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		<p><u>THE MOVE OF "STEPSISTER" 3B 31 JAN TO 26 MAR.</u></p> <p>The first indication this unit received of an impending move of a large force under the Nom de Plume of STEPSISTER was during the last few days of Jan 42., when instructions were received for certain A.I.F. units in SYRIA to return to PALESTINE.</p> <p>On the 2 Feb. an Adv. Party consisting of Maj. P.A.Cullen, Capt. B.H.Travers, Capt. D. Fair-brother and Lieut. T. Harrison with 22 O.Rs left the QATANA Camp by M.T. to proceed to the camp BEIT JIRJA, PALESTINE, which this unit would take over on arrival there. From among this party Capt. B.H.Travers, Sgt. Mawhinney and Pte. Sullivan were selected as an Adv. Party at our next destination, which as rumour had it, was AUSTRALIA. This party sailed from the M.E. with the last flight of the previous force.</p> <p>From the time the Bn. arrived at BEIT JIRJA Camp on the 6 Feb. onwards would be told by splitting events into four phases :</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Preparation and move of</td> <td>Carriers.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" v</td> <td>" " " Transport</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"</td> <td>" " " Q Arrangements</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"</td> <td>" " " Personnel of Bn.</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>CARRIER PL.</u></p> <p>Late in the evening of 18 Feb. orders were received for Capt. Swinton and 42 O.Rs of the Carrier Pl. would proceed to TEL-EL-KABIR to collect the Bn. establishment of Carriers. Before leaving, all ranks of the party had to be completely equipped with all personal issues, this was done with a few exceptions of outsize personnel.</p> <p>The party moved to KEL-EL-KABIR by road arriving there at 1900 hrs. 19 Feb. Capt. Swinton was issued with 21 Carriers for which the tools were very short, but during the next few days this shortage was considerably reduced.</p>	Preparation and move of	Carriers.	" v	" " " Transport	"	" " " Q Arrangements	"	" " " Personnel of Bn.		
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<u>STEPSISTER CONT.</u>		<p>The original orders received by Capt Swinton were to move from TEL-EL-KABIR to SUEZ with Carriers on 24 Feb.. but on the 22 Feb. this was cancelled and the date of the move left open.</p> <p>The period of waiting was spent in maintenance and short runs for the Carriers to loosen up tracks etc., painting of Unit signs and serial numbers and bringing every man up to full W.E. in personal equipment. When the Pl. finally left TEL-EL-KABIR it had never been better equipped, even down to an issue of driving goggles to every man in the Pl.</p> <p>On the 26 Feb. 14 men were granted one day's leave to ISMAILIA and on the 27 Feb. CAIRO leave was also granted. The only restriction on leave to the Pl. was that they soon ran out of money</p> <p>The Pl. played quite a bit of Hockey at TEL-EL-KABIR and beat all comers except the BRITISH ORD. TEAM.</p> <p>Ten Carriers left for SUEZ on M.T. Floats on the 10 Mar the remaining 11 Carriers moving to PORT TEWFIK on the 13 Mar. These two groups of Carriers were shipped in the S.S. UPINGTON COURT and the S.S. AALSUM respectively. Personnel who were not able to travel on either of these two ships were shipped on the M.V. KAIMATA. Prior to sailing of ships Ptes Austin and Ford were evacuated to hospital.</p> <p>The S.S. AALSUM left PORT TEWFIK on the 14 Mar and arrived at COLOMBO after an uneventful trip on the 28 Mar. On the 30 Mar. the S.S. AALSUM and the M.V. KAIMATA sailed together for CACHIN on the WEST Coast of INDIA, after remaining in this port for an week the S.S. AALSUM returned to COLOMBO and unloading of Carriers commenced on the 14 Apr.</p> <p>The M.V. KAIMATA with Carrier Personnel on board arrived safely at COLOMBO on 28 Mar and left 2 days later for COCHIN where it remained until it returned to COLOMBO on the 14 Apr.</p> <p>The S.S. UPINGTON COURT arrived 15 Apr. at COLOMBO and offloading of all M.T. ships was commenced. The Carrier Pl. concentrated at VICTORIA PARK, COLOMBO. On the 17 Apr. the Carrier Pl. less 1 Carrier which had gear-box trouble moved off to join the Bn. at DIKHENA CAMP, HORANA.</p> <p><u>TRANSPORT.</u></p> <p>On the return of the Bn. from SYRIA, Transport was considerably below W.E. "STEPSISTER" Instr. were received that all transport other than CHEVS and FORDS were to be returned to V.R.P.</p>		

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<u>STEPSISTER CONT.</u>		<p>The Bn. received 10 3 Ton CHEVS, 2 Water Carts and one Office Van. On the 19 Feb a further issue of 20 BEDFORD 13 cwt. and 3 3 ton CHEVS were received from the V.R.P. and 3 2 ton FRENCH FORDS and one DODGE Recce Truck were returned to V.R.P.</p> <p>The vehicles held by this Bn. on the 19 Feb. were:-</p> <table data-bbox="870 584 2144 947"><tr><td>16</td><td>3 ton</td><td>CHEVS</td></tr><tr><td>20</td><td>15 cwt</td><td>BEDFORDS</td></tr><tr><td>12</td><td>15 cwt</td><td>FORDS</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td></td><td>BEDFORD Water Cart</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td></td><td>CHEV " "</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td></td><td>CAR UTILITY</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td></td><td>CHEV Office Van</td></tr><tr><td>20</td><td></td><td>Motor Cycles. (15 new B.S.A. m/cs were received)</td></tr></table> <p>Except for the following vehicles Transport had all brand new lorries in excellent mechanical condition.</p> <table data-bbox="870 1048 1647 1179"><tr><td>12</td><td>15 cwt</td><td>FORDS</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>3 ton</td><td>CHEVS</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td></td><td>CHEV Car D.S.</td></tr></table> <p>During the next few days there was plenty for Transport Personnel to do; checking and marking vehicles with both Unit and Serial No. signs. On the 20/21 Feb a number of 3 ton CHEV trucks were loaded with W.E. stores in preparation for the move of Transport to SUEZ but at 0200 hrs. on 22 Feb. an L.O. from Bde. arrived with orders cancelling road move. A further message at 0800 hrs. instructed that all vehicles be off loaded and prepared for return to Vehicle Reception Park. This order was later cancelled and only the D.S. Car returned to be replaced later by a new FORD D.S. Car.</p> <p>On the 1 Mar loading of vehicles was again commenced and transport was placed on 6 hours notice to move, this was reduced to two hours on the 5 Mar.</p> <p>Final orders for move of trucks was received on the 6 Mar for Transport to be prepared to move at 0500 hrs. on the 7 Mar. An Adv. Party consisting of Lieut. Skerritt in 1 15 cwt left BEIT JIRJA at 0500 hrs. on the 7 Mar for SUEZ.</p>	16	3 ton	CHEVS	20	15 cwt	BEDFORDS	12	15 cwt	FORDS	1		BEDFORD Water Cart	1		CHEV " "	1		CAR UTILITY	1		CHEV Office Van	20		Motor Cycles. (15 new B.S.A. m/cs were received)	12	15 cwt	FORDS	3	3 ton	CHEVS	1		CHEV Car D.S.		
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<u>STEPSISTER CONT.</u>		<p><u>ROAD CONVOY TO SUEZ.</u></p> <p>The convoy consisted of Lieut. Anderson Bn. T.O., Lieut. Brown and Mr. McCabe with 88 O.Rs and Bn. Transport. Bn. Convoy moved out of camp under control of Bde. T.O. 10 M/cs were ridden and 10 were trucked.</p> <p>Route taken was BEIT JIRJA, GAZA AIRPORT, BEERSHEBA across SINAI DESERT to SUEZ, total mileage of trip was approx 360 miles and the V.T.M. was 20 throughout and the M.I.H. 15.</p> <p>The trip was uneventful and the staging point for night was 50 miles on the PALESTINE side of the PALESTINE/EGYPTIAN border. The convoy moved off at 0600 hrs. the following morning and reached the SUEZ CANAL at 1600 hrs., here vehicles were re-fuelled with P.O.L. for 90 miles and at 1500 hrs. the head of the convoy halted 6 miles short of the SUEZ V.M.P. This park was still occupied by 17 Aust. Inf. Bde. Transport and our vehicles were unable to enter V.M.P. until 10 Mar.</p> <p>Lieuts Brown and Skerritt and Mr. McCabe with 27 O.Rs returned to the Bn. which had by this time reached KABRIT., EGYPT.</p> <p>At a conference called by Camp Comdt. V.M.P., it was decided that transport would not be put into unit lots but would be loaded according to size, weight and length. No indication could be given by the Port Authorities as to which of the M.T. ships the Bn. Transport would be loaded, until they finally arrived at the wharf and were allotted a ship.</p> <p>When finally loaded the Bn. Transport was split between the S.S. AALSUM and the S.S. BEGUM. Sgt. Dobby was put in charge of Bn. Trucks on the AALSUM and Cpl. Hartley on the BEGUM. Lieut. Anderson with 7 O.Rs sailed on the M.V. KAIMATA as O.C. and ship's staff.</p> <p>The S.S. BEGUM sailed from SUEZ on the 13 Mar. arriving without incident at COLOMBO on the 28 Mar., transport was off-loaded and arrived at unit lines on afternoon 31 Mar.</p> <p>The S.S. AALSUM sailed from SUEZ on the 14 Mar. and arrived at COLOMBO on the 28 Mar, without unloading sailed for COCHIN as already explained in the Carrier phase of move. The M.V. KAIMATA as already detailed in Carrier phase.</p> <p>All transport and personnel had reported back to the Bn. by afternoon 21 Apr. 42.</p>		<p>Signature</p>

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STEPSISTER CONT.		<p><u>QUARTERMASTERS BRANCH.</u></p> <p>When the Bn. returned to PALESTINE 6 Feb, it was indicated by higher authority that the Bn. would leave the Middle East War Theatre and that it would be equipped in accordance with what would be known as the STEPSISTER Scale of Issues. (attached) Receipt by Bn. of the STEPSISTER Scale of issues and the order for all deficiencies lists to be compiled meant the Q Staff to be working like beavers until just before the unit left PALESTINE for EGYPT and the port of embarkation.</p> <p>The result of the excellent work done by the Q Staff was that the Bn. left PALESTINE equipped up to a standard equal with that attained just before the LIBYAN CAMPAIGN in 1940.</p> <p><u>WARLIKE STORES.</u></p> <p>The Bn. was approx. 90% equipped when it moved. The establishment of certain stores was reduced under the STEPSISTER scale and reductions were as follows :-</p> <table data-bbox="832 1003 2060 1124"> <tr> <td>.55</td> <td>A/Tk Rifles</td> <td>were reduced from</td> <td>25</td> <td>to</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2"</td> <td>Mortars</td> <td>" " "</td> <td>16</td> <td>to</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Hydra Burners</td> <td>" " "</td> <td>22</td> <td>to</td> <td>7</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Hydra Burners which had been taken over from the BLACK WATCH in SYRIA were inspected by 45 L.A.D. and found to be in bad condition. An indent was submitted for new burners but these were not forthcoming although some spare parts were issued. .38 SS&W pistols were in some cases issued in lieu of m.45 S&W. Compasses were in some cases issued in lieu of the Mark VIII and IX Prismatic.</p> <p><u>UNOBTAINABLE STORES.</u></p> <p>The following issues were not obtainable up to the time the Bn. left the Middle East :-</p> <table data-bbox="801 1518 2216 1719"> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>Snipers Rifles</td> <td>Telescopic Sights.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Spare Parts,</td> <td>2" Mortar</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Field Clinometer</td> <td>3" Mortar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Twin-barrelled Brens</td> <td>A/A Pl.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Binoculars.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>The above list is of the more serious deficiencies and there were others but of a minor nature.</p>	.55	A/Tk Rifles	were reduced from	25	to	11	2"	Mortars	" " "	16	to	12		Hydra Burners	" " "	22	to	7	8	Snipers Rifles	Telescopic Sights.		Spare Parts,	2" Mortar		Field Clinometer	3" Mortar	4	Twin-barrelled Brens	A/A Pl.		Binoculars.			<p>Signature</p>
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STEPSISTER	CONT.	<p><u>AMMUNITION.</u></p> <p>No W.E. Ammo was brought from SYRIA when the Bn. moved except 50 per man S.A.A. and ammo for Bren Guns for A/A protection.</p> <p>The complete W.E. for ammo was indented for on the 8 Feb and it had all been drawn from WADI SARAR by the 13 Feb. with the exception of .55 A/Tk and .38 ammo. Ten days before leaving PALESTINE 16 Aust. Inf. Bde. issued 3000 rds. .55, about half of W.E. requirements.</p> <p>In addition to normal Q.E. the Bn. was issued with 30,000 ,303 which was the 2nd. line A/A ammo. for the unit.</p> <p><u>CLOTHING.</u></p> <p>Indents were submitted covering requirements for the Bn. to bring every man up to STEPSISTER Scale of issue and in this connection it is interesting to note that only one pair of boots per man was allowed although personnel already issued with two pairs could retain both.</p> <p>Clothing generally, came to hand very quickly but difficulty was found in fitting the larger sized men with shorts and slacks K.D.</p> <p>The large batch of re-inforcements arriving at such a late period prevented them from all being equipped with clothing, but even up to two days before leaving PALESTINE issues were still being made.</p> <p>To handle the large bulk of equipment for units leaving PALESTINE, the ORD. DEPOT established a 6 AUST. DIV. BULK STORE to which each unit sent a representative; this Bn. sent L/Cpl GREENALL J.R. This arrangement worked exceedingly well, both from a point of view of the unit and also ORD. DEPOT.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p>Time spent by the Bn. Q at BEIT JIRJA crating A/GAS STORES was indeed time well spent, as was later proved. The cardboard containers for A/GAS gear would never have stood the strain of loading and unloading from train and ship unless it had been crated. In connection A/GAS equipment, the Bn. was issued for the first time in it's history with CURTAINS A/GAS at the rate of one per man.</p> <p>Prior to leaving BEIT JIRJA Camp all Camp Accommodation Stores were handed over to Camp Staff Officer, BEIT JIRJA.</p>		Signature.....

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STEPSISTER CONT.		<p><u>EMBARKATION.</u></p> <p>Only a limited number of stores were shipped on the Troop-ships, but despite this some of the stores were left behind owing to the hustling tactics of the NAVY, however, these stores were picked up at ADEN. Unloading at COLOMBO went very smoothly and no stores were lost.</p> <p>The great lesson learnt during the move was that time spent crating stores and ensuring that everything was compactly and correctly packed far outweighed the disadvantage of any time lost in packing.</p> <p>The importance of having everything correctly marked, especially kit-bags, cannot be over emphasized, incorrectly or badly marked stores cause confusion or waste time.</p> <p>The only loss for the whole move was 1 crate of 40 shovels.</p> <p><u>E COY.</u></p> <p>STEPSISTER Instructions laid down that the Bn. would be made up to full W.E. in personnel plus first re-inforcements. In accordance with this instruction 199 re-inforcements arrived at BEIT JIRJA Camp on the 12 Feb. and a further 90 on the 19 Feb.</p> <p>These re-inforcements were composed of 16 AUST. INF. TNG. BN. and 20 AUST. INF. TNG. BN. re-inforcement personnel, many of the latter seem to have been willed from various jobs not requiring stamina or initiative, although, as time went past it could be seen that there was good material among them. The general standard of training and discipline seemed to be very low. As distribution to coys. would have overstrained Pls. with semi-trained personnel, the C.O. decided to form them into a re-inforcement coy, until such time as they would be absorbed into rifle coys as trained soldiers.</p> <p>The new officers who arrived with the re-inforcements were used to officer the coy., which was run on a four Pl. basis. When the coy. had been running for a week the C.O. appointed CAPT. FAIRBROTHER to command it; with Lieut. BROWN as 2i/c and Lieuts W.O. HALL, C. HODGE, L.T. HALL and POPE as Pl. Comdrs.</p> <p>Senior N.C.Os were taken from rifle coys to act as instructors and give the coy. a solid backbone. CAPT. FAIRBROTHER had nothing but praise for the work done by these N.C.Os under most difficult circumstances.</p>		

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STEPSISTER CONT.		<p>Representation to BN.H.Q. for a change of name from Re-inforcement Coy to E Coy. was approved and had a very beneficial effect on the Troops in the coy. and gave them something for which to work.</p> <p>Discipline and knowledge of weapons being the ground work for any soldier, was adopted as the policy for the initial training of the coy. The competitive spirit was introduced between Pls. both on the parade ground and for guards and sentries with good results.</p> <p>Unfortunately, weapon training periods were continuously being cancelled owing to the lack of weapons with which to instruct. Rifle coys. did, however, co-operate to their utmost to supply the necessary weapons but the demand far outweighed the supply.</p> <p>Despite all the setbacks the coy managed to find an interest in life and settled down, but there was always the feeling that they were re-inforcements and not a part of the Bn.</p> <p>On the 23 Feb., Lieut POPE returned to 16 AUST. INF. TNG. BN. and his vacancy was filled by Lieut WARD, recently returned from O.C.T.U.</p> <p>3" Mortar and 2" Mortar demonstrations, G(R) unarmed combat and the use of Recce Boats were fitted into the syllabus. Half of E Coy spent a day at NUSEIRAT Range. Rangework was at first poor, but later developed and indicated that there were good shots among the men.</p> <p>The move from PALESTINE to SUEZ was for E Coy quite a simple task as the men had no weapons apart from rifles and personal gear plus what had been issued by the Bn Q Store.</p> <p>Aboard the ship the difficulties of training E Coy were if anything harder than ashore, weapons were not available aboard being mostly used for A/A protection. Also the training space allotted to each coy. was very limited.</p> <p>On arrival at HORANA, the rifle coys, having 668 in the meantime, been not a little depleted in strength through sickness and demands from higher authority for personnel the C.O. decided to disband E Coy. The men were absorbed into the coys thus becoming part of the machinery of the Bn. on the 1 Apr.</p>		Signature

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		<p>The attached orders and instructions issued by this Bn. and higher authority tell their own story of the amount of work devolving on the Quarter Master (Capt D.S.I. BURROWS) and the Bn. Q Staff, who, throughout the preparations for the move of the Bn. had not only to contend with the orders and counter orders of higher authority, but had also to supervise detailed issues of W.E. to the whole Bn.</p>		
		<p>Secrecy of the move was maintained right up to the time of embarkation; only the C.O., Adj. and Q.M. had the complete picture of the move. Other officers of the Bn. were only informed of relevant portions of orders which concerned their dept.</p>		
		<p>The first indication the tps. received of an impending move was the issue of equipment such as ; - DOVER'S CREAM, WATER STERILIZING OUTFITS and EMERGENCY RATIONS which are not a normal issue during training periods.</p>		
		<p>To avoid personnel arriving at destination without some piece of essential gear, BN.H.Q. had issued detailed instructions as to the gear to be packed on the haversack, pack, sea kit-bag, and kit-bag.</p>		
		<p>TO BE CARRIED IN HAVERSACK.</p>	<p>SWEATER TOILET GEAR GROUND SHEET EMERGENCY RATIONS TOWEL</p>	<p>RATIONS WATER STERILIZING OUTFITS DOVER'S CREAM WATER BOTTLE MESS GEAR</p>
		<p>TO BE CARRIED IN PACK</p>	<p>BOOTS SLACKS K.D. SHIRTS SHORTS</p>	<p>UNDERCLOTHES 3 PRS. OF SOCKS AND TOPS GREAT COAT</p>
		<p>All gear personnell would need should kit-bags not arrive, was packed in sea-kit-bag and surplus gear packed in kit-bags.</p>		
		<p>As the time for departure drew near the W.E. was packed on vehicles and accommodation stores returned to Camp Staff Officer, only tents and essential cooking gear remained in the Bn. lines.</p>		
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STEPSISTER CONT.		<p>During the late afternoon of 7 Mar, civilian buses drew into the Bn. Lines and groups halted opposite Coy areas.</p> <p>The dress was S.D. uniforms and full marching order plus sea-kit-bags. Embussing commenced at 1730 hrs. and at 1800 hrs. the Bn. moved out of camp lines to MAJDUL RLY. STA. where the unit was entrained in cattle-trucks for the journey to KANTARA. The train pulled into KANTARA WEST STA at 0630 hrs. and the tps. had breakfast before crossing the canal and entraining for KABRIT Camp.</p> <p>Hopes ran high when the train did not pull up at KABRIT STA, it being thought that we would go straight on to SUEZ and embark. Such was not the case however, as about 3 miles from KABRIT STA the train pulled up and the Bn. detrained into a wilderness of sand. The B.M. was there to meet the Bn., it was then discovered that there was a march from the Rly line to the camp of a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, this in reality was $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. When the Bn. finally reached the camp allotted to 2/2 Bn. everyone was soaked to the skin with sweat and just about ready to drop.</p> <p>Spirits brightened considerably when it was discovered that the camp was on the shore of the BITTER LAKES, which meant bathing and there was also a cinema close handy.</p> <p>Two days was spent in KABRIT and most of the time employed in cleaning equipment and swimming.</p> <p>On 10 Mar. the order was received that we were to embark the following day before noon. Transport was provided by a R.A.S.C. M.T. Coy whose vehicles were 10 ton captured ITALIAN lorries with trailers; each outfit capable of carrying 90 men with out equipment.</p> <p>At 0500 hrs. on the 11 Mar. the first flight of the Bn. embussed and moved to the embarking point at PORT SUEZ. The vehicles returned and picked up the second flight dumping them also at the embarking point. After a delay of several hours, embarking was commenced for 2/2 Bn. at 1115 hrs., first tps. arriving aboard H.M.T. ORONTES at 1200 hrs.</p> <p>As the tps. came aboard they were immediately guided by the ship's staff to their appropriate mess decks, there they were given a meal after which they remained on their respective decks until all tps. were on board.</p> <p>The H.M.T. ORONTES in company with H.M.T. OTRANTO left SUEZ at 1700 hrs. on the 11 Mar for what was to us an unknown destination.</p>		

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STEPSISTER CONT.		<p><u>ABOARD THE TRANSPORT.</u></p> <p>The Bn. embarked on board H.M.T. ORONTES on the 11 Mar and at 1700 hrs. that day left in company with H.M.T. OTRANTO en route for our next destination.</p> <p>MILITARY STAFF ON BOARD CONSISTED OF :-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>O.C. Ship</td> <td>Lt. Col. STEPHENSON D.S.O.</td> <td>C.O. 2/3 Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ship's Adj.</td> <td>Capt. WALKER</td> <td>Adj. 2/3 Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" Q.M.</td> <td>Capt. BURROWS</td> <td>Q.M. 2/2 Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" M.O.</td> <td>Capt. ARMATI</td> <td>R.M.O. 2/2 Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" A/A Officer</td> <td>Lieut BOURKE</td> <td>H.Q. Coy. 2/2 Bn.</td> </tr> </table> <p>UNITS ON BOARD INCLUDED :-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>H.Q. 16 AUST. INF. BDE.</td> <td>ADV. 2ND. ECH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/1 AUST. INF. BN.</td> <td>DET. A.A.S.C.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/2 " " "</td> <td>" A.A.P.C.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/3 " " "</td> <td>" 6 AUST. DIV POSTAL UNIT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/1 " FD. COY.</td> <td>F/Lieut SUMWAYS R.A.F.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 COY. A.A.S.C. 6 AUST. DIV.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>H.M.T. ORONTES is a vessel of 20,000 tons and sister ship to the H.M.T. OTRANTO on which, part of the original 16 Aust. Inf. Bde sailed for the MIDDLE EAST Theatre 2½ years ago.</p> <p>As a comparison H.M.T. OTRANTO carried on that occasion approx 2000 tps. whereas H.M.T. ORONTES carried over 3000 odd. Both on mess decks and training decks accommodation was overcrowded, however, getting to our destination was the main consideration and this was successfully accomplished.</p> <p>The Ship's Ord. Room did not take long to come into operation and issue the 100 and 1 DO'S and DONT'S for life aboard a troop-ship (There inst. are attached)</p> <p>In addition to Ship's Ord. Room, each unit established it's own Ord. Room in some nook or cranny of the ship and after the first day of utter confusion, settled down to normal routine. The larger units even having the phone on to Ship's Ord. Room.</p> <p>Hammocks were issued to all tps and in addition sleeping room was allotted on weather decks. This move eased the pressure on the mess decks and was a great relief for the men from the terrific heat of a blacked out ship.</p> <p><u>ROUTINE ABOARD.</u></p>	O.C. Ship	Lt. Col. STEPHENSON D.S.O.	C.O. 2/3 Bn.	Ship's Adj.	Capt. WALKER	Adj. 2/3 Bn.	" Q.M.	Capt. BURROWS	Q.M. 2/2 Bn.	" M.O.	Capt. ARMATI	R.M.O. 2/2 Bn.	" A/A Officer	Lieut BOURKE	H.Q. Coy. 2/2 Bn.	H.Q. 16 AUST. INF. BDE.	ADV. 2ND. ECH	2/1 AUST. INF. BN.	DET. A.A.S.C.	2/2 " " "	" A.A.P.C.	2/3 " " "	" 6 AUST. DIV POSTAL UNIT	2/1 " FD. COY.	F/Lieut SUMWAYS R.A.F.	1 COY. A.A.S.C. 6 AUST. DIV.			
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STEPSISTER	CONT.	<p><u>ROUTINE ABOARD.</u></p> <p>The normal routine for all units was training during morning and organized sport during the afternoon. Details of daily routine are attached in orders.</p> <p><u>TRAINING.</u></p> <p>Owing to the cramped areas allotted to units, training other than weapon training, drill and lectures were impossible. In addition to the unit bands which did yeoman service during the voyage, had to practise on the same deck as the tps were training on, making the task of instructors doubly difficult.</p> <p><u>FOOD.</u></p> <p>The food aboard, while it was not plentiful, was well cooked and served and it was a great compliment to the ORIENT LINE that there were no complaints about food throughout the voyage.</p> <p><u>PAY.</u></p> <p>Two pays were made during the trip, one of 10/- sterling per man and the second £1 per man sterling.</p> <p><u>CHURCH PARADES .</u></p> <p>Owing to the number of padres aboard, tps. could attend any of four services each Sunday.</p> <p><u>CONCERTS.</u></p> <p>Bands from both the 2/2 and 2/1 Bns. brought their instruments aboard and so everyone's musical tastes could be satisfied. Concerts were given each evening outside the first class Dining Saloon and in the tps. lounge. The padres under the Bde. Amenities Officer ran tp. concerts and not a little talent was forthcoming for these shows.</p> <p>Debating competitions were also run and these appealed to the tps. who followed them with great gusto.</p>		

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STEPSISTER CONT.		<p>The trip itself was uneventful for the first two days, but on the third morning when the ship awoke it was found that we were heading back towards ADEN. This was explained by a wireless message the ship had received during the night ordering the Capt to return to return to ADEN to await an escort. At lunch time the same day H.M.T. ORONTES dropped anchor outside ADEN harbour. Here we lay for 3 days, in the words of COLERIDGE "As idle as a painted ship upon a painted ocean". On the 17 Mar the ship moved into ADEN harbour to refuel and water. Inside were our escort vessel H.M.S. CORFU an armed merchantman and our companion in the convoy H.M.T. WESTERLUND, a DUTCH coal burner whose max. speed was 12 knots.</p> <p>The convoy sailed during the morning of the 18 Mar and after an uneventful trip of 8 days steamed into COLOMBO harbour on the morning of the 26 Mar.</p> <p>Up to the time the convoy arrived in COLOMBO harbour, everyone was of the opinion that the voyage would not end until we were in AUSTRALIA, but when C.Os of units went ashore on recce on 24 Mar., it was realized that CEYLON was perhaps to be our home and this was confirmed when the C.O. returned from the recce.</p> <p>At the Coy Comdrs. conference which followed, we were not to happy to learn that the Bn. would disembark and proceed to HORANA a village 30 miles S.E. from COLOMBO.</p> <p>The Camp site when inspected by the C.O. had been only just commenced and not even water was available. The camp area was in the heart of a thick rubber plantation and was close to virgin jungle.</p> <p>Next day Lieut Curtis, with a party from the Mortar Pl. dis-embarked and proceeded to the HORANA camp to act as an ADV. Party.</p> <p>MAR 25 was spent in preparing the Bn. for dis-embarkation, all tps. and gear were moved onto their respective dis-embarking decks and tps. slept on deck.</p> <p>The following morning at 0730 hrs. dis-embarkation commenced, 2/2 Bn. being first off. The NAVY controlled dis-embarkation and they did an excellent job. The Bn. being ferried ashore in a very short time.</p> <p>Coys formed up on the wharf and led by the Bn. Band, marched through COLOMBO town to FORT Rly. Sta. After a 2 hours delay during which the regt. Band entertained the tps. with airs and marches the Bn. entrained for PANADURE where after detraining, tps. were ferried by buses to HORANA, the last tps arriving in camp at approx 1400 hrs.</p>		

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HORANA	Apr	<p>CONTINUED</p> <p>on one day alone, reached 10 inches.</p> <p><u>SITING OF POSNS</u></p> <p>In siting the coy areas, it was decided that the bridges must be defended by enfilade fire. Particular attention must be paid to siting perimeter for protection from rear. It was found in this case that a suitable formation for the coy was 2 secs of each Pl fwd with the 3rd sec of each Pl forming the basis of an inner perimeter where alternate posns can also be dug. This method not only gives depth to the defence, but also gives each Pl. a reserve on which it may call.</p> <p><u>DEMOLITION OF WALLS</u></p> <p>Where the demolition of a wall has been necessary it has been found that a quick and easy way to demolish it is to pick a groove along one side near the ground, when this has been done, eight men giving a simultaneous push from the opposite can push over approx 40 ft. of wall</p> <p>XXXXX Mostly posns have also been prepared well to the flanks but outside coy perimeter. These posns can be used in daylight and gave a much better enfilade on to the opposite banks and bridge approaches.</p> <p><u>FIELD OF FIRE</u></p> <p>Along the river banks, where the ground is flat, fields of fire are effectively obtained by clearing schrub and thinning out trees.</p> <p><u>REVETTMENT</u></p> <p>In this climate, where rainfalls are frequent, weapon pits must be revetted as soon as completed. Revettment is still in the experimental stage, but to date the best material for revettment has been arecanut trees split in halves, these are placed lengthwise against the walls of the pit and are kept in position by four corner pieces which are stayed by anchor wires.</p> <p><u>PILLBOXES</u></p> <p>Advantage has been taken in this area, of strongly built houses and railway bridges as possible pillbox posns.</p>		

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HORANA	APR	<p>CONTINUED</p> <p>CAMOUFLAGE</p> <p>Where weapon pits are in exposed posns it has been found that a couple of palm leaves thrown into the pits makes excellent camouflage.</p> <p>D COY - RIVER CROSSINGS.</p> <p>On the evening of Apr 14, D Coy received orders to proceed to three points on the KALU GANGA, move into bivouac areas and prepare Pl defensive posns on the NORTH and SOUTH banks of the river at ANGURUWOTOTA Ferry, DORELLAHANDA Ferry and INGIRIYA Ferry.</p> <p>These Pls would act as holding forces against invaders. If the thrust were coming from the NORTH, the holding force would occupy the SOUTH bank and vice-versa</p> <p>The allotment of areas within the coy were as follows :-</p> <table data-bbox="473 1043 1176 1162"> <tr> <td>922325</td> <td>ANGURUWOTOTA FERRY</td> </tr> <tr> <td>946383</td> <td>DORELLAHANDA FERRY</td> </tr> <tr> <td>046425</td> <td>INGIRIYA FERRY</td> </tr> </table> <p>Digging of posns commences on 15 Apr and work continued to 24 Apr when all work was stopped by heavy rain and floods.</p> <p>During a visit to ANGURUWOTOTA Ferry by the Brig and C.O. it was decided that the task was too big for a Pl to handle and the Brig gave approval for the siting and digging of posns on a coy basis.</p> <p>On the same day while visiting INGIRIYA Ferry Posn, the Brig approves the siting of a 2 Pl Posn instead of a 1 Pl posn. It was felt that in both cases, the tps on the ground were not sufficient to undertake the task allotted.</p> <p>Few problems arose in the siting of D Coy Posns which have not already been dealt with in the reports on C and B Coys.</p> <p>One point stressed by D Coy Comdr was that it is essential to think out fields of fire before actually digging weapon pits. The reason for this was that every time fresh ground was cleared, new possibilities occurred for the ground concerned.</p>	922325	ANGURUWOTOTA FERRY	946383	DORELLAHANDA FERRY	046425	INGIRIYA FERRY		<p>COY H Q and 16 PL 17 PL 18 PL</p> <p>Signature</p>
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HORANA CONTINUED	APR	<p>During the first week, on the 21 Apr, Lieut RYAN carried out a patrol down each bank of the river to TALAHITIYA 891267, obtaining useful information as to the type of country, roads and tracks.</p> <p>Lieut BLAMEY, on 22 Apr, made a river patrol from INGIRIYA to ANGURUWOTOTA Ferry using two native canoes.</p> <p>From the 24 Apr, it rained solidly for two days and on the 27 Apr D Coy was withdrawn to the Bn lines, as it was felt that should the river rise any higher the bivouac camps should be flooded out.</p> <p>As it was, transport sent to DEBBELLAHANDA Ferry, arrived there only just in time to pick up 17 Pl before they were completely inundated.</p>		
		GENERAL INFORMATION APRIL		
	Apr 1	With the disbanding of E Coy on Apr 1, there was a re-allotment of officers within the Bn, Copy of re-allotment attached.		
	Apr 2	Bn H Q laid down a work and training policy, which is to be followed until further notice by the Bn copy It is designed to give coys equal time for tactical training and digging of the perimeter of the camp. Mornings will be devoted to tactical training. Afternoons will be devoted to digging perimeter defences. Tuesday and Thursday evenings will be for night training periods and those afternoons will be organized as enforced rest periods. Parade for night training from 1800 hrs. to 1030 hrs. or later at discretion of coy comdr.		
	Apr 6	The C.O. has approved of the method of wearing of equipment adopted by C Coy. The braces supporting pouches are left off and haversack straps clip directly onto the pouches. Braces are carried in haversack ready to replace if necessary.		
	Apr 8	With the assistance of the 2/1 FD COY R A E, the Bn has made a vast difference to the main road running through the camp area and made parking places in coy areas for coy transport.		
		Working parties from this Bn are assisting the ENGINEERW in making other roads through the area, so that one way traffic may be enforced, thus relieving the pressure on the main road.		
	Apr 5	The O.P. established by the Bn at ELLAKANDA 897435, reported an air-raid on COLOMBO at 0645 hrs. which lasted for an hour. This was the first raid COLOMBO had experienced.		

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HORANA CONTINUED	Apr 5	During the raid, the O.P. reported an enemy aircraft crashed 700 yds away on a bearing of 150 degrees. A party was sent out from the Bn and after first making an unsuccessful hunt for an alleged parachutist, arrived at the crashed plane. From scraps from the plane, information was obtained by higher authority which established that the raid had been carried out from an air-craft carrier. Later the Bn was complimented on the work done in reporting, locating and passing back of information.		
	Apr 7	Labour in COLOMBO Harbour, after the air-raid was very scarce and as there were over a 100 ships awaiting to be unloaded, units were asked to supply personnel with wharf labouring experience. The first of several parties of men for dock work left for COLOMBO.		
	Apr 8	<p>Experiments were carried out by the Bn in making of improvised floats for the ferrying of gear across streams and rivers. It was found that an excellent light float could be made from the issue ground sheet.</p> <p>To make the float, place the sheet on the ground and put the rifle in the centre of it, on top of this lay all webbing equipment and boots, pack the top of the ground sheet with indergrowth or bushy branches of shrubs, lace the ground sheet up tight with rifle pull-through.</p> <p>This type of float was tested in a swift running stream near the camp and was found quite satisfactory. The normal coys stores could easily be ferried across creeks and rivers by using multiples of the float laced together.</p>		
	Apr 10	As part of a Bn toughening campaign, A and B Coys did an all day route march. This was repeated again by all coys except C Coy on the 13 and on both occasions the tps finished comparatively fresh, considering the heat and the fact that route marches have been few during the last few months		
	Apr 15	B C and D Coys moved out of camp to occupy bivouac areas in vicinity of defensive tasks (see separate account)		
	Apr 16	The bn received an issue of 30 odd bicycles, which were allotted to A Coy to form a bicycle Pl. There being no pamphlet on the formation or the probable role of such a Pl, it was devolved on A Coy Comdr's shoulders to work out a drill for their employment and work out a tactical role.		
		The reg Band to-day completed the cadre course conducted by Lieut WARD and it was to be distributed out to coys, one sec to each B C and D Coys.		
		m Coys are to render a Weekly Works Progress Report commencing Apr 25, which will show total work to be done on defences and percentage completed each week		

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HORANA CONTINUED	APR 17	Instructions have been issued by 16 Aust. Inf. Bde that when trees in defensive areas are felled the village headman or owner of the property will be in attendance to register number of trees felled. This is to guard against civilians overestimating damage done to property by Military Personnel.		
	Apr 24	Rain commenced falling to-day and did not abate for 2 days, by which time, the KALU GANGA and BENTOTA GANGA were well in flood. On the evening of the 25 Apr, EXXIX 2, 3 tonners were sent to each D Coy Pl to stand by and take off personnel should the flood waters overrun the camps. Rescue was only needed for one Pl at DEPORELLAKANDA FERRY who were moving out of camp just as 3 tonners arrived. The other 2 Pl camps were well above flood level.		
	Apr 28	Advise was received of the move of 6 Aust Div HQ from COLOMBO to MATAGAMA, a town in the central S.W. of CEYLON, from which roads lead to all units in the Div Area.		
	Apr 29	A miniature range has been made available to the Bn for a period of 5 days from the 30 Apr. Range Practises will concentrate on unorthodox shooting rather than normal practises. Firing of rifle and Bren Gun from hip is one suggestion.		
	Apr 25	The first leave granted since the Bn arrived in CEYLON on 27 Mar has been made available. Parties of approx 50 all ranks being granted one day's leave to COLOMBO. <u>ROAD BLOCK POSNS.</u>		
		During the month, higher authority had erected 11 Road Blocks to form a perimeter around the HORANA AREA. This Bn was allotted the task of siting one sec post to cover road blocks at 889423, 892427, 901411 and 903411.		

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TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK 2 - 7 MAR 42.

Serial No	Date Mar.	Subunit	Times	Subject	Area	Remarks
1.	2	A Coy	0815 - 1215	(a) Close Order drill (b) Weapon Training	Coy area	
			1330 - 1530	Weapon Training		
2.	3	"	0815 - 1215	Route March		
			1330 - 1530	Reece Boats	Training Area C.	
3.	4	"	0815 - 1530	(a) Kit inspection (b) Administration	Coy Area	
4.	5	"	0815 - 1530	Demonstration Battle procedure Night Attack	Training Area C.	
5.	6	"	0815 - 1530	All day exercise	" " "	
6.	7	"	0815 - 1215	(a) Close Order Drill (b) Discussion on exercise (6 Mar) (c) A/Gas Decontamination	Coy Area	
			1330 - 1530	(a) Questionair/e (b) F.O.E.T.	Coy Area	
7.	2	B Coy	0815 - 1215	(a) Close Order Drill (b) Weapon Tng (c) Gas Tng	Coy Area	
			1330 - 1530	(a) Lecture (b) Preparation for Night attack	Coy Area	

Serial No.	Date Mar.	Sub-Unit	Times	Subject	Area	Remarks.
8.	3	B Coy	0815 - 1215	(a) Close Order drill (b) Recce Boats	Training Area C.	
9.	3	"	1330 - 1530	Rehearsal for Demonstration	" " "	
10.	4	"		Duty Coy		
11.	5	"		Demonstration Battle Procedure and Night Attack		
12.	6	"	0815 - 1530	All Day Exercise Night exercise against C Coy.	" " "	
13.	7	"	0815 - 1215 1330 - 1530	Administration Sport.	Coy Area	
14.	2	C Coy	0815 - 1530	Range	Nuseirat	
15.	3	"	0815 - 1530	Long Range Fighting patrols by individual pls.		
16.	4	"	0815 - 1215	(a) Close Order Drill (b) Lecture (c) Weapon Tng (d) Gas Tng (e) Night attack (Drill)	Coy Area	
			1330 - 1530	Preparation for Night Attack		
17.	5	"	0815 - 1215	Demonstration by B Coy		
			1330 - 1530	(a) Discussion on Demonstration (b) Weapon Tng	Coy Area	

Serial No.	Date Mar.	Sub-Unit	Times	Subject	Area	Remarks
18.	6	C Coy	0815 - 1215 1330 - 1530	(a) Close Order drill (b) Sec reccs patrols Weapon Tng. Night attack ending 0600 hrs 7 Feb.	Coy Area	
19.	7	"	1000 - 1215 1330 - 1530	(a) Discussion Night exercise (b) Weapon Cleaning Administration & Sports	Coy Area	
20.	2	D Coy	0815 - 1530	Range	Museirat	
21.	3	"		Duty Coy		
22.	4	"	0815 - 1530	Coy Exercise	Training Area C.	
23.	5	"	0815 - 1215 1330 - 1530	Demonstration by B Coy "Battle Procedure & Night Attack". (a) Gas T.O.E.T. (b) Weapon Tng.	" " " Coy Area	
24.	6	"		Duty Coy		
25.	7	"		Administration		

NOTES

H.Q. COY :- Specialist training in weapons, mortars, signalling is being conducted through the week.
Training of snipers continues.

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2/2 AUST INF BN MOVEMENT ORDER No 2.

MOVEMENT OF RAIL PARTY.

1. Bn less road party and carriers will move by rail to TRANSIT CAMP, SUEZ 7/8 Mar in accordance with Table attached as Appendix "A".
2. M.T. from camp to MAJDAL ry sta - Train KB
- (a) Co-ordinating embussing Offr - Lieut C.P.W. BAYLIS
- (b) Number of buses NOT yet known
- (c) Buses report at time shown in Appx "A".
- (d) R.P. Sgt will meet and guide to Coy embussing points (in accordance with allocation to be given him by Lieut BAYLIS) as follows, all to face so as to exit from Bn circuit at Cinema.
- | <u>SUBUNIT</u> | <u>HEAD OF COY'S TRUCKS</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bn HQ | At EAST end Bn HQ |
| A Coy | 50 yds WEST of Bn HQ |
| B Coy (less train KD) | At No 1 kitchen |
| D Coy | At Bn Q store |
| HQ Coy | At NW corner of circuit |
| E Coy | 50 yds WEST of tpt lines |
- (e) Coys will embus independently at 1800 hrs, close up to vehs in front, and report all correct to co-ordinating embussing Offr at head of column at Cinema when ready to move.
3. Entrainment - Train KB.
- (a) Lt-col C.R.V. EDGAR has been appointed O.C. Train
- (b) Lieut J.M. BLAMEY is appointed co-ordinating entraining and detraining Offr
- (c) On arrival at ry sta tps will debus on order of embussing Offr, and form up ready to move to assembly area or to entrain.
- (d) Co-ordinating entraining Offr will draw rail warrants from R.T.O, ascertain if any change in composition of train, allocate carriages and order entraining when ready. R.P. Sgt and R.P.'s will assist.
- (e) Co-ordinating entraining Offr will report to O.C. Train when entraining completed.
4. Movement of personnel on train KD.
- (a) O.C. C Coy will make all necessary arrangements for meeting buses, embussing and debussing
- (b) he will detail a unit entraining Offr
- (c) Lieut A.D.B. MURRAY (HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde) has been appointed co-ordinating entraining Offr
- (d) Unit entraining Offr will immediately on arrival at MAJDAL
- (1) report to Lieut MURRAY and advise him serial No, name of unit, number of Offrs and OR's entraining
- (11) order entraining when instructed by Lieut MURRAY.
- (e) Major J. MILLER (2/1 Aust Inf Bn) has been appointed O.C. train KD
5. Discipline.
- (a) Coy and pl comds will travel with their tps and will on NO account travel collectively in a separate carriage
- (b) Alcoholic beverages will NOT be consumed during the journey, either while travelling or while at stas. It is the responsibility of Offrs to see that all tps under their comd carry out this instr.
- (c) All tps will be warned against
- (1) leaning out of windows, boarding or leaving train whilst in motion (11) throwing anything out windows (111) causing damage to ry property

(d) tps will on NO account detrain without orders from their O.C. Coy, who will obtain same from detraining Offr or O.C. train only.

6. P.A.D.

(a) Coy comds will detail one Air Sentry for each coach carrying personnel.

The duty of these sentries is to maintain watch for the approach of hostile aircraft and to assist in the collection of any personnel who may have dismounted from the train if it is stationary. These sentries will be provided with whistles to indicate the presence of hostile aircraft. They will be shown the compartment on which O.C. train is travelling and (in the case of train KD) will be informed of his name and unit.

(b) In the event of attack

(1) If the train is stationary personnel will await orders of O.C. train before detraining but if ordered to detrain will engage any hostile aircraft within range

(II) If the train is moving personnel will lower windows, raise shutters, lie on floor.

7. MEDICAL.

Medical Offrs have been detailed for duty as follows

Train KE - Capt L.V. ARMATI

" KD - Maj G.V. RUDD 4 A.G.H.

8. ADM.

(a) Subsistence

(I) QM will issue one days train ration per man with midday meal 7 Mar. This will be carried on man; tps will be warned that 2 and possibly 3 meals will be required from the one days ration.

(II) One days reserve ration will be carried in bulk under Bn Q arrangements

(III) Tps will entrain with W/B full

(IV) A hot meal is being provided at KANTARA EAST.

(b) Dress and equipment

SD (winter) Marching order

Sea kitbags will be carried on the man. Tps will be warned that kitbags universal may NOT be available for a period (after embarkation).

9. BAGGAGE.

(a) Disposal Baggage and equipment will be disposed of as directed in Adm Instn No 1 paras 4 & 5 with the following amendments :-

(I) items in para 4 (b) to be packed on MT 5 Mar and lashed down

(II) Items in para 4 (c) will be stacked at Bn Q store by 1600 hrs 6 Mar PLUS KITBAGS UNIVERSAL - these will be loaded in box wagons.

(III) Items in para 5 (a) LESS KITBAGS UNIVERSAL will be carried on the man; one days rations only, NOT two.

(IV) Items in para 5 (b) for loading in shabak, will also be stacked at Bn Q store by 0900 hrs (cooking gear 1600 hrs) 7 Mar, will be kept separate from items in (ii) above

(b) Baggage Parties

(1) To load items (a) (ii) above at 0900 hrs 7 Mar, travel with and be responsible for same until loaded on ship -

D Coy - Lieut WICKHAM, 2 NCO's, 16 OR'S

This party will take one days rations on man and three days in bulk (to be drawn through CQMS)

This party will also unload items in (ii) below on arrival at docks

(II) to load shabak as (a) (IV) above, incl cooking gear.

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D Coy - Liout TANNER, 2 NCO's, 10 OR's

This party will load into MT in cam, and into shabak ; one NCO and one OR will remain in shabak as baggage guard, remainder will rejoin Coy on its arrival at sta.

They will unload shabak at SUEZ.

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.....Capt.
Adj 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- D Coy
- HQ Coy
- E Coy
- I.O.
- Q.M.
- T.O.
- R.M.O. (and for Padre)
- 2 i/c
- Comd
- File

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OFFICERS ONLY

RAIL MOVEMENT TABLE - 2/2 AUST INF BN.

MOST SECRET.

APPX "A" to 2/2 AUST INF BN MOVEMENT ORDER No 2 dated MAR 42.

TRAIN	COMPOSITION	PERSONNEL : TO TRAVEL	TOTAL STRENGTH : ON TRAIN	MT to ENT STA				Train : dep	arr KAN : TARA EAST	: dep	: arr
				No of vehs	buses	report	embus				
								(PLT)	(PLT)	(ELT)	(ELT)
KB	1-BPL 1-1st class 9-2nd or 3rd class	Bn less road party carriers train KD personnel	32 Offrs 680 CR's	1750 7 Mar	1800 7 Mar	1820 7 Mar	1900 7 Mar	2000 7 Mar	0700 8 MAR	0900 8 Mar	1400 8 Mar
KD	as for KB	2/2 Bn C Coy plus sufficient B Coy to make up total 2/2 Bn person- nel to 7 Offrs 178 CR's (approx two pls B Coy HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde Det 2/1 Bn Det 2/3 Bn	2/2 Bn 7-178 others - 500 all ranks	2330 7 Mar	2335 7 Mar	2350 7 Mar	0130 8 Mar	0230 8 Mar	1100 8 Mar	1300 8 Mar	1800 8 Mar

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Exhibit A
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14 Mar 42

SHIP'S STANDING ORDERS.

- (1) ROUTINE:
- | | |
|---|------|
| Reveille | 0615 |
| 2/1 - 2/2 Bns Sick Parade | 0630 |
| Hammocks rolled and stacked | 0645 |
| All Messes seated..... | 0655 |
| Men's Breakfast | 0700 |
| W.O's and SGTs Breakfast..... | 0800 |
| Sweep Mess Decks | 0815 |
| 2/3 Bn and other Units Sick Parade | 0830 |
| Officer's Breakfast..... | 0845 |
| Sweepers parade under Boson | 0900 |
| Troop Decks clear except Deck Sgts,
Mess and sanitary Orderlies..... | 0930 |
| Ship's Inspection | 1000 |
| 2nd Sweepers parade..... | 1130 |
| All Messes seated..... | 1155 |
| Men's Dinner..... | 1200 |
| W.O's and Sgts Dinner..... | 1230 |
| Officer's Dinner | 1315 |
| Sweep Mess Decks | 1315 |
| 3rd Sweepers parade | 1530 |
| All Messes seated | 1725 |
| Men's Tea | 1730 |
| W.O's and Sgts Tea | 1830 |
| Officer's Tea..... | 1930 |
| 3rd Sweepers parade. Half an hour Before Blackout . | |
| Blackout notified by "Retreat" on Bugle on Weather Decks. | |

NO SMOKING ON WEATHER DECKS

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|-----------------------------------|------|
| Cocoa | 2030 |
| Draw Hammocks | 2045 |
| Lights Out | 2145 |
| Rounds - "Every Man in Bed" | 2200 |

(2)

BOUNDS.

- (a) The Bridge is out of bounds to all ranks.
- (b) The following are out of bounds to all ranks, except for those on duty in the areas specified:-
- Gun Deck (Poop)
 - L.A.A. Posts
- Those on duty are:-
- O.C.Troops
 - Ship's Adjutant
 - L.A.A. Gun Commanders and Crews.
 - Provost Officers.
 - Ship's Police.
 - Ship's R.S.M.
- (c) The following are out of bounds to all ranks:-
- Crew's Quarters, Galley and Canteen.
 - Stern Walk - D.&E. Decks.
 - Ship's Galley.
 - Whole of Forecastle
- (d) Decks are allotted as follows :-
- "A" Deck Officers, except at times notified in Daily Orders, for Troops P.T. and organised games
 - "B" Deck (Forward of Barrier) Officers .
 - "B" Deck (Aft of Barrier) Warrant Officers and Sgts.
 - "C" Deck)
 - "D" Deck) (Except Forecastle) Other Ranks
 - "E" Deck)
 - "F" Deck)

(3a) ALARM SIGNALS.

Action Stations: A prolonged ringing of alarm gongs, rapid ringing of ship's bells and sounding of Klaxon Horns. This means that an attack from Sea or Air is imminent.

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- (3)a (Cont'd) Action to be taken :- All troops except Sentries, A.A. Gun crews, and those with special duties, if under cover will proceed to their own cabins or Troop decks. If on the open deck they will lie down immediately, with the exception of those on 'A' Deck who will proceed to their own cabins or Mess Decks speedily. Position of O.C. Troops, Adjutant, Provost Officers, R.S.M. and Bugler - 1st Class Lounge 'B' Deck.
- (3)b Emergency Stations :- More than six short rings followed by a long ring on all alarm gongs. This may be supplemented by a similar one on the siren. Series of short 'G's on the bugle.
- Action to be taken:- (See Appendix 'A')

4. IMPORTANT RULES

It is strictly forbidden to:-

- (a) Smoke on any deck during Black-Out.
- (b) Open any door or port hole during Black -Out.
- (c) Show any torch or light on any open deck during Black-Out hours.
- (d) Open any port hole at any time. All port holes are operated by the ship's crew under the sole orders of the Commander of the ship. No port holes may be opened by day or night by passengers.
- (e) Tamper with fire-fighting apparatus or Electric light fittings.
- (f) Tamper with or block even temporarily any watertight door.
- (g) Sit on the ship's rails, enter or tamper with any lifeboat or raft, or sling hammocks from, sit on or climb any stanchion.
- (h) Shut any cabin with an individual inside when at sea. All cabin doors must be hooked back, partially or fully open to obviate jamming in case of explosion, with the consequent trapping in the cabin of the occupant.
- (i) Walk sit or lie on hatchways covered by gratings only danger of fire from dropped Cigarette Ends results, and men below are deprived of ventilation. Only when hatchways are covered with tarpaulins may individuals walk sit or lie on them.

5. CAMERAS AND WIRELESS.

The use of the above is strictly forbidden throughout the voyage or in port.

6. SMOKING.

Cigarette ends, tobacco ash and matches will NOT be thrown in the waterways on either side of the deck, but will only be put in boxes marked for the purpose. Any damage caused in the cabins through smoking will be charged to the occupants. There will be NO SMOKING in Mess Decks or Dining Salons 1st and 2nd Class.

7.a. DISCIPLINE.

All orders given by the ship's Officers and the Navigating Bridge will be obeyed immediately by members of the Fighting Forces. If such orders are at variance with the previous.

- 7 orders given by the individuals Fighting Service Officer or N.C.O., the individual will comply with the order first and report later at the first practicable opportunity to his own Officer/N.C.O.

or

8. TRAFFIC

All traffic throughout the ship on weather decks, in alleyways on companionways etc will KEEP TO THE RIGHT.

8.a. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS IN AN EMERGENCY.

First aid posts will be manned if "Action Stations" is sounded as follows :-

- (1) Outside Troops Hospital - 'D' Deck aft - 8 Stretcher Bearers. To serve occupants of Troop Decks :-
G.7. H.9. H.10. and deck casualties amidships and aft.
- (2) 'C' Deck central toilet - 8 Stretcher Bearers. To serve occupants of Troop Decks G.8 G.9 G.10.
- (3) 'F' Deck 1st Saloon Forward outside Crew's Hospital - 8 Stretcher Bearers. To serve occupants of Troop Decks F.2. F.8 G.1. H.1.
- (4) Crews' Canteen and recreation Room in out of bounds area forward well deck - 8 Stretcher Bearers. To serve casualties on forward weather decks.
- (5) Post of S.M.O. - Troops Hospital 'D' Deck.

8.b. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS NORMAL TIMES

Sick parade will be held outside M.I. Room as follows :-
Personnel reporting sick will parade by Units under Unit Orderly N.C.O's at 0630 hrs. Unit Orderly N.C.O's will report his men to Ship's Orderly Cpl, and either hand in prepared AFB 256 in duplicate or make them out on the spot. Ship's Orderly Cpl will collect sick reports and deliver them to Ship's Wardmaster who after scrutiny will dismiss the men - They will re-assemble at the same place at 0830 hrs. Hours of attendance for treatment are 0900 hrs, 1400 hrs and 1700 hrs.

Special Sick Reports must be signed by the individual's Unit Orderly Officer before he reports to the M.I. Room. No man will receive treatment or be seen by the M.O. unless in possession of an official Sick Report.

Visitors to patients in the hospital are only allowed between the times of 1800 and 1900 hrs.

Normal sick parades will not be held on Sundays, but urgent cases will be dealt with at 0900 hrs.

OFFICERS requiring medical attention will report at the Hospital at 1100 hrs daily.

9. INSPECTIONS

The ship will be ready for inspection at 1000 hrs daily and will be inspected by O.C. Troops and the Captain or Chief Officer. The following will assemble at 0955 hrs at 'C' Deck Forward Companionway :-

S.M.O.	Ship's Q.M.S.
Ship's Adjutant	Field Officer
Ship's R.S.M.	Bugler.
Ship's Orderly Sergeant.	

X The following will always be present on Mess Decks or at

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places of work during inspections :-

- One Officer per Unit
- Troop Deck Sergeant
- One Orderly for each mess
- One Sanitary man at each latrine
- One Orderly at each ablution and shower room.
- Officers i/c groups of cabins.

N/B. S.N.O. and S.O. R.A.F. will arrange attendance of equivalent ranks.

During inspection troops will be on Weather Decks. For Inspection, all hammocks and mattresses will be lashed or rolled and stacked (Army and Air Force). Mess Deck will be cleared of all kits, men's kit being stowed in kit bags.

Crockery and Mess Utensials will be laid out at the end of each Mess table. Nothing will be left hanging down from hammock hooks or racks. All personnel on Mess Decks except Unit Officers and Troop Deck Sgt, will be seated at Mess tables with arms folded.

Cabins will be inspected at daily inspection.

10. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

NOT YET.

- (a) Lifebelts will always be worn or carried by all ranks when at sea. Care should be taken to keep them in a clean and serviceable condition.
- (b) All ranks on duty will wear lifebelts and Respirators and carry or wear steel helmets, if in possession as detailed in Routine Orders.
- (c) No clothing will be dried on Mess Decks, places for the drying of clothes will be notified in Standing Orders.
- (d) Respirators A.G. will be worn every Saturday for half an hour under Unit arrangements. *- copy arrangements please*
- (e) Ship's hammocks will be marked on the tally with the name and number of the owner. A lost hammock will be charged to the owner.
- (f) All personnel proceeding to the Bridge or 'A' Deck will wear canvas shoes or rubber soled and heeled footgear.
- (g) All personnel should wear rubber or quiet shod footgear.
- (h) Personnel will always keep their waterbottles near to hand filled with fresh drinking water.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Units will arrange for the censorship of all mail matter in accordance with F.S.P.B. Pamphlet No. 3. (Appendix B to these Orders will be read out and posted up for information to all ranks).
- (b) The use of the civil postal service at intermediate ports is prohibited.
- (c) It is forbidden to hand over uncensored correspondence to an unauthorised individual for despatch.
- (d) Censored mail will be handed to Ship's Orderly Room for despatch as opportunity occurs. The mail bag in the Orderly Room is never closed. It is not always possible to warn all Units when mail will be despatched as sometimes immediate collections can be arranged. Units may, however, take it that as a general rule that within 6 hours of arrival at a port the mail will be collected. Other collections however are spasmodic.
- (e) It is forbidden to keep a Diary
- (f) Postal Address of Units will be communicated to Unit Commanders.

16. SLEEPING ON DECK.

When sleeping on deck is allowed the following rules will be observed:-

No mattresses will be brought on deck.

Hammocks and blankets only will be used.

Clear gangways must be left as pointed out by the A.P.M. along all rails and opposite each companionway, door and ladder. Deck sleeping parties must be formed bodies under substantive NCO's and must be paraded on their deck sleeping space by a Unit Officer and visited periodically by him. The NCO's will be responsible that :-

(1) Men proceed to their deck sleeping space and remain there and do not wander about the ship.

(2) There is no exposing of lights or smoking during Black-out.

(3) The deck party rouses at 0530 hrs and is clear of the Weather Decks by 0600 hrs.

(4) They report in writing to ship's Orderly Room via their Unit Commanders by 1000 hrs daily that their party left their deck sleeping space clean and tidy.

Deck sleeping parties will not proceed to deck sleeping spaces earlier than one hour before Black-out commences (A Deck only, not earlier than 20 mins. before Black-out) and must be all in place by Black-out.

Comp Units will arrange to deliver Cocoa to, or arrange for one of the NCO's of the Deck sleeping party with not more than 2 men to collect cocoa for, their deck sleeping party at 2030 hours.

Men who habitually wish to visit the latrines and therefore wander about the ship during Black-Out will not be included in deck sleeping parties.

17. CANTEEN SUPPLIES AND FREE ISSUES OF COMESTIBLES.

When a scheme of rationing of any commodity is in force the following procedure will be observed:-

The commodity will be collected in bulk by Units under an Officer.

This Officer will obtain from the ship's adjutant a prepared voucher showing Unit, strength, and date issue due

He will take this with him to place of issue and draw the issue handing in the voucher and payment in cash if any is due.

The voucher will be returned by the Purser to the Adjutant for re-issue when the next issue is due.

The voucher will have spaces for date of validity, signature of Adjutant, date of issue, and issuer's signature.

18. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) The Canteens will be open at the following hours :-

Dry Canteen.

Wet Canteen.

1100 to 1200 hours.

1400 to 1600 hours.

1800 to 2100 hours.

1800 to 2100 hours.

(b) Opening times of the ship's library will appear in Daily Orders.

(c) Lost property may be deposited and claimed at the Ship's Orderly Room. In their own interests owners of monetary notes should keep a record of the numbers in case any losses occur.

(d) Haircutting will be carried out under Unit arrangements. Laundry facilities will appear in Routine Orders.

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12. RUBBISH

- (a) Dry rubbish will be put in the bins marked for the purpose. Slops will not be put in these bins.
- (b) Dry rubbish bins will only be emptied over the ship's side during the hours of Black-Out. They will not be emptied during the hours of daylight as they provide a good trail for enemy submarines.
- (c) Slops may be emptied down the slop chutes on 'F' Deck aft.
- (d) Paper, Razor blades, newspaper and rubbish must not be deposited in the latrines or ablution runways, as these articles block the drainpipes and cause foul water to flood the Troops Decks.

13). MAN OVERBOARD.

The first person to observe anyone falling overboard will shout loudly "MAN OVERBOARD" and call the attention of the nearest sentry, who will at once throw a life-bouy on the appropriate side and report to the ship's Officer immediately on the Bridge. (Sentry beats will be published later). Life buoys are in brackets on the ship's rails at the following places :- (To be published later)

14. FRESH WATER.

- (a) Fresh water will be available at 0600 - 0800, 11.30 - 12.30, 1800 - 2000. It must be used sparingly as the supplies are limited, wash basins being only half or less than half filled.
- (b) Sea water for showers is available at all times.
- (c) It is important that all leakages of fresh water be reported, either to Unit Commanders or to the Orderly Room at the earliest possible moment.
- (d) "Roses" of showers will not be tampered with.

15. FATIGUES.

Each carrying or loading fatigue will be all of One Unit and will include an Officer, 2 senior and 2 junior N.C.O's. To prevent pilfering on fatigues the following procedure will be observed :-
One substantive and one junior NCO will take position in the hold or place of issue. To each man carrying a case the junior NCO will give a slip bearing the man's name and description of the case (e.g. Pte. Atkins case 48 beer). He will communicate these particulars to the senior NCO who will record them on a piece of paper or in a notebook. At the receiving end the junior NCO will receive the slip and read it out - the senior NCO will record the particulars on a piece of paper or in a notebook - the Officer will examine the case to see that it has not been broached or damaged. On conclusion of the Fatigue the two senior NCO's will compare their two lists or notebooks. Only when the Officer is satisfied that there is no discrepancy may the Fatigue be dismissed. Any theft, broaching or damage will be made good by the personnel of the fatigue.

18. MISCELLANEOUS (Cont)

- (e) W.O's, N.C.O's and men are advised to hand in valuables to their O/C Units for safe custody during the voyage. O.C. Units will give a receipt to the individual concerned and place the valuables in a sealed envelope and hand over same to the Ship's Adjutant for safe custody, a receipt being obtained for the sealed package so deposited. O.C. Units will withdraw all valuables so deposited from the Adjutant, when notified in Ship's Routine Orders. This will be approximately within 48 hours of the termination of the voyage.
- (f) Batmen will only be allowed in 1st Class accommodation as under :-
(1) 0700 - 0800 daily for usual attendance.
(2) During hours allotted in Daily Orders appropriate to their Officers' accommodation for the purposes of ironing.
Smoking in ironing rooms is NOT allowed.
- (g) Punctuality will be observed at all meals. All other ranks including N.C.O. i/c messes and mess orderlies will be seated at the tables five minutes before each meal. No one will move until ordered to do so by the Orderly Sgt or equivalent rank R.N. or R.A.F.
- (h) ~~The introduction of Hasheesh into Egypt is forbidden. In this connection, the attention of all ranks will be drawn by Unit Commanders to Appendix 'G' of these Orders.~~
- (i) At ports which the ship visits en route, no trading with bum boats will be allowed. Ship's Police will prevent personnel from so doing.
- (j) ~~Units will submit weekly by 1400 hrs on Wednesdays cash indents for pay. Nil returns are required. Units will draw cash weekly from the Adjutant on Fridays at 0930 hrs.~~
- (k) Gambling is forbidden. Housie Housie may only be played if the promoter of the game has a permit signed by the A.P.M. Raffles and Sweepstakes are strictly forbidden.
- (l) No musical instrument will be played in cabins or on Mess Decks after 2130 hrs.
- (m) No whistling, singing or shouting is allowed in the alleyways. No noise, musical or otherwise is allowed on the Weather Decks during the hours of black-out.
- (n) All ranks are warned against exposing the head or neck to the sun and the danger of sunbathing in the Tropics. Warning will be given in Daily Orders when the danger exists and of the prevention to be taken.
- (o) On no account will notices, calendars, maps or other documents be fixed on the panels or wooden mouldings of any part of the 1st or 2nd class accommodation by means of drawing pins, nails, tin tacks, darts or other pointed destructive instruments.
- (p) Officers may wear plain clothes or games rig from after Lunch until Dinner time. At all other times Officers will wear uniform.
- (q) Specimen pro forma reports of :-
Field Officer of the day
Orderly Officer
Orderly Sergeant - are attached as appendices 'D' 'E' 'F'. The Ships Orderly Cpl is assistant to the Ship's Orderly Sergeant.

.....O.C. R./N Draft

.....O.C. R/A/F Draft.

.....Lt-Col.
O.C. Troops.

APPENDIX 'A' TO SHIP'S STANDING ORDERS

ORDERS FOR EMERGENCY STATIONS

1. SIGNAL More than six short rings followed by one long ring on alarm gongs - same signal on ship's siren. Series of short 'G's on Bugle.
N.B. When Group Stations are being practised the alarm gongs will ring but the siren will NOT be sounded.

2. ACTION On the sounding of Emergency Stations all passengers will proceed immediately to their appropriate Group Stations.

All ranks will be dressed in/or carry with them/ the following :-

Great Coat - except in very hot weather. (It can be cold at night even in the Tropics).

Filled Water Bottle

Life Belt (worn)

Anti Gas Respirator

Steel Helmet

Emergency Ration (As soon as issued).

Personnel caught by the sounding of Emergency Stations on the Weather Decks (they must be in possession of a life belt as ordered) will proceed at once to their group Stations direct and will not go below and congest Companionways in an endeavour to get their Great Coats, Water Bottles etc.

On arrival at their Group Stations, Officers will marshal O.R.'s in orderly ranks close to the superstructure towards the centre of the ship and will ensure that a clear gangway is left beside the rails.

No one must impede this gangway or lean over the rails.

(Persons leaning over the rails are liable to be injured or killed by the lowering of boats).

Strict silence will be observed.

There will be no smoking - Group Stations is a parade.

The Ship's Officers will then be responsible for the detailing of portions of each group to boats and rafts.

The Ship's Officers will give all orders for the lowering and manning of boats and rafts.

- NOTES
- (a) All ranks must familiarise themselves with the shortest way to their Group Station remembering that water tight doors will be closed.
 - (b) Numbering of troop Decks and of Group Stations begins from forward to aft.
 - (c) Even numbered Group Stations are on the Port side. Odd numbers are on the Starboard side.
 - (d) Port side is the LEFT and Starboard the RIGHT side of the ship when facing the bow.

SPECIAL PARTIES

- (a) Stretcher Bearers and Medical personnel will proceed to their appropriate First Aid Posts and will evacuate all patients to 'E' Deck under orders of the S.M.O.
 - (b) Cells Guard Commander will release all prisoners and order them to report to their Group Stations.
 - (c) Post of O.C. Troops, S.N.O., S/O R.A.F. :- On the Bridge, Adjutant, Provost Officers, R.S.M. and Bugler will muster on 'A' Deck within sight and hail of the Bridge.
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H.T. ORONTES SPORTS MEETING

TUESDAY 17 MARCH, 1942

J.P. Bm
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PROGRAMME.

1400 Boxing Finals - C Deck - 3 2-min rounds, 1 min interval.

Heavyweight	over 12 stone	1st	£4
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Middleweight	11-12 stone	1st	£4
		2nd	£1
Lightweight	10-11 stone	1st	£4
		2nd	£1
Featherweight	under 10 stone	1st	£4
		2nd	£1

Total Boxing Prizes £20 Stg.

Elimination bouts will be held on Sunday and Monday at 1400 hrs.

(For particulars of draw see end of this programme.)

1450 Greasy Pole Pillow Fight

2 entries per unit. 1st prize £1 2nd 10/-

1420 Potato Race - A DECK

Prizes - 15/- 7/6 2/6 Total 25/-

1440 Egg & Spoon Race A DECK

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1450 Three Legged Race A DECK

(1 pr) per unit.

Prizes (per team) 15/- 7/6 2/6 Total 25/-

1500 Tug of War A DECK

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(2/1 Bn V 2/3 Bn & AASC V Bde will be pulled on A Dec 1500 hrs Monday).

1520 Musical Flags A DECK

2 entries per unit.

Prizes £1 10/- 5/- Total 35/-

1540 Relay Race A DECK

8 per team. Prizes for team - £4 £2 Total £6.

1555 Section Alarm Race A DECK
 Prizes for team £2 £1 Total £3

1 NCO and 3 men per unit.

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1610 Boat Race A DECK
 Crew Cox & 5 men on a pole - 25 yds
 Prizes for team £1/10/- 15/- Total 45/-

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 2 per unit.
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1635 Tunnel Ball A DECK
 Teams of ten. Ball passed under the legs and last man runs forward.
 Prizes for team £2 £1 Total 60/-

1645 Final Tug of War A DECK
 Teams of 8. Sandshoes - No crossing rope - 3 pulls 3-mins each
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BOXING DRAW

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ASC))	Winner
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V)	----- Winner)	
16 Bde))	V
		2/1 Bn)	
		V)	Winner
		Engrs)	

Middleweight

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		2/1 Bn)	
		V)	Winner
		Bde)	

Lightweight

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		V)	
		ASC)	

Featherweight

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2/1 Bn)	
V)	
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A.S.C.)	V
Bde H.Q.)	Winners
2/2 Bn)	V
Engineers)	Winners

Friday
~~Monday~~

2/2 Bn
Engrs.

16 Mar 47

JUNGLE FIGHTING

1. To ensure co-ordination of thought in the pl discussions on Jungle Fighting directed by Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde in his lecture 15 Mar, pl conds ~~will~~ **submit to** this H.Q. (through Coy. H.Q.) **by 21 Mar 47** answers to the following questions, in addition to any other matters they may wish to report upon :-

- (a) For a forced march in the jungle what items of present eqpt could be discarded ?
- (b) What eqpt does the Bn need extra to the present eqpt ?
- (c) What practical training is essential.

2. The following suggestions are made under the above headings ; they are suggestions only, for discussion, and have NOT yet been closely considered, and certainly not approved :-

- (a) Bayonet scabbard - either all men or Tommy and Bren gunners only
Bren tripods
Prisms
Anti-Tank Rifle
Steel helmet
Respirator
Mess tin (or half mess tin)
Towel
Spare clothing (other than socks)
- (b) Signal pistols
Machetes
Stone for sharpening knives
Mosquito net (carried in haversack)
Haversack carried slung, for grenades (or sea kitbags ?).
Brace for slinging haversack (or straps supporting from pack).
Compasses
Bicycles and puncture repair outfits
First aid kit per section
Tennis shoes
Axes
Paper for aiming marks
Whistles
Carrying poles
- (c) Climbing trees
Improvising sticks as tripods
Marching single file
Carrying with poles.

3. Signala, Pioneers and other specialists will consider and report their suggestions as to their own special problems.

I. W. Dunlop
.....Capt.
Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

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*Moore
Ryan*

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*Moore
White*

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Sgt Paul Hill g.a. Rodriguez Bde.

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		V)	Winner
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Featherweight

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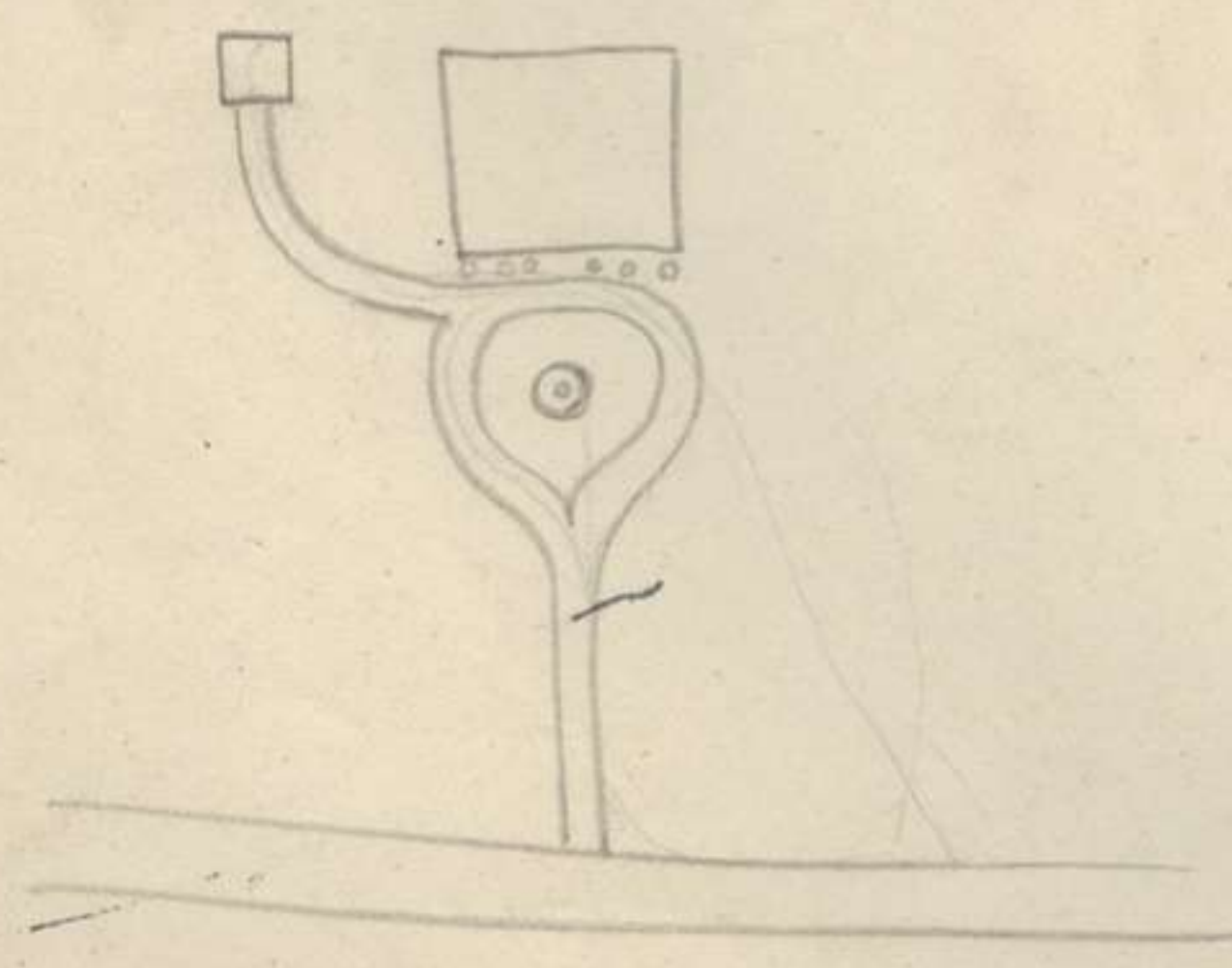
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A.S.C.))	V
Bde H.Q.)	B - - - - -	Winners	
2/2 Bn)	C - - - - -		
Engineers)	D - - - - -		Winners

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS
BY
LT. COL. C.R.V. EDGAR
COMD. 2/2 AUST INF BN

AT SEA
18 MAR 42.

PART 1 NO. 20.

1. SLEEPING ON DECK

- (a) w.e.f. 17 Mar 42 this Bn's sleeping out area is permanently 'C' Deck.
- (b) Personnel sleeping out will MARCH to deck under coy arrangements to arrive there TWENTY MINUTES BEFORE RETREAT.
- (c) Personnel who were on morning sick parade will NOT sleep on deck.
- (d) Previous orders conflicting with the above are cancelled.

Despite the many orders issued, there are STILL reports of lack of control, the latest evidence being that coys are NOT keeping to their coy training areas. Disciplinary action will in future be taken against offenders.

2. ORDERING ARMS

When ordering arms rifle butts will NOT be bumped on deck but will be lowered quietly

3. DRESS

- (a) The principle to be followed and enforced is that all ranks will be as properly dressed as the work they are doing permits, when on duty. For all normal tng and duty men will be correctly dressed; but shirts may be removed for such activities as PT, working in holds etc. Personnel not on duty may remove shirts after parade hours, but will be again warned of sunstroke. If a man goes off duty as a result of sunstroke or sunburn he will be charged with S.I.W.
- (b) Shoulder straps on shirts will be buttoned over equipment.

4. GAMBLING

- (a) It is repeated that all gambling is strictly forbidden; offrs and H.C.O's will initiate disciplinary *ACTION* against offenders.
- (b) The above rule applies to Offrs W.O's, Sgts equally as to rank and file.

5. ACCOMMODATION AREAS

Accommodation areas (incl cabins) are out of bounds to all ranks (incl offrs and batmen, but NOT incl piquets on Mess Decks) between 0900 hrs and 1130 hrs daily.

- 6. BATMEN will in future train with their pls between 0900 & 1130 daily

7. PARADES

Pl cords will be ready at all times during tng hours to account for every member of their pl.

8. DECORATIONS

It is observed that several men entitled to wear decorations are not doing so. It is desired that all decorations be worn, on shirts as well as uniforms.

9. SHIP'S FURNITURE

Attention is drawn to S.R.O: 3 para 5 of 13 Mar 42. Coys will submit a return to Bn O/Room by 0900 hrs 19 Mar 42 of furniture being used authorised by Ship's Purser. All unauthorised furniture other than the above will be returned whence it came by 1000 hrs 19 Mar 42.

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

AT SEA
18 MAR 42

ROUTINE ORDERS
NOTICES
COMP. 2/3 MUST NOT BE

LOST :- Upper denture property of Pte Sutcliffe (Band)

DISTRIBUTION :- LIST "A" is amended to the following :-

- 4 copies per rifle coy.
- 5 " 'E' Coy
- 6 " 'H.Q.' Coy
- 2 " I.O.
- Q.M.
- PADRE
- R.P. SGT
- S.MO. (for infn)
- 2 I/C
- COMD
- FILE

ORDERING

When ordering rifle butts will NOT be purchased but will be lowered daily

GENERAL

(a) The principle to be followed and enforced is that all ranks will be as properly dressed as the work they are doing permits, when on duty. For all normal day and night work will be correctly dressed; but shirts may be removed for such activities as PT, working in holes etc.
Personnel not on duty may remove shirts after parade hours, but will be again warned of standards. If a man goes off duty as a result of standards or uniform he will be charged with S.I.W.

GARMENTING

(a) It is reported that all garmenting is strictly forbidden on the ship and N.C.O.'s will institute disciplinary action against offenders.
(b) The above rule applies to Officers W.O.'s, S.I.W. equally as to rank and file.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation areas (that is cabins) are out of bounds to all ranks (that is all ranks and personnel) but NOT their pipettes on Mess Decks) between 0800 hrs and 1130 hrs daily.

PARADES

PT orders will be ready at all times during the hours to account for every member of their pl.

DECORATIONS

It is also noted that several men entitled to wear decorations are not doing so. It is desired that all decorations be worn on ships as well as uniforms.

SHIP'S FURNITURE

Attention is drawn to S.R.O. 5 para 5 of 15 Mar 42. Coys will submit a return to the O/room by 0800 hrs 15 Mar 42 of furniture being used authorized by Ship's Purser. All unauthorized furniture other than the above will be returned when it came by 1000 hrs 15 Mar 42.

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H.Q. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
 H.T. "ORONTES"
AT SEA

23 Mar 42.

ORDERS REF DISEMBARKATION

1. D1 - D1 is the day of arrival in port.

2. RETURN OF SHIP'S STORES

(a) All bedding sets (hammocks and blankets) on issue from ship will be returned by Mess Decks under arrangements of Troop Deck officers to hammock store No. 5 Hatch H9 Deck at the following times D1 :-

H 10	0900 hrs
H 9	0905 "
H 1	0910 "
G 10	0915 "
G 9	0920 "
G 8	0925 "

(b) Troop Deck Officers will ensure orderliness and checking of returns. In addition to Troop Deck Officers the following who signed for stores should be present during return :-

Lieut W. BROWN	979	Sets
Lieut W.D. HALL	27	"
Lieut K.F. CURTIS	19	"

(c) Mess utensils will be returned by rear parties on Mess Decks to Mess Utensial Store on G6 Deck at a time on "D1" to be notified.

(d) All other ship's property (e.g. tables and chairs used for Coy O/Rooms) will be returned to their normal positions by 1000 hrs D1.

(e) All ranks will co-operate to leave the ship as tidy and clean as it is possible to leave it.

3. BAGGAGE

(a) O.C. Shore Party - Q.M. 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.
 O.C. Ship's Party - Capt. I.C. FULTON

(b) Advance Shore Party

Composition :- 2/2 Bn :- Lieut McPHERSON, one Sec 12 Pl B Coy.
 Sgt WAY.

- Other Units - similar

Assembly :- 'F' Deck Foyer at foot of main Companionway when ordered, move to shore - under orders O.C. Shore Party.

(c) Main Shore Party

Composition :- Sgt BLAIN and two Secs 12 Pl. B Coy (other units two secs.)

Assembly :- Starboard 'C' Deck aft when ordered.

Action :- Under orders Capt FULTON responsible for guarding baggage ship to shore.

(d) Ship's Party

Composition :- Two pls per Inf Bn
 Lieut McNEILL and one pl A Coy } O.C. Bn Party
 Lieut IRVIN and one pl C Coy }
 W.O. 11 RICHARDS } Lieut IRVIN

Assembly :- Starboard 'C' Deck aft under orders Capt FULTON.

4. OFFERS BAGGAGE

- (a) All offers cabin baggage will be stacked 'D' Deck Forward between 0730 and 0930 hrs DL.
- (b) Baggage Party - ALL batmen plus 1 Sgt. from H.Q. Coy. ~~...~~ O.C. whole party Lieut WICKHAM.
- (c) Batmen will report to Lieut WICKHAM 'D' Deck forward when depositing the baggage; ~~...~~ will report at 0800 hrs.
- (d) Nominal roll of batmen to Bn H.Q. by 1200 hrs 24 Mar 42.

5. BN H.Q. & COY H.Q. GEAR will be stacked with offers baggage. H.Q. Coy will supply working party of 2 N.C.O's, 12 O.R's report Bn O/Room to move gear 0800 hrs DL; coys make their own arrangements.

6. OTHER GEAR

- (a) Second blanket per man will be rolled in bundles of 10, labelled and stacked with other gear outside No. 4 Hold between 1400 and 1500 hrs Tuesday 24 Mar. These blankets will be rolled carefully so that only the outside blanket will become dirty.
- (b) Other gear NOT being manhandled ashore or mentioned elsewhere in this order will also be stacked as in (a).

7. DISSEMBARKATION

- (a) At a time to be notified Bn, less baggage and rear parties will assemble ready to disembark on 'B' Deck in tng areas.
- (b) Bn will disembark via aft companionway 'E' Deck Starboard, moving thence via outside Starboard companionway, in the order :-
Bn H.Q. - C & D & H.Q. Coy - E Coy - A Coy - B Coy.

8. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

- (a) Marching Order - Steel helmet on pack. Shirts and shorts.
G/C in pack. *sea kit bag carried*
Blanket - one will be carried in sea kit bag.
- (b) All Bren guns and tripods plus two boxes mags per gun will be carried on the man. Tripods now in armoury will be drawn 1500 hrs Tuesday 24 Mar.

9. RATIONS

All ranks will disembark with one days rations in haversack - this will be issued later.

10. REAR PARTIES

ALL troop Deck Officers plus 5 mess orderlies per troop deck (to be selected by troop deck offers) plus one Hygiene O.R. (to be detailed by H.Q. Coy) will remain on board to ensure that all latrines, wash places, troop decks etc., are clean. Hygiene O.R. will report to ship's Troop Deck Sgt.

11. PERSONNEL IN CELLS are being released to custody of coys morning DL and will remain in open arrest until opportunity for re-committal occurs.

12. INSPECTION OF BN AREA

Lieut T.F. HARRISON is appointed Bn Orderly Offr for DL. He will inspect the whole area that has been occupied by the Bn during the morning, and finally immediately troops move to 'B' Deck, and report to Adjut that no

gear has been left behind and that areas are clean or being cleaned by rear parties.

13. AIR ATTACK

In the event of attack by hostile aircraft prior to disembarkation, Ship's Standing Orders will be followed and troops will go to Action Stations.

Defence against air attack after disembarkation will be in accordance with orders issued by Mov. Control or the senior Combatant Officer on the spot in the absence of orders from the former.

J. W. D. ...
.....Capt.
Adj. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

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- ASST ADJT
- COMD
- FILE

25th March, 1942.

MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER NO. 3.

1. (a) M.C.O. i/c disembarkation.

Captain C.J.P. MARTIN.
 Captain R.E. HELLIER
 Lieut. G.E. SWAN.

(b) M.C.O. i/c Luggage, Labour and M.T. :-

Major J.A. COX.
 Captain J.H. LANFEAR.

(c) R.T.O., Regulation.

Captain R. STONE.

2. Units will disembark and entrain in accordance with detail in Appendix "A".

3. Troops will disembark with arms, equipment and haversack ration for 24 hours. Water bottles will be full.

L.M.Gs. will be ready for immediate use.

4. Kit bags, light baggage, arms, ammunition, cooking utensils, water containers and, on days reserve rations only, will be carried on troop specials.

5. Allotment of train accommodation will be made by O.C. Train.

O.C. Train will complete attached entraining state and hand to R.T.O. Rgn before entrainment.

6. Heavy baggage ex H.T. "ORONITES" will be landed on 25/26 March, 1942 and ex H.T. "WESTERNLAND" on 26/27 March, 1942. Baggage trains will be despatched as early as possible after troop specials. Baggage parties (to be kept to a minimum) will be detailed to ensure baggage is correctly sorted and loaded.

On both sides of baggage wagons units serial number will be clearly marked in chalk. units will record the serial number of wagons in which their baggage is loaded.

Baggage parties will accompany baggage trains and pending despatch will be accommodated and messed on board.

7. Admn. Comdt., Colombo will arrange for 20 guides to report at MELBOURNE PIER at 0700 hours on 27th and 28th March, 1942.

8. A.D.S.T. will have the following rations (A.I.F.) at Colombo Fort Railway Station, ready to load as under :-

<u>TRAIN.</u>	<u>TIME AND DATE.</u>	<u>NUMBER OF RATIONS</u>
F.	0830 hours on 27 Mar.	558.
G.	1000 hours on 27 Mar.	920.
H.	1130 hours on 27 Mar.	1,000.
I.	1500 hours on 27 Mar.	920.
J.	0830 hours on 28 Mar.	924.
K.	1000 hours on 28 Mar.	770.
L.	1145 hours on 28 Mar.	683.

/ Rations.....

Rations, to the nearest package, will be handed over to representative of O.C. Train.

9. A.D.S.T. will arrange for the following transport to be at LOWER PASSENGER JETTY at 0730 hours on 27th and 28th March, 1942 :-

Four buses and Fifteen Lorries.

B E Hallett

602/131/Q(M).
COLOMBO.
25th March, 1942.

Lt-Col,
A.Q.M.G. (Movements) CEYLON.

DISTRIBUTION.

C-in-C., Ceylon.
H.Q. 6 Aust Div. (3)
H.Q. 34 Ind Div.
S.S.T.O.
A.M.L.O.
Comdt., Base Area, CBO.
Command H.Q., -'G', 'Q', 'A', 'CE', 'S&T', 'Sigs',
'Med' 'OS'
O.C. Troops H.T. ORONTES (20)
 H.T. WESTERLAND (20)
A.D.S&T.
O.C., R.A. S.C., CBO.
M.C.Os.
R.T. O., CBO.
War Diary,
File.

1. All disembarkations of personnel to Melbourne Wharf.
2. All entrainments at Colombo Fort Station, Platform 5.
3. 27 Mar. 42.

Special Train "F".

Destination - PANADURA for HORANA.

	Offrs.	ORs.
HQ 16 Inf. Bde.	10	47
Sig. Sec. 16 Inf. Bde.	2	22
I Coy AASC	5	257
B Coy HQ Guard Bn.	1	41
6 Div. Postal Unit		2
45 LAD	1	10
2/1 Fd. Coy. less on sec.	3	140
6 Div. Prov. Coy. less dett.	1	17

Stock	1st. C.	3rd. C.	Covered Wagon	Brake Van.
	1	9	1	1.
Time arrival first launch at Jetty				0730 hrs.
Entrainment commences				0845 hrs.
Train departs				0930 hrs.
E.T.A.				1040 hrs.

Special Train "G"

Destination - PANADURA for HORANA.

2/2 Inf. Bn. 40 Offrs. 880 ORs.

Stock	1st. C.	3rd. C.	Covered Wagon	Brake Van.
	1	14	1	1
Time arrival first launch at Jetty				0915 hrs.
Entrainment commences				1030 hrs.
Train departs				1140 hrs.
E.T.A.				1310 hrs.

Special Train "H".

Destination - KATUKURUNDA

	Offrs.	ORs.
2/1 Inf. Bn.	40	880
Sec. 2/1 Fd. Coy.	2	80

Stock	1/2 Compo.	3rd. C.	Bogie Brake Van.
	1	15	1
Time arrival first launch at Jetty			1100 hrs.
Entrainment commences			1200 hrs.
Train departs			1230 hrs.
E.T.A.			1440 hrs.

Special Train "I"

Destination - PANADURA for HORANA.

Unit - 2/3 Inf. Bn.

40 Offrs. 880 ORs.

Stock	1st. C.	3rd. C.	Covered Wagon	Brake Van.
	1	14	1	1

Time arrival first launch at Jetty	1400 hrs.
Entrainment commences	1515 hrs.
Train departs	1600 hrs.
E.T.A.	1730 hrs.

28 Mar. 42.

4. Special Train "J"

Destination - PANADURA for HORANA

2/1 Fd. Regt. less one Bty.
 45 LAD
 E Sec. Sigs.
 Sec. 25 Fd. Bky.
 80 LAD
 2/2 Army Fd. W/Shop

Offrs.	ORs.
50	400
1	1
1	17
	24
1	9
11	400

Stock	1st. C.	3rd. C.	Covered Wagon	Brake Van.
	2	13	1	1

Time arrival first launch at Jetty	0730 hrs.
Entrainment commences	0845 hrs.
Train departs	0940 hrs.
E.T.A.	1100 hrs.

Special Train "K"

Destination - BOOSA

2/7 Inf. Bn.

32 Offrs. 738 ORs.

Stock	1st. C.	3rd. C.	Covered Wagon	Brake Van.
	1	12	1	1

Time arrival first launch at Jetty	0915 hrs.
Entrainment commences	1030 hrs.
Train departs	1115 hrs.
E.T.A.	1540 hrs.

Special Train "L"

Detrain PANADURA for HORANA

	Offrs.	ORs.
22 Fd. Pk. Coy.	5	113
1 Coy. 6 Div. Sigs.	7	160
2/1 Fd. Amb.	6	182

Detrain KATUKURUNDA

One Bty. 2/1 Fd. Regt.	10 Offrs.	200 ORs.
Time arrival first launch at Jetty		1100 hrs.
Entrainment commences		1215 hrs.
Train departs		1310 hrs.
E.T.L. Panadura 1410 hrs.	Katukurunda	1545 hrs.

5. The following will disembark on 26th Mar 42 and proceed to MUSAEUS COLLEGE.

	Offrs.	ORs.
2 Ech	2	42
Canteen Service		1
Finance Sec.	1	6
HQ 1 Ord. Fd. Pk.	5	17

6. The following will disembark on 27th Mar 42 and proceed to MUSAEUS COLLEGE.

HQ. RE. 6 Div	6	22
HQ 6 Div.	4	18
6 Postal Unit	1	16
Dett. Kit Store		15
Finance Sec.	1	10
Canteen Service		4
2 Ech.		8
42 LAD, attd. 6 Div.	1	10

7. The following will disembark on 27th Mar 42 and proceed to ST. PETERS COLLEGE.

4 Gen. Hosp.	94	145
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8. Baggage and equipment of units at Para. 5, 6 and 7, EXCEPT hospital equipment of 4 Gen. Hosp. which will be dealt with later, will be disembarked same time as personnel.

9. Should covered wagons, supplies with Special Trains, not be required, they will be detached from train before leaving.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET

H.T. Orontes
25 Mar 42.

ORDERS FOR DISEMBARKATION AND MOVEMENT

GENERAL

1. Orders already issued which are at variance with this order are cancelled.

DISEMBARKATION - 26 MAR 42

2. Following details will assemble on E Deck aft at 0945 hrs, and will disembark at 1000 hrs, 26 Mar 42:

<u>Details of</u>	<u>Destination</u>
2 Ech	MUSAEUS COLLEGE, COLOMBO
AAPC	
AACS	
RAF	
	HQ RAF COLOMBO

3. (a) Adv parties as shown below will assemble on E Deck aft at 0945 hrs, and will disembark at 1000 hrs, 26 Mar 42.

(b) Adv parties will collect all kitchen gear from baggage pier on arrival ashore, and will take same to final destination.

(c) Parties will be moved in buses to destination. Certain buses will be used to convey cooking gear, together with latrine seats and buckets (100 of each with 2/1 Aust Inf Bn party; 200 of each with remainder of 16 Aust Inf Bde gp) which are being loaded under arrangements Mov COLOMBO.

ADV PARTIES

Unit	Composition of Adv Party	Allotment of Buses			Destination
		Pers	Bagg	Total	
2/1 Aust Inf Bn One sec 2/1 Aust Fd Coy	One pl, QM, batman } One sjt, two ORs }	2	1	3	KATUKURUNDA
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	One offr, ten ORs }				
2/2 Aust Inf Bn	One pl, RQMS, one OR }	4	3	7	HORANA
2/3 Aust Inf Bn	One pl, QM, batman }				
1 Coy AASC Blce 2/1 Aust Fd Coy	One offr, ten ORs } Two offr, 18 ORs }				

4. All disembarkation from E Deck aft.

DISEMBARKATION - 27 MAR 42

5. Routine - 27 Mar 42:

Reveille		0415 hrs
Breakfast	(Tp decks and 2nd saloon)	0500 hrs
"	(1st saloon)	0545 hrs

Other times remain unaltered.

6. Assembly: Tps will assemble on decks as follow at 0615 hrs. No personnel except those on duty will be allowed below after this time, except for meals:

A Deck	2/3 Aust Inf Bn
B Deck	2/1 Aust Inf Bn, one sec 2/1 Aust Fd Coy

C Deck	2/2 Aust Inf Bn
D Deck fwd	2/1 Aust Fd Coy less one sec
D Deck aft	1 Coy AASC 6 Aust Div
E Deck aft	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde and att tps

7. Disembarkation and Entrainment: In accordance with Mov Control Order No. 3 of 25 Mar 42 already issued to comds.

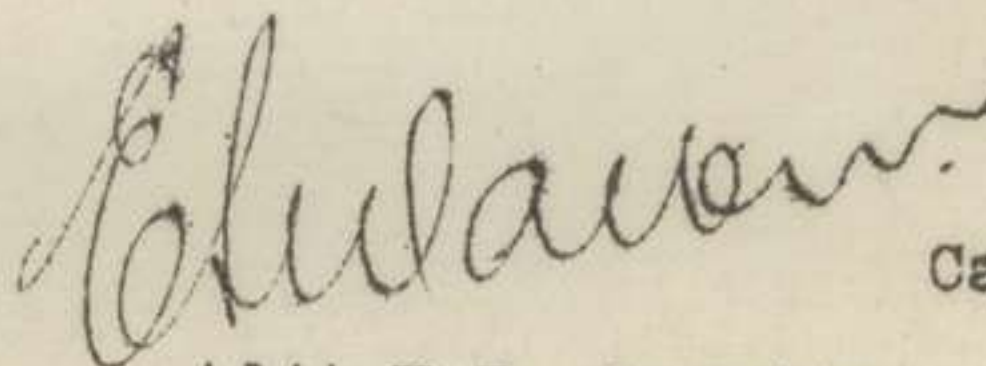
- (a) Tpt available to shore - 2 power boats
6 towed boats
- (b) Disembarking pts - E Deck aft star and port
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(d) Entraining officers - Will be detailed by following units:

Train "F"	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
Train "G"	2/2 Aust Inf Bn
Train "H"	2/1 Aust Inf Bn
Train "I"	2/3 Aust Inf Bn

(e) Baggage parties (Ref para 6 MC Order No. 3) - Limited to one sec for each inf bn. Further instructions to follow

8. Records: Units will forward to Ship's Orderly Room on each occasion details or units as a whole disembark permanently, a disembarkation state, in order that Ship's records for messing may be adjusted.


Capt
Adjt H.T. Orontes.

DISTRIBUTION

As per Orders for Disembarkation
dated 22 Mar 42.

2/2 Br

ORDER NO. 2 OF 22 MAR 45

DIVISIONAL

UNIT NO. 10

Lieut H B Smith

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ORDER NO. 2 OF 22 MAR 45

(a) *[Faint text]*

1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1
1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2
1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3
1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4

(b) *[Faint text]*

(c) *[Faint text]*

(d) *[Faint text]*

(e) *[Faint text]*

ORDER NO. 2 OF 22 MAR 45

E Deck	1/1	1/1	1/1
D Deck	1/2	1/2	1/2
D Deck	1/3	1/3	1/3
C Deck	1/4	1/4	1/4

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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H.T. Orontes
25 Mar 42.

ORDERS FOR DISEMBARKATION AND MOVEMENT

GENERAL

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DISEMBARKATION - 27 MAR 42

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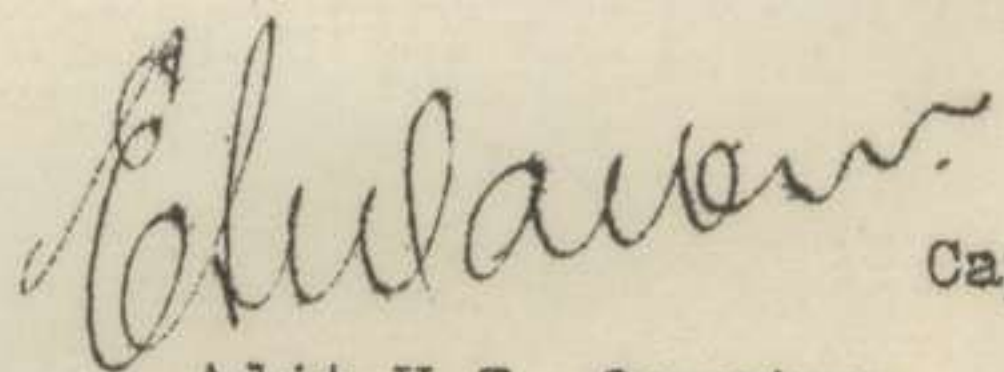
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Capt
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DISTRIBUTION

As per Orders for Disembarkation
dated 22 Mar 42.

STEPSISTER THREE A3

MOVEMENT ORDER NO.4

H.Q. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
H.T. ORDERS
26 MAR 42.

1. GENERAL

- and
- (a) Bn, less adv/M.T. parties will disembark and move to HORANA 27 Mar 42.
 - (b) Orders already issued at variance with this order are cancelled ; where NOT at variance (dress etc) previous orders stand.

2. DISSEMBARKATION - 27 MAR.

(a) Routine

Reveille (Ship's duties) 0415 hrs.
Breakfast (Tp decks & Sgts) 0500 "
" (Oftrs) 0545 "
Assemble on 'C' Deck in tng areas - 0615 hrs
Tp Decks be clean by - 0700 hrs
First tps move to gangway for disembarkation approx 0815 hrs (when ordered).
Bn duties dismount on orders to move to gangway. 'A' Coy remains duty coy until then. Ship's duties relieved 1800 hrs 26 Mar. 42.

(b) Disembarkation

- (i) Disembark gangway aft 'E' Deck starboard and port.
- (ii) Move thence from 'C' Deck by outside companionway in order, for Starboard gangway :-
Bn H.Q. - C Coy - H.Q. Coy - D Coy
for port gangway :-
E Coy - B Coy - A Coy.
- (iii) Coy comds will assemble aft 'C' Deck starboard 0800 hrs to await orders to commence movement.

3. ENTRAINMENT

Special Train 'G'
O.C. Train - Lt-Col. C.R.V. EDGAR
Entraining and Detraining office - Capt D.N. FAIRBROTHER.
Stock :- 1 1st Class
14 3rd Class
1 Covered wagon
1 Brake Van

Strengths :- Entraining Officer will work on following strengths :-
Any alterations to be advised him direct by coys

A Coy	-	5	Offrs & 115 O.P.	
B Coy	-	34	" " 109	(excl Goods Train Baggage Party)
C Coy	-	5	" " 119	"
D Coy	-	5	" " 112	"
E Coy	-	6	" " 147	"
HQ Coy	-	6	" " 153	"
Bn H.Q.	-	8	" " 76	"

First launch due jetty - 0915 hrs
Entrainment commences - 1030 hrs
Train departs - 1140 hrs
Train due PAMADURA (thence M.T. to HORANA) - 1310 hrs
Pl comds will travel with men ; coy comds in 1st class coach.

4. ADM

Troops will disembark with arms, equipment, 1 days ration, wwater bottle full, Brens, tripods, 2 boxes mags per gun.

5. BAGGAGE

- (a) Baggage parties at present on duty are expected to return before Bn disembarks.
- (b) 1 N.C.O. and 3 O.R's B Coy will disembark afternoon 26 Mar, under orders to be issued later, and accompany baggage train as guard.
- (c) Offr's valises - Orders later.

6. REAR PARTIES - (Mess orderlies etc) are cancelled.

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Capt.
 Adj 2/2 Aust Inf.

DISTRIBUTION

- A, B, C, D, E, H.Q. COYS.
- I.O.
- EMERGING OFFR (CAPT FAIRBROTHER)
- PADRE & Mr McCABE
- SHIP'S Q.M. (For Infn)
- SHIP'S M.O. (For Infn)
- R.S.M.
- 2 I/C
- COMD
- FILE

H.Q. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
 26 Mar 42

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ADM NOTES FOR HORANA AREA

1. GENERAL

After a period of waiting and comparative boredom the Bn again has a job to do; coy comds will impress their subordinate Comds with the need for displaying energy and enthusiasm in all activities.

- 2. WATER - must be chlorinated. Drawn from wells.
- 3. SWIMMING - Dangerous.
- 4. PETROL - Civil pump
- 5. M.T. - 7 days behind us.
- 6. FUEL - Wood
- 7. COOKING - Trench fires
- 8. LATRINES - Bucket
- 9. RATIONS - D.I.D. HORANA. Q.M. to draw 14 days reserve
- 10. SECURITY - Area NOT safe. Precautions necessary. ^{to} safeguard arms and amm from Dacoit
- 11. DUTIES
 - (a) To mount on arrival 'B' Coy. Details later. Orderly Officer - Liout R.C. SMITH.
 - (b) Runners - 1 per coy.

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Capt.
 Adj 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION :

As for Movement Order No. 4.

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MEMO TO COY COMDS

As this Bn leaves the ship first, it is essential that its (the Bn's) area is left spotlessly clean, to avoid criticism from units remaining behind.

Coy comds will themselves take, and will ensure that thier pl comds take, the strongest possible measures to see that this is done.

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STEPSISTER THREE A3

MOVEMENT ORDER NO.4

H.Q. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

H.T. ORDERS

26 MAR 42.

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" (Offrs)

0545 "

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Capt.
 Adj't 2/2 Aust Inf.

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H.Q. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
 26 Mar 42

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- Bucket

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11. DUTIES

- (a) To mount on arrival. 'B' Coy. Details later. Orderly Officer - Lieut R.C. SMITH.
- (b) Runners - 1 per coy.

[Signature]
Capt.
 Adj't 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION :

As for Movement Order No. 4.

29 Mar 42.

TRAINING WEEK COMMENCING 30 MAR 42.

1. GENERAL

- (a) Coy comds will probably be required a good deal of the time for recess of the Bde area of responsibility.
- (b) Training for the first week will concentrate on individual and section tag in moving and campaigning in wooded and jungle country; commencing with simple movements of secs and pls through rubber plantations, and working up to two-sided exercises by day and night.
- (c) Tag for attacking movements only will be practised; tag in defence will commence later.

2. EQUIPMENT

- (a) It is essential that from the outset men train to carry the full weight they will have to carry on operations, working up to distance and speed; comds will NOT allow their men to move out of camp without full equipment.
- (b) As far as possible guards, fatigues etc, will be drawn from several sections or pls so that the average strength of sections training is 1 N.C.O. and 7 O.R.'s.
- (c) The following is a suggestion for eqpt which will be experimented with and commented upon by coys :-

<u>Pl. H.Q.</u>	Pl Comd, Veroy pistol			
	5 cartridges each colour,			
	Mortarman, No. 1 Mortar and 6 bombs,			
	No. 2, 12 mortar bombs, rifle,			
	bayonet; 50 rds .303;			
	Pl. Sgt., batman, runner - 50 rds .303, and			
	2 grenades each.			
			
			
<u>Secs.</u>	.303	Bren Mags	T.S.M.G.	Grenades
N.C.O. (T.S.M.G.)	50	.	8 mags	1
1 Bren	100	3		
2	100	4		1
3	100	4		1
4	100	4		1
5	100	4		1
6	100	4		1
2 I/C	50	2	50 rds .45	2

- (d) Haversack on back to contain waterbottle, emergency ration, water sterilizing outfit, Doyor's Cream (if issued) spare sock, toilet gear, nousewife, one day's rations (or weight to represent)
- (e) Groundsheet rolled on belt.
- (f) It is hoped to obtain authority to leave respirators and steel helmets on pl truck. These items need NOT be carried on tags.
- (g) Specialists - sigs, mortars etc., - must undergo similar tag and will experiment along the lines they have already suggested as to what eqpt can, and should be carried.

3. Training will specifically include :-

- (i) Determining what men can carry (as above).
- (ii) Determining what is sec and pl "cruising speed".

(i.e. the greatest pace that can be maintained for long periods in this country).

- (iii) Keeping direction
- (iv) Tree climbing (and its value if any, for observation).
- (v) Improvising Bren tripods with sticks.
- (vi) Scouting - determining distance ahead they can work - any value in flank ^{skirmish} scouts?
- (vii) Improvising ^{slings} for firing Brens from hips.
- (viii) Formations
- (ix) Field signals - hand, whistle, animal noises.

4. S.S. R.M.O. will allot 4 S.B. to each coy and 1 S.B. will invariably travel with each pl on tng.

5. GREATEST ATTENTION MUST BE PAID TO "M.T.P. 9 PRECIS" AND "TACTICAL METHODS JAPANESE OPERATIONS". These pamphlets must be made the basis of training with comd's thoughts directed to movement along lines of enemy methods, and measures to counter enemy methods.

6. TRAINING AREA

Low White House 500 yds N.E. of Bn H.Q. is S.W. corner - tng area extends in a rectangle E, N, and N.E. of House. Coys split up this area from North to South in the order (from NORTH) :-

A, B, C, D, E, H.Q.

7. TRAINING
Pending alteration, tng hours (with rest in middle of day) night tng

8. will not be so rigorously commenced.

8. COY SYLLABE are required by 1200 hrs 30 Mar - 29 Mar if possible.

R. Smith
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Adj 2/3 Asst Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION :

A
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STANDING ORDERS FOR DIKHEINA CAMP

H.Q. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

DIKHEINA

30 Mar 42

1. SECURITY

- (a) Palestine Security Instructions apply in this command, except that belts will NOT be divorced from rifles at night, and each man will sleep with his rifle beside him. A copy of these instrs may be read at Bn H.Q. by any coys who may not now have a copy.
- (b) Coys are responsible for the security of their sleeping areas at night, guard for which must include guard sufficient for the coy area; at least one pr prowlers per coy.
- (c) Particular attention is directed to orders previously issued re security of infra.
- (d) It is emphasised that each individual offr and soldier is personally responsible for the safeguarding of such arms and amm as may be issued to him.
- (e) Daily inspections and weekly reports will be continued.
- (f) M.T.O. is responsible for security of Tpt lines.
- (g) Coy comds are responsible for promulgation of security orders now and to rifts immediately on arrival.

2. FIRE

- (a) There is great danger of fire in thatched huts.
- (b) No naked lights are permitted in thatched huts or within 20 feet of them.
- (c) In the event of fire the person observing it will cry "Fire" and it will be the duty of all personnel in the vicinity to repeat the cry and :-
 - (i) Clear the hut or tent of equipment
 - (ii) Endeavour to extinguish flames.

3. BLACKOUT

Blackout in this area is only partial until further orders. No fires will be lit in the open during hours of darkness.

4. ENSORSHIP

- (a) F.S.P.R. Pamphlet No. 3 paras 18 to 26 are repeated.
- (b) This Unit's address is :-

2/2 Aust Inf Bn
A.I.F. Abroad.

- (c) All mail will be censored by an offr and lodged in 'I' Office.

5. DISCIPLINE

- (a) Dress - During working hours all men will be properly dressed with the exception of working parties who may remove their shirts.
- (b) Language - All commanders will take steps to put down the spread of bad language.

6. CARE OF WEAPONS

Coy comds are responsible for the care of all weapons on issue to their coy, and are warned of the ease with which rust spreads in this climate.

7. BOUNDS

- (a) All villages are out of bounds.
- (b) No personnel will leave the Bn area without a duty pass.
- (c) All native dwellings are out of bounds.
- (d) Camp area is O/B to all natives. Accordingly, fruit etc will NOT be purchased from natives in camp area.

8. DUTIES.

(a) Duty Coy -

- (i) Water piquet -.24 hrs duty as orders already issued.
- (ii) Horana Piquet - as Bn R.O. 25 para 3.
- (iii) Bn Guard - 2 N.C.O.'s & 12 O.R.'s Retreat to Hovaillo
1 Pr prowlers patrol Bn H.Q., and hut and Ex.P.I.P. tent immediately SOUTH.
1 Pr prowlers patrol Bn Q Store and tents between Bn Q Store and Bn H.Q.

Duties - keep unauthorised personnel away from huts and tents mentioned.

Guard will sleep in hut immediately S.W. of Bn H.Q.
Reliefs will be properly posted by N.C.O.

(b) Orderly Officer

- (i) Inspect water piquet
 } thrice by day } at irregular intervals,
 } twice by night }
- (ii) Pay particular attention to Bn water supply, including inspection of kitchen water tanks and ensuring same full by 2100 hrs nightly.
- (iii) Inspect guard twice by night.
- (iv) Inspect kitchens, latrines, camp hygiene and sanitation generally between 0800 and 1100 hrs and 1400 - 1700 hrs.
- (v) Inspect R.P. on duty at DIKHEIMA gate, when this Bn supplies this duty (every second day)
- (vi) Inspect HORANA piquet and carry out provisions of Bn R.O. 25 para 3.
- (vii) Report to Adjt daily by 0900 hrs for special instns if any.

(c) Orderly Sgt

- (i) C.B. as orders issued separately
- (ii) As directed by Orderly Officer.

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

DISTRIBUTION :

LIST "A"

31 MAR 42.

POSTING OF OFFICERS1 APR. 42A COY

O.C.	Capt. G.H. GODBOLD
2 I/C	" D.N. FAIRBROTHER
Pl Comd	Lieut R.C. SOMERVILLE
Pl Comd	Lieut D.J. McNEILL
Pl Comd	Lieut P. GOODMAN

B COY

O.C.	Capt. C.H. GREEN
2 I/C	Lieut C.F.W. BAYLIS
Pl Comd	Lieut R.M. MOORE
Pl Comd	Lieut R.C. SMITH
Pl Comd	Lieut W.F. BROWN
Supernumerary	Lieut W. WARD

C COY

O.C.	Capt. A.A. BUCKLEY
2 I/C	Lieut T.T. HARRISON
Pl Comd	Lieut O.B. IRVIN
Pl Comd	Lieut J.B. HARKNESS
Pl Comd	Lieut H.C. SMITH

(Lieut COYLE R.S.L.)

D COY

O.C.	Capt. J.C. RISHWORTH
2 I/C	Lieut J.M. BLAMEY
Pl Comd	Lieut G.H. WICKHAM
Pl Comd	Lieut W.P. RYAN
Pl Comd	Lieut R.R. TANNER
Supernumerary	Lieut W.D. HALL

H.Q. COY

O.C.	Major W.B. CALDWELL
1 Pl	Lieut H.G. McCAMMON
2 Pl	Lieut J.K. BURKE
3 Pl	Lieut K.F. CURTIS
4 Pl	Capt G.N. SWINTON
	Lieut C.J. SKERRETT
5 Pl	(Pnr Officer) Lieut H.B. SWAIN
	(Asst Pnr Offr) Lieut L.T. HALL
Q.M.	Capt. D.S.I. BURROWS
	(Q.M. Learner) Lieut W.J. McPHERSON
M.T.O.	Lieut C.H. ANDERSON

BN H.Q.

C.O.	Lt-Col. C.R.V. EDGAR
2 I/C	Major P.A. CULLEN
Adjt	Capt. J.W. DUNLOP
Asst Adjt	Lieut C. HODGER
I.O.	Lieut I.B. FERGUSON

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H.Q. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

DIKHEINA

31 Mar 42.

P E R S O N N E L

A B S O R P T I O N O F R E C T S

1. (a) 'E' Coy will cease to function as from 1800 hrs 1 Apr 42, by which time personnel from 'E' Coy will have reported to and been taken on the strength of rifle coys as follows :-

	O.S.R.'s
A COY	<u>34</u>
B COY	<u>36</u>
C COY	<u>31</u>
D COY	<u>36</u>
E COY STRENGTH 30 MAR	157

- (b) Rifle coys will absorb 'E' Coy personnel into secs, and will NOT retain them as a separate pl.
2. To ensure equitable distribution of trained soldiers, O.C. 'E' Coy will transfer pls intact as far as possible.
3. All 'E' Coy acting N.C.O's will revert to their substantive ranks on joining rifle coys.
4. N.C.O's transferred to 'E' Coy from rifle coys are included in above figures; O.C. 'E' Coy will transfer such personnel back to their original coys. They will also revert to substantive ranks on transfer.
5. Posting of officers, consequent upon above is as attached. *reverse*
6. Personal documents including pl comd's reports will be handed over as confidential documents to O.C. rifle coys on transfers being effected.

J. W. ...
.....Capt.
Adj. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION :

LIST "C"
PADRE
R.M.O.
Q.M.
R.S.M.
FILE

2/2 AUSTRALIAN INF BN

TRAINING SYLLABUS WEEK ENDING 11 Apr 42

SERIAL NO.	DATE	SUB UNIT	TIME	SUBJECT	REMARKS
1	6	A Coy	0815 - 1200	(a) smartening drill (b) Secs as Patrols	Duty Coy
2	6	"	1330 - 1600	Preparation of Camp Area Defences	
3	7	"	0815 - 1200	(a) smartening Drill (b) Coy March	
4	7	"	1800 - 2030	Pl Compass Marches	
5	8	"	0815 - 1200	sec in Attack	
6	8	"	1330 - 1600	As per serial 2	
7	9	"		(a) smartening Drill (b) Pl in attack	
8	9	"	1800 - 2030	Pl Patrols	
9	10	"	0815 - 1200	Coy March	
10	10	"	1330 - 1600	As for serial 8, with concealment & Camouflage	
11	11	"	0815 - 1200	Two sided exercise : xxxx Pl attack on defended locality	
12	11	"	1330 - 1600	As for serial 10	
13	6	B Coy	0815 - 1200	(a) Smartening drill (b) 10 Pl all day march with minor tactical situations 11 & 12 Pls Bayonet Tng Scouting & Deployed movement by Pls	
14	6	"	1330 - 1600	11 & 12 Pls as serial 2	
15	7	"	0815 - 1200	(a) Bayonet Tng (b) sniping, scouting, bushcraft	Duty Coy
16	7	"	1800 - 2030	Sec compass marches	
17	8	"	0815 - 1200	11 Pl All day march with minor tactical sitns 10 & 12 Pls, concealment & Camouflage keeping direction, march;	
18	8	"	1330 - 1600	As serial # 2	
19	8 9	"	0815 - 1200	10 & 12 Pls, two sided pl attack exercise 11 Pl, Bayonet tng, sec compass marches, scouts.	

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L.O.
Duty Coy

SERIAL NO.	DATE	SUB UNIT	TIME	SUBJECT	REMARKS
19					
20	9	B Coy	1800 - 2030	Pl Patrols	
21	10	"	0815 - 1200	12 Pl All day march	
22	10	"	1330 - 1600	10 & 11 Pls Compass marches	
23	11	"	0815 - 1200	10 & 11 Pls as serial 2	
24	11	"	1330 - 1600	Practice packing Pl Truck	
25	6	C Coy	0815 - 1200	Bayonet Tng	
26	6	"	1330 - 1600	Organised sport	
27	7	"	0815 - 1200	See stalks	
28	7	"	1800 - 2030	As serial 2	
29	8	"	0815 - 1200	See recee patrol competitions - Pd signals	
30	8	"	1330 - 1600	Pl Compass marches	
31	9	"	0815 - 1200	Bayonet Tng	
32	9	"	1800 - 2030	Weapon Tng	
33	10	"	0815 - 1200	Lectures	
34	11	"	0815 - 1200	As serial 2	
35	11	"	1330 - 1600	Two sided see attacks	
36	6	D Coy	0815 - 1200	See recee patrol competition	
37	6	"	1330 - 1600	Coy March	
38	7	"	0815 - 1200	Pl Attacks	
39	7	"	1800 - 2030	As serial 2	
40	8	"	0815 - 1200	(a) Smartening Drill	
41	9	"	1330 - 1600	(b) Pl Marches without compasses	
42	9	"	0815 - 1200	As serial 2	
43	9	"	1800 - 2030	(a) Weapon Tng	
44	10	"	0815 - 1200	(b) Pd signals & semaphore	
45	10	"	1330 - 1600	(c) Compass recapitulation	

Duty Coy

SERIAL NO.	DATE	SUB UNIT	TIME	SUBJECT	REMARKS
46	11	D Coy	0815 - 1200	Pl March, combining scouting, Fd signals	Duty Coy
47	11	"	1330 - 1600	Semaphore, recce code Organised sport.	

NOTES

- (a) H.Q. Pls are training along similar lines to above, including specialist tng.
- (b) Maj. Gen BOASE's memorandum is being discussed with all ranks.
- (c) Coys are conducting discussions on Road Blocks.
- (d) Regtl Band is undergoing a two weeks course in Weapon & Tactical tng.


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

War Diary

NOTES ON CONFERENCE BN HQ - 28 Apr
REF NOTES ON FIGHTING IN MALAYA

1. TACTICAL POLICY

(a) General

Roads NOT so tactically important as in Malaya although expected still to be main objectives.
Bn depth on road 2500 / 5000 yds; mobile bdx so formed must be kept intact.
Distance Coy HQ to Coy HQ normally 500 yds.
Mobile columns hoped to be always in rear.
Method of movement forward aimed at is a push forward by leading troops until contact is gained; then an immediate consolidation on the flanks up to and forward of the line of the fwd tps, followed by further push forward of the centre and continual repetition of that process. With the proviso that when contact is gained or is known to be imminent, flank protection may have to be in pos prior to the clash of the forward elements

(b) Section

The breakdown into gps should NOT increase present wide sec frontages: if it does the sec is vulnerable to defeat in detail.
Fire must be held until last possible moment.
Road blocks useless unless covered by fire.
Remember the value of the bayonet, particularly to conserve amm.

(c) Scouts

Work from "feature" to "feature" - Remembering that in this country a "feature" may be a paddy field, a cleared space in the jungle, the crest of a hill, a bend in a road.

2. EQUIPMENT ON MAN

Bn will standardise on
Web less braces
h/sack (fastened direct to pouches) containing messtin, rations, emergency ration, water sterilising, Dovers Cream (in malarial area) spare sock, braces (from web) soap, small towel, housewife.
G/S rolled and secured to belt by straps supporting from pack.
W/B on rear, secured to ends of strap supporting.
Cardigan in pack.

3. WEAPONS & AMM CARRIED

Following as minimum for last stages before battle is joined:-

	T.S.M.G.	T.S.M.G. mags	Bren mags	.303
Sec cmd	T.S.M.G.	8		50
Bren Gunner	Bren		2	50
No - 2			4	100
No - 3		2	2	100
No - 4			2	100
No - 5			2	100
No - 6	} if any		2	100
No - 7			2	100

Remainder Bren mags, filled, in pouches, on truck.
Spare barrel on truck.
Mortar, bombs, EY rifle, 68 Grenades - among pl and / or Coy HQ personnel. If necessary with extra men co-opted from secs as carriers.

4. TRAINING

Revert to a weeks sec tng at first opportunity, incorporating:-
Grenades and mines - every man must be capable of arming, fuzing laying or using. See separate memo ref grenades; mines for demonstration etc (NOT expenditure) may also be drawn from R.S.M.
Train men to take amm from casualties.
Bicycle pl to continue - A Coy only
Experiments re carrying ATK rifle - D Coy
Lectures on air bombardment and machine gunning - emphasise that open ground can be crossed even under constant air machine gunning.
Continue patrols - especially at night.
Tiger patrols - particularly in movement without maps or compasses
Map reading - practical

Carriers - experiment on paddy field
Miniature range - See separate instn.

M.T.O.
SA

Concentrate on zeroing and unorthodox shooting, i.e. snayshooting
of Brens and rifles from hips and on move.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

M.T.O. endeavor get tow chain for each truck
M.T.O. responsible for each truck carrying pick, shovel, water tin.

W. B. ...
..... Capt
Adj 2/2 Aust Inf Bn

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it has the see in various to detail in detail.
This must be held until last possible moment.
Keep your mind clear unless covered by fire.
Remember the value of the present, particularly in connection with
your first "lecture" - Remember that in this country a
lecture may be a paddy field, a cleared space in the jungle, the sweep of
a road in a town.

Equipment on hand
An will concentrate on
We have boxes
of (tanned direct to pouches) containing mastic, tins, emergency
water, water sterilizing, Brown Green (in malarial area) spray, wax, brush
(from map) soap, small towel, bandage.
C/S rolled and secured to belt by straps supporting from pack.
C/S on pack, secured to ends of straps supporting
Cordage in pack.

Following as minimum for last stages before battle in jungle -

Item	Qty	Remarks
Bedroll	1	
Green Canvas	1	
No 1 - 2	1	
No 1 - 3	1	
No 1 - 4	1	
No 1 - 5	1	
No 1 - 6	1	
No 1 - 7	1	

Under your name, filled in pouches, on truck.
State parcel on truck.
Under your name, filled in pouches, on truck.
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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.O.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.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
Bricklayers																			
Butchers																			
Carpenters and Joiners																			
Clerks																			
Cooks																			
Despatch Riders																			
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																			
" " (Wheeled)																			
Drivers-Mechanics																			
Drivers-Operators																			
Electricians																			
Equipment Repairers																			
Farriers																			
Fitters																			
Machine Gunners																			
Masons																			
Motor Mechanics																			
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																			
Plumbers and Pipefitters																			
Range Takers																			
Saddlers & Harness Makers																			
Saddle Tree Makers																			
Sanitary and Water Duties																			
Signallers																			
Storemen technical																			
Tailors																			
Wheelers																			
General duty personnel						5		1	89	95									
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).						5		1	89	95									

Unit.

Date of Despatch

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Asst. Adj. 2/2 Aug. Inf. Bn.

Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/2 Aust Inf Reg (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
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Lieut.-Colonels	<i>1</i>
Majors	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>
Captains	<i>7</i>	<i>3</i>
Lieutenants	<i>24</i>	<i>5</i>
2nd Lieutenants
Quartermasters
District Officers
Totals	<i>34</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Ward, W. L.</i>	<i>2/2 Aust Inf Reg</i>	<i>20 Apr 42</i>	<i>Seconded to 16 Aust Inf Bde as L.O.</i>
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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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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.
2nd Col		Edwards E.R.W.	2/2 Bn	Yes	
Major		Butler P.S.	"	"	
		Bridwell W.B.	"	"	
Capt		Buckley S.P.M.C.	"	"	
"		Green E.H.	"	"	
"		Lavelle C.W.	"	"	
"		Lewin G.H.	"	"	
"		Fairbrother J.H.	"	"	
T/Capt		Perkinson J.B.	"	"	
"		Pauling G.H.	"	"	
Lieut		Whare R.B.	"	"	
"		McPherson W.L.	"	"	
"		Harbison P.B.	"	"	
"		Anderson E.H.	"	"	
"		Blaney G.H.	"	"	
"		W. Mill J.G.	"	"	
"		Buchan K.H.	"	"	
"		William E.H.	"	"	
"		Goodman P.	"	"	
"		Swain D.A.	"	"	
"		Skewell G.O.	"	No	N.T. duty CBO
"		Smith H.B.	"	Yes	
"		W. Cannon H.S.	"	"	
"		Swain H.B.	"	"	
"		Longville R.B.	"	"	
"		Boyle E.	"	"	
"		Harrison J.J.	"	"	
"		Brown W.B.	"	"	
"		Burke G.E.	"	"	
"		Tanner R.H.	"	"	
"		Ryan W.B.	"	"	
"		Hall W.B.	"	No	L.O. duty CBO
"		Hall L.J.	"	Yes	
"		Hodge E.H.	"	"	

(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		Kenzie L.V.	A.A.M.C.	5/10/39	R.M.O. (in con. duty)
Chaplain		Phillips R.H.	A.C.H.D.	6/7/41	PADRE
W/C		W. Cole J.	S.A.L.A.	17/7/41	S.A. REP.
Major		Willet J.C.B.	A.G.H.	5/14/42	R.M.O.

2/2 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

25 Apr 42

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature] Lieut.

Asst. Adj. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn. (Signature of Commander.)

16 Aust Inf Bn, 6 Aust Div

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

42nd Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		1
Majors	2		4
Captains	5		
Lieutenants	28	9	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters <i>T/CPPT</i>	1		
District Officers			
Totals	37 (3 Officers in hospital)	9	5

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>Godbold. S.M.</i>	<i>42nd Aust Inf Bde</i>	<i>5-11-42</i>	<i>Seconded to H.Q. AIF. Ceylon</i>
	<i>Keshworth. G.B.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>5-11-42</i>	<i>"</i>
	<i>Sgt</i>			

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

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

Cashier *W.H. Hall* - taken on strength for *today's date*
R.S.M.
R.S.M.
Amstrong

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.
Mt - col	1	Edgar. L.R.V.	2/2 Bns	Yes	
Major	1	Bull. P.H.			
"	-1 2	Baldwell. W.S.		No	Hospital
Capt	1	Sucell. P.H.		Yes	
"	2	Wells. L.H.			
"	3	Luntz. G.W.			
"	4	Swinton. L.H.		No	M.T. ship
"	-5 5	Fairbrother. L.H.		Yes	
T/Capt	6	Surrans. L.H.S.		No	Hospital
Lieut	1x	Bergman. J.D.		Yes	
"	2	Boyd. L.H.			
"	3	McPherson. W.S.			
"	4	Baylis. L.H.W.			
"	5	Barbess. G.P.			
"	6	Anderson. L.H.		No	M.T. ship
"	7	Blair. G.W.		Yes	
"	8	McMill. J.S.			
"	9	Burke. L.H.			
"	10	Williams. L.H.			
"	11	Goodman. P.			
"	12	Swain. G.B.			
"	13	Skennett. L.H.		No	M.T. duty CBO
"	14	Smith. L.H.		Yes	
"	15	McLennan. L.H.			
"	16	Swain. H.B.			
"	17	Somerville. L.H.			
"	18	Smith. L.H.			
"	19	Coyle. G.		No	Hospital
"	20	Harrison. J.S.		Yes	
"	21	Brown. L.H.			
"	22	Barke. G.B.			
"	23	Tancred. L.H.			
"	24	Wells. L.H.		No	LD. duty CBO
"	25	Wells. L.H.		Yes	
"	26	Wells. L.H.			

(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		Somati. L.V.	A.A.M.C.	27/1/42	R.M.O. (Hospital)
Chaplain		Phillips. B.H.	A.C.H.D.	17/4/41	PADRE
ib.		McCabe. S.	SAL. A.	17/7/41	S.A. REP.
Major		Miller. L.H.B.	4 A.G.H.	24/4/42	R.M.O.

2/2 Asst Sq Bns
11 Apr 42

(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature] Lieut.
Asst. Adj. 2, 2 Asst. (Signature of Commander.)
16 Asst Sq Bns
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

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.O.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.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.		Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
„ „ (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel						6			101	107							3		3	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).						6			101	107							3		3	

2/2 Aust Inf Bn
Unit.
Date of Despatch 11 Apr 42

[Signature] Lieut.
Asst. Adjt 2/2 Aust Inf Bn. Signature of Commander.
16 Aust Inf Bde 6 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/2 Dist Sup Bn (Unit). *11 Apr* 19 *02* (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	<i>1</i>		
W.Os. Class II.	<i>6</i>		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	<i>42</i>	<i>6</i>	
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	<i>66</i>		<i>3</i>
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	<i>801</i>	<i>101</i>	
TOTALS	<i>916</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>3</i>

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<i>1 Sgt</i>	<i>AAMC</i>		
<i>1 Sgt</i>	<i>AAFC</i>		
<i>1 Sgt</i>	<i>AA Postal C</i>		
<i>1 Cpl</i>	<i>AAOC</i>		
<i>1 Cpl</i>	<i>16 ITB</i>		
<i>1 Cpl</i>	<i>Ban Bn</i>		

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

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/2nd Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
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*			
Lieut.-Colonels	<i>1</i>		
Majors	<i>2</i>		<i>1</i>
Captains	<i>5</i>		<i>5</i>
Lieutenants	<i>27</i>	<i>8</i>	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	<i>35</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>6</i>

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>T/Capt</i>	<i>Burns, D. J.</i>	<i>2/2nd Aust Inf Bn</i>	<i>15.11.42</i>	<i>Transferred to RSL</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Smith, K. G.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>15.11.42</i>	<i>" " RSL</i>

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
St-col		Edgar. R.S.	15th Bn	Yes	
Major		Bull. R.S.	"	"	
		Baldwell. R.S.	"	"	
Capt		Ruckley. R.S.	"	"	
"		Lee. R.S.	"	"	
"		Swain. R.S.	"	"	
"		Swinton. R.S.	"	"	
"		Frischthaler. R.S.	"	"	
Lieut	o	Ferguson. R.S.	"	"	
"		Boone. R.S.	"	"	
"		McPherson. R.S.	"	"	
"	o	Coyler. R.S.	"	"	
"		Hickson. R.S.	"	"	
"		Anderson. R.S.	"	Yes	M.T. duty
"		Blair. R.S.	"	Yes	
"		W. Smith. R.S.	"	"	
"		Burton. R.S.	"	"	
"		William. R.S.	"	"	
"		Goodman. R.S.	"	"	
"		Swain. R.S.	"	"	
"		McNutt. R.S.	"	Yes	M.T. duty C80
"		Smith. R.S.	"	Yes	
"		McCammon. R.S.	"	"	
"		Swain. R.S.	"	"	
"		Longville. R.S.	"	"	
"		Conde. R.S.	"	"	
"		Thurston. R.S.	"	"	
"		Brown. R.S.	"	"	
"		Bucke. R.S.	"	"	
"		Tanner. R.S.	"	"	
"		Ray. R.S.	"	"	
"		Hall. R.S.	"	Yes	L.C. duty C80
"		Hall. R.S.	"	Yes	
"		Hedge. R.S.	"	"	
"	x	Ward. R.S.	"	"	

(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		Amati. R.S.	A.A.M.C.	7/10/39	R.M.O. (Hospital)
Captain		Phillips. R.S.	A.C.A.D.	1/7/41	P.A.D.R.E.
Major		McCabe. R.S.	S.A.L.A.	17/7/41	S.A. REP.
Major		Miller. R.S.	A.A.G.H.	5/10/42	R.M.O.

2/2 Lt Col 2nd Bn
18 Apr 42
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

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Leut.
Asst. Adj. 2, 2 Aust. Div.
(Signature of Commander.)
16 Aust. Div. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/2 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) *18 Sep* 19 *42* (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	<i>1</i>		
W.Os. Class II.	<i>6</i>		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	<i>42</i>	<i>6</i>	
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	<i>63</i>		<i>6</i>
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	<i>806</i>	<i>106</i>	
TOTALS	<i>918</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>6</i>

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<i>2 Sgt</i>	<i>AAMC</i>		
<i>1 Sgt</i>			
<i>1 Warrant Officer</i>	<i>AA POC C</i>		
<i>1 Pte</i>	<i>AAOC</i>		
<i>3 Pte</i>			
<i>1 Sgt</i>			
<i>1 Pte</i>	<i>16 ITB</i>		
	<i>Base Bn</i>		

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

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

242 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel						6		106	112							6				6
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).						6		106	112							6				6

242 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

Date of Despatch 15 Apr 42

W. Hodgson Asst. Adj. 2, 2 Asst. Inf. Bn. Lieut. Signature of Commander.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/2 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 25 Apr 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	41	5	
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	10	1	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	789	89	
TOTALS	907	95	

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt 2 Cpl	AAMC		
1 Sgt		AATC	
1 Lt 1 4 Sgt	AA Portals C		
1 Cpl		AAOC	
3 Pls			
1 Sgt	16 I.T.B.		
1 Cpl	Base Area		

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

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

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