come off night duty must be made to rest. They must not be allowed to walk about and amuse themselves etc until they have had the proper amount of rest. Strict discipline in this matter must be maintained.

MARKING OF H.Q.

When a headquarters is on the move the Signal Office vehicle should carry a signal flag in a conspicuous position.

SECURITY AT NIGHT

In 1 Cav Div Sigs rifles were left on vehicles at night and no sentries were apparent.

SIGNAL CABLE

Loose soil caused by burying cables, etc, is very often a means of exposing the location of Headquarters to hostile aerial observation.



WATER DUTIES

Each sub unit has certain men who are responsible for ensuring that men in their Bn are protected against disease infected drinking water. If necessary, arrangements can be made for a special course in water duties to be conducted under arrangements with O.C. FD HYG SEC., and units will/Bde H.Q. by 1800 hrs 22 Dec of the numbers of water duty men required to attend such a course.

QUICK DECISION EXERCISES

To keep men interested, and to make them mentally alert, the frequent exercise of junior leaders in making quick decisions can not be over emphasised.

BATTLE PROCEDURE

The importance of method in battle can hardly be overestimated. When a commander is faced with a new situation or receives a task, it is of great value if he can follow some kind of system which will ensure that he tackles his problems in the right order and without omissions. The system given below can with modifications be applied to most situations.

When a commander has a task to execute he should :-

- i. Make sure that he is clear about the orders that he has received.
- ii. Think out, with the aid of his map, his best course of action, both as regards carrying out his task, and as regards his reconnaissance. (This will enable him to gain a general grasp of the situation).
- iii. Issue a warning order to enable his subordinates to get started.
- iv. Carry out his reconnaissance and make his plan.
- v. Issue his orders - if possible in view of the ground.
- vi. Be sure that his orders have been understood.

THE QUESTION OF WHETHER MT MOVES WITH SUB UNITS OR IS GROUPED IN REAR OF BN.

It was noted at a British exercise recently attended that minimum requirements in weapons, amm, tripods, picks, shovels and other stores which were needed in a certain tactical situation to actually accompany the sub units, were accurately worked out, and the minimum amount of transport required to carry these stores was then detailed to accompany the sub unit concerned, whilst the remaining vehicles were grouped and moved in rear of the Bn. This necessitated varying the normal loads in each truck.

In this exercise the Coy Comd 's P.U. and one truck moved with the marching infantry of each Coy, whilst the remaining 4 light vans of each rifle Coy moved with A Echelon in rear of the Bn.

NOTICE BOARDS

The importance of traffic control by means of notice boards has been clearly brought out.

In one instance the "turn in" to a Bde H.Q. was overshoot for 4 miles, owing to the notice only showing in one direction.

It has been worked out that Bde H.Q. alone will need the following notices :-

NOTICE	NO. REQD	NOTICE	NO. REQD
SIGNAL OFFICE	1	CAR PARK	1
BDE H.Q.	2	HAND YOUR MESSAGE	
		IN HERE	1
OFFICE	1	COOKHOUSE	1
D.Rs STOP HERE	1		
REST AREA	1		

and it is considered that Bns will require all th above notices and probably several more.



VERBAL MESSAGES

Considered less time required to write a brief, clear message, than to make clear to a runner a message, the main point of which is often omitted when delivered.

TRANSPORT

- (a) Smoking whilst driving on duty is strictly forbidden.
- (b) Mirrors of M.T. give position away; arrange to smear with grease.

A.A. SIGHTS

It was noted that several sub units, detailed to engage hostile air craft, failed to have the sights of their rifles raised to 500 yards.

HEADINGS FOR ORDERS

It is of great assistance, and nothing to be ashamed of, to use a card showing headings for orders for attack, defence, etc.

FORMATIONS

A.A. protection of tps advancing to the attack is a point requiring consideration. Suggested that L.A.s from Res Coys might be employed in this role.

SPEED OF ADVANCE - NIGHT ATTACK

The only way to ensure that the slow but correct speed of advance of 100 yards in 3 minutes is maintained, is to detail an officer timekeeper to march in the centre of the front line and insist on maintenance of the correct speed.

CONSOLIDATION AT END OF NIGHT ATTACK

In order to avoid confusion, it is suggested that a Comd, when giving orders for a night attack, should point out to his subordinates by means of a rough sketch, the desired method of consolidation.

SMOKING - NIGHT ATTACK

On no account will smoking be permitted in the Assembly Area.

GUIDES AT F.U.P. - NIGHT ATTACK

When in posn they should lie down so as not to give the posn away and also to prevent them wandering about and losing their position in the dark.

CARRYING PARTIES

- (a) Ration Carrying Parties for troops in defence are normally provided by reserve coys, but for the first night in the defensive posn it might be permissible for men from res pls of fwd coys to carry for the remainder of their coy. In no case however, will men of front line pls be used as ration carriers.
- (b) Carrying parties for Engineer Stores will normally be provided by reserve coys.

SEMAPHORE SIGNALLING

For intercommunication between isolated Pl and even Sec posts a knowledge of semaphore is invaluable, and takes surprisingly little time to learn.



PATROLS

- (a) All fwd coys must automatically provide recce patrols to protect their own front.
- (b) Fighting patrols, which are normally provided by reserve coys only, must move in a formation which will ensure adequate protection. At night a patrol will advance a short distance, perhaps 50 yards, then halt whilst the various secs feel round to ensure that the ground gained is free of the enemy and that no hostile movement is being made against it, before it again makes a stealthy and well protected bound forward.  
A fighting patrol of a pl will advance deployed (probably in pl arrowhead) with each sec deployed with scouts forward and to the exposed flank or flanks. One or two men will ALWAYS follow the patrol one "bound" in rear or to a flank with the dual role of protection and also to enable them to escape in the event of an ambush. These men should keep their patrol in view and yet be able to get away if necessary.
- (c) Standing Patrols must be of sufficient strength to allow 2 men on sentry-go while 4 are resting.
- (d) Instns regarding patrols should be given over the telephone only in exceptional circumstances.
- (e) All concerned must be informed of movement of patrols, which must adhere to the route and times notified in order to avoid being shot.
- (f) Patrols should gain control of No Mans Land on the night of a dawn attack by 2300 hrs at latest.

PROWLERS which Div H.Q. has laid down will in future be known as "patrols", are still unfortunately being employed in the defence.

SENTRIES

All sentries must be doubled at night or in foggy weather.

STAND TO

- (a) Only in exceptional circumstances should men be employed on fatigues during "stand to".
- (b) Sub units should remain "standing to" until ordered to "stand down" by Bn H.Q., after the latter has been informed by patrols etc, that the danger of a dawn or dusk attack has passed.

BATTLE CODE

Suggested battle code for use by signals. Similar codes can be worked out by coys, pls and secs and can be used by O.Ps forward scouts etc.

EA	-	Enemy	Coln reached
EB	-	"	patrol soon
EC	-	"	soon at
ED	-	"	advancing from
EE	-	"	retiring from
EF	-	"	attacking from
EG	-	"	reinforcements advancing along
EH	-	"	aeroplane flying over
EJ	-	"	arty in posn
ES	-	"	M.G. in action
EL	-	"	in action
EM	-	"	observed moving
EN	-	"	unusual activity of inhabitants

P

PA	-	Fighting patrols attacking
PB	-	" " retiring from
PC	-	Recce patrols observed
PD	-	Patrols fired upon from
PE	-	Cl/R Aeroplane brought down
PF	-	" " fired upon from
PG	-	Bde H.Q. moving to
PH	6	Bn H.Q. moving to
PJ	-	Shells falling short by.

Note: Every member of the Sec has a copy of this posted on the back of his message pad



SITUATION	ACTION BY SUPERIOR COMD	CONSEQUENT ACTION BY	RESULT.
DEFENCE	Coy comd receives orders for occupation of defensive posn. According to orders goes himself or sends 2 i/c to RV with C.O. or Bn 2 i/c. Pl Sgts may be taken forward at this stage, or later, depending on situation and Bn orders.	Coy 2 i/c (or comd). Warns and gives infn to all ranks. Check issues, food, amm, tools etc. Pl comds be fully aware of state of pl, check issues, move under 2 i/c's orders. Sec comds warn men of procedure when posn selected.	
	Pl sgts RV with coy comd or 2 i/c are put in picture and allotted pl areas; make recce and allot sec areas.	Coy 2 i/c warns pl comds to warn sec 2 i/c's to RV with Pl sgts. Coy continues towards coy assembly area.	All necessary people are in picture, and posn being recce'd
	Sec 2 i/c's RV with pl sgts, are put in picture and allotted sec areas, make recce and site sec in detail.	Coy arrives assembly area. Coy 2 i/c arranges issue tools, checks amm, food.	Men ready to move straight on to tasks and dig.



D.S. NOTES. (Contd)

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

1. AMM. 2 belts p.g. will be required by each Bn including all available Tracer loaded into one belt and the box clearly marked to avoid confusion.
2. EVENING MEAL.
  - (a) All tps will be fed in their respective positions at 1745 hrs.
  - (b) Each Bn will be responsible for the evening meal of their own tps.
  - (c) Bn cooks and 53 Bn water cart will report to an Offr. (to be detailed) at CROSS ROAD, GREENHILLS AVE and HARRIS CREEK ROAD at 1645 hrs.
  - (d) Transport Personnel will mess in Coy lines.
3. TRANSPORT.
  - (a) All L.G.S. Waggon will return to Coy lines by 1730 hrs for feeding.
  - (b) They will return to their respective Pls. at 2000 hrs.
4. CARRYING PARTIES.
  - (a) Each Pl Comdr will detail 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.Rs. to carry rations and water.
  - (b) All Carrying Parties will report to their C.Q.M.S. at 1730 hrs.
  - (c) On completion of meal all mess gear will be promptly returned by Pls to Coy lines.
5. WEAPONS.
  - (a) On completion of the exercise all guns will be cleared and cleaned and a report to that effect will be sent to the O.C. exercise at GREENHILLS TRIG.
  - (b) After reporting Pls will withdraw to Crossroads where a short discussion will be held and Coy Comdrs will then take charge and return to Camp.
  - (c) The customary Certificate re Firing of Ball Amn. will be handed in by Coy. Comdrs. to their respective Bns.

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SITUATION	ACTION BY SUPERIOR COMD	CONSEQUENT ACTION BY	RESULT.
ATTACK	Coy comd receiving warning to : attack goes to O.G. P. conference. Takes with him 1 runner and his truck. Leaves instns with 2 i/c as to probable RV with pl comds.	Coy 2 i/c (if up, otherwise senior pl comd) warns and gives infn to all ranks. Sends pl comds and CSM to RV with O.C. Check issues food amn, etc. Pl comds be fully aware of the state of pl strength, morale, eqpt etc. Appoint RV with sec comds. Moves to O.C.'s RV taking one runner each, study map. Pl sgts - Check weapons, amn, etc. Sec comds - Move to pl comd's RV make what recce possible and prepare to receive orders.	Something is being done by everybody all the time. NO TIME WASTED.
	Coy comds send warning order to 2 i/c, and appoints coy assembly area.	2 i/c move coy to assembly area - make sure ALL men in the picture. Pl comds receive orders and pass to sec comds. Sec comds warns guides they may be needed.	Everything ready for return of coy, pl and sec comds, and move to Bn assembly area.
	Coy arrives assembly area.	2 i/c ) Watch dispersion, Pl Sgts ) appoint sentries - gas Sec comds) air and A.F.V.'s. Eat, if suitable hour	



MACHINE NIGHT FIRING EXERCISE WITH BALL AMN.

INCLUDING A MAP SHOOT - 2 MAR 37.

Compiled by Capt. G.N. Baker.

REF. MAPS.

- a. LIVERPOOL 1" - 1 Mile.
- b. Enlargement Greenhills Area 8" - 1 Mile.

OBJECTS.

1. To practise Shooting from the Map.
2. To practise the procedure of occupation of a position by day to engage a Target at night.
3. To practise Pl. and Sec. Comdrs in the use of Fire Direction and Fire Control charts.
4. To demonstrate the effect of ground on the beaten zone.
5. To demonstrate how M.Gs could support a raid by means of a barrage.

LESSONS AND REFERENCES.

1. "In a raid.....M.Gs should co-operate by sweeping communication Trenches and lines of enemy approach to the locality raided".  
I.T. Vol II. 18 (3).
2. Night Firing. a. Guns brought into position and laid by day.  
S.A.T. Vol III. 61 (2).  
b. Procedure for occupation of a position for night firing.  
S.A.T. Vol III. 35 (1).
3. Shooting from a map.  
S.A.T. Vol III. 62.
4. The use of Charts for Fire Direction and Control.  
S.A.T. Vol III. 64.
5. Barrage Fire. "When a large number of guns and sufficient ammunition are available, M.Gs. may be employed for barrage fire. This entails firing on definite lines for definite periods, the guns acting under centralized control."  
S.A.T. Vol III. 74.

POINTS DEFINITELY WRONG.



POINTS OF BATTLE PROCEDURE AND DRILL.

Everybody in the picture.

Protection

Sentries :- Air, gas, AFV.

Dispersion.

Orderlies - with O.C's always.

Study maps - look ahead.

Sequence of Orders

Forward for Information or orders.

Battle procedure - something always to be done.

Adm. Lunch - Latrines

Stand to - Sentries' challenge.

Patrols.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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H.Q.  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
FIELD

15 Dec 41.

16 Aust Inf Bde

CARRIER PL.

EXERCISE 10/11 DEC.

The objects and lessons of the above exercise, as affecting the carrier pl, have already been submitted to H.Q. 16 Aust Inf Bde.

The following report on the carrier pl is submitted, as it is thought that some of the faults noted may be common through the Bde, and

1. could be remedied this week at the school.

1. Ground scouting and recce

There appears to be a general and marked lack of appreciation of ground and of intelligent map reading. This led to lack of boldness in making recce, failure to move from vantage point to vantage point, and consequent delay.

- 2; Use of signals

Signals were generally clear, and understood. It is suggested however that sec comds do not realise how vulnerable they make themselves when they stand up to signal. This was noticeable on some occasions when the sec cmd's carrier was in a hull-down position; his standing up skylined him.

3. Dismounted action

There was an apparent reluctance to adopt dismounted action, hull-down positions being preferred to the exclusion of the situation's tactical requirements. This led to carriers being vulnerable from rear and flanks on several occasions, and to lack of normal A/A protection when halted.

4. Bunching was still prevalent.

.....Lt-Col.  
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.



G.R. TRAINING

Syllabus for week commencing 15 Dec 41.

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Mon 15 p.m.	Horse management and Riding	Cpl Hartley	1400 hrs Horse corral
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Thurs 18 a.m.	I Tng	" " "	" " 0830 hrs
Thurs 18 p.m.	Writing of reports, on patrols, recess etc.	I.O. or I Sgt	I Tent 1400 hrs
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Fri 19 p.m.	Explosives & Demolitions	Lieut Blamey	HQ Coy HQ 1400 hrs
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Sat 20 p.m.	Medical Tng	R.M.O.	RAP 1400 hrs

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- R.M.O.
- Sgt Thomas R.R.
- Cpl Hiddins
- RQMS
- A.B.C.D. HQ Coys) For infn
- HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde)
- File
- War Diary



2/2. AUST INF. BN.  
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*W. D. ...* Capt.  
Adj. 2/2 Bn. A.I.F.



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*4/7/41*

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HQ 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.  
FIELD.

2 Dec 41.

I6 Aust Inf Bde.

SECURITY GUARD DUTIES.

85 L of C DAMASCUS.

Ref Bde S/2/I22.

This unit considers 2 weeks a reasonable period.

Shorter will as the Bde Comd says mean too frequent changing over; longer periods of guard duty however might lead to staleness.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

.....Major.  
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn..



H.A.  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn.  
FIELD.  
2 Dec 41.

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LET C.  
INFO.

Following from Bde HQ for info and action :-

HOUSE SECURITY SYSTEM.

1. It is unnecessary to hold the above within camp areas during the working hours of the day and it will be sufficient to mount these security forces at least one hour before dark with a stand-by before dawn.
2. In the case of any contingency arising during the day the duty Coy can be readily informed and dispatched. To facilitate this it will be necessary for the duty security Coy to take with it on defensive work, arms, equipment, clothing etc to execute any tasks in the terms of the security policy already verbally instructed.
3. It is imperative that the maximum number of men are employed on defensive work and not retained in unit areas for any unusual contingency in the daylight hours. However, 24 hour C.P's are to be maintained.
4. Transport will carry out any normal tasks during the day and will not be held as a security reserve during the hours of defensive work when required for other duty.

*W. D. Dunlop*  
..... Capt.  
Adj 2/2 Aust Inf Bn..



I.O.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

S E C R E T

HQ 1 Aust Corps,  
2 Dec 41.  
G.1893

Experiments in Demolitions and Sabotage

Ref this HQ G.1735 of 21 Nov 41, the following further report on above subject is fwded:

"It should be noted that PHE is only available in the ME for very specific tasks. Although experiments were only carried out with this type of explosive it is certain that double the quantity - i.e. 1 lb - of other high power types of service explosive will produce an equal result. Gelignite would appear most suitable, closely followed by Gun Cotton."

*W. Sadler Maj.*  
1st Brig.  
GS 1 Aust Corps

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 2/2 AUST INF BN.  
FIELD  
15 DEC. 41.

SECRET

ALL COYS


SECURITY OF INFORMATION

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the following extract from a captured German document.

" Very valuable information has been obtained from the Diaries of British and Dominion prisoners of war"

It is pointed out that personnel going into action, or into areas where there is a possibility of contact with the enemy, are forbidden to carry any personnel papers which could possibly be of use to the enemy. Failure to observe this rule is an offence against discipline.

Will Coy Comdrs please promulgate this to all ranks.

  
.....LIEUT  
I.O. 2/2 AUST INF BN



LHR/

A.O.

S.A. 2/2 ADJT INF BN.  
1 DEC 41.

LIST C

TRAINING WEEK COMMENCING 1 DEC 41.

Syllabus is altered as follows:-

Thursday 4 Dec

B. COY

D. "

E. "

Eng under Coy arrangements.

C COY - Coy exercise under En arrangements,  
to be notified later.

A " - will continue digging.

SATURDAY 6 DEC.

A Coy; will do coy exercise under En arrangements,  
to be notified later.

Other Coys will continue digging.

*J. Dunlop*

..... CAPT.  
ADJT 2/2 ADJT INF BN.

*copy to [unclear]*



SECRET

LIST 'C'

H.Q. 2/2 AUST INF BN.  
FIELD  
1 DEC 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY IN QATANA AREA.

The following is recounted for general info and to show the necessity for the OP's and Mobile Coy at present being supplied.

As a result of reports of extraordinary visits by civilian cars, lowflying aircraft in vicinity, and other suspicious activities, a house in RAS EL AIN (Map MBDAHI ref 17962774) was raided yesterday by an English Unit.

These articles were found in the house:-

Grenades,  
BAA and Veray Amn  
A Telescope  
A Veray Pistol.

*W. D. Dunlop*

..... CAPT.  
ADJT 2/2 AUST INF BN.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Ref File S/2/122

Headquarters,  
16 Aust Inf Bde.

2 Dec 41.

2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn  
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SECURITY GUARD DUTIES  
85 L of C DAMASCUS.

1. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn are at present carrying out the above duties which require an approximate strength of one Coy plus one Pl.
2. The Commander desires C.O.'s views on the most suitable period for the unit period of duty; each Bn to carry out the above duties in turn.
3. The period may be for a week, fortnight, month etc - the longer period seems to be the best idea as much time would be lost by units in too frequent change-overs.

*2 weeks.*

*A.H. Hammer*

.....Major.  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde.



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H.Q. 2/2 AVIATION BR.  
FIELD.  
2 Dec 41.

LIST "C"  
LIEUT SWAIN.

CIVILIAN LABOUR.

1. GENERAL

(a) To enable defensive works to be pushed ahead civilian labour is being allotted to units for work on scarping, posts etc. Civilian labourers will be available 3 Dec and thereafter daily.

(b) This unit is allotted 200. They are organised into gangs of 30 under a foreman.

(c) They are being collected and returned daily by unit vehs from and to meeting point near SAUSAGE WOOD, under arrangements notified separately to M.F.O.

2. ALLOCATION TO COYS.

En HQ will allocate. At present the labourers will be used for scarping only, and will commence 3 Dec on A Coy's post.

3. CONTROL.

Labourers will NOT at present come under Coy control. They will be under Comd of En Works Offr (Lieut Swain). The following men are appointed overseers until further notice:-

Pte		A Coy ( Name to be advised by Coy)
"		B "
"		C "
"	Ford O.A.	D

Lieut Swain will sub-allocate responsibilities of above men.

4. OVERSEERS. As above, will live with the coy in whose area the labourers are working and will be attached to that coy for rations and quarters, and for discipline outside working hours. They will report to A Coy by 1800 hrs 3 Dec.

5. PROCEDURE; 3 Dec and succeeding days.

0845 hrs labourers transferred to unit vehs, Sausage Wood.

0900 - 0915 - Labourers should arrive A Coy. Met by Lieut Swain and 4 overseers. Put immediately to work.

1715 - Unit tpt reports A Coy, returns labourers to Sausage Wood by 1740.

6. TOOLS - RATIONS.

Labourers will arrive complete with tools and lunch.

*W. D. Dunlop*  
..... CAPT.  
ADJUTANT 2/2 AVIATION BR.

*Wm Swain*  
*BY*



"D'Long  
Field  
2 Dec 41.

The Adit.  
M. Bn.

Ref: Mountain Warfare

1. Present PL WE. & rations required, seriously impairs mobility.
2. It is therefore suggested that sufficient pack transport be made available and that it be brought down to PL control as control by larger formations often becomes cumbersome & impracticable.
3. In the event of pack transport being unavailable, consideration should be given to (a) minimum WE. and (b) the provision of concentrated rations.
4. If we have air superiority the difficulty may be largely overcome by dropping supplies by parachute.
5. Suggested omissions from WE. are:-
  - (a) all spare clothing except one pair of socks.
  - (b) extra pair boots (but ensure that all men are wearing a good pair).
  - (c) Drum type magazines for T.S.M.G. in view of weight and awkwardness.
  - (d) Bren mags in excess of one box of 12 per gun.
  - (e) AT. Rifles from PLs to centralised carriage by Pn.
  - (f) possibly some ammunition.
6. Suggested additions to WE. are:-
  - (a) Bivouac tent type ground sheet. This is considered one of the most important lessons learned in Greece.
7. Recce: It is suggested that the I. Sec be augmented by specially selected and trained personnel, so that early & detailed information regarding routes &c can be made available to all sub-units.
8. Training of all Secs as roving patrols & in methods of infiltration in small bodies.  
Training of men as snipers & in guerrilla tactics.  
Harassing tactics & raiding parties should be largely employed.

W. H. West  
Capt.  
D. C. Day



"C" Coy

2 Dec 41

Ref  
2/2 Rev.

Suggestions for Mountain warfare:

1. The organization is to be self-supporting with cooks & messes for preparing hot drinks & lunch.
2. A  $10\frac{1}{2}\%$  increase in turned food to enable all men to have sufficient food.
3. Int. line of <sup>of the</sup> one blanket, substitute one khaki gaiter sheet.
4. One horse or mule per Coy for same purposes.
5. News bulletins for troops, specially in hilly country.
6. Long of Sec. To be able to operate on own initiative.
7. High standard of map reading for all ranks.

A. B. B. Capt  
"C" Coy



B. Coy.  
2/2 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
2 Dec 41

Adjt.

## Notes on Mountain Warfare

1. Our present W.E. is not suited for Mountain warfare, if, we are compelled to use infantry for all types of warfare, due to lack of manpower, our first task is to arrive at two W.E. scales, one for normal infantry tasks the other we may call a "Mountain" scale, the former we have but we are to consider now, the latter.
2. In no way should we be tied down to either of the above scales, the material must always be ready for us to change from one scale to another because present day warfare is so fast moving that had we been tied down to our "Mountain" scale we could never keep contact with the enemy when we did come to easier going.
3. Note from our Experiences in Greece.
  - (a) Hold high ground
  - (b) As counter attack is difficult we must hold any feature to our front or flanks by strong standing Patrols (Coy.)



- (c) Man Management, kits should be as light as possible and halts made every half hour at least.
- (d) Boots well studded.
- (e) Wide fronts cannot be held because ~~of~~<sup>B</sup> infiltration is easy in such country.
- (F) Coy. should be self contained for a week at least, a daily supply system would be hopeless.
- (G.) Comm. by radio down to Pls, especially in an attacking action.
- (H) Comds. down to Coy. should be issued with a horse for Rec & control.
4. Salvage. Special section, fitted with wagons and horses for removal of salvage from dumps, another section of A.T. carts for collection from forward areas.
5. M.T. what M.T. is still with Bdis should be Brigaded and taken to rear of "B" echelon, needs only Comm. with Bde H.Q.

W. Green Capt.  
O.C. "B" Coy.



Aloy  
2 Dec 41.

Adjt  
2/R Bn.

Notes on Mountain Warfare.

The following suggestions are made <sup>as</sup> to the training of units for mountain warfare:

- (i) The correct use of ropes to raise and lower trucks, loads, bundles etc down steep slopes
- (ii) Correct packing of loads on mules
- (iii) Training of men in mountain manoeuvres
- (iv) Requeuing of hills and roads by infantry
- (v) Visual signal training for infantrymen
- (vi) Use of sanyas, concealment, camouflage
- (vii) Use of explosives by infantrymen to create roadblocks by landslides etc.
- (viii) Siting of roadblocks
- (ix) Effect of all weapons (artillery and infantry) in mountainous country.

B. H. Drans Capt.  
for OC. A Coy.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Please quote:  
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HQ 2/2 Aust Inf Bn,  
FIELD,  
3 Dec 41.

16 Aust Inf Bde

NOTES ON WARFARE IN MOUNTAINOUS COUNTRY  
Bde file T/1/178

This unit suggests consideration of the following:-

1. TRAINING

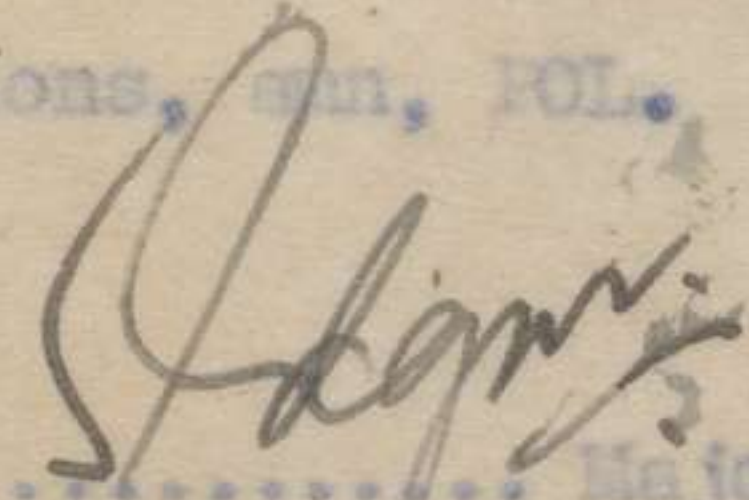
- (a) Marching in single file, and the passing of orders on the march, to improve endurance and illustrate the difficulties of control in movement over narrow mountain tracks.
- (b) Compass work and map reading; a high standard is required of all ranks.
- (c) Recce - of routes forward, and lines of withdrawal.

2. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

- (a) Signals. Present scale of 8 Don V telephones and 8 miles of cable is totally inadequate for mountain warfare. This unit has had up to 27 miles of cable laid, every mile of which was operationally necessary. On occasion Coys have been 3 hours mountain march from Bn HQ. Provision of 108 sets is not a complete answer as
  - (i) silence may be imposed
  - (ii) range is too limited.
- (b) Pack tpt. This unit is not experienced with pack tpt and cannot at this stage recommend any alterations to the scale suggested by Ninth Army. It is obvious however that pack tpt is essential.
- (c) Bivouac shelters should be issued as a personal issue.
- (d) Cookers or primuses on a scale of one per section, allowed for in mule loadings.
- (e) Horses on a scale of one per coy, for recce.
- (f) Increased rations to offset cold and hunger in mountains.
- (g) Studs for boots.
- (h) Leather coats.
- (i) Waterproofs.

3. FOOD

Early establishment of forward dumps of rations, etc., POL.

  
..... Major.  
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.



*R/s 2 Dec*  
*File*

Ref File T/1/178

Headquarters,  
16 Aust Inf Bde.

28 Nov 41.

2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn  
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NOTES ON WARFARE IN MOUNTAINOUS COUNTRY

*Following letter has been rec'd from Bde:-*

GHQ, MEF are endeavouring to produce a pamphlet on the above subject and correspondence which has passed from GHQ, MEF is attached for information regarding the type of material they require.

Units have had some experience in LIBYA, GREECE and SYRIA and it is requested that this matter be fully discussed and any suggestions or practical experience forwarded to this HQ by 3 Dec 41. It is an opportunity for units to bring forward any problems experienced during the various campaigns in the mountainous type of warfare.

*Will Coy Comdts please send (in note form only) their suggestions by 2 Dec.*

*H.H. Hammer*  
.....Major.  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde.

*Return B19*



1.0. War diary

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Please quote:  
T/20/1

HQ 2/2 Aust Inf Bn,  
FIELD,  
3 Dec 41.

16 Aust Inf Bde

NOTES ON WARFARE IN MOUNTAINOUS COUNTRY

Bde file T/1/178

This unit suggests consideration of the following:-

1. TRAINING

(a) Marching in single file, and the passing of orders on the march, to improve endurance and illustrate the difficulties of control in movement over narrow mountain tracks.

(b) Compass work and map reading; a high standard is required of all ranks.

(c) Recce - of routes forward, and lines of withdrawal.

2. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

(a) Signals. Present scale of 8 Don V telephones and 8 miles of cable is totally inadequate for mountain warfare. This unit has had up to 27 miles of cable laid, every mile of which was operationally necessary. On occasion Coys have been 3 hours mountain march from Bn HQ. Provision of 108 sets is not a complete answer as

- (i) silence may be imposed
- (ii) range is too limited.

(b) Pack tpt. This unit is not experienced with pack tpt and cannot at this stage recommend any alterations to the scale suggested by Ninth Army. It is obvious however that pack tpt is essential.

(c) Bivouac shelters should be issued as a personal issue.

(d) Cookers or primuses on a scale of one per section, allowed for in mule loadings.

(e) Horses on a scale of one per coy, for recce.

(f) Increased rations to offset cold and hunger in mountains.

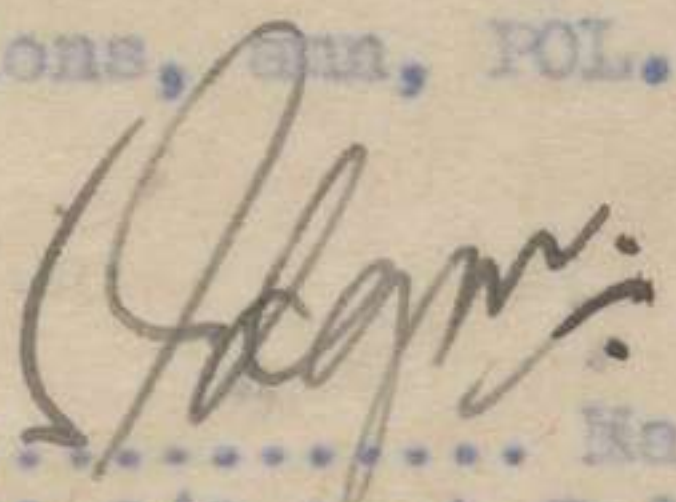
(g) Studs for boots.

(h) Leather coats.

(i) Waterproofs.

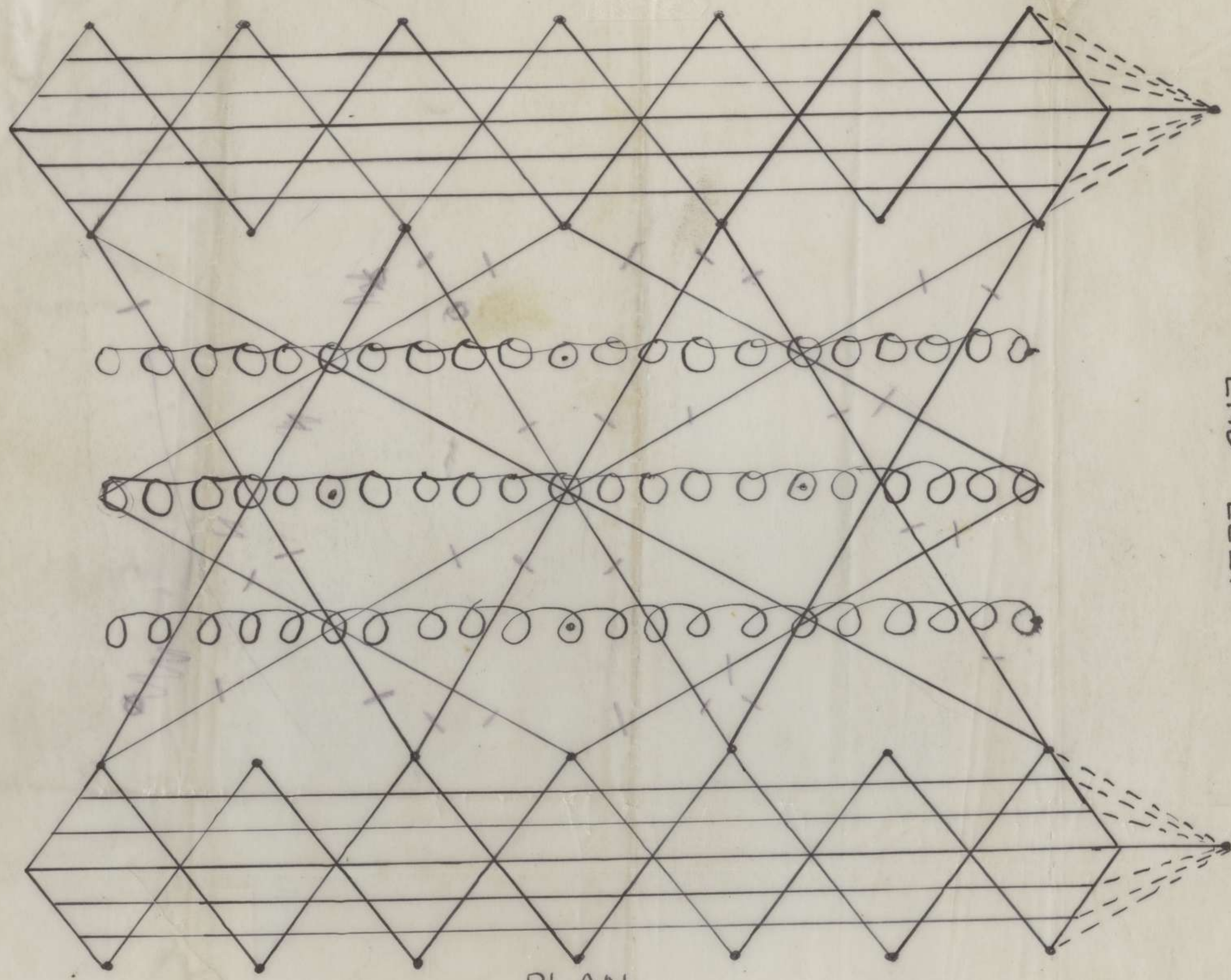
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Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.



SCALE :  $\frac{1}{8}$ " 1 foot CAMP ↑

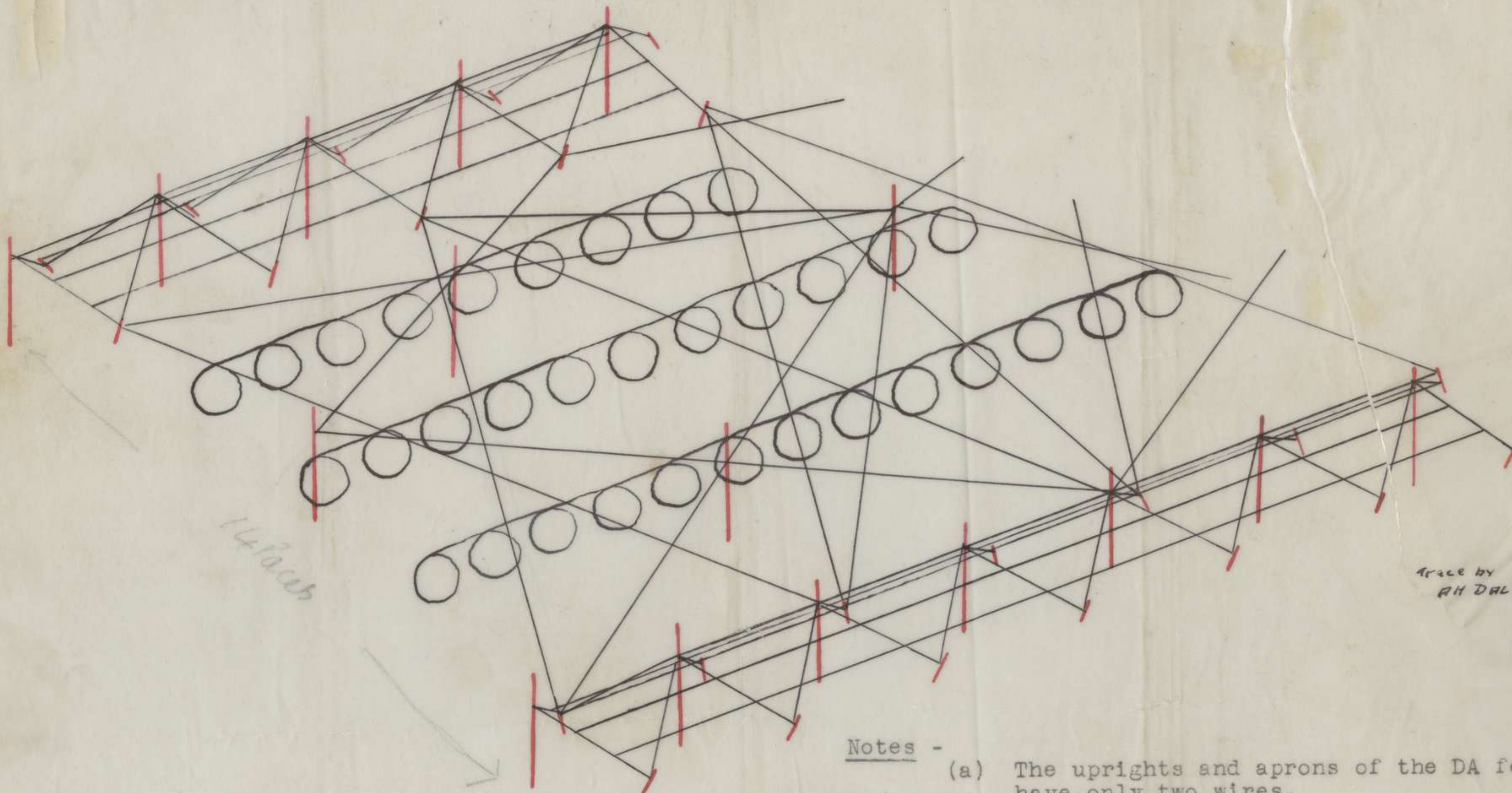


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ISOMETRIC SKETCH : BARBED - WIRE ENTANGLEMENT



14 faces

Trace by  
AH DALGETY

Notes -

- (a) The uprights and aprons of the DA fence have only two wires.
- (b) All trip wires pass over Dannert and are loose.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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Ref File T/1/183

Headquarters  
16 Aust Inf Bde

3 Dec 41

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- 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
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CROSSING OF WIRE OBSTACLES

1. The recent demonstration held at BAALBECK disclosed the ease with which wire obstacles could be crossed.
2. A suggested method of wiring has been put forward, and it is desired that tests be carried out to test its effectiveness..
3. The suggested "wiring", a plan of which is attached, uses only the same quantity of wire as a double DA fence. The shortening of long pickets gives a saving of 27% of metal.
4. A scale model of this wiring is available for inspection at this H.Q.
5. Units will arrange for a section of this wire to be erected and tests carried out with a view to ascertaining :-
  - (a) Its Obstacle value.
  - (b) Its probable use in wadis <sup>etc</sup> in defensive areas which are being prepared.

Reports will be rendered to this H.Q. by 10 Dec 41.

*Files work offered to erect. after inspecting model*

*A. H. Hammer*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde



ADJT,  
2/2 Bn.RAID ON YAFOUR.

The raid was carried out on Yafour village yesterday at approx 1450 hrs. A search of the village commenced at about 1500 hrs and was continued until approx 1730 hrs.

A recce party moved up first and asked for the Muktah. In his absence the villager apparently in charge was informed that a search would be made, and that the villagers were to vacate the village. He was kept under watch. An offr and 3 men entered the village to ensure all were out before the search commenced. Meanwhile one Pl surrounded the village, to ensure that one left the area. One Pl segregated the inhabitants as they came out.

The Third Pl carried out the search both inside and in the environs of the village. The method adopted was to divide the searching Pl into 4 parties consisting of 4 men under an NCO. One party searched outside and the other 3 were each allotted a section of the village. Each of the latter parties carried two torches each. The doors of all rooms searched were marked in chalk with the initials of the NCO in charge, and the search number.

In the absence of the Muktah the villager in charge opened all locked doors and etc. The search was as thorough as possible in the circumstances, but owing to the size of the village, the nature of the roofs, and the fact that much fodder, chaff, hay, grain, and etc, was stacked inside it was impossible to make a complete search in the time.

No resistance was encountered and in general every assistance was given. Nothing of much military value was found, no doubt due to the fact that the adjoining village was raided the previous day.

After the search females were filed past and males searched prior to re-entering the village. Two complaints of theft were made immediately the inhabitants were allowed to re-enter.

An offr investigated them, accompanied by the interpreter and the head villager. He ascertained the both were in reference to adjoining houses by members of the same family, and reported that the charges had no foundation, and that the both, the interpreter and the head man, concurred to that view.

All men taking part were searched before embussing outside the village, no loot being found on them. Every effort was taken to prevent unnecessary damage.

Nine torches were carried on the raid, it is recommended that in future as many torches as possible be carried.

This is essential owing to the nature of the building.

The following were collected ;

- 1 Coil concertina wire,
- 1 Long and 5 short pickets,
- 1 Mud Guard numbered, 55
- 7 2 Gal water tins,
- 3 Shovels,
- 2 Picks,
- 1 Pick handle,
- 3 Water Bottles,
- 2 Pouches universal,
- 2 Ladels,
- 1 Collapsible form,
- 1 Box for Mortar bombs,
- 1 respirator haversack,
- 1 Bren Mag and 3 springs,
- 2 Dixie Lids,
- 1 Mess tin.

(Sgd) .J.C..RISHWORTH. Capt.



The Adjt  
2/2 Bn

"D" Coy  
Field  
3 Dec 41

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- 3 shovels
- 2 picks
- 1 pick handle
- 3 water bottles
- 2 pouches universal
- 2 ladles
- 1 collapsible form
- 1 box for mortar bombs
- 1 respirator haversack
- 1 Bren magazine & 3 springs
- 2 dice lids
- 1 mess tin

Whitworth Capt.  
oc. D by



ADJT  
2/2 BNRAID - SABOURA 2 DEC  
Ref Map ZEBDANI 1/50,000

1. OBJECT; ;
  - (a) To search village in order to recover any Army Stores and equipment.
  - (b) To put on a show of force to impress local inhabitants.
2. STRENGTH; Coy HQ and two pls of one & Twenty Five.
3. TRANSPORT; Supplied by Bde and Bn. 1x 2 ton & 3 x CAS.
4. METHOD; Embussed at C Coy HQ at approx 1415 and proceeded in convoy, 100<sup>x</sup> between vehicles, along direct route to SABOURA as far as 1853 1732 . Here a recce was made. Pls were issued the following final orders;-
  - (a) Enclircling Pl (13pl) to drive straight to village, one truck to go either side and form cordon around village.
  - (b) Searching Pl , (15 pl) to stop at edge of village, debuss, form into 6 groups of 1.NCO and 3 men, to deploy and carry on & the search.
  - (c) Coy HQ ; call on Muktah and give him the compliments of the day.
  - (d) HQ established on road at edge of village with R.A.P.
  - (e) Coy HQ supply guard for <sup>persons</sup> persons and booty. (i) Each person to be numbered on forehead with indellible pencil & list of articles
  - (f) Any firing heard all searching parties would converge to (recorded that point and form a cordon to keep disturbance localised.
  - (g) If assistance required by searching pl, 2<sup>nd</sup> lights would be fired, and enclircling pl would form up at HQ and receive orders.
  - (h) Every house, building, heaps of straw, manure and forewood, rubbish, hedges, stones to be thoroughly searched.
  - (i) Each house searched, doors and wall to be marked with a V.
  - (j) If inhabitants refuses to open door, refer it to HQ.
  - (k) Pl comds gave their orders and Coy moved off.
5. PERSONS; 6 were taken from house in which articles were found, and one was discovered wearing army boots.
  - Nol. 3 Amn boxes, sig wire, 1 pouch,
  - " 2. Pr shorts, tin hat, amn box, mag box, water tin.
  - " 3. 1 pack, 7 sandbags, singlet and gas cape.
  - " 4. 4 Mortar boxes, Anti gas ointment.
  - " 5. 1 haversack,
  - " 6. Amn boxes, sig wire, water bottle.

These were handed over to Bde on return to Coy Lines.
6. Raid was carried out according to plan.
7. Inhabitants did not seem to be perturbed, and it appeared that a raid was more or less expected. Muktah gave all assistance possible.
8. At early stages inhabitants would not unlock doors, one was broken down with satisfactory results.
9. The raid would have been greatly simplified had their been a 3rd Pl to picket village and stop all movement.

( Sgd) A.A. Buckley Capt.







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No 1 3 <sup>ammo</sup> boxes, 1 rifle, 1 pack

No 2 1 pack slits - ; 1 tin lat, <sup>ammo</sup> water bottle, mag. box, water tin

No 3 1 pack 7 sandbags, 1 mag. lat. Gun case

No 4 4 mule loads, anti gun outfit

No 5 1 dem pack

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A. Buckley Capt  
W. Gray



B Coy.  
2/2 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
2 Dec 41

Adjt,

Report on Raid.

1. I was the Comdr. of the Coy. which raided the village of Ras el Ain
2. After receiving orders from the Adjt to prepare for the raid the Coy was turned out and ready to move with full W.E., less Grenades, at 1355.
3. After reporting to Bn. H.Q. and meeting representative from Bde H.Q. I proceeded to the Coy. rendezvous where the 2/c had assembled the troops, this was at road junction 1840 1712 (ref map Catania 1:50,000.
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Information: as given by Bde H.Q. representative  
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Among the booty collected ~~was~~ were a number of primed hand grenades, large quantities of wire and pickets, signal cable, web equipment, bayonets, cooking utensils and mess tin, shoes, respirators and clothing.

The village people did not resist the searching party, nor, did they show any signs of being hostile.

The search was concluded at approx 1700 hrs. all booty and prisoners were handed over to a Bde H.Q. representative.

Before leaving the village area the whole party were thoroughly searched for "loot", on completion of the above the party embarked and moved back to camp area, where I reported to Bde H.Q.

Offgner Capt.  
O.C. B. Coy.



## Suggestions for Future Raids

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(Sgd) C.H. GREEN CAPT.



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"B" COY  
2/2 AUST INF BN.  
2 DEC 41.

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( Sgd ) C.H. GREEN CAPT.  
O.C. B COY.

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LGP/

## TRAINING SYLLABUS.

26 NOV - 13 Dec 41.

H.Q. 2/2 AUST INF BN.

Serial No.	Date-unit	Sub-unit	Type of tng.	Details	Time	Location	Remarks.
1.	24 Nov to 13 Dec incl less one day per week	All Coys		Digging & Wiring Defence posn			TEWTS for Offrs and NCO's will be conducted.
2.	27 Nov	A Coy	(i) W.T.	(i) Close order drill, bayonet tng weapons & gas recapitulation, (ii) Crushing of wire obstacles,	:0830-1230: :1400-1600:	Coy area " "	Reinforcements will receive musketry instn.
3.	4 Dec	A Coy	Coy	Coy in dawn attack Consolidation and subsequent advance.	:0530	To be recce'd	"
4.	11 Dec	A Coy	Pl W.T.	Pls as patrols Bayonet tng; weapon & gas recapitulation.	:0830-1230: :1400-1600:	To be recce'd Coy area	"
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8.	27 Nov	C Coy	(i) W.T. (ii) Sec & Pl	Close order drill Weapon & Gas recapit. Bren fixed line & range card. Crushing wire obstacles.	0830-1230	Coy Area	"



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11	27 Nov.	D Coy	(i) Pl. (ii) W.T. (iii) Individual	Close order drill. Trip wires booby traps etc. Bayonet tng & weapon recapit. Gas Recapit. - general knowledge	0830 0915 1030 1400	Coy area.	
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14	27 Nov.	HQ Coy	(i) Signals (ii) 2 Pl. (iii) 3 Pl (iv) 4 Pl (v) 5 Pl	(i) Drill/procedure Gas, weapon Tng (ii) W.T. and gas recapit. (iii) Mortar drill, Gas recapit. (iv) Maintenance, weapon Tng (v) Ed eng. gas recapit.			Coy drill each morning. HQ Coy details will take part in Coy exercise



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			(iv) 4 Pl.	(iv) Maintenance, Weapon Tng	:	:	Coy exercise.
			(v) 5 Pl	(v) Fd Eng'g. gas recapit.	:	:	
16	11 Dec.		(i) Signals	(i) Drill and procedure Gas, Weapon Tng	:	:	Coy drill each morning.
			(ii) 2 Pl	(ii) W.T. and Gas Recapit.	:	:	H.Q. Coy details
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			(iv) 4 Pl	(iv) Maintenance, weapon Tng	:	:	Coy exercise.
			(v) 5 Pl	(v) Fd Eng. Gas Recapit.	:	:	



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H.Q. 2/2 AUST INF BN.  
FIELD.  
4 DEC 41.

16 AUST INF BDE.

RAIDS ON VILLAGES.

Herewith copies of reports:-

- Capt C.H. Green, - RAS EL AIN.
- " J.C. Rishworth - YAFOUR.
- " A.A. Buckley - SABOURA.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

..... Lt-col.  
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.





AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Quote: 5353/L1/2.

HEADQUARTERS,  
6 Aust. Div.

16 Aust Inf Bde (3)

12 DEC. 1941

APPLICATIONS FOR RETURN TO AUSTRALIA ON COMPASSIONATE  
GROUNDS.

NX 24052	Pte. Robertson W.D.	-	2/2	Aust Inf Bn
NX 7958	" Rayner A.R.V.	-	2/3	Aust Inf Bn
NX 9564	" Shipley A.	-	2/3	Aust Inf Bn

Ref 16 Aust Inf Bde letter L/1/26 dated 26 Nov 41.

Full consideration has been given to each of the above applications and it is not intended to recommend them at this juncture.

The applications and supporting documents are returned herewith for re-submission at a future date should further evidence become available which in your opinion warrants reconsideration of any of the above applications.

*M Sheppard Major*  
per Col.  
A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 Aust. Div.

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2/2 Aust Inf Bn ✓  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn

Forwarded. Applications being retained  
at this H.Q.

*Blaney* .....Capt.  
S.C. 16 Aust Inf Bde



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Subject:- Cercle des Officiers.

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Headquarters  
85 Base Sub-Area

The Committee of the Officers Club (Cercle des Officiers de Damas) would be very grateful if Os.C. units would draw the attention of Officers to the question of bringing guests to the Club.

It is laid down that Officers must enter in the book in the cloak room full details of guests brought in, and that the host will be held responsible for the conduct of his guests.

The tradition of the Club is that Syrians are only very occasionally invited and then with attention to their suitability.

An acceptable action was that of a British Officer who asked one of the French Committee if he might invite some Syrian friends to the private Dining Room; permission was at once given.

The reverse was the case of a provisional member who filled a corner of the Club with a large batch of Syrian friends for the first five evenings of his attendance.

Officers therefore are asked to be particularly careful in this matter, and, if any doubt as to whether to introduce Syrian guests, to enquire from some French member of the committee.

Suggestions from British members of the Club are given careful consideration by the committee. They should be sent to either of the undersigned Officers, who will bring them forward at the next committee meeting.

(Sgd) O. MYERS, Capt. (Sgd) H. F. MOORE, Capt.

LIST "C" - ALL OFFICERS WILL READ THE ABOVE

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9/16/11  
File  
Coy  
C.B. PARADES AND PUNISHMENTS

1. Until further notice persons awarded C.B. punishment will report as under :-

0630 hrs	to	C.S.M.	at	Coy	Orderly	Room.	<u>Dress</u>	: Full marching Ord. (shorts shirt etc.)
0745	"	"	"	"	"	"	<u>Dress</u>	: S.D. (Belts)
1330 hrs	"	Orderly Cpl	at	coy	O/Room		<u>Dress</u>	: Full marching Ord.
1630	"	"	"	"	"	"	<u>Dress</u>	: Marching Order (KD Slacks sweaters)
2000	"	"	"	"	"	"	<u>Dress</u>	: SD Great coats web belt.
2200	"	"	"	"	"	"	<u>Dress</u>	: Marching order (KD Trousers)

2. Under no circumstances will C.B. interfere with normal parades. Men will appear at all times wearing steel helmets and respirators.

Whilst on C.B. men will not be granted any leave.

Orderly Cpl and CSM will make an inspection of dress at each reporting time and will report any irregularities to O.C.

Men reporting late or incorrectly dressed will automatically do an extra days C.B.

Both at 1330 hrs and 1630 hrs defaulters will do an half hours digging on defensive positions under supervision of Orderly Cpl.

When reporting in marching order packs and haversacks will contain :-

Packs : Blanket, groundsheet, KD Trousers when not worn.

Haver sacks : Mess gear, towel, toilet gear and waterbottle

C.S.M. will prepare a defaulter's book in which will be entered time and initials of men reporting.



(COPY)

SECRET

Quote: 6039/E2/3

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters  
6 Aust Div  
14 Dec 41.

Sigs 6 Aust Div.  
16 Aust Inf Bde  
17 Aust Inf Bde  
19 Aust Inf Bde

SIGNAL EQUIPMENT 6 AUST DIV - RETURNED TO 2 ADV ORD DEPOT.

Shown hereunder is a copy of a report received from HQ AIF (ME).

Please submit to this HQ a report from units regarding the condition of Signal Equipment returned to 2 AOD prior to leaving Pal for Syria.

(Sgd) E. BOWSER, Major  
for Col.  
AA & QMG 6 Aust Div.

(COPY)

1 Aust Sig Pk Sec  
Attd Aust Base Ord Depot  
18 Nov 41

CSO  
AIF (ME)

SIGNAL EQUIPMENT 6 AUST DIV - RETURNED TO 2 AOD.

It is reported please, that Signal equipment returned from 6 Aust Div, for handing over to 9 Aust Div, was received by RSD 2 AOD in such a condition that it will be necessary for it to go through an AOD before it can be re-issued. In addition there are many deficiencies of essential parts necessary for the operation of W/T Sets, Wavemeters and Fullerphones. The main items are as follows : Connectors, Keys Transmitting, Valves, Vibrator parts, HT units for Wavemeter, Leads for Wavemeter and Receivers H/Gear for Fullerphones.

The Sig Pk Sec attached to 2 AOD are preparing a report on damage and deficiency, which will be forwarded through the Ordnance channel to the proper authority.

It would be appreciated please, if an instruction could be issued to all units stressing the necessity of careful handling and carriage of all Signal equipment returned to Ordnance Depots or Workshops.

(Sgd) ???H.S. Coy, Capt.  
OC 1 Aust Sig Pk Sec

*g*



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters  
16 Aust Inf Bde  
15 Dec 41

Ref File S/5/98

2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
✓ 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

SIGNAL EQUIPMENT 6 AUST DIV - RETURNED TO 2 A.O.D.

Attached hereto please find memo relative to the above.

[ Reports will be submitted to reach this HQ by 19 Dec 41.

*Harvey*  
.....Capt.  
S.C. 16 Aust Inf Bde

*Eng officer to  
report on details  
R*



4/12/41

H.Q.  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
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**CONFIDENTIAL**

15 Dec 41.

H.Q. COY

APPLICATION FOR RETURN TO AUSTRALIA ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS

NX 24052 PTE ROBERTSON W.D. 2/2 AUST INF BN.

6 Aust Div advises :

Full consideration has been given to the above application and it is not intended to recommend at this juncture.

Please inform ROBERTSON.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
.....Capt.  
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.



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H.Q.  
R/2 Aust Inf Bn  
FIELD

16 Dec 41

LIST C.

BDE BOX

1. Among other things which the Bn exercise 10/11 Dec showed most of us had forgotten was the Bde Box system of movement. Conceived for desert movement, a Box might well be suitable in parts of SYRIA or elsewhere. In any case knowledge of it must be the part of the military knowledge of every offr and NCO of the Bn.
2. Attached to A and H.Q. Coys copies of this memo are :-
  - (a) Lt-Col (then Major) J.R. CAMPBELL'S lecture at HELWAN, with diagrams.
  - (b) Notes on mistakes in the first exercise.
  - (c) Bn Instrn re evacuation of casualties in a Box
3. The above should be read by all offr and made the subject of lecturettes to pls etc. In the absence of a blackboard a cleared piece of ground with stones of different sizes representing units, tpt, guns, etc., should suffice to give the men the idea.
4. The documents attached to A and H.Q. Coys' copies of this memo will be passed

By A Coy to D Coy by 25 Dec 41.  
 By H.Q. Coy to C Coy by 25 Dec 41.  
 By C Coy to B Coy by mutual arrangement.

Both sets of documents will be returned to this H.Q. by 10 Jan 42.

*J. W. D. ...*  
 .....Capt.  
 Adj't R/2 Aust Inf Bn.



1/20/41

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H.Q.  
2/8 Aust Inf Bn  
FIELD

18 Dec 41

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- By C Coy to B Coy by mutual arrangement.

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*W. D. ...*  
..... Capt.  
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.



# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 432

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN  
*War Dept*  
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*A B C D IN Coys Bn HQ*

*Bn HQ*

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

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NHG/

2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

FIELD.

16 Dec 41.

LIST C.

TRAINING GENERALLY.

1. It is fully realised that such things as the Bde Box (attached) and other matters about which paper will shortly be issued by this office cannot be properly taught or learnt by paper.
2. But it is felt that paper is better than nothing ; and the present situation allows such limited time for training, and there is so much to be remembered and/or taught that on many points there can be nothing but paper at present.
3. Though the main energies of Offrs must continue to be directed to the preparation of the defensive posn, opportunity must be created and seized to keep Offrs, N.C.O's and men thinking tactically, remembering the tricks of their trade, and NOT becoming merely navvies.
4. That is the reason for the issue of so much paper.

*W. G. Dunlop*  
.....Capt.  
Adjnt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn..



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters  
16 Aust Inf Bde  
17 Dec 41

Ref File T/1/208

2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn

TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

1. The following instruction is based on the latest 6 Aust Div tng policy which has been formulated in an endeavour to achieve uniformity of training within the Div.

2. At the beginning of each calendar month this HQ will notify units of any points that are required to be included in the succeeding months tng.

3. In accordance with these instructions units will prepare a syllabus covering one calendar month. These will be rendered in duplicate, to this HQ by 15th of the previous month and will show :-

(a) The approximate number of hours available for tng in the month and, separately, the number of nights.

(b) Any directions issued by this HQ as to the time to be spent on special subjects. Night work will be shown separately.

(c) Dates and places of unit tactical or adm exercises. The object and scope of the exercises will be shown.

(d) Dates and places of important experiments or demonstrations with explosives, tanks, arty, pillboxes, etc.

4. Programmes will be rendered in accordance with the following pro-forma :-

(a) Coy or Bn Exercises

Date and Duration	Place	Unit on Exercises	Day or Night	Object and Scope
4 Jan. 6 hrs	QATANA	A Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	Day	Coy in attack involving crossing of gassed area
9 Jan 12 hrs	QATANA	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	Day & Night	Bn attack incl approach march over mountains using pack tpt
11 Jan 6 hrs	QATANA	D Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	Night	Wiring, digging and laying of minefield.

5. In addition to the above units will prepare detailed syllabi one week in advance, and will submit copies to this HQ. These syllabi will also be made available for examination by Div representatives who will be conducting regular tours of inspection.

*A. H. Hammer*  
.....Major,  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde



Ref File T/1/207

Headquarters  
16 Aust Inf Bde

17 Dec 41

2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn  
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TRAINING POLICY - Jan, 1942

1. The following phases of tng will be included in syllabi prepared for the month of Jan.
  - (a) Use of Pack Tpt (where applicable). To include rapid loading and unloading, movement with Pack 1st Line Tpt over mountainous country, and mule management generally.
  - (b) Range Practices.
  - (c) Staff and Signal Exercises (where applicable). At least one exercise to be carried out by each Bn, etc, HQ working down to Coys.
  - (d) Gas Tng, incorporated in tactical exercises.
2. Night Tng
  - (a) Practice in digging and wiring by-night. This may be carried out as part of normal works programme.
  - (b) Deep patrolling in mountainous country.
  - (c) Perfection of a drill for a Coy carrying out a night attack at short notice.
3. Wet Weather Tng.
  - (a) Practice for all offr in use of R/T.
  - (b) Maintenance of No 108 Set by Bn Sigs. An instr will be made available for this on application.
  - (c) Lectures for offr and senior NCOs on co-operation with Arty. An offr from RAA 6 Aust Div is available for temporary attachment to units for this purpose.
  - (d) Instn in First Aid for all ranks.
4. General
  - (a) Any tactical exercises with tps should be preceded by a TEWT. It is considered that these should be attended whenever possible by reps of other arms of the service, particularly of Arty, A Tk and MG units. This can be arranged by this HQ if reasonable notice is given prior to the exercise being carried out.
  - (b) A definite allotment of time to each phase of tng in para 1 above has not been given, since it is realised that the requirements of units differ considerably. Times allotted, however, will be included in Tng Programmes submitted on 19 Dec 41.

*H. H. Hammer*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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H.Q.  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
FIELD

17 Dec 41.

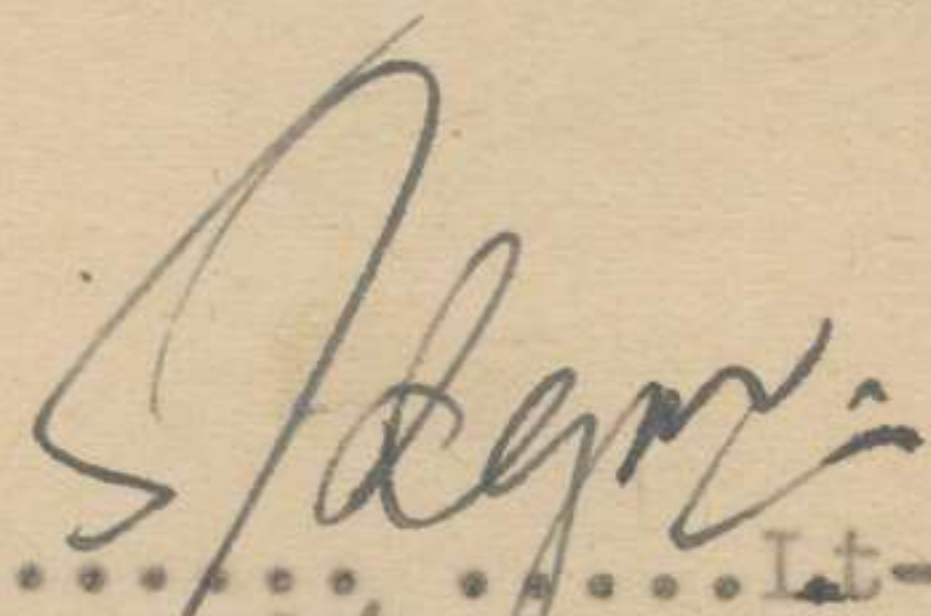
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SIGNAL EQUIPMENT RETURNED TO 2 A.O.D.

Ref 6 Aust Div's 6039/E2/3 forwarded by Bde under ref S/5/98.

Attached is report by Sig Offr this Bn.

W.O. HATTON'S statement (para 3 of Sig Offr's report) seems effectively to dispose of the matter as far as this unit is concerned.



.....Lt-Col  
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.



'Q' Office  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn.  
FIELD.

18 Dec 1941.

Adjt  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

GAS TNG STORES.

Reference your enquiry re above; the following is advised :-

On Nov. 27 we submitted an indent for Gas Tng Stores as per Corps Instn G.1727 of 21 Nov. 1941. This indent was No S.92. The above instruction said that we were to notify H.Q. 6 Aust Div; after a lapse of four weeks from date of indent of quantity of stores indented for and quantity received. These stores have not yet come to hand, but may do so before 27 Dec 41. However, on that date I will prepare the statement referred to above and submit for your approval.

*S.P. Charles*  
.....W.O.II.  
R.Q.M.S 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

*G*  
SR/T.



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18 Dec 41.

16 Aust Inf Bde

PACK TPT COYS

Bde File T/2/39.

1. Replying to para 3 of above letter, this unit estimates its requirements as follows:-

(a) For work in connection with preparation of fortress -

NONE. This is based on the assumption that the roads will not become impassable to MT if for short periods the roads are impassable it is proposed to use mules allotted for training for carriage of rations etc. Engineer stores will already have been dumped.

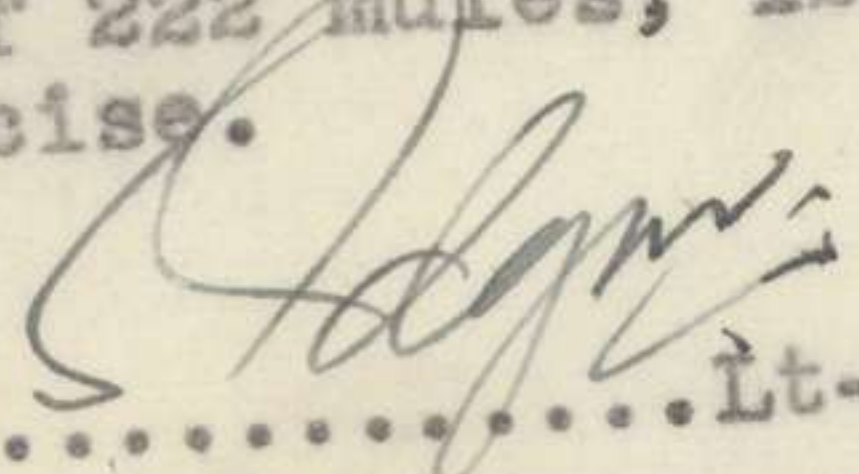
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40 mules. This estimate is based on daily lifts of :-

water	10850 lbs.	(based on 10 Corps instn)
rations	3000 "	
enr stores	2000 "	
amm	2150 "	(based on 10 Corps instn)
Total	18000 "	- approx 120 mule loads, or 40 mules at 3 lifts per day.

2. For training this unit requires a minimum of :-

40 mules - 10 A.T. carts  
This will enable any sub unit to be loaded complete. It is presumed that the full Bn establishment of 222 mules, 12 A.T. carts, would be available for a Bn exercise.

  
.....Lt-Col.  
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf



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H.Q.  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
FIELD

16 Dec 41.

LIST C.

MAIL

1. Owing to the fact that personnel have been sending two and sometimes three Green envelopes in one week to this H.Q. for posting it is again brought to notice that only one green envelope is allowed each person in any one week.
2. Green envelopes may not, although only one is drawn each week, be kept and posted in any greater number than at the scale of one per week.
3. If the misuse of Green envelopes continues, the issue of same may be withdrawn from units.
4. It is also brought to notice that letters addressed to newspapers or editors of newspapers will not be forwarded. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

*Wm. Bean*

*W. Bean*  
 ..... Capt.  
 Adj. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.



# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 364

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	Z X02.	No. of Groups GR. 47.	OFFICE DATE STAMP
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FROM	16 Aust Inf Bde.	Originator's Number	0232	Date	19	In Reply to Number
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one	Sgt	both	qualified	WEAPON	TNG.
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H.Q.  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
FIELD

16 Aust Inf Bde

18 Dec 41.

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Bde File T/2/39.

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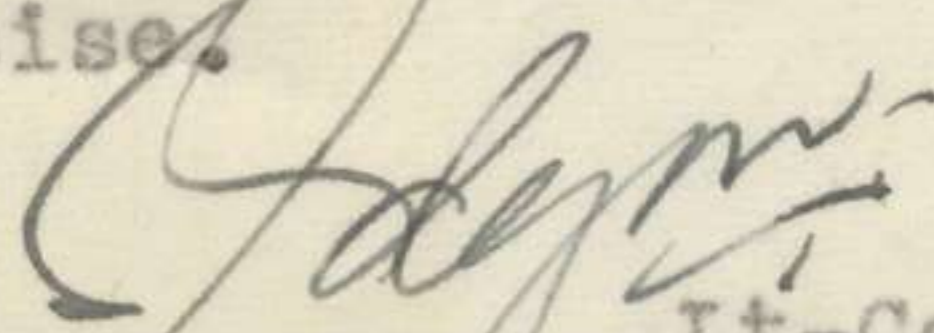
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.....Lt-Col.  
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

Copy for War Diary



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

H.Q.  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
FIELD

19 Dec 41.

16 Aust Inf Bde  
DAPM DAMASCUS  
6 Aust Div.

16 Bde LEAVE PARTY REPORT

14/12/41 - 18/12/41.

I wish to report that behaviour of the troops during leave was exceptionally good, and on report from DAPM'S office the Military Police did not have any reason to apprehend a troops in the party.

Suggestions :

- (a) Transport- There is great difficulty in obtaining tpt to take the troops to the station on return journey as the train le at 0703 hrs and at this time of the morn it is difficult to get taxis, and trams are not running. The station is approx 3 miles from the Hotel Metropole. I sugges that two trucks be provided from A.I.F. u stationed in BEIRUT to convey leave parti from station to hotels on forward journey and from Hotel Metropole to station on th return journey. This would I think solve transport problem.
- (b) Rations - As arrangements at RAYAK are adequate to meet with eating requirements of leave parties passing through I think that some arrangements could be made at H METROPOLE for breakfast before leave par leaves and cut lunches be made available for troops to carry on the journey back.

*A. Wickham*  
.....Lieut.

O.C. Leave Party 2/2 Bn.



5/19/11  
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

H.Q.  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
FIELD

19 Dec 41.

16 Aust Inf Bde

INSTRUCTORS ME O.C.T.U.

Ref your signal 0232 of 19 Dec 41 following are nominated as instructors ME O.C.T.U. :-

NX 70737 Lieut O.B. IRVIN - Date of appt Com rank  
19 July 40 (17 months)  
Qualified Weapon Tng Instr  
AIF(ME) SAS No. 2 Course  
July 1941.  
Report - very good.

NX 1918 Sgt G. McINTOSH - Qualified Weapon Tng Instr  
M.E.W.T.S. Sep 41.

As can be seen from above Lieut IRVIN has 17 months commissioned service but if this is insufficient Lieut D.J. McNEILL date of appt to Com rank 2 Jan 40 (20 months) qualified Weapon Tng Instr AIF(ME) SAS Aug 41, is nominated.

  
.....Lt-Col.  
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.



HQ 2/2 Aust Inf Bn,  
19 Dec 41.

T.O.

C.A.S.

The C.O. directs that the ten C.A.S.'s in best condition are to be withdrawn from active work immediately and completely overhauled, serviced and fitted with tools by Bn fitters.

When completely overhauled <sup>AR</sup> ~~one~~ to be kept at Bn vehicle park and will not be used without the sanction of the C.O. This work will take priority.

Vehicles to be complete as V.O.L. and one copy A.F.G. 871 will accompany each.

Any deficiencies in tools, etc, will be notified these HQ immediately.

*Cancelled*

*[Signature]* Capt.  
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

R/191  
H.Q.  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
FIELD

20 Dec 41.

Amenities Officer  
16 Aust Inf Bn, de.

UNIT NEWSPAPER

It is suggested that as a source of interest to troops a unit newspaper be printed.

It is known that other units have their regimental paper, and we feel that to uphold the tradition of the 2/2/ Bn, we should make some effort in this respect.

We have in this unit men with literary experience :-

- (1) EVANDALE - ex editor unit newspaper H.Q. A.I.F. Base Area.
- (2) Ex editor country newspaper
- (3) Ex reporter Daily Telegraph.

In addition to the above there are in this unit several who could contribute each week articles of interest.

It would be appreciated if funds could be provided to cover the cost of printing.

.....Lt-Col.  
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

Wolfe  
2.



2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
FIELD  
20 Dec 41

*R/1671*  
HQ Coy

RUGBY UNION

1. The following personnel will represent the Battalion at Rugby at Damascus on Sunday 21 Dec 41 at 1000 hrs:-

NICHOLLS (B Coy)

HANLON (C Coy) DAVIDSON (H.Q. Coy) O'CONNOR (H.Q. Coy) HUFF (H.Q. Coy)

FRAYERS (A Coy)  
Jamison (D Coy)

ARMARI (Bn H.Q.) FLATER (H.Q. Coy) O'ROURKE (C Coy)

COX (H.Q. Coy) WEBB (A Coy)

MODINI (H.Q. Coy) USSELL (C Coy) COTTERELL (B Coy)

Reserves

Blackwell (B Coy)	ickham (D Coy)
Rodriguez (D Coy)	Boland (H.Q. Coy)
Rutledge (B Coy)	Tucker (B Coy)
Pepper (H.Q. Coy)	

2. Companies will warn all players.

3. "B" and "C" Company personnel will go direct to the Damascus ground. Capt Buckley will ensure that all "B" and "C" Company personnel are warned.

4. Truck will leave "A" Company at 0830 hrs to collect personnel of Bn H.Q., H.Q. Coy, "D" Coy (On road near 2/1 Bn hats.) in that order.

5. DRESS: F.S., belts, anklets web.

6. Playing Dress: Long khaki socks, khaki shorts (To be provided by player) sweaters and boots will be provided.

*B.H. Fairs* ..... Capt  
Sports Officer 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution

A, B, C, D, H.Q. Coys  
Padre  
R.M.O.  
2 I/O  
Dental officer



HQ Com

4/11/41  
1st Lt

MOBBY UNIT

The following personnel will represent the Battalion at night at  
Mobbly on Sunday 21 Dec 41 at 19.00 hrs -

NICHOLSON (A Coy)

WILLIAMS (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy)

JENNINGS (A Coy)  
TAMMANS (A Coy)

SMITH (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy)

JOHN (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy)

ROBERTS (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy) (A Coy)

ROBERTS (A Coy)	BLACKBURN (A Coy)	ROBERTS (A Coy)	BLACKBURN (A Coy)
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Companies will wear all players.

B. B. and C. Company personnel will be direct to the Mobbly ground.  
Capt Mackay will ensure that all B. and C. Company personnel are  
warned.

A. Troop will leave A. Company at 08.00 hrs to collect personnel at  
Mobbly (on road near 2/1 Mobbly) in that order.

General: 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.

Playing Area: Long khaki shorts (to be provided by player)  
Shirts and socks will be provided.

.....  
Sports Officer 2/1 Mobbly

Classification

A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. R. S. T. U. V. W. X. Y. Z.



*HQ Coy*

2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
FIELD  
28 Dec 41

SOCCER

1. The following personnel will represent the Battalion at SOCCER at NATANA on Sunday 31 Dec 41 at 1530 hrs, against 8th Div Bn.

PEPPER (H.A. Coy)

JOHNSON (C Coy)

CONNIGAN (Adm)

MARSHALL (H.A. Coy) DONLAY (B Coy)

STAPLETON (C Coy)

BRIST (H.A. Coy) WISHART (B Coy) FLORES (B Coy) GODDOLD (A Coy) GARVY (Adm)

Reserves Shoemark (C Coy) Hedge (B Coy)

Referee Woolley (A Coy)

2. Playing Dress

K.D. Shorts, long khaki socks, and Battalion sweaters.

3. Companies will warn all players.

"B" and "C" Companies will make own arrangements for transport.

Arrangements for transport for remainder to be notified later.

*B. H. Evans* Capt  
Sports Officer 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution

2 1/0  
A, B, C, D, H. Coys  
Padre.

*Notes*

*1 Dec*



File  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
FIELD  
20 Dec 41

RUGBY UNION

1. The following personnel will represent the Battalion at Rugby Union at DAMASCUS on Sunday 21 Dec 41 at 1000 Hrs:-

Nicholls (B Coy)

Hanlan (C Coy) Davidson (H.Q.Coy) O'Conner (H.Q.Coy) Nutt (H.Q.Coy)

Travers (A Coy)

Jamison (D Coy)

Armati (Bn H.Q.) Plater (H.Q.Coy) O'Rourke (C Coy)

Cox (H.Q.Coy) Webb (A Coy)

Modini (H.Q.Coy) Russel (C Coy) Cotterell (B Coy)

Reserves

Blackwell (B Coy)

Wickham (D Coy)

Rodriguez (D Coy)

Boland (H.Q.Coy)

Rutlege (B Coy)

Tucker (D Coy)

Pepper (H.Q.Coy)

2. Companies will warn all players.

3. "B" and "C" Company personnel will go direct to the DAMASCUS ground. Capt. Buckley will kindly ensure that all "B" and "C" Company personnel are warned.

4. Truck will leave "A" Company at 0830 hrs to collect personnel of Bn.H.Q., H.Q.Coy, "D" Coy, (On road near 2/1 Bn huts) in that order.

5. DRESS

F.S., belts and anklets web.

6. PLAYING DRESS

Long khaki socks, khaki shorts (To be provided by players)  
Sweaters and boots will be provided.

... B.H. Travers ..... Capt  
Sports Officer 2/2 Aust Inf  
Bn

Distribution

2 I/C

A, B, C, D and H.Q. Coys

Padre

R.M.O.

Dental Officer



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/2 AUST. INF<sup>y</sup> Bn.

(Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	8		1
Lieutenants ...	24		
2nd Lieutenants ...		3 being pat 20% surplus.	
Quartermasters ...	1 (lieut incl. in above 24)		
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>35</b>		<b>2</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	COYLE, G	16 A.I.T.Bn.	20 Dec.	to complete establishment
"	Brown, W.F.	"	"	2 " "
"	HALL, W.D.	"	"	Part 20% surplus vide
"	HALL L.T.	"	"	AIF Order " "
"	ROBE, H.W.	"	"	" " "

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General duty personnel				8	9	3		20		2						2
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)				8	9	3		20		2						2

2/2 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 20 Dec 41

I6 Aust Inf Bde 6 Aust Div

D.3459.

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



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

8/2 ANZL. INF. Bn.

(Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	3		
Majors ...	8		1
Captains ...	24		1
Lieutenants ...	24	3 deficit	
2nd Lieutenants ...		24 20%	
Quartermasters ...	2 (Must include in above 24)		
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>33</b>		<b>2</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	COOTE, G.	16 ANZL. INF.	20 Nov.	to complete establishment
"	BROWN, F.J.	"	"	"
"	HALL, H.D.	"	"	part of surplus vote
"	HULL, L.F.	"	"	part of surplus vote
"	ROE, H.J.	"	"	"

### 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, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LtCol		EDGAR, C.R.V.		Yes	
Major		CULLEN, P.A.		"	
"		CALDWELL, W.B., M.C.		No	Det. 1 Aust Div
Capt.		BUCKLEY, A.A.		"	
"		GREEN, C.H.		"	
"		RISHWORTH, J.C.		"	
"		GODBOLD, G.H.		"	
"		TRAVERS, B.H.		"	
"		DUNLOP, J.W.		No	Leave
"		SWINTON, C.N.		Yes	
"		FAIRBROTHER, D.N.		"	
"		FERGUSON, I.B.		"	
"		MOORE, R.Mc		No	Attg. AIF(ME)SME
"		McPHERSON? W.J.		Yes	
"		BURROWS, D.S.I.		No	Hospital
"		BAYLIS, C.F.W.		Yes	
"		HARKNESS? J.B.		Yes	
"		ANDERSON, C.H.		"	
"		BLAMEY, J.M.		"	
"		McNEILL, D.J.		"	
"		CURTIS, K.F.		No	Leave
"		WICKHAM, G.H.		Yes	
"		GOODMAN P.		No	Attg 1 Aust Corps Skiing School
"		IRVIN, O.B.		Yes	
"		SKERRETT, C.J.		Yes	
"		SMITH, H.C.		"	
"		McCAMMON, H.G.		"	
"		SWAIN, H.B.		No	Hospital
"		SOMMERVILLE, R.C.		Yes	
"		SMITH, R.c.		"	
"		COYLE, G.		"	
"		BROWN, W.F.		"	
"		HALL, W.D.		"	
"		HALL, L.T.		"	
"		POPE, H.W.		"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.		ARMATI, L.V.	AAMC	5-10-39	RMO
Chaplain,		PHILLIPS, B.H.	A.Ch.D.	6-7-41	Padre
Mr		McCABE, S.	Sal. Army	17-7-41	S.A. Rep.

2/2 AUST INF BN

(Unit.)

2<sup>0</sup> Dec 41

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

16 AUST INF BDE. 6 AUST DIV

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



ALLIED GYMKHANA RACE MEETING

22 Dec

NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL TO ATTEND

NK 121 Capt C.H. Green  
" 2332 Sgt Mawhinney T.  
" 2202 Cpl Wallace C.W.  
" 11494 " Umbeck F.G.  
" 68258 L/Cpl Yates A.  
" 25363 Pte McDonald B.C.  
" 38743 " Mattes J.P.  
" 69059 " Solley W.J.  
" 58101 " Potter A.J.  
" 27712 " McLachlan C.  
" 71476 " Johnson C.H.  
" 2228 " Reeves K.D.  
" 71752 " Walsh D.  
" 1560 Sgt Gleeson J.G.  
" 1441 Cpl Marney R.D.  
" 11699 Pte Bagnell A.C.  
" 68901 " Lander A.H.  
" 901 " Malone T.  
" 1376 " Davidson R.M.  
" 13365 " Combo R.J.  
" 47392 " Holden A.  
" 72015 " Humphrey N.  
" 71377 " Johnson R.  
" 69106 " Post R.J.  
" 72635 " Patterson M.E.  
" 8608 " Rigg L.  
" 67118 " Smith N.H.  
" 9006 " Whittaker F.  
" 59809 " Young W.G.  
" 7160 Cpl Munro R.B.  
" 1754 " Hartley J.B.  
" 19649 Pte Solomon V.  
" 2345 " Perrett S.J.  
" 1621 L/Cpl Langthorne J.  
" 1880 Pte Byers O.  
" 11748 " Robertson B.R.  
" 35533 " Donovan J.P.  
" 20250 " Taylor R.  
" 72405 " Portor A.R.  
" 7153 " Ward W.  
" 2343 " O'Driscoll F.  
" 68835 " Hampel E.W.  
" 68867 " Hill S.  
" 2331 " Caszy D.  
" 943 " Dann O.F.  
" 2080 Cpl Legge A.  
" 19742 Pte Pooley W.  
" 3000 Cpl Telling R.  
" 23635 Pte Barrett B.W.  
" 11748 " Robertson W.D.  
" 1311 " Potts L.E.  
" 14336 " Andrews A.D.  
" 71385 " Guthrie R.W.  
" 57739 " Ruth J.A.  
" 68489 " Darling E.L.  
" 13469 " Morris R.J.  
" 2251 Sgt Eukins J.W.  
" 4358 " Nugent H.G.B.  
" 69010 Pte Pletzer J.C.  
" 11701 L/Cpl Bodley A.L.  
" 1398 Cpl Lonergan C.  
" 1362 L/Cpl Mills D.  
" 14118 Pte Crichton K.B.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECURITY

*File*

Ref File S/2/138

*file S/19/11  
I.O.*

Headquarters  
16 Aust Inf Bde

22 Dec 41

2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn  
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SABOTAGE OF SIGNAL COMMUNICATION

1. O.Ps were manned a few days ago with the express object of stopping interference with signal communications. Since then wires have been again cut. The wires to 2/3 Aust Inf Bn were cut at 1345 hrs ~~20~~ Dec 41. The point selected, about 2000 yds west of QATANA, was not visible to the O.P. responsible. It was unfortunate that the movement to and from the wire was not regarded as suspicious.

2. The O.Ps, as at present operative, are not successful. By general observation the O.Ps are not very zealous in the performance of their duties. There is far too much movement. By now the position of the O.Ps is known to everybody interested.

3. In view of this the O.Ps will be withdrawn temporarily as from tonight. This HQ will make further recce and inform units of any intended changes in the position of O.Ps. Upon receipt of this information units will, working during the hours of darkness, conceal the O.Ps by digging and camouflage. This work must be such that, even where total concealment is not possible, it is, however, impossible to tell whether the O.P. is manned or not.

4. In conclusion it is emphasised that the recent interferences with the signal wires has been sabotage and NOT theft of wire.

*oc "A" Coy to note*

*A.H. Hammer*  
.....Major  
B.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde

*Noted  
[Signature]*



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

H.Q.  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
FIELD

22 Dec 41

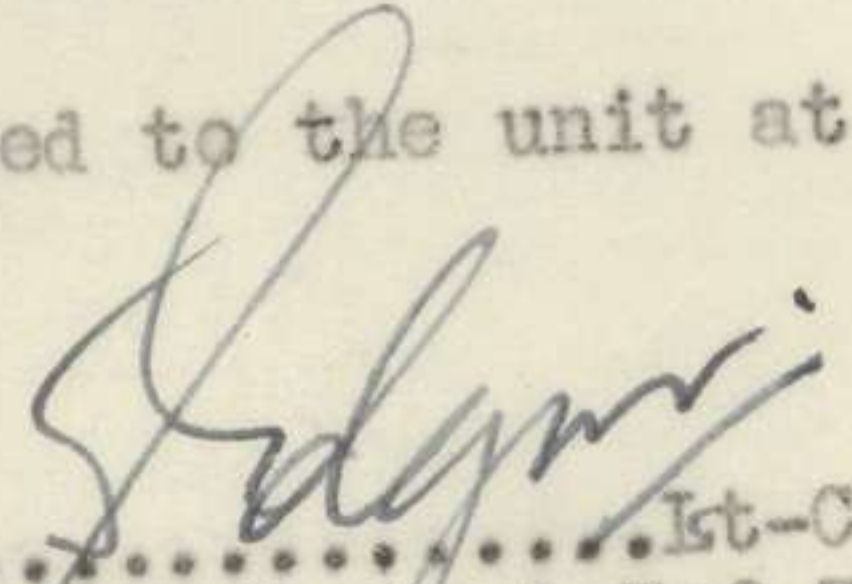
16 Aust Inf Bde

DISTURBANCE - DAMASCUS.

Reference your signal A.562 of 22 Dec 41., this unit has no knowledge of the disturbance other than report (copy attached) brought back by three men of this unit who were called upon for assistance by the provost.

O.C. Picture Piquet reports nothing unusual.

The three men returned to the unit at approx 1500 hrs on 22 Dec 41.

  
.....Lt-Col.  
Comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.



(copy)

C.O.  
2/2 Inf Bn.

The following men NX 25202 L/Cpl Cook, NX 71331 Pte Walker, NX 622 Pte Taig missed their leave truck through giving assistance to the 6 Div Pro Coy during a serious disturbance at the LIDO Cafe, Damascus on 21 Dec 41. But for the help from these men, one of the Cpls of this unit would have been injured. When the trouble was under control it was found that the leave trucks had already left. As I had no transport to take the men back to their camp they were provided with sleeping accommodation and the unit notified this morning.

(sgd) R.R. Butler Sgt VX 9842  
6 Aust Div Pro Coy

Damascus 22 Dec 41.



L. O.

2/2 Int Bn.

The following men, NX 25202 Z/CPL  
COOK, NX 71331. PTE WALKER, NX 622 PTE TAYLOR,  
missed their leave trucks, thru giving  
assistance to the 6<sup>th</sup> Div Pro Coy during a  
serious disturbance at the Lido camp,  
Damascus, on 21 Dec 41. But for the help  
from these men, one of the Cpls of this  
unit would have been injured. When the  
trouble was under control, it was found  
that the leave trucks had already left.  
As I had no transport to take the men  
back to their camp, they were provided  
with sleeping accommodation, and the unit  
notified this morning.

Damascus.

22 Dec 41.

R. B. Butler Sgt.

VX 9842.

6<sup>th</sup> Div Pro Coy



# MESSAGE FORM

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS**

IN  
OUT

*War Dept*  
*10*

Serial No. //  
No. of Groups. GR.  
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

**TO** A B C D HQ Coys Bn. HQ T.O  
C & B Coys (in camp)

**FROM** Bn HQ

Originator's Number  
0637

Date  
21

In Reply to Number

Wt. 32412/1098. 750M. 12/40. P.I. 51-8146.

Lecture offs. 41 stop 1515 stop BC	signal mess stop tpt hrs D Coys	procedure 1600 all will pick Coy arrange	stop hrs officers report up 1530 own tpt	Bn 22 will A Coy Lieut hrs stop	HQ Dec attend at SOMMERVILLE stop all informed
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THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS.

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN  
2000

*[Signature]*  
SIGNED  
Lieut.

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

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

T.H.I.  
*2005*  
T.O.R.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

-BY-

Lt-Col. C.R.V. EDGAR

FIELD  
23 Dec 41.

COMD 2/2 AUST INF BN.

Part 1. ....105.

1. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL - NX71529 Pte BOURKE H.J.

At QATANA on 29 Nov 41 NX 71529 Pte BOURKE H.J. was tried by District Court Martial convened by G.O.C. 6 Aust Div, on the following charges :-

- (1) When on Active Service, when on leave being found beyond the limits fixed by Area S.O's 5 Oct 41, without a pass or written leave from his C.O.
- (2) When on Active Service, conduct to the prejudice of Good Order and Military Discipline.
- (3) When on Active Service, resisting an escort whose duty it was to apprehend him.
- (4) When on Active Service, conduct to the prejudice of Good Order and Military Discipline.
- (5) When on Active Service when in camp, being found beyond the limits fixed by Bn Orders without a pass or written leave from his C.O.
- (6) When on Active Service, conduct to the prejudice of Good Order and Military Discipline.
- (7) When on active service committing a civil offence.
- (8) When on Active Service, conduct to the prejudice of Good Order and Military Discipline.
- (9) When on Active Service, disobeying a lawful command.
- (10) When on Active Service, using threatening language to his superior officer.
- (11) When on Active Service, striking his superior officer.
- (12) When on Active Service, offering violence to his superior offr.

The Court found the accused guilty of the 3rd, 4th, 6th, 10th, 11th and 12th charges and sentenced the accused to undergo detention for 273 days. The G.O.C. 6 Aust Div. confirmed the sentence on 20 Dec 41.

2. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL - NX 18471 Pte CONWAY A.W.

At QATANA on 2 Dec 41 NX 18471 Pte CONWAY A.W. was tried by District Court Martial convened by G.O.C. 6 Aust Div on the following charges :-

- (1) When on Active Service, when in camp, being found beyond the limits fixed by Bn orders, without a pass or written leave from his C.O.
- (2) When on Active Service, committing a civil offence.
- (3) When on Active Service, conduct to the prejudice of Good Order and Military Discipline.

The Court found the accused guilty of the second charge and sentenced the accused to undergo detention for 30 days. The G.O.C. 6 Aust Div confirmed the sentence on 20 Dec 41.

3. SACKS AND BALES

Owing to shortage of sacks and bales for packing ordnance stores, units will conserve all such articles and forward them to DADOS for return to Adv Ord Depots EXCEPTING sacks and bales used by AASC as containers for the storage and transport of supplies. All such containers will be returned by units to AASC Depots as formerly.

4. MODIFICATIONS TO WEAPONS AND MATERIAL

Instances have occurred where weapons and material have been damaged by unauthorised modifications carried out by units or Wkshops. In future no modification will be made to a serviceable article without obtaining prior authority from GHQ MEF. Units are reminded that great care is taken in the design of approved stores and while these stores

P.T.O.



may not be found to be perfect they have only been issued for use after extensive trial. Some modifications that have been made and fitted to weapons locally without searching trial give inferior service to the originals. Suggestions for modifications are welcomed and should be forwarded to GHQ by the fastest possible means, where, in the opinion of a COME or other competent authority, suggestion is likely to be of value. A good suggestion is more than local value and by informing GHQ as soon as possible steps can be taken to benefit units generally. The sooner ideas are received the sooner will they be incorporated in future manufacture.

Equipment specifically issued for experimental purposes and vehicles for which a separate General Order has been issued are not included. (CR/ME/33734/GSDS)

5. SALVAGE OF SCREW TAPS AND BUNGS FOR WATER CONTAINERS:

The supply of "screw tops" and bungs for water containers is a matter of considerable difficulty.

Unit Commanders will make every effort to ensure that every one of these items from unserviceable tins is collected and returned, as a matter of urgency, to the nearest ordnance depot.

(Applicable to all Tps in the MEF) (CR/ME/39402/SI/Q/R)

6. ONE TIN WOODEN CRATES FOR PETROL TINS:

Petrol Tins are now being used packed singly in wooden crates. The tin is not to be withdrawn from these crates which are to be returned with the tin.

Two holes will be made in the usual manner with the opening tool in the exposed portion of the top of the tin for pouring out the contents as laid down in General Order No. 217 of 1940 and No. 219 of 1941. (Applicable to all Tps in the MEF) (CR/ME/7308/S.T)

7. SALVAGE - PETROL CONTAINERS:

It does not appear to be generally realised that the hitherto so-called 4-gall non-returnable tin is of considerable value for second-hand purposes and that these tins now cost 5s/5d each, exclusive of cases and cartons.

It is in demand for:-

- (a) Reconditioning and refilling with petrol and M.B.O.
- (b) Filling with Bitumen.
- (c) P.A.D. and other purposes.

Henceforth containers will not be designated "returnable" or non-returnable" but by their nature and capacity only.

- Petrol/Oil Drums 40/44 gall.
- Sub. Oil Drums 5/Gall. (round).
- Petrol/Oil Drums 4-Gall. (round).
- Petrol Tins 4-Gall Light (previously termed "non-returnable").
- Petrol Cans 4-Gall (rectangular)
- Petrol Cans 5-gal (containers).

No 4-Gall tins will be "cast by the roadside" after emptying but will be replaced in vehicles and carried to forward destination, where they will be handed in to:-

- (a) S.T. Depots or Dumps, or
- (b) Salvage,

as most convenient. This applies equally to cases, crates and cartons.

In the case of Petrol maintenance deliveries- empty tins will be returned to issuing depots in a returning empty supply vehicle as far as the neighbourhood of rail or sea heads, where they will be sorted by salvage for the purposes mentioned in para 1 above. Thereafter Salvage will arrange disposal in conjunction with Movement Control, D of W, and S.T.

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Equipment specifically issued for experimental purposes and vehicles for which a separate General Order has been issued are not included. (CR/ME/33734/GSD5).

#### 5. SALVAGE OF SCREW TOPS AND BUNGS FOR WATER CONTAINERS:

The supply of "screw tops" and bungs for water containers is a matter of considerable difficulty.

Unit Commanders will make every effort to ensure that every one of these items from unserviceable tins is collected and returned, as a matter of urgency, to the nearest ordnance depot.

(Applicable to all Tps in the MEF) (CR/ME/39402/I/Q/I).

#### 6. ONE TIN WOODEN CRATES FOR PETROL TINS:

Petrol Tins are now being used packed singly in wooden crates. The tin is not to be withdrawn from these crates which are to be returned with the tin.

Two holes will be made in the usual manner with the opening tool in the exposed portion of the top of the tin for pouring out the contents as laid down in General Order No. 217 of 1940 and No. 219 of 1941. (Applicable to all Tps in the MEF) (CR/ME/7908/S.T).

#### 7. SALVAGE - PETROL CONTAINERS:

It does not appear to be generally realised that the hitherto so-called 4-gallon non-returnable tin is of considerable value for second-hand purposes and that these tins now cost 1/5d each, exclusive of cases and cartons.

It is in demand for:-

- (a) Reconditioning and refilling with petrol and M.B.O.
- (b) Filling with Bitumen.
- (c) P.A.D. and other purposes.

Henceforth containers will not be designated "returnable" or non-returnable" but by their nature and capacity only.

Petrol/Oil Drums 40/44 Gall.

Lub. Oil Drums 5/Gall, (round).

Petrol/Oil Drums 4-Gall, (round).

Petrol Tins 4-Gall Light (previously termed "non-returnable").

Petrol Cans 4-Gall (rectangular)

Petrol Cans 2-Gall (containers).

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NARRATIVE 3.

1. O.C. B Coy used his reserve as described in D.S. Solution.

PROBLEM 3.

Required.

Method of fire used by M Det Comdr to engage TANK.



Tins required locally for P.A.D. or other similar purposes will continue to be drawn from the nearest source.

Units which have not yet drawn their requirements of the opening tool and the notes describing the correct method of opening tins referred to in General Order No. 219 of 1941 will do so immediately. General Orders Nos 247 and 270 of 1940 and Nos 44, 219, 600, 960 and 1042 of 1941 refer and provide for the correct method of caring for other types of containers.

#### 8. MISAPPROPRIATION OF 4 GALLON RETURNABLE PETROL CANS & DRUMS.

The above type of petrol containers has been introduced in the ME in order to achieve a much needed saving in tinsplate as used in the 4 gallon nonreturnable tin.

Their use is confined to petrol supply points and to DID's where there are petrol pumps, in order to implement bulk petrol deliveries from these pumps.

Cases have recently occurred of :-

- (a) Units in convoy misappropriating these cans when filling up at DID's and/or petrol supply points.
- (b) Misappropriation by units failing to return these cans to local DID's when leaving an area.

Misappropriation of these containers entirely defeats the object of introducing returnable containers at all i.e. economy in tinsplate :- and in consequence necessary action will, in future, be taken against O.C. where returnable containers are retained by units without authority.

#### 9. TRANSFERS TO 6 AUSTRALIAN DIV PRO COY.

The above coy is still under strength although the present dispersion of the Div throws greater burden upon it. Coys will therefore call for applications for transfer to 6 Aust Div Pro Coy and forward such applications to this H.Q.

#### 10. TRAFFIC CONTROL - BEIRUT - DAMASCUS

Owing to the frequency of serious accidents patrols have been instituted on this road by 6 Aust Div Cav Regt. The object of the patrol is to prevent fast, careless, and bad driving.

The members of this patrol will be easily distinguishable by their black berets and they will have the right to hold up any army vehicle. Any failure to obey a signal given by a member of this patrol will be treated as disobeying a command issued by authority of G.O.C. 6 Aust Div Div.

#### 11. DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OF CASUALTIES

Infm has been received that large numbers of personnel evacuated to hospital are not in possession of respirators and steel helmets.

Attention is directed to A.I.F. (ME) Order No. 378 of 7 Jun 41.

Units will ensure that action is taken to ensure that the above order is complied with.

#### 12. PAY WHILE ON LEAVE

As adequate arrangements have been made for units to collect pay and for leave personnel before proceeding on leave, instns have been issued that pay will not be made available in BEIRUT or DAMASCUS. Any soldier causing a disturbance at a pay office by demanding pay will be arrested and returned to his unit.

13.

DAMASCUS

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Adj. 212 Aust Inf Bn.



14 INF BDE.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITHOUT TROOPS.

2 AUG - 36.

I N G L E B U R N.

Ref Maps - LIVERPOOL. 1 in to 1 Mile.  
CAMDEN. 1 in to 1 Mile.

OUTPOSTS.

- Notes.
- (a) Both forces are organized as in Australian War Establishments with Air Force about equal strength.
  - (b) For purposes of the exercise the hour of daylight will be assumed to extend from 0615 hrs to 1745 hrs.
  - (c) Each force has a limited amount of aircraft available for army co-operation purposes.
  - (d) No preliminary work is required, but officers attending the exercise are requested to make themselves familiar with the Situation attached.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Bn. H.Q.  
23 Dec. 1941.

Q.M.

MESS STATE XMAS DAY.

O.Rs. (normal strength)	72
" attached from C Coy.	11
" Horse Transport H.Q. Coy attached	3
" Band returned from Carr. School	3
" Batmen attached from H.Q. Coy	5
<u>Total O.Rs</u>	<u>94.</u>

DETACHED.

Offrs.	8
Sgts.	5

.....*A. B. Legge*.....Cpl.

Q.M. Bn. H.Q.



R 1/18/41

Headquarters

16 Aust Inf Bde

23 Dec 41

SOCCKER DRAW

(Results to be notified to Bde Sports Officer)

1st ROUND

- 2/1 Aust Inf Bn v 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt - CATANA-21 Dec 41-1400 hrs
- 2/2 Aust Inf Bn v 6 Aust Div Sup Col - CATANA - 21 Dec 41-1400 hrs
- 2/3 Aust Inf Bn - Bye

2nd ROUND

- 2/2 Aust Inf Bn v 2/3 Aust Inf Bn - 2/3 Aust Inf Bn Gd-28 Dec 41-1400hrs
- 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt v 6 Aust Div Sup Col - CATANA - 28 Dec 41-1400 hrs
- 2/1 Aust Inf Bn - Bye

3rd ROUND

- 2/1 Aust Inf Bn v 6 Aust Div Sup Col - CATANA - Jan 4 41 - 1400 hrs.
- 2/3 Aust Inf Bn v 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt - Holtz Minden - 4 Jan 42-1400 hrs
- 2/2 Aust Inf Bn - Bye

4th ROUND

- 2/1 Aust Inf Bn v 2/2 Aust Inf Bn - Holtz Minden - 10 Jan 42 - 1400 hrs
- 2/3 Aust Inf Bn v 6 Aust Div Sup Col CATANA - 11 Jan 41 - 1400
- 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt - Bye

5th ROUND

- 2/1 Aust Inf Bn v 2/3 Aust Inf Bn - 2/3 Aust Inf Bn Gd-17 Jan 41-1400 hrs
- 2/2 Aust Inf Bn v 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt - Holtz Minden- 17 Jan 4 2 - 1400 hrs
- 6 Aust Div Sup Col - Bye

OVER



RUGBY UNION DRAW

1st ROUND

*7 copies*

*1/2 Bury*

16 Bde H.O. v 2/1 Aust Fd Amb 20 Dec 41 at 1330 hrs  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn v 2/1 Aust Inf Bn 20 Dec 41 at 1530 hrs  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn v 6 Aust Div Sup Col 21 Dec 41 at 1000 hrs ✓

2nd ROUND

16 Bde H.O. v 2/1 Aust Inf Bn 27 Dec 41 at 1530 hrs  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn v 6 Aust Div Sup Col 28 Dec 41 at 1400 hrs  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn v 2/1 Aust Fd Amb 27 Dec 41 at 1330 hrs ✓

3rd ROUND

16 Bde H.O. v 6 Aust Div Sup Col 4 Jan 42 at 1400 hrs  
2/3 Aust Inf Bn v 2/1 Aust Fd Amb 4 Jan 42 at 1000 hrs  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn v 2/1 Aust Inf Bn 4 Jan 42 at 1530 hrs

4th ROUND

16 Bde H.O. v 2/3 Aust Inf Bn 10 Jan 42 at 1400 hrs  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn v 2/1 Aust Fd Amb 10 Jan 42 at 1530 hrs

5th ROUND

2/1 Aust Inf Bn v 6 Aust Div Sup Col 18 Jan 42 at 1400 hrs  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn v 2/1 Aust Inf Bn 14 Jan 42 at 1400 hrs

6th ROUND

2/2 Aust Inf Bn v 16 Bde H.O.  
2/1 Aust Fd Amb v 6 Div Sup Col

*Late*  
*over*



War diary

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

FIELD  
26 Dec 41.

BY  
Lt-Col. G.R.V. EDGAR  
COMD 2/2 AUST INF BN.  
Part 1 .....106.

1. MESSAGE FROM G.O.C. 6 AUST DIV.

The G.O.C. desires that the following message should be communicated to all ranks :-

First of all I want to wish you a merry Xmas for 1942, and a safe return home after finishing our job. I want to thank you for all the good work you have done this year, both during our campaigns and training and more recently in the preparation of defensive positions. We have learnt a lot during the year about soldiering, but we still have a long way to go before we can really redeem ourselves as fully trained as we want to be. I know I can rely on you all to get as much out of training periods as possible, so that we may defeat our enemy when next we meet him.

This Xmas we have every reason to feel pleased with the news. I know many of you are worried about the war in the Pacific but it is right that you should know that Germany still remains the main enemy. Her defeat will leave Japan in an absolutely helpless position. Our task is thus still to take a part in the overthrow of the German Army which at the moment is suffering defeat on all fronts. In Libya her army is fleeing over the very roads we chased the Italians over in February last. In Russia her armies are withdrawing amid the dreadful cold of the Russian winter. It remains to be seen whether Hitler's armies are not about to suffer a similar fate to those of Napoleon in 1812. But however the Russian campaign develops we must be ready to play our part in the final destruction of Hitler's armies and must realise that by doing so we best protect our Homeland and contribute to the ultimate defeat of Japan.

I feel that with your loyal support we can look forward to the coming year with every confidence.

(Sgd) E.F. HERRING Maj.Gen.  
Comd 6 Aust Div.

2. TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESSES

Attention is drawn to the similarity of the following :-

AUSTDEPOT : Telegraphic address of HQ AIF (ME)  
Reinfat Depot.

1 AUST DEPOT BN : Name of that unit.

Confusion is continually arising in connection with the incorrect addressing of signal messages to the latter unit. In some cases the word "Bn" and the numeral are omitted, in others variations are used or the addresses written in distinctly. The result is delay.

All concerned will exercise care in the addressing of signal messages and particularly in the case of the two addressees referred to.

3. TRANSPORT - IMPROPER USE OF

Add to Bn R.O. No. 101 the following :-

M.T.O. will search all vehicles detailed for duty involving the crossing of the Palestinian border before such vehicles leave unit lines.

JWD



Number

Highest Sub or  
War Sub Rank

A/Rank or  
T/Rank

NAME  
and  
INITIALS

INDICATE:  
With Unit W.U.  
Leave L.  
Detached D.  
(showing full  
particulars  
of unit to  
which detached)

Trade or  
appointment

For use by  
Echelons other  
than O.2.E.  
M.E.F. if  
necessary



4. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL - NX 71266 Pte WARD G.A.

At QATANA on 1 Dec 41. Pte WARD G.A. NX 71266 was tried by District Court Martial convened by G.O.C. 6 Aust Div on the following charges :-

- (1) When on active service, when on leave, being found beyond the limit fixed by Area Standing Orders without a pass or written leave from his G.O.
- (2) When on active service, conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.
- (3) When on active service, resisting an escort whose duty it was to apprehend him.
- (4) When on active service, when in lawful custody attempting to escape.
- (5) When on active service, when in camp being found <sup>beyond</sup> the limits fixed by Bn Orders, without a pass.
- (6) When on active service, using insubordinate language to his superior officer.
- (7) When on active service, conduct to the prejudice of good order and Military discipline.
- (8) When on active service, when in arrest attempting to escape.
- (9) When on active service, disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer.
- (10) When on active service, resisting an escort whose duty it was to have him in charge.

The Court found the accused guilty of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th charges and sentenced the accused to undergo detention for one year.

5. WINTER ILLMENTS - PREVENTION OF -

Instructions have been issued through medical channels for precautions against casualties from frost bite and trench feet, but the following matters are called to the notice of Coy Comds :-

- (a) The winter hutting programme provides the minimum accommodation for units and this must be economically used.
- (b) Raised walks in camp areas are provided by engineer services to some extent, but this provision does not exonerate units from self-help in making camps comfortable.
- (c) Most casualties of the nature of frost bite and Trench feet or chilled feet arise from wet sox and boots for prolonged standing in mud or water and are therefore preventable.
- (d) O.C.'s must ensure the following :-
  - (1) That the "barrack room rule" for laying out beds is applied in quarters to prevent untidiness or lack of cleanliness.
  - (2) That all foot gear is sound and that men have enough sox to provide a dry change when required.
  - (3) That sufficient exercise is taken by all ranks to keep blood circulating.
  - (4) That warm quarters are provided for personnel on guard or similar duty.
  - (5) Hot food or hot drinks for men on guard or similar duty.
- (e) Men must be educated in the following matters :-
  - (1) Washing mud off boots and drying water off boots before removing.
  - (2) Washing and drying cold and wet feet - NOT IN HOT WATER. and replacing wet sox with dry.
  - (3) Avoiding heaters or fires when feet are cold and wet.
  - (4) Strict personal cleanliness.
- (f) Failure to observe the above orders will be treated strictly as breaches of discipline.

6. P.A.D. OFFICER

Lieut J.M. BLAMEY will act as Bn P.A.D. Officer during the absence of Lieut H.B. SWAIN.

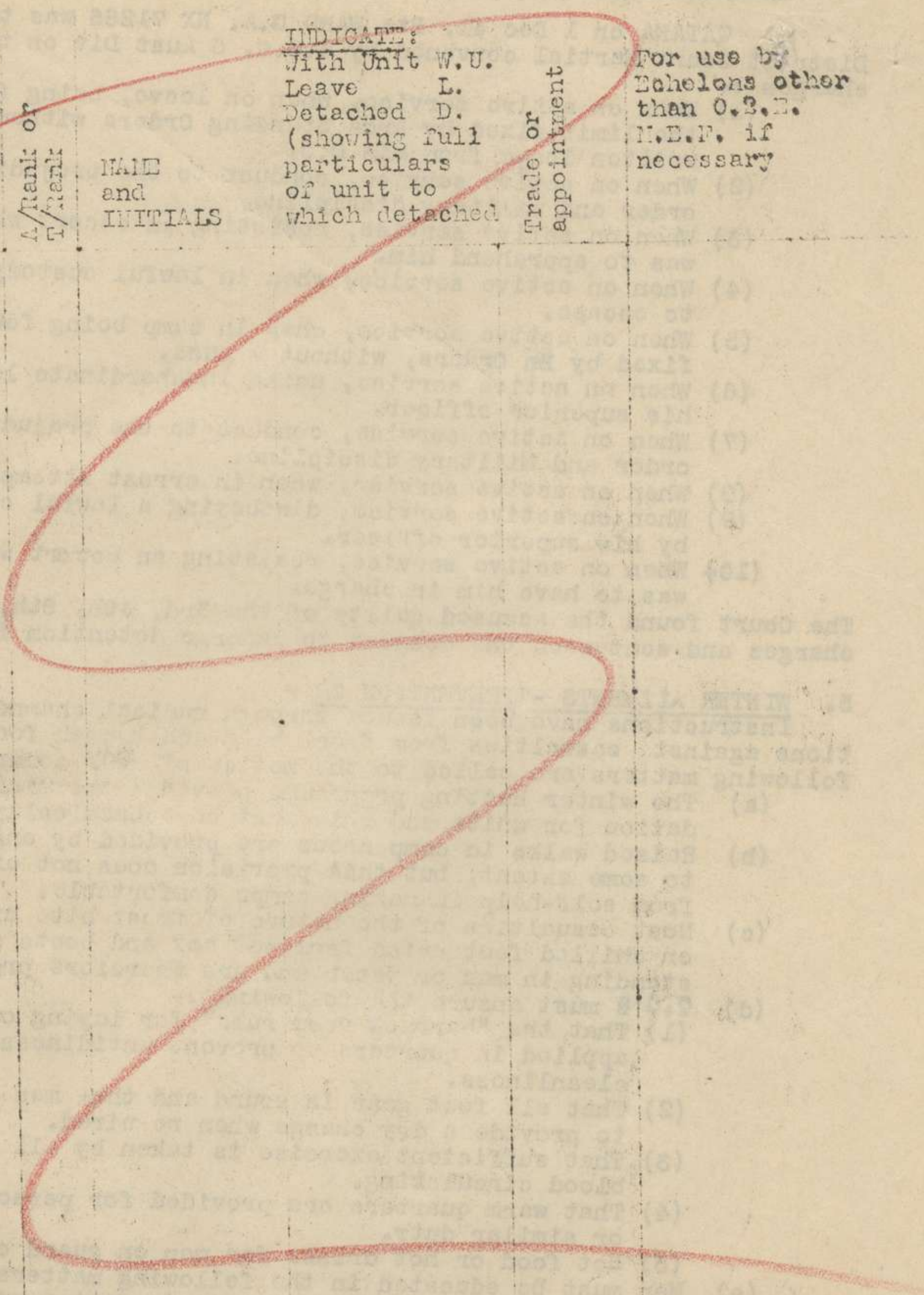
7. WATER SUPPLY

In areas where water supply is not sterilised by civil or other authorities sterilisation by superchlorination followed by dechlorination will be carried out before the water is used for drinking purposes.

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



Number	Highest Sub or War Sub Rank	A/Rank or T/Rank	NAME and INITIALS	INDICATE: With Unit W.U. Leave L. Detached D. (showing full particulars of unit to which detached	Trade or appointment	For use by Echelons other than O.S.E. M.E.F. if necessary
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7.	"	Hq Coy (Sig pl)	Sig	(i) pl drill, single call procedure, buzzer, exchange operating, visual stations.	Coy area	
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	"	(mortar pl)	"	(iii) Squad drill, mortar ranging, Gas lecture.	"	
	"	(pnr pl)	"	(iv) Rifle and squad drill, weapon tng, gas, lecture explosives, double apron fencing- lecture and practical.	"	
	"	(Tpt)	"	(v) Maintenance of vehicles.	"	



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	"	(Tpt)	"	(v) Maintenance of vehicles.	"	



TRAINING SYLLABUS. - "26 DEC - 8 JAN.

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1.	26 Dec-8 Jan	All Coys		Digging and wiring defence posts.		
				incl less one day per week.		
2.	1 Jan	All Coys		Military Gymkhana	QATAR	
3.	8 Jan	A Coy	Individual & sect	(i) Bayonet trg (ii) Application of fire (iii) Gas recap. (iv) Weapon trg.	Coy area	
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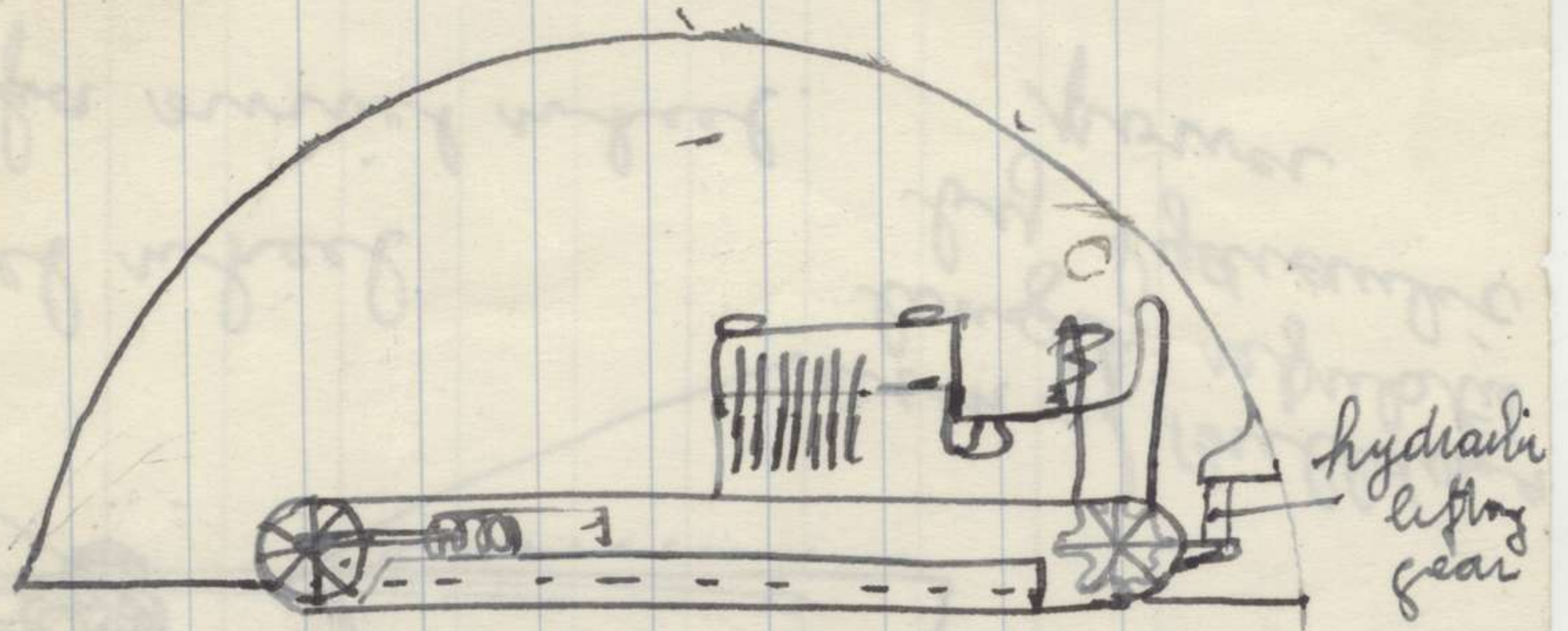


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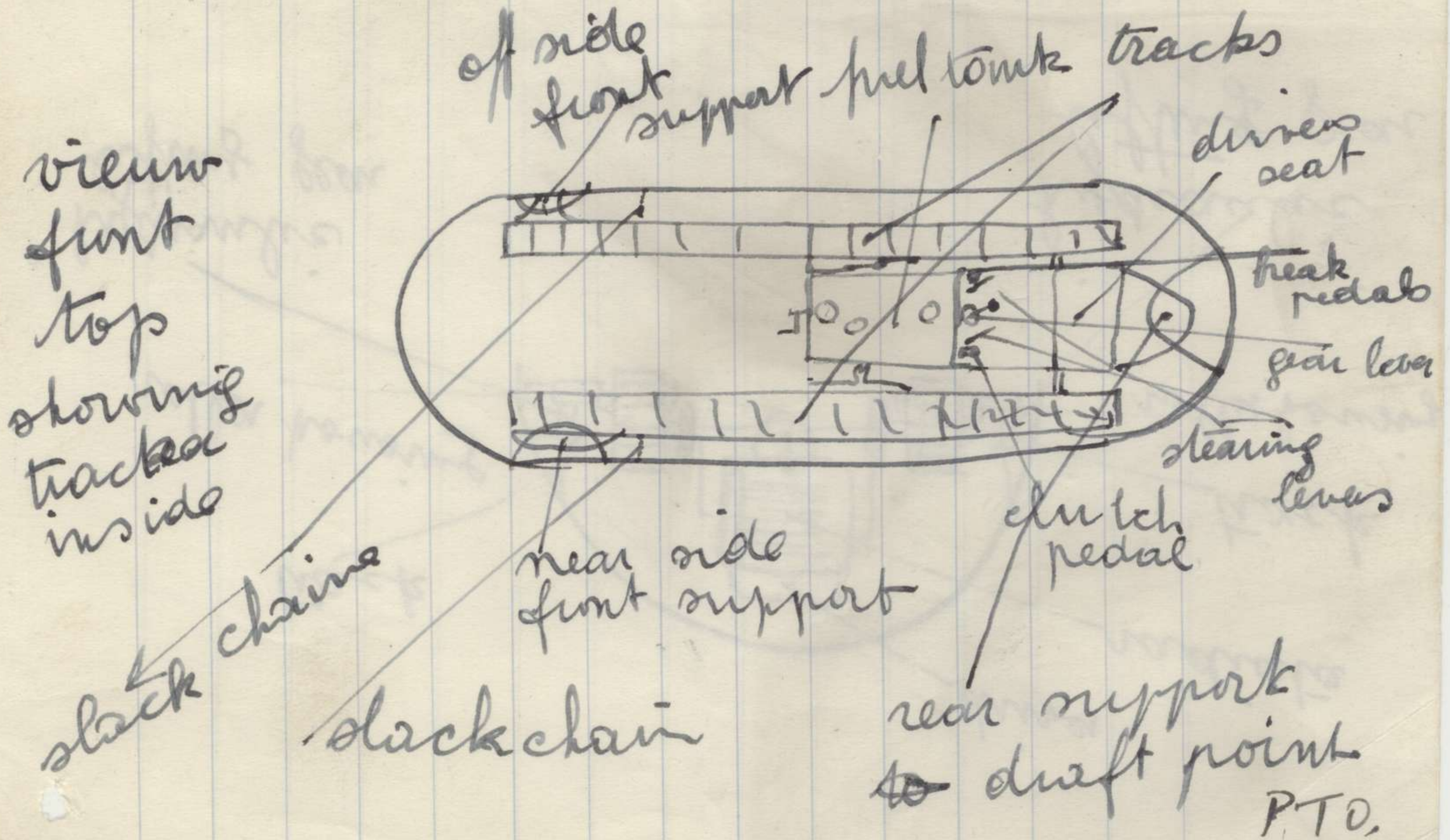
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1.	22 Dec-8 Jan All Coy		Drilling and firing defence post.		
2.	1 Jan	All Coy	Military Gymnastics		
3.	3 Jan	A Coy	Individual (i) Bayonet use (ii) Application of fire (iii) Gas receipt (iv) Weapon use	Coy area	
4.	"	B Coy	Individual (i) Bayonet use (ii) Application of fire (iii) Gas receipt (iv) Pl as patrol	Coy area	
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7.	"	All Coy (Pl) sig	(i) Pl drill, single cell procedure, banner, exchange operating, visual stations (ii) Weapon use, Gas receipt, Alarm recognition (iii) Squad drill, marker ranging, Gas lecture (iv) Rifle and squad drill, weapon use, Gas, lecture explosives, dummies given ranging-lecture and practical. (v) Maintenance of vehicles	Coy area	

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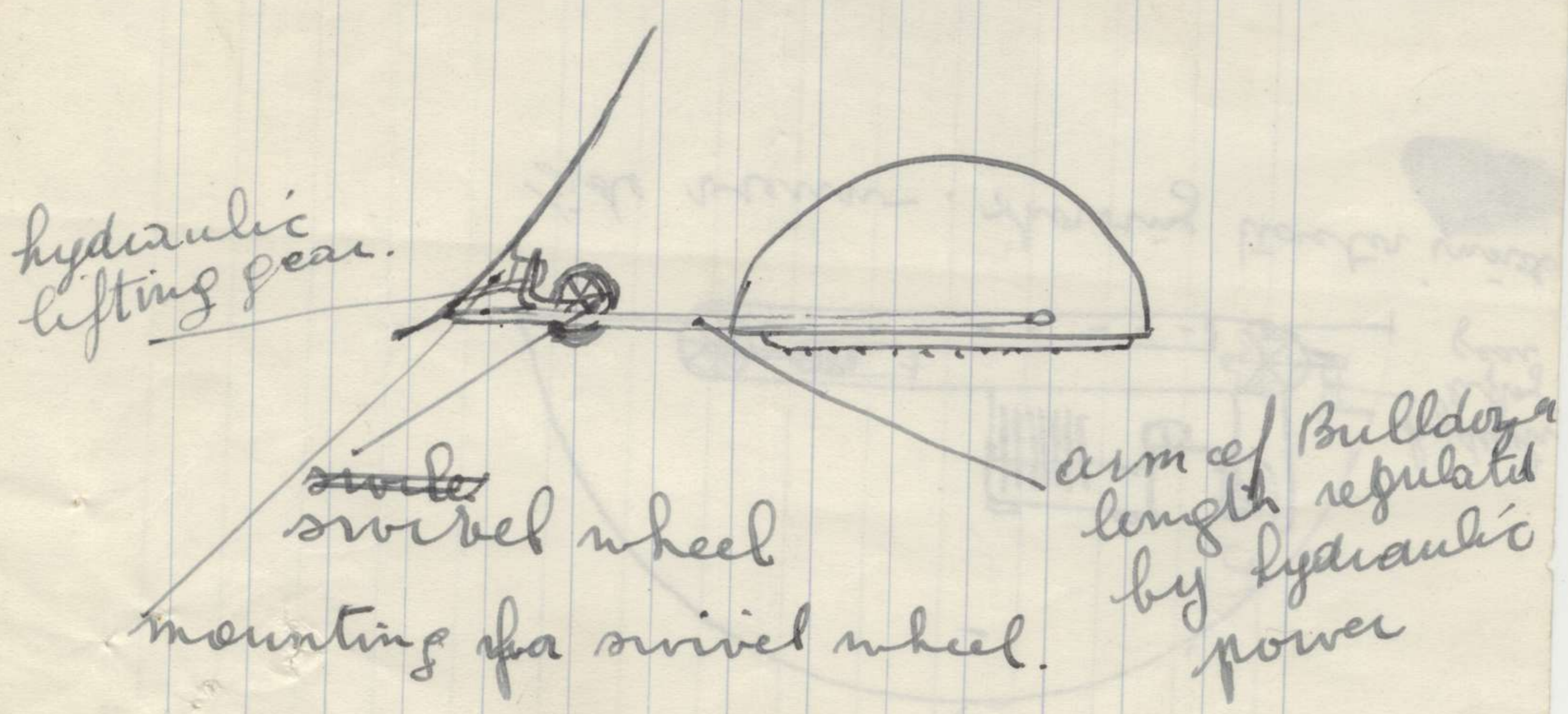
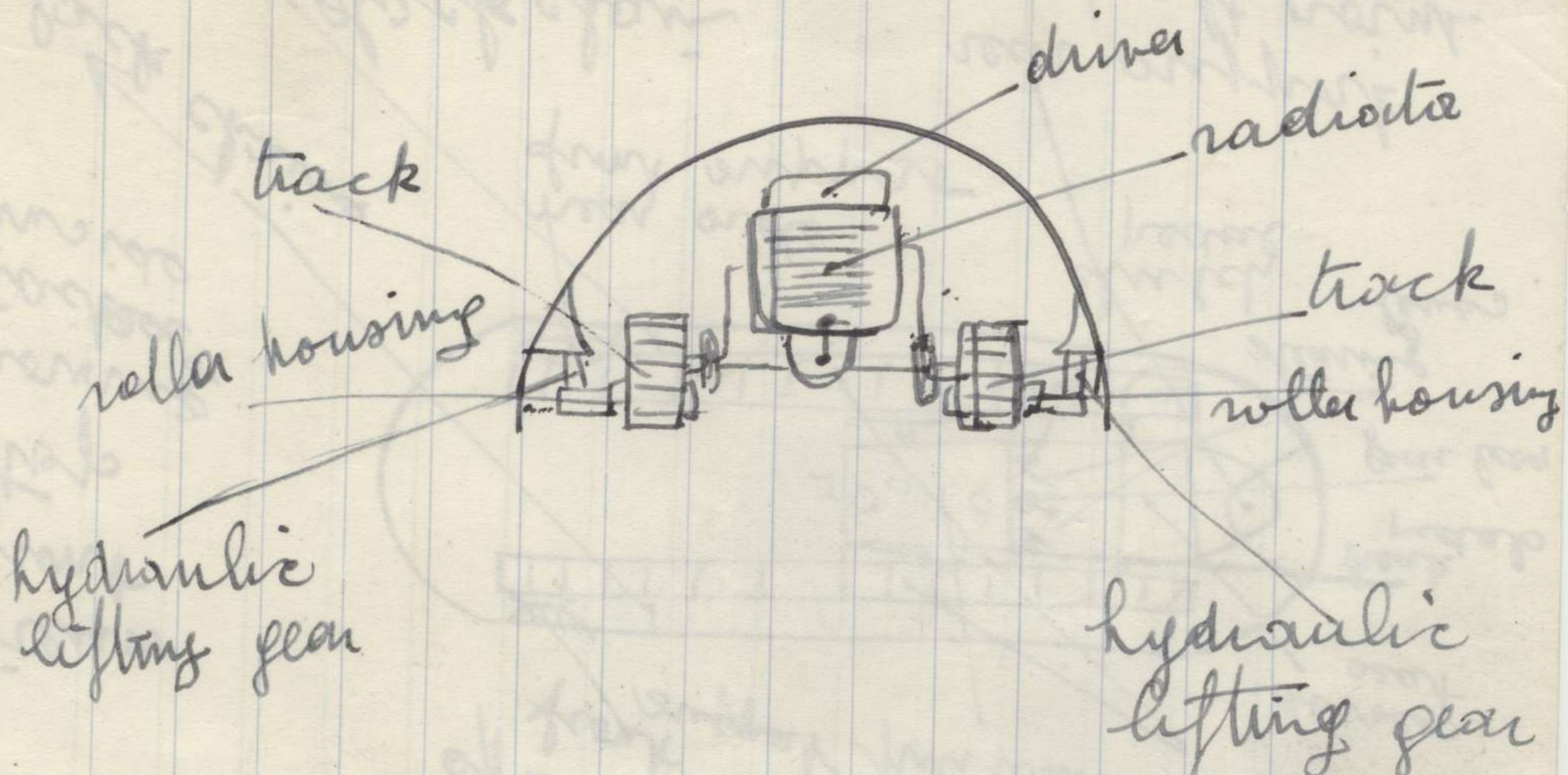




Side view - showing tractor inside









A B C D H.Q. COYS  
ADJT  
PADRE  
T.C.

R/18/1

H.Q.  
2/3 Assistant  
KID

23 Dec 41.

MEMORANDUM

The following personnel will represent the Bn at DIMANCOS on Saturday 27 Dec 41 at 133 hrs :-

NICHOLS (H.Q.)  
ROBERTSON (D COY) GRANT (H.Q.) O'BRIEN (C COY) BUTT (H.Q.)  
MARTIN (D COY)  
JAMESON (D COY)  
AMATI (BN HQ) PLATT (H.Q.) WALKER (D COY)  
COX (H.Q.) WEBB (A COY)  
MOWBY (H.Q.) RUSSELL (C COY) BATHWELL (B COY)

RESERVE

BLACKWELL (B COY) WICKHAM (D COY)  
HARLAN (C COY) BOLAND (H.Q.)  
RUTLEDGE (B COY) TUCKER (A COY)

1. Coys will wear all players.
2. B and C Coy personnel will go direct to DIMANCOS ground. Capt HUCKLEY will ensure that all B and C Coy personnel are suited.
3. Truck will leave A Coy at 1150 hrs to collect personnel of B, C, H.Q. H.Q. Coy D Coy. (On road near R/1 Bn huts) in that order.
4. ISSUE :- F.S. belts, anklets web,
5. Playing Dress :- Long khaki socks, khaki shorts to be provided by players. Suspenders and boots will be provided.

Reserving Capt  
for sports officer



**DECEMBER 1941**

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**MONDAY**

*look at sample Cowshed*

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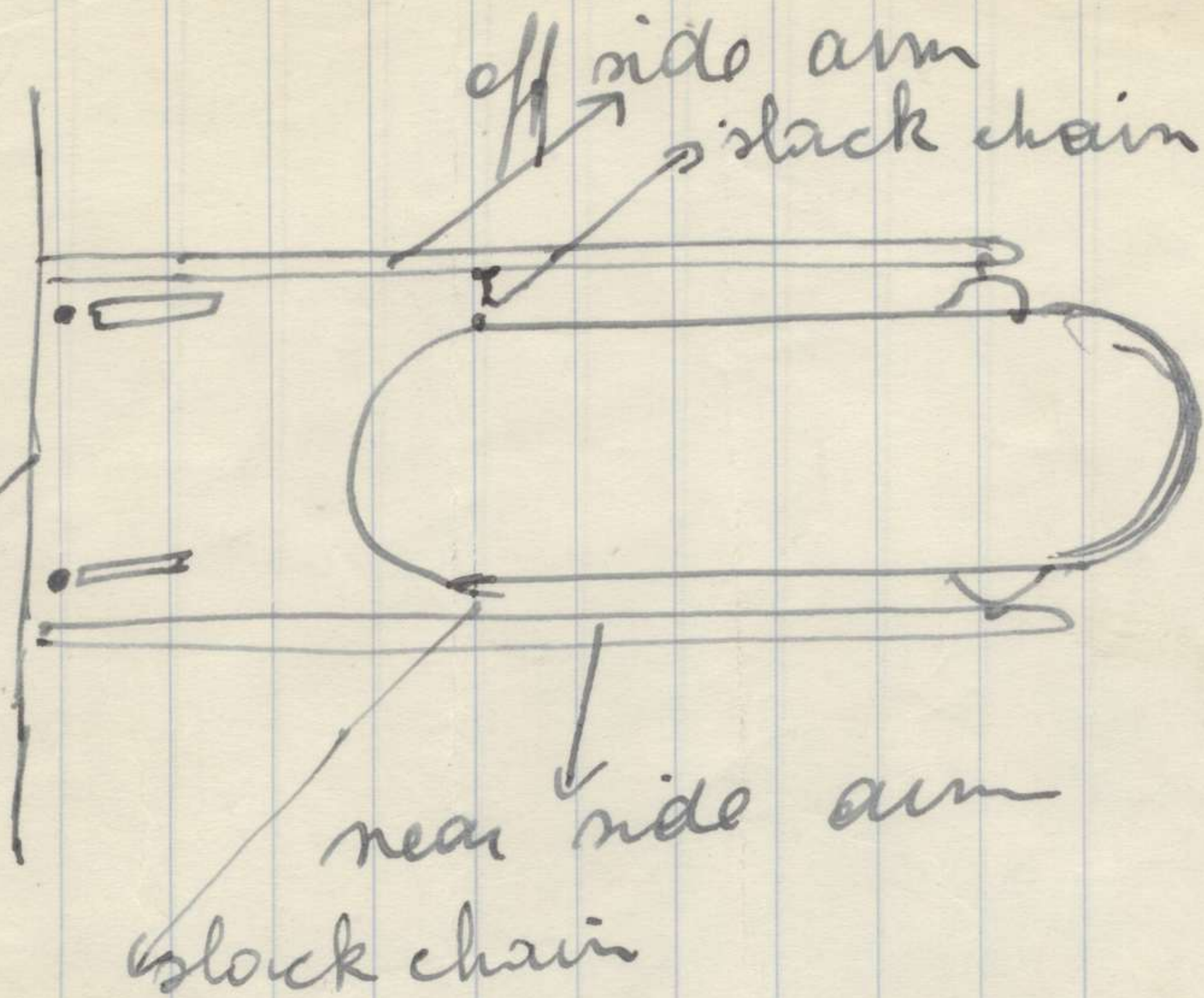
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Bulldozer.  
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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/2 AVST INF BN (Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	8		1
Lieutenants ...	24 (incl 3 attached as part of 20% surplus)	2	3 (to complete 20% surplus).
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1 (incl in above 24)		
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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















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SECRET.

16 Pl. D'Loy  
2/2 Bn.

26 Dec 41

o.c.

D'Loy.

Commercial Bulldozers  
for use in war.

Herewith plans for the above, submitted  
by NX 14705 Pte Rooman R. G. F. J with a request  
that they be forwarded on for inspection

A. C. Smith

lieut.

16 Pl. D'Loy

"D'Loy  
Field

26 Dec 41.

advt  
2/2 Inf Bn.

Forwarded for necessary action

Whitworth Capt.

o.c. "D'Loy



## Commercial Bulldozer.

- for use in action under fire -

### Object:

To make breach through A/Tk obstacles.

It is maintained that this vehicle could render the following obstacles harmless and so open a path for our own A.F.V's and infantry.

- (a) A/Tk ditches
- (b) Barbed wire
- (c) A/Tk mines
- (d) Other A/Tk obstacles (Hedgehogs etc).

### Type of Vehicle

(I.H.C.) - T.D. 40 Trac. Tractor

Bulldozer - Armstrong & Holland.

### Armament:

One piece dome-shaped armour plating for tractor carried on three point suspension each point fitted with hydraulic lifting gear.

### Personnel.

1 driver 1 spare driver.

### Instrument board.

To be fitted with oil compass and meter. Meter mechanism arranged so as to deduct distance travelled in reverse.

### Intercomm.

W/T.



Necessary Alterations to  
Tractor designs.

Trac. roller housing to be lengthened sufficiently to house twice the usual number of rollers. The widest possible agricultural tracks are required. The tracks would project beyond the radiator in order to carry the extra weight i.e. Armour.

Bulldozer.

Scraper made of armour plate which would give 100% protection to the crew. The only view being between tractor & bulldozer. Scraper to be ~~high~~ high enough to conceal tractor from head on view. - After penetrating scraper would be spent and useless when coming into contact with armour of tractor.

Lifting apparatus -

To be regulated by driver by means of automatic hydraulic lifting gear mounted on swivel wheel fitted immediately behind scraper and on each extremity.

Bulldozer to be fitted with specially designed attachment to cope with wire obstacles (see sketch)

Method for use of Vehicle.

Thorough recon by all possible means. Maps showing obstacles in



detail.

Vehicles to be used preferably during night leaving minimum amount of time between demolition of obstacles and the attack.

Artillery to be active in order to cover sound.

Method of removing wire obstacles

Two or more vehicles approach wire approx 100' between vehicles, pick up wire with special attachment then move back towards own lines in reverse gear

Removing mines. - ATK or Anti personnel.

Bulldozer to be set to move 2" of soil which would expose ATK mines with <sup>out</sup> exploding them. Anti personnel mines would be discharged and rendered harmless.

To render ATK ditches crossable by AFV's

moving towards ditch with Bulldozer set at right angles a load of soil would be collected and deposited in ditch. at the same time with extra pressure applied when needed banks of ditch would crumble and break down the obstacle. This operation would probably have to be repeated several times before obstacle was overcome.

Rail & chain obstacles etc.

In the same method as used for overcoming ATK ditches, earth



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could be deposited on these obstacles so as  
to allow A.F.V's to pass over them.

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NX 14705 The Rooman. R. E. F. J.  
"D" Coy 2/2 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. *6*

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

No. of Groups.  
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

*BY R, SIGA, CAVO, DALO, NILG, INPS, SM, RSM*

FROM

*INPS*

Originator's Number

*A.65*

Date

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In Reply to Number

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<i>Many</i>	<i>thanks</i>	<i>your</i>	<i>cooperation</i>	<i>with</i>
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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Major J Bolton "B" Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn

Field Eng Notes No 1.

9 Aust Div R A E.

1. Attached is a copy of the above notes for your information.

  
*W. Hammer*  
Major  
BM 16 Aust Inf Bde.



*Officer*

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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30, Dec, 41.

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POSTING OF OFFICERS WITH UNIT

Herewith Posting of Officers as at 1. Jan. 42.

B.S.I.C.

C.O. Lt. Col. G.R.V. EDGAR  
2i/c Major F.A. CULLEN  
Adjt Capt J.W. DUNLOP  
Asst-Adjt Lieut. J.G. McCANNON  
I.O. Lieut. I.B. FERGUSON

H.Q. Coy.

C.O. Capt. G.H. SWINTON  
1.P1 Lieut. W.F. MERRISON  
2.P1(OR) Lieut. W.F. BROWN  
3.P1 Lieut. K.F. CURTIS (leave)  
4.P1 Lieut. G.J. BERNETT  
5.P1 Lieut. J.M. HAMEY  
Lieut. H.H. SMITH  
6.P1 Lieut. F.T. HARRISON  
T.O. Lieut. C.H. WILSON

A. Coy.

C.O. Capt. G.H. GOSBOLD  
2/i/c Capt. B.H. TRAVERS (detached to 6 Aust Div)  
7.P1 Lieut. P. COFFMAN (attending 6 Div Ski School)  
8.P1 Lieut. D.J. McWILL  
9.P1 Lieut. R.W. POE

B. Coy

C.O. Capt. C.H. GREEN (Hospital)  
2 i/c Capt. D.H. FAIRBROTHER  
10.P1 Lieut. R.H. MOORE  
11.P1 Lieut. R.C. SMITH  
12.P1 Lieut. R.C. SLEASWILLE

C. Coy

C.O. Capt. A.A. BUSLEY  
2 i/c  
13.P1 Lieut. J.B. HARRISON  
14.P1 Lieut. G. COYLE  
15.P1 Lieut. G.H. IRVIN  
(Attached) Lieut. L.T. HALL

D. Coy

C.O. Capt. J.G. RISHWORTH  
2/i/c Lieut. G.F.W. BAYLISS (school)  
16.P1 Lieut. R.C. SMITH  
17.P1 Lieut. G.H. NICHOLSON  
18.P1 Lieut. W.D. HALL (school)

ATTACHED OFFICERS

R.M.O. Capt. I.V. SMITH (AMSO)  
Dental Officer. Capt J.R. OFFNER (11 Aust Dental Unit)  
Chaplain. Padre S.H. HILLIERS. (A.A.Ch.D.)  
Welfare Worker. Mr McCabe (S.A.)

DETACHED OFFICERS

Major. A.B. CAMPBELL (6 Aust Div)  
Lieut. D.S. BIRNONS (Hospital)

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NX2232	SMITH	P.C.	LIEUT.	" " " " B. Coy
NA7173	SHANAHAN	J.	SBT	" " " " " "
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NX1833	MC FAYDEN	V.N.	L/CP	" " " " " "
NX1474	WHITE	A.H.	PTE	" " " " " "
NX1306	KENNEDY	J.F.	"	" " " " " "
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NX1373	RICHARDS	N.	"	" " " " " "
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NX2405	HAYTER	F.C.	CPL.	" " " " " "
NX1803	CALING	C.J.	"	" " " " " "
NX7144	FULLER	J.W.H.	CPL.	" " " " " "
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NX9567	ALLISON	H.V.	L/CP	" " " " " "
NX7166	WINSOR	D.R.	PTE	" " " " " "
" 28067	JONES	C.G.	"	" " " " " "
" 1360	DENMEAD	H.R.J.	CPL.	" " " " " "
" 71331	WALKER	P.K.	PTE.	" " " " " "
" 13343	KERR	A.H.	"	" " " " " "
" 1258	BURBOYNE	R.P.	CPL.	" " " " " "
" 21119	WEBB	A.	PTE.	" " " " " "
" 71366	ASHTON	N.B.	"	" " " " " "
" 1636	JOHNSON	J.M.	"	" " " " " "
" 71518	DAVIS	E.W.	"	" " " " " "
QX166	CHAMBERS	C.	"	" " " " " "
NX10856	JAMES	L.	"	" " " " " "
" 18897	DONBAY	M.	"	" " " " " "
" 23947	CHISHOLM	A.V.	"	" " " " " "
" 47880	WALSH	R.	"	" " " " " "

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" 47826	RILEY	R.A.	"	" " " " " "
" 72479	THOMPSON	K.H.	"	" " " " " "
" 52274	SHARDE	F.C.	"	" " " " " "
" 1859	OBLE	A.	"	" " " " " "
" 1415	FARRELL	J.E.	"	" " " " " "
" 1387	SMITHERS	J.H.	CPL.	" " " " " "
" 1317	HARBOTTLE	J.	PTE.	" " " " " "
" 1457	MARKS	D.T.	"	" " " " " "
" 6392	SHEEHAN	J.	CPL.	" " " " " "
" 7175	COTTER	C.R.	PTE.	" " " " " "
" 1729	HILL	S.A.	"	" " " " " "
" 9339	PENNYCOOK	J.	SBT	" " " " " "
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QX7809	MARTIN	J.M.	PTE.	" " " " " "
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102	NX1511	CLIFTS	D.R.	PTE	2/2 B Coy
	NX1985	HEYMAN	T.W.	PL	
	NX15096	DUSTEN	L.E.	PTE	
	NX72763	DODD	R.S.	"	
	NX10292	DONLON	J.P.	"	
	NX71647	HOOGE	R.S.	"	
	NX1251	BLAIN	R.N.	SGT	
	NX1750	KING	D.C.	COL.	
	NX12276	UTTERIDGE	M.S.	PTE	
	NX2329	LANE RICH	H.	"	
	NX1195	SCHEMERY	I.B.	"	
	NX17713	MURTON	S.F.	"	
	NX1140	COVILL	J.	"	
	NX71752	WALSH	D.	"	
	NX71883	TURNER	A.H.H.	"	
	NX66046	JOHNSON	R.T.	"	
103	NX1559	KINGSTON	T.W.	COL.	
	NX320	BURROUGHS	R.A.	SGT	
	NX2111	ALLEN	R.L.	PTE	
	NX1141	PORTER	J.H.P.	"	
	NX2216	BURMAN	G.C.	4/PL	
	NX1560	BERNARD	R.R.	"	
	NX2328	JONES	D.E.	"	
	NX4418	CROSS	W.	PTE	
	NX2337	MUNN	M.K.	"	
104 →	NX1767	WALKS	N.W.	"	
104	NX2200	WALLIS	C.W.	COL.	
	NX9696	MCPHERSON	E.W.	4/PL	
	NX8402	DALEY	D.E.	PTE	
	NX19751	KWICHT	F.	"	
	NX2191	KING	R.	4/PL	
	NX71090	LYNCH	N.P.	PTE	
	NX2390	HINDS	F.	"	
	NX57839	PARKER	M.R.	"	
	NX1918	MCINTOSH	G.	SGT	
	NX1732	EDWINSTON	J.	4/PL	
	NX1831	MITCHELL	J.C.	4/PL	
	NX1525	WILLIAMS	C.G.	COL.	
	NX16302	SMITH	C.W.	PTE	
	NX8969	FURNISS	V.V.	SGT	
	NX2291	MCNEIGH	T.	SGT.	
105	NX1300	CONNOR	F.P.	PTE	
	NX9492	LEE	R.	SGT	B.N.Q.
	NX2236	MURPHY	S.V.	PTE	
	NX1298	CORRIGAN	J.D.	"	
	NX1879	BUYERS	J.	"	
	NX1530	HARRISON	W.S.	"	
	NX1616	CHAPMAN	W.R.	"	
	NX9951	HUTCHBY	R.B.	4/PL	
	NX1232	LAIRD	H.O.	COL.	
	NX7168	BLACKFORD	S.P.	PTE	
	NX6120	LONGGAIN	D.S.	"	
	NX1621	LANGTHORNE	E.	4/PL	
	NX1279	CASSON	N.N.	PTE	



105	NX 2234	FREDERICKS	O.C.	PTC	2/2 D N G
	NX 9791	JACKSON	W.	"	"
	NX 1425	ROWLAND	H.D.	SET	"
106	NX 1629	TRACVE	R.	PTC	"
	NX 1291	GEORGE	C.S.	"	"
	NX 2381	ELLEN	A.H.	"	"
107	NX 2195	GARVIN	B.H.	"	"
	NX 2050	LEGGIE	A.O.	CPL	"
	NX 9469	NICHOLAS	T.	SGT	"
	NX 1465	RUSSELL	D.	CPL	"
	NX 1472	DONNELLY	B.T.	PTC	C. Coy
	NX 20498	BURDEN	W.T.	"	"
	NX 1427	CADELL	R.J.	SET	"
	NX 9817	CROSS	L.	PTC	"
	NX 8414	TAYLOR	C.B.	"	D. Coy
	NX 2280	FOSTER	O.A.	"	"
	NX 9006	WHITTAKER	F.	"	"
	NX 1429	WATSON	T.	"	"
	NX 68696	BARR	T.	"	"
	NX 51951	TAMISON	E.P.	"	"
	NX 50264	CLARKE	W.J.	L/CPL	"
	NX 28330	O'DOURKE	H.	PTC	"
108	NX 71377	JOHNSON	R.	"	"
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	NX 72383	HARVEY	H.	"	"
	NX 2225	HUSS	M.W.	"	"
	NX 1909	HILLS	S.C.	"	"
	NX 1348	BROWN	M.J.C.	"	"
	NX 15456	ARCHIBALD	R.A.	"	"
	NX 2285	HERMANN	H.L.	"	"
	NX 2189	HEWITT	E.C.	"	"
	NX 9940	GIBSON	C.V.	"	"
	NX 1876	DAVIDSON	R.H.	"	"
	NX 1435	BLACKFORD	D.L.	"	"
	NX 5755	WILKINSON	T.	"	"
	NX 15377	COOMBS	R.D.	CPL	"
109	NX 1846	ALMOND	W.	SET	"
	NX 2340	WILLIAMSON	T.J.	PTC	"
	NX <del>1846</del> 4360	ROBERTS	G.K.	"	"
	NX 9642	BRIGHT	W.R.	CPL	"
	NX 2332	MAWHINNEY	D.W.	SET	"
	NX 2363	MCLEAREN	J.	PTC	"
	NX 1764	MINTON	T.A.	CPL	"
	NX 1625	ROWE	M.M.	L/CPL	"
	NX 8608	RICE	L.	PTC	"
	NX 47324	SAMBELL	P.B.W.	"	"
	NX 8740	STROTTON	B.S.	SGT	"
	NX 11681	DUNNE	R.F.	LPL	"
	NX 47916	POSTLETHWAITE	R.G.	"	"
	NX 9374	HONEYWELL	H.J.	W/O	C. Coy
	NX 1461	PHILLIPS	H.	PTC	"



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110	NX 2230	WALSH	W.L.	PTC	2/2	C. Coy
	NX 2346	SMITH	T.H.	"		
	NX 19708	CLEMENTS	J.F.	"		
	NX 1800	BAYLIS	C.F.W.	LIEUT.		
	NX 1482	MOORE	W.J.	L/PL		
	NX 1398	LONERGAN	T.G.	CPL		
	NX 1275	SMITH	W.	PTC		
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	NX 1431	MOODY	W.R.	PTC		
	NX 1920	CRAWLEY	T.	"		
	NX 9062	SHOEMARK	L.N.	CPL		
	NX 1507	BOURER	E.J.	CPL		
	NX 2246	VERCOE	H.W.	L/PL		
	NX 1534	MURPHY	M.J.	PTC		
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	NX 2257	CALON	D.R.	"		
	NX 9342	WILLIAMS	R.L.	"		
	NX 23698	CHESHER	A.K.A.	"		
	NX 41989	FLINT	V.	"		
	NX 1510	REEDY	J.O.	S/SGT		

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