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November - December 1941

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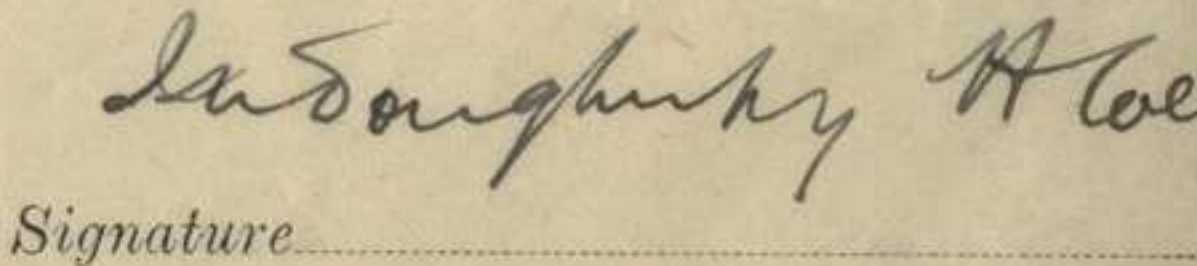
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WAR DIARY

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UNIT 19 Aust Inf Bde

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EL AINE	1	Comd and LO during morning recced res posns EAST of ARSAL, and sited MG posts. During afternoon Comd visited Cure of EL AINE and later the Mukhtar. T/Lieut R.L. SANDOVER, CO 2/11 Aust Inf Bn, called and stayed for dinner. Field Returns attached.	Appx 1	
	2	Comd and SC Learner, Lieut J.D. MURRAY, attended Church Parade 2/11 Aust Inf Bn, and stayed for lunch.		
	3	Comd and BM toured BUFFALO posn and made decisions regarding right flank. Instns to units re work on DJEIDE Defensive Posn.	Appx 1a	
	4	Adm day.		
	5	Comd, BM and LO with Lt.Col. R.E. WINNING, CO, and Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn visited KOSCIUSKO. Recced 17 Aust Inf Bde, arrived back EL AINE at 1605 hrs.		
	6	Temp 72°, weather fine and clear. Comd and BM inspected A Tk ditch and observed working parties and progress of work. Field Returns attached.	Appx 2	 Signature.....
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EL AINE	7	<p>Temp 74°F, fine and clear.</p> <p>Comd, BM, SC, IO, and LOs and parties from Bns, attended crossing of wire obstacles at BAALBECK by British Troops.</p> <p>2/11 Aust Inf Bn celebrate 2nd Anniversary, attended by Comd and other Offrs of this HQ.</p> <p>Tracing of approx posns on Bde front attached.</p>	Appx 4	
	8	<p>Temp 74°F. Strong SOUTH winds, otherwise fine.</p> <p>Field Returns attached.</p> <p>Progress Works Report from 2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE attached.</p>	Appx 5 Appx 5a	
	9	<p>Comd and SC attend Church Parade 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.</p> <p>Comd, BM, SC and Amenities Offr entertained at lunch by Muchtar of RAS BAALBECK Village.</p> <p>GOC 6 Aust Div, GSO (I) and Brig SAVIGE, Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde, visited DJEIDE area.</p> <p>Defensive plan for BUFFALO altered.</p>		
	10	<p>Temp 74°F. Fine.</p> <p>Comd and SC visited BUFFALO and viewed disposns of 2/4 Aust Inf Bn, and these were approved by Comd. Area examined by SC with a view to the shortage of water.</p>		

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EL AINE	11	<p>Temp 60° F. Fine.</p> <p>Comd and BM Learner, Capt R. AINSLIE, inspected 2/11 Aust Inf Bn posn. Arranged to see CRE re engr problems in that sector.</p> <p>Major GOOLEY, an American observer, visited this HQ. Comd showed him some defensive posns.</p> <p>Armistice Day. 2 min silence observed. Flag flown at half mast.</p> <p>Lieut P.G.C. WEBSTER appointed temporary SC Learner and Compensation Offr.</p> <p>Security Sgt from 279 FSS attached for duty in DJEIDE area.</p>		
	12	<p>Temp 60° F. Fine.</p> <p>Brig C.E. PRIOR and Brig C.H. SIMPSON, M.C., V.D., called to see Comd.</p> <p>Comd visited GOC at HQ 6 Aust Div.</p>		
	13	<p>Temp 60° F. Fine.</p> <p>Lieut L.O. RUMLEY appointed acting IO. Lieut R.L. HOLMES fulfils appointment as GSO(III)(I) Ninth Army.</p> <p>Comd attends conference to discuss defense of DJEIDE area.</p> <p>Copy of notes taken at GOC's conference attached. Appx 5b</p>		

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Signature *L. S. ...*

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EL AINE	13	Reinfts arrive by convoy - 2/4 Aust Inf Bn 5 Offrs 2/8 Aust Inf Bn 2 " 25 ORs 2/11 Aust Inf Bn 4 " 208 " Copy of letter from DJAG re Field General Court Martial attached. <i>S.H.</i>	Appx 6	
	14	Temp 63°F. Fine. Comd and BM visited 2/8 Aust Inf Bn left fwd Coy sector and examined progress of work. Copies of progress reports from 2/4, 2/8, 2/11 Aust Inf Bns, and 2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE attached. <i>S.H.</i>	Appx 7	
	15	Temp 62°F. Fine. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn move from RAS BAALBECK to hutted area at EL AINE map ref 20902524 LABOUE NW 1/25,000. Orders out for SD to be worn. Field Returns attached. <i>S.H.</i>	Appx 8	
	16	Temp 59°F. Fine. Comd and acting SC attend Church Parade at 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. Comd spends rest of day with GOC 6 Aust Div. <i>S.H.</i>		Signature <i>Laughton H.W.</i>

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EL AINE	17	<p>Temp 55°F. Fine.</p> <p>Rep of ARAB LEGION from TRANS JORDANIA visited this HQ. Invited Comd and BM to lunch on 20 Dec at LABOUE.</p> <p>Comd, SC, and Acting IO attended dinner at 2/8 Aust Inf Bn for farewell of Padre A.H. STEWART.</p> <p>Comd and CRA visit BUFFALO area to recce gun posns and fire tasks.</p> <p>6 Aust Div Concert Party commence series of concerts for 19 Aust Inf Bde at 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.</p>		
	18	<p>Temp 54°F. Fine but cloudy.</p> <p>Comd and BM Learner visited 2/8 Aust Inf Bn posns.</p>		
	19	<p>Temp 54°F. Cold and wet, later fine.</p> <p>Site selected for Cinema near 2/8 Aust Inf Bn lines. Brig LEY and CRA visited this HQ and stayed for lunch. Lieut. Col. H. WRIGLEY, M.C., 2/6 Aust Inf Bn, arrived to stay with this HQ as representative of Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde.</p>		
	20	<p>Temp 54°F. Cold winds.</p> <p>BM, BM Learner, and LOs visited home of MUSTAPHA BEY HAIDAR at LABOUE.</p> <p>Copies of progress reports from 2/4, 2/8, 2/11 Aust Inf Bns and 2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAE attached.</p>	Appx 9	<p>Signature <i>W. J. O'Connell</i></p>

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EL AINE	21	Gen Sir Henry Maitland WILSON, C.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., Maj Gen E.F. HERRING, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D., and Lieut Gen J.D. LAVARACK, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., visited BUFFALO area to decide on holding if right flank.		
	22	Temp 50°F. Frosts in morning. BM, SC and LO visited 2/8 Aust Inf Bn to see 6 Aust Div Concert Party. CRE visited Comd with GSO (II) Engrs HQ AIF (ME), Lieut. Col. A.G. TORR, D.S.O.. Field Returns attached. Location Statement No 6 issued. Copy attached.	Appx 10 Appx 11	
	23	Temp 51°F. Comd and SC attend Church Parade at 2/11 Aust Inf Bn. Service conducted by Bishop BOOTH. Padre MACKIE also present. COs and clergymen guests for lunch at this HQs. Comd visited GOC in relation to certain matters to be dealt with in Comd's absence. Visit by LO from 1 Aust Corps, Capt H.K. OXLEY. Big percentage of tps suffering from colds. 19 Aust Inf Bde Tng Instn No 1 issued. Copy attached.	Appx 12	

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EL AINE	24	<p>Temp 52°F. Fine.</p> <p>Comd leaves for PALESTINE for combined leave and duty. Lt.Col. I.N. DOUGHERTY, D.S.O., 2/4 Aust Inf Bn, admin comd during Comd's absence.</p> <p>Maj.Gen. NORTHCOTE, GOC 1 Aust Armd Div, and Col. ANDERSON GSO(I) call in to see Comd whilst passing through area.</p> <p>Lt.Col. I.N. DOUGHERTY, D.S.O., and Lt.Col. R.L. SANDOVER, and BM attended GOC's reception at Hotel de la Source BAALBECK for ARAB leaders.</p> <p>Lt.Col. T.M. CONROY, CO 2/32 Aust Inf Bn, arrived and was billeted at this HQ to give series of lectures on defence of TOBRUCH.</p>		
	25	<p>Temp 51°F. Fine.</p> <p>Acting Bde Comd, Lieut.Col. I.N. DOUGHERTY, D.S.O., confined to his bed.</p> <p>Lt.Col. T.M. CONROY, CO 2/32 Aust Inf Bn, delivers 3 lectures on TOBRUCH at 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.</p> <p>Arrangements made with 6 Aust Cav for carrier instn to units.</p>		
	26	<p>Temp 52°F. Fine.</p> <p>Lt.Col. T.M. CONROY shown over Central Sector and part of Left Sector by BM.</p> <p>Lt.Col. I.N. DOUGHERTY, D.S.O., SC and LO attend lecture on TOBRUCH by Lt.Col. CONROY at 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.</p>		

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I. N. Dougherty

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EL AINE	26	Instns for Carrier Course issued. Copy attached <i>AMH.</i>	Appx 13	
	27	Temp 55°F. Rain. Acting Bde Comd takes Lt.Col.CONROY to see BUFFALO area. During afternoon Lt.Col.CONROY gives final lecture at 2/11 Aust Inf Bn. Capt C.B.N. ROLFE returns from 8 weeks Liaison Course. Snow appears for first time on KOSKOSKO. <i>AMH.</i>		
	28	Temp 51°F. Cold and windy. SC represented HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde at funeral of Major P.J. WOODHILL, LSO, at British Military Cemetry BEIRUT. Capt C.B.N. ROLFE fulfilled appointment as LO 6 Aust Div. BM and LO visited 2/14 and 2/15 Aust A Fd Coys with a view to arranging syllabus of tng. Instrs are to be supplied by this Bde. <i>AMH.</i>		

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EL AINE	29	<p>Temp 51^oF. Cold and windy.</p> <p>Acting Bde Comd and BM toured 2/11 Aust Inf Bn with Lt.Col. R.L. SANDOVER. Good progress made with digging.</p> <p>System of numbers allotted to posts across Div front.</p> <p>Respirator and AG equipment inspected.</p> <p>Field Returns attached. <i>[Signature]</i></p>	Appx 14	
	30	<p>Temp 46^oF. Windy.</p> <p>Signal received from Comd - to return from leave with Maj. H.C. CAPES, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, on 2 Dec. <i>[Signature]</i></p>		<p><i>[Signature]</i> <i>[Initials]</i></p> <p>Signature.....</p>

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

APPX 1A

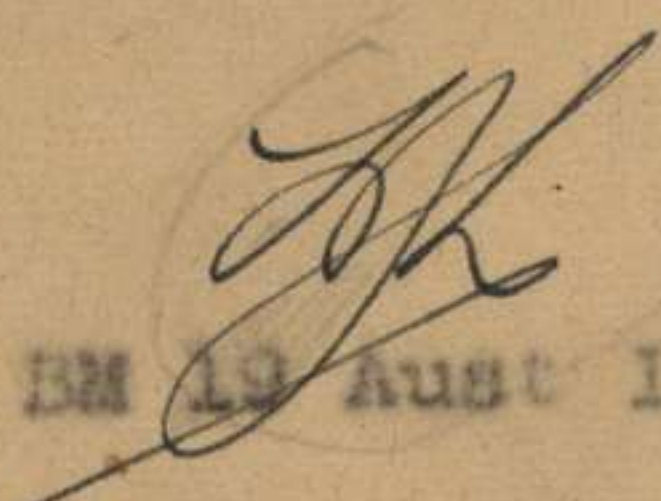
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G/195/3
2 Nov 41

2/4 Aust Inf Bn
2/8 Aust Inf Bn
2/11 Aust Inf Bn
2/8 Aust Fd Coy } for information
6 Aust Div }

WORK ON DUEIDE DEFENSIVE POSN

The following is issued in confirmation of instns issued verbally to COs on 1 Nov 41.

- (1) All units will each provide 110 men daily, (except Sunday) to report at RV previously arranged for work on the A/Tk Ditch and other tasks ordered by RAEs.
- (2) Unit parties must include a sufficient proportion of Offrs and NCOs to ensure adequate control during the day.
- (3) Working parties will work for six hours each day.
- (4) 2/4 Aust Inf Bn will provide one coy for work on BUFFALO. The remainder of the Bn less 110 men will work in 16 Aust Inf Bde Sector.
- (5) 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will provide two coys for work on KOSCIUSKO. The remainder of the Bn less 110 men will work in 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Sector.
- (6) 2/11 Aust Inf Bn less 110 men will work in 2/11 Aust Inf Bn Sector.
- (7) Men required for any additional duties which may arise will on no account be taken from the 110 supplied daily by each unit to RAEs.


Maj.
BM 19 Aust Inf Bde.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 19 Army Ind Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters <i>Chaplains</i>	3		
TOTALS	15		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T/Capt	THORNHILL G.E.	AASC 6 Bde	24.10.41	Bde Sup Offs (replaced Capt Bunting)

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T/Capt	SUNDSTROM H.B.	2/A Bde	28.10.41	Attending AASC school
Capt	BUNTING W.A.	AASC 1 Bde	31.10.41	Rejoined 10/11/41

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/Brig	VX 9	VASEY GA		Yes	
T/Maj	NX 65	LOUGHRAN LJ	2/48~	.	
Capt	WX 80	AINSLIE R	2/48~	.	
"	VX 206	WILMOTH ER	2/48~	.	
"	NX 43	ROLFE C.B.N.	2/48~	No	attending METS
T/Capt	NX 2962	SUNDSTROM H.G.	.	.	AASC Adj.
"	VX 3013	THURNHILL L.F.	AASC 6th	Yes	
Lieut	WX 216	WEBSTER P.G.C.	2/48~	.	
"	WX 244	MURRAY J.D.	"	.	
"	VX 5479	RUMLEY L.O.	2/48~	.	
"	NX 12175	HOLMES R.L.	2/48~	.	
"	NX 70226	PARSONS C.W.	.	.	
Chaplain	NX 26612	REID H.J.	AACD	No	at [unclear]
"	VX 39842	STEWART A.H.	"	.	" "
"	WX 11036	HARFIELD W.	"	.	" "

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	SX 10160	FOOKS W.P.	29 Coy 1st AD		OC
Lieut	NX 5972	THOMPSON H.L.	2nd Coy 1st AD	4/10/41	OC
"	NX 2404	LITTLE J.A.	"	"	2/1/41
"	VX 4503	JENKINS C.H.	1st Coy 1st AD	"	OC

HQ 19 Army Div Bde
(Unit.)

1 Nov 41
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature] Lieut [unclear]
(Signature of Commander.)

6 Coy 1st AD
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 17 *...* (Unit). 19 *...* (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	4	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	6		1
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusilliers, etc.	47		8
TOTALS	58	1	10

*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.
L/Cpl 2	Cipher - Intell Corps	Sgt 2	2 nd Sec Sigs 6 Div
WO(II) 1	79 Aust LAD	Cpl 3	
Sgt 1		Sigms 33	
Rand F 13		L/Sgt 1	
Sgt 1	2/8 Aust 9th Bn	Cpl 3	Aust HQ 9th Bn
Pte 2		Pte 37	
2	2/8 Aust 9th Bn	Cpl 2	6 Aust Div Patal
Interpreter 2	Force HQ	Pte 3	

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)
WX 307	Pte	CRUIKSHANK WD	'X' List	2 A G H (MIT Div)
WX 308	"	AXFORD WL	"	19 ITB (")
WX 604	Sgt	CHIDGZEF GVR	"	" (CSM)
WX 1646	Pte	DALZIEL CB	"	" (MIT Div)
NX 5296	PL	WOODS G H	'X' List	" (MIT Div)

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
" " (Wheeled) ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ..																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
<i>Armourers</i>																			3	3
General duty personnel ...																			7	7
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).									1										10	10

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde

Unit.

J. Murray Lieut *A/Sc* of *HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde*
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *1 Nov 41*

6 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 14 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)
<i>T/BRIG</i>	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	<i>2</i>		
Captains ...	<i>3</i>		
Lieutenants ...	<i>3</i>		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...	<i>2</i>		
Totals ...	<i>11</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.
<i>CPT</i>				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>CAPT</i>	<i>SUNDSTROM HG</i>	<i>2/12 Bde</i>		<i>appointed to 6 Aust Inf Bde - remains seconded in this unit - RIF LIST No 57.</i>
<i>CAPT</i>	<i>ROLFE C.B.N.</i>	<i>2/12 Bde</i>	<i>1 Dec</i>	<i>appointed to 6 Aust Div - 6 Aust Letter 5/38/01/6 of 29 Nov.</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.
COL	T/BRIG	VASEY G.A.		NO	A.O.D.
MAJ	-	LOUGHRAN L.J.	2/4 Bn	YES	
MAJ	-	AINSLIE R.	2/81 Bn	YES	
CAPT	-	WILMOTH E.R.	2/8 Bn	YES	
"	-	THORN HILL E.C.	AASC	YES	
"	-	MURRAY J.D.	2/11 Bn	NO	attending General Staff Sd
LIEUT	-	WEBSTER P.C.G.	2/11 Bn	YES	
"	-	RUMBLEY L.O.	2/8 Bn	YES	
"	-	PARSONS C.W.	2/4 Bn	YES	
CHAPLAIN		REID H.J.	A.A.C.D.	NO	Det for duty with 2/4 Bn
"		HARFIELD W.	"	NO	" " " " 2/11 Bn

(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	-	HOOKS W.P.	79 LAD.		OC (in Hosp)
LIEUT	-	THOMPSON H.L.	Sigs B Co	4 Oct 41	OC & Sec Sigs
"	-	LITTLE J.A.	"	"	2 IC " "
"	-	JENKINS C.H.	Genl HQ Sd Bn	"	OC

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde
6 Dec 41.
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

W. Wilmoth, Capt
6 Aust Bde
(Signature of Commander.)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). *6 Dec* 19 *41* (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	5		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	6		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	54		6
TOTALS	66		6

*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 ORs	5/4 Bn.		
2 Sgts 36 ORs	'L' Sec Sigs		
1 Sgt 39 ORs	6 Plc 5th Bn.		
1 Sgt 4 ORs	6 Div Postal Hq		
1 2/cpl	6 Div Cipher (2nd Corp)		
2 Intelligencer	Intell Corps.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
<i>MX 307</i>	<i>Plt</i>	<i>CRANKSHANK W.D.</i>	<i>'X' Unit</i>	<i>19 I.T.B. MT M.</i>

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde

Unit.

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

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

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

Date of Despatch 6 Dec 41.

Elwinson Capt

Signature of Commander.

6 Aust Div Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

M O S T S E C R E T

19 Aust Inf B

Copy No.....¹⁴

LOCATION STATEMENT NO 5

As at 1400 hrs 6 Nov 41

Ref:--HOMS 1/200,000

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	EL AINE 21052535
79 Aust LAD	EL AINE 21052535
'L' Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	EL AINE 21052535
2/4 Aust Inf Bn less 'B' Coy	EL AINE 21052525
'B' Coy 2/4 Aust Inf Bn	BUFFALO 214251
2/8 Aust Inf Bn less 'C' & 'D' Coys	RAS BAALBECK
'C' & 'D' Coy 2/8 Aust Inf Bn	"KOSCIUSKO" 19782606
2/11 Aust Inf Bn	DJEDEDIE 211255 <u>S E C R E T</u>
6 Cypriot Pack Coy	DJEDEDIE 21002545 Inf Bde
6 Pl 'B' Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn	EL AINE 21052535

Units in area but NOT under Comd:--

'I' Tp 1 Aust A/Tk Regt	Recce Camp 20992526
7 Pl 'B' Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn	Recce Camp 20992526
2/8 Aust Fd Coy	RAS BAALBECK
'A' Coy 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	RAS BAALBECK 2535
8 Sec 2/15 Aust Army Fd Coy	RAS BAALBECK 2535
6 Aust Div Amn Coy	EL AINE 21052525
One Coy 2/2 Aust Fd Amb	RAS BAALBECK 215260

Location Statement Nos 1, 2, 3, and 4 should be destroyed.

R. L. Holmes Lt. Col.
Maj.
BM 19 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

2/4 Aust Inf Bn	Copy No 1	TO "KOSCIUSKO" 19782606	Copy No. 8
2/8 Aust Inf Bn	2	'L' Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	9
2/11 Aust Inf Bn	3	6 Cypriot Pack Coy	10
Comd	4	79 Aust LAD	11
BM	5	6 Aust Div (for informn)	12
SC	6	War Diary	13 & 14
Sup 0	7	File	15

Units in area but NOT under Comd:--

'I' Tp 1 Aust A/Tk Regt	Recce Camp 20992526
7 Pl 'B' Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn	Recce Camp 20992526

WAR DIARY

19 AUST. INF. BDE, DEF. POSN, DJEDEIDE AREA to be superimposed on
POSNS ARE APPROX. ONLY.



INT SEC 19 AUST INF BDE
7 Nov 41

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
<u>T/BRIG</u> *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
<u>Quartermasters</u> <u>Chaplain</u>	3		
TOTALS	15		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	W. P. FOOKS	79 LAD	21 Oct 41	admitted CRS
Lieut	H. L. THOMPSON	L' Sec Sigs		admitted CRS

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	W. P. FOOKS	79 LAD	31 Oct 41	admitted CRS
Lieut	H. L. THOMPSON	L' Sec Sigs	2 Nov 41	admitted CRS

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/BRIG	VX 9	VASEY GA		YES	
T/MAT	NX 65	LOUGHRAN LJ	2/4 Bn	YES	
CAPT	VX 206	WILMOTH E.R.	2/8 Bn	YES	
CAPT	WX 20	AINSLIE R.	2/11 Bn	YES	
CAPT	NX 43	ROLFE C.B.N.	2/4 Bn	NO	METS
T/CAPT	NX 7967	SUNDSTROM HG	2/4 Bn	NO	
T/CAPT	VX 3018	THORNHILL EC	AASC	YES	
LIEUT	WX 266	WEBSTER P.C.G.	2/11 Bn	YES	
LIEUT	VX 5479	RUMLEY LO	2/8 Bn	YES	
LIEUT	NX 12178	HOLMES RL	2/4 Bn	YES	
LIEUT	NX 70226	PARSONS C.W.	2/4 Bn	YES	
LIEUT	WX 244	MURRAY JD	2/11 Bn	YES	
CHAPLAIN	NX 70612	REID H.J.	AA Ch.D.	NO	Ret to 2/4 Bn for Anty
"	VX 39842	STEWART A.H.	"	NO	" " 2/8 Bn " "
"	WX 11026	HARFIELD W.	"	NO	" " 2/11 Bn " "

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	SX 10160	HOOKS W.P.	79 L.A.D.		OC (in CRS)
LIEUT	NX 5992	THOMPSON H.L.	L'sec Sign	4 Oct	OC
"	NX 7404	LITTLE J.A.	"	"	2 1/2
"	VX 4503	JENKINS G.H.	19th Aust Inf Bde	"	OC 6 Pl.

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde
(Unit.)

8 Nov 41
(Date of Despatch.)

E. Wilmoth capt.
(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

42 19 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). *9 Nov* 19*41* (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	4		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	6		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	51		9
TOTALS	62		10

*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 12 cpls	Cipher - Intel Corps	Sgts 2	L. Sec Regt 6 Aust Div
WO(II) 1	79 L.A.D.	Cpls 3	
Sgt 1		Rigs 33	
ORs 13		L/Sgt 1	6 Pl. 1 Aust
Sgt 1	2/4 Div	Cpls 3	HQ Ed Bde
OR 1	Salvo Company	ORs 37	Home HQ.
OR 5	Div Postal	Interpreter 2	

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)
WX 307	PE	CRUIKSHANK W.D.	X LIST	in 2 AGH. (MT DT)
WX 308	-	AXFORD R.D.	"	in 19 LT B. (MT DT)
WX 604	Sgt	CHIDGZEY G.V.R.	"	" (CSM)
WX 1646	PE	DALZIEL C.B.	"	" (MT DT)
NX 5296	"	WOODS G.H.	"	" (MT DT)

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS. TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
<i>Ammunition</i>																			3 3	
General duty personnel															1				6 7	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).															1				9 10	

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

Date of Despatch *8 Nov 41*

E. R. ... Capt

for Signature of Commander.
6 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

DAILY WORKS REPORT

Unit - 2/8 AUST COY R.A.E.

8 Nov 41

6/199/21

Job	Description	Working Party				% of Total Work		Remarks
		Engs	Pnrs	Inf	Arabs	Daily	Completed	
	Unloading stores at Rly RAS BAALBEK and stacking at dumps	8(7 Sec)		95(2/11Bn)		-	-	
	Rd EL AINE - FAKIE	12(7 ")	30(2/2)					Cutting & filling.
R 3	Rd EL AINE - ZABBOUD	3(8 ")	26(")					Repairs to culverts and rd surfce
	Rd ZABBOUD - LABOUE Stn	18(8 ")			198	1.5	6.5	
AT 2	Anti Tank Ditch	24(9 ")		110(2/4 Bn) 114(2/8 ") 38(2/11 ")				
TOTALS		65 & 3 Offs	56 & 1 Off	110 & 3 Offs (2/4 Bn) 114 & 3 Offs (2/8 Bn) 133 & 3 Offs (2/11 Bn)	198			

HQ. 19 AUST. BDE.

Date: 10/11 Time: 0930

Comd. *[Signature]* 10 Nov ✓

B. M. *[Signature]* 10/11 ✓

S. C. _____

T. O. _____

S. O. _____

I. O. _____

[Signature] Major,
O.C. 2/8 Aust fd Coy R.A.E.

19/11/41

CONFERENCE HELD AT GOC'S MESS, 1730 HRS ON
13 NOV 41.

1. The GOC opening the Conference said that since the last one, he had had the opportunity of going over the defences with General Wilson. Arrangements had also been completed for the return of 6 Aust Cav to Divisional Command, who would be given instructions to reconnoitre the DAMAS area. This regiment would also be made available for the training of personnel in the various Bdes, and also for the testing of the Anti-Tank obstacles.

Work generally had taken no change, and the dispositions as far as the infantry were concerned ~~had~~ remain the same. Anti-Tank guns had been sited, and from the layout should make a very substantial block. The GOC pointed out to Comds present, the layout of the gun positions on the black-board sketch. He added that after studying the layout of the artillery and listening to information brought by Maj-Gen MORESHEAD on the defence of TOBRUK, he considered that no difficulty should be experienced in stopping enemy AFVs. The only difficulty presenting itself at the moment was the question of OPs, which the Comdr would like to have on the line of fire.

The Comdr said that they were very interested in the progress of work ~~made~~ made and would call on the Sappers first.

2. PROGRESS OF WORK.

Sappers, information given by CRE 6 Aust Div.

1. Up to date 20% of Tank Ditch had been completed between the Railway and the River.
2. Start made on the crossing between EL AINE and LABOUE.
3. Road contract started on road from DJEDEIDE Station to halfway between EL AINE and DJEDEIDE, resulting in considerable improvement to the road.
4. ^{Road} Contract has been started up to LABOUE Station.

(b) Right Sector. information given by Brig. G.A.VASEY, CBE DSO.

Work on trenches and sangars has been commenced by the 2/4 Aust Inf Bn and other positions are being reconnoitred. At BUFFALO, one company and two platoon localities have been sited.

In the 2/8 Aust Inf Bn area, 6 Bren ^{positions} and Company HQ are under construction and being wired.

Work on the 2/11 Aust Inf Bn sector in the centre and rear company areas is progressing, but no wiring has been touched.

Centre Sector.

Right Bn area contract started on the forward posts and the section posts have all been dug down to rock. Communication trenches; 10% dug and 1000 yards of wiring have been completed.

Left Sector.

Contracts started on sections posts, which are now down to rock; estimate of work done would be 10%. 600 yards of wire completed.

CRE explained that the rock bottoms would present no difficulty; as on several occasions it had been found that after drilling through the rock, good digging ground was found underneath.

(c) Artillery.

There has been no work done apart from survey work, which is progressing satisfactorily.

In reply to questions raised by the GI, Capt KNOX said that very soon now we should have the 50,000 scale map, and also he had received information re the Air Photographs to the effect that if they had been taken, they should have reached this HQ by now, but if nothing had been done about them, there will be no chance of receiving them.

(d) MG Sectors.

Two section posts, Nos. 3 and 5 in the right sector completed, and work started on the next two; date of commencement

12 Nov 41.

3. PLAN OF WORK.

CRE submitted a plan of work which he considered would greatly assist in getting the proposed programme of work completed early. Also, it was his intention to have further plans drawn up and issued to Brigades.

From a sketch on the black-board the CRE pointed out to Comdrs present the layout of a section post. The length of legs should be 24 feet and not longer than 30 feet, depth 3 ft 6 ins, and running at an angle of 150 degrees. Suggested width of the trench is 3 feet at the top and 2 feet at the bottom.

It was his intention to provide overhead cover on the angles by the use of concrete, and seeing that the spoil thrown up was placed so that weather and enemy action would not cause it to fall back into the trench.

Sleeping Quarters would be constructed off the legs and the depth not as great as the trench.

The communication trench would run back from the legs to the sleeping quarters, and be the same depth as the trench, continuing on through the sleeping quarters, thus forming a ledge on either side of these quarters.

The CRE said that from inspections made he had found some work very shallow, although they would prove adequate cover from air attack. However work being done was very slow and comdrs should see that where the quality of the ground permits, work should be either doubled or trebled. On a section post, for 10 men the ~~amount~~^{amount} of ground covered would be 12.5 cubic yards, and from this it would be seen that it is an easy days work for these men.

At present the sappers were busily engaged on other work, but he hoped very soon to have further labour available so that assistance could be given to the infantry.

4. PILLBOXES.

The GOC called for information of pillboxes on the various sectors.

Brig. VASEY advised that there were 47 on the right sector,

Centre Sector, 31 in the course of construction, but will require a further 43. On the left sector there are 25.

Artillery required 36, but the Anti Tank only required overhead cover, and their estimated total would be 30 at the present time.

In the Machine Gun Sector, 40 pill-boxes are required for the sections right forward.

5. ANTI TANK DITCH.

The CRE advised that he was trying to get further labour, so as to speed up the construction, and if this was secured the position would be relieved.

6. NIGHT EXERCISES.

The GOC told comdrs present that whilst the present construction was going on, an excellent opportunity was available to teach troops the "night" sense. At all times they must go out with ~~the~~ arms, so that they become accustomed to work under these conditions. Quite a lot of training should be given to Anti-Aircraft defence.

7. TRAINING OF PERSONNEL IN WEAPONS.

Instructions were given to Brig. VASEY, comdr 19 Aust Inf Bde, for the building^{of} a full size range for weapon training. The GOC said that quite a lot of useful training had been obtained whilst units were in PALESTINE, and he desired the same standard of training ~~to~~ be continued here, with every endeavour being made to better the present period's training.

8. POWER OF HQ COY.

The GOC stated that after being in conversation with Maj-Gen. NORESHEAD, he desired to see more attention paid to the training of HQ personnel, as this company played an active part in the static warfare of TOBRUCH and proved of valuable assistance.

10. WIRING BY GUNNERS.

In reply to a question by the GOC, Brig. STRUTT, CRA, stated that the gunners had had no experience in wiring up to now, but this was going to be done as soon as wire was available. CRA said that he would require 22,000 yds of wire.

11. GENERAL.

Crossings. The GOC informed the CRE that a suggestion had been put forward that a further crossing be made at LABOUE.

Carrier Crossings. The GOC advised that he is going into the matter of carrier crossings, and hoped to have something definite decided upon very soon. At the present time, in parts of the centre sector, ledges of the ravines could be used as bridges'.

Conferences. In reply to a question raised by the GOC regarding conferences, Brig. Vasey and Lt-Col. Lucas expressed the view that whilst the present work programmes were going on conferences would be of great value and assistance to everyone, as quite a lot of information ^{can} be got from each other from general discussions.

C O P Y

HQ. A.I.F. (ME)
31 Oct. 41.

11699

6 AUST DIV:

FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

VX 551 GNR N. MUNDAY.
2/2 AUST FD REGT.

1. With reference to your LSO/268 of 29 Aug 41 and this Headquarters 9452 of 18 Sep 41 and 10779 of 15 Oct 41; upon reviewing the proceedings of the above court-martial the GOC AIF (ME) directed that the findings and sentence therein be quashed.
2. The fact of such quashing should be promulgated to the accused and if he is at present in custody he should be released immediately. Advice received from 2 Echelon AIF, on 13 Oct. 41, however, stated that he was a patient in 60 Brit Gen Hosp.
3. All necessary alterations and adjustments should be made in his records.
4. Forwarded herewith is a copy of the report of the DJAG to the GOC AIF (ME) on review.
5. Please advise this Headquarters of the date and place of promulgation to the accused.

Sgd..... LtCol.
for Brigadier.
DAG. AIF.

Copies to :-

2/2 Aust Fd. Regt.
0 i/c/Records 2 Echelon, AIF.

Brig Vasey.
19 AUST INF BDE.

and advising
The above letter has been repeated for

P J Woodhouse
Col.
A.A.&.Q.M.G. 6 Aust Div.

Attach to war diary as an example of legal niceties quashing a sentence which, at the time, was a military necessity

*had
13 Nov 41.*

FIELD GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL.
VX 551 GNR. N. MUNDAY, 2/2 FD. REGT.

1. I have to advise that the finding and sentence in this FGCM held in Crete must be quashed for reasons which illustrate the danger of holding FGCMs.

2. The first reason is that the record does not show that Gnr. Munday was convicted on both charges. He was charged with AWL and assault. The Court made only one finding, recording it in a manner which seems a conviction on only one of the charges, namely the charge of AWL: "Guilty AWL from 2200 hrs 7 May 1941 to 0400 hrs 8 May 1941".

The second reason is that the sentence is invalid, as discharge with ignominy cannot be awarded with detention. The sentence was as follows:- "12 months Detention then discharged from service with ignominy".

The third reason is that there is no precis of the evidence. RP 114 makes it compulsory for a precis of each witness's evidence to be taken down in every FGCM, unless the Convening Authority authorises the Court not to do so because of military exigencies. But if he gives a FGCM such permission he must report to a superior military authority (which in this case would be GOC AIF(ME)) stating what are the military exigencies which justified him giving such permission to the Court. In this case Brigadier Vasey, the Convening Authority, has made no such report. As it was possible to take a full typewritten Summary of Evidence on 10 May it is difficult to see why the Court could not have at least made a precis of the evidence given at the trial on 14 May. In the circumstances it is fair to infer that the absence of a report as required by RP 114 means that RP 114(b) as well as RP 114(c) were not complied with.

The Summary contains evidence of an assault on Manolis Yapintzakis, but no evidence of an assault on Mardis Yapilzaki as alleged in the second charge.

3. It is very doubtful whether it will be possible to retry Gnr. Munday. On the charge of assault the two principal witnesses are Cretans and the third is a British soldier. The witnesses on the AWL charge may still be available, but the period of AWL was only six hours and it is also doubtful whether his being without leave could be definitely proved at the present time. He has already served a period in detention more than sufficient for an offence of AWL for 6 hours.

Brigadier.
DJAG.

2/4 Aust Inf Bn
14 Nov 41

H.Q.
19 Aust Inf Bde

WORKS IN DJEDEIDE DEFENSIVE POSITION

PROGRESS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 13 NOV 41

UNIT AREA	DIGGING-NO. OF PITS				SANGERS & BREASTWORKS	WIRING	PILLBOXES	REMARKS
	Recced	50%	80%	Complete				
2/4 Bn. BUFFALO	6	3	18	20	29	NIL	NIL	Excl. of 42 posts abandoned
KETTLE	15	(Also 15 Spitlocked)			NIL	NIL	NIL	
LT; FWD BN CENTRE SECTOR	13	66	-	3	NIL	5%DAF	NIL	
RT. FWD BN CENTRE SECTOR	31	32	8	-	(Also 54 Spitlocked)	NIL	Commenced	NIL

PROPOSED WORKS FOR WEEK ENDING 20 NOV 41

BUFFALO Digging of 51 posts, with sangers.

KETTLE Spitlocking of posts, liase with 2/11 Bn. to site wire.

Lt Fwd Bn Centre Sector Digging 14 posts to 50%, erection 1200 yds DAF - concreting of 10% of pillboxes expected to start.

Rt Fwd Bn Centre Sector 20 posts to 80%, erection ~~500~~¹²⁰⁰ yds DAF, start communication trenches
Other work dependant on availability of engineer assistance for blowing of pits.

In Gough

Comd 2/4 Aust Lt. Col
Inf Bn.

2/8 AUST. INF BN.

WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT

for week ending November 14 41.

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COMPLETED.

<u>Unit Areas</u>	<u>Const.Pits and Digging</u>	<u>Sangars and Breastworks</u>	<u>Wiring</u>	<u>Pillboxes</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
2/8 Aust Inf Bn.	Recce 70.Percentage of work done <i>5%</i>	Nil	3350x D.A.Completed	Nil	
<u>Proposed for week ending 20 Nov, 41.</u>					
	Nil	Nil	1500x D.A.	3	1000 Sand Bags filled.
Coy 2/7 Bn attached 2/6 Bn.	Percentage of work done 100%	Completed	1600 D.A.	Nil	
2/6 Bn. Left Coy	80%	80% Completed.	500x	Nil	

Work proposed for week ending 20 Nov, 41. Details as yet not known.
Awaiting information from 2/6 Bn. Officer i/c.

*Estimate will be DA wire 2000x
Sangars 30*

for *A. J. Kelly*
C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. Major.

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WEEKLY WORKS REPORT: Week Ending 14 Nov 41

14 Nov 41

2/11 Aust Inf Bn

Pill Boxes (Concrete)			Trenches			
Completed	Under Construction	Wiring	Complete	Under Construction	Projected	
Nil	6 (The excavations of 3 are completed)	Nil	Nil	300 ^x (RAP - Site for large underground is completely excavated)	750 ^x are spit-locked and excavated to a depth of approx 6". In addition a further 2,000 ^x of conn system is spit-locked and surface earth removed.	

Remarks

Working parties for period under consideration were again limited to 8 or 10 men per Coy Area.

Reinforcements which have just arrived will enable work to go ahead at a much faster rate.

It is estimated that forward trench systems (digging along) will be completed by 'A' and 'D' Coys at the end of the coming week.

Completion of Pill-Boxes will depend upon contractors who have not yet started running concrete in excavated positions.

(Sgd) S. Greenway, Lieut.
IO 2/11 Aust Inf Bn.

JDEIDE.
14 Nov 41.

2/1. AUST. MG. BN.

15 Nov 1941.

H.Q.

6. AUST. DIV.

WORK IN DJEIDE DEFENSIVE POSITION.

Progress report for week ending 14 Nov 1941.

Ref. M.G. trace.

AREA	DIGGING. RECC'ED.	COMPLETE	PARTLY COMPLETE	WIRING.	PILL BOXES	REMARKS.
Right Sector						REQUIRED
Din D 2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	TWO PILL BOXES for D1
D. 3.	YES	YES	—	NIL	NIL	HEAD COVER ONLY. Req.
D. 4.	YES	NO.	70%	NIL	NIL	" " " "
D. 5.	YES	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	" " " "
D. 6.	Sighted only -				—	" " " "
CENTRAL SECTOR						
A. 1 to A. 3.	Sighted Only.		—	—	—	Six Pillboxes Required
A. 4.	"	"				TWO " "
A. 5 & A. 6	"	"				HEAD COVER ONLY "
Left sector	Sighted Only.					Four pillboxes req. for B. 5. & B. 6.
B. 1 to B. 6						Remainder head cover only

Proposed work for week ending 20 Nov 1941

Complete D 4 & D 5

Commence D. 6.

Spillover work required in central sector

(Signed)

A. G. Haupt. Maj.

2/1. Aust. MG. BN.

Unit - 2/8 AUST FD COY R.A.E.

DAILY WORKS REPORT

14 Nov 41

Job	Description	Working Party				% of Total Work		Remarks
		Engs	Pnrs	Inf	Arabs	Daily	Completed	
	Unloading stores at Rly RAS BAALBEK and stacking at dumps.	3(7 Sec)		110(2/11 Bn)		100	100	
	Rd EL AINE - FAKIE	13(7 ")	72(2/2)					Cutting and filling.
AT 2	Anti Tank Ditch	25(9 Sec)		113(2/4 Bn) 150(2/8 ")		1	22½	
	TOTALS	41	72 & 2 Offs	110 & 2 Offs (2/11 Bn) 113 & 1 Off (2/4 Bn) 150 & 2 Offs (2/8 Bn)				

H.Q. 19 AUS INF BDE			
DATE		TIME	
15 Nov.			
COMD.	DATE	TIME	
<i>Lead</i>	17 Nov		
B.M.	<i>16/11</i>		
S.C.			
T.O.			
L.O.	<i>16 Nov</i>		
S.O.			
L.O.			

Mark Donnelly ^{Lieut} Major,
O.C. 2/8 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.

NOTE- A Tk Ditch WEST was commenced with 200 native labour by 2/16 Fd Coy and % of work will be given by this Coy as from 15 Nov 41.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H Q 19 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)
*			
*			
*			
<i>T/BRIG</i>	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	<i>1</i>		
Captains ...	<i>5</i>		
Lieutenants ...	<i>4</i>		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...	<i>3</i>		
<i>Chaplain</i>			
Totals ...	<i>14</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>LIEUT</i>	<i>HOLMES R. L.</i>	<i>2/4 Am</i>	<i>13 Nov 44</i>	<i>for DUTY to GSO III (I) HQ NINTH ARMY.</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.
COL	T/BRIG	VASEY G.A.		YES	
MAJ	-	LOUGHRAN L.J.	2/12 Bn	YES	
CAPT	-	WILMOTH E.R.	2/8 Bn	NO	A.O.D.
CAPT	-	AINSLIE R.	2/11 Bn	YES	
CAPT	-	ROLFE C.B.N.	2/4 Bn	NO	attending M.E.T.S.
LIEUT	T/CAPT	SUNDSTROM H.G.	2/12 Bn	NO	" AASC MT Sch.
"	T/CAPT	THORNHILL E.C.	A.A.S.C.	YES	
"	-	WEBSTER P.C.G.	2/11 Bn	YES	
"	-	RUMLEY L.O.	2/8 Bn	YES	
"	-	MURRAY J.D.	2/11 Bn	NO	attending Junior Staff sch.
"	-	PARSONS C.W.	2/12 Bn	YES	
CHAPLAIN	-	REID H.J.	A.A.C.D.	NO	Act for Duty with 2/12 Bn
"	-	STEWART A.H.	"	NO	" " " " 2/8 Bn
"	-	HARFIELD W.	"	NO	" " " " 2/12 Bn

APPX 8

(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	-	HOOKS W.P.	79 L.A.D.		OC (in CRS)
LIEUT	-	THOMPSON H.L.	Sigs 6 Div	4 Oct 41	OC 'L' Sec. (in CRS)
"	-	LITTLE J.A.	"	"	2/c "
"	-	JENKINS G.H.	1 Const Bn	"	OC 6 Pl.

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde

15 Nov 41

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]

(Signature of Commander.)

6 Aust Div

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) *15 Nov* 19 *41* (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	4		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	6		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, etc.	55		5
TOTALS	66		6

*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 OR	2/4 Bn	1 Sgt 1 OR	Cypher - Intel Corps
1 WO(II)	79 L.A.D.	1 Sgt 4 ORs	6 Div Postal Unit
1 Sgt		1 OR	2/1 M & Bn
14 ORs		1	Interpreter
1 2/Sgt	6 PG Aust Inf Bde	1	Relief Army
39 ORs			
1 OR	RAE 6 Aust Div		

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)
WX 307	PG	CRUIKSHANK W.D	X' LIST	in 1 Aust Com Depot.

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, &c.	TOTAL
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
" " (Wheeled) ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ..																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
<i>Ammunition</i>																			3	3
General duty personnel ...											1								2	3
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).											1								5	6

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

[Signature] Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *15 Nov 41*

6 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

APPX 9

PROGRESS OF WORKS
DJEDEIDE DEFENCES

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Week ending 20 Nov 41

SECTION POSTS

<u>SECTOR</u>	<u>Bn AREA</u>	<u>TOTAL NO</u> <u>REQD</u>	<u>SECTION POSTS</u>		<u>% COMPLETED</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUIRED</u>	<u>WIRE</u>	
			<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>UNDER CONST</u> <u>-RUCTION</u>			<u>AMOUNT COMPTETED</u>	<u>% COMPLETED</u>
RIGHT	BUFFALO	Bn area probably 150	NIL	77	25%	25,000X DAF apprex	NIL	NIL
CENTRE	Rt Fwd Bn	Bn area apprex 135	NIL	53 excl 21 concrete	27%	40,000X DAF 11,000X Triple Dannert.	1500X DAF	2.7%
CENTRE	Left Fwd Bn	Bn area apprex 135	NIL	69 excl concrete posts.	44%	40,000X DAF 11,000X Triple Dannert.	2000X DAF	3.6%

A. Conkey Maj. Col.
Comd 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

2/4 Aust Inf Bn.
21 Nov 41.

19 Aust Inf Bde.

ESTIMATE OF PROPOSED WORKS
WEEK ENDING 27 NOV 41

BUFFALO Complete digging of 23 posts, overhead cover
and sand bagging of 42 posts - 2000X wire.

KETTLE Liase with 2/11 Aust Inf Bn over siting of
wire - spitleck 2 Pls.

CENTRE
SECTOR
RT FWD
BN Contractors will be working on concrete posts.
10 posts to be completed. Erection 500X DAF.

CENTRE
SECTOR
LEFT FWD
BN Widening and deepening of communication trenches
and slit trenches in TWO coy areas. Erection
2000X DAF.

A. Conkey Maj.
for Lt Col.
Comd 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

PROGRESS OF WORKS.

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DJEDEIDE DEFENCES.

Week ending 21 Nov, 41.

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SECTOR	BN AREA	SECTION POSTS		Under Constn.	% Completed	W I R E		% Completed.	
		Total No. Required	Completed			Amount Required	Amount Completed		
RIGHT	2/8	70	Nil	10	7%	6000.	3550	59%	
LEFT	<i>47</i> 2/6 Bn incl. of Coy area on extreme Left.	38	29	9	80%	Unknown	5330	Unknown	
RIGHT AREA	2/8 Bn	<p align="center"><u>PROPOSED WORK FOR WEEK ENDING 28 NOVEMBER, 1941.</u></p> <p>Approximate amount of Work which will be done is Unknown but only a small amount believed will be done.</p>							
LEFT SHOWN	2/6 Bn inclusive 2/7 Bn Coy area on extreme Left.	<p align="center">now</p> <p>Completion of Work under Construction, and commencement of Work in Macedon Area.</p>							
		<p align="center"><i>..... A. S. King Major</i></p> <p align="center"><i>for C.O. 2/8 BN.</i></p>							

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 6 Aust Div Op Instn No 2.

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PROGRESS OF WORKS

DJEDEIDE DEFENCES

SECTOR	Bn Area	SECTION etc POSTS		WIRE					
		Total No. Required	Completed	Under Construction	% Completed	Amount Required	Amount Completed	% Completed	
Right	Left Bn	Rifle Coys				6250 Yds Fence	Nil	-	
		Sections	36		29				
		HQ's	16		11				
		RAP	1		-				
		HQ Coy							
		Posts	13		2				
		HQ	1		Nil				
		OP's	4		Nil				
		Bn HQ							
		HQ	1		-				
		RAP	1		1				
		OP	1						
		Special Snipers Posts	2		-				
	76		43						

Note:- 8 Pillboxes are under construction but posts for balance of sections are included amongst numbers required and under construction.

Programme for next week.
 Continuation of above work (incl revetting).
 Construction of further section posts will be commenced.

HQ. 19 AUST. INF. BDE.	
Date: 21/10	Time: 10/45
<i>Law</i>	21 Nov
<i>Ph</i>	21/11
<i>Ph</i>	21 Nov.
I. O.	
S. O.	
I. O.	

Ph
 Comd 2/11 Aust Inf Bn

All progress of work reports are to go first to the I.O.
Ph

DAILY WORKS REPORT

Unit -2/8 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.

20 Nov 41.

Job	Description	Working Party				% of Total Work		Remarks
		Engs	Pnrs	Inf	Arabs	Daily	Completed	
	Unloading at Rly RAS BAALBEK & stacking at dumps	3 (7 Sec)		110 (2/11Bn)		100	100	
	Rd JDEIDE - Riv ORONTES		82 (2/2)					
	Anti Tank Ditch EAST	12 (8 Sec) 24 (9 ")		125(2/4 Bn) 108 (2/8 Bn)	160) 3)	42	
	" " " WEST	60 (2/16)			400	2	12	
	Installations 19 Bde HQ	10 (7 Sec)				15	50	
		49 (2/8) 60 (2/16)	82 & 3 Offs	110 & 2 Offs (2/11 Bn) 125 & 3 Offs (2/4 Bn) 108 & 1 Off (2/8 Bn)	560			

H.Q. 19 AUS INF BDE			
DATE	TIME		
21/11			
INIT.	DATE	TIME	
COMD.	22/11		
B.M.			
S.C.			
T.O.			
I.O.			
S.O.			
L.O.			

Ben
I see 2/11 are still doing all the unloading. Ask 2/8 to rotate this task among all bus.

Report to Ben
Whitney

Walter D. ...
Major,
O.C. 2/8 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

AQ 19 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)
*			
*			
*			
<i>+1 BRIG</i>	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	<i>1</i>		
Captains ...	<i>5</i>		
Lieutenants ...	<i>4</i>		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...	<i>2</i>		
<i>Chaplain</i>			
Totals ...	<i>13</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>Chaplain</i>	<i>STEWART A.H.</i>	<i>A.A. Ch. D.</i>	<i>18 Mar 41</i>	<i>Transferred to 2/11 Aust C.C.S.</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.
Col	T/Brig	VASEY S. A.		YES	
Maj	-	LOUGHRAN L. J.	2/12 Bn	YES	
Capt	-	AINSLIE R.	2/11 Bn	YES	
Capt	-	ROLFE C. B. N.	2/12 Bn	NO	attending M.E.T.S.
Capt	-	NILMOTH E. R.	2/8 Bn	YES	
Lieut	T/CAPT	SUNDBSTROM H. G.	2/4 Bn	NO	attending AASC M.T. Sch
Capt	---	THORNHILL E. C.	A.A.S.C.	YES	
Lieut	-	WEBSTER P. C. G.	2/11 Bn	YES	
"	-	RUMLEY L. O.	2/8 Bn	YES	
"	-	MURRAY J. D.	2/11 Bn	NO	attending Junior Staff Sch.
"	-	PARSONS C. W.	2/11 Bn	YES	
Chaplain	-	REID H. J.	A. A. Ch. D.	NO	det for duty with 2/4 Bn
"	-	HARFIELD W.	"	NO	" " " " 2/11 Bn
(ii) Officers att from other corps					
Lieut	-	M. V. Marshall	Sup 6 Div	YES	17 Nov 41

(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	-	HOOKS W. P.	79 LAD		OC (in CRS.)
Lieut	-	THOMPSON H. L.	Sup 6 Div	11 Oct 41	OC L. Sec (in CRS)
"	-	LITTLE J. A.	"	"	2/12 L. Sec
"	-	JENKINS G. H.	1 Aust Sq Bn	"	OC 6 Pl.

H.Q. 19 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

22 Nov 41

(Date of Despatch.)

Shirburn, Capt

(Signature of Commander.)

6 Aust Div

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) *22 Nov 41* (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	5		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	6		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	55		5
TOTALS	67		5

*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 OR	2/4 Bn	1 Sgt	Cypher - Intel Corps
1 WO(III)		1 Hqpl	
1 Sgt	79 L.A.D.	1 Sgt	6 Div Postal Unit
10 ORs			
1 2/Sgt	6 Pl 1 Aust. Ed. Bn	2 Sgts	L' Sec Rigs
40 ORs			
2 Interpreters	Intel Corps	1 OR	2/1 m & Bn Sole company
		1 OR	

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)
WX 307	Plt	CRUIKSHANK W.D.	'X' LIST	in 1 Aust Coy, Depot. <u>mt. det.</u>

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
" " (Wheeled) ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ..																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
<i>Amusement</i>																				
General duty personnel ...																				2 2
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				5 5

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

Erholm Capt
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *22 Nov 41*

6 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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19 Aust Inf Bde

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LOCATION STATEMENT NO 6

As at 1200 hrs 22 Nov 41

Ref:- LABOUE 1/25,000

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	EL AINE 21052535
'L' Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	" "
79 Aust LAD	" "
6 Pl 'B' Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn	" "
2/4 Aust Inf Bn	" 21052525
2/8 Aust Inf Bn less 'A' and 'B' Coys	" 20942524
'A' and 'B' Coys 2/8 Aust Inf Bn	MACEDON 20242623
2/11 Aust Inf Bn	DJEDEIDE 211255
6 Cypriot Pack Coy	" 21002545

APPX 11

Units in area but NOT under comd :-

'I' Tp 1 Aust A Tk Regt	Recce Camp 20992526
7 Pl 'B' Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn	" " "
2/8 Aust Fd Coy	DJEDEIDE 21082555
'A' Coy 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	RAS BAALBECK
7 & 8 Sec 2/15 Aust A Fd Coy	" "
6 Aust Div Amn Coy	EL AINE 21052525
'A' Coy 2/2 Aust Fd Amb	RAS BAALBECK 215260
2/16 Aust A Fd Coy	DJEDEIDE 21082555
6 Aust Div Cav Regt	LABOUE 20722495

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'L' Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	9
6 Cypriot Pack Coy	10
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Maj.
BM 19 Aust Inf Bde.

War Ready

19 AUST INF BDE TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 1

Coy Tng

1. It is anticipated that tps will be relieved of work on the A Tk ditch within the next fortnight.

When this relief has been effected each unit will have at least one coy on training during each week-day.

Work on defensive posns other than the A Tk ditch will continue as at present.

Range Practices

APPX 12

2. An allocation of tag amn to units has recently been made.

A preliminary recce of the site for a practice range in the vicinity of EL AINE has been made and it is expected that work on it will begin in the near future.

Units will be informed of the date from which the range will be available and application for its use will be made to this Hq. Applications will state the date and time at which it is required and the nature of the intended practices.

Carrier Tng

3. A school for training in the tactical handling of carriers will be held in the near future under the supervision of instrs from 6 Aust Cav.

This school will be held in the EL AINE area and it is intended primarily to instruct Offrs and NCOs of Carrier Pls in the cav method of handling tps of carriers.

Details of the school will be issued later.

TESTs

4. A TEST on mountain warfare will be run in the near future by the Bde Comd.

In the meantime units will run one TEST each week chiefly with the object of tng reinftr Offrs and standardizing tactical thought in the Bde.

The subjects of the TESTs will be selected from those in which the Bde Comd's policy has been indicated in past TESTs.



Maj.
HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde.

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- 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/11 Aust Inf Bn
- 6 Aust Cav - for information

19 Aust Inf Bde
 92/79
 26 Nov 41.

CARRIER COURSE

1. A course for Officers and NCOs of Bn Carrier Pls will be run by 6 Aust Cav at LABOUE beginning on Friday 28 Nov 41.
2. The course is intended primarily to train Carrier Pls to operate in the same way as Cav, a propable role in future operations.

3. Some time will also be devoted to instn in maintenance.

4. The following joining instns will apply :-

Joining Date. 28 Nov 41.

Duration of Course. 2-3 weeks.

Numbers Attending (from each Bn). 2 Offrs (Carrier Pl and one Res).
3 Sgts and 2 Cpls.

Location of Course. 6 Aust Cav camp LABOUE.

Hours of Work (all week-days). 0830-1200
1400-1600

Syllabus. Copies forwarded later.

5. ADM

Carriers will be provided by units as under :-

2/4 Aust Inf Bn	3
2/8 Aust Inf Bn	23
2/11 Aust Inf Bn	2

These carriers will report to 6 Aust Cav camp by 0815 hrs 28 Nov 41 and will remain there for the period of the course. Crews of carriers will NOT remain.

Later, additional carriers up to a total of 12 will be required. Arrangements for the supply of these will be made by the CI with Officers attending the course.

Students will be rationed by 6 Aust Cav for the midday meal.

Units will arrange transport to carry their own personnel daily to and from LABOUE.

[Signature]
 Maj.
 BM 19 Aust Inf Bde.

APPX 13

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 19 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)
*			
*			
<i>T/BRIG</i>	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	<i>1</i>		
Captains ...	<i>5</i>		
Lieutenants ...	<i>4</i>		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers <i>Chaplains</i> ...	<i>2</i>		
Totals ...	<i>13</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.
<i>CAPT</i>	<i>ROLFE C.B.N.</i>	<i>2/4 Bn</i>	<i>27 Nov 41</i>	<i>Returned from attending M.E.T.S.</i>
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>THOMPSON H.L.</i>	<i>Sigs 6 Aust Div</i>	<i>25 Nov 41</i>	<i>Discharged from Hospital</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>MARSHALL M.V.</i>	<i>Sigs 6 Aust Div</i>	<i>25 Nov 41</i>	<i>- return of Lieut Thompson returned to Sigs 6 Aust Div</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.
COL	T/BRIG	VASEY G.A.		NO	A.O.D.
MAJ	-	LOUGHRAN L.J.	3/11 Bn	YES	
CAPT	-	AINSLIE R.	3/11 Bn	YES	
"	-	ROLFE C.B.N.	3/11 Bn	YES	
"	-	WILMOTH E.R.	3/8 Bn	YES	
"	-	THORN HILL E.C.	AASC	YES	
LIEUT	T/CAPT	SUNDSTROM H.G.	3/11 Bn	NO	attending AASC ART Sch
"	-	WEBSTER P.G.C.	3/11 Bn	YES	
"	-	RUMLEY L.O.	3/8 Bn	YES	
"	-	MURRAY J.D.	3/11 Bn	NO	attending Junior Staff Sch.
"	-	PARSONS C.W.	3/11 Bn	YES	
CHAPLAIN		REID H.J.	A.F. Ch.D.	NO	Not for duty with 3/11 Bn
"		HARFIELD	"	NO	" " " " 3/11 Bn

(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	-	HOOKS W.P.	79 L.A.D.		OC (in CRS)
LIEUT	-	THOMPSON H.L.	Sign 6 Div	4 Oct 41	O.C. L' Sec Sign
"	-	LITTLE J.A.	"	"	2 1/2 " "
"	-	JENKINS G.H.	1 Aust St Bn	"	OC 6 Pl

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

29 Nov 41

(Date of Despatch.)

E. Rowland Capt

(Signature of Commander.)

6 Aust Div.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). 29 Nov 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	5		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	6		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	55		5
TOTALS	67		5

*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 OR	21st Bn	1 Sgt	Cpl - Intel Corps
1 WO II		1 Sgpl	
1 Sgt	79 LAD	1 Sgt	6 Div Postal Unit
10 ORs			
1 L/Sgt	Aust HQ Inf Bde	2 Sgts	L Sec Supp 6 Div
39 ORs		6 PL	
1 Interpreter	Intel Corps		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
WX 307	PL	CRUIKSHANK, WD	'X' LUT	at 19 I.T.B. INT ST.

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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

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

APPX 14

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde
Unit.

ER Williams Capt
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *29 Nov 51*

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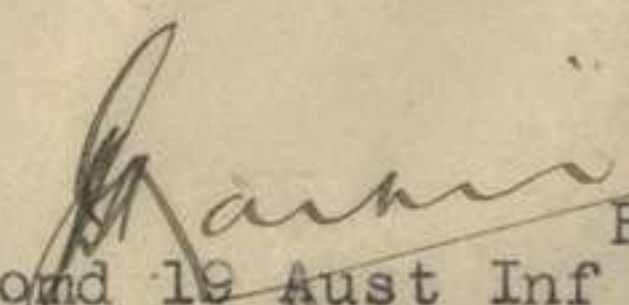
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EL AINE	1	<p>Snow fell for first time in this area today. Approx 2" fall. Temp 44°. Fine.</p> <p>Projected Bde rifle range sited in area 21152530 (ref map LABOUE 1/25,000.</p>		
	2	<p>Snow still falling alternating with rain. Temp 47°. Heavy falls on mountains. Tps are feeling the cold greatly.</p> <p>All work on Left Sector ceased owing to weather conditions.</p>		
	3	<p>Occasional snow. Temp 40°.</p> <p>Lt.Col. I.N. DOUGHERTY, D.S.O., proceeded to HQ 6 Aust Div to a conference with Comdt Staff College QUETTA, to discuss lessons learned on GREECE and CRETE. Conference postponed till 4 Dec.</p>		
	4	<p>Weather fine, temp 40°, snow thawing.</p> <p>Lt.Col. I.N. DOUGHERTY, D.S.O., proceeded to HQ 6 Aust Div for conference postponed from 3 Dec.</p> <p>WX 20 Capt R.I. AINSLIE promoted to Maj. WX 244 Lieut J.D. MURRAY, SC (Learner) promoted to Capt. Bde Comd, Brig G.A. VASEY, C.B.E., D.S.O., received GREEK Military Cross Class 'A'.</p>		
	5	<p>Weather fine, temp 48°.</p>		

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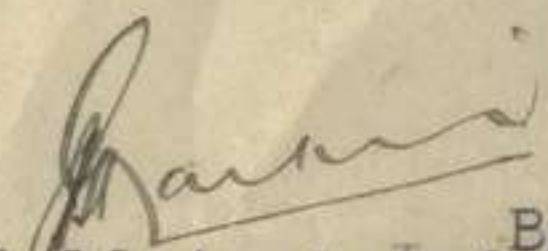
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EL AINE	5	<p>Representatives from Bde, 2/4, 2/8, 2/11 Aust Inf Bns and 6 Pack Tpt Coy attended conference on pack tpt tng. 2/4 and 2/11 Aust Inf Bns to commence tng on above on 8 Dec.</p> <p>TEWT in connection with defence of DJEIDE FORTRESS AREA discussed. A/Comd and Staff, accompanied by CO 2/11 Aust Inf Bn, made tour of inspection of defensive area from DJEIDE to FAKIE with a view of pin pointing defensive fire tasks to enable arty survey to be carried out. Recce of likely OP tasks on this front was also made.</p>		
	6	<p>Rain, temp 37°. Snow during afternoon.</p> <p>GOC and CRE inspected huts in 2/4 Aust Inf Bn lines.</p> <p>AACS travelling cinema showing in Bde area for three nights.</p> <p>Rd to defensive area WEST of R. ORONTE in bad condition.</p>		
	7	<p>Weather fine, temp 48°.</p> <p>For tps in area, see Location Statement No 7</p> <p>Tng instn No 2 issued.</p> <p>Works Instn No 2 DJEIDE defensive area issued.</p>	Appx 1 Appx 2 Appx 3	
	8	<p>Weather fine, temp 48°.</p>		

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EL AINE	8	Comd, BM, and Maj ABBOT (A/CO 6 Aust Cav) and Bn reps made recce of ARSAL area. Later same party made a recce of area around OBELISK. B.R.O. No I5 issued.	7 Appx 4	
	9	Weather fine, temp 49°. Conference held at Bde Offrs' Mess to discuss the appreciation of situation from enemy's point of view in attacking DJEIDE fortress area. Those present were A/Comd, BM, SC, IO, COs units, incl 6 Aust Cav.		
	10	Weather, rain and strong winds. Temp 45°. A/Comd, BM, and IO visited 6 Aust Cav to get information regarding minefields in DJEIDE area. Owing to strong winds a number of huts in Bde tpt lines have blown down.		
	11	Weather, rain all day, temp 44° max. Comd and COs units inspect experimental Bren LMG mounting for pill boxes at 2/8 Aust Fd Coy. Recce party of COs to ARSAL area. General opinion was that this flank was extremely vulnerable, and that tks could operate over most of the area. Considering the threat to our rear this was a likely area to be attacked by inf and probably tks.		
	12	Weather fine, temp 50° max. A150 Mob Print Sec AIF-25M-4/41-G.		


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EL AINE	12	Conference at HQ 6 Aust Div held by GSO (II). Attended by reps from each Bde and other arms. Tng policy for winter months was discussed and principles formulated. Maj-Gen HERRING inspected Bde area, mainly the 2/11 Aust Inf Bn area, during morning and afternoon. Six men, incl one from HQ 19 Aust Inf Bn, remainder from 2/4 Aust Inf Bn, killed in rd accident. This was a leave party proceeding to BEIRUT.		
	13	Weather fine, temp 49° max. A/Comd visited ARSAL area with Maj BINKS, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn, with object of siting defensive posns in this area. Flash spotting device. Field return attached.	APPX 4A APPX 4B	
	14	Weather, heavy fog, temp 49° max. Message received that Brig G.A. VASEY, C.B.E., D.S.O., will be returning on 16 Dec 41. Operational requirements Instn for DJEIDE area issued	APPX 5	
	15	Weather, generally fine, temp 48° max. Bde IO, ADMS, and reps of medical services make recce of ARSAL area to examine from point of view of evacuating casualties in time of action. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn hand over work of left Bde area to 2/II Aust Inf Bn.		
	16	Weather, dull, temp 44° max. GOC, GSO (I), BM and Maj BINKS make recce of posns on right flank of BUFFALO with a view to closing a gap which exists in the fortress defensive there. Tng Instn No 3 issued	APPX 6	

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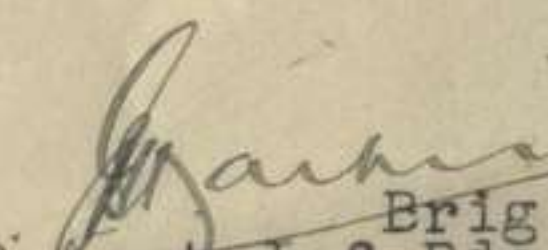
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EL AINE	16	Bde showers, situated 400 yds NORTH of 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, in operation for first time. The service consists of 24 showers, hot or cold.		
	17	Weather fine, temp 48° max. Brig G.A. VASEY, C.B.E., D.S.O., returns from PALESTINE. Accompanying him is Lt.Col. J.E.G. MARTIN, who is to take over comd of this Bde when Brig VASEY returns to AUST. Photograph taken by MH & I Sec of gp of Bde Offrs. GOC and GSO (I) with Bde rep finalize disposn of right Bn sector.		
	18	Weather fine, temp 50° max. Brig G.A. VASEY, C.B.E., D.S.O., and Lt.Col. MARTIN attend lunch at 2/11 Aust Inf Bn. At night attended 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. SC attends conference at HQ 6 Aust Div. Signal Traffic Chart.	14	
	19	Weather fine, temp 51° max. Bde HQ personnel parade and are inspected by Comd. Brig G.A. VASEY, C.B.E., D.S.O., visits HQ 6 Aust Div for lunch. Tng programme for ensuring months issued. Only one day per week is available for tng as the completion of the defences for this area has first priority. OP Inst No 2 issued	APPX 6A 5	
		A150 Mob Print Sec AIF-25M-4/41-G.	APPX 7	


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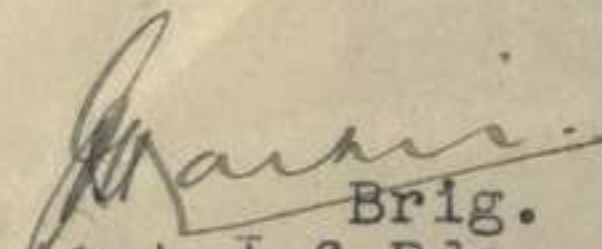
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EL AINE	19	Quite a number of reinfts are continually coming into the Bde with very little tng and this is forming a problem under the present conditions. Bn Comds and CRE present at Brig G.A. VASEY's farewell dinner at Bde HQ.		
	20	Weather fine, temp 50° max. GOC's weekly conference at HQ 6 Aust Div. Attended by Comd and reps from att tps.	16 17	
		Brig G.A. VASEY, C.B.E., D.S.O., leaves for DAMASCUS accompanied by SC. From there the Brig is to fly to AUST. Bde Gd of Honour formed up on rd EL AINE-BAALBECK for Brig on his way home. Field Return.	APPX 7A APPX 7B	
	21	Signal Diagram No 5. Weather fine, temp 50° max. An appreciation from an enemy point of view by	18	
	22	Lt Col Dougherty D.S.O. attached Weather, wind and rain, temp 44° max.	APPX 8 19	
		Comd, BM and BM Learner, and Sig Offr make recce of quarry for posn of Adv Bde HQ in battle. Comd leaves for HQ 6 Aust Div for conference for with GOC.		
		Bde G(R) school under Lieut W.M. GRAY, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn, commences tng in DJEIDE. Each Bn to send 1 Offr and 6 ORs for tng, this/incl 6 Aust Cav. Amendment No I to Location Statement No 7 issued	APPX 9	
	23	Weather, rain, slight fall of snow, temp 47° max. Comd leaves for BEIRUT for medical treatment.		

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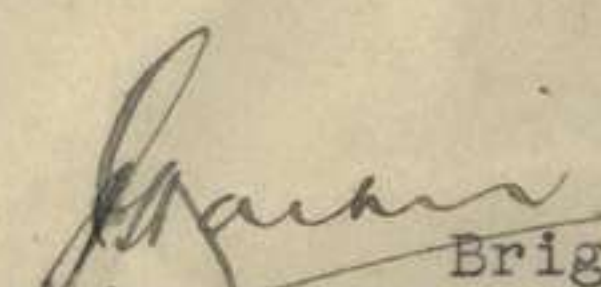
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EL AINE	24	<p>Weather, fine, temp 47^o max.</p> <p>Comd returns from BEIRUT. Comd and BM Learner inspect defences in 2/4 Aust Inf Bn area. It was noticed that most pillboxes in this area were sited to the front with long rectangular loopholes. The Comd did not approve of the design of the loophole nor frontal fire. In his opinion pillboxes should be defiladed from the front firing to a flank. The loophole also should be shorter in height and length.</p> <p>Comd advised that further pillboxes should be constructed in this area.</p> <p>Comd invited COs and two offrs from each Bn to Xmas dinner at Bde HQ.</p>		
	25	<p>Weather, snow all day, temp 45^o max.</p> <p>Comd addressed tps of Bde HQ at Xmas dinner.</p> <p>Xmas dinner Offrs' Mess.</p> <p>Comd visited 2/11 Aust Inf Bn for evening meal.</p>		
	26	<p>Weather fine, temp 45^o max.</p> <p>Maj-Gen OLDUM, Canadian High Commissioner to AUST, and Bde reps shown our defensive area. The layout and plan of the fortress explained from KETTLE. A Tk ditch also inspected. Roster for tng Bde HQ personnel issued for tng 2 hrs per day on 2 days per week.</p>		

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Signature  Brig.
Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde.

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
EL AINE	27	<p>Comd and Staff with Maj CONKEY, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn, make recce of right Bn ARSAL sector.</p> <p>Comd, BM Learner, and SC to luncheon at LABOUE given by the HAIDAR family.</p> <p>Field Return.</p>	20	
	28	<p>Weather, strong winds, temp 45° max.</p> <p>Further recce to ARSAL sector by Comd and Staff. Only a general survey of the area was made but several faults in the defence were found. These were rectified and a further recce is to be made.</p> <p>Owing to strong winds huts in the Bde HQ area were blown down.</p>	APPX IO	
	29	<p>Weather, fine, temp 49° max.</p> <p>Comd and Staff visit 2/11 Aust Inf Bn posns. Difficulties in the posn were examined and various adjustments made.</p> <p>Tng of Bde HQ personnel commenced.</p> <p>Lieut R.H.C. CARDEW, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, arrived at Bde HQ to take over Bde IOs duties.</p> <p>Working Drawing of Pill Box Apertures.</p>	21	
	30	<p>Weather, strong winds, dull, temp 46° max.</p> <p>Comd, BM and Maj BINKS, recce to ARSAL sector. Brig inspects whole area and Maj BINKS instructed to pin point posts, wire, and mines in the area.</p>	APPX II	

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Dec MONTH

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WAR DIARY

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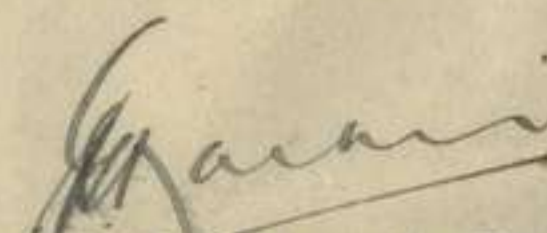
UNIT 19 Aust Inf Bde

1941 YEAR

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
EL AINE	30	<p>The same instns were issued to Maj CONKEY, right Bn. On Saturday the co-ordination of post with MGs is to take place.</p> <p>Instns issued that tng Cadres of offrns and WOs and NCOs are to be formed and sent home to AUST to train recruits for their individual Bns. Each Bn is to nominate 1 Capt, 1 Lieut, 1 WO(II), 2 Sgts or Cpls. Qualifications are :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 12 months in ME. (b) Must have seen action in either LIBYA, GREECE, CRETE, or SYRIA. (c) Must be a good instr. (d) Good physic. <p>Those nominated are to be in at this HQ by 7 Jan.</p>		
	31	<p>Enlargement of Right Bde Area front made from Laboué Series I/25,000 the originals of which have been found to be most inaccurate. Attached</p>	APPX I2	

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 Signature Brig.
 Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde.

19 Aust Inf Bde

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LOCATION STATEMENT NO 7

As at 1200 hrs 7 Dec 41

Ref: LABOUE 1/25,000
HOMS 1/200,000

Unit	Location
HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	EL AINE 21052535
'L' Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	" "
79 Aust LAD	" "
6 Pl 'B' Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn	" "
2/4 Aust Inf Bn	" 21052525
2/8 Aust Inf Bn less 'A' and 'B' Coys	" 20942524
'A' and 'B' Coys 2/8 Aust Inf Bn	MACEDON 20242623
2/11 Aust Inf Bn	DJEIDE 21052560
6 Cypriot Pack Coy	" 21002545

Units in Area NOT under comd

<u>AASC</u>	6 Aust Div Amn Coy	EL AINE 21052525
<u>Cav</u>	6 Aust Cav	LABOUE 20752495
	'C' Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	" "
	37 Aust LAD	" "
<u>Engrs</u>	Stores Sec 22 Aust Fd Pk	" 20782487
	7 and 8 Secs 2/15 Aust A Fd Coy	RAS BAALBECK 21392569
	2/16 Aust A Fd Coy	DJEIDE 21082555
	2/1 Aust Fd Coy	FARA Area 20532580
	2/2 Aust Fd Coy	" " 20532570
	2/8 Aust Fd Coy	DJEIDE 21082555
<u>Pnrs</u>	'A' Coy 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	RAS BAALBECK 21342573
	1971 Bechuanaland Coy AAPC (NT)	" " 21302573
	(African Auxillary Pnr Corps)	" " "
	1972 Bechuanaland Coy AAPC (NT)	
<u>Med</u>	ADS, Det 'A' Coy 2/2 Aust Fd Amb	EL AINE 20962524
<u>Units in Recce Camp</u>		" 21002524
	Recce Party 1 Aust A Tk Regt	
	13 Pl 'D' Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn	
	Flash Spotting Sec 2/1 Aust Corps Fd Svy Regt	
<u>Dumps</u>	FSD	NEBI OTHMANE 20922518
	RSD	LABOUE 20932496
	No 1 RAE Dump	DJEIDE 21062555
	No 2 RAE Dump	FARA 20402600
	16 Aust Inf Bde Res Dump	near DJEIDE Ry Sta 20902565
	17 Aust Inf Bde Res Dump	ZABBOUD Area 20462556
	19 Aust Inf Bde Res Dump	EL AINE 21132527
	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	QATANA 18321660
	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	ADSAYA Area 19531778
	Det 17 Aust Inf Bde	MACEDON Area 20242623

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Maj.
BM 19 Aust Inf Bde.

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6 Cypriot Pack Coy	4
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'L' Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	7
War Diary	8-9
File	10
Spares	11-13

For Information -

6 Aust Div	Copy No 14
16 Aust Inf Bde	15
17 Aust Inf Bde	16
6 Aust Cav	17
2/15 Aust A Fd Coy	18
2/16 Aust A Fd Coy	19
2/1 Aust Fd Coy	20
2/2 Aust Fd Coy	21
2/8 Aust Fd Coy	22
'A' Coy 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	23
1971-1972 Coys AAPC (NT)	24

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TNG INSTN NO 2TRWTs

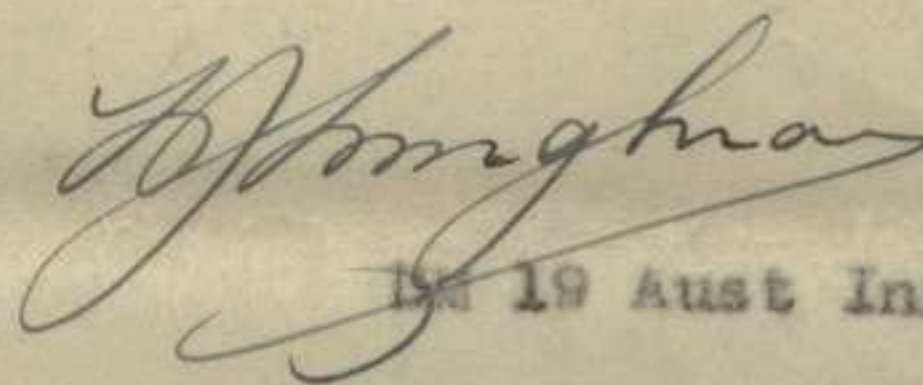
1. Each CO will prepare two TRWTs - coy in attack (incl consolidation) and coy in defence in the area NORTH of the A Tk ditch.
2. One TRWT will be completed and submitted to this HQ by 13 Dec and the other by 18 Dec.
3. The TRWTs will be designed to teach the employment of the weapons within a coy, and are being prepared partly for the instn of MG Offrs who will attend later.

TNG

4. From now on there will be five coy/days tng per week. This may be allotted as desired by COs. One coy may have five days tng in one week or five coys may each have one day.
5. This will not interfere with the arrangements already made for instn in Pack Tpt during the week ending 13 Dec 41.

OPERATIONS

6. Each bn will submit to this HQ by 11 Dec an estimate of the minimum number of vehicles (together with reasons) it will require to function in the DJEIDE posn. It will not be assumed that the Bde is necessarily occupying the RIGHT SECTOR.



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WORKS INSTM NO 2 - DJEBIDE Defensive Posn

1. The policy from now on is to maintain an even rate of progress in the development of the defences of all three sectors on the Div front.
2. Trenches incl sec posts will be of the slit-trench type and will NOT be dug deeper than 3' until further instns are issued. Blue prints of trench designs have already been forwarded.
3. NO sandbags will be used for revetting or for other purposes which will expose them to unnecessary weathering during the winter months.
4. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn will provide three coys for the construction of defences in the left sector on CAVE RIDGE and on the flat west of R. ORANTE. CAVE RIDGE will have priority.
 Recce of these areas will be carried out by Offrs of 2/11 Aust Inf Bn in conjunction with 17 Aust Inf Bde reps forthwith.
 Arrangements for this recce can be made through Lt.Col. WHIRLEY, CO 2/6 Aust Inf Bn, at present staying at HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde.
 west of the ORANTE
5. The proportion of the three coys working on the flat/will probably be able to operate from 2/11 Aust Inf Bn camp or may camp on the site. In either event six (6) full hrs work must be done on the posn daily.
6. 2/4 Aust Inf Bn will provide three coys for work on the centre sector daily.
7. One coy of 2/4 Aust Inf Bn will remain on BUFFALO until receipt of further orders.
8. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will provide three coys for work on the right sector daily.
 The two coys at present on MACKDON will be withdrawn forthwith with the exception of one NCO and six men who will remain to patrol the defences daily and give early information of attempted sabotage or theft. This party will be relieved by 2/11 Aust Inf Bn when the latter have thoroughly reced the defences on the upper slopes.
9. In the hill country defences will continue to be a combination of slit-trenches and sangars.
10. Unloading duties will continue on the present roster.
11. Tng in Pack Tpt for the week ending 13 Dec will continue as arranged. A further tng instn will be issued in the near future.

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HQ 19 Aust Inf BdeROUTINE ORDERS

by

Maj L.J. LOUDERAN, BM 19 Aust Inf Bde

Field

No 15

8 Dec 41

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

It has been established that cases have occurred of indiscreet talk on the part of AIF personnel who have escaped from enemy POW camps.

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

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

2. DISCIPLINE - WRITTEN TO THE PRESS

Attention is drawn to ER 547 which forbids officers and other ranks to communicate with the press without special authority.

3. DISCIPLINE

Reports from TCF show that only a small percentage of AIF drivers are in possession of work tickets and pay books.

In future any driver found to be without a work ticket and pay book will be charged and a report will be required.

4. SAFE CUSTODY AND MAINTENANCE OF PAYBOOKS

HQ AIF (MB) has ruled that the safeguarding of paybooks shall be regarded as equal in importance to the safeguarding of a rifle. This is essential as the loss of paybooks is becoming a matter of grave concern from the security and administrative aspect.

If, in the opinion of the CO, that the loss was due to neglect, a fine will be imposed, and in addition such further punishment as may be decided. This fine will take the form of stoppages of so many days pay.

5. DEALINGS WITH CONTRACTORS ETC

Attention is directed to ER para 538 and AMR & O paras 316 and 339. All ranks are warned against any of the following offences:-

- (a) Accepting hospitality from contractors or prospective contractors or persons concerned or likely to be concerned with contracts.
- (b) Accepting any payment, gift, reward or loan from any such contractor or person.
- (c) Furnishing any testimonial to any person as to the quality of commodities supplied for military purposes.

Officers or soldiers will be scrupulously careful at all times to avoid any act which might expose them to suspicion of being influenced in dealings with contractors etc.

6. UNAUTHORISED USE OF TRANSPORT

General Order 654 of 1941 is republished for the urgent attention of all concerned :-

It is observed that vehicles outside forward areas are proceeding on journeys singly and in convoy without Work Tickets and often without authority.

Attention is drawn to Sec 9 in "Standing Orders for Drivers of Mechanical Vehicles (Wheeled) and Motor Cyclists", and also to the following extracts from Sec 1 of "Rules for the control and use of War Department Road Transport, 1940".

"Every Driver of a WD vehicle and every soldier driver (including ATS) of a hired vehicle carrying out any transport service must be in possession of a Work Ticket (AFG.3518) to cover the service on which his or her vehicle is engaged."

The above Standing Orders will be strictly complied with everywhere except forward areas; and also apply to vehicles returning from these areas to the DELTA.

Until further orders, SYRIA will NOT be regarded as a forward area for this purpose, and no vehicle will leave unit transport lines without a Work Ticket.

(OR/ME/16113/Q.1.)

7. FRONT PRECAUTIONS

Attention is directed to Chapter IV of the Pamphlet entitled "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled)." which deals with precautions to be taken against frost. All units should be conversant with the information, in order to meet any emergency. Constant vigilance is required on the part of all ranks to prevent damage due to frost. All cases brought to notice should be the subject of investigation, and disciplinary action taken when it is shown that the cause is due to culpable neglect to comply with regulations and instructions.

Apart from disciplinary measures, financial liability may be incurred by an officer under section 137 of the Army Act for any loss, damage or destruction caused to Govt vehicles occasioned by negligence on his part. Such negligence may be due to failure on the part of the responsible officer to publish to the unit under his command, the frost precautions to be carried out, or failure to ensure by sufficient supervision that such precautions are being observed.

8. ILLEGAL FISHING

Reports have been received indicating that fish are being taken in streams and along the coast of Syria and Lebanon by means of explosives. This practice is contrary to civil law and will cease forthwith.

9. DESTRUCTION OF ARMY BUILDINGS, TENTS ETC. BY FIRE

There has been a marked increase in the outbreak of fires in camp areas under AIF control, with the consequent partial or total destruction of buildings, tents, etc.

It is directed that immediate steps be taken to ensure that adequate measures are taken for the protection of army property.

Personnel must be thoroughly familiar with their duties and picquets warned of the necessity of carefully patrolling areas likely to be affected by an outbreak of fire.

10. PARCELS TO BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMAN HANDS

This information is official as issued to Prisoner of War by the Commandant of a Camp in Germany, and is supplementary to the leaflets on the same subject issued by GHQ (C2E) and the Mideast Prisoners of War Bureau.

1. Letters must NOT be included in parcels.
2. Nothing should be written on parcels except the address which should be legibly inscribed on the body of the parcel.
3. Parcels. Articles permitted.
 - (a) Clothing (except as stated below), footwear, under-clothing, food and other similar things.
 - (b) Tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, pipe plug tobacco, toilet requisites (except as stated below), games, cards, books.
4. Parcels. Articles NOT permitted
 - Money of any sort (such as is sent will be credited to the account of prisoners of war).
 - Civilian clothing and under-clothing which could be used as civilian clothing.
 - Red Cross arm-bands for those who are not entitled.
 - Weapons and weapon-like tools, large pocket knives and scissors.
 - Ammunition and explosives.
 - Tools which could be used for escape or sabotage.
 - Duplicating machines, carbon paper, tracing paper, compasses, haversacks, maps, cameras, field glasses, microscopes.
 - Torches, cigarette lighters, fuses, candles.
 - Spirits and spirituous liquors.
 - Solid spirit, inflammable objects, radiators.
 - Telephones, wireless receiving and transmitting sets or parts thereof.
 - Medicaments of any kind, vaseline, ammonia (solid or liquid).
 - Hair lotion, mouth wash, tooth paste, boot polish, perfumes.
 - Fruit juices, chemicals, acids, or anything which could be used for secret letters.
 - Books and printed matter of subversive or immoral contents, foreign newspapers, books with maps attached.
 - Cigarette tips or cigarette papers.
 - Notebooks, writing paper, postcards.

11. SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Army Order 116 of 1941 is republished for information :-

"The Army Council, in affirming their profound conviction of the value of religious inspiration as a source of spiritual and moral strength in the present conflict, direct that, so far as the exigencies of the military situation permit, every facility should be given for public and private worship.

In the case of christian churches, arrangements should be made by COs and Chaplains to ensure that opportunities are afforded to all ranks to attend public services or to carry out their devotions privately in the churches or quiet rooms in camps or stations. Sunday duties should be ordered with this object in view.

Corresponding facilities should be made available to members of other faiths and creeds".

12. PETROL DRAWN BY DUMPS

Cases are still being reported of petrol being taken from dumps without authority and knowledge of those in charge of the dump.

Attention is called to General Order 230 of 1941 which reads as follows :-

- "(a) Cases have occurred where petrol has been taken from dumps without the knowledge of those responsible for the stores. This practice will cease.
- (b) On no account will petrol be taken without the knowledge of the individual in charge of the dump, and a proper ledger receipt given for the quantity drawn.
- (c) Those responsible for dumps which are used by passing vehicles for refuelling will ensure that someone is always available to make issues."

13. SALUTING

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

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

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

Saluting in these instances will be insisted upon.

14. TRAFFIC CHECKS

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

All ranks will co-operate with the officials on duty.

15. LOSSES OF KIT

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

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

The following steps are being taken:-

- (a) A weekly kit inspection will be carried out, and shortages noted and investigated/
- (b) If the loss is serious or if the circumstances of the loss justify disciplinary action, a charge of "losing by neglect" will be laid, or
- (c) If the CO is satisfied that disciplinary action is not necessary the lost article will be replaced on payment.
- (d) Stoppage sheets will be made out weekly by QM and handed to pay staff for preparation of acquittance rolls.

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

16. BOUNDS - DAMASCUS

The following extracts from Area Standing Orders, DAMASCUS, are published :-

Area Standing Orders No 2(3) is cancelled, and the following substituted :

(a) The following are IN BOUNDS to OFFICERS only -

ONAYAD HOTEL	In bounds until 2300 hrs
RESTAURANT TRIANON	" " " " "

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

RESTAURANT VIVA VILLA In bounds until 2330 hrs.

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

CAFE CHEHRAZADE I)	
" BLACK CAT)	
" HIGH LIFE)	In bounds until
" BAR CHAMMAS)	2130 hrs.
" ELIE PARAH)	
GARDEN BAR)	
CASINO SYRIA -)	In bounds until 2200 hrs.
CAFE REST DANIEL)	
" CHEHRAZADE II)	
GEORGE GARDEN MEETING ROOMS)	
CAFE LUX)	In bounds until
RESTAURANT ROYAL)	2300 hrs
HOUNET BROU BAR)	
V BAR)	
CAFE DIANA)	
" TRIUMPH)	
" DE L'OASIS)	In bounds until
" BAR REST SOCRATES)	2330
" ROSE NOIRE)	
" LIDO)	
BUFFET BAR RAPIDE)	
CAFE OLYMPIA CASINO)	
" YA BON)	
" R. BOUGACHE)	

17. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS - DAMASCUS

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

Art 11. Speed limit for all vehicles in the town is 25 kph (approx 15 mph) except in the following streets, where the limit is 40 kph (25 mph) :-

Boulevard de Baghdad
 Mezze Road
 Homs Road
 Beirut Road

Art 14. The use of horns, klaxons, etc, is forbidden between 2200 hrs and 0600 hrs. Between these hours, drivers will signal their approach with their headlights.

Art 5. The use of headlamps is not allowed in streets which have street-lightening, except as provided in Art 14.

Art 6. Trams must be passed on the right side, except when stationary, when it is permissible to overtake on the left-hand side ONLY, provided that the road is clear. Overtaking a stationary tram on the right hand side is forbidden.

18. PATROL - AUTHORITY FOR DRAWING

Requirements of units and of individual vehicles will only be met at all issuing depots on production of proper authority, which is :-

(a) For replenishment of a vehicle's fuel tank or sump -

The Active Service Vehicle Log Book (AB 412) and the Transport Work Ticket (AFG 3518), covering the service on which the vehicle is engaged.

(b) For packed POL to be taken away as such, whether for unit stocks or as travelling reserve for a convoy or individual vehicle -

AB 55 or similar indent, signed by an Officer of the demanding unit.

19. ARMY VEHICLES - IMPROPER USE OF

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

Unit Comds are held responsible for the contents of vehicles under their cmd and will take suitable measures for surprise searches when considered necessary.

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

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

20. ACCOMMODATION IN BEIRUT

It is advised that Officers and ORs travelling through BEIRUT on duty will be accommodated in the Transit Camp at JOFFRE Barracks, RUE de VERDUN, and will not be entitled to claim travelling allowance unless accommodation is not available at the Camp.

21. DISCIPLINE - EL AINE VILLAGE

All cafes in EL AINE village are not permitted to sell liquor to AIF personnel, except between the hours of 1800 and 2200 hr

Beer and light wine are the only liquors which can be sold to AIF personnel.

E. K. W. L. M. O. H.
Capt.
SC 19 Aust Inf Bde.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 19 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)
*			
*			
*			
<i>T/BRIG</i>	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	<i>2</i>		
Captains ...	<i>3</i>		
Lieutenants ...	<i>3</i>		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers <i>Chaplain</i>	<i>2</i>		
Totals ...	<i>11</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.

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.
COL	T/BRIG	VASEY. G. A.		NO	A. O. D.
MAJ	-	LOUGHRAN L. J.	2/14 Bn	YES	
MAJ	-	AINSLIE R.	2/11 Bn	YES	
CAPT	-	WILMOTH E. R.	2/8 Bn	YES	
"	-	THORNHILL E. C.	AASC	YES	
"	-	MURRAY J. D.	2/11 Bn	NO	attending Junc Staff School
LIEUT	-	WEBSTER P. C. G.	2/11 Bn	YES	
"	-	RUMLEY L. O.	2/8 Bn	YES	
"	-	PARSONS C. W.	2/14 Bn	YES	
CHAPLAIN	-	REID H. J.	A. A. Ch. D.	NO	Det for duties with 2/14 Bn
"	-	HARFIELD W.	"	NO	" " " " 2/8 Bn

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

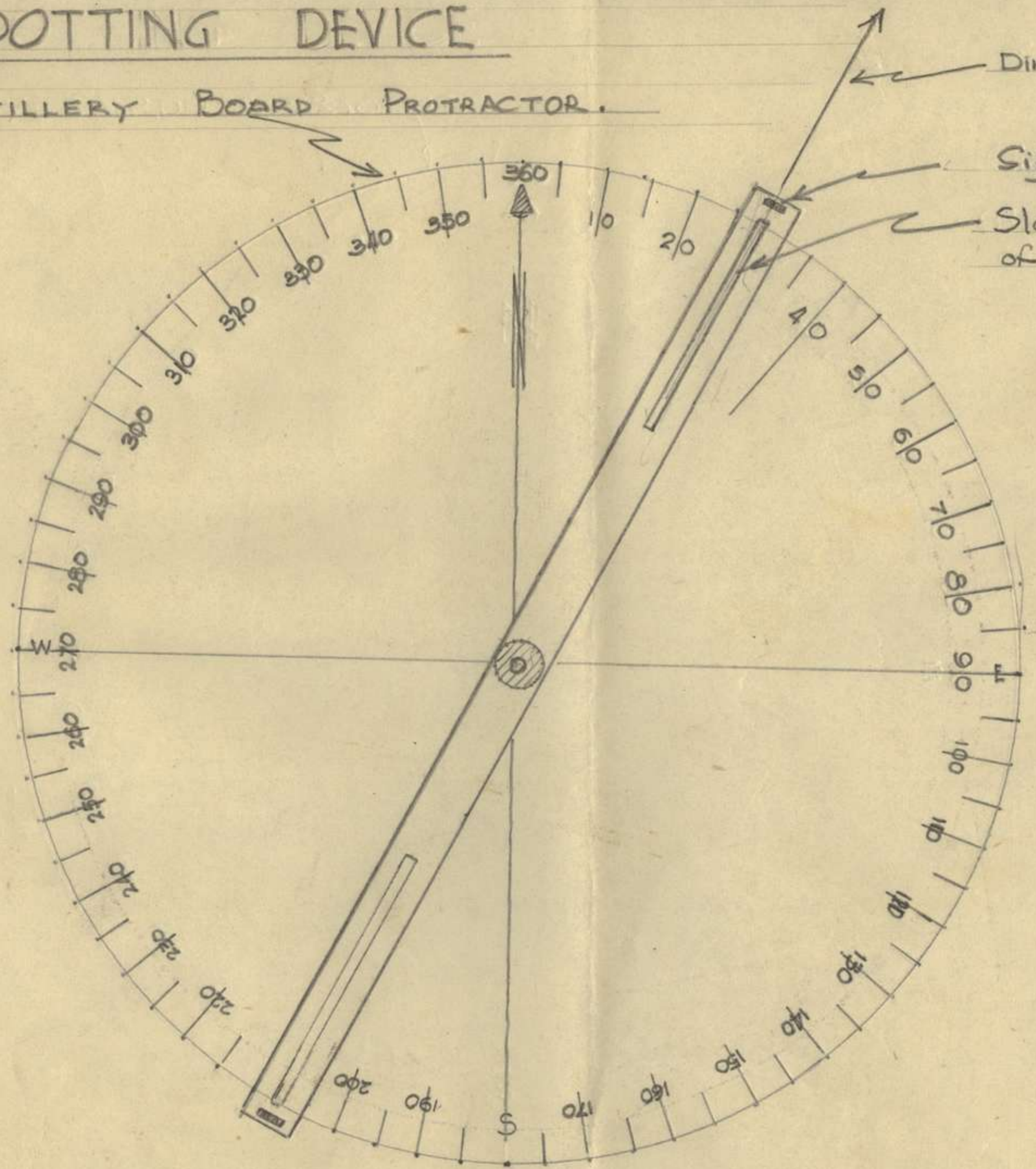
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	-	HOOKS W. P.	79 L.A.D.		OC (in Hosp)
LIEUT	-	THOMPSON H. L.	Sigs 6 Div	4 Oct 41	OC L Sec. Sigs
"	-	LITTLE J. A.	"	"	2 I/c " "
"	-	JENKINS C. H.	Amst HQ SA Bn	"	OC 6 Pl.

HQ 19 Amst Inf Bde
13 Dec 41
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)
6 Amst Div
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FLASH SPOTTING DEVICE

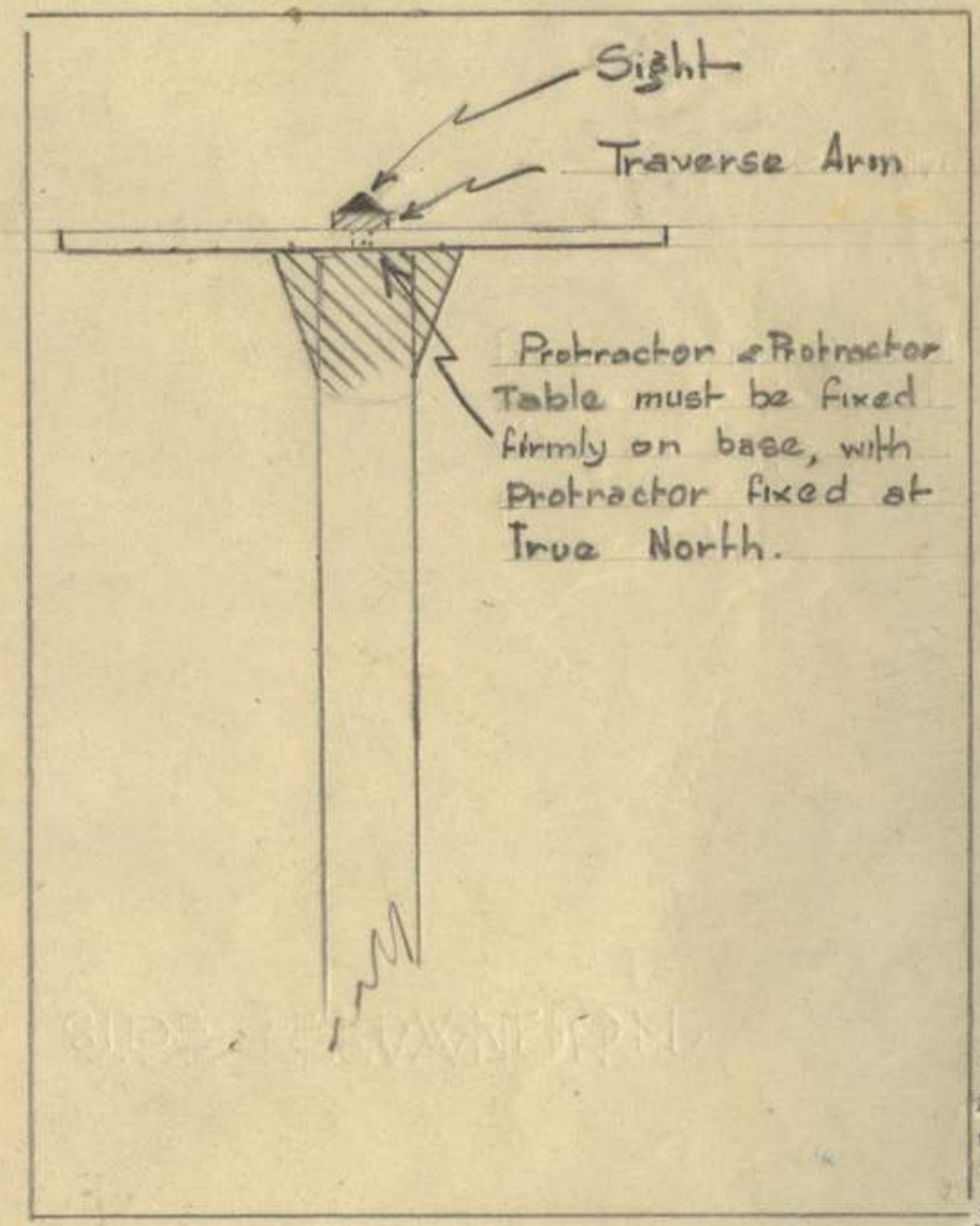
USING ARTILLERY BOARD PROTRACTOR.



Direction of Flash

Sight

Slot in Traverse Arm to allow for registering of Flash on Protractor.



Sight

Traverse Arm

Protractor & Protractor Table must be fixed firmly on base, with Protractor fixed at True North.

Drawn by Inf Sec BDE
19 Aust Inf Bde Dec 41.

APPENDIX 94A

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). *13 Dec* 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	5		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	6		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, etc.	53		7
TOTALS	65		7

*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 1 OR	2/4 Bn.	2 Interpreters	Intel Corps.
2 Sgts 36 OR	L. Sec Regt 6 Div	1 Sgt 4 ORs	6 Div Postal Unit
1 WO } 1 Sgt } 10 ORs }	79 L.A.D.		
43 ORs 1 OR	6 Pl HQ 5th Bn. Cipher - Intel Corps		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
<i>NX 307</i>	<i>Plt</i>	<i>CRUIKSHANK W.D.</i>	<i>X LIST</i>	<i>at 19 I.T.B. <u>MT. ST.</u></i>

2/4 Aust Inf Bn
2/8 Aust Inf Bn
2/11 Aust Inf Bn

19 Aust Inf Bde
O/195/8
14 Dec 41.

OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: DJEIDE AREA

1. The following points are to be considered in connection with the operational functioning of the DJEIDE box. Where returns are called for they will be submitted *by* the dates shown.

CONSTRUCTION OF HQs

2. Units will submit estimates of the amount and nature of engr assistance required to construct bn and coy HQs in the RIGHT sector, to this HQ by 18 Dec 41. This will incl the bns on BUFFALO sited by Capt RAYMOND, Major BINKS and Major CONKEY.

The proposed Bn HQs must provide for a Comd Post separate from the balance of the HQ.

COMNs

3. Sig (line) coms within each bn area must provide for three (3) ALTERNATIVE routes.

Units will submit by 18 Dec 41 an estimate of the sig cable required for the internal coms of their own bn sectors.

This return will also include the three (3) bn areas on BUFFALO and the Offrs who have sited these areas will be responsible for obtaining the estimates.

SPARE PERSONNEL

4. Units in laying out their defences are counting on filling certain gaps with "spare" men (cooks, batmen, etc).

This is a sound policy and in static defences such personnel must be used to the full.

In order to guard against wrong estimates, however, units will work out accurately the exact number of men whom they will have "spare" and site their defences on the basis of the figure so obtained.

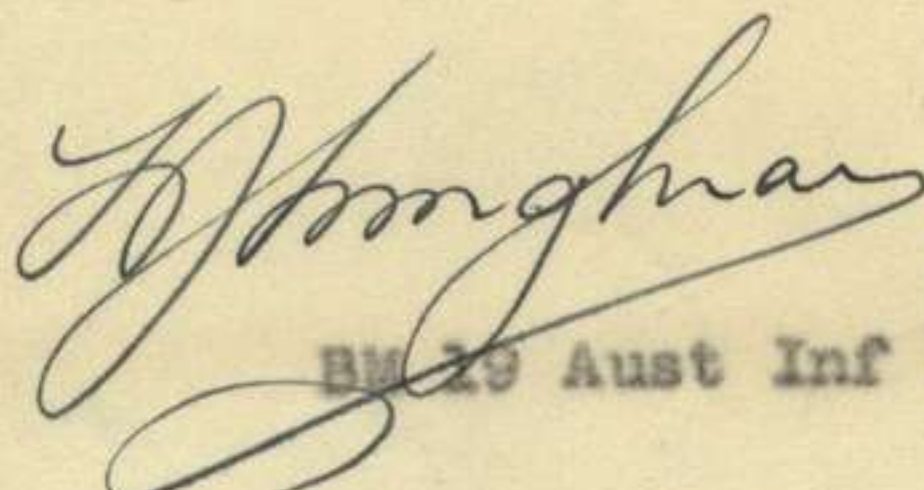
EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES

5. Suggestions are invited as to possible means of looking after casualties should coms to ADS or MDS be cut by, for example, parachutists.

RMCs might well devote some of the long winter evenings to finding an acceptable solution.

ROLE OF CARRIERS

6. Units will submit to this HQ by 18 Dec 41 the proposed role for carrier pls in the bn sectors at present allotted to them.



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BM 19 Aust Inf Bde.

16 Dec 41.

19 AUST INF BDE TNG INSTN NO 3GENERAL

1. With the advent of cold and wet weather, the difficulties of tng will be greatly increased. As the preparation of the defensive posn has first priority it will not be possible to devote more than 1 day per week to tng.

This is obviously insufficient to maintain let alone improve the present standard of tng. If the Bde is to be properly trained by the time hostilities are likely to commence (and of course it MUST be) full use must be made of

- (a) the long winter evenings.
- (b) days when outside work is impossible or inadvisable owing to the weather.

TNG PROGRAMMES

2. See instn issued on this subject on 15 Dec 41. In future these programmes will be forwarded to reach this Hq by 16th of each month.

TNG OF OFFRS AND NCOs

3. Offrs. Although adequate supervision of the preparation of the defensive posn by offrs is essential it is felt that a proportion of offrs could well be released from coy duties for special tng by senior offrs from units. Junior offrs should both attend and prepare TWTs.

In ALL TWTs A Tk and arty and MMG problems should be raised with the object of convincing offrs - especially junior offrs - that there is no black magic in these arms and to bring out just when can and can not be done by other arms of the service. ALL TWTs will be attended by representatives of such units.

A Tk offrs have on occasion complained that when placed under comd of an Inf Bn or Coy they have been given suicidal jobs. All offrs must understand the tactical use of these arms.

It is desirable there should be closer liaison between inf and arty offrs. Greater confidence in each other and better co-operation can only result from personal contact and the attendance of inf and arty offrs at each others TWTs and Coy and Bn schemes.

In many cases the knowledge of the use and limitations of arty is deplorable. The CRA quotes an actual instance from a recent campaign where a single tp was given no less than four defensive fire tasks.

4. NCOs. In most cases it should be possible to release a proportion of NCOs for instn in unit cadres. It is suggested that a permanent cadre be established in all units with the object of tng prospective and junior NCOs and as a refresher course for senior Cpls and Sgts.

NATURE OF TNG

5. Use of Pack Tpt. This will be given a high degree of priority and ALL tps, incl the signal pl and Bn HQ, will be practiced in loading and unloading.

APPX

6. Gas Tng. The need for practical gas tng has never been so apparent as it is at present.

The JAPANESE have already used gas against the CHINESE; the AMERICANS have never said that they won't use gas; the HUNS have been rushing trainloads of gas to the RUSSIAN front.

It seems extremely likely that the HUN may use gas to cover his withdrawal in RUSSIA, and once it is used he knows that we will retaliate.

This initial use of it therefore is bound to be as wide spread as possible with the object of utilising surprise to the utmost.

In the first air-gas attack some bombs will probably be dropped to draw tps into slit trenches in the open; then gas spray will be released with the object of blinding as many as possible.

It is of the utmost importance, therefore, that all ranks should know the practical aspects of gas tng - how to decontaminate themselves, their weapons and vehicles, how to adjust their eye-shields and capes, and, above all, when to decontaminate.

This instrn must be given NOT like a lecture on higher mathematics, but as if we had prior information that an attack would take place in a few hrs time.

7. Tng in Night Work. It is not necessary of course to stress the importance of this tng. In this and other likely areas of ops fog and low cloud may often be encountered. Units will ensure that at least two nights per week are devoted to tng in night work. A proportion of the time will be devoted to digging, wiring and (when stores are available) the laying and disarming of mines, beehive traps, etc.

8. Night Attacks. There should be a definite Bn and Coy "drill" for night attacks. In actual ops it may not be necessary to adhere strictly to this drill but cases will no doubt arise where a night attack or counter attack has to be made with very little preparation. In such cases a standard drill will be of inestimable value.

9. Wet Weather Work. Until the present time there has been little necessity to devote much attention to indoor tng. In the next few months however, there will be many days when it is impossible to train outdoors. Moreover working parties often will have to temporarily cease work owing to the weather.

In preparing tng syllabus this aspect will be borne in mind, and a definite syllabus of indoor tng provided. Where possible huts and stores will always be prepared ready for use so that they are immediately available if required.

10. First Aid. In most areas on this front the evacuation of the wounded will provide serious problems and it is considered every man should have a knowledge of the elementary principles of first aid. This is a suitable subject for indoor instrn. RMOs will arrange for personnel from Fd Ambs to assist in this tng if their own staff is insufficient.

11. Recognition of Aircraft. Model aircraft will shortly be made available and representations have been made for the loan of an RAF or RAAF lecturer. All tps must be able to recognise friendly and enemy aircraft and their normal method of attack.

12. Co-operation with Arty. The arty stress the great assistance front line units can be in CB work by noting the bearing of enemy gun flashes. It is suggested that the simplest method of taking a bearing on gun flashes is to have a card or board (similar to an arty board) permanently fixed in each sec post and CP with a moveable arm pivoting on the centre as shown on the attached sketch.

On a gun flash being noted a line is drawn on the card or an immediate reading taken. It will of course be necessary for each sec post to be accurately pin-pointed.

The men can be trained to note accurately the bearing of flashes by noting bearings of flashes from torches during their night tng.

It is hoped an arty offr will be made available during the wet weather for a series of talks to the offr and men on CB work.

13. Range Practices. It is expected that the range will be ready for use by 22 Dec 41. Units will submit their requirements to this HQ by 20 Dec.

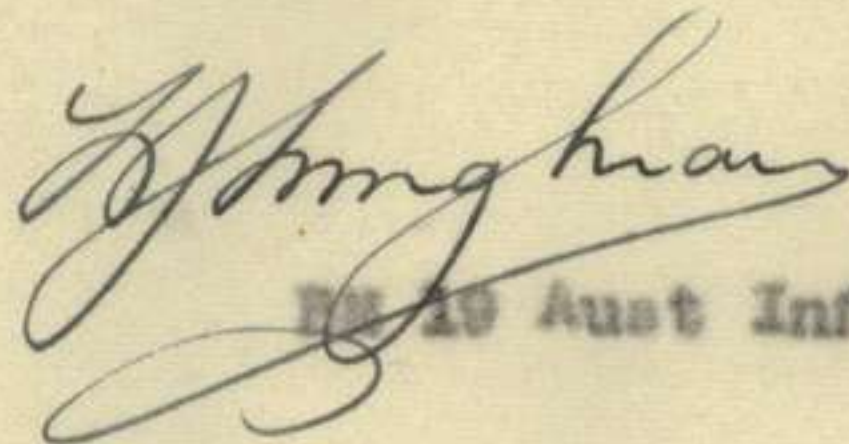
14. G(R) Tng. In all exercises personnel trained in G(R) work will co-operate, with the object of introducing as much realism into the exercises as possible. It is considered that if such personnel operate independently it will provide them with excellent tng and develop initiative. At the same time it should prove an excellent means of bringing home to offr and men the fact that in actual ops the unexpected always happens and must continually be guarded against.

15. Tng of "Spare" Personnel. It seems probable that in the event of ops in this area many men (such as a proportion of tpt dvrs) will not be engaged in their normal duties.

Every opportunity will be taken to train such personnel in order that they may be fit to operate as, or in, a rifle pl.

SECURITY

16. Several instances have occurred recently where information has been given by offr and men to strangers without any enquiry first being made as to their bona fides. Every endeavour must be made to make the troops "security minded". Units will send representatives to other units with instns to obtain all possible information regarding the defences in that sector, and a summary of the results obtained will be forwarded to this HQ by 31 Dec 41.


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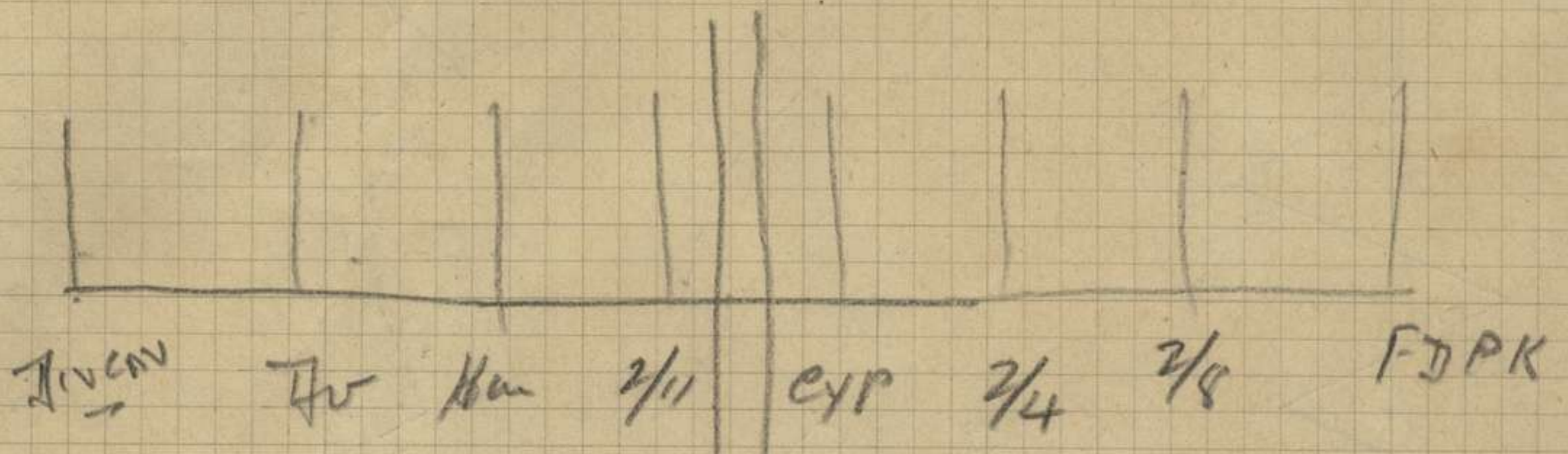
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APPX 6A



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19 Dec 41.

19 AUST INF BDE OP INSTN NO 2DEMOLITIONS - BILGE

1. This instn is to be read in conjunction with 6 Aust Div Op Instn No 6 of 18 Dec 41 (issued to 2/4 Aust Inf Bn only).
2. RAE 6 Aust Div are providing working parties for the destruction of TRIPOLI Pumping Stations T2, T3 and T4, should such action be necessary.
3. (a) 2/4 Aust Inf Bn will detail one Motorised Rifle Coy to act as a covering party for the op.
(b) One Pl of this Coy will be responsible for the protection of demolition parties at each of T2, T3 and T4.

4. Tpt.

Tpt required for the op will be earmarked by units as under :-

2/4 Aust Inf Bn	5 1-ton lorries
2/8 Aust Inf Bn	4 " "
2/11 Aust Inf Bn	4 " "

This tpt will be maintained in first class condition and will be fitted with chains.

5. Degree of Readiness

2/4 Aust Inf Bn covering party will be at four (4) days notice to move from the time of receipt of this instn.

Tpt from 2/8 and 2/11 Aust Inf Bns will report to 2/4 Aust Inf Bn HQ, complete with drivers, within 24 hrs of receipt of a warning order.

6. Procedure on Receipt of Orders to Move

- (a) Signal franked IMMEDIATE will be despatched to units as follows

"BILGE prepare to move ack"

- (b) Units will act in accordance with this instn and 2/4 Aust Inf Bn will report to this HQ by telephone or IMMEDIATE signal when the covering party is ready to move.

2/8 and 2/11 Aust Inf Bns will report when tpt has left for 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

- (c) A signal will then be sent to 2/4 Aust Inf Bn notifying time of RV with engr and sigs, e.g.

"BILGE RV 0900 hrs 15 Jan ack"

- (d) On receipt of this message the covering party will assemble at RV at the appointed time and the OC covering party will allot one pl to the demolition parties for each of T2, T3 and T4.

7. RV

Rd and ry junc RAS BAALBECK (215262).

8. Route

RAS BAALBECK-HOMS-thence along track HOMS-PALMYRA.

PTO

9. Withdrawal

On completion of tasks parties will return by the following route :-

- (a) T4 party. T4 - HOMS - DJEIDE
- (b) T2 and T3 parties. PALMYRA - QARIATEINE - DAMASCUS -
BAALBECK - DJEIDE.

10. Comd and Security

- (a) OC 2/4 Aust Inf Bn covering party will comd the whole gp, incl engrs and sigs for the move fwd and will be responsible for protection until the arrival of parties at their respective destinations.
- (b) On arrival at demolition points each party will comd under comd of the RAE offr. The unit inf comd will have tactical freedom for his protective disposns.
- (c) Parties will not withdraw until demolitions are reported complete by the RAE offr. Withdrawals will then be ordered by the inf comds who will be responsible for the protection of parties during the move back.

11. Recce

All offr of the covering party will immediately recce :-

- (a) the routes to and from the demolition points, and
- (b) the demolition points with a view to protection from ground and parachute attack.

12. Cancellation

In the event of the "State of Emergency" being cancelled an offr known to all demolition parties will visit each party and give the cancellation order personally. This offr has been detailed by CRE 6 Aust Div.

13. Med

2/4 Aust Inf Bn will detail two trained stretcher bearers with the necessary R&P kit to accompany each of the three parties.

14. Sup

10 days rations for all personnel of the covering party, incl stretcher bearers and drivers, will be carried. These rations will be drawn by 2/4 Aust Inf Bn immediately and held at their HQ.

15. POL

- (a) Vehicles proceeding to T2 and T3 will carry sufficient POL for 500 miles.
- (b) Vehicles proceeding to T4 will carry sufficient for 350 miles.

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Time of Signature:

Method of Issue: Sigs

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

No 19 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)
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		
Captains ...	3		
Lieutenants ...	3		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers <i>Chaplain</i>	2		
Totals ...	11		

*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.
LT-COL	MARTIN J.E.G.	2/9 Bn	20 Dec	with T/Brig G.A. VASEY.
LIEUT	PELLING R.S.	Sigs 6 Div	16 Dec	with Lieut J.A. LITTLE.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T/BRIG	VASEY G.A.		20 Dec	Returned to Aust.
LIEUT	LITTLE J.A.	Sigs 6 Div	16 Dec	Returned to Sigs 6 Div

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.
LT-COL		MARTIN J.E.G.	29 Bn	YES	
MAJ		LOUGHRAN J.L.	24 Bn	YES	
MAJ		AINSLIE R	211 Bn	YES	
CAPT		WILMOTH E.R.	28 Bn	NO	A.O.D.
"		THORNHILL E.C.	A.A.S.C.	YES	
"		MURRAY J.D.	211 Bn	NO	attending Junior Staff Sch.
LIEUT		WEBSTER P.G.C.	211 Bn	YES	
"		RUMLEY L.O.	28 Bn	YES	
"		PARSONS C.W.	24 Bn	YES	
CHAPLAIN		REID H.J.	A.A.Ch.D.	NO	Act for Duty with 24 Bn
"		HARFIELD W	"	NO	" " " " 211 Bn

(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		FOOKS W.A.	79 LAD		OC.
LIEUT		THOMPSON H.L.	Sigs 6 Div	4 Oct 41	OC. L. Sec
"		PELLING R.S.	"	16 Dec 41	Side "L" Sec
"		JENKINS C.H.	Asst Hd Qtr	4 Oct 41	OC 6 Pl

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

20 Dec 41

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]

(Signature of Commander.)

6 Aust Div

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HR 19 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). 20 Dec 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	5		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	+		
Corporals	6		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	55		5
TOTALS	67	.	5

*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 OR	274 Bn	1 OR.	Cypher - Intel Corps
2 Spts 36 ORs	2' Sig Regt	2 Interpreters	" "
1 WO 1 Sgt	79 L.A.D.	1 OR	Royal Army
10 ORs	6 RC		
43 ORs	Aust HQ Bde Bn.		
1 Sgt 4 ORs	6 Div Postal Unit		

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)
<u>NX 371</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>CRUIKSHANK, W.O.</u>	<u>'X' LIT</u>	<u>at 19 I.T.R.</u> <u>MIT 01.</u>

LOCATION STATEMENT NO 7

AMENDMENT NO 1

1. Ref Location Statement No 7 of 7 Dec 41, herewith amendments to 1200 hrs 22 Dec 41 :-

Amend 2/11 Aust Inf Bn to read -

2/11 Aust Inf Bn, less 'B' and 'D' Coys	21072563
'B' Coy 2/11 Aust Inf Bn	205260
'D' Coy, less one sec, 2/11 Aust Inf Bn	202262

Amend 2/8 Aust Inf Bn to read -

2/8 Aust Inf Bn	EL AINE 20942524
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Delete 'A' and 'B' Coy and detail.

Amend under C.V -

37 Aust LAD to read 39 Aust LAD

Add under Pnrs -

1974 Bechuanaland Coy AAPC (NT)	RAS BAALBECK	21302573
1975 " " " "	" "	" "

Under units in Recce Camp delete -

Recce Party 1 Aust A Tk Regt

13 Pl 'D' Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn

2. The following to be added to Statement -

1 Aust A Tk Regt	ZABBOUD	20542557
2/1 Aust MG Bn, less 'B' Coy	"	20522556
'B' Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn	DAMASCUS	Under comd 10 Corps
Rifle Range - 600 yds	EL AINE	2106225273

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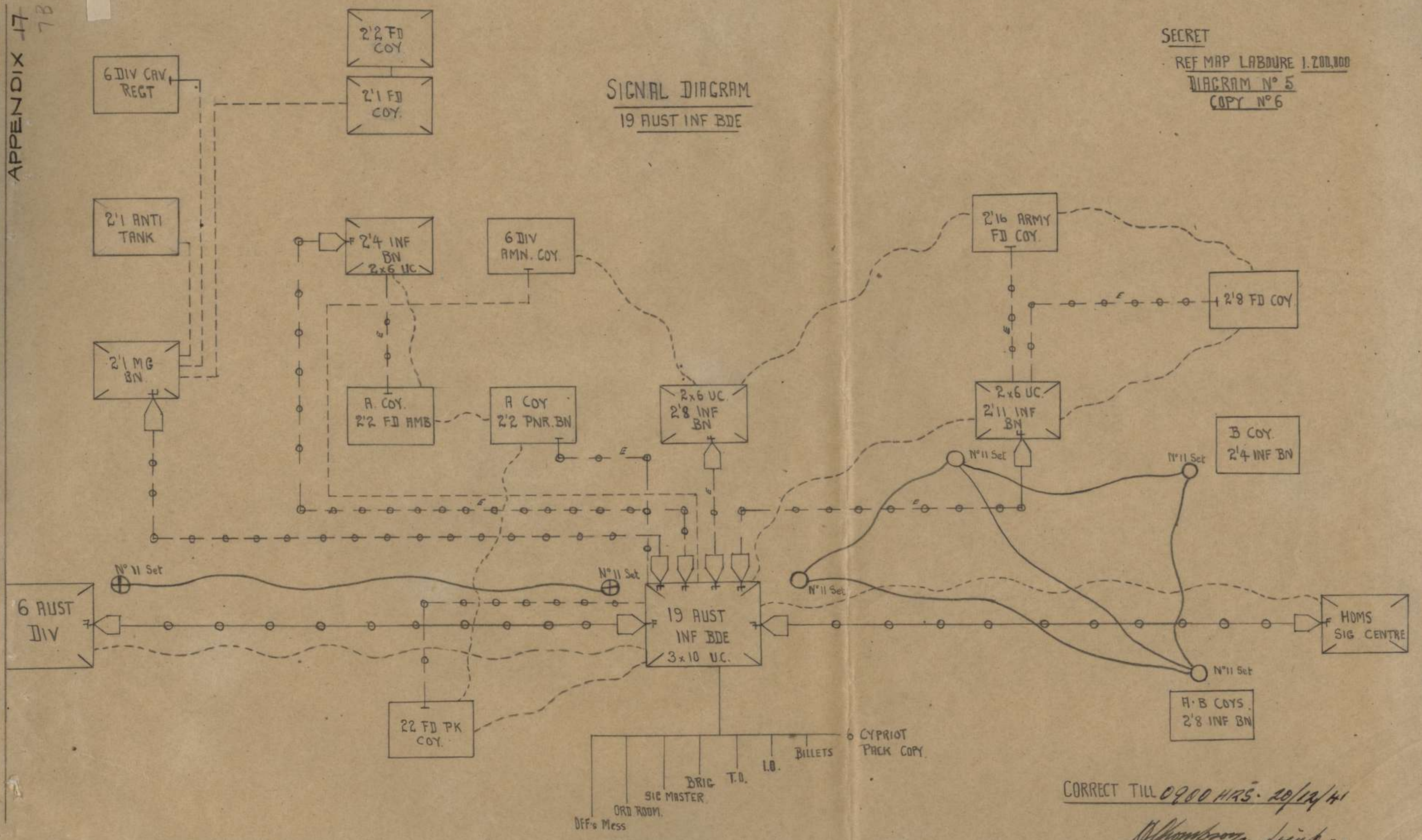
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APPX 7B

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SIGNAL DIAGRAM 19 AUST INF BDE



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19 AUST INF BDE

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21 Dec 41.

Appreciation of the situation from the point of view of General VON THIRP, comd GERMAN armed striking force at HAA 220286 on 3 Apr 42, by Lt.Col. J.M.G. MARTIN, Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde.

APPX 8

OBJECT

1. To force the DJEBEL fortress and clear the valley between the LEBANON and the ANTI-LEBANON.

FACTORS

2. Ground.

The ground resolves itself into the following main features, each of which will be dealt with separately :-

The LEBANON mts
 The RIVER GRANTE
 The flat between the R. GRANTE and the foothills of the ANTI-LEBANON mts
 The foothills of the ANTI-LEBANON (officially designated OLD POST, POT, PAN and KETTLE)
 The ANTI-LEBANON mts
 The ARSAL saucer
 The mts SOUTH of ARSAL

(a) The LEBANON Mts

On the WESTERN flank lie the LEBANON Mts. These are high and rough and the ridges which form them are echeloned back each running generally NE and SW. Between the ridges run deep wadis, some of which can be traversed by MT or tracked vehicles for considerable distances along their length.

The echelon formation of the ridges, however, means that penetration SW along a wadi would have to be followed by crossing several high ridges almost at right angles before access could be gained to the actual DJEBEL fortress.

The ground surface is stony and rough and, even where passable, would be very wearing on the tracks of APVs, and on the crews.

The right flank is therefore unsuitable for an op by the force at my disposal.

(b) The GRANTE RIVER

The GRANTE RIVER, which not a complete obstacle to tanks, nevertheless limits lateral movement very considerably. A certain amount of recon and preparation would be required each time it had to be crossed.

Therefore any forces put into the battle would be committed to one side or the other of the river for each phase of the op. The river also hampers the transfer of enemy reserves from one side to the other, except at the prepared crossings.

(c) The Flat

The flat between the R. GRANTE and the foothills of the ANTI-LEBANON has a good surface for the movement of armd forces.

The grades are good and there are numerous inconspicuous hollows for lying up together with good covered lines of approach.

The ground for a considerable distance NORTH of the defences slopes downwards from SOUTH to NORTH, rendering it free from observation from most areas in the fortress.

The lines of approach in the flat lead generally towards DJEIDE and PAN. This area is also far removed from the MOCs in the "salient", i.e. where the tk obstacle approaches the R. GRANTE.

Therefore, while the whole flat is suitable for movement and attack by AFVs, the DJEIDE area offers the best lines of approach for inf to get close to the line of defences.

(d) The Foothills of the ANTI-LEBANON

In the foothills and the saddle between them and the ANTI-LEBANON there are numerous concealed forming up places and lines of approach. The ground is suitable for the movement of AFVs.

The only exit towards the enemy's defences, however, is through FAKIE. This village affords good concealment for inf but limits the movement of tanks. Furthermore, tanks which did get through FAKIE into the wadi would still have to move at a very slow pace and would be easily destroyed by enemy A Tk weapons.

Therefore this offers a good line of attack for inf but not for AFVs.

(e) The ANTI-LEBANON Mts

The WREKIN feature offers good observation but it faces a ravine impassable to AFVs and extremely difficult to negotiate even with inf.

Therefore the possibility of an attack across the wadi in this area without mountain tps can be eliminated.

(f) The ARSAL saucer

The ARSAL valley, being really an elevated plateau, gives the shortest climb to the BUFFALO feature. The ground in the valley is suitable for the movement of AFVs and vehicles, and the rd ARSAL-LABOUE leads into the DJEIDE fortress.

Therefore, by moving into the saucer through the pass EAST of KAA or the BAS BARLEBECK pass an opportunity of producing a rear attack is offered.

On the other hand my L of C along the saucer is under observation from BUFFALO and there is a risk of being bottled up in the saucer by an attack from DAMASCUS along the lines of approach from BRBLIE 246236 or NEEEK 242331.

Therefore any attack in the ARSAL saucer would have to include provision for blocking these entrances.

(g) The Mts SOUTH of ARSAL

These mts are impassable to AFVs and therefore unsuitable for an attack by the forces at my disposal.

RELATIVE FORCES

3. (a) Air.

Our airforce is reported by our 'I' Branch to be approx equal to the enemy's.

We can therefore expect to get local air superiority for limited periods only.

Therefore we cannot afford to have large concentrations of tps or a long approach in hours of darkness.

(b) Armd Tps.

We have one armd div which has not yet been engaged by enemy armd forces.

Our 'I' Branch reports that the enemy will have very few armd tps available for counter attack on this front. We must however be prepared for counter attack by 'I' tanks and possibly some other tps.

Therefore I must plan to exploit my superiority in armd forces to the utmost.

(c) Inf

I have nine motor Bns and my lorried inf Regt. The 'I' Branch estimates the maximum strength of the DJRIDE fortress as two inf divs. The enemy inf has, however, a wide front to hold.

I can therefore expect to concentrate superior forces of inf at a selected point or points of attack.

(d) Arty.

The enemy arty appears to be numerically superior to mine. With the support of my dive bombers however, I have sufficient fire power to neutralize sufficient of the effective enemy arty during an attack on a limited front.

I must therefore make use of darkness as far as possible to cover the early stages of my preparations for attack.

(e) Reinfts

My reinfts will not arrive for nearly another fortnight.

I must therefore be prepared to hold ground gained with my own resources until then.

OBJECTIVES

4. To get a worth while objective we must get the high ground on one side or the other of the valley. A mere break through in the centre would leave us open to counter attack from either flank and would not gain any additional close observation ops for our arty.

If we gain control of the mts on one side of the valley, enemy arty observation would be confined to distant observation from the far side.

The ANTI-LEBANON appears to be the more desirable ground to control as it is closer to the rd, dominates the centre, is clear of the river and generally paves the way to further adv.

I must therefore plan to get control of BUFFALO and RATTLE in preference to the LEBANON Mts, provided that I can do so with similar possibilities of success on both flanks.

WEATHER

5. The weather is fine and the rains have gone. Therefore ops on any part of the front will not be adversely affected by it.

MORALE

6. The morale of our tps is excellent, but reports indicate that the morale of the defenders is also particularly good, and the aggressive nature of their patrols confirms this.

Therefore my attack must be in strength and well co-ordinated to stand a chance of success.

COMMS

7. Generally speaking free movement of AFVs and MT is confined to the defile between the LEBANON and the ANTI-LEBANON and the ARSAL saucer. Trafficable approaches to the ARSAL saucer are from KAA, RAS BAALBECK, BRULON and NEBEK, those from KAA and RAS BAALBECK passing through defiles.

There are no other trafficable routes SOUTH of RAS BAALBECK from the ARSAL saucer to the DJEIDE box except the rd ARSAL-LABOUK.

Therefore movement through those defiles should take place as far as possible in hours of darkness or during periods when I can establish local air superiority.

TIME AND SPACE

8. Mt Divs and other inf cannot reach me for nearly a fortnight, but, in order to maintain the momentum of the attack, I must penetrate and clear the fortress in time to allow these tps to continue the advance without delay.

Therefore I must launch my attack as soon as it is administratively and operationally possible.

I cannot commit myself to any prolonged op in the hills as I have no mt tps at present with me.

Therefore I must confine my attack to the flat, the ARSAL saucer, or the foothills of the ANTI-LEBANON where no special mt eqpt is necessary to maintain tps on top.

OPPOSING COMD

9. The GOC 6 Aust Div is an arty offr who is known to have operated since the last war, in GREECE and in LIBIA. He will probably have a lot of faith in arty fire and anti tank defence by guns is likely to be particularly sound and in considerable depth.

In view of what is known of his temperament it is probable that he will pursue a policy of aggressive defence. This seems to be confirmed by the energetic action of hostile patrols already encountered.

Therefore I must be prepared to withstand immediate counter-attack and to destroy pockets of resistance which may be holding out.

ENEMY DEFENCES

10. Intelligence reports state that the defences of the whole area on the flat and in the foothills are based on concrete pill-boxes which have a slit limiting their arc of fire. These are reported to be sited to fire in enfilade across the front.

Therefore if I can penetrate on a limited front and manoeuvre into a position to attack these pill-boxes from a flank or from the rear I stand a much better chance to success than if I attack them frontally.

COMMENTS

11. (a) To attack WEST of the S. ORANTE and seize the high ground with inf enabling AFVs to penetrate at the foot of the mts.

This would probably finish up by developing into a mt warfare op as the enemy's flank is well into the LABOUR mts.

Furthermore the lateral movement of AFVs is restricted by the river and the ground surface is rough and rugged, particularly on the banks of the wadis.

If we did capture the mts it would have no additional effect on the enemy's main comms as the rd DJEIDE-LABOUR would be no more threatened than before.

A separate op would be required to attack across the flat towards KETTLE or towards LABOUR and our L of C by that time would be in the form of a large horse shoe over rough ground.

This course does not therefore appear to offer very good prospects.

(b) To form a bridge head over the obstacle between the river and the ry, both incl, and then move my arm'd tps through followed by inf to make a dash for the HQ and reserve areas at LABOUR.

Suitable forming up places exist and I could expect to penetrate effectively.

The disadvantage is that this does not give me any commanding ground and after penetration we would still have to run the gauntlet of the enemy anti tank defences in depth. These are certain to be thickest on the flat. Moreover the pill-boxes in this sector might well prevent the inf from following the tks.

We would have gained no advantage by our penetration should the depth of the defences on the flat prevent us from reaching LABOUR on the rd DJEIDE-LABOUR.

I consider that the lack of ground suitable for close observation by our arty in this sector renders this course hazardous but a possibility if no better prospects are offered else where.

(c) To attack with inf in the DJEIDE area with the object of getting KETTLE and forming a bridge head for AFVs to move through and penetrate to LABOUR with the object of capturing the fortress HQ and taking on reserves before mopping up the tps in other areas.

Suitable forming up places, OPs, and lines of approach for such an attack exist. If we get KETTLE our arty will have close observation to support rapid exploitation.

Counter attack would be most likely to come from BL AINE or BUFFALO areas, and such counter attack could be taken in flank by AFVs moving onto KETTLE from the direction of the main rd.

It is unlikely that the enemy has much anti tank defence on that flank in view of the wide flat which he has to cover in the centre.

This attack if successful would take away the enemy's close observatio OPs, and would give us virtual control of the rd. We would have close observation into his rear areas to support deep penetration and mopping up ops on the flat.

If we succeeded in penetrating to fortress HQ at LABOUE we would definitely hamper the control of the defensive battle and greatly minimise the danger of co-ordinated counter-attack.

This course, I consider, has much to recommend it.

(d) To stop the approaches from BRMLSE and WSBEX with small holding forces to prevent interference from the direction of DAMASCUS and to move a striking force into the ARSAL saucer.

A force of all arms to remain SOUTH of RAS BAALBCK to protect my L of C against attack by the garrison of DJEIDE and my striking force then to attack astride the rd ARSAL-LABOUE onto BUFFALO and down into LABOUE.

This attack, if successful, would give me control of BUFFALO and observation of LABOUE.

Control of BUFFALO would give virtual control of the rd DJEIDE-LABOUE and would facilitate exploitation towards the HQ area at LABOUE.

Counter attack from LABOUE would be extremely difficult as the grades on the WESTERN side of BUFFALO are steeper and more rugged than on the EASTERN side.

The disadvantages are :-

i. That my L of C in the ARSAL saucer is under close observation from BUFFALO and within arty range for a considerable distance.

ii. That movement through the RAS BAALBCK pass would be impeded by air attack.

iii. That my intention would be obvious.

iv. That an attack on my L of C at RAS BAALBCK pass by the garrison might cut my L of C.

v. With the information at my disposal I cannot be reasonably sure that my arm'd forces can successfully negotiate the approach from ARSAL to LABOUE.

I do not consider this course to be likely to succeed unless I can simultaneously launch an attack elsewhere to disperse the enemy arty, disguise my intentions, and forestall an attack on my L of C.

(e) To combine an attack astride the rd ARSAL-LABOUE with an attack in the vicinity of DJEIDE designed to capture KETTLE and penetrate along the line of the rd to LABOUE.

This would in fact be a combination of courses (c) and (d), a mixed force operating in each sector.

Such an attack would give me control of BUFFALO and KETTLE and the proposed penetration to LABOUE would be supported by close observation from the latter feature. If our penetration was successful in reaching LABOUE and capturing Fortress HQ the enemy defensive battle would be disorganised since his comms to the rear would be cut, and the forward movement of his reserves would be impeded, if not prevented.

The effect of two simultaneous attacks would, apart from dispersing his arty fire, probably give rise to the belief that my forces are more numerous than they are and would make the problem of defence greater owing to the difficulty of deciding where to counter attack.

By bridging the tank obstacle near DJEIDE I could move tanks onto KETTLE and so stave off inf counter attacks. Tps in the LEBANON Mts or even on the WESTERN side of the flat would be unlikely to have time to influence the battle before Fortress HQ was captured.

I consider that this course has the merit of surprise and that it gets on the vital ground and probably the Fortress HQ, I will therefore plan my attack on the basis of this course.

PLAN

12. Phase I

On the afternoon D-1, Armd Div Recce Unit supported by one Tp and Div Arty to clear the ARSAL saucer and take up posns to close the approaches from BRELOE and SEBAK.

Phase II

One tk sqn, Pd Regt and one Regt Motorised Inf Div supported by one Pd Bty Motorised Div Arty, to move during night D-1/DI into ARSAL saucer and launch an attack astride rd ARSAL-LABOUE with the object of capturing BUFFALO and holding the rd against counter-attack from LABOUE.

Phase III. (main attack - simultaneous with Phase II)

Motorised Inf Div, less one Regt and one Bn, supported by Div Arty, less one Pd Bty, to attack through FAKIE and DJEIDE at dawn with the object of capturing KETTLE, linking with the ARSAL force on BUFFALO, and making crossings for tks in the DJEIDE area.

Phase IV

One Bn Tk Regt and Lorried Inf Regt supported by one Pd Bty and one Med Bty Armd Div Arty and by Dive Bombers to exploit astride the rd to LABOUE with the object of capturing fortress HQ, forming a block against the Armd and Inf reserves SOUTH of LABOUE, and holding the river crossings on the rd LABOUE Sta-ZABOUD and EL AINE-ZABOUD to prevent movement of Inf from WEST to EAST. Intervening Arty to be mopped up.

Phase V

One Regt less one Bn Motorised Inf Div to remain holding KETTLE. One Bn Tk Regt and one Regt Motorised Inf Div supported by one Pd Bty, less one Tp Armd Div Arty, and Motorised Inf Div Arty, less one Pd Bty, to exploit WEST from KETTLE and mop up tps in the FDL area.

This op not to commence until the situation in the KETTLE-BUFFALO area is stabilised.

Phase VI

ARSAL force to link with Armd Div at LABOUE.

Reserve

Under control of force cmd :-

One Bn Tank Regt, less one Lt Sqn.
One Bn Motorised Inf Div.

It is contemplated that, after the situation has been stabilized EAST of the R. GRANTE, the force remaining WEST of the river would be attacked from the direction of LABOUR.

Lt. Col.
Cmd 19 Aust Inf Bde.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 19 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)
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Lieut.-Colonels	<i>1</i>		
Majors	<i>2</i>		
Captains	<i>3</i>		
Lieutenants	<i>3</i>		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers <i>Chaplains</i>	<i>2</i>		
Totals	<i>11</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.
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>COLEMAN S.H.</i>	<i>3 Aust L of C Recovery Sec</i>	<i>23 Dec 41.</i>	<i>Killed Capt FOOKS W.P. 'X' LIST (OC 79 LAD)</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>CAPT</i>	<i>FOOKS W.P.</i>	<i>79 LAD</i>	<i>23 Dec 41</i>	<i>Transferred to 'X' LIST. (Hospital)</i>

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL		MARTIN J.E.G.	2/9 Bns	YES	
MAJ		LOUGHRAN L.J.	2/12 Bns	YES	
MAJ		AINSLIE R.	2/11 Bns	YES	
CAPT		WILMOTH E.R.	2/8 Bns	YES	
"		THORN HILL E.C.	AASC	YES	
"		MURRAY J.D.	2/11 Bns	NO	attending Junior Staff Sch
LIEUT		WEBSTER P.G.C.	2/11 Bns	YES	
"		RUMBLEY L.O.	2/8 Bns	YES	
"		PARSONS C.W.	2/14 Bns	YES	
CHAPLAIN		REID H.J.	A.A.Ch.D.	NO	Det for duty to 2/4 Bns
"		HARFIELD W.	A.A.Ch.D.	NO	" " " " 2/11 Bns

(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.
LIEUT		THOMPSON H.L.	Sigs B Bns	4 Oct 41	OC "L" Sec
"		PELLING R.S.	"	16 Dec 41	2 1/2 "L" Sec
"		JENKINS C.H.	Asst HQ 64 Bns	4 Oct 41	OC 8 PL
"		COLEMAN S.H.	3 Asst 64 Bns Rec Sec	23 Dec 41	OC 79 LAD.

HQ 19 Asst Inf Bde

(Unit.)

27 Dec 41

(Date of Despatch.)

E. Wilmoth Capt

(Signature of Commander.)

6 Asst Bde.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). 27 Dec 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Table with 4 columns: 1 Detail, 2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached), 3 Surplus to Establishment, 4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments). Rows include W.Os. Class I, II, III, Staff Serjeants, Serjeants, Buglers, Trumpeters, etc., Corporals, Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc., and a TOTALS row.

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

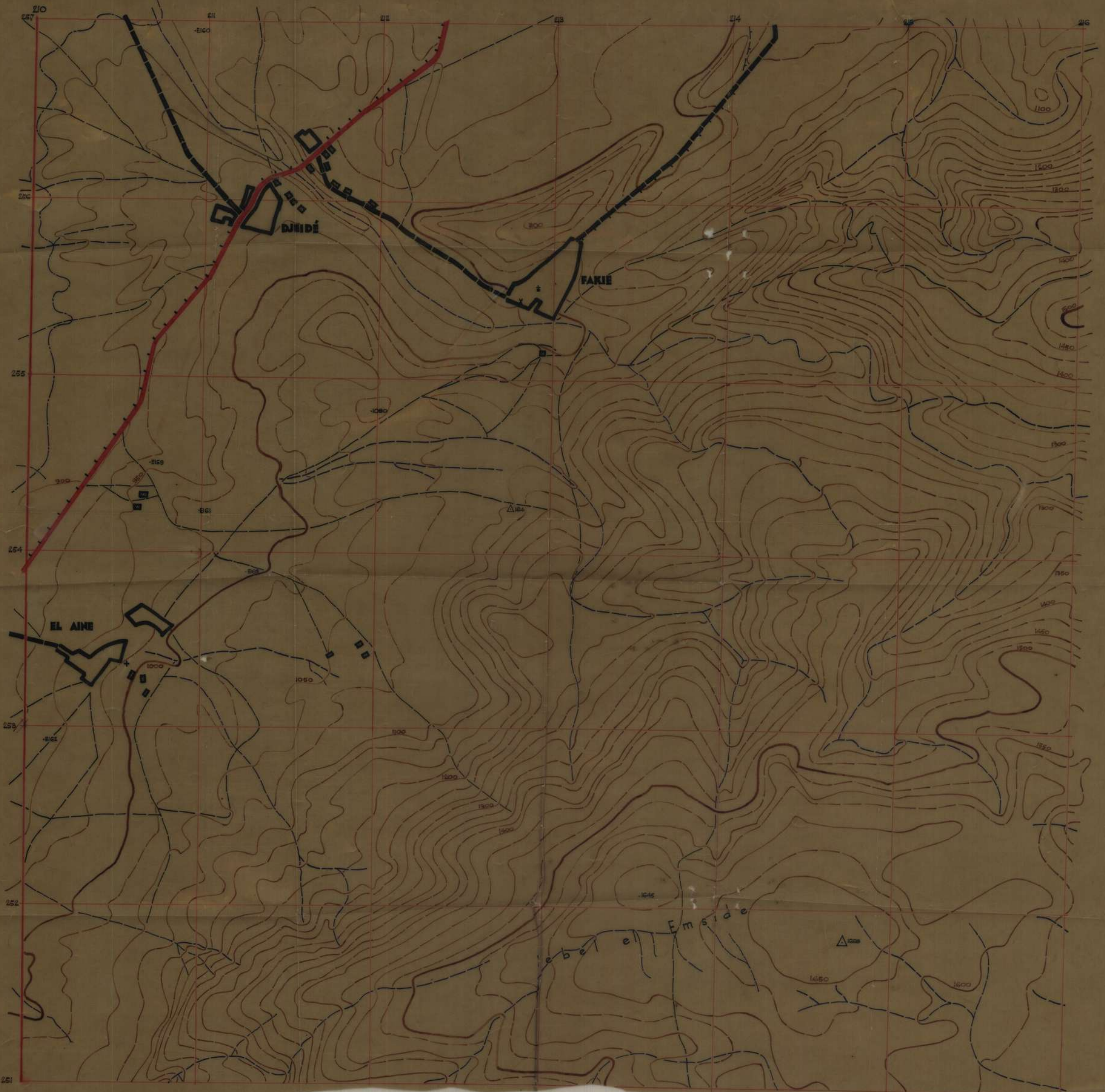
Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Table with 4 columns: Detail, Unit and Corps to which they belong, Detail, Unit and Corps to which they belong. Handwritten entries include 41 ORs 6 Plc Aust HQ Inf Bde, 1 Sgt. 4 ORs 6 Div Postal Unit, 1 OR 2/5 R, 2 Sgts 36 ORs 'L' Sec Sigs, 2 ORs Cipher - Intel Corps, 1 OR Salv Army.

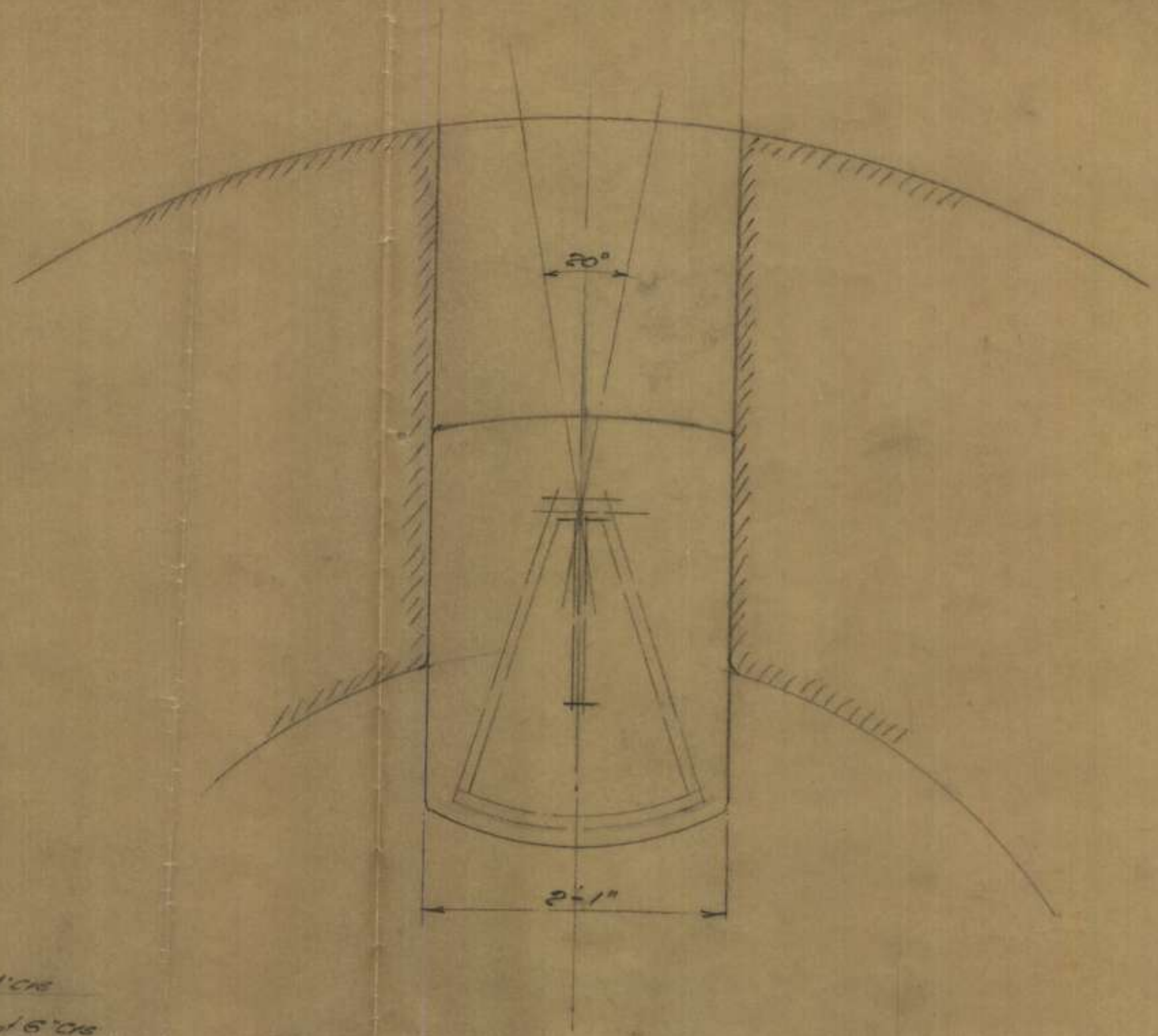
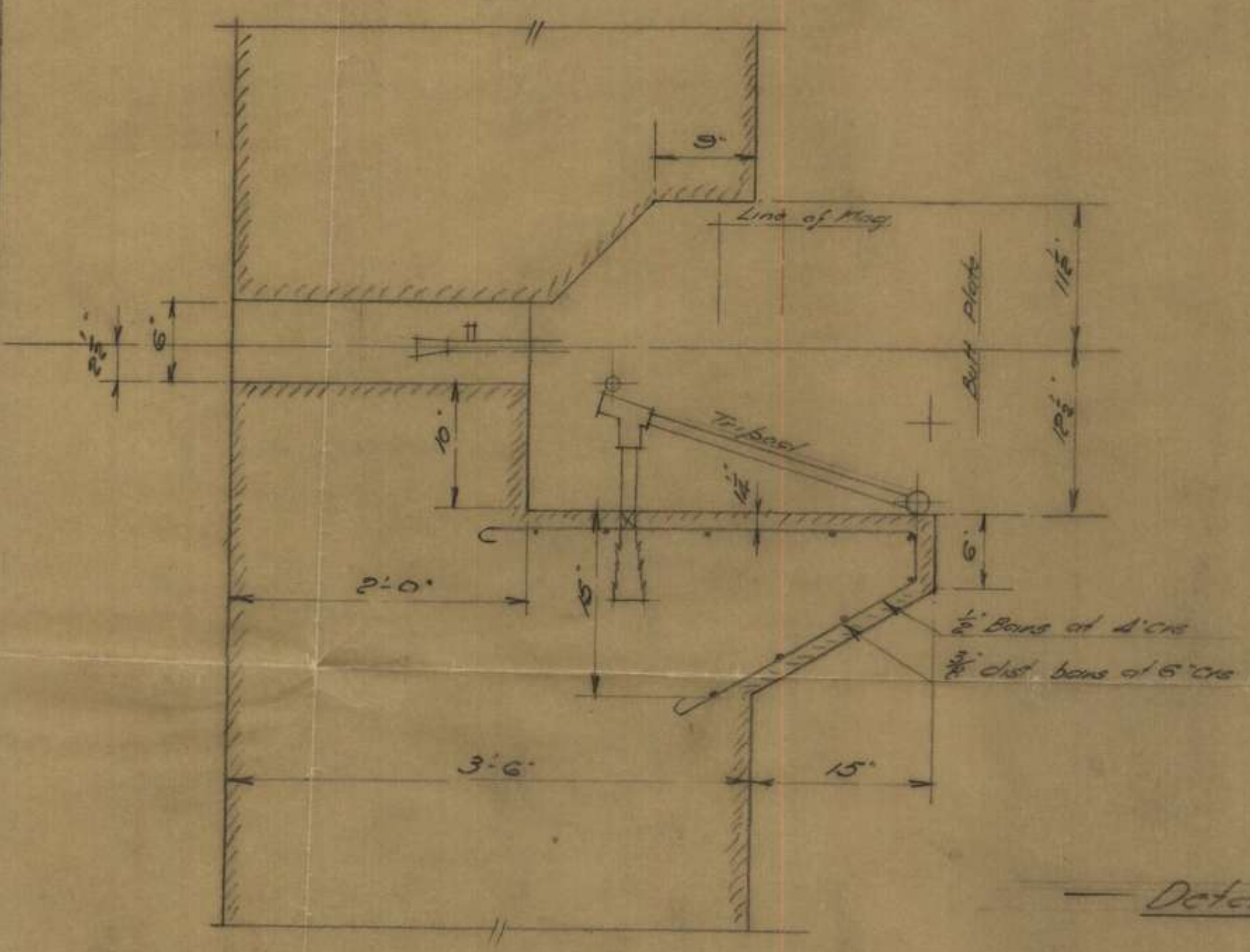
Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Table with 5 columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Corps, Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known). The table is currently empty.

SCALE - 1/10000



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— Details of Aperture for Pill Box —

— Scale: - 1" = 1 Foot -

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Approved by	<i>[Signature]</i> Capt. Adj. 2/8 Bn.