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Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.
UNIT A.I.F.

GPP. 13988-25.000-30.10.41 1942/6.

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HILL 69 JAN

During the period that the 20 Aust Inf Bde was stationed at Camp HILL 69 tng was suspended owing to extremely heavy rain. These conditions extended till the 5 or 6 Jan 42. When the weather broke all tents were remudded as the heavy rains had washed away the existing camouflage.

B.

Sat. 3 Jan. Lieut VINCENT, IO, left to attend school on "Interpretation of Air Photos". The school was held from 5 - 12 Jan 42.

Tues. 6 Jan. Owing to limitation of weight on airmail to AUSTRALIA all ranks were advised to use letter cards where possible - alternatively only two sheets of airmail paper in airmail envelopes.

B.

Thurs. 8 Jan. Lieut-Col J.W. CRAWFORD, DSO, ED, Actg Comd, marched out.

A.

Friday. 9 Jan. Major R.J. BARHAM taken on strength as B.M. 1400 hrs. Lieut Col R.W. OGLE, 2/15 Bn, Capt J. KELLY, SC, Capt J.H. ELLIOTT, BASCO, Lieut MARTIN, Actg IO, and 9 ORs as advance party of 20 Aust Inf Bde HQ left HILL 69 for ALEPPO, SYRIA.

A.

ON ROAD
PALESTINE-
-SYRIA.

1700 hrs. Lieut-Col OGLE and party arrived BEIT BID en route to ALEPPO.

Sat. 10 Jan. 0630 hrs. Lt-Col R.W. OGLE and party departed from BEIT BID. 1800 hrs. Lt-Col R.W OGLE and party arrived TRIPOLI.

HILL 69

Sun. 11 Jan. Lieut L.R. RUMNEY att as 2i/c "J" Sec 9 Div Sigs. " A.I. MORRISBY att as OC 58 L.A.D.

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HILL 69. ON ROAD PALESTINE -SYRIA.	11 Jan.	Lieut D.G. FRASER ceased to be att as 2 i/c "J" Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs. 0700 hrs. Lt-Col R.W. OGLE and party departed from TRIPOLI to ALEPPO via LATTAQUIE. 1730 hrs. Lt-Col R.W. OGLE and party arrived 18 Aust Inf Bde HQ after passing through approx 30 miles snow covered ground between LATTAQUIE and ALEPPO.	A.	
HILL 69.	Mon. 12 Jan.	Col W.J.V. WINDEYER ED taken on strength as T/Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde. Maj H.T ALLAN, BM 20 Aust Inf Bde, resumed regimental duties with 2/17 Aust Inf Bn. 1430 hrs. Gen Sir Thomas BLAMEY G.O.C., inspected and addressed personnel of 20 Aust Inf Bde and att tps at HILL 69. The following tps took part. 20 Aust Inf Bde HQ, 9 Aust Div Cav Regt, 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 and 2/43 Aust Inf Bns, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb, 8 Lt AA Regt - massed bands accompanied the troops - AA protection was provided by 2/1 Pioneer Bn.	A. A. B C.F.	
ON ROAD PALESTINE -SYRIA.	Tues 13 Jan.	0630 hrs. Col W.J.V. WINDEYER, Maj BARHAM, Capt McMASTER, Capt MACLARN and 7 ORs left HILL 69 for ALEPPO. 0700 hrs. Main rd party left for ALEPPO. 1630 hrs. Col W.J.V. WINDEYER and party arrived BEIRUT. 1630 hrs. Main rd party arrived at ACRE en route to ALEPPO.		
	Wed. 14 Jan	0830 hrs. Col W.J.V. WINDEYER and party departed from BEIRUT en route for ALEPPO via HOMS. 0830 hrs. Main rd party left ACRE en route to ALEPPO via TRIPOLI.		

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ON ROAD PALESTINE -SYRIA.	Wed. 14 Jan	Liuett VINCENT rejoined unit from School of Air Photography. 1830 hrs. Col W.J.V. WINDEYER and party arrived 18 Aust Inf Bde HQ, ALEPPO. 1830 hrs. Main road party arrived TRIPOLI. 1900 hrs. Major GRACE, 2/15 Bn, and rail party of Bde HQ, 9 Div Cav and 2/15 Bn left EL MAGDAL - destination ALEPPO.		
ALEPPO.	Thur 15 Jan	Col W.J.V. WINDEYER, Maj BARHAM, Capt McMASTER and BM 18 Aust Inf Bde went on recce visiting Bn HQ at AFRINE, thence to RADJOU Area, thence to EL HAMMAM - thence AZAZ, and frontier posts nearby - then returned to Bde HQ. 0630 hrs. Main road party departed from TRIPOLI. 1230 hrs. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn relieved 2/9 Aust Inf Bn at LATTAQUIE. 1630 hrs. Lieut PICKERING, Bde TO, and HQ personnel of main party arrived at Bde HQ, ALEPPO. 1650 hrs. Main party of 9 Aust Div Cav Regt arrived in ALEPPO area and were given temporary billets at NIRAB Aerodrome.		
	Fri 16 Jan	18 Aust Inf Bde HQ (less rear party) left by road for PALESTINE at 0600 hrs. 0900 hrs. Maj BARHAM took over operational files from BM 18 Bde. Col W.J.V. WINDEYER with Lt-Col R.W. OGLE made recce of 2/15 Bn area - IDLIB etc. 1830 hrs. Major GRACE and rail party of Bde HQ, 9 Div Cav Regt and 2/15 Bn arrived ALEPPO.		
	Sat. 17 Jan.	BM 18 Aust Inf Bde left by road to join his unit in PALESTINE. Col WINDEYER with Brig WOOTTEN called on M. FAUCONOT, DELEGUE-ADJOINT of the Free French		

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ALEPPO.	Sat 17 Jan	<p>for the ALEPPO district, M. MARTINI, MOUHAFPEZ of ALEPPO and GALE KATAR AGHASSI, President of the Municipal Council.</p> <p>During the morning Maj BARHAM read operational files and discussed office organisation, and during the afternoon with Capt KELLY made recce of ALEPPO area - visiting FSD, DID, Petrol Dumps, Amn Dumps, CRE Dumps, dets of Bde HQ, AASC, AACS, YMCA etc.</p> <p>0630 hrs. Main body of 7 Aust Div Cav Regt moved off to destination in PALESTINE.</p> <p>All ranks advised through routine orders regarding security of photography.</p>	B.	
	Sun 18 Jan	<p>0900 hrs. Maj BARHAM, Lt-Col OGLE and Lieut MARTIN travelled to LATTACUIE to visit Lt-Col TURNER, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. Called on 2/13 Bn Det (1 Coy) at BEDRIYE who are protecting prepared demolition of bridge (map ref 198433). Col WINDEYER discussed role of 2/13 Bn with Lt-Col TURNER and also stated that he considered that a coy at BEDRIYE was excessive for the task, and part could be probably used in DJISR ECH CHOUGHOUR area. Lt-Col TURNER was asked to submit an appreciation of the task with this in mind. Party returned to ALEPPO. Abovementioned Bde Offrs met Col H.C. FURNELL DSO (ADMS) 9 Aust Div, at 2/13 Bn HQ.</p> <p>1230 hrs. HARIM post reported four unidentified planes flying high and heading west over TURKISH border. Lt-Col FERGUSSON, new comd 2/17 Aust Inf Bn, arrived and stayed the night in ALEPPO. Lt-Col OGLE moved from ALEPPO to his HQ at IDLIB. Units were asked to co-operate and assist the FSS by communicating any information in traffic and smuggling of sheep-skins to Bde HQ as soon as possible.</p>	E.	

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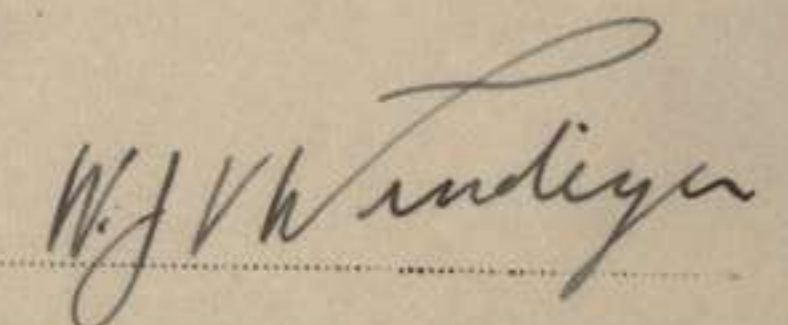
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ALEPPO.	Mon. 19 Jan.	<p>Tps in ALEPPO area were advised by Bde R.O. re "IN BOUNDS CAFES" and authorised photographers.</p> <p>1200 hrs. Col WINDYER granted interview to Lt-Col DAVIS, British Consul, and Capt CLARK, 255 Sec FSS. Security matters were discussed and also the death of a SYRIAN Professor of Mathematics (shot by an Aust soldier in Dec).</p> <p>1400 hrs. Col WINDEYER granted interview to Lt-Col ADAMS Comd of 2/9 Aust Fd Regt and the role of the Fd Regt was discussed.</p> <p>1430 hrs. Lt-Col HANSON, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb, called on Col WINDEYER and discussed medical and dental arrangements in the area.</p> <p>1500 hrs. Town Major called on Col WINDEYER.</p> <p>1530 hrs. Maj REID, B.S.M., interviewed Col WINDEYER regarding frontier control arrangements.</p> <p>1630 hrs. Col WINDEYER granted interview to deputation of teachers from the Lycee who were accompanied by Lt-Col DAVIS, British Consul, and Capt BRINKWORTH, LO to FFL. Col WINDEYER expressed the regret of the Army over the unfortunate death of their distinguished colleague and the loss to the cause of learning and education. He also expressed sympathy with the relatives and gave an assurance that the matter was being fully investigated. The Deputation left professing their confidence in British Justice and expressed their gratitude for the interview.</p> <p>1715 hrs. The French Delegee, M. FAUCQENOT, accompanied by Capt BRINKWORTH called on Col WINDEYER - he was received with a guard of honour from 215 Bn. Col WINDEYER received calls from Maj ALTONIAN, RMC, who is engaged on malarial survey for 2 Mob Fd Lab - also Col STIRLING, Political Officer. Maj BARHAM asked 2/9 Fd Coy for up to date report on quartering plan and demolition plan. Maj BARHAM arranged with Comd 2/8 Fd Amb that MDS be treated as a</p>		

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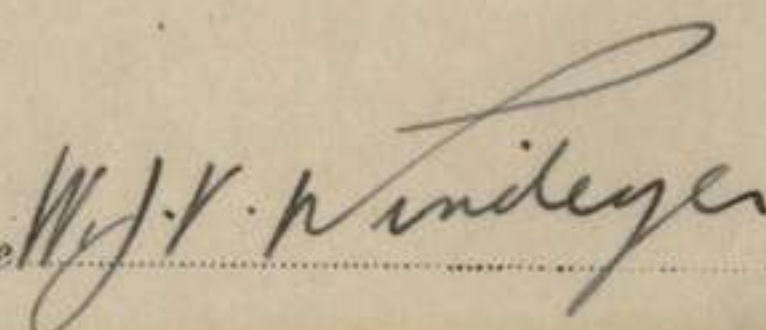
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ALEPPO	19 Jan. Tues 20 Jan.	<p>reception station, i.e. men evacuated from units will not go on 'X' List until evacuation beyond MDS.</p> <p>2/13 Bn was authorised to reduce det at BEDRIYE to not less than one pl.</p> <p>Col WINDEYER with Maj BARHAM made recce of ALEPPO area visiting billets, barracks, Amn & Petrol Dumps and other installations. Capt COSTELLO, OC 10 Sec AASC Coy, called on Col WINDEYER and Maj BARHAM.</p> <p>1230 hrs. Col WINDEYER called on Lt-Col MARCHAND, Comd FFL in N. SYRIA, and discussed tactical role of French and Aust tps in the area.</p> <p>1600 hrs. Col WINDEYER received call from M. MARTINI, the Mouhaffez of ALEPPO, GALE KATAR AGHASSI, the President of the Municipality, and Lieut BERNARD (French Air Force) Chief du Surete.</p> <p>1800 hrs. Brig TOVELL, Actg Div Comd, and Capt GOOD, G3(1) 9 Aust Div, arrived and quartered at BARON Hotel.</p> <p>Maj BARHAM saw Capt HARDY, Turkish LO, and Lieut VINCENT regarding relations with Turks on military matters.</p> <p>9 Aust Div Cav Regt reported that they had two carriers (less brens) standing by for mob col and arrangements were made for 2/15 Bn to provide the remainder of the col.</p> <p>Maj BARHAM requested 9 Aust Div Cav Regt to review schedule of craft in EUPHRATES River between DJERABLOUS and MESKENE.</p>		
	Wed. 21 Jan.	<p>Brig TOVELL, Col WINDEYER, Lt-Col BASTIN, 9 Aust Div Cav Regt, Maj BARHAM and Lieut VINCENT visited DJERABLOUS on recce to see Railways Bridge etc - while there called on French Post.</p>		

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ALEPPO	Wed 21 Jan.	<p>In the evening the abovementioned officers were the guests of Lt-Col, BASTIN, and officers of 9 Aust Div Cav Regt.</p> <p>The Signal Officer and Cipher Officer of 3 Ind Motor Bde visited this Bde HQ.</p> <p>All ranks addressed regarding relationship with civilians, French Officers, etc.</p> <p>0100 hrs. S.S. "AMATHUS" (500 tons) foundered near the entrance to Port of LATTAQUIE and has since broken up. The cargo consisted of Chromium, Ore, Skins, Tobacco, etc.</p> <p>1850 hrs. 1 Pl A Coy HQ Gd Bn marched in. OC Lieut WINSLOW.</p>	B.	
	Thurs 22 Jan.	<p>Brig TOVELL, Col WINDEYER, Capt GOOD and Lieut VINCENT visited 2/17 Bn area calling on posts at AFRINE, RADJOU & EL HAMMAM.</p> <p>Brig TOVELL, Col WINDEYER and Capt GOOD called on M. FAUGQENOT, French Delegee.</p> <p>Instns given to tpt NCOs and personnel regarding "Preparedness of MT for Movement" - "Procedure in Traffic Accidents" and "Equipment of Evacuated Vehicles".</p> <p>2330 hrs. S.S. "TIQVA" (300 tons) foundered off RASS BOSSITE (1643) - 5 members of the crew were drowned - the balance of 20 seamen and 1 Greek passenger were saved.</p>	D E D.E.	
	Fri 23 Jan.	<p>Brig TOVELL, Col WINDEYER and Capt GOOD visited MESKENE.</p> <p>Maj BARHAM and Capt WILLIAMS, LO 1, visited 2/15 Bn HQ and 2/15 Bn post at QNAYE.</p> <p>Col WINDEYER held conference with Lieut WARD, OC Pro Det, regarding police arrangements in ALEPPO area.</p> <p>Col WINDEYER discussed with Lt-Col McDOWELL (CRE7, Aerodromes) the defence of the aerodromes in the area.</p> <p>Capt HARDY, Turkish LO, called on Col WINDEYER</p>	C.3.	

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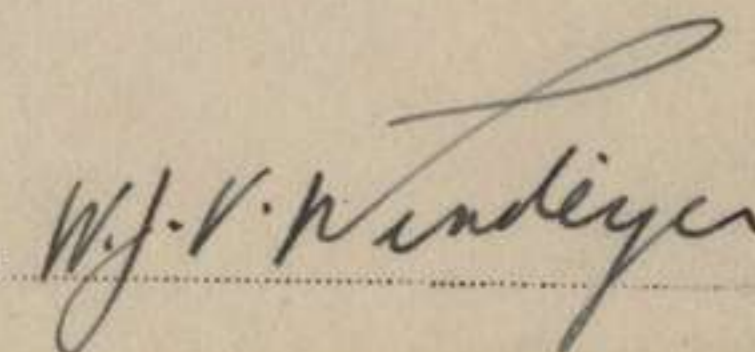
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ALEPPO.	23 Jan.	with reference to the attitude of the Turks on the frontier. Adv Party of 42 Fd Coy RE arrived to relieve 2/9 Aust Fd Coy. Adv Party 2/9 Aust Fd Coy left ALEPPO Area.	D.	
	Sat. 24 Jan.	Maj PHILLIPS PHILLIMORE, Oc 42 Fd Coy RE, called on Col WINDEYER. Received visit from Maj EAGLE, Public Relations Officer, and Mr Merton, Official Correspondent. Col WINDEYER received call from Lt-Col DAVIS, Lt-Col STIRLING and Lt-Col HANSON and discussed medical inspection etc of Greek Refugees who, until they are moved to PALESTINE, are billeted in same barracks as our 2/15 Bn. Capt COSTELLO called on Col WINDEYER regarding supplies, res amn etc. Night 24/25 a schooner from the Port of LATTAQUIE broke loose and was smashed on the foreshores.	C.4. C.3.	
	Sun. 25 Jan.	Church Parades were held in the Armenian Church and St Francis Cathedral. Col WINDEYER interviewed Maj MAITLAND and Capt READMOND of B.S.M. and made an arrangement to meet S.S. Officers & Capt FRANCOIS (SS Officer AZAZ Area) on the afternoon of 26 Jan. All units advised of the possibility of enemy agents being landed by parachute and advised action to be taken.	E.	
	Mon. 26 Jan.	Col W.J.V. WINDEYER appointed to rank of Brigadier, Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde, retrospective to 6 Jan 42. Lieut H.M. HAMILTON att as LO 11. Lieut-Col STIRLING called on Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER, ED, with reference to incident at AZAZ when British Public Relations Officer and a press correspondent visited a frontier post and passed road barrier onto Turkish Soil.	A.	

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ALEPPO.	26 Jan.	<p>Brig WINDEYER held conference with Capt GAVE Inspector of French S.S. Tps, Capt FRANCOIS, Maj MAITLAND, B.S.M., Capt BRINKWORTH, LO with FFL and Capt DUNYACH of DJERABLOUS, Capt LAVARDE of IDLIB and discussed relationship between Aust Tps in area with SS Comds and with the Turks.</p> <p>French Chief du Surete called on Brig WINDEYER. Maj BARHAM visited post at BAB EL HAOUR. 1730 hrs. Main party of 42 Fd Coy RE arrived by road to relieve 2/9 Aust Fd Coy. Lt-Col NOTON, DADOS 9 Aust Div, arrived at Bde HQ. Main body 2/9 Aust Fd Coy left ALEPPO to proceed outside Bde Area.</p>	B.	
	Tues. 27 Jan.	<p>T/Capt R.J. HAMER att as BM (Learner). Lieut W.F. BROWN att as LO lll.</p> <p>Snow fell during night 26/27 and all day 27 Jan. The fall was averaged 6" to 8" in ALEPPO area and up to 4' at AZAZ, AFRINE and Frontier Areas. 1000 hrs. Capt HARDY, Turkish LO, called on Brig WINDEYER. 1130 hrs. Maj FENTON, Aust Public Relations Officer, and four press correspondents arrived ALEPPO and were interviewed by Brig WINDEYER. 1400 hrs. Brig WINDEYER visited old Vichy French Concentration Camp 10 miles from ALEPPO to ascertain and report on its suitability as a staging camp for Greek Refugees and on return trip visited 2/15 Bn det at Quartier Vincq Barracks.</p> <p>Lieut BAKER, 281 Sec FSS LATTAQUIE, sustained serious injuries in a motor accident and Lieut TIMSON, "B" Sec Aust FSS, who was proceeding to ALEPPO returned and took over duties as temporary OC, 281 Sec FSS.</p>	A. A.	

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ALEPPO	Wed. 28 Jan.	<p>Snow ceased to fall, however, streets were still covered by yesterday's fall and communications in outlying areas have been affected.</p> <p>Brig MATTHEWS (Chief Sig Offr NINTH Army) and Lt-Col CAMPBELL (CO Sigs 9 Aust Div) called and discussed with Brig WINDEYER the Sig arrangements in the area.</p> <p>The following officers from 9 Aust Div arrived in ALEPPO - Col B.W. PULVER (AA & QMG) Lt-Col J.A. WATSON (CASC) Lt-Col H.C. FURNELL DSO (ADMS) and Capt WHITE (GIII(o)).</p> <p>Maj BARHAM discussed demolition plan with Maj PHILLIPS. PHILLIMORE</p> <p>Maj BARHAM discussed ops with Capt WHITE and asked him for :-</p> <p>(a) Advice on present state of demolitions at NAHR SENE - MASSAIF - TRIPOLI GAP and west of R. ORONTES.</p> <p>(b) Any decision on 7 Aust Div letter SG64/215 of 9 Jan 42 to 1 Aust Corps.</p> <p>(c) Any decision regarding policy regarding inhabitants of ALEPPO, LATTAQUIE etc., vide 7 Aust Div letter SG64/6/216 of 9 Jan 42.</p> <p>(d) Decision as to responsibility of defence of Aerodromes.</p> <p>(e) Decision as to whether 20 Aust Inf Bde will command FF in event of withdrawal.</p> <p>(f) More specific definition of Bde Role.</p>		
	Thur 29 Jan.	<p>0900 hrs. Col PULVER visited posts at AFRINE and returned to ALEPPO before lunch.</p> <p>Maj BARHAM and Capt WHITE visited HARIM post and 2/15 Bn HQ at IDLIB and instructed 2/15 Bn to take over huts from RE who will finish bridge building at DJISR ECH CHOUGHOUR on 1 Feb. 2/15 Bn instructed to arrange with OC 9 Bty 3 A.Tk Regt on recce of bn area direct with RE.</p>		

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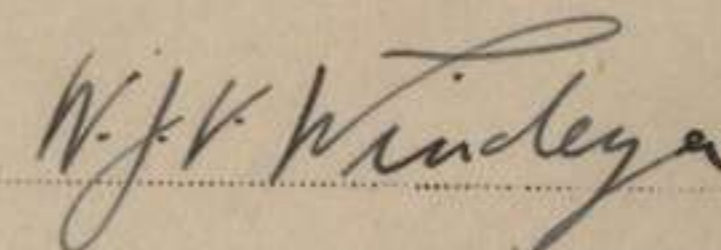
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ALEPPO.	29 Jan.	<p>1400 hrs. Brig WINDEYER with Col PULVER visited and inspected 2/8 Aust Fd Amb - Disinfestor - 10 Sec AASC Coy and Amn Dump. No further fall of snow. Streets in ALEPPO have been cleared of all snow; however, on the frontier area the ground is still covered and communications are not yet fully restored. Rear party 42 Fd Coy RE arrived at ALEPPO Aerodrome. Rear Party 2/9 Aust Fd Coy departed to proceed to PALESTINE.</p>		
	Fri. 30 Jan.	<p>0830 hrs. Brig WINDEYER with Col PULVER travelled to IDLIB and inspected barracks and huts of 2/15 Bn in the area. 1100 hrs. Brig WINDEYER inspected proposed barracks for accommodation of Greek Refugees. 1200 hrs. Brig WINDEYER visited 2/9 Aust Fd Regt and 9 Aust Div Cav Regt. Brig WINDEYER conferred with Col FURNELL regarding malaria etc. Col, PULVER, Col FURNELL, Lt-Col J.A. WATSON and Capt WHITE left ALEPPO en route to TRIPOLI via HOMS. Lieut WARD, OC Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy, called and discussed discipline in the town of ALEPPO. Brig WINDEYER with Capt HAMER made recce of rd OURUM, ES SOUGHRA - KASREL BENA TE incl site for proposed minefield near TELL AKABRINE and prepared demolition on rd near KASR EL BENATE. Visited guard post at BAB EL HAOUR manned by 8 pl 2/15 Bn (OC Lieut CUNNINGHAM), the men at this post being well-hutted and cheerful. The following points were noted :- (a) Likely site for minefield across rd one mile east of frontier alternatively or in addition to proposed site at TELL AKABRINE (which can be by-passed).</p>		

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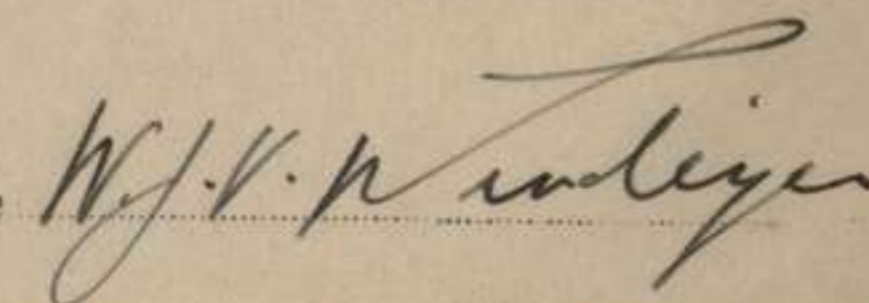
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ALEPPO.	30 Jan.	<p>(b) Demolition is visited daily at present. In event of tension demolition should be protected by screen of tps fwd of it and, when blown, should be covered by fire from other posns in rear.</p> <p>(c) Maj RALSTON (OC "A" Coy 2/15 Bn) to submit scheme for coy defensive posn in this area. Lieut B.D. MUIRHEAD att as LO from 9 Aust Div Cav Regt.</p> <p>1600 hrs. Conference of all officers on Bde HQ regarding outline of operational role, duties of LOs, dissemination of information among Bde HQ personnel, relations with F.F.L., discipline and administration of Bde HQ personnel (incl Sig Sec, LAD, Gd Pl, Postal, Fd Cash Office), exercise and tng of Bde HQ personnel, and compilation of war diary.</p>	A.	
	Sat. 31 Jan.	<p>Lieut J.B. MARTIN ceased to be att to Bde and rejoined 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.</p> <p>Lt-Col McDOWELL called on Brig WINDEYER regarding the new Aerodromes and discussed their state of preparation and need for protection.</p> <p>Lt-Col STIRLING called on Brig WINDEYER regarding officers who took photographs of Turkish Post.</p> <p>Capt LINELL of B.S.M. who is taking up duties as frontier control officer at DJERABLOUS called on Brig WINDEYER before leaving for DJERABLOUS.</p> <p>Major-General Sir Leslie MORSHEAD KBE, CMG, DSO, ED, Comd 9 Aust Div, and Col WELLS, GI, arrived in ALEPPO for inspection of Bde and Bde Area.</p> <p>1320 hrs. French HQ reported large unidentified aeroplane had been circling over the town of MEMBIDJ at approx 1300 hrs. It was later proved that the plane was one of our own RAF planes. The undermentioned officers were entertained by 20 Aust Inf Bde HQ Officers' Mess - Maj-Gen Sir Leslie MORSHEAD, Col WELLS, M. FAUGQENOT, Lt-Col MARCHAND, Commandant REMY (ETAT MAJOR),</p>	A.	

Signature



JANUARY. MONTH
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WAR DIARY

(RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

UNIT

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

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS <small>Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required.</small>	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH <small>(On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)</small>
ALEPPO.	31 Jan.	Lt-Col McDOWELL, Lt-Col BASTIN, Lt-Col ADAMS, Lt-Col TURNER, Lt-Col OGLE, Lt-Col FERGUSSON, Lt-Col HANSON and Maj PHILLIMORE. OC 255 Sec FSS reports, "A good impression has been made on local people by the determination of the new Bde (20 Bde) to establish a good record for behaviour in public."		

Signature *W.J.V. Lindley*

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 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 ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	3		
Lieutenants ...	2		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	6		

*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.
Maj.	NX 12229	H. T. ALLAN	AIF	Yes	BM
Capt.	NX 12214	J. L. A. KELLY	"	"	SC
Capt.	QX 6200	B. WILLIAMS	"	"	LO
T/Capt.	NX 35094	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	"	AASC - Bde Sup O.
Lieut.	NX 13867	M. D. VINCENT	"	"	IO
Lieut.	NX 15590	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	TO
<u>OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.</u>					
				Date of Attachment.	
Lt-Col.	NX 378	J. W. CRAWFORD	AIF	26-10-41	A/Comd
Lieut.	NX 28415	T. C. SHELDON	"	26-11-41	LO
Lieut.	QX 19142	R. D. EXTON	"	3-12-41	Amenities Offr
Lieut.	NX 34891	G. D. EVANS	"	27-12-41	SC - Learner.
Capt.	VX 177	M. M. DUNN	"	16-12-41	OC No. 3 Pl "A" Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn.
Lieut.	NX 57320	E. C. LECKY	"	6-8-41	OC "J" Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs
Lieut.	VX 1630	D. G. FRASER	"	15-12-41	2 i/c "J" Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs

(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.
Chap.	NX 35097	C. FRANCIS	A.A.Ch.D	30-7-40	to 2/13 Bn for duty
"	NX 34963	B. M. WATSON	"	16-6-40	" 2/17 Bn
"	SX 12188	A. J. ROBJOHN	"	19-11-41	" 2/13 Bn
"	QX 6391	G. R. GIBSON	"	21-11-41	" 2/15 Bn

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

(Unit.)

3 Jan 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

(J. Kelly)
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

(Signature of Commander.)

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

9 Aust Div.

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

Army Form W. 3009

(page 1)

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE (Unit) 3 JAN 19 42 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	2		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	2		
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	54		1
TOTALS	64	.	.

* 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.
Cpl. Jones, P. M.	1 Aust Corps Int	Cpl. Bown, H. E.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn
L/Cpl Reading, G.	do Sec	L/Cpl O'Donnell, G.	do
Sgt. Newton, D. E.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	Pte. Kennedy, J.	do
Pte. McEwen, R.	do	Pte. Walker, R. R.	do
Pte. Glazebrook, J.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	Pte. Owen, P. W.	do
Pte. Morrison, W. J.	do	Pte. Cartwright, C. A.	do
Sgt. Devlin, J. A.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	Pte. Wright, M. W.	do
		58 L.A.D.	14 ORs.
		J Sec 9 Div Sigs	33 ORs.
		3 Pl A Coy Aust Hq Gd Bn	29 ORs.

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).
NX 17278	Cpl.	MEMECHAN, A.	AAMC	AAMC Training Wing, Kilo 89.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

*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.
Col	WINDEYER, W. J. V.	A.I.F.	12-1-42	Taken on Strength as T/Comd.
Maj.	BARHAM, R. J.	A.I.F.	9-1-42	Taken on Strength as BM
Lieut.	RUMNEY, L. R.	A.I.F.	11-1-42	2 1/c J Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs
Lieut.	MORRISBY, A. I.	A.I.F.	11-1-42	C. C. 58 L. A. D.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lt-Col.	CRAWFORD, J. W.	A.I.F.	11-1-42	Ceased to be attached
Maj.	ALLAN, H. T.	A.I.F.	12-1-42	Ceased to be seconded & resumes regimental duties with 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
Lieut.	FRATER, D. G.	A.I.F.	11-1-42	Ceased to be attached as 2 1/c "J" Sec 9 Aust Div S.

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. Personal No.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Col.	NX 396	W. J. V. WINDEYER	A.I.F.	Yes	T/Comd
Maj.	WX 1560	R. J. BARRAN	"	"	BM
Capt.	NX 12214	J. L. A. KELLY	"	"	SC
Capt.	QX 6200	B. WILLIAMS	"	"	LO
T/Capt.	NX 35094	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	"	AASU - Bde Sup O
Lieut.	NX 13867	M. P. VINCENT	"	"	TO
Lieut.	NX 15590	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	TO
<u>OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.</u>					
Lieut.	NX 34391	G. D. EVANS	A.I.F. 27-12-41		SC Learner
Lieut.	QX 19142	R. D. EATON	"	3-12-42	Amenities Offr.
Lieut.	NX 13833	J. B. MARTIN	"	3-12-42	LO
Lieut.	NX 37320	E. C. LUCKY	"	6-8-41	OC "J" Sec 9
Lieut.	TX 8056	L. R. RUMNEY	"	11-1-42	Aust Div Sigs 2 i/c "J" Sec
Lieut.	NX 13932	A.I. MORRISBY	"	11-1-42	9 Aust Div Sigs OC 55 L.A.D.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chap.	NX 34963	B. M. WATSON	AACHD	30-7-40	to 2/17 Bn for duty
Chap.	6X 12133	A. J. ROBJOHN	"	19-11-41	" 2/13do "
Chap.	QX 6391	G. R. GIBSON	"	21-11-41	" 2/15 "

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE (Unit.)

17 Jan 42 (Date of Despatch.)

J. Kelly
G 20 Aust Inf Bde.

(Signature of Commander.)

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

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

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

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

J. Kelly
 Signature of Commander. Capt.
 20 Aust Inf Bde

Date of Despatch 17 Jan 42.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

11. 20 A.U.T. INF BDE (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	Winslow,	A.I.F.	21-1-42	CO 1 PL "A" Coy Aust H. Cd Bn.

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.
	Personal No.				
Col.	NX 396	W. J. V. WINDYEN	IF	Yes	Comd
Maj.	NX 1560	A. J. BASHAM	"	"	Bn
Capt.	NX 12214	J. L. A. KELLY	"	"	SC
Capt.	NX 6200	D. WILLIAMS	"	"	LO
T/Capt.	NX 35974	J. H. SULLIVAN	"	"	AASC - Bde Sup C
Lieut.	NX 13867	M. J. VINCINI	"	"	IO
Lieut.	NX 15590	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	TO
<u>OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.</u>					
Lieut.	NX 34891	G. D. WASS	IF	Date of attachment 27-12-41	SC Learner
Lieut.	NX 19142	H. D. EXTON	"	3-12-41	Amenities Offr.
Lieut.	NX 13058	J. B. MARTIN	"	9-1-42	LO
Lieut.	NX 57320	H. C. LUCKY	"	6-8-41	SC "J" Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs
Lieut.	NX 6056	H. R. NORSBY	"	11-1-42	2 i/c "J" Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs
Lieut.	NX 13029	WINDSLOW	"	21-1-42	SC - 1 Pl "A" Coy Aust Inf 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.
Chap.	NX 34963	H. H. WATSON	AACHD	30-7-40	to 2/17 Bn for
"	NX 12188	H. J. RICHMOND	"	19-11-41	" 2/13 " duty
"	NX 6391	H. R. GIBSON	"	21-11-41	" 2/15 " "

80 20 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

24 Jan 42. (Date of Despatch.)

J. Kelly
(Signature of Commander.)

80 20 Aust Inf Bde (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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

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

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde

Unit.

J. Kelly
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Signature of Commander. Capt.

Date of Despatch 24 Jan 42

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	4		
Lieutenants	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	10		

*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.
T/Capt.	R. J. HAMER	A. I. F.	27-1-42	Taken on Strength as BM Learner.
Lieut.	H. M. HAMILTON	A. I. F.	26-1-42	Taken on Strength as LO 11.
Lieut.	W. F. BROWN	A. I. F.	27-1-42	Taken on Strength as LO 11.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	J. B. MARTIN	A. I. F.	31-1-42	Ceased to be attached, rejoins Unit 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

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 Army No.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
NX 396	Brig.	W. J. V. WINDEYER	A. I. F	Yes	Comd.
WX 1560	Maj.	R. J. BARHAM	"	"	BM
NX 12214	Capt.	J. L. A. KELLY	"	"	SC
QX 6200	Capt.	B. WILLIAMS	"	"	LO 1.
NX 35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	"	AASO Bde Sup O.
VX 13528	T/Capt.	R. J. HAMER	"	"	BU Learner.
NX 13867	Lieut.	M. D. VINCENT	"	"	IO
NX 15590	Lieut.	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	TO
VX 15146	Lieut.	H. M. HAMILTON	"	"	LO 11.
VX 48589	Lieut.	W. F. BROWN	"	"	LO 111.
<u>OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.</u>				Date of Attachment.	
NX 34891	Lieut.	G. D. EVANS	"	27-12-41	SC Learner.
QX 19142	Lieut.	R. D. EXTON	"	3-12-41	Amenities Offr
NX 57320	Lieut.	E. C. LECKY	"	6-8-41	CC J" Sec 9 Div Sigs
TX 6056	Lieut.	L. R. RUMNEY	"	11-1-42	2 i/c "J" Sec 9 Div Sigs.
NX 13029	Lieut.	T. H. WINSLOW	"	21-1-42	CC 1 Pl "A" Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn.
NX 18932	Lieut.	A. I. MORRISBY	"	11-1-42	CC 58 L. A. D.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
NX 34963	Chap.	B. M. WATSON	AAGhD	30-7-40	to 2/17 Bn for duty
SX 12188	Chap.	A. J. ROBJOHN	"	19-11-41	" 2/13 " " "
QX 6391	Chap.	G. R. GIBSON	"	21-11-41	" 2/15 " " "

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

31 Jan 42. (Date of Despatch.)

J. Kelly
(Signature of Commander.)
Capt.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde. 9 Aust Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER No 25.

by

Brigadier W. J. V. WINDEYER, ED.

Commanding 20 AUST INF BDE

31 Jan 42.

ALEPPO.

1. DISCIPLINE - BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS ON LEAVE.

The following letter received by this H.Q. from Ninth Army is promulgated for information and necessary action.

- (a) It has been reported to the G.O.C.-in-C. that Commanding Officers are not always giving adequate punishment to men of their units who are charged by the Military Police - and are to this extent - abetting the laxity of behaviour and indiscipline of their men.

This applies particularly to cases of rowdiness and drunkenness in leave centres which are an abuse of leave privileges and cause the imposition of restrictions, which inevitably hit the majority of well behaved men because of the selfish and unsoldierly behaviour of the few.

- (b) The G.O.C.-in-C. directs that Commanding Officers will take severe disciplinary measures in cases where the drunkenness or disorderly conduct of their men is proved.

- (c) He wishes the substance of this letter to be published in unit orders and read by officers to their men on three successive parades.

PHOTOGRAPHY IN FRONTIER AREAS

The use of cameras in Frontier areas, and particularly the photographing of TURKISH Frontier posts and garrisons, is likely to arouse the suspicion of the TURKS.

The carrying or use of cameras within sight of the Frontier is therefore prohibited.

3. LIFTS FOR CIVILIANS.

Civilians are evading frontier and control posts by obtaining lifts on Army vehicles. Drivers are forbidden to offer lifts, not only to civilians, but also to soldiers in uniform.

Stickers for use on windscreens of vehicles and containing notice repeated in several languages are to be issued shortly. These notices will be used on all Army vehicles within area.

The purport of the notice is that the driver is not permitted to carry unauthorised passengers and if any persons asks a driver for a lift, his request can be refused by drawing his attention to the notice.

4. QUALIFIED GAS INSTRUCTORS.

A return is required from units to be forwarded to reach this H.Q. NOT later than 1 Feb, showing particulars of qualified gas instructors (all ranks). The pro shown hereunder will be strictly adhered to:-

No.	Rank.	Name in Full	Unit	Details of Course Attended (incl dates)	Qualifications (D, Q 1 or Q 11)
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5. VISITORS TO 1 AUST CORPS SKI SCHOOL.

Accommodation at 1 Aust Corps Ski School is limited and offrs and ORs, other than students, will not visit the school without first obtaining permission from GS 9 Aust Div.

6. AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS.

The Air Mail Letter Card service to INDIA is available to all ranks in the M.E.F.

7. RATIONS - RESERVE

- (a) (i) All units will maintain four (4) days reserve rations ("dry ration" scales) in unit areas.
- (ii) Rations to complete this reserve will be demanded immediately through Supply Officers.
- (iii) This reserve will be used only in emergency when normal supplies may be interrupted or unobtainable.
- (iv) Units will submit a certificate weekly on Mondays through Supply Officers that the reserves have been checked and are complete.
- (b) Seven (7) days reserves will be held available in addition in FSDs or DIDs under arrangements by C.A.S.C. , 9 Aust Div.

8. CONSTRUCTION OF LATRINES

Provision and construction of field latrines though normally the responsibility of units will be undertaken in this area as follows :-

- (a) ALEPPO area under control of G.E.
- (b) Outlying areas by 42 Fd Coy RE in conjunction with unit pioneer Pl.

9. RETURNABLE CONTAINERS - PETROL.

All units will render a return of returnable containers (petrol). This return will be made up to and including 31 Jan 42 and will be forwarded to 20 AUST INF BDE before 2 Feb 42.

The following details of containers held will be shown:-

Drums	44	gall	{ full and empty
"	4	"	
Cons	4	"	{ full and empty
y	2	"	
Lub Oil	5	"	{ full and empty
			empty only

10. BOOT REPAIRS

Boot repairs will be carried out at Aust Wind 4 B.O.D. Units should forward boots to D.A.D.O.S. Dump, ALEPPO securely tied in pairs and with a securely attached card bearing owners name, no and unit. Units will be advised when repaired boots are available for collection at D.A.D.O.S. Dump.

11. TYPES OF RATIONS

(a) There is at present some confusion between the five main types of rations in issue with the result that Units frequently demand the wrong type of ration through incorrect description of their requirements.

(b) The following notes are therefore published for information in order briefly to describe the main types of rations and the uses for which these are designed. It will be appreciated that the commodities and quantities making up each ration vary with the class of troops drawing them, but the basic principles are the same.

EMERGENCY RATION

(a) Emergency Ration is a condensed form of food similar to a slab of chocolate in appearance, designed, as its name implies, to keep a man alive in emergency and when no other form of rations is procurable. It is made up into a small compact pack which can easily be carried on the man. This ration is NOT intended for issue for day to day consumption, even over a limited period.

(b) Battle Ration is a ration often wrongly referred to as "Hard Rations" and is designed for use for a maximum period of seven days on active service conditions where there are little or no facilities for cooking. This ration is composed principally of preserved meat and biscuit and is therefore compact and easily transportable in any form of vehicles. Since the gross weight of a days rations for one man is only about 3 lbs, the rations could be carried on the man, in emergency. The British Battle ration is shown in General Order 834 of 1941, (the Indian in General Order 1111 of 1941).

(c) Vehicle Ration Is very similar to the Battle Ration but the commodities making up this ration are slightly different. Its purpose is again evident from its name and it also is a compact ration suitable for use on active operational conditions for a maximum of three days. The British Vehicle Ration is shown in General Order 835 of 1941. (The Indian in General Order 1112 of 1941).

Neither the Battle Ration nor the Vehicle ration should normally be issued to troops for more than seven and three days respectively at a time, although a man can keep going for a longer period, feeding on either of these rations, if no other rations can be made available. The Battle Ration cannot be issued without the authority of a Commander of a Force which or part of which is undertaking an operation.

(d) M.E.F.S. Rations - Hard Scale Is the normal scale of rations but with tinned or "hard items" substituted for fresh equivalents - e.g, Tinned Vegetables in lieu of Fresh Vegetables, Biscuits in lieu of Flour, etc. Rations are issued with the normal F.S. ration. Such troops are usually too far away from Railhead and have insufficient cooking facilities to make it possible to issue to them or for them to be able to cook fresh vegetables, fresh meat or fresh fruit.

M.E.F.S. RATIONS - HARD SCALE. (Cont)

Rations issued on this scale require little more than a fire and facilities for boiling water for the preparation of meals.

(e) M.E.F.S. RATION - NORMAL OR "FRESH" SCALE This is the ration normally issued to troops who have the ordinary Unit cooking facilities and is the ration consumed by the great majority of troops whatever their location. The ration scale includes all the "fresh" items most of which require cooking before consumption.

12. PROVISION OF OILS AND GREASES.

(a) Oil M. 225 and Grease HC, have been eliminated and will no longer be issued.

(b) Demands for these grades will in future be met by:-

(a) Oil M. 220 in substitution of Oil M. 225.

(b) Grease GS in substitution of Grease HC

Oil M. 220 and Grease GS will be demanded through normal R.A.S.C. channels.

(To be repeated in Unit Routine Orders)

13. CHURCH PARADES

Alterations to times of Church Parades is notified:-

C.E. 0915 ALEPPO Aerodrome, under arrangements 2/9 Aust Bd Regt.

1030 Armenian Church ALEPPO.

R.C. 0900 St Francis Cathedral ALEPPO
1015 ALEPPO Aerodrome - YMCA Hut.

Units will arrange to attend the most convenient service.

Dress. All Ranks. Winter Dress - Greatcoats, SD, Hats KF turned up, Boots, Gaiters, Belt WE and side arms.

G. Keller Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER No 24.

by

Colonel W. J. V. WINDEYER ED

Commanding 20 AUST INF BDE

29 Jan 42

ALEPPO

1 SPECIAL ORDER

The following Special Order by Commander-in-Chief Middle East Forces is republished:-

"I wish to remind Commanders of all ranks of their responsibility for safe-guarding both British equipment and stores and that captured from the enemy, from loss or damage.

This war is largely one of material and the side which can outlast the other in this respect will achieve a great advantage.

There is no doubt that we are not safe-guarding our material resources as well as we should. Both the dishonesty of a few individuals and the carelessness and lack of thought of a great many others are causing unnecessary waste.

I hold Commanding and other officers responsible that they are constantly on their guard to check careless and irregular practices on the part of those under their command.

Casualness and laxity in these matters denotes a lack of discipline and good order which gravely affects the strength and fighting power of the Army.

Though it is for the leaders to oversee these matters, the best results cannot be obtained without the ready co-operation of all ranks, on which, if they are made to understand the need, I know that I can rely.

I wish this order made known to all ranks of the Army.

(Sgd) C. J. AUCHINLECK General.
Commander-in-Chief.

(to be repeated in unit R.Os)

2. RETURNS OF PERSONNEL WITH LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS.

In order to bring records of language qualifications up-to-date, particulars are required of all ranks, both Officers and ORs with fluent knowledge of any of the following languages.

German
Italian
Persian

Russian
Turkish
Arabic

Returns are required in triplicate to reach this HQ by 1st Feb 42.

(To be repeated in Unit R.O's.)

3. TRANSPORT

Transport in this area is being handled by 53 Res. M.T. Coy R.A.S.G., with 23 3 ton vehicles available daily.

All requests for transport will be made through this H.Q. at least 24 hrs before required.

Transport will be allotted on a priority basis.

Units will NOT deal with R.A.S.G. Coy direct.

4. AIR MAIL SERVICE

The Air Mail Service between Australia and Middle East has been restored and mails are going through in both directions.

During the next few weeks it is probable that air postings to Australia will take three or four days longer en route than formerly.

It is still necessary to limit the weight of air mail postings and as far as possible air mail letter cards should be used in lieu of letters, and letters should be restricted to a maximum of two sheets of air mail paper in order to cut down weight.

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S.C. 20 AUST INF BDE. Capt.

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A.M.R.&.O 1558

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER No 23

by

Colonel W.J.V. WINDEYER ED

Commanding 20 AUST INF BDE

26 Jan 42

Monday

ALEPPO

1. M.T. STORES - INDENTS

In future unit demands for M.T. Stores required for "A" "B", and R.A.S.C. vehicles will be submitted in quadruplicate on A.F. G. 1058.

Units not in possession of the Army Form will submit demands for two (2) months requirements (in pads) to Stationery Depot, in accordance with M.E.F. General Order 620 of 1941.

2. SUPPLEMENTARY RATION INVOICES.

In future all supplementary ration invoices issued by AACS will be returned by units direct to C.P.M.

3. HYDROPHOBIA

Cases of Hydrophobia have been found among dogs in ALEPPO.

Troops are to be warned of the danger of touching dogs and of allowing unknown dogs into quarters.

4. VEHICLES - Anti-Frost Precautions.

1. Anti-frost precautions will be observed with all vehicles operating in Syria and Lebanon from 1st December to 1st March.

2. Details are contained in A.I.F. (ME) Mechanization Instruction No 78 of 8th Jan 42.

5. POWERS OF MEMBERS OF PROVOST CORPS.

The effect of A.A. 6(3)(c) and A.M.R.&.O 386 is published for information.

1. Any officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier who impedes a provost marshal or any officer, non-commissioned officer or member of the military police, commits an offence. - (AA Sec 6(3)(c).

2. Any warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier who, when called on, refuses to assist in the execution of his duty a provost marshal or any member of the military police, commits an offence. - (A.A. Sec. 6(3)(c).

3. Every warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier, even though he is of superior rank, shall obey any orders given by the military police, and, on failure to do so, commits an offence. (A.M.R.&.O. 386).

4. Officers, of whatever rank, shall comply with the directions of any provost marshal or officer of the military police.

6. CANTEEN PROFITS DISTRIBUTION

1. Canteen profits amounting to £A 12,091/0/7 have been distributed for the month of September 1941.
2. Total amounts distributed to 30 Sep 1941, is £A 122,803/3/2.

71 UNAUTHORISED DISMANTLING OF EQUIPMENT

1. Instances have occurred where service equipment has been damaged, sometimes seriously, or put out of adjustment through unauthorised dismantling. This practice will cease forthwith.
2. Instructions of operators of equipment in the details of construction is often quite unnecessary and leads to unauthorised dismantling. It is normally sufficient to teach principles affecting operation of equipment.
3. Certain components (e.g, breech mechanisms, etc) require to be dismantled by unit personnel for cleaning, lubricating etc. Instruction in these operations should be given by a qualified instructor only and should be confined to details and instructions set down in the respective drill books, etc. While handbooks give more or less detailed information on constructional features, dismantling of equipment beyond the limits prescribed for cleaning and replacement of minor spares carried by the unit is NOT within the province of unit personnel and is strictly forbidden.
4. Repair of equipment is the function of the mechanical engineering staff, who should be called upon in event of doubt or where technical assistance is required.
5. Equipment must at all times be kept complete and ready for service except where it is undergoing actual repairs.

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 Capt.
 S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER No 22.

by

Colonel W. J. V. WINDEYER ED

Commanding 20 AUST INF BDE

24 Jan 42

Saturday

ALEPPO

1. P. A. D.

In the event of an air raid in the area the electric power will be immediately cut off at the power house.

Units should ensure that they have sufficient auxilliary lighting for essential services during the blackout. Units must also ensure that while using these auxilliary lights full blackout regulations are observed.

2. ISSUE OF PETROL.

Issue of petrol in 44 gal drums is to be confined to units in the vicinity of ALEPPO.

Subsequent issues will be made on the basis of full drums for empties.

The 44 gal drums are used for salvaging the contents of leaking 4 gal tins and it is stressed that drums be returned to the depot in small batches when they are emptied.

Units should not hold empty drums to be returned in bulk.

It is most important that the bung caps are returned with the drums, as the supply of drums is limited and bung caps are almost impossible to obtain.

There have been several instances where petrol containers have been found to contain an excessive amount of water. Units should return any such tins to FSD.

3. NEWSPAPERS - SYRIA

Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 34 - 22 Jan 42.

(a) Owing to the shortage of newsprint both the "Eastern Times" and the "Palestine Post" (Syrian Edition) cannot be supplied.

(b) The object of these newspapers is entirely for the convenience of the troops.

(c) Units will arrange for a vote to be taken amongst the troops.

(d) Results of the vote will be notified to this H.Q. not later than 27 Jan 42.

4. VISITS - OFFICERS - SYRIA.

(a) Any officer who proposes to visit an Area in SYRIA or the LEBANON for purposes which have any connection with civil questions, or for which conversation with civil authorities or persons is required will give prior notice to SPEARS MISSION of the date and intended purpose of his visit, so that the local French Authorities can be informed.

(b) Should he be unable, owing to shortage of time or other reason to do this, he will immediately on arrival at his destination inform the local Mission or Political Officer of SPEARS MISSION of his arrival and the intended purpose of his visit.

5. DRESS

Attention has been directed to the fact that ORs have purchased and are wearing caps S.D. , Officers pattern.
This is an offence and will be treated accordingly.

6. ILLEGAL FISHING

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

7. TREE CUTTING

All Forestry matters in SYRIA & LEBANON are controlled by Ninth Army, and trees will not be cut nor will there be any interference with forestry activities without approval of Army H.Q. obtained through the usual channels.

8. DISCIPLINE - ELECTION OF TRIAL BY COURT MARTIAL

Recent examples show that the right of an accused person to demand trial by Court Martial is not universally understood.

It is only when a C.C. has -:

- (a) Determined upon the guilt of an accused person and
- (b) Decided to impose a punishment other than a minor punishment.

that the accused should and must be given the right to elect trial by Court Martial.

Instances have occurred where, before any consideration of the evidence and before the question has been put to him by the C.O. the accused has demanded trial by Court Martial and the C.O. has assented under the misapprehension that there was no other course open to him.

In all cases where an accused has asked for a Court Martial he should, on the following day, be given an opportunity of withdrawing this application. (AMR & C 423(8)).

9. WINTER HEATING - DANGER OF

Cases have already been reported of men suffering from Carbon Monoxide poisoning while sleeping in closed rooms heated by charcoal braziers.

In view of the danger involved, Comds will take immediate and effective steps to ensure adequate ventilation in rooms heated by this method.

10. RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS - ROAD TRAFFIC

It has been observed that drivers of military vehicles are not taking sufficient precautions at railway level crossings and are even attempting to cross the railway line in front of approaching trains.

Units will impress on all drivers the need for extreme care when approaching level crossings, which are always marked, but often unguarded.

It should be noted that at the present time train engines have no headlight at night.

11. ESCAPED PRISONERS AND A.W.L. PERSONNEL

Escaped prisoners or personnel A/WL from PALESTINE or SYRIA frequently reach CAIRO and when apprehended by the A.A. Provost Coy necessitate return rail warrants and escorts at short notice.

All units will advise AIF (ME) Details, CAIRO, by signal of personnel escaping from Guard, or A/WL who are suspected of making for EGYP.

12. VEHICLES - PRESERVATION OF.

Commanding officers of units and installations will ensure that all personnel employed on driving, loading or unloading, or handling of M.T. vehicles are fully conversant with the use of the types of fire extinguishers with which the vehicles are equipped.

Particular attention will be given to instruction in the use of special apparatus (e.g. Carbon Dioxide) which is peculiar to certain types of vehicles.

13. MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES (WHEELED)

1. General Order 1080 and General Order 1185 are cancelled.

2. The pamphlet entitled "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled)" dated 11th November 1940, has been superseded by a pamphlet entitled "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled), based on the Task System" dated 13th Jun 1941.

3. All units having vehicles on charge will ensure that:-

- (1) All Officers,
- (2) All N.C.O's i/c M.T. Supervision.
- (3) All drivers i/c vehicles,

are in possession of this latter pamphlet, and that it is carried in the pocket.

4. All pamphlets at present held by units will be checked, and sufficient copies demanded from No 3 Publications Depot to make up deficiencies or to replace the obsolete pamphlets.

5. In this connection, a further pamphlet entitled "Vehicle Maintenance Record Enclosure to Army Book 412" is available for issue and should be demanded from No 3 Publications Depot on the scale of one per A. B. 412.

6. The "Task System" will be brought into use forthwith and a record kept in the appropriate date spaces provided in the "Record" pamphlet.

7. The issue to drivers of these publications will be recorded in A. B. 412 under Vehicle Outfit List, and they will be produced at all Vehicle Kit Inspections.

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J. Kelly Capt.
S/C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Notices

1. It has been reported that an Aust Military Truck, Chevrolet type, number unknown, painted yellow, collided with a civilian truck containing workmen at a point on the main road, GAZA - TEL AVIV, about two kilos south of JULIS camp. The accident occurred at approx 0330 hrs on the 29 Dec 41.
 2. Twentyone of the workmen were injured, eleven of them seriously, the army vehicle did not stop.
 3. Enquiries will be made in all units to ascertain whether any vehicle under their comd was involved in such an accident on the date mentioned.
 4. Any information will be forwarded to this HQ immediately.
2. It is notified that a canteen has been opened at KINGSWAY, HAIFA, comprising of Men's canteen and Restaurant, and officers and Nurses Restaurant and Bar.
 3. FOUND - S. and W. .450 Pistol Reg. No 131281, found in TRIPOLI, is held at H. Q. 9 AUST DIV.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER No 21.

by

Colonel W. J. V. WINDEYER ED.

Commanding 20 AUST INF BDE

23 Jan 42

Friday

ALEPPO

1. SECURITY

Strictest attention must be paid to civilians riding on army vehicles.

Security in this area is of vital importance and all units are reminded that the giving of lifts to civilians is absolutely forbidden.

2. CHURCH PARADES

Until further orders Church Services on Sundays will be as under:-

C.E. - 0900 ALEPPO Aerodrome, under arrangements
2/9 Aust Fd Regt.

1020 Armenian Church ALEPPO.

R.C. - 0900 St Francis Cathedral ALEPPO
1015 ALEPPO Aerodrome - YMCA Hut.

Units will arrange to attend the most convenient service.

DRESS Winter dress FS, Hats KF Turned up, Boots, Gaiters, Belts waist and side arms.

3. VACANCIES SIGNAL ORDERLIES (20 AUST INF BDE)

Vacancies exist in this HQ for two signal orderlies.

Units will call for applications for transfer and forward same to this HQ by 27 Jan 42.

Nil return required.

(To be repeated in Unit ROs) 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Aust Inf Bde

CORRIGENDUM

20 AUST INF BDE R.O. No 20 - 22 Jan 42, para 5, sub para 2, (a) for replacement of a vehicles fuel tank or sump.

To read - for replenishment of a vehicles fuel tank or sump:-

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S.C. 20 AUST INF BDE . Capt.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER No 20.

by

Colonel W.J.V. WINDEYER ED.

Commanding 20 AUST IN^T BDE

22 Jan 42

Thursday

ALEPPO

1. LOITERING

Units will take steps to ensure that civilians are not allowed to loiter near sentry posts and military quarters.

2. ASSISTANCE TO PROVOST

Reports have been received indicating that officers are not giving assistance to provost personnel on duty, and in some cases are actually hindering MPs in the execution of their duty.

It is notified that all officers are bound to assist provost personnel in carrying out duties and any case of interference or obstruction will be treated as a disciplinary matter.

3. THROWING OF SNOW

The practice of throwing loose snow, or snowballs at WD vehicles, either stationary or in motion is dangerous and liable to cause serious injury to personnel and vehicles. The practice will cease forthwith and severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

4. MEAT ISSUES

The following instructions regarding fresh meat is issued for the guidance of all concerned.

1. Lorries collecting rations and especially fresh meat must be scrupulously clean inside. These vehicles should be inspected before despatch to supply depots.
2. On arrival at the units lines each carcass must be hung up and it is important to allow air space round each carcass.
3. As soon as hung each carcass should be wiped with a dry clean cloth.
4. In cutting up carcasses a cleaver should not be used. This should be done with a saw and knife which should be kept sharp and clean.
5. Carcasses should not be cut up until needed by the cook.

5. P.O.L. - ISSUE OF

1. Instances have been brought to notice of fraudulent demands for P.O.L. being made upon D.I.D.s and although these demands have not been supported, they have been met by the issuers concerned.

2. Cs.C. D.I.Ds. and F.S.Ds, etc, holding stocks of P.O.L. will ensure that requirements of units and of individuals vehicles are met only on production of the proper authority, which is :-

/ (a) for replenishment

- (a) for replacement of a vehicles fuel tank or sump:-
The drivers A.B. 412 and (other than in a forward area) A.F. G. 3518 (transport work ticket) covering the service on which the vehicle is engaged.
 - (b) for packed P.O.L. to be taken away as such, whether for unit stocks or travelling reserve for a convoy or individual vehicle:-
A.B. 55 or similar indent signed by an officer of the demanding unit.
3. All officers or other responsible persons demanding P.O.L. should ensure that indents are made as detailed in para, 2 above.

6. STACKING AND HANDLING OF P.O.L. CONTAINERS.

- 1. Leakage is more liable to occur from caps or screw bungs of P.O.L. containers than from any other portion of the container.
- 2. All P.O.L. containers, including cartons, crates and wooden cases will therefore be loaded and stacked with the caps and bungs of the containers uppermost.
- 3. Attention is drawn to the colour flashes on P.O.L. containers which are intended to indicate to illiterate labour the part of the containers which must always be uppermost (General Order 219 of 1941 para 2 refers).
- 4. All concerned will be responsible for seeing that illiterate labour employed in handling P.O.L. containers understands the meaning of the colour flashes.

7. DISINFESTATION OF CLOTHING.

Units will take steps to treat immediately any tps who are found to be lousy by spraying with FLY30L or similar substance, washing them with soap and hot water 5 minutes later, and sending them in with all their clothing to 2/8 Aust Fd Amb as soon as convenient, communicating with that unit by phone to give as long prior warning of their arrival as possible.

8. TRANSPORTATION OF OFFICERS AND ORs FROM M.D.S.

In future the transportation of officers and ORs who are being evacuated from M.D.S. to their unit will be carried out by units.

For convenient purposes discharges will be made between 1100 and 1200 hrs daily and M.D.S. will give prior warning by telephone to the units concerned.

J. Kelly Capt.
S/C. 20 AUST INF BDE.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER No 19.

by

Colonel W. J. V. WINDEYER ED

Commanding 20 AUST INF BDE

20 Jan 42

Monday

ALEPPO

1. PETROL CONTAINERS AND PUMPS

All 44 gal drums, returnable Petrol Containers and Brouette Petrol pumps on charge to units will be handed over to relieving units or returned to FSDs.

2. RESERVE RATIONS

Weekly Certificates will be submitted to reach this HQ each Monday stating whether correct quantity of reserve rations is held, and is in good order and condition.

3. SECURITY MEASURES (Means of Identity)

Military personnel travelling to and from ALEPPO are in many cases without paybooks and means of identification. Units will ensure that all personnel carry means of identification.

4. SECURITY OF MATERIAL

Interpreters will not have access to any HQ or unit offices, unless specially asked by officer or duty NCO i/c. On NO account will interpreters be permitted to sleep in unit offices. Leakages of information of value to the enemy have already occurred in the ALEPPO area through neglect of this rule.

5. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.

Units are responsible for issuing passes to their civilian employees, subject to vetting by FSS.

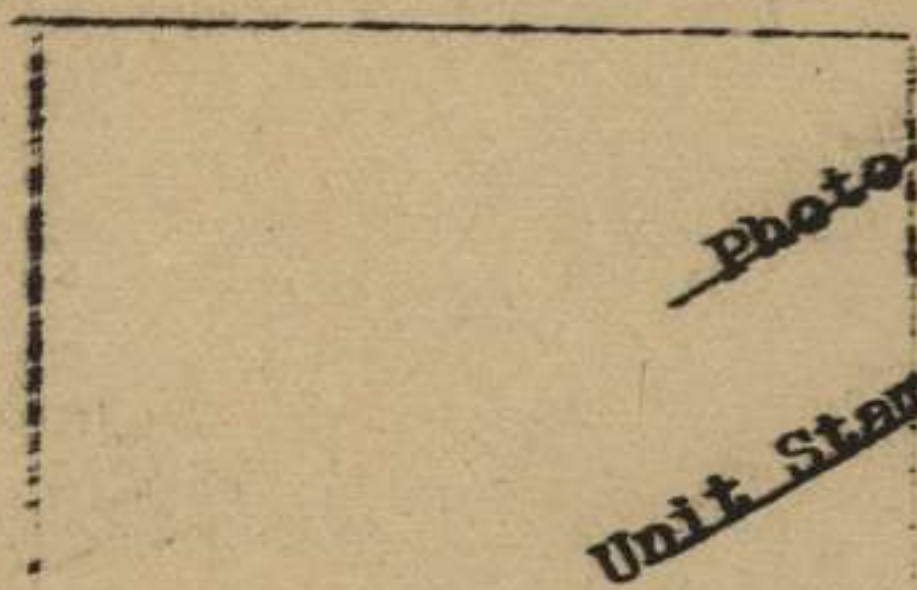
- (1) If employees of former unit are taken over, their passes should be:-
 - (a) Endorsed by Unit Security Officer or relieving unit
or
 - (b) A new pass issued.
- (2) If new employees are engaged, the following particulars must be supplied to FSS before engagement:-
 - (a) Name of employee
 - (b) Address
 - (c) Age
 - (d) Nationality
 - (e) Fathers name
 - (f) Mothers name
 - (g) Identity card number
 - (h) Two passport size photographs of employee.

Complete lists of civilian employees must be furnished to FSS HQ as soon as possible.

When an employee is discharged for any reason (offence, dishonesty, theft or completion of work), his pass will be withdrawn immediately and returned, to FSS HQ with reason of dismissal stated. This enables FSS to compile a Black List of unsuitable civilian employees.

(2)

THE FOLLOWING IS A SPECIMEN PASS



Name _____
is permitted to enter _____
between the hours of _____ and _____
Occupation _____ Indent card No _____
Age _____ Height _____ Hair _____ Eyes _____

Valid. (Not longer
than one month)

Officers Signature

6. DRESS

Attention is drawn to the wearing of ties with S.D. Uniform. Ties will NOT be worn with this uniform and the collar will be buttoned up - If a shirt is worn underneath the uniform the collar of the shirt will NOT show out from the collar of the tunic.

7. PARCEL RATES

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Piastres</u>
1 lb	18
2 "	27
3 "	36
5 "	45
8 "	54
11 "	63

STAMPS

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Piastres</u>
1 d	3
2 "	6
3 "	9
6 "	18
9 "	27
1/-	36
2/-	72
5/-	177

8. AFs W 3006 & 3007

Instructions for compiling these returns as Per RO 18/1 are hereby cancelled.

In future W 3006 will be rendered daily in accordance with the amendments as shown in AIF Order (ME) 871 and as per example below.

- C - Posted Strength (Less those shown as attached in WE) present with unit.
- E - Attached personnel including those shown on WE as attached (whether or not present with unit) and all personnel attached for other purposes.
- F - Detached personnel from posted strength (excluding those shown as attached in WE).

CASUALTY RETURNS

AIF personnel evacuated to M.D.S. ALEPPO will be shown as "Marched out to MDS" (NOT "X" List)

MDS will advise Units when any patient is evacuated beyond MDS and Units thus advised will submit Casualty Returns, W 3010, W 3011 & W 3012, marching personnel on to "X" List.

Return ~~to~~ Units from MDS will be shown "Return from MDS" (Not "X" List)

J. Kelly Capt.
S.C. 20 AUST INF BDE,

Additions to Distribution List.

Serial No.	7.	9 Aust Div Sup Coln	"A"	1.
"	"	11. No 4 REC Sec AAFW	"C"	1.
"	"	14. 9 Aust Div Sup Coln		
		No 10 AASC Coy	"C"	1.
"	"	15 68 L.A.D.	"C"	1.
"	"	27 58 L.A.D.	"A"	1.
"	"	28 "J" Sec 9 th Aust Div Sigs	"A"	1.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER NO.18.

by

Colonel W.J.V. WINDEYER, ED.

Commanding 20 Aust Inf Bde.

18 Jan 42

Sunday

ALEPPO.

1. A.Fs.W.3006 & W.3007.

Attention is drawn to AIF Order (ME) 871. The new system for rendering of A.Fs.W.3006 will be adopted forthwith by all units, with the exception that 'F' figures will be included in (C).

2. CAFES IN BOUNDS.

(a) Main cafes in bounds to troops.

Parisien Cafe; Ritz Cafe; Dixie Cafe; Al-Chab Cafe;
Parc Palace Cafe; Bachour Cafe; Pierre Cafe;
Manassian Cafe; Cafe du Brazil; Oxford Bar; Victoria
Cafe; Novelty Cafe; Popadopolis Buffet; Palangian
Cafe; Parisiana Cafe.

(b) Restaurant Cabarets in bounds to officers only.

Lewis Tavern. Circle Orient.

(c) Restaurant Cabarets in bounds to Sgts, WOs and Officers.

"Cafe Wattle".

3. BARBER SHOP.

The AACs advise that a Barber Shop, solely for the use of troops, has been opened in the canteen. There are two chairs available and charges are as follows:-

Shave - 3 francs (15 Piastres).
Haircut - 5 francs (25 Piastres).

4. PHOTOGRAPHY REGULATIONS.

(a) The following photographers ONLY are approved in ALEP area w.e.f. 8 Jan 42.

PHOTO DEROUNIAN
PHOTO GULEBENK

Boulevard de France.
Boulevard de France.

Films found being developed elsewhere will be confiscated and destroyed.

(b) The following is a list of prohibited subjects with which all ranks will make themselves familiar:-

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| (1) Aerial Views | (8) Diagrams of weapons |
| (2) Aerodromes | (9) Fortifications |
| (3) Aircraft | (10) Military Operations |
| (4) Armoured Fighting Vehicles | (11) Ships of any kind |
| (5) Artillery weapons | (12) Signal Equipment |
| (6) Camps | (13) All harbours and all naval
and military oil install-
ations. |
| (7) Defenses | |

PHOTOGRAPHY REGULATIONS (Contd).

(c) Serious breaches of regulations have been discovered in films left by military personnel with Photographers in ALEP for developing and printing.

In view of the serious results to security of non-compliance with photographic regulations strict disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 17.

by

Colonel W.J.V. WINDEYER

T/Commander 20 Aust Inf Bde.

17 Jan 42

Saturday

ALEPPO.

1. CENSORSHIP.

The ME General Orders relating to Censorship of Mail to enemy occupied territory and neutral countries are as follows :-

Order No. 393 of 9 May 41, No. 914 of 12 Sept 41 and No. 971 of 26 Sept 41.

2. FIELD CENSORSHIP : PHOTOGRAPHY.

AIF (ME) Order No. 904 is repeated :-

"AIF (ME) Order No. 369 of 7 June 1941, is cancelled and the following substituted :-

1. The indiscriminate use of cameras and, in particular, the sending of films to unauthorised photographic dealers have become most prejudicial to security. The following regulations are issued for immediate enforcement.
2. Every Unit will keep a register showing the rank and name of personnel in possession of cameras. An Officer-in-charge of Photography will be appointed within each unit. He will be responsible for keeping the register up to date and for ensuring that each member of the unit in possession of a camera is fully acquainted with the provisions of GHQ (MEF) Field Censorship Regulations, 1940 Part 1, Paragraph 10 (published hereunder) and with the list of authorised dealers.

"G.H.Q. (MEF) Field Censorship Regulations, 1940, Part 1 Para 10.

Photography :-

(i) Photography of the following is prohibited :-

Military vehicles of all sorts	Aerial Views.
Tanks	Aerodromes
Signal Equipment	Fortifications.
Artillery Weapons	Camps.
Defences	Military Operations.
Aircraft	Diagrams of weapons.
Ships of any kind.	

(ii) Photographs, films and pictorial matter of any kind will not be despatched to neutral or enemy countries.

(iii) Photographs of a purely personal nature may be included in correspondence but attention must be paid to the background which must not include anything, the photographing of which is prohibited.

(iv) All ranks are forbidden to join civilian (photographic) clubs or similar institutions, or to exhibit or to submit for exhibition photographs taken by them."

2. FIELD CENSORSHIP : PHOTOGRAPHY (Contd).

3. When a unit proceeds to any zone of active operations, all cameras, with the exception of those referred to below, will be withdrawn by the Officer-in-charge of Photography and forwarded for safe custody to Officer-in-charge 2nd Echelon, AIF (ME). The Officer-in-charge Photography may accept a certificate from the owner of the camera that he has deposited it at a bank as an alternative to the above. An exception may be made and one or more unit authorised unit photographers per unit as laid down by commands, permitted to retain cameras with the object of increasing the supply of photographs of value for record and publicity purposes. The Officer-in-Charge Photography will be held strictly responsible that, in zone of operations, cameras are used only by those authorised unit photographers. Each authorised unit photographer will be issued with a numbered pass under Command arrangements. On the back of this pass will appear directions on the following lines:-

"All security films or unit films for record purposes must be forwarded for developing to the following special authorised dealer :-

Messrs KODAK (EGYPT) S.A. 20 SHARIA ADLY PASHA,
CAIRO.

On no account will security films or unit record films be despatched to any other dealer than the above."

4. Films will on no account be sent by personnel for developing and printing to any other than approved and authorised dealer. Commands will ensure that lists of authorised dealers in their areas are distributed in sufficient scale; and each authorised dealer should be supplied with a notice board to be hung in a prominent place stating that this dealer has been officially authorised by the British Military authorities. It will be the duty of Officers-in-charge of Photography to ensure that all ranks are fully acquainted with this list and do not deal with any dealers or sub-agents other than those on the list. Films belonging to military personnel found in any unauthorised dealer's possession will be confiscated and destroyed and disciplinary action taken against the owner. The number of authorised dealers should and will be increased as and when more censorship personnel are available.
5. Commands will ensure that all films of a security nature and all unit films for record purposes, if not developed by army personnel, are sent for developing to one firm only - Messrs KODAK (EGYPT) S.A. 20 SHARIA ADLY PASHA, CAIRO. As soon as more censorship personnel are available, one firm in each Command will be chosen for such work. Such films will not be sent to any other of the authorised dealers. This includes films of a secret nature to be used solely for record and instructional purposes; and films taken by unit official photographers of operational activities, etc, for inclusion in war diaries and for official purposes only. In the latter case, where the censor considers that for security reasons these films should not be returned to a unit, they will be retained at 2nd ECHELON AIF (ME) in the name of the unit. Commanding officers must ensure that this privilege is not abused, and that private films are not submitted as unit record films.
6. G.H.Q. (MEF) retains the right to take copies of any photographs and to use such copies for any purpose without payment. The cost of developing the films containing photographs of which use is made by G.H.Q. (MEF) will be defrayed by G.H.Q. (MEF).
7. There have been cases of interference by local police with Service Personnel using cameras in prohibited areas or taking photographs of prohibited objects. Commands will ensure that lists of prohibited objects and prohibited areas are published at frequent intervals and that disciplinary action is taken against military photographers failing to comply with the legitimate instructions of the police concerned.

FIELD CENSORSHIP : PHOTOGRAPHY (Contd).

8. Films found developed or stored in any manner in contravention of this order are liable to confiscation and destruction; and in view of the extremely serious results to security of non-compliance with the above instructions, strict disciplinary action will in all cases be taken against offenders.

This Order is to be reprinted in Unit Orders."

3. DUTY PERSONNEL VISITING CAIRO.

AIF (ME) 308 and 803 require all officers and ORs visiting CAIRO on duty to report to C.O. AIF (ME) Details, CAIRO.

When possible officers are to be billeted at Officers' Mess, Immobilia Buildings, CAIRO, otherwise at houseboat SUDAN at public expense. When possible ORs are to be billeted at the Mens' Billets, No.32 Sh Malika Farida; otherwise at hotels at public expense.

To further this policy and to assist AIF personnel detraining at CAIRO, a WO (11) is stationed at Main Railway Station, CAIRO, to meet trains arriving at 1305, 1840 and 2300 hrs.

4. OFFENCES : LEAVING GUARDS ETC WITHOUT ORDERS.

Attention is called to the unusual prevalence in units under command 9 Aust Div of the offence of leaving guards etc without orders (Army Act Sec 6 (2)(f)).

This order is promulgated in pursuance of AMR & O 558 (3). Its effect is to ensure that Courts Martial are aware of the prevalence of the offence and that consequently more serious penalties, than are usually awarded for this offence, are inflicted. COs who deal summarily with cases of this type under AMR & O 409 should also have regard to the prevalence of the offence.

5. EMPLOYMENT OF CIVILLANS.

Application for employment of civilian labour will be made to the P & L Control Officer - Lieut L.A. RAPAPORT, Pioneer and Labour Control Officer (P.L.C.O.) through this HQ.

6. PAY.

(a) Sub-imprest advances to effect pay of Units within this area will be obtained from AIF Cashier, ALEPPO.

(b) Pay in respect of those credits at 15 Jan 42 may be made immediately. Requisitions for cash for pay period ending 28 Jan 42 are to be with AIF Cashier, ALEPPO, not later than 1200 hrs, 26 Jan 42.

(c) Units will immediately collect all currencies other than Syrian, and attend at AIF Cashier, ALEPPO for bulk conversion to local currency.

(d) Advances of pay to British Officers, and advances to British Units will be available on Friday of each week.

(e) Office hours of AIF Cash Office, Aleppo :-
Monday to Saturdays 0900 hrs to 1230 hrs.
1300 " " 1630 hrs.
Sundays. 0900 " " 1200 hrs.

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7. CORRIGENDUM.

20 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No.16 - para 6, (v) :-
"Delete - Movement Orders will be issued by Bde HQ.

Insert - Movement Orders will be issued on Instruction

Kelly Capt.
50 20 Aust Inf Bde.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 16.

by

Colonel W.J.V. WINDEYER.

T/Commander 20 Aust Inf Bde.

16 Jan 42. Friday. ALEPPO.

1. TOWN PICQUETS.

The following Units will supply a Town Picquet daily comprising 1 Capt, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls & 10 ORs. :-

2/9 Aust A Fd Regt.
9 Aust Div Cav Regt.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

Picquet will report to D.A.P.M. daily at 1700 hrs for instructions.

2. OUT OF BOUNDS.

I. The Aerodrome at ALEPPO is "OUT OF BOUNDS" to all ranks except on duty.

II. The streets named below are "OUT OF BOUNDS" ;

SHARIA HAMMAN-EL-TEL.
SHARIA BASITA.

These streets are situated east of Bab-el-Faraij Square.

3. IN BOUNDS.

All troops will be warned that they are not to visit Cafes unless the "IN BOUNDS" Sign is displayed.

4. SPEED LIMITS - ALEPPO.

No W.D. Vehicle will exceed 20 m.p.h. within the built up area of Aleppo. Traffic signs and signals by Gendarmerie will be strictly obeyed.

Attention is drawn to the fact that "One Way Streets" are marked by Red Discs with a white horizontal bar across the centre.

5. STOLEN VEHICLES.

No W.D. Vehicle is to be left unattended in a City Street and strict precautions will be taken by all officers in charge of transport to ensure that the vehicle in their charge are not removed by any unauthorised person.

6. TRAVEL BY RAIL.

I. OTHER RANKS travelling by Rail in Syria will be issued with Third Class Tickets.

II. Warrant Officers will be issued with SECOND CLASS tickets but should no second class accomodation be available, they will travel third Class.

TRAVEL BY RAIL (Contd.)

- iii. At least 24 hrs notice must be given to the RTO at Bagdad Station before accomodation can be provided on any train. In the case of Special Trains or parties of more than thirty, prior notice of 72 hrs must be given to the R.T.O.
- iv. All Tps travelling by train must be in possession of sufficient rations for the journey as these cannot be supplied by the R.T.O.
- v. All Tps must be issued with signed Movement Orders (in Duplicate). Those proceeding to points South beyond Damascus - to Palestine etc - must be issued with Movement Orders in triplicate. (Movement Orders will be issued by Bde HQ).
- vi. All ranks departing from Aleppo will entrain at Bagdad Station. The daily train to the South departs at 2200 hrs and tickets cannot be issued after 2130 hrs.
- vii. Officers only are permitted to travel by the AUTOMOTRICE and then only on urgent duty.
- viii. All ranks will report to the R.T.O. before entraining.

7 HORSE TRANSPORT.

Demands for Horse Transport will be made direct to O.C. H.T. Sec RASC, Situated at Q.V. Barracks.

8. CANTEEN. - Boulevard de France, ALEPPO.

Hours.

Dry Canteen - 1000 hrs to 2145 hrs daily.

Wet Canteen - 1700 hrs to 2145 hrs daily.

Lunch is served between - 1200 hrs and 1400 hrs daily.

The following will be brought to the notice of all tps:-

- a. Pilfering and breaking of glasses MUST cease. Glasses cannot now be purchased.
- b. It is an offence for Canteen goods to be bought and re-sold or traded to natives.
- c. The cost of meals and beer must be paid for by all tps when served.
- d. Tps must take a note of the No of waiter who serves them, as this is required should any dispute arise.
- e. Tobacco, Chocolates and certain other items are rationed owing to the difficulty in obtaining supplies.
- f. A READING ROOM on the 1st Floor of the Building (adj. the Office) is available to tps.

9. SECURITY - ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

Unit Comds will take necessary action for the safeguarding of arms and ammunition on their charge.

The absolute necessity for safeguarding of firearms must be impressed on all ranks at frequent intervals. Any cases of carelessness or loss will be viewed most seriously and disciplinary action will be taken against the offender.

Commanders will report the loss of arms and ammunition, Government and private, by signal to Bde HQ, DAPM, Aust FSS.

The loss of arms is a serious matter and unless the above order is complied with, the possibility of apprehending offenders is greatly diminished.

In addition to reporting the loss, Units will supply information to this HQ as soon as possible and within two (2) days of the occurrence, as to :-

- i. The identity of the loser.
- ii. Circumstances surrounding the loss.
- iii. Security measures within the Unit area.
- iv. Detailed particulars of the action taken.

Attention is further directed to AIF Order ME No. 642.

10. LOSS OF STORES AND EQUIPMENT.

(a) Attention is drawn to AIF Order (ME) No. 596, (Court of Inquiry - Loss of Stores or Equipment).

(b) For Courts of Inquiry generally, see AMR & O 690-695, and for Court's report regarding COs personal liability see AMR & O 693 & 694 (2).

3 copies of proceedings of Courts of Inquiry are required by this HQ.

All losses of stores and equipment will be reported immediately to these HQ by Signal.

Distribution List "C".

J. Kellum Capt.
SC/20 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES.

LOST - Haversack containing personal gear, the property of - NX 14333 A/WO (11) PEARCE J.H., HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 15.

by

Lt-Col J.W. CRAWFORD E.D.

Admg/Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.

10
6 Jan 42 Tuesday

HILL 69.

1. CAMOUFLAGE OF TENTS.

It is noted that in many instances the winter rains have washed the camouflage from tenting in the camp areas.

Prompt action is to be taken by units for tents to be splashed with mud to remove their conspicuous whiteness and certificates furnished to this HQ by 9 Jan 42 to the effect that this instruction has been carried out.

2. A.Fs.W.3006 & W.3007.

Attention is drawn to A.I.F. Order (ME) 871. The new system for rendering of A.Fs.W.3006 will be adopted forthwith by all units, with the exception that 'F' figures will be included in (C).

3. HYGIENE COURSE - ORS.

Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No.528.

Units will furnish to this HQ by 1800 hrs 9 Jan42 particulars of student who is to attend this course.

4. ORDNANCE STORES.

Attention is directed to Appendix "b" issued with A.I.F. (ME) Orders issued 15 Dec 41.

It will be noted that the new system of supply of ordnance stores commences 1 Jan 42.

In order to obviate delays in delivery of stores, units will pay special attention to the following requirements :-

(i) Indents must be clearly endorsed in block letters on the right hand upper margin either "R.A.O.C. Supply" or "A.A.O.C. Supply" as applicable.

(ii) Indents will be submitted to Bde W.Os. in TRIPPLICATE for R.A.O.C. Supply, and DUPLICATE for A.A.O.C. Supply.

(iii) One section or sub-section only is to be included in an indent, and separate indents will be passed for R.A.O.C. and A.A.O.C. demands.

5. LEAVE.

In future, before special leave applications are fwded to this HQ, C.Os. will ascertain whether the place that applicant proposes to stay is in bounds.

6. AIRMAIL TO AUSTRALIA - LIMITATION OF WEIGHT.

Owing to the limited space at present available for the conveyance of air mails to Australia, it is of prime importance that the weight of the mail loading should be kept as low as possible.

2. To this end, immediate action is to be taken through Unit Orders to inform all ranks of the position. So far as possible air mail letter cards should be used in lieu of letters, and letters should be restricted to a maximum of two sheets of air mail paper in order to cut down weight.

3. It is desired, as far as possible, to avoid having to hold mails over for later despatch, and the co-operation of all ranks in curtailing the weight of correspondence to be conveyed will materially assist in this direction.

7. E.F.M. CABLES.

Action will be taken through Unit Orders to acquaint all ranks with the present position regarding the E.F.M. Cable service, which is that cable channels are at present unable to provide adequate accomodation for this type of traffic which should therefore be used only when essential.

8. SUPPRESSION OF PILFERING AND "SCROUNGING".

A.I.F. Order (ME) no. 874 is repeated:-

- "1. Vigorous action will be taken by all commanding officers to prevent loss of Government property by petty theft, pilfering and grosser misappropriation. Losses through these causes have assumed serious proportions and are a direct hindrance to the successful prosecution of the war.
- 2. Under the mistaken impression that "scrounging" is meritable some commanding officers are condoning or punishing lightly thefts of this type. All losses of Government property are to be investigated fully and offenders severely disciplined.
- 3. Commanding officers are held responsible for safeguarding Government property committed to their charge, and that all officers, NCOs and men are impressed with their responsibilities in this regard.
- 4. Inadequate action by commanding officers in taking protective measures, carrying out investigations into losses, or inflicting appropriate punishment within the powers delegated to them, will be viewed seriously.

This order will be repeated in Unit Orders."

9. LOSS OF PAYBOOKS. A.I.F. Order (ME) No. 875 is repeated :-

- "1. The marked increase in the number of paybook losses indicates that personnel are not taking sufficient precautionary measures for their safe custody, and commanding officers will impress on all ranks the importance of carrying paybooks where they are not easily obtainable by pickpockets etc.
- 2. The habit of carrying money inside the paybook is a contributing factor to the loss. Once the money is sighted, the possibility of the paybook being stolen becomes a strong likelihood. Units should discourage soldiers carrying money inside their paybooks.
- 3. The provision of an inside pocket in shirts has been suggested and the possibility of this being carried out under Unit arrangements, will be investigated by Formation, etc., H.Q.

This order is to be repeated in Unit Orders."

10. ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

A.I.F. Order (ME) No.880 is repeated :-

"Disposal to persons not entitled to Customs Exemption, of tobacco and cigarettes admitted free to the Middle East for members of the forces, is prohibited and will be regarded as a serious offence.

This order will be repeated in Unit Orders."

11. SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS.

A.I.F. Order (ME) No.890 is repeated :-

"Captured German documents refer to the valuable information which has been obtained from the diaries of British prisoners-of-war. It is once more pointed out that personnel going into action, or going into areas where there is possibility of contact with the enemy, are forbidden to carry any personal papers which could possibly be of use to the enemy.

This order is to be repeated in Unit Orders."

12. DENTURES - LOSSES & REPAIRS.

A.I.F. Order (ME) No.895 is repeated:-

"In many instances Commanding Officers are charging against public funds cost of renewals and repairs to dentures lost or damaged through the fault of the soldier. This practice will cease forthwith.

Unless a Commanding Officer is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that loss or damage to dentures was due to no fault of the soldier, cost of renewal or repair will be charged to the soldier.

This order is to be repeated in Unit Orders."

J. Kelly
(J. L. A. KELLY) Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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War Diary

HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.
31 Jan 42.

20 AUST INF BDE-ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No 4.

1. FIELD PUNISHMENTS:

- (a) Due to the fact that there is no established Detention Barracks in this area, CO's are requested, as far as possible, to award Field Punishment to Offenders in lieu of Detention.
- (b) Attention is drawn to MML Rules for Field Punishment, page 787.
- (c) For the purpose of Field Punishment in this area para 4 of the above rules will not apply. Units will carry out Field Punishment Regimentally under para 5 of the above rules as if their unit were on the move.
- (d) It is essential that Field Punishment, if it is to be effective, is conducted strictly, and so as to be punitive.

2. DETENTION:

- (a) In cases of necessity there will be a place of Detention established at QUARTIER VINCQ BARRACKS which will be controlled by this HQ.
- (b) All the undermentioned forms will be completed by the unit before the soldier is despatched to Detention and will accompany him:-
 - (i) In the case of Sentence passed by the Soldier's CO Form K (AMR & O App iii).
 - (ii) A Medical Officer's Certificate of fitness to undergo detention or otherwise, together with an authenticated description of the soldier.
 - (iii) Conduct Sheet- B 122. The award for which the soldier has been committed must appear on this form.
 - (iv) Kit Inventory, AFB 253.
A complete inventory of every article accompanying the soldier must be made. The soldier should be equipped with full 'Marching Order' less rifle, scabbard or bayonet or other arms. The following articles must accompany the soldier:-

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Brushes Shaving, 1. | Razor and blades, 1. |
| " Boot, 1. | Toothpaste, 1. |
| " Tooth, 1. | Soap cakes, 1. |
| Combs Hair, 1. | Polish, tins, 1. |
- All blankets on issue. Eating utensils.
All tobacco and smoking materials will be confiscated on arrival.

3. Warrants will be signed by the C.O. of the soldier, or in his absence the senior Officer Administering Command.

4. SOLDIERS:

Soldiers will only be admitted between 1400 and 1600 hrs daily. Units will communicate with this HQ prior to despatching a soldier in order to ascertain if there is a vacancy in the barracks.

5. When a soldier is due for release, the unit will be notified and make the necessary arrangements to collect him. Units will be notified when arrangements are complete for the reception of personnel awarded Detention.

J. Kelly
Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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Haedquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde
29 Jan 42.

20 AUST INF BDE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO.3.

LEAVE.

1. ALEPPO AREA.

Leave may be granted to ALEPPO Town by Comd Offrs as follows:-

Monday to Saturday - 1700 hrs to 2200 hrs daily.

Sunday - 1400 to 2200 hrs.

Maximum personnel to be granted leave on any day - 30% - except by permission of Bde HQ.

As the Sabbath is celebrated by the majority of the Civil Population on the Friday of each week, COs will curtail leave as far as possible on this day.

2. PICQUETS.

Will be supplied by units as under:-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength.</u>
2/9 Aust A Fd Regt	1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 2 Bdrs, 10 ORs.
9 Aust Div Cav Regt	1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls, 10 ORs.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn	1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls, 10 ORs.
10 AASC Coy.	1 Sgt, 6 ORs.

Picquet will report to Provost Office at 1700 hrs week days, and at 1345 hrs on Sunday.

3. DRESS FOR PICQUET.

Jacket S.D.; Greatcoat; Boots; Gaiters; belt and side-arms; Hats K.F. (turned up).

4. DETACHED UNITS.

(i) AFRINE AND IDLIB AREAS.

Leave may be arranged by Bn HQs in these areas on application to this HQ. The following conditions will apply:-

(a) Strength of Leave Party not to exceed 50.

(b) Leave party to be i/c of an officer with proportionate number of NCOs included.

(c) Picquet consisting of 1 Offr, 1 Sgt & 5 ORs will accompany leave party.

(d) Application for leave party to reach this HQ 2 clear days prior to the day on which leave is required. (Application to show tpt required).

(e) Leave will be granted from 1300 hrs on day of arrival until 2200 hrs. All men must be in barracks at 2200 hrs. The party will leave ALEPPO the following morning.

(f) Leave Party will move from AFRINE or IDLIB by M/T and on arrival in this area will move direct to Quartier Vincq Barracks.

AFRINE AND IDLIB AREAS (Contd.).

- (g) Cook and necessary rations will accompany leave party. Cooking facilities will be provided by the unit occupying Quartier Vincq Barracks.
- (h) Sleeping quarters will be provided in the barracks for the night and troops will embus the following morning for AFRINE or IDLIB at a time to be arranged.

(ii) IDLIB - LATAKIA AREA.

Leave will be controlled by COs of Units in this area.

5. BOUNDS - ALEPPO AREA.

IN BOUNDS.

- (a) All tps will be warned that they are NOT to visit Cafes unless the "IN BOUNDS" Sign is displayed.

(b) Main Cafes in Bounds to Troops.

Parisien cafe; Ritz Cafe; Dixie Cafe; Al-Chab Cafe; Parc Palace Cafe; Bachour Cafe; Pierre Cafe; Manassian Cafe; Cafe du Brazil; Oxford Bar; Victoria Cafe; Novelty Cafe; Popadopolis Buffet; Palangian Cafe; Parisiana Cafe.

(c) Restaurant Cabarets in bounds to Officers Only.

Lewis Tavern. Circle Orient.

(d) Restaurant Cabarets in bounds to Sgts, WOs and Officers.

"Cafe Wattle".

OUT OF BOUNDS.

- (a) The aerodrome at ALEPPO is "OUT OF BOUNDS" to all ranks except on duty.

- (b) The streets named below are "OUT OF BOUNDS" :-

SHARIA HAMMAN-EL-TELL.
SHARIA BASITA.

These streets are situated East of Bab-el-Faraij Square.

6. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Units will ensure that the following Instns are observed:-

- (a) At all times whilst on leave tps must be correctly dressed.
- (b) The need for good conduct by tps will be explained to leave parties. Attention is drawn to the Instn on Discipline - Conduct of Soldiers (Para 1) issued by this HQ on 20 Jan 42.
- (c) All tps will be warned that bad behaviour will be dealt with seriously.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (Contd).

- (d) All men who are absent without leave at Tattoo are to be dealt with summarily by COs.
- (e) Men who have previously proved unreliable whilst on leave should not be included in the parties and the privilege of leave granted to those who merit it.
- (f) Leave privileges will continue only so long as they are not abused.

J. Kelly Capt.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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20 AUST INF BDE- ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No 2.INSPECTION BY G.O.C. AIF. (ME)AUTHORITY 9 AUST DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No 58.

1. G.O.C. AIF (ME) will inspect 20 AUST INF BDE and att.tps on MONDAY 12 JAN '42 at 1430 hrs.

2. UNITS TAKING PART. Time of passing crossing line.

Unit-	20 Aust Inf Bde HQ.	1330 hrs.	Marked	"A".
	9 Aust Div Cav.	1334 "	"	"
	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	1338 "	"	"
	2/15 " " "	1342 "	"	"
	2/17 " " "	1330 "	Marked	"B"
	2/43 " " "	1334 "	"	"
	2/8 Fd Amb.	1338 "	"	"

8 Lt AA Bty- Debuss at 1325 hrs. Debussing pt will be 200x SOUTH of rd junction, rd ISDUD-CAMP rd, MAJDAL-ISDUD.

3. PARADE GROUND-
Field NW ISDUD-CAMP rd as shown on plan. (Appx 1) issued with 20 Aust Inf Bde Administrative Instruction No 1 of 8 Jan '42.

4. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS-

1300 hrs- 1 Marker and 1 Guide from each unit reports to Bde SM on parade ground. Markers will bring Parade State and indicate unit frontage.
1330 " Units cross crossing line.
1347 " Last unit arrives.

1347)" Units form up in close column of Coys, are dressed and
1410) opened out.

1410)" Practice.
1415)

1430 " G.O.C. arrives- General Salute-Inspection-Address-
General Salute.
then- G.O.C., moves to Saluting Base.
Units move in column of route from RIGHT past Saluting Base and return to unit lines.

Bde Comd., Bde Staff and Unit C.O's RV at 20 Aust Inf Bde HQ to meet G.O.C.

5. CROSSING LINE- MAJDAL-ISDUD rd at pts "A" & "B" as on Appx 2 issued with 20 Aust Inf Bde Administrative Instruction No 1 of 8 Jan '42.

8 Lt AA Bty to move as indicated to unit reps.

6. FORMATION- Close column of coys. Position of offrs etc as in MTP 18 (1939)

7. DRILL- (a) Executive portion of word of comd by Bde Comd. will be by "G" sounded on bugle.

(b) On order-"PRESENT ARMS" in General Salute all offrs will Salute in time with third movement of the "PRESENT"

(c) On order-"SLOPE ARMS" after "PRESENT", offrs will come to attention on second movement of "SLOPE".

/d.

- (DRILL) (d) On March Past all Offrs will Salute on order-"EYES RIGHT".
- (e) WOs and NCOs acting as Pl.Comds will give order -"EYES RIGHT" but will NOT salute.
8. BANDS- Unit Bands will be massed as per instructions issued separately. Massed bands will be on Parade ~~and~~ by 1325 hrs.
9. MARCH PAST- The order "EYES RIGHT" will be given in time to enable the order to be carried out shortly before or when the unit reaches the FLAG before the Saluting base.
- The order "EYES FRONT" will be given as the last man of the unit passes the FLAG after the Saluting base.
10. ROUTES- Routes will be as detailed in Appx 2 and must be strictly followed. Particular attention to be paid to time of crossing points "A" & "B".
11. GUIDES- Guides will return to Crossing line at points "A" & "B" after instruction by Bde R.S.M. and will report to Bde Staff Offrs' at each pt. Their duty will be to lead their own unit up to the unit marker.
12. A.A.PROTECTION-
- (a) AA Protection will be provided by 2/1 Pioneers.
- (b) In event of air raid, units will disperse to areas indicated in Appx 1.
13. TRAFFIC CONTROL- Traffic control posts will be arranged by S.C. 20th AUST INF BDE.
14. DRESS-
- (a) OR'S- Service dress, hats (turned up) rifle and bayonet, web equipment- Drill order.
- (b) OFFRS- Service dress, hats (turned up) web belt, pistol (on left) amm pouch (on right). Canes or stick will NOT be carried.
15. MEDICAL- 2/8 Fd Amb will arrange for an Ambulance and Medical orderlies to be at CAR PARK (see Appx 1) during parade.

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20 AUST INF BDE- ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.1.INSPECTION BY G.O.C.AIF. (ME).Authority 9 AUST DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.58.

1. G.O.C. AIF (ME) will inspect 20 AUST INF BDE and att. tps on a date to be notified. It is expected that 48 hrs notice will be given.

2. UNITS TAKING PART.

Unit-20 AUST INF BDE HQ.	Time of passing crossing Line.	
9 AUST DIV CAV.	0930 hrs.	MARKED "A"
2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	0934 "	" "
2/15 " " "	0938 "	" "
2/17 " " "	0942 "	" "
2/43 " " "	0930 "	MARKED "B".
2/8 Fd Amb.	0934 "	" "
	0938 "	" "

3. PARADE GROUND.

Field NW ISDUD CAMP rd as shown in attached plan, Appx.1.

4. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

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 0930 " Units cross crossing line.
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Bde Comd., Bde Staff and Unit C.O's RV at 20 AUST INF BDE HQ to meet G.O.C.

5. CROSSING LINE. - MAJDAL-ISDUD road at points "A" & "B" as on att. appx. 2.

6. FORMATION. - Close column of coys. Position of Offrs etc as in MTP 18 (1939).

7. DRILL. -

- (a) Executive portion of word of comd. by Bde Comd. will be by "G" sounded on bugle.
- (b) On Order-"PRESENT ARMS" in General Salute all Offrs will salute in time with third movement of the "PRESENT".
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 Canes or stick will NOT be carried.
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Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde.
28 Jan 42.

SALUTING.

1. An erroneous impression exists among the troops (based apparently on newspaper reports of a regulation recently promulgated in Australia) that they are not required to salute officers' except on parade.
2. The regulation clarifies but does not alter the existing practice.
It requires a soldier to salute-
 - (a) before addressing an officer and before leaving his presence.
 - (b) when the soldier passes an officer (whether on or off parade) and when an officer passes the soldier (whether on or off parade.)
3. While in some units the bearing and discipline of troops in these matters is good, in others there is great slackness and officers are apparently satisfied with this low standard. Many soldiers pass officers in the street or in barracks without saluting and without being checked by the officer concerned. This has been adversely commented on and is affecting the reputation of some units and will be corrected at once.

All troops must be taught the correct rules about saluting and how to act in different circumstances, e.g. when not wearing a hat. Uncertainty on the part of the men as to the correct way to act is responsible for part of the trouble, and leads them to look the other way or act in an uneasy manner when officers approach.
4. It is the duty of officers to see that all military orders are obeyed including the rules concerning saluting and to check on the spot any disobedience.

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20 Jan 42.

DISCIPLINE - CONDUCT OF SOLDIERS

1. The Bde Comd wishes to draw the attention of Comds of Units who have recently come into the area for the first time to the following matters:-

All ranks must realise that in their present situation very much depends upon the conduct of individual soldiers whether on duty or on leave and on the impression of reliability, efficiency and discipline which they create. They are being closely observed both by our allies and by people of other nations who will judge the AIF by the bearing and behaviour of its soldiers. For some of these people outward appearances and ceremonies mean more than they do for many Australians. All of them rightly regard correct manners, smart bearing and turn out, and decent and disciplined behaviour as indicative of a good unit. The Australian troops in this area must not suffer in the eyes of observers by comparison with any other troops.

In their relations with all the inhabitants all ranks must be scrupulous in their courtesy and their regard for property and respectful of religious observances and customs.

There have in the past been several regrettable incidents in the area occasioned by drunken Australian soldiers. All ranks must realise that bad behaviour will not be overlooked because the man was drunk and that all offensive behaviour will be dealt with severely.

The ordinary obligations of good behaviour in an occupied country have an added importance in this area because comparatively small matters of good or bad conduct here may have far reaching repercussions for good or ill.

2. Attention is directed to the need for a high standard of discipline and administration in all outlying posts and detachments. They will be visited regularly by COs.

Particular attention is to be given to the following:-

- (a) Smart and soldierly bearing and turn out of all troops on duty or appearing in public.
- (b) Proper compliments to officers including French officers.
- (c) Proper care of arms equipment and clothing. All weapons will be inspected daily. Kit inspections will be held at intervals all deficiencies being reported and disciplinary action taken.
- (d) Proper care and records of all post stores including amn and res rations, and a daily check.
- (e) Cleanliness and tidiness of quarters- conservancy and garbage disposal.
- (f) Regular bathing and washing of clothes by all men.
- (g) Foot inspections.
- (h) A proper knowledge by all men of their duties and of the other necessary matters such as the location of coy HQs, posts in the neighbourhood etc.

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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde,
In the Field,
27 Nov 41.

20 Aust Inf Bde Training Instruction No. 1.

Preliminary Tng Period 31 Nov - 22 Dec 41.

1. Operations in TOBRUCH have given adequate tng in posn warfare, but in view of the large numbers of reinfects now on the strength of units the opportunity of providing instn in the form of lectures on the following points should be availed of:

- (a) The system of rationing in the field - Section cooking - Reserve rations and water - special hygiene measures.
- (b) Preparation of section posts of "Spider Type" - sandbagging.
- (c) Observation by day or night - Recording and transmission of information - what is wanted.
- (d) Mines and minefields.
- (e) Cleanliness of arms - amm supply - opening fire - siting of A Tk rifles and LMG.

Unit comds will arrange for the inclusion of lectures on the above lines during the preliminary tng period expiring 22 Dec. "Briefs" of the lectures will be prepared under unit arrangements to ensure a uniformity of teaching.

2. Comprehensive Tng

Tng will include HQ tng. It is of the utmost importance that HQ should be trained and equipped to operate in the field. Units will, wherever possible, provide suitable equipment such as bivouac shelters, extra map boards, boxes, folding tables, etc. to facilitate the efficient working of Unit HQ and specialist groups. Unit serial No. pointers, road signs and direction boards are of primary importance and the best use must be made of available supplies of material.

Every individual must be made to realise that in order to make his maximum contribution to winning the war he must:

- (a) make and keep himself physically fit and must reach "hard condition"
- (b) be prepared to give more than is asked
- (c) reach the highest stage of efficiency in his own particular niche in the Army.

The success of an Army is dependent not only on efficiency in individuals but in each pulling his weight in the team. The brilliant efforts of a few individuals will not suffice.

4. Maintenance of the offensive spirit

Morale is high and must be kept so. The following extract from AIF Tng Instns must constantly be kept in mind and given effect to by all comds however junior. See that it is brought to their notice.

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"Conditions have forced us, when fighting the GERMANS to act defensively. Victory cannot be secured by a negative defensive policy. Our doctrine is essentially offensive. The first principle of tng of the AIF is the offensive. This applies to the attitude of mind of all comds from the formation to the sec. Throughout tng, every comd must be continually thrusting to make and seize and to exploit any and every opportunity."

5. Tng Equipment and Vehs

Full war equipment and vehs are not available immediately. Until it is, the maximum use will be made of equipment on hand and token weapons used to supplement it. Ingenuity and improvisation must be employed to give tng interest and realism.

6. Individual Tng

In the initial part of the Bde's tng since arriving in Palestine individual tng should have resulted in:

- (a) refreshing trained soldiers;
- (b) testing and providing additional instruction where necessary;
- (c) Completing the tng of reinfcts by training in subjects not previously dealt with.

During the preliminary tng period this will be continued and all comds must be alert to select for further instruction under unit arrangements individuals who fail to reach the requisite standard. If numbers are sufficiently big the establishment of a permanent unit cadre class working on the Bull Ring System will be undertaken.

This period will also enable comds to mark down men unsuitable by reason of age, physical infirmity or "nerves" for employment in the field. It is a unique opportunity to "clear the decks".

7. Weapon Tng

The results of range practices fired to date are so poor that it is evident that more preparation and tng on the following lines is necessary before firing:

- (a) stripping, cleaning, testing and zeroing rifles before firing. The services of Unit Armourers and of 58 LAD should be fully availed of.
- (b) adequate "off the range tng".
- (c) T.O.E.T. to be passed before the soldier fires his range courses.
- (d) Coaching at the firing point.

8. Anti Gas Tng

Every effort must be made to bring all personnel to the standard required and to test respirators. T.O.E.T. will be carried out and a limited allotment of capsules - 11 per unit - are available for testing purposes.

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Respirators will be worn from 0900-0930 hrs each Wednesday. During this period each individual will continue to carry out his normal tasks. Practice gas alarms and gas clear will be given by gas sentries at the commencement and end of the period respectively.

Special attention will be paid to training in accordance with 9 Aust Div G.W. Instruction No. 6 in view of the possible early use of gas by the enemy.

9. P.A.D. measures

Attention is drawn to 9 Aust Div G.S.I. No. 6 the substance of which will be promulgated through unit PAD Officers. Unit fire-parties will be rehearsed in their duties and all P.A.D. measures reviewed.

10. Security

Provision will be made in Unit Wet Weather Syllabi for at least two lectures on Security, based on 9 Army memo No. GSI/402/B/1.

This memo is not available for general circulation but Unit Security Officers will familiarise themselves with and take extracts from the copy held at Bde HQ.

Units will ensure that strict training is given in the security measures necessary for:

- (a) proper custody and passing of secret documents
- (b) security of arms and amm
- (c) control of civilians found within camp lines (civilians and Arabs without passes will be taken under escort to Camp Staff Officer at once)

Cases are occurring of Arab hawkers congregating outside the camp boundaries and it must be impressed upon all ranks that they must be sent away. Thefts of arms and tents are invariably preceded by Arabs watching our lines and acquainting themselves with the layout and the habits of the occupants.

To date some hundreds of rifles have been stolen from the AIF in Palestine and have not been recovered. All ranks will be informed of the serious problems which such wide-spread losses will create ultimately and must be made to realise that the correct application of the foregoing security measures is a matter of training.

11. Night training

"Make night your friend"

Night provides cover for movement and operations which become impossible by day. Ability to derive the maximum benefit from the cover of night depends upon our ability to use the dark. This ability will be in direct ratio to the night tng carried out. Hitherto the night operations of sub-units and patrols have been very extensive and the standard has been high. It must be realised however, that tng on different types of terrain must now be undertaken and unit programmes framed accordingly.

When troops are carrying out night operations on

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successive nights training in Resting By Day is also necessary; the conservation of the physical powers of the troops must be studied and Resting By Day organised. Measures will be taken by posting extra sentries, etc. to prevent veh mvt through the lines and to prevent unnecessary noise such as loud commands, marching of troops, bands playing, or starting up of vehs in proximity to areas occupied by troops at rest. The serving of a hot meal immediately before troops go to rest is essential.

12. Specialist Groups

(a) Signallers

Unit signallers will conclude their instruction under the Bde Sig Offr on 6 Dec. 9 Aust Div is thereafter arranging a special course for four signallers per unit. Details will be promulgated when received.

(b) Carriers

A Bde Cadre assisted by Instructors from 9 Aust Div Cav Regt will be operating from 1 Dec for approx 10 days in order to train all unit carrier personnel in the maintenance and handling of the Carriers Universal now on issue. Further details will be promulgated.

(c) Intelligence Secs

Unit Intelligence Secs will be employed on checking and adding detail to the existing enlargements of the sub-areas for which units are responsible under the Base Area Internal Security Scheme already issued.

In addition special training will be undertaken to enable the Sections to operate under the conditions of open warfare. Training in observation, map-reading and guiding by night will also be included. The object must be to break down the idea that perfect conditions will always exist for map-enlarging, preparing summaries and obtaining information by telephone. Flexibility and adaptability are essential in the Section.

(d) Orderlies

Unit Sig Officers will be responsible for conducting a course for Orderlies and sub-units must be impressed with the necessity of detaching only suitable men for such duties.

(e) Drivers MT

Training in Map Reading is second only in importance to a thorough training in maintenance. The Preliminary Tng Period and the excellent conditions now obtaining must be availed of to teach drivers the correct use of a map. "Where am I" exercises in areas away from the Camp are essential (vide Middle East Tng Memo No. 1).

(f) Pioneer Pls

Much training in anti-gas and Decontamination measures is necessary and a ~~xxx~~ separate syllabus for this sub-unit will be prepared for the period 30 Nov - 13 Dec.

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13. Unit Tng Programmes

Unit programmes will be prepared in accordance with Annexure "A" (training summary) issued herewith, and will be submitted fortnightly in advance.

14. Stages of Tng

It will be seen from the Tng Summary that the objective is Bn Tng from 14 Dec-20 Dec. Until the earlier stages are well advanced it is not possible to determine whether the objective can be attained. Thorough training must be the keynote and comds must constantly be with their sub-units and be prepared to report on the standard attained.

Unit Comds will submit their proposed schemes for the Bn tng period not later than 8 Dec. Such schemes should be complete with instructions to Umpires, Timetables and D.S. Solutions and should, wherever possible, be prepared in outline and discussed with the Bde Maj before the complete scheme is written. Units will be notified as early as possible the limits of areas available for such schemes.

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BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

2nd week (Contd)

Time Allotted

40 min 30 min

Coy in deliberate attack with carriers and mortars, IT Sec 65	9	
Coy attack on river obstacle and river crossing, IT Sec 85 & 92-95	6	
A Gas tng. PAGAR pams 1 and 2	3	
Weapon tng		3
PT		3
Bayont tng		3
Recreational tng		3

NOTE: In all exercises sub-units will be regarded as encadrée.

3rd week Bn Tng - 14 Dec - 20 Dec.

Route march, march discipline, AA action, concealment of MT and deployment	FSR 11 chap III para 21-22.
Bn as advance guard	FSR II chap v, para 41-45.
Bn in attack by day in co-operation with tks	FSR II chap VI, paras 56, 57, 60, 62.
Bn in approach march by night and attack at dawn	FSR II, ch VI para 58; ch VIII para 77, 78, 80.
Bn in protection at rest, outposts, patrols	FSR II, chap V, para 51-53.
Practice in resting by day (following all night op).	

One day for each of above.

Bn schemes to cover above to be completed and submitted to Bde for approval by 8 Dec 41.

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Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde,
28 Dec 41.

20 Aust Inf Bde Training Instruction No.2.

1. Forecast of Training for Period ending 31 Jan 42.

2. WEAPON TRAINING:

The standard of weapon training for the Bde is not satisfactory, and every opportunity will be taken to bring all ranks up to at least "Qualified Standard."

For this purpose the 30 yds range will be made use of whenever amm and weather make it possible,

Range practices will be carried out as the ranges are made available to the Bde.

3. SPECIALIST TRAINING:

Drivers will be practised in:-

(a) Convoy driving.

(b) Night driving without lights. This can be done by the use of back roads, providing the weather is suitable.

4. COY. TRAINING:

Units will arrange at least one Coy exercise per Coy during this Tng period.

5. BN. TRAINING:

During this period at least three Unit exercises, one of which will be set by Bde and carried out in conjunction with other arms, will be held.

6. NIGHT TRAINING:

Unit night training will be carried out in future by:-

(a) Night marches.

(b) Night patrols, on set courses and with the use of a skeleton enemy. In this, every effort will be made to bring reinfts up to the standard reached by patrols in TOBRUCH.

(c) Coy exercise to be at night whenever practicable.

7. GENERAL:

(a) CONTROL:

In many exercises the control by sub-unit commanders is loose; when this is so most of the value of the exercise is lost. Unit Comds will therefore see that there is a proper supervision of all exercises.

(b) PROCEDURE:

Further practice is required in battle procedure to reduce the time required to stage operations. In this regard it is essential that sufficient time be allowed for the junior leaders to make their recces and to pass the plan and information on to their men.

If the time allowed is too short, it is always this final and essential stage which is missed, for lack of time.

Comds will at all times ensure that the man in the ranks is clear as to the plan, and his particular task. Therefore, tng in procedure will be in the first instance to see that all stages are carried out, and then when the time for deployment is reduced, to see that the final stage is not slurred over.

3. UMPIRING:

Training of Unit Umpires is at present being carried out under direction of 9 Aust Div.

Units will see that at all times full use is made of these trained umpires and that they in turn see to the training of Junior Umpires at every opportunity.

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20 AUST INF BDE- TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 4.

BN EXERCISE-----UNDER-- ----- BDE DIRECTION.

Relief map JAFFA- TEL AVIV, 1:1000000, Series sheet 7.

OBJECT.

1. To practice, improve and if necessary modify battle procedure.

METHOD.

2. (a) Exercise will be carried out on the ground with special attention paid to the duties of R & O Gps, orderlies etc. Attached table of timings will be followed.
- (b) FIRST DAY- A T.E.W.T will be carried out with R & O Gp personnel down to section comds. and umpires.
- (c) SECOND DAY-Exercise will be carried out by the Bn as a whole, umpiring will be arranged by Bde and notified later.

NARRATIVE.

3. (a) Enemy force, estimated 2 Divisions with tks reported advancing from SOUTH and have now reached line GAZA-SARSHEBA. Small parties of advanced enemy tps with some AFVs reported at ISDUD CAMP-HILL 69-JULIS CAMP. No artillery seen. 9 AUST DIV is taking up a defensive posn on line JAFFA-RAMLE.
- (b) At 0830 hrs Comd 20 AUST INF BDE meets C.O's Bns at a point on MAJDAL-ISDUD-RISHON road, 200 x NORTH of ISDUD traffic control post and issues following instns:-
Information re enemy tps as above 20 AUST INF BDE has been ordered to seize and hold high ground ISDUD CAMP-HILL 69-JULIS CAMP. 20 AUST INF BDE will act as covering force to 9 AUST DIV whilst 9 AUST DIV takes up defensive posn.
Three Bns will move fwd 2/A Bn on right, 2/B Bn in centre and 2/C Bn on left.
INNER Bn BOUNDARIES-
2/A Bn, Sea to incl road MAJDAL-ISDUD-RISHON.
2/B Bn, incl road MAJDAL-ISDUD-RISHON to incl road BEIT DARAS-BARCA.
2/C Bn, excl road BEIT DARAS-BARCA to excl road MAJDAL-QUASTINA.
Positions to be occupied by 1515 hrs, Bde H.Q. will be at this spot.
- (c) At 1000 hrs the C.O of 2/A Bn, having arrived at position for recce finds that a body of enemy, approx 1 Coy in strength are digging in on ISDUD CAMP RIDGE between WHITE HOUSE and SHEIKS TOMB and another Coy on ORCHARD HILL to LEFT.
He fixes zero for 1400 hrs and prepares to issue his final orders at 1100 hrs, at same time notifying Bde and 2/B Bn of his intentions.

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Bn Comd, with MORTAR Offr, L.O, Sig Offr and Orderlies covering screen out ahead.

0830. Receives orders from Bde Comd.

0845. After local recce proceeds on a bearing of 250°. Leaves order for Bn to proceed to assembly area on bearing of 310° to area behind hill with trees on summit near beach. Leaves order for O Gp to follow at 0930.

1000. Arrives at O.P. picks out FUP and sends orders back to Bn to move forward to FUP after 1/2 hrs rest at Assembly area.

1030. O Gp (Coy Comds.) arrive and receive orders.

1100. Gives final orders to O Gp after they have finished recce.

O Gp (Coy Comds)

0930. Leave Bn and proceed to O.P.

1030. Arrive at O.P., receive orders and make recce - send word to Coys.

1100. Recce finished, final orders received and pass on to Coy O Gps (Pl comds)

O Gp (Pl comds)

1000. Leave Bn and report to Coy Comds.

1100. Arrive at O.P and receive orders.

1110. Commence recce.

1130. Recce finished, give orders to Pl O Gps (seconds)

Pl Gps.

1030. Leave Bn and report to Pl comds.

1130. Arrive at O.P.

1135. Receive orders.

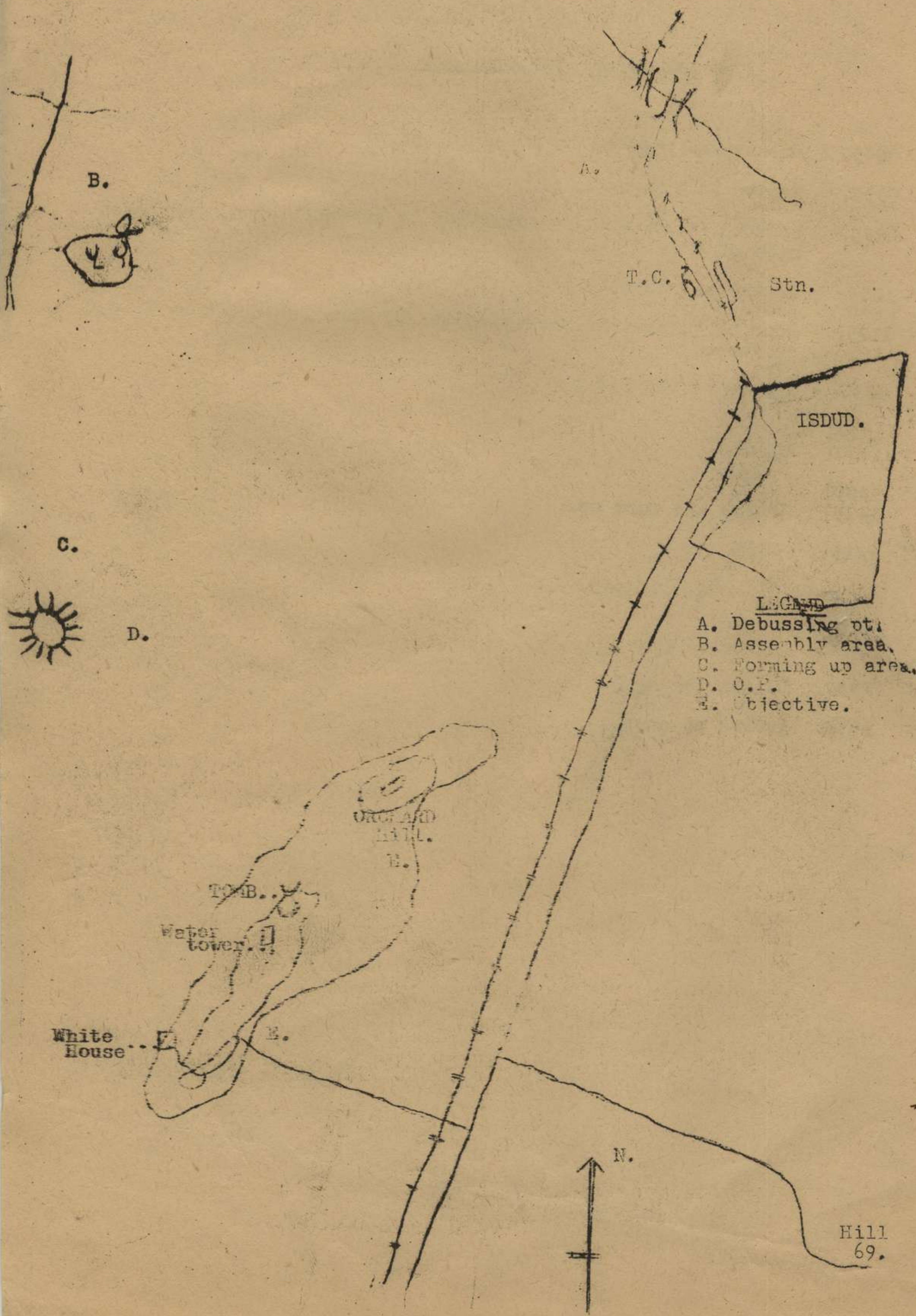
1150. Recce finished, return to FUP area and wait for Bn to arrive.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR F Co.

- 0845. Embuss and proceed to debussing pt.
- 0930. Arrive at debussing pt.
- 0945. Proceed in open "Box" formation to assembly area, (on beach side of 3rd HILL)
- 1055. Arrive at assembly area.
- 1125. Proceed in similar formation to FUP area (selected by Bn C.O. on recon)
- 1230. Arrive at FUP area.
- 1230) LUNCH.
- 1400) LUNCH.
- 1400) Deploy and form up.
- 1415) ZERO.
- 1510. Objective reached.
- 1510) Discussion by umpires.
- 1540) Depart for camp.
- 1630. Arrive at camp.

/overleaf. SKETCH MAP.

SKETCH MAP (Not to Scale)
for Battle Procedure exercise



LEGEND

- A. Debussing pt.
- B. Assembly area.
- C. Forming up area.
- D. O.P.
- E. Objective.

20 AUST INF BDE- TRAINING INSTRUCTION No 5.

1. The present lull in operations in this area provides a further opportunity to prepare for the next stage of operations. Experience shows that lulls in active operations tend to be short lived and that they come to an end with little warning.

- For the present, efforts will be devoted to
- (a) making the maximum use of opportunities for tng so that when operations commence the Bde will be a more effective fighting force.
 - (b) Completion of plans and defence works in this area to the greatest extent in the time available.

Both tasks are liable to interference by weather conditions; at the same time weather must not be allowed to interfere unduly with the achievement of these objectives.

2. Tps available for Collective Tng.
- | | |
|----------|-----------------|
| 2/15 Bn- | Bn less dots. |
| 2/15 Bn- | Two rifle coys. |
| 2/17 Bn- | One rifle coy. |

3. Organisation for Training.
Guards etc will be reduced to the minimum required for safety. Units will, where possible, free for periods complete sub-units, shown in para 2 above, for tng.

Dets on protective duties will develop defence works for which they are responsible, complete recess of ground affecting their roles, and take part in those units TEWTs held in their vicinity for which they can be freed.

4. Preliminary Tng.
The general principles of preliminary tng as set out in 20 Aust Inf Bde Tng Instrns No 1 and No 2, dated 27 Nov 41 and 28 Dec 41 respectively, will be followed except that operations for special study will be those shown in para 5 below.

While exercises with tps, in the cases of 2/15 and 2/17 Bn, must be confined to coy exercises, Bn HQ tng and the tng of specialists will continue.

5. Tactical Tng of Leaders.
The tactical tng will be accelerated during the present period. When it is practicable to gather together officers for indoor exercises this should be done.

In the first instance tng will be directed to study of the following operations by means of TEWTs:-

- (a) The attack.
- (b) Operational tasks for which units are responsible at present including:-
 - (i) Withdrawal from present locations.
 - (ii) Occupation of covering and delaying positions.
 - (iii) Withdrawal from covering and delaying positions.

6. Tng of Comds and Staffs.
9 Aust Div direction regarding responsibility in this matter follows:-

"Tng of senior comds and staffs must continue consecutively with that of the units and so that this may be organised the responsibility for this tng is allotted as follows to :-

Div: Tng of bde comds and staffs.
Part tng of CO's.

Bdes: Tng of regt comd and staffs.
Part tng of coy etc comds.

Unit: Part tng of coy etc comds.
Remainder of unit ofrs.

7. Operational Role of 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

(a) This role is to be the subject of an exercise for bde comd and staffs at a date to be fixed in Feb 42. Points of interest will be related to units by this Hq after the exercise is held.

(b) Concurrently with tng, each unit must proceed with recon of those routes and areas with which they may be concerned during operations.

8. Rifle Ranges and Small Arms Tng.

(a) The allotment of tng amn will be notified later.

(b) Units will meanwhile select 30 yds ranges and A Tr rifle ranges and notify this Hq of the sites chosen.

(c) Units will not use ball amn for practice purposes before they have advised the senior FFL offr in the area in which the range is chosen, of the site, and will ask that offr to inform the civil and PF authorities in the vicinity of the range, before the range is used, of the intention of firing there.

(d) Ranges will NOT be selected within 5 miles of the frontier.

9. Liaison offrs of Army Tank Bns.

It is expected that one offr and one NCO of the RAC will be attached to this Bde Gp for a short period.

As far as time permits opportunity will be taken during this visit to:-

Study the problem of co-operation with tanks.

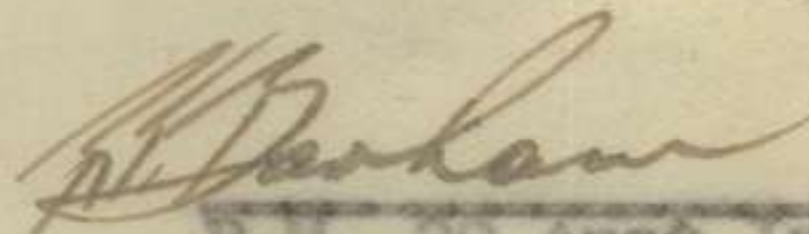
Give short lectures to units on co-operation with tanks.

Assist directing staff on tng exercises and TENGs.

Recon the frontier areas to determine probable area for tank approach and direction of attack.

10. Syllabuses.

Syllabuses of Tng will be submitted fortnightly in advance.


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9 AUST DIV TNG INSTN NO.8PART I

1. The present lull in operations in this area provides a further opportunity to prepare for the next stage of operations. Experience shows that lulls in active operations tend to be short lived and that they come to an end with little warning. For the present, the contribution the Div can make to the shortening of the war is by developing our effort in two ways.

(a) Making the maximum use of the opportunity for continued tng so that when operations commence the div will be a more effective fighting force.

(b) Building and completion of the defence works in this area to the greatest extent possible in the time available.

Both tasks are liable to interference by weather conditions; at the same time the weather must not be allowed to interfere unduly with the achievement of these objectives.

2. Allotment of time as between tng and work on defences.

(a) 20 Inf Bde Gp - Apart from the sub-units detailed as protective guards etc (the size of which should be kept to the minimum required for safety) the whole period will be devoted to tng.

(b) 9 Aust Div less 20 Inf Bde Gp - In each week 3 days will be allotted to tng and 3 days to work on the defences.

3. Tng will continue with a view to completing the tng outlined in 9 Aust Div Tng Instn No. 4 of 21 Dec.

4. Tactical tng of leaders.

The tactical tng of leaders is to be accelerated during the present period.

It is considered that offrs are available for exercises such as war games and indoor exercises during the evenings, and that during the period spent on defensive works many offrs can be made available for tactical tng.

In the first instance tng will be directed to study the following operations by means of TEWTS.

20 Inf Bde Gp

The attack.

Operational tasks for which the bde is responsible at present and including :-

- (a) Withdrawal from present locations (see para 6).
- (b) Occupation of covering and delaying posns.
- (c) Withdrawal from covering and delaying posns.
- (d) Role of bde in TRIPOLI area.

24 & 26 Inf Bde Gps

The attack.

Operational tasks for which the bdes are responsible at present and including counter attack roles.

Coy TEWTS. Defence of EL MIRA (in conjunction with Comd TRIPOLI)
(Port.)

Defence of CHEKKA Tunnel area.

Bn TEWTS. Beach defence.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

G 718/80/1

HQ 9 AUST DIV
27 Jan 42.

9 AUST DIV TNG INSTN NO 8

AMENDMENT NO 1

Para 8. Rifle Ranges and Small Arms tng.

Line 1 - delete "15942792" and insert "15952747"

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5. Tng of Comds and Staffs.

Tng of senior comds and staffs must continue consecutively with that of the units and so that this may be organised the responsibility for this tng is allotted as follows to :-

Div: Tng of bde comds and staffs.
Part tng of CO's.

Bdes: Tng of regt comd and staffs.
Part tng of coy etc comds.

Unit: Part tng of coy etc comds.
Remainder of unit offr.

6. Exercise for bde comd and skeleton staffs.

A war game to study the operational role of 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be held for bde comds and skeleton staffs under div arrangements during Feb 42. Dates will be notified later.
(ø or indoor exercise)

PART II

7. Tng to operate on a Pack basis.

Tng for units operating on a reduced scale of G1098 eqpt carried on a Pack basis will commence.

The following arrangements are being made :-

(a) A T Coys (Pack) are available in TRIPOLI area for tng. One coy consisting of 352 working mules will be allotted to each 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.

(b) It is expected that preliminary tng for four days of one offr and two NCOs of each major unit will be provided shortly.

(c) Pack eqpt for 2/2 Aust MG Bn will not be available until a later date.

(d) Load tables for Inf Bde HQ, Bns, Fd Coy, Bde Sig Sec and Fd Amb will be issued from this HQ together with more general infm on Pack tpt.

8. Rifle Ranges and Small Arms tng. 15952747

Rifle ranges are available at 15942792 - 10 targets, and EL ABDE - 8 targets (the allocation of both these ranges will be made by this HQ). Amn asked for in accordance with tng scale to cover the period to the end of Feb 42 has been approved, and arrangements have been put in hand to enable it to be drawn locally.

9. Tpt & Eqpt for Operational Roles.

NINTH ARMY has been acquainted of the shortages in weapons and tpt required for immediate operational roles and efforts are being made to supply these essential items.

10. Tpt.

A limited amount of tpt for tp movement is available. It is for consideration therefore, whether unit arrangements should be made for tented camps for the accommodation of portion of units closer to defence works, where MT will not be required to move tps to their tasks.

11. Liaison Offrs of Army Tank Bns.

It is expected that offrs and NCOs of the RAC on the scale of one offr and one NCO per bde gp and RAA HQ will be available for attachment to HQ concerned for a short period.

The opportunity should be taken during this visit to :-

Study the problem of co-operation with tanks.

Give short instn lectures to units on co-operation with tanks.

Assist directing staff on tng exercises and TEWT's.

Recce defence and frontier areas to determine probable area for tank approach and direction of attack.

Study counter attack roles for "I" tanks in 9 Aust Div defences.

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List "A".

DEMOLITIONS affecting 20 AUST INF BDE.STATE OF PREPARATION- 20 JAN 42.

18 Aust Inf Bde Serial No.	Rd etc.	Map ref.	Priority of Preparation.	Whether Prepared or charged.	Site confirmed by 7 Aust Div.	Comments.	Unit Sector in which sited.
1.	QASSAB- QALAAAT.	17394390.		Prepared.	Yes.	<u>Part of Div fwd belt.</u> Sited in cliff face 20 yds round a corner. Covering posn 300 yds south of site.	Left.
2.	ANTIACHE- LATAKIA.	(17784365)		Prepared.	Yes.	<u>Part of Div fwd belt.</u> Sited in re-entrant in steep slope. Covered from delaying posn SE of site.	Left.
3.	" "	(17744360)		Prepared.	Yes.	<u>Part of Div fwd belt.</u> Sited in re-entrant in steep slope. Covered from delaying posn SW of site.	Left.
4.	" "	17404332.		Prepared.	Yes.	Recommended by 18 Bde to be replaced by Serial 5. <u>Part of Div rear belt for extrication.</u> Exposed to enemy half mile from site.	Left.
5.	" "	17584345.	A.			Recommended by 18 Bde to replace Serial 4. Sited on cliff face 50 yds round a corner. Covered from posn about 500 yds away.	Left.
6.	" "	16854235.	B.		?	Sited on cliff face. Intended by 18 Bde as part of delaying posn-Atk ditch required in wadi below rd.	Left.

7.	ANTIOCHE-LATTAKIA.	16584172.	B.		?	One crater sited in each old and new rds. Intended by 18 Bde as part of delaying posn. Can be by-passed to east.	Left.
8.	" "	163412.	B.		?	Bridge can be by-passed.	Left
9.	ALEPPO-LATTAKIA.	207429.		(a) Old bridge prepared. (b) Preparations run concurrently with construction new bridge.	Yes.	Two bridges.	Centre.
10.	" "	(Map inaccurate) 20644312. 20504312.		Prepared.	Yes.	Part of Div fwd belt. Sited on cliff face. Can be by-passed by move up the hill. With serial 11 forms part of delaying posn suggested by 18 Bde.	Centre.
11.	" "	(20504312) 20464312.		Prepared.	Yes.	Sited on steep slope. Can be by-passed by track which <u>could</u> be mined (not arranged) Covering tps need ATK weapons. With serial 10 forms part of delaying posn suggested by 18 Bde.	Centre.
12.	" "	20004318.	B.		?	Sited on cliff face.	?
13.	" "	19884325.		Prepared.	Yes.	Part of Div fwd belt. Bridge Commanding ground hard to defend.	?

14.	ALEPPO- LATTAKIA.	(19384255) 19374253.		Prepared.	Yes.	Part of Div rear belt for extrication. Sited on cliff face.	Left.
15.	ANTIOCHE- ALEPPO.	23964758.		Prepared.	Yes.	Sited on rd in narrow gorge.	Centre.
16.	" "	25004705.	Minefield.		Yes.	Sited in valley between limestone hills.	Centre.
17.	SALKINE- IBLIB.	22204642.		Prepared.	Yes.	sited on steep slope.	Centre.
18.	" "	22164645.		Prepared.	Yes.	Sited on steep slope above wadi. May require mines in wadi bed.	Centre.
19.	" "	22924444.		Prepared.	Yes.	Sited in steep sided limestone gorge. Can be by-passed.	Centre.
20.	" "	21884653.		Prepared.	Yes.	Sited in SALKINE where road passes above gorge.	Centre.
21.	SALKINE- DJISR. E C	21834652.		Prepared.	Yes.	Sited in SALKINE where rd passes above gorge	Centre.
22.	" "	2134 ⁵ 40.	C.		Yes.	Bridge. Three stone weirs near by can be by-passed by inf.	Centre.
23.	AFRINE- TELLAKERBRINE.	25614970.		Prepared.	Yes.	On southern side of $\frac{1}{2}$ mile conjunction of rd and cliff edge.	Right.

24.	AFRINE- TELLERAKHERRINE.	25524916.		Prepared.	Yes.	sited on rd in bare limestone gorge.	Right.
25.	MEIDANE- KESSES- AFRINE.	25675062.		Prepared.	Yes.	Bridge over R. AFRINE. River can be forded nearby.	Right.
26.	" "	23605263.		Prepared.	Yes.	sited on steep sided slope.	Right.
27.	HOURA DARA- TELLKACHOUR- RADJOU.	23495222.	B.	15%. Expect prep- ared by 4 Feb.	Yes.	sited on side-track which by-passes Serial 26 in steep-sided narrow valley.	Right.
28.	MEIDANE- KESSES- AFRINE.	24205217.		Prepared.	Yes.	sited in steep sided narrow valley. Combined with ry demolitions Serial 43.	Right.
29.	RADJOU- EL HANHAM.	235497.	B.		Yes.	sited on hill side. Detour possible for tracked vehs; but slow going. Need be blown only if det blocking HANHAM Gap occupies a posn north of KICHIA 233491.	Right.
30.	HOURA DARA- TELLKACHOUR RADJOU.	23425268.	D.		Yes.	sited on side track by-passing rd MEIDANE KESSES-RADJOU. Difficult to cover except by arty or long MG fire.	Right.
31.	Side rd from 17654358 to 18524198.	17804338.		Prepared.	Yes.	Part of Div rear belt for extrication. sited on slope in thickly timbered country.	Left.

32.	BORNAZ-SLEIVE.	19814195.		Prepared.	Yes.	Recommended by 18 Bde to replace Serial 33. Sited on steep slope.	Left.
33.	" "	19754205.		Prepared.	Yes.	Recommended by 18 Bde to be replaced by Serial 32. <u>Part of Div rear belt for extrication.</u> Sited on cliff face.	Left.
34.	ANTIOCHE-DJISR. E. C.	(Map inaccurate) (20684335. 20624336.		Prepared.	Yes.	<u>Part of Div fwd belt.</u> Bridge. Can be by-passed. Can it be improved to ATK obstacle?	Centre.
35.	MEIDANS EKRES -BUL. BUL.	24455361. ⁷	B.		Yes.	sited in bare limestone gorge.	Right.
36.	RADJOU-EL HANMAN.	23555153.	B.	5%. Expect prepared by 4 Feb.	Yes.	sited on steep slope. Can be by-passed by tanks.	Right.
37.	" "	23455125.	B.		Yes.	sited on cliff face.	Right.
38.	ALEPPO-MENHIDJ-DJERABLOUS.	35255205.	Hasty demolition.		Yes.	Bridge over R. SADIJOU. Connected with possible DJERABLOUS action.	Cav. Regt.

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--RAILWAYS--

39.	MIDANE KEBIS -ALEPPO.	24525164.	C.		Yes.	Bridge over creek. 70 ft gap.	Right.
40.	" "	24955149.	C.		Yes.	Bridge over creek. 60 ft gap.	Right.
41.	" "	25565132.	B.	Expect prepared by 4 Feb.	Yes.	Bridge over creek. 80 ft gap.	Right.
42.	MIDANE KEBIS -ALEPPO.	25625110.	B.	90%. Expect prepared by 4 Feb.	Yes.	Ry bridge over R. AFRINE. 100 ft gap.	Right.
43.	" "	24145216.		Prepared.	Yes.	Subsidence in narrow sided gully.	Right.
44.	ALEPPO- DJERANLOUS.	311520 to 360542.		Hasty demolitions.	Yes.	In TURKEY. No recce made.	Cav. Regt.

--ADDITIONAL TO 18 AUST INF BDE SCHEDULE--

	NAHR SEINE.	17723700.		?	Yes.	<u>Div belt on NAHR SEINE.</u> Outside Bde sector.	Left.
	" "	17433684.		?	Yes.	<u>Div belt on NAHR SEINE.</u> Outside Bde sector.	Left.
	" "	17033696.		?	Yes.	<u>Div belt on NAHR SEINE.</u> Outside Bde sector.	Left.

(By Tunnel 460 ft long.) KARA BABA TUNNEL.	237534.		CHARGED.	Yes.	NOT to be blown nor allowed to be blown without orders from, or ref to .9 Aust Div or higher formation.	Right.
(By Viaduct 1000 ft long.) HOURA DARA VIADUCT	237528.		CHARGED.	Yes.	NOT to be blown nor allowed to be blown without orders from, or ref to .9 Aust Div or higher formation.	Right.
(By Tunnel 1770 ft long) RADJOU TUNNEL.	237526.		CHARGED.	Yes.	NOT to be blown nor allowed to be blown without orders from, or ref to .9 Aust Div or higher formation.	Right.
Vicinity- MASHIAP.	20203510.		?	Yes.	<u>Part of Div North-South belt on coastal range.</u>	Left.
" "	20773433.		?	Yes.	<u>Part of Div North-South belt on coastal range.</u>	Left.
" "	20583431.		?	Yes.	<u>Part of Div North-South belt on coastal range.</u>	Left.
TRIPOLI Gap.	?				<u>Part of Div North-South belt on coastal range.</u>	-
-- <u>OUTSTANDING</u> --						
<u>ALEPPO</u> :- By vital pts. Canal brs . other pts.	ALEPPO.				Yet to be reced & recommended. To delay enemy in certain circumstances. (Civil W/T sta)	-

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---AIR TARGETS---

Br at MOURAD PACHA.	2250.			Recommended by 7 Div.	-
Br at JISR EL HADID.	2147.			Recommended by 7 Div.	-
River & marsh crossing.	193473.			Recommended by 7 Div.	-

---ALTERATIONS SUGGESTED BY 18 BDE---

RA ANTIOCHE-ALEPPO.	24164744.			Addition of minefield-18 rows with hedgehogs, cotton bales, or tar barrels full with concrete on roadway.	Centre.
" " "	24384727.			Addition: Arch across road to be pulled down & stones rolled onto roadway. Minefields on both sides of road.	Centre.

---SCHEDULE---OF---HUTTED---CAMP---SITES---

20 Jan 42

SERIAL NO. (Bde)	LOCATION- with map ref.	SIZE incl. Bde, Bn, Coy, etc.	CONSTRUCTION. Huts type "A" "B" or "N" etc.	SCALE- SWA. Incl. or excl. sleeping huts etc.	WATER SUPPLY, source and yield.	REMARKS. Any information peculiar to site
1. (15.)	IDLIB. 235442.	BHQ. (450)	B-10, A-6, N-3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Includes sleep- ing huts.	Unit water.	Work has been suspended pending dec- ision to use camp. Roads complete.
2. (121)	DJERABLOUS. 358542.	HQ Coy. (70)	B-8, N-7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	do.	Carts supply- ing to tanks.	Painting outstanding.
3. (9.)	AKTERINE. 299507.	Pl. (25)	B-2, N-2.	do.	at all camps. do.	Complete.
4. (11.)	EL HAMMAM. 233491.	Coy HQ. (120)	B-2, N-9.	do.	do.	4 N not completed.
5.	HARIM. 225474.	Coy.	B-2, N-2.	do.	do.	Completed.
6.	BAB EL HAOUA. 244473.	Coy.	B-2, N-2.	do.	do.	Completed.
7. (2.)	KARA BABA. 237534.	Pl. 70.	B-2, N-3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	do.	do.	2 N not completed.
8. (4.)	RADJOU- TUNNEL. 238524.	Pl. 70.	B-2, N-7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	do.	do.	4 N not completed.
9. (5.)	RADJOU. 238524.	Coy HQ. (40)	B-5, N-4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	do.	do.	Completed.
10. (10.)	AZAZ. 273514.	Coy HQ. (120)	B-5, N-6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	do.	do.	Completed.
11. (1.)	MEDAIN EKBESE. 239541.	Pl. (25.)	N-2.	do.	do.	Painting outstanding.
12. (3.)	HOURA DARA VIADUCT. 23655285.	Coy HQ. (120)	Stone huts-6.	do.	do.	40% completed.
13. (6.)	KATMA. 264515.	1 Pl. (39.)	B-3.	do.	do.	Completed.

GENERAL NOTE- Huts have been camouflaged painted.
All "A" & "B" huts require ridge pole and struts.

SCHEDULE OF HUTTED CAMP SITES

SERIAL NO. (Bde)	LOCATION with map ref.	SIZE incl. Bde, Bn, Coy, etc.	CONSTRUCTION. Huts type "A" "B" or "N" etc.	SCALE-SWA. Incl. or escl. sleeping huts etc.	WATER SUPPLY, source and yield.	REMARKS. Any information peculiar to site.
14. (8.)	BDAMA. 196429.	Pl. (39)	B-5.	Includes sleeping huts.	Carts supplying to tanks at all camps.	Less painting.
15. (12.) (13.)	AFRINE. 256506.	B.HQ (300) Cav. Regt.	B-72, A-5.	do.	do.	Roads 50% complete. 25-B-4-A not completed.
16.	WY SOCKI (ALEPPO) 282472.	18.	B-1.	do.	do.	Completed.
17.	LATTAKIA. 161399. (BOUKA)	Bn.	B-25, A-2.	do.	do.	2 to complete.
18.	POL DUMP. (ALEPPO) 282472.	19.	N-4.	do.	do.	Started 9 Jan. 3 to complete.
19.	DJISR BCH CHAGHOUR. 207429.	Coy.	B-12.	do.	do.	8 to complete.
20.	AMMUNITION PL. DUMP (ALEPPO) 282472.		B-4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	do.	do.	Completed.

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S/Bde/28.

Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde.
29 Jan 42.

REPORT BY I.O. 2/13 AUST INF BN.
SITUATION IN BN AREA - 22 JAN 42.

- 1. This report, which the Bde Comd considers most useful and informative, is acknowledged. A copy, slightly amended, is being forwarded to 9 Aust Div.
- 2. The amendment mentioned is on sheet 3 under the heading "Military & Police."

All copies of the document should be amended as follows:-

(i) "(a) The Australian Group" etc should read:-

(a) Australian - at present 2/13 Aust Inf Bn, (Lt-Col R.W.N. TURNER) which is part of 20 Aust Inf Bde whose HQ are at ALEPPO.

(ii) Omit next paragraph from "Each of these two forces" to "threatened".

(iii) In the following paragraph omit first sentence from "whilst we" to "hostilities occur", and omit also the words after "willing collaboration" and substitute "Relations between the Free French Forces and the Aust Inf Bn are cordial and liaison has been considerably improved."

3. The reason for these amendments is that:-

(a) the term "Australian Group" would be read as meaning that an independent Bn group had been constituted in the area.

(b) The question of whether the British or French will, in operation, command in the district is one of policy. As at present framed the report suggests that it is thought by the writer that Lt-Col Turner would, during hostilities, be empowered to give orders to the Free French Forces. While the question of Military Command in the area is one with which the British Military Authorities are concerned, there is no suggestion that any units, other than his own Bn, and such arty and other supporting arms as may be allotted, will come under comd of Comdr 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

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HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
22 Jan 42.

SITUATION IN 2/13 AUST INF BN AREA.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

The information and opinions contained in this summary are mainly derived from conversations with the following persons, all of whom are well informed:

(3) Maj MITCHELL and Capt EVANS PRICHARD of the SPEARS MISSION, Capt MORGAN and Lieut WILLS of the BSM, Lieut OGDEN of the FSS, Capt LONSAC of the SERVICE SPECIALE and Lieut LANGLOIS of the FRS FRENCH NAVY.

INTRODUCTION:

The country commonly known as SYRIA consists in reality of two states SYRIA and LEBANON, politically independent of one another, with their respective heads of government at DAMASCUS and BEIRUT. Such theoretical independence as they enjoy is at present subordinated in fact to military requirements. Military authorities pay small attention to the fact that TRIPOLI is in one political state and ALEPPO in another.

ALACOITE.

In the NORTH WEST of the SYRIAN territory and occupying the entire sea-board of SYRIA proper is situated the heretofore autonomous STATE OF ALACOITE, now officially designated the "MORAFAZAT du DJEBEL ALACOITE". The area for the defence of which this unit is responsible lies wholly within its territory.

1. Description of Area.

The territory of the MORAFAZ is bounded in the WEST by the sea, in the NORTH by the TURKISH frontier as far as BOAMA, in the SOUTH by the frontier of LEBANON and in the EAST by the EASTERN edge of the CHONTAS marshes and then by a line running due SOUTH to the border of LEBANON with the exception of a tongue of country projecting WESTWARDS to include the country surrounding MASSIAF.

There are two coastal strips of fairly undulating country - on an average of four miles wide, NORTH and SOUTH of BANIAS. ^{where} the mountains come down to the sea. In the NORTH, this coastal strip stops at SLAYEB (16074161).

The remainder of the country is mountainous, in part wooded, and for the most part so steep as to be impassable to wheeled vehicles of any description.

The principal towns, namely LATTAKIA - the seat of government - HAFPE, MASSIAF, BANIAS, DJERLE, are centres of commerce exchange and intrigue rather than of industry.

2. Roads.

There are three main roads in the area:

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1. ALEPPO - LATTAKIA | Class A1. |
| 2. LATTAKIA - ANTIOCH | Class A1. |
| 3. LATTAKIA - TRIPOLI | Class A1. |

In addition there are several metalled or gravelled roads, one NORTH and SOUTH-

BORNAZ (195427) SLENFE (196406) MASSIAF (208347)

and a large number from EAST to WEST which are SOUTH OF THE ROAD LATTAKIA - HAFPE (181406) SLENFE, the chief of which is the BANIAS - MASSIAF - HAMA Road.

In the area bounded by the ALEPPO - LATTAKIA and the LATTAKIA - ANTIOCH Roads are three B2 roads impassable in wet weather.

Other than the three main roads and the LATTAKIA - SLENFE and the BANIAS - MASSIAF roads, the roads are deteriorating under the present weather, due to slips of the banks overhanging the roads and washouts of the roads themselves.

At DJISR SCH CHOUGOUR (207429) the ALEPPO - LATTAKIA road is joined by a road from the NORTH which follows the EASTERN side of the CHONTAS VALLEY from TURKEY.

3. Population.

The population of ALAQITES is about 399,000. It is very heterogeneous, consisting of a large number of opposing groups divided and subdivided by divergencies of race, religion, political aspiration and economic interest.

(a) Religious.

The population is divided in allegiance between the main branches of religion in the following proportions:

ALAQITES	247,361
MOSLEMS (SEMNITES)	73,816
CHRISTIANS	71,077
ISMAILITES	6,872
	<u>399,126.</u>

The ALAQITES, who are the majority, profess a secret religion; hence it is difficult to discover much about it. It is an offshoot of MOHAMMEDANISM. The ALAQITES worship ALLI, son-in-law and cousin of MUHAMMED; some worship him through the sun, some through the Moon, some through the wind. It is not an exclusive sect. ALAQITES, while adhering to their own tenets and observances, may embrace the CHRISTIAN or MOHAMMEDAN faith, and in point of fact they are not strict in religious observance.

Nevertheless their religious head is a man of great power in the country. He is of shepherd origin and completely illiterate, by name SULAIMAN MURSHED. He is regarded by them as a Messiah by reason of the Divine radiance which is said to have been observed to emanate from him, and is called by the word corresponding in their tongue to "GOD".

The MOSLEMS include several thousand TURKOMANS, with pro-TURKISH sympathies. The majority are thought to be pro-Axis as they are attracted by the Axis Pan-Islamic ideal. But some of the most influential MOSLEMS in LATTAKIA appear to be pro-British.

Of the CHRISTIANS, 50,000 are GREEK ORTHODOX. On the whole they are not thought to be very sympathetic with the FRENCH FRENCH OR ALLIED CAUSE. Of the remainder, about 15,000 are ARMENIANS who dwell chiefly in the frontier district, in and near KASSAB (a completely ARMENIAN town). They are violently ANTI-TURK and have shown themselves exceedingly friendly to our troops.

The ISMAILIS are followers of the AGA KHA N. Politically they are not of great importance.

(b) Political.

The key to the political situation is the existence of three separate political powers. The stability of the situation depends on the degree of harmony or dis-harmony in their relations inter se. They are- The Central Government, exercising power through officials and police; the local army - at present under command of General MOWCLAR, and the ALAQITE people, armed and united under their religious leader in opposition to the FRENCH.

The ALAQITES have always been a fighting people and have always been armed. Before they left this area, the VICHY authorities are said to have distributed to them 10,000 rifles and a few LMGs, and there is further traffic in arms across the TURKISH border. At a conservative estimate they have at least 40,000 rifles, and an army to some extent trained, of at least 6,000. Moreover, they are said to have plenty of ammunition.

It is therefore patent that in a country that favours guerilla warfare as this does, the ALAQITES are a force which must be taken seriously in a military sense.

The ALAQITES are said never to have been conquered. After the last war they asked to be taken under FRENCH nationality unconditionally. Since then the FRENCH have earned the hatred of the ALAQITES by reason of their successive encroachments in the governmental sphere.

Hatred of the FRENCH is the dominant note of ALAQITE policy. But the ALAQITES are also anti-MOSLEM, as they see a threat to their liberty and independence in the Pan-Islamic movement

(b) Political Contd.

Until now the country has been known as the autonomous territory of ALAOUITE, for under a law of 1939 the local executive council, on which the ALAOUITES were a majority, selected the "Mohafez" or chief executive officer, the appointment, however, being made by the SYRIAN GOVERNMENT.

That status has been enjoyed in theory up to the present, though subordinated, in practice, to military requirements.

By the proclamation made on 20 Jan 1942, the territory is made an integral part of the SYRIAN STATE and given the designation of "Mhafazat de DJEBEL ALAOUITE." This document is in effect a death warrant for ALAOUITE political aspirations. Under it the President of the Republic nominates the Mohafez and the judges. He also makes the appointment of other important executive officers on the selection of the Mohafez.

The President has officially, but not publically announced to the French Delegate (General MONCLAR) that he will make this appointment only on agreement with the Delegate ~~General~~ GENERAL MONCLAR

The proclamation has pleased no one except the CHRISTIAN minority and possibly some of the influential MUSLIMS in LATTAKIA: for the latter appeared to make speeches favourable to BRITAIN at the proclamation ceremonies.

It has displeased General MONCLAR who wished, as representative of the Central Government, to wield most of the power now conferred on the Mohafez.

Above all, it has infuriated the ALAOUITES, who have heretofore been pro-British, seeing us as the proclaimed guardians of small states and races - the ALAOUITES who alone in these parts command a military force of any account and who refused to employ that force against us in the SYRIAN campaign, who are at once our best friends and our most powerful potential enemies.

MILITARY AND POLICE.

The military authorities in the district are:

- (a) ~~THE AUSTRALIAN~~ ~~under command of Lt Col TURNER.~~
- (b) The FRENCH FORCES under command General MONCLAR.

Each of these two forces regards itself as the supreme military force of the district, and the right of each is recognised to interfere in the government of the country if the military security is threatened.

~~Neither of these two forces as the decisive authority should~~
~~not~~ ~~it is~~ ~~clearly~~ ~~we~~ ~~are~~ ~~seeking~~ ~~to~~ ~~secure~~ ~~coordination~~ ~~through~~
willing collaboration ~~the~~ ~~necessity~~ ~~to~~ ~~dispute~~ ~~shall~~ ~~not~~ ~~arise.~~
~~Relations~~ ~~between~~ ~~the~~ ~~two~~ ~~forces~~ ~~is~~ ~~extremely~~ ~~critical~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~Australian~~
~~force~~ ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~majority~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~French~~ ~~force~~ ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~minority~~
The exact strength of the FRENCH FORCES has not yet been ascertained. There is one CHAD Battalion and a certain number of SYRIAN troops. They are said to have plenty of weapons. It is doubtful whether they could be relied on in active operations. Should such occur, it is suggested that they should not be assigned a major role.

LATTAKIA

(c) B.S.M. There are two officers stationed at ~~LATTAKIA~~ - one concerned with political relations and one with frontier control.

(d) Spears Mission. Two Officers at LATTAKIA, Maj MITCHELL deals with economic affairs and is concerned with the distribution of wheat. Capt EVANS-RICHARD is the Area Liaison Officer. Under instructions from the Spears Mission, he is watching the political situation for the B.S.M. He has made himself acquainted with all the chiefs and influential personalities in the district.

(e) Service Speciale

The Service Speciale is in fact a body of Military Police through which heretofore the FRENCH ARMY had dominated and controlled the government of the country.

They have an officer in every important centre.

They control the Guard Mobile, who are the only troops who patrol the TURKISH frontier in ALAOUITE. Six frontier posts are at present operating.

There are 35 kilometres of frontier. The strength of the frontier patrol has recently been doubled and is now 78. They will eventually be brought up to the strength of 120. In view of the long stretch of frontier, this is quite inadequate; it is quite easy to cross without observation.

at present 2/13 Aust Inf Bn which forms part of 20th Aust Inf Div whose HQ is at Aleppo

Service Speciale contd.

The Service Speciale for this area is controlled by Capt LOHSAO from LATTAKIA (see under "PERSONALITIES".)

Attached as Appendix "B" is a sketch showing the frontier posts as manned by the Guard Mobile.

Coastal Guard. - FREE FRENCH NAVY

The Coastal Guard is under command Lieut LANGLOIS. This has a present strength of 140 but Lieut LANGLOIS has authority to increase this strength to as many as he considers necessary.

Lieut LANGLOIS has made it a principle to choose his men from every segment of the population and he follows this principle down to the selection of the personnel for each post. He considers that in the case of the defection of any section of his men (e.g. the MUSLIMS) he would be informed by others (e.g. the CHRISTIANS).

For defence the Coast is divided into three areas, the two Northern of which are controlled each by a FRENCH Petty Officer under whom are native petty officers, and the third controlled from his HQ at LATTAKIA.

Posts along the coast are so situated that the whole coast is under surveillance (except at ^{ARAB - I Moulk} where the coast is patrolled by mounted marines) and each post is in visual contact with some other post.

In each post is an MG and a ~~sub machine gun~~ ^{LMG}.

The force also has three 37 mm guns and personnel trained in their use but no ammunition.

All the posts, except those at ^{TROUNIE and SMALI} are connected by telephone to HQ at LATTAKIA, but these are civilian lines and therefore insecure. HQ at LATTAKIA are in R/T communication with BEYROUTH.

Lieut LANGLOIS aims at being able to hold out in his defensive posts against an enemy raiding party until reinforcements arrive.

In cooperation, this BN proposes, as did the 2/9 AUGST INF BN to maintain a mobile Coy ready to move at half an hour's notice to any part of the coast. At present, sufficient weapons are not available to carry out this primary operational role.

Lieut LANGLOIS has prepared positions for the defence of LATTAKIA Power House against a raid from the sea.

Lieut LANGLOIS is under command ^{of} GENERAL MONCLAR.

Attached as Appendix "C" is a sketch showing the strength, weapons and dispositions of the coastal guard.

Surete Generale.

The Chief Officer of the Surete Generale, a man named MONETTI, cooperates fully with the BSM, and in particular in frontier control.

ALOUITE GENDARMERIE.

This consists of two coys under a FRENCH officer and a SYRIAN major. They are very poorly paid and are reputed to be corrupt.

PERSONALITIES.

GENERAL MONCLAR. The Commander of the Free French Forces and Delegate at LATTAKIA. He is a soldier rather than a politician, being in the true sense of the word an old campaigner. He has rows of medals, including three British Decorations. He was in the ABYSSINIAN Campaign. He appears to be rather an ~~insecure~~ ^{ingenuous} and temperamental character, much disposed to take offence when anyone acts in any respect without his prior knowledge.

He, in fact, chooses the executive officer of the ALOUITE State. It has been remarked that he is not the type to play second fiddle and it is expected that he will be active in the Political sphere.

CAPTAIN LOHSAO. Commander of the Service Speciale for this district and is reputed to be very efficient and clever. He is thoroughly acquainted with the country and particularly with the frontier district, where he did two years service at KASSAB.

On the other hand he is thought to be pro-Vichy and possibly pro-German. He at first intended to leave for FRANCE with the supporters of Vichy after the ~~armistice~~ Armistice but was persuaded to

and

SALAHEN BEK EL HASRI had an inter-regnum as KORAFEE under Col. JORDAIN, General MONCLAR'S predecessor, during which time he made himself very unpopular.

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APPENDICES

- "A" Showing the approximate boundaries of the ALAOUITE STATE.
- "B" Showing the Posts as manned by the Garde Mobile.
- "C" Showing armament, weapons and dispositions of COASTAL GUARD.

SECRET.
Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde.
29 Jan 42.

S/Bde/29.

APPRECIATION BY LT-COL R.W. TURNER
CO 2/13 AUST INF BN.

1. Three copies of this appreciation are ack.
2. The Bde Comd approves of the plan outlined in it being taken as the basis of the Bn Plan. The necessary recces will be undertaken to determine further details. Preparation of selected Coy posns will be continued; but the plan is not to be taken as finally approved and settled until the Bde Comd discusses it with the Bn Comd. Digging may continue but wire obstacles will not be constructed except where required in posns selected for the covering by fire of the main demolitions already prepared.
3. Ref para 2 (i). It is probable that one bty and not one tp of Ed Arty will be allotted.
4. Ref para 3 last sub-para re airborne landings - further information will be obtained on this matter.

W. J. V. W. Lindsey
Col.
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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No. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
Lattakia.
22 Jan 42.

Appreciation by Lt. Col. E.W.H. Turner.

At Lattakia on 21 Jan 1942.

Ref Map Lattaquie- Hama 1: 200,000

1. Object. To delay enemy forces entering Syria in the area bounded on the East by the ORONTES valley, the North by the Turko-Lybian border and the West by the Mediterranean and to maintain effective lines of withdrawal to Tripoli.

2. Considerations.

i. Comparative strengths.

Our forces: One Inf Bn.

Probable attached forces, One troop Pz
artillery,

One sec A/Tank guns.

Frontier patrols by Service Speciale by a Company of men approximately 100 strong on a frontier approx 60 miles in length. Coastal OPs and sections posts are manned by Free French Units. Personnel of both these units are locally recruited. Full particulars of each in separate report.

Other Free French forces at present stationed in Lattakia amount to approx 2 Bns and a detachment of artillery. Full details of these as yet not known nor is it yet known whether or not it is intended that they cooperate in any action in this area. It has been ascertained that they have prepared anti-parachutist plans.

Enemy forces.

Quite unknown. Will almost certainly comprise armoured units and lorried infantry. Air and sea borne troops also most probable. Possible infiltration on frontier by horsed troops or dismounted infantry.

ii. Time and space.

An attack before spring is considered unlikely as an advance by any considerable mechanised force before termination of the winter rains is most improbable. Probably at least four days warning of movements inside Turkey will be received. Heavy rains experienced during late December and January are reported as unusual, the usual rainy month being February.

iii. Topography.

The sector may be divided roughly into three areas:-

- (a) The border area.
- (b) The coastal plain.
- (c) The ALAONITE hills.

The border area is mountainous, steep and rugged impassable to all off made roads. Two roads come down from Turkey, one along the ORONTES valley, this being covered by the 2/15 Bn on the right, the other being the Antioch road through KASSAB. This may be taken as the only direct route from

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foreign territory by which a force of any size can enter the area. The coastal loop road from KASSAB may be tried as an alternative route to the main road.

The coastal plain commences in the north with a good landing place at the mouth of NAHR el DANBIL 16204195. From LATTAKIA south to Tripoli landings are possible almost anywhere. Landing of parachute or air borne troops could be carried out with the greatest of ease along the whole of the coastal plain. At two places along the coastal plain defiles exist which would be likely places for sea or air borne troops to occupy. The first is between the cliff and marsh at NAAR SEHR 17403680. The second is where the hills come down to the sea in the area immediately south of BANIAS.

The ALOUITE hills are steep and rough and contain numerous bridle paths. Two roads there demand notice. Firstly the loop road off the ALLEPPO-LATTAKIA road branching south at SOHRAN 19504270 and the other the road HAMA-MASSIAP -BANIAS both of which are fair roads for use by MT, particularly in dry weather.

3. Courses open to the enemy.

- (a) An attack in force down the road ANTIOCH-LATTAKIA. This is considered most unlikely in view of the confined nature of the road.
- (b) An attack in force down the ORONTES valley - or on the open country further east, followed by penetration to this area via ALLEPPO road or MASSIAP road. This is considered the most likely main attack.
- (c) A diversion down the ANTIOCH road to assist a main attack further east, accompanied perhaps by infiltration or horse or foot parties of subeteurs and ambush parties over the open border.
- (d) An attempt to cut the main coastal road by sea and/or air borne troops anywhere along the coastal plain - particularly at the two defiles previously referred to.

A combination of courses b, c and d is considered most likely, course d being considered the most likely of all.

Therefore it is considered that the BN's role will comprise the following:-

- (a) Prevent movement down road ANTIOCH-LATTAKIA by enemy forces probably of not very great strength.
- (b) Assist in maintaining road ALLEPPO-LATTAKIA as an effective route of withdrawal.
- (c) Provide flank guard on road HAMA-MASSIAP-BANIAS
- (d) Maintain as large a fighting body completely mobile as is possible to counter enemy landings from sea or air.

Courses open to us.Role (a)

Previous appreciations and plans provided for three or possibly four Coy posts between KASSAB and LATTAKIA. If these were all used the result would be a running fight from which it would be very difficult to disengage.

The alternative is to rely on one main fighting position

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and then impose further delay by means of road demolitions.

Therefore outline plan for Role (a) is to hold already prepared Coy less one Pl position, astride road at 17754380. One detachment of mortars attached. Remaining Pl of this Coy to deny use of KASSAB coast road loop to enemy, with one section vicinity demolitions at 17394390 and Pl less one section at 17054285.

Another Coy posn to be fully reconnoitred on escarpment immediately south of NAHR DANDIL at 16704160 for use if required by this Coy in its withdrawal and also for possible use by mobile reserve Coy in the event of beach landings at or North of NAHR DANDIL.

Road from forward posn to LATTAKIA to be patrolled by one Sec Carrier Platoon. Suitable demolitions for delaying purposes to be reconnoitred and prepared on cross track to ALEPPO road in squares 1742 and 1842.

Role (b).

Previous disposition on this road was a full Coy posn in vicinity of bridge and crater demolitions near BERRIYE 1935433 and further projected Coy posns back along the road.

The posn at BERRIYE is close behind posns held by 2/15 Bn, astride all main avenues of approach and tactically is redundant, its only useful purpose being (a) to protect local demolitions (b) possibly intercept small enemy horsed or infantry parties infiltrating over the border.

Should this road be used as a line of withdrawal it is assumed that 2/15 Bn would maintain its present posn until all other units had withdrawn. If this is so only a short holding of any posn on this road by 2/13 Bn would be necessary in order to cover withdrawal of 2/15 Bn and also other elements of 2/13 Bn.

Outline plan for role (b) is therefore:-

- i. One Pl to remain at present BERRIYE posn to protect demolitions and also check any infiltration from the border. Route for withdrawal of this Pl to be by BORHAL-SLEWFE-HAFVE loop road. Suitable delaying demolitions on this road to be reconnoitred and prepared and blown by this platoon in withdrawing.
- ii. A holding posn for one Coy less one Pl to be prepared at BUBIA gorge 1780413 together with suitable road demolition. This posn to be held until withdrawal of rear elements of 2/15 Bn and also 2/13 Bn elements on ANTIOCH road. Road to be patrolled by one Sec of carrier platoon.

Role (c)

Owing to large number of branch tracks from road HAMA-MASSIAP-BANIAS west of MASSIAP it will be necessary to hold this road at or East of MASSIAP in order to ensure efficient flank protection. Outline plan for this role - full recce and preparation of Coy posn astride road at MASSIAP together with suitable road demolitions.

Role (d)

Remaining rifle Coy and remaining elements M. Coy

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to be fully mobile and ready to move at short notice to counter any landing.

So far as beach landings are concerned, liaison with FP coast watching patrols has already been established and a direct phone line from their HQ to HQ this Bn is in use.

Re airborne landings:- Copy of FP plans for anti-parachute defence has just been received (copy attached) Further information from Formation is requested on the relationship arranged between the two forces before further liaison in this connection is attempted.

General.

In case of necessity in a hard pressed withdrawal possible positions at

- i. (a) Rising ground south of NAHR KESIR at approx 16353970.
- (b) NAHR SEME defile 17403680
- (c) Neighbourhood of BANIAS.

to be recce and known by officers down to Coy Comds and Pl Comds specialist Platoons.

- ii. whole unit to be provided with MF sufficient to become completely mobile.
- iii. Long range radio to be available for contacting and controlling Coys.
- iv. Motor cycles for DM Communication an urgent necessity.

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 (R. W. N. Turner)

2/15 Aust Inf Bn
24 Jan 42.

APPRECIATION OF THE SITUATION FROM THE ENEMY'S POINT OF VIEW

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ASSUMPTION

1. (a) It is supposed that the invading forces (viz the GERMANS and perhaps TURKS) would not attempt an invasion until the completion of the wet season and until such time as the open country is fit for traffic by tracked vehicles.
- (b) Also that the enemy would ensure a superiority in infantry and arm'd forces and at least parity but probably superiority in the air. The enemy would not expect superiority at sea.

OBJECT

2. To invade and overcome SYRIA as rapidly as possible with the CANAL as the ultimate objective.

FACTORS

2. (1) TOPOGRAPHY

(a) FRONTIER -

- (a). The frontier from the coast to the ORONTES RIVER is very mountainous on both sides.
- (b). The R. ORONTES flows almost NORTH-SOUTH.
- (c). From the R. ORONTES to MEIDANE EKBES (239542), the TURKISH side is flat and open becoming more rugged to the NORTH EAST but the SYRIAN side remains mountainous.
- (d) From MEIDANE EKBES (239542) to the AZAZ area (274520) the country is again mountainous on both sides, being interrupted by the AFRANE VALLEY.
- (e) From AZAZ to the EUPHRATES R. the country is open on both sides.

(ii) SYRIA

- (a) The coastal strip consists of a narrow undulating belt with the road following the coast for the greater part.
- (b) The SYRIAN mountains run parallel to the coast down the LEBANON Frontier where a gap exists before the commencement of the LEBANON mountains. This gap is covered by rocky basalt.
- (c) The ORONTES VALLEY is flat and open with swampy patches but in summer would be open to all movement.
- (d) EAST of the ORONTES is another rugged range consisting largely of basalt covered features. This extends SOUTH to approx the 39 EAST-WEST Grid.
- (e) Further to the EAST the ground is open and cultivated. The cultivation consists mainly of crops with numerous and extensive olive groves.

(2) BRITISH DEFENCES

- (i) (a) The British are holding the frontier posts from TURKI to SYRIA. These are NOT strongly defended, but there may be greater strength further back in billets and barracks.
- (ii) The railway from MEIDANE EKBES to ALEP is guarded considerable vigilance and demolitions have been prepared under viaduct (237529) and in certain t
- (iii) Tank ditches and defence works are prepared around TRIPOLI and BAAL/BECK.

(3) RAILWAY

The use of the railway (mentioned in sub para (i) above) by the AXIS forces is considered necessary the provision of stores for the long range acti projected.

(4) SPEED

- (i) Speed of advance with the maximum dislocation, disruption and elimination of British forces

(ii) This will require:-

- (a) Country suitable for APVs and Mobile tps.
 - (b) Roads with good surfaces.
 - (c) Open roads with few defiles or possible demolition points both for the easier advance and protection from aircraft.
 - (d) A plentiful supply of bridging units and material.
- (iii) Pockets of British resistance from which guerilla bands can operate, will require to be either contained or overcome.

5. SURPRISE

- (i) Surprise is desirable but difficult. Tp concentrations could be concealed on the coastal strip and could use the road ANTIOCH-LATTIQUIE or ANTIOCH-KNAYE. (207442)
- (ii) Elsewhere, where roads are available surprise is difficult owing to the open state of the country on the TURKISH side of the frontier.
- (iii) A ^{certain} suitable element of surprise can be obtained by rapid movement and performing the unexpected.

6. USE OF AIRCRAFT

- (i) Full use will be required to be made of aircraft and airborne tps
- (ii) This will necessitate the choosing of suitable country for landings and landing grounds.

7. SUPPLIES

- (i) The use of railway, as in para 3, to ALEP, and as far SOUTH as possible.
- (ii) Roads will also be used as they become available.
- (iii) Substantial depots could be made with reasonable secrecy at ALEXANDRETTE, ANTIOCH, AINTAB and to a less extent at RIHANIYE (229480).

8. SABOTAGE

Due to the mixed feeling prevailing in SYRIA and by using Arabs now being trained in GREECE, strong bands of bandits and Guerillas can be formed to:

- (i) Hinder British demolitions.
- (ii) Seize and hold bridges and other defiles.
- (iii) Generally disorganise and harass the British forces.
- (iv) Spread false reports and rumours in the civil populace, to attempt to sway popular opinion against the

POSSIBLE ROUTES OPEN TO BRITISH FORCES

POSSIBLE ROUTES OPEN TO AXIS FORCES

3. (i) Coastal route via ANTIOCH-LATTIQUIE RD
- (a). Topographically this is the most difficult going, for the early part through very rugged mountainous country and the latter part along the undulating strip. Apart from difficulties of movement and advance, this route would not allow much dispersion and the advance could more easily be localised. The British could harass the rd from the sea.
 - (b) British tps are known to be on the frontier and at LATTIQUIE.
 - (c) The supply question would be difficult, there being only one rd, and also would allow the demolition of the viaduct and tunnels to be effected. Some supplies and also tps could be landed along the coast but with the control of the sea in British hands, it would be dangerous to look upon this as a reliable source. A surprise landing might be effected, but again it would be dangerous to rely upon this for the success of the operation.
 - (d) Due to the terrain a speedy advance could not be guaranteed under 2 (4) (ii). Also British forces would be given the opportunity to /3

withdraw.

- (e) Surprise could be obtained more easily than other sectors. Also this route is an unexpected one.
- (f) Possible landing grounds for tp carrying aircraft are not as plentiful as inland, nevertheless they are available.

CONCLUSION

For a main line of advance the above should be discarded. As there are British tps in this area it may be advisable to use this approach in conjunction with another or others.

(11) ROUTE - ANTIOCH -KNAYE- JSIR ECH CHOCHOUR
 193473 207442 207429

- (a) Topographically this is also difficult until the ORONTES R is crossed and the advancing forces are SOUTH JSIR-ECH-CHOCHOUR. From this point the ORONTES VALLEY presents easier going but even so it is narrow and provides defiles. It does however cut the ALEP-LATTIQUIE RD and opens this up for the advancing tps.
- (b) The British are known to have about one platoons strength at KNAYE but may possibly have more tps in reserve. It is considered likely they would have tps guarding the two bridges at JSIR ECH CHOCHOUR and the bridge across the NAHR EL ABIAB at 207433.
- (c) This route will not gain the use of the railways.
- (d) (i) Speed of advance would not be assured.
 (ii) The British tps on either flanks would be free to withdraw down the coast and inland rds.
 (iii) Though the rd is good, the country is NOT suitable to AFVs until the ORONTES VALLEY is reached and even then the country is not the best.
 (iv) Possible demolition points are fairly numerous and the bridges mentioned in sub para (ii)(b) above would have to be secured by either paratroops or fifth column. It is considered that any demolitions within half kilo of frontier would be observed and prevented.
 (v) A large supply of bridging material would be required to be carried well fwd in the event of (iv) above failing, and to cross other minor demolition.
- (e) Reasonable surprise could be gained and the route is an unexpected one.
- (f) Fair use could be made of aircraft as the British tpt in this vicinity must remain on the rds. Landing points for airborne tp could be found in ORONTES VALLEY.
- (g) Supplies would be restricted to one rd.

CONCLUSION

Alone, this route does not damage the British to any extent and he is given time to do his demolitions and withdraw. It has the advantage of securing the river crossings and for that reason is worth considering as a supplementary route of attack.

(111) YENI CHEHIR-SALKINE JSIR EL HABID- SALKINE
 225477 218466 212477 218466

- (a) The country is suited for an advance as far as SALKINE. From here to KAFERT HARIM 225464 the route passes through very difficult country, and that through AZMARIME though not so difficult is still slow.
- (b) Light British forces are at HARIM (225474) but no doubt these would fall back to the hills and cover the rd in the event of an alert.
- (c) A separate plan would be required to secure the railway.
- (d) (i) A rapid advance could not be guaranteed and dislocation and elimination of the British forces would not be expected.
 (ii) Going is not suitable to AFVs until the valley at ARMENAZ (224459) or JSIR ECH CHOCHOUR is reached.
 (iii) There are many defiles and although from SALKINE the thrust extends along two rds, SALKINE itself presents a bottle neck.
- (e) Surprise could only be obtained by rapid movement of tps and striking at an unexpected time.

- (f) Aircraft could be used to an advantage to harass British tps but for the early stages could not assist the tp carrying.
- (g) Supplies could be worked from two bases. ANTIOCH and RIHANIYE. but would be restricted to two rds and bottle necks at SALKINE.

CONCLUSION: An advance by this route has little or no advantage over other routes and has not the advantages by some.

(iv) ROAD JUNCTION - BAB EL HAOUR

(230476 244473)

- (a) The rd forms the frontier for about one mile the WESTERN portion being SYRIAN and the EASTERN side TURKISH. The rd runs through a very rocky and rugged gorge which forms a defile for about four miles. The country either side of the rd is made tank proof by lava flow. To the SOUTH and EAST of BAB EL HAOUR the country opens out to perfect tank and aircraft landing country. An aerodrome is under construction near TELL AKABRINE
- (b) The BRITISH are known to have one platoon strength at BAB EL HAOUR. A demolition point has been prepared on the rd at 23964758.
- (c) The capture of the railway requires a subsidiary task.
- (d) (i) Once through the initial gorge which provides the only obstacle the speed of the attack would depend entirely upon British resistance and arrival of supplies.
 - (ii) From BAB EL HAOUR the rd junct at 259464 and 249451 could be cut by direct route having the effect of prohibiting the use of the ALEP-HOMS and ALEP-LATTAQUE rds by the British.
 - (iii) By using the route TERIB (253466) rd junct (224445) the British tps in the HARIM sector would be outflanked and access be had to the ORONTES Valley and JIBR CHOUGHOUR
 - (iv) There are no major obstacles to cross once through the gorge, and the quantity of bridging material required would not be excessive until the advance had reached well SOUTH.
- (e) Surprise by the main force would be very difficult and could be only obtained by
 - (i) Quick movement of tps under the cover of dark
 - (ii) Creating a diversion on some other front. An attack on this sector would be expected by the British.
- (f) Many suitable landing places for gliders and tp carrying aircraft can be found at advantage points. e.g. SARMADA (244470) and rd junct at (259464-249451) and (224446); also at unlimited points on ALEP-HOMS RD. Local air superiority would be necessary for success.
- (g) Reliance cannot be placed on this rd alone for supplies. Until other rds become available, the L of C would not be excessively long but in order to continue the momentum of advance large supply dumps would be required in the vicinity of RIHANIYE and ANTIOCH.
- (h) The use of organised bandit bands would greatly assist the forcing of the gorge at BAB EL HAOUR.

CONCLUSION ; This route lends itself to the attainment of the initial stages of the object. Topographically, the defence is shallow, all weapons (both land and air) can be used to advantage once the gorge is forced. The supply question makes the capture of the railway more important. This route has the advantage of hitting the British communications rapidly and where it is most effective. It is anticipated that the ALEP-LATTAQUE and ALEP-HOMS RD could be cut within a few hrs of forcing the gorge. The British forces WEST of the ORONTES could by this means withdraw unhindered but also it would be difficult for them to assist their right flank.

(v) EL HAMMAN - APRINE

- (a) Topographically this route is the easiest yet considered and the country is open until the APRINE R is reached, even this would not present a major obstacle.
- (b) It is estimated the British have at least one Coy at EL HAMMAN and possibly reserves further back. It is probable they have posns prepared further back with arty, A TK and light armed support.
- (c) The railway would require an additional task.

- (d) The advance would be fast and over good country. Defiles and demolition points are very few. The cutting of the main lines of British withdrawal would be slower and longer process.
- (e) Surprise could be only obtained as with the BAB EL HAOUA route.
- (f) Aircraft could be used for landing tps in very many places. Except for the very few demolition points, e.g. AFRINE bridge there is not the need for airborne tps as in other lines of advance. This would enable airborne tps to be employed on other tasks.
- Air superiority over the main lines of advance is essential though and it will depend upon the extent of that superiority as to whether air borne tps could be employed elsewhere.
- (g) Supplies as for BAB EL HAOUA. route.
- (h) There is not the same need for saboteur bands as in other sectors. This would release these bands for use elsewhere.

CONCLUSION Although the route through EL HAMMAM is easier than that through BAB EL HAOUA it is not so direct and would not injure the British to the extent the BAB EL HAOUA route would. It is considered the extra strength required to ensure the BAB EL HAOUA route is compensated for by the results which would be obtained.

(VI) KILLIS - AZAZ
273529 273514

- (a) Topographically this line of approach is ideal. The country lends itself to arm and mobile movement. The two railway lines to ALEP are within easy reach and could be quickly cut to prevent use by the British.
- (b) The British defences in this sector are negligible and they would require a strong mobile and arm force to withhold an advance of any size.
- (c) The main capture of the railway would still require a separate task and little assistance could be given from KILLIS except by guerilla bands
- (d) Although the advance would be fast and the ALRINE -ALEP RD could quickly be cut it still would not strike deeply at the British L of C though it would be more effective than the EL HAMMAN route and would isolate the British forces dependent on the ALEP-EL HAMMAN RD. Defiles are non-existent and very little bridging material would be required to be carried.
- (e) Surprise by concealment from view could be achieved more easily than at EL HAMMAN or BAB EL HAOUA but the rapid movement of tps would be more difficult. This line of advance would be expected by the British.
- (f) The same applies as for EL HAMMAN
- (g) The same applies as for EL HAMMAN.

CONCLUSION : Although this route is not as harmful to the British as that of BAB EL HAOUA and for that reason is not as suitable for a main line of advance it would be very suitable for a secondary line of advance. It would keep British engaged which otherwise might be moved to assist in defence of the BAB EL HAOUA sector, resulting in the isolation of the majority.

COURSES OPEN TO THE BRITISH - The task of the British tps which are holding the frontier very lightly appears to be to maintain the use of rds and railways through TURKEY as long as possible then to effect their demolition and withdraw to TRIPOLI or BAAL BECK.

The time of demolition and withdrawal by the BRITISH depends so much on the situation in TURKEY that any forecast at this stage would be idle.

GENERAL CONCLUSION

- (a) The route through BAB EL HAOUA presents no major difficulties which could not be overcome by the use of strength and combined land and air operations.
- (b) The advantages of this route outweigh that of any other.
- (c) Surprise could be partly obtained on this sector by a demonstration on the frontier of the coastal rd ANTIOCH-LATTAQUIE. This would enable
 - (1) Stores to be dumped at ANTIOCH for use at BAB EL HAOUA

without drawing attention to the latter.

- (ii) A rapid movement of t ps from ANTIOCH to BAB EL HAOUA.
- (iii) The possible reinforcing of British tps at TALLAQUIE and delaying their withdrawal which might be sufficient to prevent some having time to withdraw to TRIPOLI.
- (d) Air superiority could be assured over such a small sector as BAB EL HAOUA.
- (e) A minor action through KILLIS would be possible, due to the very open country and a mobile column operating from this direction would do much damage very economically and might temporarily confuse the British as to the main effort, thereby assisting the latter.
- (f) Small detaining forces would be required to maintain contact with other British forces along the frontier.
- (g) These operations will be required to cooperate with that of seizing the railways (This latter operation will require a separate appreciation)

OUTLINE OF PLAN

- (a) Building up forces and supplies at ANTIOCH and at the same time a mobile column at KILLIS
- (b) Provide landing grounds and stores for aircraft which are within range of BAB EL HAOUA sector and with as much concealment as possible.
- (c) Organise bandit bands with the object of harassing the British defenders of BAB EL HAOUA gorge.
- (d) Strengthen forces at HARIM, KNAYE, and EL HAMMAM.
- (e) Zero hour to be at dawn.
- (f) Commencement of tp movement from ANTIOCH to BAB EL HAOUA to begin after dusk the night before zero.
Complete blackout of vehicles required. Movement of armd vehs at zero-5 hrs. Moonlight required.
- (g) At Zero- $\frac{1}{2}$ hr parachute tps to be landed at TELL AKABRINE to capture aerodromes.
- (h) at Zero airborne tps tp land on dromes or open country with object rallying and assisting bandit bands and inf to clear the gorge.
- (i) At Zero mobile column to cross frontier at KILLIS.
- (j) After gorge is forced, armd formations to pass through.
- (k) Armd formations to fan out into three routes
 - (i) Seize rd junct ref 249451
 - (ii) " " " 259464
 - (iii) " " " 224445
- (l) Tasks (i) and (iii) to be exploited to the full, i.e. along HOMS RD and down ORONTES Valley respectively.
- (m) Task (ii) - to work towards ALEP and connect with mobile column from KILLIS.

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Appx C 2

Location Statements

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LOCATION STATEMENT No 6 - 9 AUST DIV

and Units under comd

as at 1700 hrs 17 Jan 42

Serial	Units	Location and Map Ref	Remarks
<u>HQ Units</u>			
1	HQ 9 Aust Div	TRIPOLI ✓ 16142777	Rear parties
2	Int Sec 9 Aust Div	TRIPOLI ✓ 16142777	PALESTINE
3	A Coy HQ Aust HQ Gd Bn	TRIPOLI ✓ 16102776	" " "
4	9 Aust Div Emp Pl	TRIPOLI ✓ 16142777	" " "
<u>CAV</u>			
5	9 Aust Div Cav Regt	ALEPPO AERODROME ✓ (under Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.	Rear parties PALESTINE
6	82 Aust LAD	ALEPPO AERODROME ✓ " " " " "	" " "
<u>RAA</u>			
7	HQ RAA 9 Aust Div	DEDDE AREA 15812722 ✓	Rear parties PALESTINE
8	Adv party		
	2/7 Aust Fd Regt and	BSARMA AREA 16082648 ✓	Main body moving
	E Sec Sigs		from EGYPT
9	63 Aust LAD	BSARMA AREA 16082648 ✓	
10	2/8 Aust Fd Regt and	JDAIDE AREA 16622692 ✓	Rear party
	F Sec Sigs		PALESTINE
11	64 Aust LAD	JDAIDE AREA 16622692 ✓	
12	Adv party		
	2/12 Aust Fd Regt and	JDAIDE MONASTERY 16572688 ✓	due in 19 Jan
	G Sec Sigs		
13	61 Aust LAD	JDAIDE MONASTERY 16572688 ✓	
14	3 Aust A Tk Regt and	BSARMA MONASTERY 16172658 ✓	Rear party
	H Sec Sigs		PALESTINE
15	71 Aust LAD	BSARMA MONASTERY 16172658 ✓	
<u>ENGRS</u>			
16	HQ RAE 9 Aust Div	TRIPOLI 16182770 ✓	
17	2/3 Aust Fd Coy	TRABOLLOUZI 16322774	In support 26 Aust Inf Bde
18	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	EL AVOUN 17002756 ✓	
19	2/13 Aust Fd Coy	EL BEDAONI 16482797 ✓	In support 24 Aust Inf Bde
20	24 Aust Fd Pk Coy	ALMA 16652763 ✓	
21	72 Aust LAD	ALMA ✓	
<u>SIGS</u>			
22	Adv party		
	HQ Sigs 9 Aust Div	TRIPOLI ✓ 16072777	Rear parties
23	1 Coy Sigs 9 Aust Div	DEDDE 157271	PALESTINE
24	67 Aust LAD	DEDDE	
<u>INF</u>			
25	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde and	ALEPPO ✓ 18 RUE SALIMIEH	Rear Parties
	J Sec Sigs		PALESTINE
26	20 Aust Inf Bde Int Sec	ALEPPO ✓ " " "	" " "
27	det Aust HQ Gd Bn	ALEPPO ✓ " " "	" " "
28	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	LATTAQUIE ✓	" " "
29	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	IDLIB ✓	" " "
30	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	AAFRINE ✓	" " "
31	58 Aust LAD	ALEPPO ✓ QUARTIER VINCQ	" " "
32	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde and		
	K Sec Sigs	MADJLAYA ✓ 164276	" " "
33	24 Aust Inf Bde Int Sec	" ✓ 164276	" " "
34	Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	" ✓ 164276	" " "

Serial	UNIT	Location and Map Ref	Remarks
35	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	SRAR AREA 17512756	Rear parties
36	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	EL AYOUM	PALESTINE
37	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	ARBE AREA	" " "
38	76 Aust LAD	MADJLAYA	" " "
39	Adv parties only HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde and L Sec Sigs	LEGOULT BKS 16342773	Due 18 Jan
40	26 Aust Inf Bde Int Sec	" " 16342773	" " "
41	P1 Aust HQ Gd Bn	" " 16342773	" " "
42	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	" " 16342773	" " "
43	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	" " 16342773	" " "
44	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	" " 16342773	Due 19 Jan
45	78 Aust LAD	" " 16342773	Due 18 Jan
<u>MG</u>			
46	2/2 Aust MG Bn less A Coy	FIH 16172765	Rear party
47	A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	BROUMANA	PALESTINE
48	77 Aust LAD	FIH	" " "
<u>AASC</u>			
49	HQ AASC 9 Aust Div	TRIPOLI ✓	" " "
50	9 Aust Div Sup Col	ALEPPO	Rear parties
51	9 Aust Div Amn Coy	QUARTIER AUGER 16282773	PALESTINE
52	9 Aust Pet Coy	DAHER EL AIN 16152730	" " "
<u>MEDICAL</u>			
53	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	TRIPOLI HOSPITAL LEGOULT	" " "
54	2/8 Aust Fd Amb	ALEPPO	" " "
55	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	TRIPOLI ✓ ITALIAN HOSPITAL	" " "
56	2/4 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	CHEKKA AREA.	" " "
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
57	9 Aust Div Pro Coy	TRIPOLI ✓	" " "
58	9 Aust Div Mob Bath	TRIPOLI ✓ LEGOULT BKS	" " "
59	9 Aust Div Laundry	TRIPOLI ✓ " "	" " "
60	9 Aust Div Salvage	TRIPOLI ✓ " "	" " "
61	9 Aust Div Fd Cash	TRIPOLI ✓	" " "
62	9 Aust Div Postal	TRIPOLI ✓	" " "
63	4 Cypriot Pack Tpt Coy	MADJLAYA	
64	8 Ind Mule Coy RIASC	ZGHORTA	
65	10 Ind Mule Coy RIASC		16522741
66	12 Ind Mule Coy RIASC		16522741
67	Sec 3 HT Coy RASC	EL MINA	
68	4 Cav Mob Vet Sec	LEGOULT BKS	

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6 AUST DIV	1	34			
9 Aust Div Reception Camp	1	35			
84 Base and L of C Area	1	36			
DCRE TRIPOLI	1	37			

UNIT LOCATIONSas at 1700 hrs 17 Jan 42
-----Tps in Div Area but NOT under Comd 9 Aust Div

Serial	Units	Location	Remarks
<u>AUST TPS</u>			
1	Sta Comd TRIPOLI Port (EL MINA)	EL MINA 15922790	
2	HQ 4 Aust Hy AA Bty	TRIPOLI 16232779	
3	H 1	" 16172781	
4	H 2	EL MINA 15882774	
5	Det Aust AA Bde Sig Sec	TRIPOLI Area	
6	GOR TRIPOLI	TRIPOLI 16052785	
7	One Tp 1 Aust Lt AA Regt	EL MINA	Tng with 116 Lt AA Bty RA
8	9 Aust A Fd Coy	ALEPPO	
9	1 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec	TRIPOLI 16322784	
10	One Sec 15 Aust A Fd Coy		
11	23 Aust Fd Pk Coy 65 LAD	14852628	Due move 18 Jan 42
12	Det 1 Aust Boring Sec RAE	ALEPPO	
13	Det 2 Aust Boring Sec RAE	DJISR ECH CHOUGHOUR 207429	
14	2 Sec 1 Aust Ry Svy Coy	CHEKKA	Det at EL MINA
15	Det 2 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Amn Pk	TRIPOLI 162278	
16	3 Aust DID	TRIPOLI LEGOULT BKS	
17	2 Aust AA Regt AASC Sec	ALEPPO (Aerodrome)	
18	Det Aust AA Regt AASC Sec	ALEPPO	
19	2 and 3 Aust Sup Pet Secs	TRIPOLI LEGOULT BKS	
20	7 Sub Sec 3 Adv Amn Depot AIOC	ALEPPO	
21	8 Sub Sec 3 Adv Amn Depot AIOC	ALMA 166276	
22	B Sec Aust FSS	ALEPPO	
23	1 Aust Corps Ski School	LES CEDARS 180255	
24	Det 1 Aust DID	ZGHORTA 166273	
<u>BRITISH TPS</u>			
25	NO i/c TRIPOLI Harbour	EL MINA 15922789	
26	OC Coastal Defence TRIPOLI	EL MINA 15932788	
27	A/M Bty 14 Coast Regt RA	EL BEDAOUI 16422790	
28	B/M Bty 14 Coast Regt RA	EL BEDAOUI 16132795	
29	HQ 116 Lt AA Bty RA	BEIRUT Rd 159276	
30	Det 57 Lt AA Regt Sig Sec	TRIPOLI 16172783	
31	7 CRE Aerodromes	ALEPPO Rue de Baghdad	
32	8 Sec 138 Mech Eqpt Coy	HAMA	
33	9 Sec 138 Mech Eqpt Coy	DJERAH 351460	
34	660 OC Coy RE (less one Sec)	ALEPPO	
35	One Sec 112 Wkshop & Pk Coy RE	EL MINA 16012788	
36	Det 1017 Dock Operating Coy RE	EL MINA 16012788	
37	4 Sec HT Coy RASC	ALEPPO QUARTIER VINCQ	
38	4 Bulk Pet Storage Coy RASC	ALEPPO 288470	
39	224 Pet Depot RASC	ALEPPO near DAMAS Sta	
40	Remount Depot	ALEPPO AZAZ Rd	
41	Garrison Engrs ALEPPO	ALEPPO	
42	No 5 Port Amn Det	EL MINA	
43	Town Maj ALEPPO	ALEPPO	
44	255 Sec FSS	ALEPPO Bd de France	
45	RTO TRIPOLI	EL MINA 15982787	
46	RTO ALEPPO	ALEPPO Damas and Baghdad Sta	
47	PLCO TRIPOLI	TRIPOLI 16152778	
48	PLCO ALEPPO	ALEPPO Rue Salimieh	
49	AHO TRIPOLI	TRIPOLI 16072773	
50	AHO ALEPPO	ALEPPO Rue Salimieh	
51	WOU RAF	Airport 15922791	
52	FSOR RAF	TRIPOLI 16152778	

Serial	Units	Location	Remarks
53	Dets 61 SA Tunneling Coy and 47 SA Ry Svy Coy	CHEKKA	14932629
54	DCRE TRIPOLI	TRIPOLI	16232777
55	16 Fd Bakery RASC	ALEPPO	
<u>FF FORCES</u>			
56	3 Coys 1 Bn du Levant	TRIPOLI	16232778
57	Det Fusiliers Morins (AA)	CHEKKA	14962636 Under Comd OC 4 Aust Hy AA Bty
58	EM 1 DL et TNS	ALEPPO	
59	Compagnie de QG No 51	ALEPPO Caserne Turques	
60	Peloton Transmissions No 1	ALEPPO P.A.R.E.M.	
61	Atelier No 1	ALEPPO Caserne Turques	
62	2 Bn Extranger	ALEPPO	
63	Compagnie de Commandant	BANIAS	
64	1 Bn du Pacifique	LATTAKIA	
65	2 Bn du Marche	TARTOUS	
66	Compagnie de Garrison	ALEPPO Caserne Turques	
67	4 BDL	ALEPPO Quartier Mussy	
68	EMGSA	ALEPPO Caserne Turques	
69	3 Batterie	ALEPPO Caserne Turques	
70	Cie Special Auto	ALEPPO Khan des Abattis	
71	Cie Special Hippo	ALEPPO Khan de la Citadelle	
72	PAM 2	LATTAKIA	
73	19 Escadron Leger	IDLIB	
74	26 Escadron Leger	IDLIB	
75	27 Escadron Leger	AZAZ	
76	1 Batterie	LATTAKIA	
77	5 Batterie	DEIR EZZOR	
78	2 Bn de Legion	ALEPPO Caserne Turques	

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as at 1800 hrs 28 Jan 42.

Serial No.	UNITS	Location and Map Ref.
1.	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde and Sig Sec.	18 Rue SALIMIEH, ALEPPO.
2.	P1 "A" Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn	18 Rue SALIMIEH, ALEPPO.
3.	58 Aust L.A.D.	QUARTIER VINCQ, ALEPPO.
4.	9 Aust Div Cav Regt, (less three tps).	VANNIERE BARRACKS, ALEPPO.
5.	"C" Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div	VANNIERE BARRACKS, ALEPPO.
6.	82 Aust L.A.D.	VANNIERE BARRACKS, ALEPPO.
7.	Three tps 9 Aust Div Cav Regt.	DJERABLOUS, 359543.
8.	2/9 Aust A. Fd Regt.	ALEPPO AERODROME, 288470.
9.	68 Aust L.A.D.	ALEPPO AERODROME.
10.	42 Fd Coy RE.	ALEPPO AERODROME.
11.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	LATTAKIA area, 15973999.
12.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	IDLIB, 235442.
13.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	AFRINE, 256506.
14.	2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	ITALIAN HOSPITAL, ALEPPO.
15.	Det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	off Rue SALIMIEH, ALEPPO.
16.	Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.	off AZAZ rd, ALEPPO.
17.	Det 9 Aust Div Salvage Corps.	FSD (near DAMAS Sta), ALEPPO.
18.	3 Aust Rec Sec.	VANNIERE BARRACKS, ALEPPO.
19.	33 Aust Fd Post Office.	off Rue SALIMIEH, ALEPPO.
20.	"B" Sec Aust FSS.	off Boulevard de FRANCE, ALEPPO.
21.	Det 53 Res M.T. Coy RASC.	BAB EL HAM

UNITS in Bde Area NOT under Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.AUST TPS.

1.	Det 1 Aust Boring Sec RAE	ALEPPO.
2.	Det 2 Aust Boring Sec RAE	DJISR ECH CHOUGHOUR, 207429.
3.	7 Sub Sec 3 AMD MAOC.	KALET EL CHERIF, ALEPPO.

BRITISH TPS.

4.	CRE 7 Aerodromes	Rue de BAGDAD, ALEPPO.
5.	660 OC Coy RE (less one sec).	ALEPPO AERODROME.
6.	8 Sec 138 Mech Eqpt Coy.	HAMA.
7.	9 Sec 138 Mech Eqpt Coy	DJERAH, 351460.
8.	Garrison Engineers.	JAMILIYIE, ALEPPO.
9.	224 Pet Depot RASC.	near DAMAS sta, ALEPPO.
10.	4 Sec H.T. Coy EASC.	QUARTIER VINCQ, ALEPPO.
11.	Town Major, ALEPPO.	Rue SALIMIEH, ALEPPO.
12.	P.L.C.O., ALEPPO.	Rue SALIMIEH, ALEPPO.
13.	Area Hirings Officer.	Rue SALIMIEH, ALEPPO.
14.	R.T.O., ALEPPO.	ALEPPO - BAGDAD and DAMAS sta.
15.	255 F.S.S.	off Boulevard de FRANCE, ALEPPO.
16.	16 Fd Bakery RASC	FSD (near DAMAS sta) ALEPPO.
17.	Remount Depot	AZAZ rd, ALEPPO.

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FREE FRENCH FORCES.

18.	EM 1 DL et TNS	ALEPPO.
19.	Compagnie de QG No.51.	ALEPPO.
20.	Peleton Transmissions No.1.	Caserne Turques, ALEPPO.
21.	21 Cie Divisionnaire NA	Caserne Gallioni, HOMS.
22.	1 Groupe d'Artilliere	Cite Militaire, HOMS.
23.	1 Cie de Dapeurs de Minours	Camp Polonais, HOMS.
24.	101 Compagnie Auto	Camp Polonais, HOMS.
25.	Atelier No.1.	P.A.R.E.M., ALEPPO.

1 Brigade.

26.	Compagnie de Commandement	Cite Militaire, HOMS.
27.	3 Bn de Legion.	Cite Militaire, HOMS.
28.	2 Bn de Legion.	Caserne Turques, ALEPPO.
29.	7 Bn de Marche.	HAMA.

2 Brigade.

30.	Compagnie de Commandement.	BANIAS.
31.	1 Bn de Pacifique.	LATTAKIA.
32.	2 Bn de Marche.	TARTOUSS.

Stationement des Troupes Speciales des TNS.

33.	Compagnie de Garnison.	Caserne Turques, ALEPPO.
34.	4 B.D.L.	Quartier Mussy, ALEPPO.
35.	H.M.G.S.A.	Caserne Turques, ALEPPO.
36.	3 Batterie.	Caserne Turques, ALEPPO.
37.	Cie Speciale Auto	Khan des Abattoire, ALEPPO.
38.	Cie Speciale Hippo.	Khan de la Cotadelle, ALEPPO.
39.	P.M. 2	LATTAKIA.
40.	19 Escadron Leger.	IDLIB.
41.	26 Escadron Leger	IDLIB.
42.	27 Escadron Leger	IZIZ.
43.	1 Batterie	LATTAKIA.
44.	5 Batterie.	DEIR EZ ZOR.

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SUMMARIES

FRONTIER POSTS-RELATIONS WITH TURKS.

1. The Brigade Commander wishes to bring the following matters to the notice of units which maintain posts near the frontier in the ALEPPO area. They were the subject of a discussion which took place on 26 Jan 42 between the Bde Comd, the commanders of the Free French Service Speciale Detachments concerned, Capt Brinkworth (Liaison officer with the FFL) and Major Maitland of the BSM.

2. (a) The French Service Speciale officers stationed in the area are:-

Capt DUNYACK, DJERABLOUS.
Capt FRANCOIS, AZAZ.
Capt LAVARDE, IDLIB.

Capt GAVE who is the Inspector of the Services Speciale is stationed in ALEPPO.

(b) The duties of the SS officer although of a semi-military character are largely concerned with the supervision of civil administration in the frontier areas.

(c) It is important that there should be co-operation between British and Australian officers who are stationed near the frontier or whose work takes them into frontier areas, and the French SS officer in the locality. Notwithstanding recent changes in the status of SYRIA the civil administration in the frontier areas is still largely under French supervision.

Relations in the villages and towns with the local civil authorities should, wherever possible be conducted only after consultation with the local SS commander. This will facilitate harmonious and effective work. In matters of importance, relations with civil authorities will not be undertaken except after reference to this HQ so that Spears Mission may be consulted.

(d) Officers whose work takes them into one of the frontier areas should ordinarily call upon the SS commander in the locality. This will not only ensure that their presence is known to the members of the SS but will often enable them to get information and assistance.

3. Relations with Turks.

(a) Good relations with the Turks are of the utmost importance. To maintain these the first essential is that (as has already been impressed on all troops) nothing must be done which could be construed as in the smallest degree a transgression of Turkish neutrality. Our troops must not cross the border in any circumstance.

(b) Fraternisation between Turkish and British soldiers on the Frontier is to be encouraged. It must be realised that unless spontaneous and natural it may be harmful. Some of the Turkish soldiers have apparently had orders not to have any intercourse with our troops. To endeavour to force attentions upon persons who obviously do not reciprocate may have an effect opposite to that which is desired.

(c) Fraternisation between Turkish and our soldiers may be carried on without any express permission from the SS commanders and without any intermediary.

(d) Individual officers able to meet Turkish officers for purely social intercourse may do so. But it is undesirable that officers go past the road barriers (which are a short distance back from the actual frontier line) except with the knowledge of the SS commander in the locality. Parties of officers will not seek to make contact with Turkish posts, as this would naturally excite the enquiries and suspicion of the Turks.

(e) Any transactions other than purely unofficial social intercourse with members of the army which it is desired to have with Turkish subjects will not be undertaken except after reference to this HQ. It is important that the SS commander in the locality should be kept informed of any transaction with the Turks as many of the Turkish Caimacans ordinarily deal with the SS commanders across the border.

(f) The need for the closest attention to security of information must never be forgotten.

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War Diary

S E C R E T.

HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.
31 Jan 42.

20 AUST INF BDE- INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 2.

1. General. The area has experienced very adverse weather conditions over the last week and units have been kept busy dealing with new situations.

2. Weather. From 3 inches to 4 feet of snow fell during the week, Tuesday 27th, the heaviest fall being in the AFRINE sector along the frontier.

The thaw was extremely cold but improved when rain began to fall on night 29/30. Light rain continued. It is interesting to note here that snow is to be expected in this area on an average of one year in four, but it is usual every year at altitudes of 2000 ft and above.

3. Communications. Heavy falls of snow temporarily blocked all roads at certain points but these were quickly cleared. The main cause of any trouble was that the snow covered to table drains to the level of the road and made it difficult to discern the road itself. Speed was usually reduced to 10-15 mph and any attempt to exceed this usually resulted in a slide off the road. All tracks were impassable. With the snow on the ground, these could not be followed.

The mountain roads, especially in area RADJOU-MFDIANE EKBES, became unusable owing to heavy traffic and the railway was employed for maintenance of fwd posts.

Ration trucks got through to DJERABLOUS two days after snow had fallen after experiencing great difficulties. 2 carriers were included in the convoy and it is considered that the trip would have been impossible without their help. The time taken from ALEPPO was 8 hours.

4. Internal Security.

(a) Personnel "Snap" Controls are still finding persons without Identity Cards but the cases are not now so numerous. All such persons are detained.

(b) Material. There have been many cases of theft reported from the Aerodrome and the question has become serious. More adequate measures for protection are under consideration.

(c) General.

(i) Security Note. The following is reproduced from NINTH Army Daily Intelligence Summary No 223 of 23 Jan 42.

It has been observed that there has recently been a deterioration in the security of the telephone conversations of military personnel.

Secret matters such as movements of formations, units and shipping have on occasion been discussed over the telephone by both British and Free French officers.

It is pointed out that all telephone conversations are liable to be overheard at telephone exchanges where the lines pass through test frames operated by SYRIAN or LEBANESE personnel many of whom held the same posts under the Vichy regime. Telephone conversations may also be overheard by tapping in anywhere along the line.

Attention is drawn to the need for strict compliance with security instructions for telephone conversations issued under this HQ letter GSI/414/B of 10 Jan 42. Careless telephone talk may lead to the leakage of vital infm to the enemy.

(ii) More Enemy documents, less British casualties.

Thanks to the increased interest now shown everywhere in obtaining and sending back enemy documents, General Staff Intelligence has received, since the opening of the offensive in CYRENAICA, enemy documents of very great value indeed, documents which fully justify us in saying "More enemy papers, less British casualties".

There are still quantities of enemy documents lying about in various places now well behind the front. If everybody who can will take all opportunity of picking up and sending in to G.S.I. any enemy documents he finds abandoned in the rear areas, he will rendering a really valuable service to Intelligence.

(iii) More Enemy documents, less British casualties.

(From G.H.Q., M.E.F. Daily Intelligence Summary No 609).

Comment. Whilst the above applies in the first instance to current operations in CYRENAICA, the importance of the principal in future operations cannot be overstressed.

(From NINTH Army Intelligence Summary No 223).

5. Information.

In general, Axis strength in SE Europe (incl HUNGARY, SLOVAKIA and YUGOSLAVIA- is little changed and consists, in divs, of some 14 GERMAN, 31 ITALIAN, 22 BULGARIAN and 30-40 ROUMANIAN and HUNGARIAN. Some ROUMANIAN and HUNGARIAN formations are still believed to be in course of withdrawal from RUSSIA. The GERMAN divs are all inf, mostly tired or low-category tps. Among the others there is no more than the equivalent of four mechanised divs together possibly with some ROUMANIAN mechanised forces which have been badly mauled in RUSSIA. About 26 of these divs, incl 6-7 GERMAN, are in YUGOSLAVIA where patriot forces estimated at 100,000 are proving extremely troublesome. Lesser guerilla activities have also been reported in Eastern MACEDONIA and ALBANIA. The enemy's inability so far to crush these disturbances tends to confirm the bare sufficiency of his garrisons in SE Europe.

The enemy is still improving his rail and road communications in Eastern and SE Europe, and improving air and naval bases. Large numbers of military landing craft are reported to be under construction in the BLACK SEA and ATHENS areas. There does not however appear to have been any recent acceleration of the tempo, nor any large scale dumping.

In Russia, the progress of our Allies, after a lull to allow the regrouping of forces, has again accelerated, particularly in the area WEST of MOSCOW. MOJAIK has been retaken and Russian forces are reported to have made a rapid advance in the area NE of SMOLENSK. No figures as to casualties have been given. In the CRIMEA, fighting has been particularly fierce and the enemy is making great efforts to hold the Russians in area FEODOSIYA. The Russian landings have not affected the situation around SEVASTOPOL. The Russian General Staff remains extremely confident.

Details now available of the final Italian surrender of GONDAR disclose that 28,636 prisoners were taken and 5,714 enemy deserted or were killed. The enemy's intelligence badly overrated our strength and there is little doubt that our security precautions were in these operations most successful.

(Summarised from GHQ, MEF, Weekly Military Review of 12 Jan 42).

6. Enemy methods.

(a) Dummies. The enemy employed many dummy guns at HALFAYA. One consisted of a pile of stones on which was placed part of a telescope pole the length of a 75 mm barrel. On each side were two rubber-tyred wheels from an ITALIAN four-wheeled tractor. The trail was made of stones covered with old canvas. The dummy was in a normal sized gun-pit over which were placed iron hoops, the whole being covered by a net garnished with strips of sacking. The posn looked almost real at 400 yards.

(From GHQ, MEF, Intelligence Summary No 606).

(b) Japanese methods. The Japanese forces in NORTH MALAYA are a trained army of gangsters, who fight with fanatical fury accompanied by wild screams. They can do two mph through thick forests. Their mortar are 4" and the shell bursts 6 ft above the ground with a bang and a blast and inflicts large wounds. They have little arty, and their shrapnel is said to be not very effective.

They are full of low cunning and by various means they seek through noise to lower morale and cause premature withdrawals. There is no regularity in their dress.

In the attack, a screen of men is sent fwd to locate our posns. These are often dressed in shorts, shirts and running shoes, and where possible they mix with civilians. As soon as the screen has located our posn, strong forces often deploy in the rear and pass round its flanks. This is done rapidly and every endeavour is made to maintain the momentum of the attack. Attacks are made in waves.

(Summarised from Appx to GHQ, MEF, Intelligence Summary No 607).

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(c) Treatment of PWs. It is reported by two NZ, FS, NCOs who were held pw by the enemy at BARDIA that the GERMANS tried to break the morale of pws by forcing upon them a very strenuous march of 17 miles. Often the pws were told to bed down, only to find that after settling down they were ordered to continue. PWs were confined in a very small area (about 1200 men in one acre compound) with practically no shelter, and the very minimum of food and water. Another trick of the GERMANS which was considered a joke by our tps was the fantastic tales of RUSSIAN reverses, JAPANESE successes and British losses etc.
(From Appx to NIFTH Army Intelligence Summary No 221)

7. Interrogation P.O.W.

Interrogation of British Prisoners by the Italians.

According to an Italian Intelligence Officer captured during recent operations in CYRENAICA the following method is used by the Italians to extract information from our prisoners. It is particularly requested that all ranks should be warned of this procedure.

After primary interrogation on capture any prisoners (usually NCOs and men of more than average intelligence and knowledge) considered to have information which they will not divulge are taken to the Headquarters Intelligence Office (formerly APOLLONIA) for further interrogation.

At APOLLONIA a building had been set apart for housing and interrogation of these men. No great importance is attached to the actual interrogation which lasts only an hour and is more in the nature of a general conversation accompanied by cigarettes and drinks. Prisoners are interrogated singly and then transferred to another part of the building where they find three or four other "prisoners". These "prisoners" are in actual fact Italians speaking perfect English and dressed in British uniforms. To avoid suspicion these men are sometimes dressed in a uniform of a service other than that of our prisoners (R.A.F. when prisoner is Army South African or Australian when prisoner is English). Excellent results have thus been obtained and these stool pigeons, it is said, invariably get out of our prisoners all the information which I.Os have been unable to obtain. By these methods for instance, the Italian had been able to discover what our plans were in the event of our having to evacuate TOBRUK, also every detail about our commandos.

(From GHQ, MEF, Intelligence Summary No 597).

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2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. I-1942

(For 14 days ended 1200 hrs
27 Jan 42)

REF MAP: LATTAKIE - HA MA 1 : 200,000

1. GENERAL.

Almost continuous wet weather during the last fortnight has reduced both training and work on defenses by this Unit to a minimum.

2. OWN DISPOSITIONS.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn (less Adv Party and Rear Party) left HILL 69 at 2200 hrs 13 Jan 42 and proceeded to AL MAJDAL by MT where they entrained for HAIFA. The Battalion arrived at HAIFA at 0800 hrs 14 Jan 42 and proceeded thence by MT Convoy to TRIPOLI where they arrived at 1800 hrs the same day. At 0930 hrs 15 Jan 42 the Unit left TRIPOLI by MT convoy for LATTAKIA where it arrived at 1200 hrs.

On arrival at LATTAKIA 2/13 Aust Inf Bn relieved 2/9 Aust Inf Bn and made the following dispositions:-

Bn HQ, HQ Coy, B Coy and C Coy - at BOUKA Camp (160400)

A Coy - at KASSAB (170442)

D Coy - near BEDRIYE (at 198432)

ON 22 Jan 42, 17 Pl (D Coy) moved back to BOUKA Camp. Otherwise disposition remains as above.

3. OTHER UNITS.

On 16 Jan 42 one offr and one cpl of "B" Sec. Aust FSS took up duty at LATTAKIA. The cpl was stationed at KASSAB.

On 24 Jan 42 an ENGLISH FSS Sec (under Comd Lieut. BAKER) relieved "B" Sec: Strength 1 Offr, 10 ORs.

On 19 Jan 42 one sec of 2/7 Aust Fd Coy, RAE (1 Offr and 26 ORs) arrived in the area. One sub-sec (12 ORs) is stationed near KASSAB and one at the HAIR SENE, NORTH of BANL.S.

The strength of the FFL Forces in the area is not yet exactly ascertained but is approx. two Inf Bns and one Bty of Arty. These are stationed in barracks in LATTAKIA.

4. AIR ACTIVITY. N I L5. OTHER ENEMY ACTIVITY. Nothing to report.6. BORDER ACTIVITY. No contact (friendly or otherwise) has been made with TURKISH tps or officials.

Patrolling of the Frontier is done solely by the GARDE MOBILE of the SERVICE SPECIALE, as to which see Situation Report of 22 Jan 42.

7. OFFICIAL VISITS ETC. On 14 Jan 42/ accompanied by the CO 2/9 Aust Inf Bn called on General MONCLAR, commander of FFL Forces at LATTAKIA.

On 17 Jan 42 the I.O. paid calls on the following officers in LATTAKIA - Capt. MORGAN (Political Offr) and Lieut. WILLS (Frontier Control Offr) of the BSM, Capt. LOHEAC, of the SERVICE SPECIALE and M. LEONETTI of the SURETE GENERALE at LATTAKIA.

On 17th January, 1942 the C.O. was entertained by General MONCLAR to dinner at his residence.

On 18th January, 1942 the Brigade Commander accompanied by the Brigade Major, the ADMS, the Comd. Offr of 2/15 Aust Inf Bn visited this Unit.

On the morning of 19th January 1942 Capt MORGAN (British Security Mission) visited the Commanding Officer and gave an account of the Political situation in this area.

At 1200 hrs on the same day Capt LOHEAC, Comd. the Service Speciale of this district, paid an official visit on the Commanding Officer at his residence.

On the same evening Lieut. LONGLOIS, Commanding the FREE FRENCH NAVY at LATTAKIA, dined with the Commanding Officer.

On 20th January, 1942 the Commanding Officer attended the Proclamation of the New Constitution for the ALAOUITE State.

On 22nd January, 1942 Lieut. SICHELLE (OC FRENCH FRONTIER MOBILE GUARD at KASSAB) dined with the Commanding Officer.

On 23rd January, 1942 the AGOC, 9 Aust Div, was to have visited the Unit but the visit was cancelled as the road to ALLEPPO to LATTAKIA was impassable. However General MONCLAR, who had been invited to meet the GOC, lunched with the Commanding Officer at his residence.

On 24th January, 1942 Lt-Col. DEAMS (2/9 East Fd Regt) visited the Unit.

On 25th January, 1942 the Commanding Officer attended a Requiem Mass for the late Lord BADEN POWELL which was also attended by General MONCLAR and officers of the SPEAR'S MISSION and the BRITISH SECURITY MISSION. After the Service, which was held in the ARMENIAN Church LATTAKIA, the Bodyguard of General MONCLAR, by the General's order, escorted the Commanding Officer to his residence.

On 22 January, 1942 Major N.W. SIMPSON reported to this Unit for duty as Bn 2 i/c.

Most daily contact is made between the Commanding Officer and the officers of the SPEAR'S MISSION at LATTAKIA, namely Major MITCHELL and Capt EVANS-PRICHARD.

7. MISCELLANEOUS SECURITY MATTERS.

- (a) **Telegraph Line to TURKEY.** An investigation was made by Lieut. TIMSON of the Aust NSS of the international Telegraphic Line from LATTAKIA to TURKEY. It is a simple matter to pass information to TURKEY through this line without the knowledge of the military authorities. This matter has been reported by Lieut. TIMSON to Eb 9th ARMY.
- (b) **Lectures on Security Matters.** Lieut. TIMSON lectured personnel of HQ and B and C Coys at length on the subject of "Security".
- (c) **Brothels.** Of the two brothels in LATTAKIA one has been reserved solely for Australian troops. The other is out-of-bounds to Australian troops and is piqueted. Piquet is stationed in the brothel reserved for Australian Troops. P.C. treatment is also compulsory and is given by personnel of this unit.
- (d) **Ship Wrecks.** On the night 20/21 Jan 42 SS AMATHUS of 500 tons of the Cie AETIS foundered near the entrance to the Port of LATTAKIA and has since broken up. Naval personnel from TRIPOLI took charge of salvage operations and assistance in making fast the wreck was given by personnel of the Transport Platoon of this Unit. The Cargo consisted of Chromium Ore, Skins, Tobacco etc.
- On the night 22/23 Jan 42 SS TIJVA of 300 tons foundered off RASS BOSSITE (1643). Crew of 20 and one GREEK passenger were saved, except 5 members of the crew. The papers of those saved were examined by the British Security Mission.
- On night 24/25 Jan 42 a Schooner from the Port of LATTAKIA broke loose and was smashed on the foreshores
- (e) **Communications.** The only communication between this Unit HQ and its fwd Coys, situated about 40 miles away, is by civil telephone, which apart from being insecure is subject to frequent breakdowns. Furthermore, the roads between these Coys and HQ frequently become impassable in bad weather conditions. This Unit has already made a request for W/T Equipment to supersede or supplement the civil telephone.

W. M. ... Lieut
IO 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

War Diary

SECRET

24 Jan 42

PLANS Inf Div - Intelligence Summary No 1.

Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 24 Jan 42.

1. General. Weather conditions have to a large extent impeded work off main rd in this area but progress in organization has been satisfactory. The most important factor from intelligence point of view in this sector is Internal Security and measures have been taken to impress the importance of this on all ranks.
2. Internal Security.
 - (a) Physical "snag" controls are carried out at various points on main roads at various times in conjunction with FSC, SPL and Gendarmerie. Nothing to report to date.
 - (b) Material routine checks and "snag" controls have been held on all dumps in this area by FSC. Cases of theft have been reported and investigations are proceeding.
3. Rumours. These are very prevalent in the area, and must be considered seriously. Generally speaking the main reasons for prevalence seem to be two-
 - (a) Lack of newspapers in certain areas.
 - (b) With-holding of non-occurency information by military authorities. An improvement in methods of propaganda would seem to be the answer to this last.
 The rumours fall into two categories-
 - (i) Military source.
 - (ii) Civilian source.
 Class (i) deal almost entirely with speculations on moves of our own troops. Class (ii) assume a political flavour and could prove harmful to our relations with the people.
4. Religion. The civilian attitude to us at present is very favourable. The general bearing of the troops plays an important part in our relations and the question is being very carefully watched.
5. Enemy Agents. Known to be active and numerous. Efforts are being made to convince all ranks of the very real danger existing in this direction.
6. Light Signals. Blue Vexey lights have been observed at a pt on rd ~~ADP-ADP~~ by troops in KATHA Post. These were reported on nights 19/2), 21/22 Jan and were investigated by patrols with no result.
7. Communications. Several cases have occurred of temporary disorganization of telegraph lines during the wet period. Cases of lines being cut are common but to date investigations have yielded no result. Telephone conversation is most commonly used except for routine matters and units rely mainly on DR or LO. Owing to distance this slows up communication especially in wet weather but it more than compensates for lack of security on L/T.
8. Roads. Main roads are seldom affected by wet weather but most tracks become impassable. Isolated cases of landslides and local flooding do occur but are quickly cleared.
9. Economic Conditions. Contrary to rumour there is an ample supply of wheat in the area. In NE sector such commodities as rice, sugar, meat and matchless eggs are extremely scarce. Cold and wet weather conditions have taken heavy toll of livestock in the area and their loss must be felt.

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Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde.
18 Jan 42.

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SECURITY INSTRUCTION NO.1.

GENERAL.

The question of security in this present area becomes one of vital importance, which must be studied and practised by all ranks.

Apart from the political situation of the country, which is still unsettled and requires tactful approach always, the activities of enemy agents in SYRIA are a very real danger, and control is difficult.

It must be clearly understood that it is the duty of every man to assist in this control which becomes ineffective without 100% co-operation at all times from all ranks.

Unit Security Officers will ensure that their units thoroughly realise the importance of this and that breaches of Security Instns are promptly and severely dealt with. In this respect it must be remembered that Unit Security Officers are responsible for the promulgation of instns within their units.

This instn in no way supersedes previous instns, but is intended to emphasise the importance of the situation and to point out a few of the main phases of Security in which breaches most commonly occur so that units can immediately begin their policy of tightening up.

1. LIAISON.

Close contact is essential, not only with our own tps, but also with F.F.L. authorities. Until we become familiar with the country we can expect to receive far more help than we can give, but every link in the chain helps.

2. RUMOURS.

The prevalence of these is very noticeable and every attempt must be made early to discourage unfounded talk.

3. ENEMY AGENTS.

Known to be very active. Every soldier should be suspicious without being antagonistic and when in doubt refer to higher authority.

4. THEFTS.

It is unsafe to leave anything anywhere without a lock or guard. Stolen articles are very difficult to recover. This warning applies especially to such things as paybooks, military papers etc.

5. THEFTS OF ARMS, AMN ETC.

In some cases these are stolen on religious principles, in others on political, but the fact remains that they are frequently stolen and seldom recovered. It is a matter of pride of the unit to guard against such losses. Security measures as laid down in Force Security Instn No.4 of 24 Mar 41 will be strictly enforced.

6. SALE OF ARMS, AMN ETC.

This must be carefully watched and offenders, both military and civilian, dealt with at once.

7. INTERPRETERS.

These will be applied for through this HQ on recommendation of units concerned if necessary. Strict control must be observed when dealing with interpreters, and they will on no account be regarded as free to move as they like, nor to hear and see Military matters which are not their concern.

8. CARRYING OF MAIL.

Many instances have occurred of military personnel carrying uncensored mail, both military and civilian, to EGYPT, PALESTINE and even locally. The gravity of this breach is obvious and it must cease.

9. MARKED MAPS.

Strict control will be observed with Offrs in this respect. Only essential markings to be permitted and these will not normally include anything outside the Unit area. Security Officers are responsible for this control and permission for abnormal markings will be sought from this office.

10. VISITING TPS, OFFRS ETC.

These must report to this HQ on entry to the area. Units will contact all visitors to their area to ensure that this has been done and to learn their business generally.

11. LIFTS FOR CIVILIANS.

Civilians are evading frontier and control posts by obtaining lifts on army vehicles. Drivers are forbidden to offer these lifts, not only to civilians, but also to soldiers in uniform.

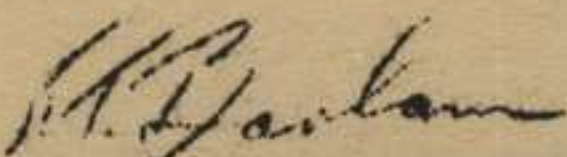
12. PROSTITUTES.

Much military information is released through this source and tps should be warned against careless talk.

13. BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS.

At all times the smart appearance and good behaviour of troops is important to the prestige of the unit and the AIF generally, but in this country that importance is increased. The people will be very much impressed one way or the other by the behaviour of our troops, and it is our job to see that that impression is favourable. This will play a big part in the country's feelings towards us which are at present good, but which can still be improved.

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	19	1038	1055	9 Div	PHONE	Red light air raid warning given at 1038 hrs at TRIPOLI	SC
1	"	0940	1400	9 Div	WG1/2	RHQ HQ Sqn and 3 fighting sqns less 3 tps stationed CASERNE du GENIE VANNIERRE Barracks. 3 tps detached frontier post DJERABLOUS. 359543. Marked on map.	
2	21	1240	0915	9 Army	SD/1596	My SD/1565 of 16 Jan. not rptd not to all addresses. First. Det 2/8 Aust Fd Amb for MAC duties to operate 10 (10) Amb Cars will move Aleppo to Damascus by rail Jan under orders move Syria. Orders follow. Second 75 Sub area will arrange onward move by road earliest possible to relieve det. 1st Aust MAC + take over American Amb. as follows. At Palmyria 4 (4) amb. Deir ez Zor 6 amb. Third on arrival come under comd 3 Motor Bde. Forthwith. Det 1 Aust MAC on relief will concentrate Damascus under arrangements 85 Sub area 85 Sub area report completion	
	21		1005	2/17 R	PHONE	Sitnor.	
3	"	1215	1410	2/17 Bn	RCG 5	D Coy report that administration EL HAMMAN states that young men from TURKISH side of village are being called up for medical examination at RHANIYE prior to enlistment. Am enquiring re exact age groups called up. C Coy report blue flare light seen last night as on night 19/20. Patrol will be in posn to-night to locate source of light if fired.	
	22		0930	2/17 BN	PHONE	SITNOR.	
4	22	1200	1540	9 Aust Div	Q 18	Advise earliest what water points or other sources of water supply at present being used by units under comd.	Message to HQ 2/15 2/17
5	22	1800	1645	2/15 Bn	I 6	Ref location statement No 1. Summary. B HQ Two wells in grounds. A B C Coys well in barracks except 11 Pl. well at location. 13 Pl. well in village. H.Q and D Coy from main	
6	23	1005	1030	18 Bde	I 6	For I.O. Please fwd file on shooting incident Orient Palace hotel	
7	23	1300	1030	MET BIERUT	X 53	ground flooded at RAYAK at 0800 hrs 6 M.T. frequent rain since	
8	"	1055	1200	9 Div	WT 8	River level the same please advise Bde to let RAQQA know.	
9	"	1140	1215	9 Div	I 15	Maj EAGLE public relations offr and Mr MERTON ^{with} press correspondent arriving LATAKIA this afternoon please advise 13 Bn.	
10	"	0945	1700	2/17 Bn	CG 2	Water points ref map ANTIOCHE 1/200,000. KATAMA station 266515. RADJOU sta 238524. MEIDANE EKBES sta 239541. SOUTH TUNNEL, FORT, VIADUCT supplied by train from RADJOU sta.	

MESSAGE LOG

SERIAL No.	Date	TO.O	TO.R	UNIT	O No	TEXT	ACTION
11	24	1700	1800	219 Fd Regt Aust	1059	Water point used by this unit drawn from well on line. Water pipe throughout camp pressure tank approx 2000 gallons installed.	
12	25	1150	1500	2/17 Bn	SEC 1	ref para 7, 9 Aust Div Security Instrn No 4. documents will you fwd.	
13	23	1630		9 Army	0658	first. det 52 res MT Coy ALEPPO forthwith. Route DAMASCUS - HOMS NARRA stage night DAMASCUS under arrangements 85 Base Sub-area. On arrival at disposal 20 Aust Inf Bde. Milpal signal ETA DAMASCUS and ALEPPO. second. det 53 Res MT Coy, strength 20 vehs will move HAALBECK under orders Milpal. available lift baggage 50 Div RASPINNA to HAALBECK. on arrival at disposal 50 Div.	
14	26	1100	1410	9 Aust Div	I 14.	War communique 25 Jan. now established that during one phase of fighting 23 rd Jan at least five enemy tanks destroyed. On 24 Jan confused fighting took place over considerable area to south and SE of Bentelato, SW of Saumma, a group of enemy was attacked during morning by our army and inf. and was dispersed. enemy MT and the on track JEDABYA-ANTILAT were successfully attacked by our aircraft. several vehs were destroyed and fires started all informed!	
15	26	1437	1515	2/15 Bn	IAH10.	Personel do not belong to this unit. (ref I 15)	
16	26	1300	1515	9 Army	326/A	(1) Eight quick volunteers arrive Syrian frontier towns 2611 treat in usual manner (2) Mrs THOMPSON and baby arrived same place 2/20 arrange onward passage HAIFA facilitate travel and forward particulars of expenses this unit	
17	26	1230	1630	2/17 Bn	CG3	SX8260, SX5140, VX35219, QXR834 NOT on strength this unit	
18	27	1800		9 Aust Div	Q 36	In the event of snow or storm please furnish report following morning as to condition of roads your vicinity. Nil returns NOT required. Data is required to assist traffic.	
19	27	1025	2000	9 AUST DIV	O 322	MEWTS 21 Rifle and LMG course commencing 4 Feb @ Students report Reception Camp Impoli afternoon 2 Feb for onwards movement by rail & rft.	

MESSAGE LOG

DATE	TO	FROM	UNIT	NO	TEXT	ACTION
20 JAN 28	1630	0930	2/13	H103	(ref I 15) Ref identification. Unit records show not member this unit.	
21 "	0915	0930	9 Aust Div	1/16	War Communiqué 26 JAN. Fighting continues throughout 25 JAN between British and enemy forces over wide area CYRENAICA. The centre of activity moved NE from ANTELAT and according to latest information our forces were in contact with enemy columns in general area north and NE of MSUS. Our air force continued with success to harass enemy columns over whole area from AGHELIA to MSUS.	
22 "	0850	1230	2/17 Bn	EF 7	SITREP Sitnor exception AZAZ. NO communication with AZAZ last 12 hrs, suspect lines faulty or broken. Please advise Bde Sigs office. Keep continuous bde watch on radio to bde until further advise.	
23 "	0945	1430	9 Aust Div	P 2/64	Water point locations are as follows. at 16003997 HQ, B and C at this supply point. at 17564402 A water point. D spring at 19794321.	Sigs
24 "	26 JAN 1210		2/9 Hdq	411	(Ref I 15) NIL return	
25 "	26 JAN 1217		9 Aust Div Car	WG 16	(Ref I 15) SX 8260 CPL LAUGHT KA. SX 5140 Tpr SIMON DM. VX 35219 Tpr BOYD JJ. QX 12834 NOT in this unit.	
26 28	1725	1825	2/15 Bn	PH 14	Unit Security offr Lt. J. J. Gummstone.	
27 "			9 Div Car		Unit Security offr Lieut P. A. RICHARDSON	
28 29	28 Jan 1035	0930	9 Aust Div	I 17	war communiqué 27 Jan @ little change in general situation during the last 24 hrs. main battle area still NORTH and N.E of MSUS. no change in situation NORTH of TADABYA. our fighters very active over operational area and inflicted considerable damage on enemy columns.	Promulgated to units
29 "	0925	1200	2/9 Hdq	I 418	10 Lieut R. L. RANKINE Security Offr Lieut W. P. BAKER	
	0915	1220	2/17 Bn	EF 9	SITREP Sitnor	
30 "	1045	1530	2/13 Bn	I 4	Roads are passable in this unit.	
31 30	29 JAN 1142	1045	2/15	AH 15	Names of applicants 9 Div Cypher Sec from this unit. QX 5387 Pte BAXTER A, QX 829 Sgt GIRVAN JA.	
32 30	0930	1200	2/17 Bn	EF 10	Sitrep Sitnor exception AZAZ. Still no commo wireless latter.	to 9 Div

APPK D

MOVEMENT ORDERS.
& TRANSPORT

SECRET

EQUIPMENT OF EVACUATED VEHICLES.

EXTRACTS FROM NINTH ARMY INSTRUCTIONS.

1. It is considered that robbing of evacuated vehicles can only be prevented by the co-operation of all ranks down to the drivers themselves. Please take action to ensure that all ranks realise the full implication of evacuating vehicles incomplete, and the cumulative result of it on our repair organisation.

As a check on condition of vehicles evacuated, the following system will be adopted:-

- (a) Unit M/T or Technical Officers will inspect before it is evacuated to check vehicle equipment.
- (b) No vehicle will be evacuated until the C.O. of the unit has received a certificate of completeness from his M/T or Technical Officers.
- (c) The ordnance workshops first to receive the evacuated vehicle will issue a further certificate of completeness to the unit, copy to the formation HQ concerned.
- (d) Units of 20 Aust Inf Bde will evacuate vehicles through 58 L.A.D. to workshops unless otherwise instructed.
- (e) Units may remove parts from vehicles about to be evacuated only under the following circumstances:-
 - (i) To put another vehicle back on the road which would otherwise have to be evacuated itself.
 - (ii) With written permission of the formation HQ concerned which will only be given subject to (i) a copy of this permission will be sent to Ordnance workshops in (c) above and will be endorsed on the certificates of completeness issued by that workshop.
- (f) In all cases broken parts will be returned with evacuated vehicles.

2. In the circumstances in which units are now placed, Comd Offrs will be held personally responsible that the system given in para 1 above is adhered to in detail as far as their units are concerned. During active operations the system will remain in force to the extent found possible.

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20 AUST INF BDE - MOVEMENT ORDER No 2.

1. AUTHORITY-

9 Army SD/1661 of 22 Jan 42 and
9 Aust Div Q22 of 23 Jan 42.

2. INTENTION.

2/9 Aust Fd Coy at ALEPPO AIRCROSSL and 42 Fd Coy RE at JEBEL MAZAR relieve each other in their present locations. On completion of move 2/9 Aust Fd Coy come under comd 10 Corps, Adm by 85 SUB AREA, 42 Fd Coy RE comes under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.

3. MOVEMENT-

By road in unit transport under the following arrangements:-

(a) Composition

PARTY.	DATE.	VEHICLES.	ORs.	3- ton.	30- cwt.	1- ton.	15- cwt.	MOs
Adv Party.	23 Jan.	1.	30.	-	3.	1.	-	-
Main Party.	26 Jan.	4.	193.	1.	21.	7.	3.	6.
Rear Party.	29 Jan.	1.	19.	-	3.	-	1.	-

(b) Times.

All parties leave 0730 hrs.

(c) VIA.

10.

(d) MIN.

20.

(e) Route.

HAMA- HOMS- NEBEK- QTAIFE- DAMASCUS- JEBEL-MAZAR.

4. ADMIN.

(a) Stores.

Unit will move with G 1098 seal of equipment. Tentage & Accomodation stores will be taken over by 42 Coy RE.

(b) Rations.

Rations for 3 days will be carried by all road parties.

(c) AMM.

10 ruds can will be carried on the men.

(d) FUEL.

Sufficient fuel will be carried on each vehicle for whole distance.

(e) Personnel-

left behind in hospital, will travel with rear party or to rejoin unit under arrangements of 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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S.O. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/9 Fd Coy. 2/3/4.
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War Diary

Headquarters
20 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
22 Jan 42

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS - PROCEDURE

1. Units in the ALEPPO area will deal through this HQ as regards traffic accidents.
2. The preparation and early submission of accurate and detailed reports is of paramount importance to ensure prompt settlement of claims etc.
3. All correspondence from units concerning traffic accidents should bear as a heading, date and place of the occurrence.
4. Army Form A 3676 (Road Accident Report) will be submitted in duplicate and every portion must be completed.
5. In the event of inadequate supplies of forms A3676, pro forma will be used.
6. All drivers must be in possession of inner sheet "A" of this form or pro forma and unit Commanders must ensure that all drivers are fully conversant with the instructions contained therein.

AVOIDANCE OF ACCIDENTS.

Accidents have occurred with alarming frequency and strictest measures must be taken by all ranks to prevent them..

1 Aust Corps R.O. 19 (14-10-41) extracts from local traffic regulations.

Article 5. During the time that a tramcar is stationary to take up or set down passengers, no vehicle will pass on the right side of such tramcar (note, a stationary tramcar may be passed on the left side).

Article 37. Vehicles must not be parked on roadways without necessity. Vehicles must not be parked within 5 metres of a crossing or entry to a public passageway or opposite a stationary vehicle on the other side of the road.

Vehicles must not be parked except in authorised areas, then should be parked in such a manner so as to be parallel to the curb when line parking is employed.

Maximum speed for the different types of vehicles have been set down in order - in built up areas maximum speed is 20 miles per hour. Greatest care must be exercised in traffic.

Work tickets. - Drivers of vehicles when on duty, without exception, must be in possession of work tickets, which will be carefully supervised by unit T.O. and NCOs.

No army vehicle is to be left unattended in a city street and strict precautions will be taken by all officers in charge of transport to ensure that the vehicles in their charge are not removed by unauthorised persons.

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Capt.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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War Diary

Headquarters
20 AUST INF BDE
22 Jan 42

PREPAREDNESS OF M.T. FOR MOVEMENT.

1. It is essential that unit M.T. be kept in readiness for movement at very short notice and to ensure this a high standard of maintenance must be enforced at all times.

In order to overcome difficulties caused by existing weather conditions the following points require particular attention.

(a) Frost Precaution

1. Anti-freeze mixture, if used, must be maintained at sufficient strength to ensure non freezing of radiators etc.
2. Running of motors at regular intervals (10 minutes each hour or as necessary). This method is effective but costly, units with mobile columns on notice of one hour or less will adopt this procedure.
3. Draining and refilling of radiators and motors - Units will ensure that non-frozen water is available for vehicles at all times. Radiators are drained with engine running to ensure clearing of water pumps.

It is advisable to cover engine with bags, or any material available.

Leave drain cock open.

A notice should be placed on the front of the vehicle indicating that the radiator is empty and requires filling.

(b) Fuel Lines

Some petrol on issue is known to contain water which is apt to freeze in fuel lines, pumps etc, thereby causing serious blockages and delay in starting.

To combat this the following procedure is recommended.

- (1) Carefully examine and strain all petrol before putting into vehicle tanks.
- (2) Drain petrol tanks periodically to ensure that they are free of water.

If precautions are taken on general lines as set out above most of the trouble and delay caused by cold weather will be avoided.

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SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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General Items

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HQST ORIENT.

Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde,
25 Jan 42.

ARMY AGENTS.

1. There is reason to believe that attempts may be made to land enemy agents in SYRIA & PALESTINE.
2. This instr applies only to possible landings by individual agents and NOT to attempted invasion by parachute troops.
3. All units will in future co-operate in defeating such attempts by-
 - (a) providing prompt and accurate information regarding the movements of all aircraft not positively identified as friendly.
 - (b) reporting and investigating all information of parachute landings.
 - (c) training patrols for seeking out parachutists and agents, and for dealing with such agents if found.
4. INFORMATION AS TO MOVEMENT OF AIRCRAFT.
 - (a) The R.A.F. have information enabling them to identify all friendly aircraft. It is important therefore that unless positively identified as friendly at the time, the movements of all aircraft by day or night, should be reported through the proper channels. All aircraft flying over SYRIA and the LEBANON at night are at present probably hostile.
 - (b) The following information is required:-
 - (i) Location of observer and exact time of observation.
 - (ii) Bearing from observer, direction of flight, approximate height, type, number, and approximate location of aircraft seen.
 - (c) Information will be forwarded through the following channels:-
 - By Bns to Div rpt to Bde.
 - By Bdes to Div.
 - (d) Reports received by the Army from Civil population will be forwarded by the same channels with name and address of informant.
5. ACTION TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF PARACHUTE LANDINGS.
 - (a) As speed is the essential factor all unit commanders will act at once on their own responsibility. This applies to bodies of troops of any arm or service, wherever they may be.
 - (b) On receiving information the commander will-
 - (i) Send an armed patrol to the place of the reported landing with orders to act as in para 6 of this instruction.
 - (ii) Forward the information as received through the channels set out above, and inform his immediately superior command of the action he is taking.
 - (iii) Warn any neighbouring British or French units or formations of the presence of the patrol.
 - (iv) Warn the civil authorities, if this is practicable. The commander should also, if possible, arrange himself or through the civil authorities for the picqueting of roads etc leading from the place concerned.

6. ORDER TO PATROL INVESTIGATING REPORT.

(a) The object of the patrol will be to investigate the report of the dropping by parachute of an enemy agent, and if possible to apprehend the agent and collect anything dropped with him. The patrol will be armed, and will normally be commanded by an officer.

(b) The person claiming to have seen the landing should accompany the patrol.

(c) The patrol commander should search the area concerned and endeavour to obtain any further available information from persons in the neighbourhood.

(d) In addition to searching for the agent, the patrol commander should search the area for, and take possession of any other articles dropped. These should include the parachute itself and any containers which have been dropped. These may be expected to contain weapons, equipment or stores, as well as maps, instructions, or other documents.

(e) The area should also be searched for hidden dumps or vehicles belonging to Fifth Column agents in the country.

7. Any person apprehended as an enemy agent will be searched immediately and every article except his clothing removed from his person. If he has any food with him he must NOT be allowed to eat it. Everything removed from him will be sent immediately to this HQ who will forward it on to 9 Aust Div.

8. The patrol commander will in all cases make a report, which will be forwarded to this HQ through the normal channels, as rapidly as possible. Any person detained will be dealt with as P.O.W. until further instructions are received.

John F. McMaster Capt
for H.Q. 20 Aust Inf Bde

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION.

SECRET.

Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde.
29 Jan 42.

9 Aust Div.
B.S.M.
F.S.S.

The following information from a reliable source is forwarded to you from an informant resident in Turkey and now travelling through Aleppo.

1. Age groups up to 32 yrs have been called up and there is evidence of a general speed up in mobilization, viz, only a short time has elapsed since 27 yr group was called.
2. Feelings in Turkey are very much pro-victor.
3. A fear of Germany and memories of Great War alliance have tempered Turkish feelings to date.
4. Russia and Turkey have reached a complete agreement as to future standing.
5. Russian success in last month has led to a wave of pro-Allied and pro-British feeling.
6. Turkish govt has strong control of public thought and speech through efficient secret police.
7. British and American supplies have been coming into all ports, in small quantities, for a long time. Where previously this was thought to be foolish on the part of Britain it is now openly acknowledged that the British were sure of themselves and the material will not be used against them but for them.
8. There is little likelihood of Turkey declaring war in the near future but it is thought that she would certainly withstand aggression as long as help from the Allies was forthcoming.
9. The real feelings of Turkey in the past months have been governed by the fact that she must give no excuse to the Germans to accuse her of actions not strictly neutral. Owing to Russian successes this is not so noticeable now.
10. A total of 15 German agents have lately been interned for their activities about Antioch.

M. D. Kinnear Lieut.
B.I.O., 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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HQ 9 AUST DIV
17 Jan 42

DISTRIBUTION LISTS.

Distribution will be made in accordance with this list which cancels all previous distribution lists.

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GS 9 Aust Div.

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2	24 Aust Inf Bde	1	4
3	26 Aust Inf Bde	1	4
4	RAA (Incl copy for 2 Svy Bty)	1	6
5	RAE	1	5
6	Sigs 9 Aust Div	1	1
7	2/2 Aust MG Bn	1	2
8	Sta Comd TRIPOLI Port	1	1
9	116 Lt AA Bty RA		1
10	4 Aust Hy AA Bty RAA		1
11	23 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy		1
12	4 Cav Mob Vet Sec		1
13	9 Aust Div Bath Unit	1	1
14	9 Aust Div Laundry and Fwd Decn Unit	1	1
15	9 Aust Div Salvage Unit	1	1
16	Comd	1	1
17	G	1	1
18	AQ	2	2
19	Camp	1	1
20	AASC 9 Aust Div	1	4
21	Medical (less 2/5 Fd Amb)	1	5
22	Pro	1	2
23	Ord	1	2
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S E C R E T.

Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde.
19 Jan 42.

USE OF LIGHT SIGNALS.

In order to check reports of an alarmist nature concerning coloured lights which have been seen at night, all units of 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp preparing to use verrey lights etc for night exercises will notify these HQ NOT later than 48 hrs prior to use of such lights.

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Maj.

B.M. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

W.D.
S/Bde/10.


SECRET.

Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde.
19 Jan 42.

TEMPORARY INTERPRETERS.

"For the purpose of discipline and administration T/Interpreters are under control of the Unit to which they are attached and, if serving with tps who are distant on active service, will be subject to military law. They undertake to serve as long as required and wherever they may be posted in the course of their duty." GSI/B/2/37.

1. Cases have been known where temporary Interpreters have had unrestricted access to orderly rooms and offices where SECRET and SECURITY documents come under their notice.
2. Although Interpreters are subject to Military discipline, Units will ensure that they are kept under supervision while ^{/information} in military offices. Units will also ensure that NO military other than that required in the course of their duties will be given to interpreters either verbally or in writing.
3. Under normal circumstances units having documents of a secret nature which require translation will submit them to this HQ for that purpose.
4. In addition Units will :-
 - (i) Warn all ranks of the ~~need~~ to check careless talk by interpreters regarding:-
 - (a) Their movements while att to any unit.
 - (b) The times when they will be in any particular place with a unit.
 - (ii) Impress on all interpreters:-
 - (a) The necessity for discretion at all times.
 - (b) The liability of dismissal of any interpreter suspected of careless talk.
 - (iii) Report immediately to this HQ any cases of careless talk by interpreters.

 Major.
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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SECRET.

Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde.
19 Jan 42.

TEMPORARY INTERPRETERS.

1. It is desired to seek approval for the taking over of all T/Interpreters who were att to 18 Aust Inf Bde, and also to replace all shortages. To do this full particulars are necessary as soon as possible.
2. Units will submit nominal rolls together with Army Nos of all T/Interpreters att to them.
3. State whether employed directly or taken over from previous unit.
4. State whether interpreters named are giving satisfactory service or whether replacement is desired. If latter case state reasons fully on separate form asking for dismissal.
5. Units short of Interpreters should apply to this HQ for replacements, on a separate form, giving reasons for shortage and location where man is required. Should units have any particular man in view mention should be made here and approval will be sought.

M. B. Lawrence Major.
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde.
18 Jan 42.

TRAFFIC IN SHEEP SKINS.

1. Information has been received to the effect that sheep skins are being smuggled from SYRIA by way of TURKEY into GERMAN hands and that they are subsequently being used for the manufacture of coats for AKIS Tps on the RUSSIAN front. This information is supported by the fact that the price of skins has become double in the last few weeks.
2. The value of this traffic to the AKIS cause will be readily appreciated and all units will co-operate and assist the F.F. by communicating any information they may obtain to this HQ as soon as possible.

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M. D. Vincent *Lieut*
for. *MaJ.*
B.M. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

APPX A



FIELD RETURNS

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

*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.
Maj.	NX 12229	H. T. ALLAN	AIF	Yes	BM
Capt.	NX 12214	J. L. A. KELLY	"	"	SC
Capt.	QX 6200	B. WILLIAMS	"	"	LO
T/Capt.	NX 35094	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	"	AASC - Bde Sup O.
Lieut.	NX 13867	M. D. VINCENT	"	"	IO
Lieut.	NX 15590	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	TO
OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.					
				Date of Attachment.	
Lt-Col.	NX 378	J. W. CRAWFORD	AIF	26-10-41	A/Comd
Lieut.	NX 28415	T. C. SHELDON	"	26-11-41	LO
Lieut.	QX 19142	R. D. EXTON	"	3-12-41	Amenities Offr
Lieut.	NX 34891	G. D. EVANS	"	27-12-41	SC - Learner.
Capt.	VX 177	M. M. DUNN	"	16-12-41	OC No. 3 Pl "A" Coy Aust HQ Bn.
Lieut.	NX 57320	E. C. LECKY	"	6-8-41	OC "J" Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs
Lieut.	VX 1630	D. G. FRASER	"	15-12-41	2 i/c "J" Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs
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(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.
Chap.	NX 35097	C. FRANCIS	A.A.Ch.D	30-7-40	to 2/13 Bn for
"	NX 34963	B. M. WATSON	"	16-6-40	" 2/17 Bn duty
"	SX 12188	A. J. ROBJOHN	"	19-11-41	" 2/13 Bn "
"	QX 6391	G. R. GIBSON	"	21-11-41	" 2/15 Bn "
HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.		(Unit.)	(Signature of Commander.)		
3 Jan 42.	(Date of Despatch.)	(J. Kelly) Bde, Divn., Area, etc, with which Unit is serving). SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.			
				Capt. 9 Aust Div.	

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE (Unit) 3 JAN 19 42 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	2		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	2		
Corporals	4		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	54		
TOTALS	64	*	1

* 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.
Cpl. Jones, P. M.	1 Aust Corps Int	Cpl. Bown, H. E.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn
L/Cpl Reading, G.	do Sec	L/Cpl O'Donnell, GP	do
Sgt. Newton, D.E.S.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	Pte. Kennedy, J.	do
Pte. McEwen, R.	do	Pte. Walker, R. R.	do
Pte. Glazebrook, J. A.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	Pte. Owen, P. W.	do
Pte. Morrison, W. J.	do	Pte. Cartwright, C. A.	do
Sgt. Devlin, J. A.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	Pte. Wright, M. W.	do
		58 L.A.D.	14 ORs.
		J Sec 9 Div Sigs	33 ORs.
		3 Pl A Coy Aust HQ Cd Bn	29 ORs.

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).
NX 17278	Cpl.	McMECHAN, A.	AAMC	AAMC Training Wing, Kilo 89.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 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 one establishment)
Colonel	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	3		
Lieutenants	2		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	7		

*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.
Col	WINDEYER, W. J. V.	A.I.F.	12-1-42	Taken on strength as T/Comd.
Maj.	BARHAM, R. J.	A.I.F.	9-1-42	Taken on strength as BM
Lieut.	RUMNEY, L. R.	A.I.F.	11-1-42	2 i/c J Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs
Lieut.	MORRISBY, A. I.	A.I.F.	11-1-42	C. 3. 58 L.A.D.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lt-Col.	CRAWFORD, J. W.	A.I.F.	11-1-42	Ceased to be attached
Maj.	ALLAN, H. T.	A.I.F.	12-1-42	Ceased to be seconded & resumes regimental duties with 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
Lieut.	FRAZER, D. G.	A.I.F.	11-1-42	Ceased to be attached as 2 i/c "J" Sec 9 Aust Div S.

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. Personal No.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Col.	NX 396	W. J. V. WINDEYER	A.I.F	Yes	T/Comd
Maj.	NX 1560	R. J. BARRAM	"	"	BM
Capt.	NX 12214	J. L. A. KELLY	"	"	SO
Capt.	QX 6200	B. WILLIAMS	"	"	LO
T/Capt.	NX 35094	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	"	AASC - Bde Supo
Lieut.	NX 13867	M. D. VINCENT	"	"	TO
Lieut.	NX 15590	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	TO
<u>OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.</u>					
Lieut.	NX 34391	G. D. EVANS	A.I.F. 27-12-41		SO Learner
Lieut.	QX 19142	R. D. EXTON	"	3-12-42	Amenities Offr.
Lieut.	NX 13883	J. B. MARTIN	"	9-12-42	LO
Lieut.	NX 57320	E. C. LECKY	"	6-8-41	OC "J" Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs
Lieut.	TX 6056	L. R. RUMNEY	"	11-1-42	2 i/c "J" Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs
Lieut.	NX 13932	A.I. MORRISBY	"	11-1-42	OC 58 L.A.D.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chap.	NX 34963	B. M. WATSON	AACHD	30-7-40	to 2/17 Bn for duty
Chap.	3X 12188	A. J. ROBJOHN	"	19-11-41	" 2/13do "
Chap.	QX 6391	G. R. GIBSON	"	21-11-41	" 2/15 "
HQ 20 AUST INF BDE		(Unit.)	 (Signature of Commander.)		
17 Jan 42 (Date of Despatch.)		(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.) 9 Aust Div.			

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

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

Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde

Unit.

90 20 Aust Inf Bde

Signature of Commander. *g. K...* **Capt.**

Date of Despatch 17 Jan 42.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

R. 20 AUST INF BDE

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	Winslow,	A.I.F.	21-1-42	OC 1 Pl "A" Coy Aust HQ 3d Bn.

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.
	Personal No.				
Col.	396	J. V. [unclear]	IP	Yes	Comd
Maj.	1560	H. J. [unclear]	"	"	SI
Capt.	12214	J. B. A. [unclear]	"	"	SC
Capt.	6200	S. WILLIAMS	"	"	LO
T/Capt.	35794	S. R. [unclear]	"	"	AASC - Bde Sup C
Lieut.	13867	H. D. [unclear]	"	"	IO
Lieut.	15590	H. V. [unclear]	"	"	TO
OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.					
Lieut.	34891	G. D. [unclear]	IP	Date of attachment 27-12-41	SC Learner
Lieut.	19142	H. D. [unclear]	"	3-12-41	Amenities offr.
Lieut.	13898	J. B. [unclear]	"	9-1-42	LO
Lieut.	57320	H. C. [unclear]	"	6-3-41	OC "J" Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs
Lieut.	6056	H. R. [unclear]	"	11-1-42	2 i/c "J" Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs
Lieut.	NX 13029	[unclear]	"	21-1-42	OC - 1 Pl "A" Coy Aust Inf Bde

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chap.	34963	S. R. [unclear]	[unclear]	30-7-41	to 2/17 Bn for
"	12188	H. J. [unclear]	"	19-11-41	" 2/13 " Bty
"	6391	G. R. GIBSON	"	21-11-41	" 2/13 " "

RE 20 AUST INF BDE

24 Jan 42.

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

J. Kelly

(Signature of Commander.)

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

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

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

NO 20 Aust Inf Bde

Unit.

Date of Despatch 24 Jan 42

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Signature of Commander.

9 Aust Div.

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

Capt.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 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 one establishment)
Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	4		
Lieutenants ...	4		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	10		

*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.
T/Capt.	R. J. HAMER	A.I.F.	27-1-42	Taken on strength as BM Learner.
Lieut.	H. M. HAMILTON	A.I.F.	26-1-42	Taken on strength as LO 11.
Lieut.	E. P. BROWN	A.I.F.	27-1-42	Taken on strength as LO 111.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	J. B. MARTIN	A.I.F.	31-1-42	Ceased to be attached, rejoins Unit 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

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.
Army No.	Rank.				
NX 396	Brig.	W. J. V. WINDYER	A.I.F.	Yes	Comd.
WX 1560	Maj.	R. J. BARRAM	"	"	Bn
NX 12214	Capt.	J. L. A. KELLY	"	"	SO
WX 6200	Capt.	B. WILLIAMS	"	"	LO 1.
NX 35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	"	AASC Bde Sup O.
VX 13528	T/Capt.	R. J. HAGER	"	"	Bn Learner.
NX 13367	Lieut.	M. D. VINCENT	"	"	IO
NX 15590	Lieut.	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	TO
VX 15146	Lieut.	H. M. HAMILTON	"	"	LO 11.
VX 43539	Lieut.	W. F. BROWN	"	"	LO 111.
<u>OFFICERS ATTACHED PER DUTY.</u>				Date of Attachment.	
NX 34391	Lieut.	G. D. EVANS	"	27-12-41	SO Learner.
WX 19142	Lieut.	R. D. EYTON	"	3-12-41	Amenities Offr
NX 37320	Lieut.	E. C. LECKY	"	6-3-41	CC J ⁿ Sec 9 Div Sigs
TX 6056	Lieut.	L. R. RUMNEY	"	11-1-42	2 1/c "J" Sec 9 Div Sigs.
NX 13029	Lieut.	T. H. WINSLOW	"	21-1-42	CC 1 Pl "A" Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn.
NX 13932	Lieut.	A. I. MORRISBY	"	11-1-42	CC 53 L.A.D.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
NX 34963	Chap.	B. M. WATSON	AACHD	30-7-40	to 2/17 Bn for duty
WX 12133	Chap.	A. J. ROBJOHNS	"	19-11-41	" 2/13 " "
WX 6391	Chap.	G. R. GIBSON	"	21-11-41	" 2/15 " "

Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

(Signature of Commander) Capt.

31 Jan 42. (Date of Despatch.)

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

APPX B.



OTHER RETURNS

& ADMIN

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER No 22.

by

Colonel W. J. V. WINDEYER ED

Commanding 20 AUST INF BDE

24 Jan 42

Saturday

ALEPPO

1. P. A. D.

In the event of an air raid in the area the electric power will be immediately cut off at the power house.

Units should ensure that they have sufficient auxilliary lighting for essential services during the blackout. Units must also ensure that while using these auxilliary lights full blackout regulations are observed.

2. ISSUE OF PETROL.

Issue of petrol in 44 gal drums is to be confined to units in the vicinity of ALEPPO.

Subsequent issues will be made on the basis of full drums for empties.

The 44 gal drums are used for salvaging the contents of leaking 4 gal tins and it is stressed that drums be returned to the depot in small batches when they are emptied.

Units should not hold empty drums to be returned in bulk.

It is most important that the bung caps are returned with the drums, as the supply of drums is limited and bung caps are almost impossible to obtain.

There have been several instances where petrol containers have been found to contain an excessive amount of water. Units should return any such tins to FSD.

3. NEWSPAPERS - SYRIA

Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No 34 - 22 Jan 42.

(a) Owing to the shortage of newsprint both the "Eastern Times" and the "Palestine Post" (Syrian Edition) cannot be supplied.

(b) The object of these newspapers is entirely for the convenience of the troops.

(c) Units will arrange for a vote to be taken amongst the troops.

(d) Results of the vote will be notified to this H.Q. not later than 27 Jan 42.

4. VISITS - OFFICERS - SYRIA.

(a) Any officer who proposes to visit an Area in SYRIA or the LEBANON for purposes which have any connection with civil questions, or for which conversation with civil authorities or persons is required will give prior notice to SPEARS MISSION of the date and intended purpose of his visit, so that the local French Authorities can be informed.

(b) Should he be unable, owing to shortage of time or other reason to do this, he will immediately on arrival at his destination inform the local Mission or Political Officer of SPEARS MISSION of his arrival and the intended purpose of his visit.

5. DRESS

Attention has been directed to the fact that ORs have purchased and are wearing caps S.D. , Officers pattern.
This is an offence and will be treated accordingly.

6. ILLEGAL FISHING

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

7. TREE CUTTING

All Forestry matters in SYRIA & LEBANON are controlled by Ninth Army, and trees will not be cut nor will there be any interference with forestry activities without approval of Army H.Q. obtained through the usual channels.

8. DISCIPLINE - ELECTION OF TRIAL BY COURT MARTIAL

Recent examples show that the right of an accused person to demand trial by Court Martial is not universally understood.

It is only when a C.O. has -:

- (a) Determined upon the guilt of an accused person and
- (b) Decided to impose a punishment other than a minor punishment.

that the accused should and must be given the right to elect trial by Court Martial.

Instances have occurred where, before any consideration of the evidence and before the question has been put to him by the C.O. the accused has demanded trial by Court Martial and the C.O. has assented under the misapprehension that there was no other course open to him.

In all cases where an accused has asked for a Court Martial he should, on the following day, be given an opportunity of withdrawing this application. (AMR & C 423(3)).

9. WINTER HEATING - DANGER OF

Cases have already been reported of men suffering from Carbon Monoxide poisoning while sleeping in closed rooms heated by charcoal braziers.

In view of the danger involved, Comds will take immediate and effective steps to ensure adequate ventilation in rooms heated by this method.

10. RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS - ROAD TRAFFIC

It has been observed that drivers of military vehicles are not taking sufficient precautions at railway level crossings and are even attempting to cross the railway line in front of approaching trains.

Units will impress on all drivers the need for extreme care when approaching level crossings, which are always marked, but often unguarded.

It should be noted that at the present time train engines have no headlight at night.

11. ESCAPED PRISONERS AND A.V.L. PERSONNEL

Escaped prisoners or personnel A/VL from PALESTINE or SYRIA frequently reach CAIRO and when apprehended by the A.A. Provost Coy necessitate return rail warrants and escorts at short notice.

All units will advise AIF (ME) Details, CAIRO, by signal of personnel escaping from Guard, or AVL who are suspected of making for EGYPT.

12. VEHICLES - PRESERVATION OF.

Commanding officers of units and installations will ensure that all personnel employed on driving, loading or unloading, or handling of M.T. vehicles are fully conversant with the use of the types of fire extinguishers with which the vehicles are equipped.

Particular attention will be given to instruction in the use of special apparatus (e.g. Carbon Dioxide) which is peculiar to certain types of vehicles.

13. MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES (WHEELED)

1. General Order 1080 and General Order 1185 are cancelled.
2. The pamphlet entitled "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled)" dated 11th November 1940, has been superseded by a pamphlet entitled "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled), based on the Task System" dated 13th Jun 1941.
3. All units having vehicles on charge will ensure that:-
 - (1) All Officers,
 - (2) All N.C.O's i/c M.T. Supervision.
 - (3) All drivers i/c vehicles,
 are in possession of this latter pamphlet, and that it is carried in the pocket.
4. All pamphlets at present held by units will be checked, and sufficient copies demanded from No 3 Publications Depot to make up deficiencies or to replace the obsolete pamphlets.
5. In this connection, a further pamphlet entitled "Vehicle Maintenance Record Enclosure to Army Book 412" is available for issue and should be demanded from No 3 Publications Depot on the scale of one per A.B. 412.
6. The "Task System" will be brought into use forthwith and a record kept in the appropriate date spaces provided in the "Record" pamphlet.
7. The issue to drivers of these publications will be recorded in A.B. 412 under Vehicle Outfit List, and they will be produced at all Vehicle Kit Inspections.

Distribution List "C"

J. Kelly Capt.
S/C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Notices

1. It has been reported that an Aust Military Truck, Chevrolet type, number unknown, painted yellow, collided with a civilian truck containing workmen at a point on the main road, GAZA - TEL AVIV, about two kilos south of JULIS camp. The accident occurred at approx 0330 hrs on the 29 Dec 41.
 2. Twentyone of the workmen were injured, eleven of them seriously, the army vehicle did not stop.
 3. Enquiries will be made in all units to ascertain whether any vehicle under their comd was involved in such an accident on the date mentioned.
 4. Any information will be forwarded to this HQ immediately.
2. It is notified that a canteen has been opened at KINGSWAY, HAIFA, comprising of Men's canteen and Restaurant, and officers and Nurses Restaurant and Bar.
3. FOUND - S. and W. .450 Pistol Reg. No 131281, found in TRIPOLI, is held at H.Q. 9 AUST DIV.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER No 21.

by

Colonel W.J.V. WINDEYER ED.

Commanding 20 AUST INF BDE

23 Jan 42

Friday

ALEPPO

1. SECURITY

Strictest attention must be paid to civilians riding on army vehicles.

Security in this area is of vital importance and all units are reminded that the giving of lifts to civilians is absolutely forbidden.

2. CHURCH PARADES

Until further orders Church Services on Sundays will be as under:-

C.E. - 0900 ALEPPO Aerodrome, under arrangements
2/9 Aust Fd Regt.

1020 Armenian Church ALEPPO.

R.C. - 0900 St Francis Cathedral ALEPPO
1015 ALEPPO Aerodrome - YMCA Hut.

Units will arrange to attend the most convenient service.

DRESS Winter dress FS, Hats KF Turned up, Boots, Gaiters, Belts waist and side arms.

3. VACANCIES SIGNAL ORDERLIES (20 AUST INF BDE)

Vacancies exist in this HQ for two signal orderlies.

Units will call for applications for transfer and forward same to this HQ by 27 Jan 42.

Nil return required.

(To be repeated in Unit ROs) 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Aust Inf Bns

CORRIGENDUM

20 AUST INF BDE R.O. No 20 - 22 Jan 42, para 5, sub para 2, (a) for replacement of a vehicles fuel tank or sump.

To read - for replenishment of a vehicles fuel tank or sump:-

J. Kelly Capt.
S.C. 20 AUST INF BDE .

Distribution List "C"

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER No 20.

by

Colonel W. J. V. WINDMEYER ED.

Commanding 20 AUST INF BDE

22 Jan 42

Thursday

ALEPPO

1. LOITERING

Units will take steps to ensure that civilians are not allowed to loiter near sentry posts and military quarters.

2. ASSISTANCE TO PROVOST

Reports have been received indicating that officers are not giving assistance to provost personnel on duty, and in some cases are actually hindering MPs in the execution of their duty.

It is notified that all officers are bound to assist provost personnel in carrying out duties and any case of interference or obstruction will be treated as a disciplinary matter.

3. THROWING OF SNOW

The practice of throwing loose snow, or snowballs at WD vehicles, either stationary or in motion is dangerous and liable to cause serious injury to personnel and vehicles. The practice will cease forthwith and severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

4. MEAT ISSUES

The following instructions regarding fresh meat is issued for the guidance of all concerned.

1. Lorries collecting rations and especially fresh meat must be scrupulously clean inside. These vehicles should be inspected before despatch to supply depots.
2. On arrival at the units lines each carcass must be hung up and it is important to allow air space round each carcass.
3. As soon as hung each carcass should be wiped with a dry clean cloth.
4. In cutting up carcasses a cleaver should not be used. This should be done with a saw and knife which should be kept sharp and clean.
5. Carcasses should not be cut up until needed by the cook.

5. P.O.L. - ISSUE OF

1. Instances have been brought to notice of fraudulent demands for P.O.L. being made upon D.I.D.s and although these demands have not been supported, they have been met by the issuers concerned.
2. Cs.C. D.I.Ds. and F.S.Ds, etc, holding stocks of P.O.L. will ensure that requirements of units and of individuals vehicles are met only on production of the proper authority, which is :-

for replenishment

- (a) for replacement of a vehicles fuel tank or sump:-
The drivers A.B. 412 and (other than in a forward area) A.F. G. 3518 (transport work ticket) covering the service on which the vehicle is engaged.
 - (b) for packed P.O.L. to be taken away as such, whether for unit stocks or travelling reserve for a convoy or individual vehicle:-
A.B. 55 or similar indent signed by an officer of the demanding unit.
3. All officers or other responsible persons demanding P.O.L. should ensure that indents are made as detailed in para, 2 above.

6. STACKING AND HANDLING OF P.O.L. CONTAINERS.

- 1. Leakage is more liable to occur from caps or screw bungs of P.O.L. containers than from any other portion of the container.
- 2. All P.O.L. containers, including cartons, crates and wooden cases will therefore be loaded and stacked with the caps and bungs of the containers uppermost.
- 3. Attention is drawn to the colour flashes on P.O.L. containers which are intended to indicate to illiterate labour the part of the containers which must always be uppermost (General Order 219 of 1941 para 2 refers).
- 4. All concerned will be responsible for seeing that illiterate labour employed in handling P.O.L. containers understands the meaning of the colour flashes.

7. DISINFESTATION OF CLOTHING.

Units will take steps to treat immediately any tps who are found to be lousy by spraying with FLY3OL or similar substance, washing them with soap and hot water 5 minutes later, and sending them in with all their clothing to 2/8 Aust Fd Amb as soon as convenient, communicating with that unit by phone to give as long prior warning of their arrival as possible.

8. TRANSPORTATION OF OFFICERS AND ORS FROM M.D.S.

In future the transportation of officers and ORs who are being evacuated from M.D.S. to their unit will be carried out by units.

For convenient purposes discharges will be made between 1100 and 1200 hrs daily and M.D.S. will give prior warning by telephone to the units concerned.

J. Kelly Capt.
S/C. 20 AUST INF BDE.

DISTRIBUTION LIST "C"

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER No 25.

by

Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, ED.

Commanding 20 AUST INF BDE

31 Jan 42.

ALEPPO.

1. DISCIPLINE - BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS ON LEAVE.

The following letter received by this H.Q. from Ninth Army is promulgated for information and necessary action.

- (a) It has been reported to the G.O.C.-in-C. that Commanding Officers are not always giving adequate punishment to men of their units who are charged by the Military Police - and are to this extent - abetting the laxity of behaviour and indiscipline of their men.

This applies particularly to cases of rowdyism and drunkenness in leave centres which are an abuse of leave privileges and cause the imposition of restrictions, which inevitably hit the majority of well behaved men because of the selfish and unsoldierly behaviour of the few.

- (b) The G.O.C.-in-C. directs that Commanding Officers will take severe disciplinary measures in cases where the drunkenness or disorderly conduct of their men is proved.
- (c) He wishes the substance of this letter to be published in unit orders and read by officers to their men on three successive parades.

2. PHOTOGRAPHY IN FRONTIER AREAS

The use of cameras in Frontier areas, and particularly the photographing of TURKISH Frontier posts and garrisons, is likely to arouse the suspicion of the TURKS.

The carrying or use of cameras within sight of the Frontier is therefore prohibited.

3. LIFTS FOR CIVILIANS.

Civilians are evading frontier and control posts by obtaining lifts on Army vehicles. Drivers are forbidden to offer lifts, not only to civilians, but also to soldiers in uniform.

Stickers for use on windscreens of vehicles and containing notice repeated in several languages are to be issued shortly. These notices will be used on all Army vehicles within area.

The purport of the notice is that the driver is not permitted to carry unauthorised passengers and if any persons asks a driver for a lift, his request can be refused by drawing his attention to the notice.

4. QUALIFIED GAS INSTRUCTORS.

A return is required from units to be forwarded to reach this H.Q. NOT later than 1 Feb, showing particulars of qualified gas instructors (all ranks). The pro shown hereunder will be strictly adhered to:-

No.	Rank.	Name in Full	Unit	Details of Course Attended (incl dates)	Qualifications (D, Q 1 or Q 11)
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5. VISITORS TO 1 AUST CORPS SKI SCHOOL.

Accommodation at 1 Aust Corps Ski School is limited and offrs and ORs, other than students, will not visit the school without first obtaining permission from GS 9 Aust Div.

6. AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS.

The Air Mail Letter Card service to INDIA is available to all ranks in the M.E.F.

7. RATIONS - RESERVE

- (a) (i) All units will maintain four (4) days reserve rations ("dry ration" scales) in unit areas.
- (ii) Rations to complete this reserve will be demanded immediately through Supply Officers.
- (iii) This reserve will be used only in emergency when normal supplies may be interrupted or unobtainable.
- (iv) Units will submit a certificate weekly on Mondays through Supply Officers that the reserves have been checked and are complete.
- (b) Seven (7) days reserves will be held available in addition in FSDs or DIDs under arrangements by C.A.S.C. , 9 Aust Div.

8. CONSTRUCTION OF LATRINES

Provision and construction of field latrines though normally the responsibility of units will be undertaken in this area as follows :-

- (a) ALEPPO area under control of G.E.
- (b) Outlying areas by 42 Fd Coy RE in conjunction with unit pioneer Pl.

9. RETURNABLE CONTAINERS - PETROL.

All units will render a return of returnable containers (petrol). This return will be made up to and including 31 Jan 42 and will be forwarded to 20 AUST INF BDE before 2 Feb 42.

The following details of containers held will be shown:-

Drums	44	gall	{ full and empty)
"	4	"	{ full and empty)
Cans	4	"	{ full and empty)
"	2	"	{ full and empty)
Lub Oil	5	"	empty only

10. BOOT REPAIRS

Boot repairs will be carried out at Aust Wind 4 B. O. D. Units should forward boots to D. A. D. O. S. Dump, ALEPPO securely tied in pairs and with a securely attached card bearing owners name, no and unit. Units will be advised when repaired boots are available for collection at D. A. D. O. S. Dump.

11. TYPES OF RATIONS

(a) There is at present some confusion between the five main types of rations in issue with the result that Units frequently demand the wrong type of ration through incorrect description of their requirements.

(b) The following notes are therefore published for information in order briefly to describe the main types of rations and the uses for which these are designed. It will be appreciated that the commodities and quantities making up each ration vary with the class of troops drawing them, but the basic principles are the same.

EMERGENCY RATION

(a) Emergency Ration is a condensed form of food similar to a slab of chocolate in appearance, designed, as its name implies, to keep a man alive in emergency and when no other form of rations is procurable. It is made up into a small compact pack which can easily be carried on the man. This ration is NOT intended for issue for day to day consumption, even over a limited period.

(b) Battle Ration is a ration often wrongly referred to as "Hard Rations" and is designed for use for a maximum period of seven days on active service conditions where there are little or no facilities for cooking. This ration is composed principally of preserved meat and biscuit and is therefore compact and easily transportable in any form of vehicles. Since the gross weight of a days rations for one man is only about 3 lbs, the rations could be carried on the man, in emergency. The British Battle ration is shown in General Order 834 of 1941, (the Indian in General Order 1111 of 1941).

(c) Vehicle Ration is very similar to the Battle Ration but the commodities making up this ration are slightly different. Its purpose is again evident from its name and it also is a compact ration suitable for use on active operational conditions for a maximum of three days. The British Vehicle Ration is shown in General Order 835 of 1941. (The Indian in General Order 1112 of 1941).

Neither the Battle Ration nor the Vehicle ration should normally be issued to troops for more than seven and three days respectively at a time, although a man can keep going for a longer period, feeding on either of these rations, if no other rations can be made available. The Battle Ration cannot be issued without the authority of a Commander of a Force which or part of which is undertaking an operation.

(d) M. E. F. S. Rations - Hard Scale is the normal scale of rations but with tinned or "hard items" substituted for fresh equivalents - e.g, Tinned Vegetables in lieu of Fresh Vegetables, Biscuits in lieu of Flour, etc. Rations are issued with the normal F. S. ration. Such troops are usually too far away from Railhead and have insufficient cooking facilities to make it possible to issue to them or for them to be able to cook fresh vegetables, fresh meat or fresh fruit.

M.E.F.S. RATIONS - HARD SCALE. (Cont)

Rations issued on this scale require little more than a fire and facilities for boiling water for the preparation of meals.

(e) M.E.F.S. RATION - NORMAL OR "FRESH" SCALE This is the ration normally issued to troops who have the ordinary Unit cooking facilities and is the ration consumed by the great majority of troops whatever their location. The ration scale includes all the "fresh" items most of which require cooking before consumption.

12. PROVISION OF OILS AND GREASES.

(a) Oil M. 225 and Grease HC, have been eliminated and will no longer be issued.

(b) Demands for these grades will in future be met by:-

(a) Oil M. 220 in substitution of Oil M. 225.

(b) Grease GS in substitution of Grease HC

Oil M. 220 and Grease GS will be demanded through normal R.A.S.C. channels.

(To be repeated in Unit Routine Orders)

13. CHURCH PARADES

Alterations to times of Church Parades is notified:-

G.E. 0915 ALEPPO Aerodrome, under arrangements 2/9 Aust Ed Regt.

1030 Armenian Church ALEPPO.

R.G. 0900 St Francis Cathedral ALEPPO
1015 ALEPPO Aerodrome - YMCA Hut.

Units will arrange to attend the most convenient service.

Dress. All Ranks. Winter Dress - Greatcoats, SD, Hats KF turned up, Boots, Gaiters, Belt WE and side arms.

G. Keller Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER No 24.

by

Colonel W.J.V. WINDEYER ED

Commanding 20 AUST INF BDE

29 Jan 42

ALEPPO

I SPECIAL ORDER

The following Special Order by Commander-in-Chief Middle East Forces is republished:-

"I wish to remind Commanders of all ranks of their responsibility for safe-guarding both British equipment and stores and that captured from the enemy, from loss or damage.

This war is largely one of material and the side which can outlast the other in this respect will achieve a great advantage.

There is no doubt that we are not safe-guarding our material resources as well as we should. Both the dishonesty of a few individuals and the carelessness and lack of thought of a great many others are causing unnecessary waste.

I hold Commanding and other officers responsible that they are constantly on their guard to check careless and irregular practices on the part of those under their command.

Casualness and laxity in these matters denotes a lack of discipline and good order which gravely affects the strength and fighting power of the Army.

Though it is for the leaders to oversee these matters, the best results cannot be obtained without the ready co-operation of all ranks, on which, if they are made to understand the need, I know that I can rely.

I wish this order made known to all ranks of the Army.

(Sgd) C.J. AUCHINLECK General.
Commander-in-Chief.

(to be repeated in unit R.Os)

2. RETURNS OF PERSONNEL WITH LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS.

In order to bring records of language qualifications up-to-date, particulars are required of all ranks, both Officers and ORs with fluent knowledge of any of the following languages.

German
Italian
Persian

Russian
Turkish
Arabic

Returns are required in triplicate to reach this HQ by 1st Feb 42.

(To be repeated in Unit R.O's.)

3. TRANSPORT

Transport in this area is being handled by 53 Res M.T. Coy R.A.S.C., with 23 3 ton vehicles available daily.

All requests for transport will be made through this H.Q. at least 24 hrs before required.

Transport will be allotted on a priority basis.

Units will NOT deal with R.A.S.C. Coy direct.

1. AIR MAIL SERVICE

The Air Mail Service between Australia and Middle East has been restored and mails are going through in both directions.

During the next few weeks it is probable that air postings to Australia will take three or four days longer en route than formerly.

It is still necessary to limit the weight of air mail postings and as far as possible air mail letter cards should be used in lieu of letters, and letters should be restricted to a maximum of two sheets of air mail paper in order to cut down weight.

Kellu Capt.
S.C. 20 AUST INF BDE+

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER No 23

by

Colonel W.J.V. WINDEYER ED

Commanding 20 AUST INF BDE

26 Jan 42

Monday

ALEPPO

1. M.T. STORES - INDENTS

In future unit demands for M.T. Stores required for "A" "B", and R.A.S.C. vehicles will be submitted in quadruplicate on A.F. G. 1058.

Units not in possession of the Army Form will submit demands for two (2) months requirements (in pads) to Stationery Depot, in accordance with M.E.F. General Order 620 of 1941.

2. SUPPLEMENTARY RATION INVOICES.

In future all supplementary ration invoices issued by AACS will be returned by units direct to C.P.M.

3. HYDROPHOBIA

Cases of Hydrophobia have been found among dogs in ALEPPO.

Troops are to be warned of the danger of touching dogs and of allowing unknown dogs into quarters.

4. VEHICLES - Anti-Frost Precautions.

1. Anti-frost precautions will be observed with all vehicles operating in Syria and Lebanon from 1st December to 1st March.

2. Details are contained in A.I.F. (ME) Mechanization Instruction No 78 of 8th Jan 42.

5. POWERS OF MEMBERS OF PROVOST CORPS.

The effect of A.A. 6(3)(c) and A.M.R.&.O 386 is published for information.

1. Any officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier who impedes a provost marshal or any officer, non-commissioned officer or member of the military police, commits an offence. - (AA Sec 6(3)(c).

2. Any warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier who, when called on, refuses to assist in the execution of his duty a provost marshal or any member of the military police, commits an offence. - (A.A. Sec. 6(3)(c).

3. Every warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier, even though he is of superior rank, shall obey any orders given by the military police, and, on failure to do so, commits an offence. - (A.M.R.&.O. 386).

4. Officers, of whatever rank, shall comply with the directions of any provost marshal or officer of the military police.

6. CANTEEN PROFITS DISTRIBUTION

1. Canteen profits amounting to £A 12,091/0/7 have been distributed for the month of September 1941.

2. Total amounts distributed to 30 Sep 1941, is £A 122,803/3/2.

71 UNAUTHORISED DISMANTLING OF EQUIPMENT

1. Instances have occurred where service equipment has been damaged, sometimes seriously, or put out of adjustment through unauthorised dismantling. This practice will cease forthwith.

2. Instructions of operators of equipment in the details of construction is often quite unnecessary and leads to unauthorised dismantling. It is normally sufficient to teach principles affecting operation of equipment.

3. Certain components (e.g. breech mechanisms, etc) require to be dismantled by unit personnel for cleaning, lubricating etc. Instruction in these operations should be given by a qualified instructor only and should be confined to details and instructions set down in the respective drill books, etc. While handbooks give more or less detailed information on constructional features, dismantling of equipment beyond the limits prescribed for cleaning and replacement of minor spares carried by the unit is NOT within the province of unit personnel and is strictly forbidden.

4. Repair of equipment is the function of the mechanical engineering staff, who should be called upon in event of doubt or where technical assistance is required.

5. Equipment must at all times be kept complete and ready for service except where it is undergoing actual repairs.

J. Kelly

Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER No 19.

by

Colonel W. J. V. WINDEYER ED

Commanding 20 AUST INF BDE

20 Jan 42

Monday

ALEPPO

1. PETROL CONTAINERS AND PUMPS

All 44 gal drums, returnable Petrol Containers and Brouette Petrol pumps on charge to units will be handed over to relieving units or returned to FSDs.

2. RESERVE RATIONS

Weekly Certificates will be submitted to reach this HQ each Monday stating whether correct quantity of reserve rations is held, and is in good order and condition.

3. SECURITY MEASURES (Means of Identity)

Military personnel travelling to and from ALEPPO are in many cases without paybooks and means of identification. Units will ensure that all personnel carry means of identification.

4. SECURITY OF MATERIAL

Interpreters will not have access to any HQ or unit offices, unless specially asked by officer or duty NCO i/c. On NO account will interpreters be permitted to sleep in unit offices. Leakages of information of value to the enemy have already occurred in the ALEPPO area through neglect of this rule.

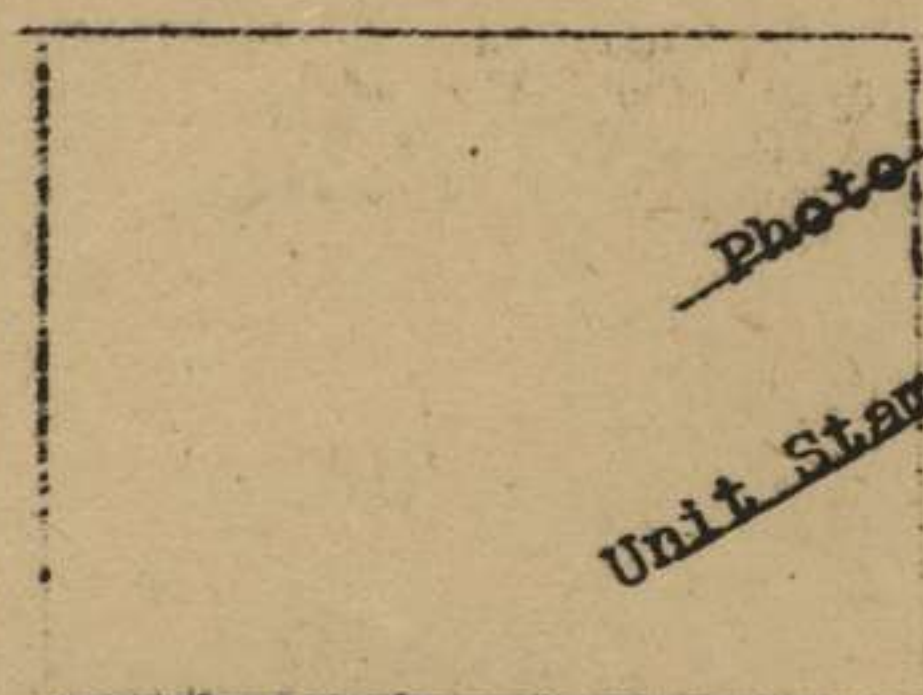
5. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.

Units are responsible for issuing passes to their civilian employees, subject to vetting by FSS.

- (1) If employees of former unit are taken over, their passes should be:-
 - (a) Endorsed by Unit Security Officer or relieving unit
or
 - (b) A new pass issued.
- (2) If new employees are engaged, the following particulars must be supplied to FSS before engagement:-
 - (a) Name of employee
 - (b) Address
 - (c) Age
 - (d) Nationality
 - (e) Fathers name
 - (f) Mothers name
 - (g) Identity card number
 - (h) Two passport size photographs of employee.

Complete lists of civilian employees must be furnished to FSS HQ as soon as possible.

When an employee is discharged for any reason (offence, dishonesty, theft or completion of work), his pass will be withdrawn immediately and returned to FSS HQ with reason of dismissal stated. This enables FSS to compile a Black List of unsuitable civilian employees.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SPECIMEN PASS

Name _____
 is permitted to enter _____
 between the hours of _____ and _____
 Occupation _____ Indent card No _____
 Age _____ "eight _____ Hair _____ Eyes _____

Valid. (Not longer
 than one month)

Officers Signature

6. DRESS

Attention is drawn to the wearing of ties with S.D. Uniform. Ties will NOT be worn with this uniform and the collar will be buttoned up - If a shirt is worn underneath the uniform the collar of the shirt will NOT show out from the collar of the tunic.

7. PARCEL RATES

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Piastres</u>
1 lb	18
2 "	27
3 y	36
5 "	45
8 "	54
11 "	63

STAMPS

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Piastres</u>
1 d	3
2 "	6
3 "	9
6 "	18
9 "	27
1/-	36
2/-	72
5/-	177

8. AFs W 3006 & 3007

Instructions for compiling these returns as Per RO 18/1 are hereby cancelled.

In future W 3006 will be rendered daily in accordance with the amendments as shown in AIF Order (ME) 871 and as per example below.

- C - Posted Strength (Less those shown as attached in WE) present with unit.
- E - Attached personnel including those shown on WE as attached (whether or not present with unit) and all personnel attached for other purposes.
- F - Detached personnel from posted strength (excluding those shown as attached in WE).

CASUALTY RETURNS

AIF personnel evacuated to M.D.S. ALEPPO will be shown as "Marched out to MDS" (NOT "X" List)

MDS will advise Units when any patient is evacuated beyond MDS and Units thus advised will submit Casualty Returns, W 3010, W 3011 & W 3012, marching personnel on to "X" List.

Return ~~to~~ Units from MDS will be shown "Return from MDS" (Not "X" List)

J. Kelly Capt.
S.C. 20 AUST INF BDE.

Additions to Distribution List.

Serial No.	7.	9 Aust Div Sup Coln	"A"	1.
"	"	11. No 4 REC Sec AAFW	"C"	1.
"	"	14. 9 Aust Div Sup Coln		
		No 10 AASC Coy	"C"	1.
"	"	15 68 L.A.D.	"C"	1.
"	"	27 58 L.A.D.	"A"	1.
"	"	28 "J" Sec 9a Aust Div Sigs	"A"	1.

DISTRIBUTION LIST "C".

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER NO.18.

by

Colonel W.J.V. WINDEYER, ED.

Commanding 20 Aust Inf Bde.

18 Jan 42

Sunday

ALEPPO.

1. A.Fs.W.3006 & W.3007.

Attention is drawn to AIF Order (ME) 871. The new system for rendering of A.Fs.W.3006 will be adopted forthwith by all units, with the exception that 'F' figures will be included in (C).

2. CAFES IN BOUNDS.

(a) Main cafes in bounds to troops.

Parisien Cafe; Ritz Cafe; Dixie Cafe; Al-Chab Cafe;
Parc Palace Cafe; Bachour Cafe; Pierre Cafe;
Manassian Cafe; Cafe du Brazil; Oxford Bar; Victoria
Cafe; Novelty Cafe; Popadopolis Buffet; Palangian
Cafe; Parisiana Cafe.

(b) Restaurant Cabarets in bounds to officers only.

Lewis Tavern. Circle Orient.

(c) Restaurant Cabarets in bounds to Sgts, WO's and Officers.

"Cafe Wattle".

3. BARBER SHOP.

The AMCS advise that a Barber Shop, solely for the use of troops, has been opened in the canteen. There are two chairs available and charges are as follows:-

Shave - 3 francs (15 Piastres).
Haircut - 5 francs (25 Piastres).

4. PHOTOGRAPHY REGULATIONS.

(a) The following photographers ONLY are approved in ALEP area w.e.f. 8 Jan 42.

PHOTO DEROUNIAN
PHOTO GULBENK

Boulevard de France.
Boulevard de France.

Films found being developed elsewhere will be confiscated and destroyed.

(b) The following is a list of prohibited subjects with which all ranks will make themselves familiar:-

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| (1) Aerial Views | (8) Diagrams of weapons |
| (2) Aerodromes | (9) Fortifications |
| (3) Aircraft | (10) Military Operations |
| (4) Armoured Fighting Vehicles | (11) Ships of any kind |
| (5) Artillery weapons | (12) Signal Equipment |
| (6) Camps | (13) All harbours and all naval
and military oil install-
ations. |
| (7) Defenses | |

PHOTOGRAPHY REGULATIONS (Contd).

(c) Serious breaches of regulations have been discovered in films left by military personnel with Photographers in ALEP for developing and printing.

In view of the serious results to security of non-compliance with photographic regulations strict disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

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J. Kelly Capt.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER NO.17.

by

Colonel W.J.V. WINDEYER

T/Commander 20 Aust Inf Bde.

17 Jan 42

Saturday

ALEPPO.

1. CENSORSHIP.

The ME General Orders relating to Censorship of Mail to enemy occupied territory and neutral countries are as follows :-

Order No.393 of 9 May 41, No.914 of 12 Sept 41 and No.971 of 26 Sept 41.

2. FIELD CENSORSHIP : PHOTOGRAPHY.

AIF (ME) Order No.904 is repeated :-

"AIF (ME) Order No.369 of 7 June 1941, is cancelled and the following substituted :-

1. The indiscriminate use of cameras and, in particular, the sending of films to unauthorised photographic dealers have become most prejudicial to security. The following regulations are issued for immediate enforcement.
2. Every Unit will keep a register showing the rank and name of personnel in possession of cameras, An Officer-in-charge of Photography will be appointed within each unit. He will be responsible for keeping the register up to date and for ensuring that each member of the unit in possession of a camera is fully acquainted with the provisions of GHQ (MEF) Field Censorship Regulations, 1940 Part 1, Paragraph 10 (published hereunder) and with the list of authorised dealers.

"G.H.Q. (MEF) Field Censorship Regulations, 1940, Part 1 Para 10.

Photography :-

(i) Photography of the following is prohibited :-

Military vehicles of all sorts	Aerial Views.
Tanks	Aerodromes
Signal Equipment	Fortifications.
Artillery Weapons	Camps.
Defences	Military Operations.
Aircraft	Diagrams of weapons.
Ships of any kind.	

(ii) Photographs, films and pictorial matter of any kind will not be despatched to neutral or enemy countries.

(iii) Photographs of a purely personal nature may be included in correspondence but attention must be paid to the background which must not include anything, the photographing of which is prohibited.

(iv) All ranks are forbidden to join civilian (photographic) clubs or similar institutions, or to exhibit or to submit for exhibition photographs taken by them."

2. FIELD CENSORSHIP : PHOTOGRAPHY (Contd).

3. When a unit proceeds to any zone of active operations, all cameras, with the exception of those referred to below, will be withdrawn by the Officer-in-charge of Photography and forwarded for safe custody to Officer-in-charge 2nd Echelon, AIF (ME). The Officer-in-charge Photography may accept a certificate from the owner of the camera that he has deposited it at a bank as an alternative to the above. An exception may be made and one or more unit authorised unit photographers per unit as laid down by commands, permitted to retain cameras with the object of increasing the supply of photographs of value for record and publicity purposes. The Officer-in-Charge Photography will be held strictly responsible that, in zone of operations, cameras are used only by those authorised unit photographers. Each authorised unit photographer will be issued with a numbered pass under Command arrangements. On the back of this pass will appear directions on the following lines:-

"All security films or unit films for record purposes must be forwarded for developing to the following special authorised dealer :-

Messrs KODAK (EGYPT) S.A. 20 SHARIA ADLY PASHA,
CAIRO.

On no account will security films or unit record films be despatched to any other dealer than the above."

4. Films will on no account be sent by personnel for developing and printing to any other than approved and authorised dealer. Commands will ensure that lists of authorised dealers in their areas are distributed in sufficient scale; and each authorised dealer should be supplied with a notice board to be hung in a prominent place stating that this dealer has been officially authorised by the British Military authorities. It will be the duty of Officers-in-charge of Photography to ensure that all ranks are fully acquainted with this list and do not deal with any dealers or sub-agents other than those on the list. Films belonging to military personnel found in any unauthorised dealer's possession will be confiscated and destroyed and disciplinary action taken against the owner. The number of authorised dealers should and will be increased as and when more censorship personnel are available.

5. Commands will ensure that all films of a security nature and all unit films for record purposes, if not developed by army personnel, are sent for developing to one firm only - Messrs KODAK (EGYPT) S.A. 20 SHARIA ADLY PASHA, CAIRO. As soon as more censorship personnel are available, one firm in each Command will be chosen for such work. Such films will not be sent to any other of the authorised dealers. This includes films of a secret nature to be used solely for record and instructional purposes; and films taken by unit official photographers of operational activities, etc, for inclusion in war diaries and for official purposes only. In the latter case, where the censor considers that for security reasons these films should not be returned to a unit, they will be retained at 2nd ECHELON AIF (ME) in the name of the unit. Commanding officers must ensure that this privilege is not abused, and that private films are not submitted as unit record films.

6. G.H.Q. (MEF) retains the right to take copies of any photographs and to use such copies for any purpose without payment. The cost of developing the films containing photographs of which use is made by G.H.Q. (MEF) will be defrayed by G.H.Q. (MEF).

7. There have been cases of interference by local police with Service Personnel using cameras in prohibited areas or taking photographs of prohibited objects. Commands will ensure that lists of prohibited objects and prohibited areas are published at frequent intervals and that disciplinary action is taken against military photographers failing to comply with the legitimate instructions of the police concerned.

FIELD CENSORSHIP : PHOTOGRAPHY (Contd).

8. Films found developed or stored in any manner in contravention of this order are liable to confiscation and destruction; and in view of the extremely serious results to security of non-compliance with the above instructions, strict disciplinary action will in all cases be taken against offenders.

This Order is to be reprinted in Unit Orders."

3. DUTY PERSONNEL VISITING CAIRO.

AIF (ME) 308 and 803 require all officers and ORs visiting CAIRO on duty to report to C.O. AIF (ME) Details, CAIRO.

When possible officers are to be billeted at Officers' Mess, Immobilia Buildings, CAIRO, otherwise at houseboat SUDAN at public expense. When possible ORs are to be billeted at the Mens' Billets, No.32 Sh Malika Farida; otherwise at hotels at public expense.

To further this policy and to assist AIF personnel detraining at CAIRO, a WO (11) is stationed at Main Railway Station, CAIRO, to meet trains arriving at 1305, 1840 and 2300 hrs.

4. OFFENCES : LEAVING GUARDS ETC WITHOUT ORDERS.

Attention is called to the unusual prevalence in units under command 9 Aust Div of the offence of leaving guards etc without orders (Army Act Sec 6 (2)(f)).

This order is promulgated in pursuance of AMR & O 558 (3). Its effect is to ensure that Courts Martial are aware of the prevalence of the offence and that consequently more serious penalties, than are usually awarded for this offence, are inflicted. COs who deal summarily with cases of this type under AMR & O 409 should also have regard to the prevalence of the offence.

5. EMPLOYMENT OF CIVILLANS.

Application for employment of civilian labour will be made to the P & L Control Officer - Lieut L.A. RAPAPORT, Pioneer and Labour Control Officer (P.L.C.O.) through this HQ.

6. PAY.

(a) Sub-imprest advances to effect pay of Units within this area will be obtained from AIF Cashier, ALEPPO.

(b) A Pay in respect of those credits at 15 Jan 42 may be made immediately. Requisitions for cash for pay period ending 28 Jan 42 are to be with AIF Cashier, ALEPPO, not later than 1200 hrs, 26 Jan 42.

(c) Units will immediately collect all currencies other than Syrian, and attend at AIF Cashier, ALEPPO for bulk conversion to local currency.

(d) Advances of pay to British Officers, and advances to British Units will be available on Friday of each week.

(e) Office hours of AIF Cash Office, Aleppo :-
Monday to Saturdays 0900 hrs to 1230 hrs.
1300 " " 1630 hrs.
Sundays. 0900 " " 1200 hrs.

Distribution List "C".

7. CORRIGENDUM.

20 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No.16 - para 6, (v) :-
"Delete - Movement Orders will be issued by Bde HQ.

Insert - Movement Orders will be issued on Instruction from this HQ "

Kelly Capt.
3C 20 Aust Inf Bde.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER NO.16.

by

Colonel W.J.V. WINDEYER.

T/Commander 20 Aust Inf Bde.

16 Jan 42.

Friday.

~~Boulevard de la République~~
ALEPPO.

1. TOWN PICQUETS.

The following Units will supply a Town Picquet daily comprising 1 Capt., 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls & 10 ORs. :-

2/9 Aust A Fd Regt.
9 Aust Div Cav Regt.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

Picquet will report to D.A.P.M. daily at 1700 hrs for instructions.

2. OUT OF BOUNDS.

I. The Aerodrome at ALEPPO is "OUT OF BOUNDS" to all ranks except on duty.

II. The streets named below are "OUT OF BOUNDS" ;-

SHARIA HAMMAN-EL-TEL.
SHARIA BASITA.

These streets are situated east of Bab-el-Faraij Square.

3. IN BOUNDS.

All troops will be warned that they are not to visit Cafes unless the "IN BOUNDS" Sign is displayed.

4. SPEED LIMITS - ALEPPO.

No W.D. Vehicle will exceed 20 m.p.h. within the built up area of Aleppo. Traffic signs and signals by Gendarmerie will be strictly obeyed.

Attention is drawn to the fact that "One Way Streets" are marked by Red Discs with a white horizontal bar across the centre.

5. STOLEN VEHICLES.

No W.D. Vehicle is to be left unattended in a City Street and strict precautions will be taken by all officers in charge of transport to ensure that the vehicle in their charge are not removed by any unauthorised person.

6. TRAVEL BY RAIL.

I. OTHER RANKS travelling by Rail in Syria will be issued with Third Class Tickets.

II. Warrant Officers will be issued with SECOND CLASS tickets but should no second class accomodation be available, they will travel third Class.

TRAVEL BY RAIL (Contd.).

- iii. At least 24 hrs notice must be given to the RTO at Bagdad Station before accomodation can be provided on any train. In the case of Special Trains or parties of more than thirty, prior notice of 72 hrs must be given to the R.T.O.
- iv. All Tps travelling by train must be in possession of sufficient rations for the journey as these cannot be supplied by the R.T.O.
- v. All Tps must be issued with signed Movement Orders (in Duplicate). Those proceeding to points South beyond Damascus - to Palestine etc - must be issued with Movement Orders in triplicate. (Movement Orders will be issued by Bde HQ).
- vi. All ranks departing from Aleppo will entrain at Bagdad Station. The daily train to the South departs at 2200 hrs and tickets cannot be issued after 2130 hrs.
- vii. Officers only are permitted to travel by the AUTOMOTRICE and then only on urgent duty.
- viii. All ranks will report to the R.T.O. before entraining.

7. HORSE TRANSPORT.

Demands for Horse Transport will be made direct to O.C. H.T. Sec RASC, Situated at Q.V. Barracks.

8. CANTEEN. - Boulevard de France, ALEPPO.

Hours.

Dry Canteen - 1000 hrs to 2145 hrs daily.

Wet Canteen - 1700 hrs to 2145 hrs daily.

Lunch is served between - 1200 hrs and 1400 hrs daily.

The following will be brought to the notice of all tps:-

- a. Pilfering and breaking of glasses MUST cease. Glasses cannot now be purchased.
- b. It is an offence for Canteen goods to be bought and re-sold or traded to natives.
- c. The cost of meals and beer must be paid for by all tps when served.
- d. Tps must take a note of the No of waiter who serves them as this is required should any dispute arise.
- e. Tobacco, Chocolates and certain other items are rationed owing to the difficulty in obtaining supplies.
- f. A READING ROOM on the 1st Floor of the Building (adj. the Office) is available to tps.

9. SECURITY - ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

Unit Comds will take necessary action for the safe-guarding of arms and ammunition on their charge.

The absolute necessity for safeguarding of firearms must be impressed on all ranks at frequent intervals. Any cases of carelessness or loss will be viewed most seriously and disciplinary action will be taken against the offender.

Commanders will report the loss of arms and ammunition, Government and private, by signal to Bde HQ, DAPM, Aust 233.

The loss of arms is a serious matter and unless the above order is complied with, the possibility of apprehending offenders is greatly diminished.

In addition to reporting the loss, Units will supply information to this HQ as soon as possible and within two (2) days of the occurrence, as to :-

- i. The identity of the loser.
- ii. Circumstances surrounding the loss.
- iii. Security measures within the Unit area.
- iv. Detailed particulars of the action taken.

Attention is further directed to AIF Order ME No.642.

10. LOSS OF STORES AND EQUIPMENT.

(a) Attention is drawn to AIF Order (ME) No.596, (Court of Inquiry - Loss of Stores or Equipment).

(b) For Courts of Inquiry generally, see AMR & O 690-695, and for Court's report regarding COs personal liability see AMR & O 693 & 694 (2).

3 copies of proceedings of Courts of Inquiry are required by this HQ.

All losses of stores and equipment will be reported immediately to these HQ by Signal.

Distribution List "C".

G. K. ... Capt.
SC/20 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES.

LOST - Haversack containing personal gear, the property of - NX 14333 A/WO (11) PEARCE J.H., HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 15.

by

Lt-Col J.W. CRAWFORD E.D.

Admg/Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.

6 Jan 42

Tuesday

HILL 69.

1. CAMOUFLAGE OF TENTS.

It is noted that in many instances the winter rains have washed the camouflage from tenting in the camp areas.

Prompt action is to be taken by units for tents to be splashed with mud to remove their conspicuous whiteness and certificates furnished to this HQ by 9 Jan 42 to the effect that this instruction has been carried out.

2. A.Fs.W. 3006 & W. 3007.

Attention is drawn to A.I.F. Order (ME) 871. The new system for rendering of A.Fs.W. 3006 will be adopted forthwith by all units, with the exception that 'F' figures will be included in (C).

3. HYGIENE COURSE - ORs.

Ref 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 528.

Units will furnish to this HQ by 1800 hrs 9 Jan 42 particulars of student who is to attend this course.

4. ORDNANCE STORES.

Attention is directed to Appendix "b" issued with A.I.F. (ME) Orders issued 15 Dec 41.

It will be noted that the new system of supply of ordnance stores commences 1 Jan 42.

In order to obviate delays in delivery of stores, units will pay special attention to the following requirements :-

- (i) Indents must be clearly endorsed in block letters on the right hand upper margin either "R.A.O.C. Supply" or "A.A.O.C. Supply" as applicable.
- (ii) Indents will be submitted to Bde W.Os. in TRIPPLICATE for R.A.O.C. Supply, and DUPLICATE for A.A.O.C. Supply.
- (iii) One section or sub-section only is to be included in an indent, and separate indents will be passed for R.A.O.C. and A.A.O.C. demands.

5. LEAVE.

In future, before special leave applications are fwded to this HQ, C.Os. will ascertain whether the place that applicant proposes to stay is in bounds.

6. AIRMAIL TO AUSTRALIA - LIMITATION OF WEIGHT.

Owing to the limited space at present available for the conveyance of air mails to Australia, it is of prime importance that the weight of the mail loading should be kept as low as possible.

2. To this end, immediate action is to be taken through Unit Orders to inform all ranks of the position. So far as possible air mail letter cards should be used in lieu of letters, and letters should be restricted to a maximum of two sheets of air mail paper in order to cut down weight.

3. It is desired, as far as possible, to avoid having to hold mails over for later despatch, and the co-operation of all ranks in curtailing the weight of correspondence to be conveyed will materially assist in this direction.

7. E.F.M. CABLES.

Action will be taken through Unit Orders to acquaint all ranks with the present position regarding the E.F.M. Cable service, which is that cable channels are at present unable to provide adequate accomodation for this type of traffic which should therefore be used only when essential.

8. SUPPRESSION OF PILFERING AND "SCROUNGING".

A.I.F. Order (ME) no. 874 is repeated:-

- "1. Vigorous action will be taken by all commanding officers to prevent loss of Government property by petty theft, pilfering and grosser misappropriation. Losses through these causes have assumed serious proportions and are a direct hindrance to the successful prosecution of the war.
- 2. Under the mistaken impression that "scrounging" is meritable some commanding officers are condoning or punishing lightly thefts of this type. All losses of Government property are to be investigated fully and offenders severely disciplined.
- 3. Commanding officers are held responsible for safeguarding Government property committed to their charge, and that all officers, NCOs and men are impressed with their responsibilities in this regard.
- 4. Inadequate action by commanding officers in taking protective measures, carrying out investigations into losses, or inflicting appropriate punishment within the powers delegated to them, will be viewed seriously.

This order will be repeated in Unit Orders."

9. LOSS OF PAYBOOKS. A.I.F. Order (ME) No. 875 is repeated :-

- "1. The marked increase in the number of paybook losses indicates that personnel are not taking sufficient precautionary measures for their safe custody, and commanding officers will impress on all ranks the importance of carrying paybooks where they are not easily obtainable by pickpockets etc.
- 2. The habit of carrying money inside the paybook is a contributing factor to the loss. Once the money is sighted, the possibility of the paybook being stolen becomes a strong likelihood. Units should discourage soldiers carrying money inside their paybooks.
- 3. The provision of an inside pocket in shirts has been suggested and the possibility of this being carried out under Unit arrangements, will be investigated by Formation, etc., H.Q.

This order is to be repeated in Unit Orders."

10. ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

A.I.F. Order (ME) No.880 is repeated :-

"Disposal to persons not entitled to Customs Exemption, of tobacco and cigarettes admitted free to the Middle East for members of the forces, is prohibited and will be regarded as a serious offence.

This order will be repeated in Unit Orders."

11. SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS.

A.I.F. Order (ME) No.890 is repeated :-

"Captured German documents refer to the valuable information which has been obtained from the diaries of British prisoners-of-war. It is once more pointed out that personnel going into action, or going into areas where there is possibility of contact with the enemy, are forbidden to carry any personal papers which could possibly be of use to the enemy.

This order is to be repeated in Unit Orders."

12. DENTURES - LOSSES & REPAIRS.

A.I.F. Order (ME) No.895 is repeated:-

"In many instances Commanding Officers are charging against public funds cost of renewals and repairs to dentures lost or damaged through the fault of the soldier. This practice will cease forthwith.

Unless a Commanding Officer is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that loss or damage to dentures was due to no fault of the soldier, cost of renewal or repair will be charged to the soldier.

This order is to be repeated in Unit Orders."

J. Kelly
(J.L.A. KELLY) Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution List "A" plus 2/1 Pnr Bn.

HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.
31 Jan 42.

20 AUST INF BDE-ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No 4.

1. FIELD PUNISHMENTS:

- (a) Due to the fact that there is no established Detention Barracks in this area, CO's are requested, as far as possible, to award Field Punishment to Offenders in lieu of Detention.
- (b) Attention is drawn to MML Rules for Field Punishment, page 787.
- (c) For the purpose of Field Punishment in this area para 4 of the above rules will not apply. Units will carry out Field Punishment Regimentally under para 5 of the above rules as if their unit were on the move.
- (d) It is essential that Field Punishment, if it is to be effective, is conducted strictly, and so as to be punitive.

2. DETENTION:

(a) In cases of necessity there will be a place of Detention established at QUARTIER VINCO BARRACKS which will be controlled by this HQ.

(b) All the undermentioned forms will be completed by the unit before the soldier is despatched to Detention and will accompany him:-

(i) In the case of Sentence passed by the Soldier's CO Form K (AMR & O App iii).

(ii) A Medical Officer's Certificate of fitness to undergo detention or otherwise, together with an authenticated description of the soldier.

(iii) Conduct Sheet- B 122. The award for which the soldier has been committed must appear on this form.

(iv) Kit Inventory, AFB 253.

A complete inventory of every article accompanying the soldier must be made. The soldier should be equipped with full 'Marching Order' less rifle, scabbard or bayonet or other arms. The following articles must accompany the soldier:-

Brushes Shaving, 1.	Razor and blades, 1.
" Boot, 1.	Toothpaste, 1.
" Tooth, 1.	Soap cakes, 1.
Combs Hair, 1.	Polish, tins, 1.

All blankets on issue. Eating utensils.

All tobacco and smoking materials will be confiscated on arrival.

3. Warrants will be signed by the C.O. of the soldier, or in his absence the senior Officer Administering Command.

4. SOLDIERS:

Soldiers will only be admitted between 1400 and 1600 hrs daily. Units will communicate with this HQ prior to despatching a soldier in order to ascertain if there is a vacancy in the barracks.

5. When a soldier is due for release, the unit will be notified and make the necessary arrangements to collect him. Units will be notified when arrangements are complete for the reception of personnel awarded Detention.

J. Kelly Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION-List "C".

Haedquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde
29 Jan 42.

20 AUST INF BDE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO.3.

LEAVE.

1. ALEPPO AREA.

Leave may be granted to ALEPPO Town by Comd Offrs as follows:-

Monday to Saturday - 1700 hrs to 2200 hrs daily.

Sunday - 1400 to 2200 hrs.

Maximum personnel to be granted leave on any day - 30% - except by permission of Bde HQ.

As the Sabbath is celebrated by the majority of the Civil Population on the Friday of each week, COs will curtail leave as far as possible on this day.

2. PICQUETS.

Will be supplied by units as under:-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength.</u>
2/9 Aust A Fd Regt	1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 2 Bdrs, 10 ORs.
9 Aust Div Cav Regt	1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls, 10 ORs.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn	1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls, 10 ORs.
10 AASC Coy.	1 Sgt, 6 ORs.

Picquet will report to Provost Office at 1700 hrs week days, and at 1345 hrs on Sunday.

3. DRESS FOR PICQUET.

Jacket S.D.; Greatcoat; Boots; Gaiters; belt and side-arms; Hats K.F. (turned up).

4. DETACHED UNITS.

(i) AFRINE AND IDLIB AREAS.

Leave may be arranged by Bn HQs in these areas on application to this HQ. The following conditions will apply:-

(a) Strength of Leave Party not to exceed 50.

(b) Leave party to be i/c of an officer with proportionate number of NCOs included.

(c) Picquet consisting of 1 Offr, 1 Sgt & 5 ORs will accompany leave party.

(d) Application for leave party to reach this HQ 2 clear days prior to the day on which leave is required. (Application to show tpt required).

(e) Leave will be granted from 1300 hrs on day of arrival until 2200 hrs. All men must be in barracks at 2200 hrs. The party will leave ALEPPO the following morning.

(f) Leave Party will move from AFRINE or IDLIB by M/T and on arrival in this area will move direct to Quartier Vincq Barracks.

AFRINE AND IDLIB AREAS (Contd.).

(g) Cook and necessary rations will accompany leave party. Cooking facilities will be provided by the unit occupying Quartier Vincq Barracks.

(h) Sleeping quarters will be provided in the barracks for the night and troops will embus the following morning for AFRINE or IDLIB at a time to be arranged.

(ii) IDLIB - LATAKIA AREA.

Leave will be controlled by COs of Units in this area.

5. BOUNDS - ALEPPO AREA.

IN BOUNDS.

(a) All tps will be warned that they are NOT to visit Cafes unless the "IN BOUNDS" Sign is displayed.

(b) Main Cafes in Bounds to Troops.

Parisien cafe; Ritz Cafe; Dixie Cafe; Al-Chab Cafe; Parc Palace Cafe; Bachour Cafe; Pierre Cafe; Manassian Cafe; Cafe du Brazil; Oxford Bar; Victoria Cafe; Novelty Cafe; Popadopolis Buffet; Palangian Cafe; Parisiana Cafe.

(c) Restaurant Cabarets in bounds to Officers Only.

Lewis Tavern. Circle Orient.

(d) Restaurant Cabarets in bounds to Sgts, WOs and Officers.

"Cafe Wattle".

OUT OF BOUNDS.

(a) The aerodrome at ALEPPO is "OUT OF BOUNDS" to all ranks except on duty.

(b) The streets named below are "OUT OF BOUNDS" :-

SHARIA HAMMAN-EL-TELL.

SHARIA BASITA.

These streets are situated East of Bab-el-Faraij Square.

6. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Units will ensure that the following Instns are observed:-

(a) At all times whilst on leave tps must be correctly dressed.

(b) The need for good conduct by tps will be explained to leave parties. Attention is drawn to the Instn on Discipline - Conduct of Soldiers (Para 1) issued by this HQ on 20 Jan 42.

(c) All tps will be warned that bad behaviour will be dealt with seriously.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (Contd).

- (d) All men who are absent without leave at Tattoo are to be dealt with summarily by COs.
- (e) Men who have previously proved unreliable whilst on leave should not be included in the parties and the privilege of leave granted to those who merit it.
- (f) Leave privileges will continue only so long as they are not abused.

J. Kelly Capt.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION: List "C".

20 AUST INF BDE- ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No 2.

INSPECTION BY G.O.C. AIF. (ME)

AUTHORITY 9 AUST DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No 58.

1. G.O.C. AIF (ME) will inspect 20 AUST INF BDE and att.tps on MONDAY 12 JAN '42 at 1430 hrs.

2. UNITS TAKING PART. Time of passing crossing line.

Unit-	20 Aust Inf Bde HQ.	1330 hrs.	Marked	"A".
	9 Aust Div Cav.	1334 "	"	"
	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	1338 "	"	"
	2/15 " " "	1342 "	"	"
	2/17 " " "	1330 "	Marked	"B"
	2/43 " " "	1334 "	"	"
	2/8 Fd Amb.	1338 "	"	"
	8 Lt AA Bty-	Debuss at 1325 hrs. Debussing pt will be 200x SOUTH of rd junction, rd ISDUD-CAMP rd, MAJDAL-ISDUD.		

3. PARADE GROUND-

Field NW ISDUD-CAMP rd as shown on plan. (Appx 1) issued with 20 Aust Inf Bde Administrative Instruction No 1 of 8 Jan '42.

4. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS-

- 1300 hrs- 1 Marker and 1 Guide from each unit reports to Bde SM on parade ground. Markers will bring Parade State and indicate unit frontage.
 - 1330 " Units cross crossing line.
 - 1347 " Last unit arrives.
 - 1347)" Units form up in close column of Coys, are dressed and
1410) opened out.
 - 1410)" Practice.
1415)
 - 1430 " G.O.C. arrives- General Salute-Inspection-Address-
General Salute.
then- G.O.C., moves to Saluting Base.
Units move in column of route from RIGHT past Saluting Base and return to unit lines.
- Bde Comd., Bde Staff and Unit C.O's RV at 20 Aust Inf Bde HQ to meet G.O.C.

5. CROSSING LINE- MAJDAL-ISDUD rd at pts "A" & "B" as on Appx 2 issued with 20 Aust Inf Bde Administrative Instruction No 1 of 8 Jan '42.

8 Lt AA Bty to move as indicated to unit reps. EAS

6. FORMATION- Close column of coys. Position of offr's etc as in MTP 18 (1939)

7. DRILL- (a) Executive portion of word of comd by Bde Comd. will be by "G" sounded on bugle.

(b) On order-"PRESENT ARMS" in General Salute all offr's will Salute in time with third movement of the "PRESENT"

(c) On order-"SLOPE ARMS" after "PRESENT", offr's will come to attention on second movement of "SLOPE".

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- (DRILL) (d) On March Past all Offrs will Salute on order-"EYES RIGHT".
- (e) WOs and NCOs acting as Pl.Comds will give order -"EYES RIGHT" but will NOT salute.
8. BANDS- Unit Bands will be massed as per instructions issued separately. Massed bands will be on Parade gnd by 1325 hrs.
9. MARCH PAST- The order "EYES RIGHT" will be given in time to enable the order to be carried out shortly before or when the unit reaches the FLAG before the Saluting base.
- The order "EYES FRONT" will be given as the last man of the unit passes the FLAG after the Saluting base.
10. ROUTES- Routes will be as detailed in Appx 2 and must be strictly followed. Particular attention to be paid to time of crossing points "A" & "B".
11. GUIDES- Guides will return to Crossing line at points "A" & "B" after instruction by Bde R.S.M. and will report to Bde Staff Offrs at each pt. Their duty will be to lead their own unit up to the unit marker.
12. A.A.PROTECTION-
- (a) AA Protection will be provided by 2/1 Pioneers.
- (b) In event of air raid, units will disperse to areas indicated in Appx 1.
13. TRAFFIC CONTROL- Traffic control posts will be arranged by S.C. 20 AUST INF BDE.
14. DRESS-
- (a) OR'S- Service dress, hats (turned up) rifle and bayonet, web equipment- Drill order.
- (b) OFFRS- Service dress, hats (turned up) web belt, pistol (on left) amm pouch (on right). Canes or stick will NOT be carried.
15. MEDICAL- 2/8 Fd Amb will arrange for an Ambulance and Medical orderlies to be at CAR PARK (see Appx 1) during parade.

R. J. Barham
 (R. J. BARHAM) Maj.
 B.M.20 AUST INF BDE.

DISTRIBUTION-	Copy No.
9 Aust Div Cav.	1.
8 Lt AA BTY.	2.
2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	3.
2/15 " " "	4.
2/17 " " "	5.
2/43 " " "	6.
2/1 Pnr Bn.	7.
2/8 Fd Amb.	8.
9 Aust Div.	9.
Comd.	10.
B.M.	11.
S.C.	12.
I.O.	13.
T.O.	14.
L.O's.	15-18.
P.S.M.	19.
War Diary.	20-21.
File.	22.

20 AUST INF BDE- ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.1.INSPECTION BY G.O.C.AIF. (ME).Authority 9 AUST DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.58.

1. G.O.C. AIF.(ME) will inspect 20 AUST INF BDE and att. tps on a date to be notified. It is expected that 48 hrs notice will be given.

2. UNITS TAKING PART.

Unit	20 AUST INF BDE HQ.	9 AUST DIV CAV.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	2/15 " " "	2/17 " " "	2/43 " " "	2/8 Fd Amb.	Time of passing crossing Line.	MARKED "A"	MARKED "B"
								0930 hrs.		
								0934 "	"	"
								0938 "	"	"
								0942 "	"	"
								0930 "		
								0934 "	"	"
								0938 "	"	"

3. PARADE GROUND.

Field NW ISDUD CAMP rd as shown in attached plan, Appx.1.

4. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

- 0900 hrs. 1 Marker and 1 Guide from each unit reports to Bde SM on parade gd.
 0930 " Units cross crossing line.
 0947 " Last unit arrives.
 (0947 " Units form up in close column of Coys, are dressed and opened out.
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 (1000 " Practice.
 (1012 " G.O.C. arrives. -General Salute-Inspection-Address.
 1015. "

then- G.O.C. moves to Sakuting Base.
 Units move in column of route from RIGHT pass Saluting base and return to unit lines.

Bde Comd., Bde Staff and Unit C.O's RV at 20 AUST INF BDE HQ to meet G.O.C.

5. CROSSING LINE.- MAJDAL-ISDUD road at points "A" & "B" as on att. appx. 2.

6. FORMATION.- Close column of coys. Position of Offrs etc as in MTP 18 (1939).

7. DRILL.-

- (a) Executive portion of word of comd. by Bde Comd. will be by "G" sounded on bugle.
 (b) On Order-"PRESENT ARMS" in General Salute all Offrs will salute in time with third movement of the "PRESENT".
 (c) On Order-"SLOPE ARMS" after "PRESENT", Offrs will come to Attention on second movement of "SLOPE".
 (d) On March Past all Offrs will Salute on order-"EYES RIGHT".
 (e) WOs and NCOs, acting as Pl.Comds will give order-"EYES RIGHT" but will NOT salute.

/Bands.

- 8. BANDS- Unit Bands will be massed as per instructions issued separately.
- 9. MARCH PAST-
 The order "EYES RIGHT" will be given in time to enable the order to be carried out shortly before or when the unit reaches the FLAG before the Saluting base.
 The order "EYES FRONT" will be given as the last man of the unit passes the flag after the Saluting base.
- 10. ROUTES- Routes will be as detailed in Appx 2 and must be strictly followed. Particular attention to be paid to time of crossing points "A" & "B".
- 11. GUIDES- Guides will return to Crossing line at points "A" & "B" after instruction by Bde R.S.M, and will report to Bde Staff Offrs' at each point. Their duty will be to lead their own unit up to the unit marker.
- 12. A.A.PROTECTION-
 (a) A.A.Protection will be provided by 2/1 Pioneers.
 (b) In event of air raid, units will disperse to areas indicated in Appx. 1.
- 13. TRAFFIC CONTROL-
 Traffic control posts will be arranged by S.C, 20 AUST INF BDE.
- 14. DRESS-
 (a) OR's- Service Dress, hats (turned up) rifle and bayonet, web equipment-Drill order.
 (b) OFFRS- Service dress, hats (turned up), web belt, pistol (on left) amm pouch (on right).
 Canos or stick will NOT be carried.
- 15. MEDICAL-
 2/ 8 Fd Amb will arrange for an Ambulance and Medical orderlies to be at CAR PARK (see Appx 1) during Parade.

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 (H.T. ALLAN) Maj.
 B.M. 20 AUST INF BDE.

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Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde.
28 Jan 42.

SALUTING.

1. An erroneous impression exists among the troops (based apparently on newspaper reports of a regulation recently promulgated in Australia) that they are not required to salute officers' except on parade.
2. The regulation clarifies but does not alter the existing practice.
It requires a soldier to salute-
 - (a) before addressing an officer and before leaving his presence.
 - (b) when the soldier passes an officer (whether on or off parade) and when an officer passes the soldier (whether on or off parade.)
3. While in some units the bearing and discipline of troops in these matters is good, in others there is great slackness and officers are apparently satisfied with this low standard. Many soldiers pass officers in the street or in barracks without saluting and without being checked by the officer concerned. This has been adversely commented on and is affecting the reputation of some units and will be corrected at once.

All troops must be taught the correct rules about saluting and how to act in different circumstances, e.g. when not wearing a hat. Uncertainty on the part of the men as to the correct way to act is responsible for part of the trouble, and leads them to look the other way or act in an uneasy manner when officers approach.
4. It is the duty of officers to see that all military orders are obeyed including the rules concerning saluting and to check on the spot any disobedience.

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DISCIPLINE - CONDUCT OF SOLDIERS

1. The Bde Comd wishes to draw the attention of Comds of Units who have recently come into the area for the first time to the following matters:-

All ranks must realise that in their present situation very much depends upon the conduct of individual soldiers whether on duty or on leave and on the impression of reliability, efficiency and discipline which they create. They are being closely observed both by our allies and by people of other nations who will judge the AIF by the bearing and behaviour of its soldiers. For some of these people outward appearances and ceremonies mean more than they do for many Australians. All of them rightly regard correct manners, smart bearing and turn out, and decent and disciplined behaviour as indicative of a good unit. The Australian troops in this area must not suffer in the eyes of observers by comparison with any other troops.

In their relations with all the inhabitants all ranks must be scrupulous in their courtesy and their regard for property and respectful of religious observances and customs.

There have in the past been several regrettable incidents in the area occasioned by drunken Australian soldiers. All ranks must realise that bad behaviour will not be overlooked because the man was drunk and that all offensive behaviour will be dealt with severely.

The ordinary obligations of good behaviour in an occupied country have an added importance in this area because comparatively small matters of good or bad conduct here may have far reaching repercussions for good or ill.

2. Attention is directed to the need for a high standard of discipline and administration in all outlying posts and detachments. They will be visited regularly by COs.

Particular attention is to be given to the following:-

- (a) Smart and soldierly bearing and turn out of all troops on duty or appearing in public.
- (b) Proper compliments to officers including French officers.
- (c) Proper care of arms equipment and clothing. All weapons will be inspected daily. Kit inspections will be held at intervals all deficiencies being reported and disciplinary action taken.
- (d) Proper care and records of all post stores including amn and res rations, and a daily check.
- (e) Cleanliness and tidiness of quarters- conservancy and garbage disposal.
- (f) Regular bathing and washing of clothes by all men.
- (g) Foot inspections.
- (h) A proper knowledge by all men of their duties and of the other necessary matters such as the location of coy HQs, posts in the neighbourhood etc.

R. T. Barham Maj.
B.M. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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APPX C1



DPS &

O.D. Bde Bns Sep Units

SECRET.
Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde.
29 Jan 42.

S/Bde/29.

APPRECIATION BY LT-COL R.W. TURNER

CO 2/13 AUST INF BN.

1. Three copies of this appreciation are ack.
2. The Bde Comd approves of the plan outlined in it being taken as the basis of the Bn Plan. The necessary recesses will be undertaken to determine further details. Preparation of selected Coy posns will be continued; but the plan is not to be taken as finally approved and settled until the Bde Comd discusses it with the Bn Comd. Digging may continue but wire obstacles will not be constructed except where required in posns selected for the covering by fire of the main demolitions already prepared.
3. Ref para 2 (i). It is probable that one bty and not one tp of Ed Arty will be allotted.
4. Ref para 3 last sub-para re airborne landings - further information will be obtained on this matter.

W. R. W. Lindsey
Col.
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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H. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
Lattakia.
22 Jan 42.

Appreciation by Lt. Col. R.W.N. Turner.

At Lattakia on 21 Jan 1942.

Ref Map Lattaquie- Hama 1: 200,000

1. Object. To delay enemy forces entering Syria in the area bounded on the East by the ORONTES valley, the North by the Turko-Syrian border and the West by the Mediterranean and to maintain effective lines of withdrawal to Tripoli.

2. Considerations.

1. Comparative strengths.

Our forces: One Inf Bn.

Probable attached forces, One troop Pd
artillery,

One Sec A/Tank guns.

Frontier patrols by Service Speciale by a Company of men approximately 100 strong on a frontier approx 60 miles in length. Coastal OFs and sections posts are manned by Free French Units. Personnel of both these units are locally recruited. Full particulars of each in separate report.

Other Free French forces at present stationed in Lattakia amount to approx 2 Bns and a detachment of artillery. Full details of these as yet not known nor is it yet known whether or not it is intended that they cooperate in any action in this area. It has been ascertained that they have prepared anti-parachutist plans.

Enemy forces.

Quite unknown. Will almost certainly comprise armoured units and lorried infantry. Air and sea borne troops also most probable. Possible infiltration on frontier by horsed troops or dismounted infantry.

ii. Time and space.

An attack before spring is considered unlikely as an advance by any considerable mechanised force before termination of the winter rains is most improbable. Probably at least four days warning of movements inside Turkey will be received. Heavy rains experienced during late December and January are reported as unusual, the usual rainy month being February.

iii. Topography.

The sector may be divided roughly into three areas:-

(a) The border area.

(b) The coastal plain.

(c) The ALAOUITE hills.

The border area is mountainous, steep and rugged impassable to MT off made roads. Two roads come down from Turkey, one along the ORONTES Valley, this being covered by the 2/15 Bn on the right, the other being the Antioch road through KASSAB. This may be taken as the only direct route from

2 Contd.

foreign territory by which a force of any size can enter the area. The coastal loop road from KASSAB may be tried as an alternative route to the main road.

The coastal plain commences in the north with a good landing place at the mouth of NAAR el DANDIL 16204195. From LATTAKIA south to Tripoli landings are possible almost anywhere. Landing of parachute or air borne troops could be carried out with the greatest of ease along the whole of the coastal plain. At two places along the coastal plain defiles exist which would be likely places for sea or air borne troops to occupy. The first is between the cliff and marsh at NAAR SEHE 17403680. The second is where the hills come down to the sea in the area immediately south of BANIAS.

The ALOUITE hills are steep and rough and contain numerous bridle paths. Two roads there demand notice. Firstly the loop road off the ALEPPO-LATTAKIA road branching south at BORNAX 19504270 and the other the road HAMA-MASSIAP-BANIAS both of which are fair roads for use by MT, particularly in dry weather.

3. Courses open to the enemy.

- (a) An attack in force down the road ANTIOCH-LATTAKIA. This is considered most unlikely in view of the confined nature of the road.
- (b) An attack in force down the ORONTES valley - or on the open country further east, followed by penetration to this area via ALEPPO road or MASSIAP road. This is considered the most likely main attack.
- (c) A diversion down the ANTIOCH road to assist a main attack further east, accompanied perhaps by infiltration or horsed or foot parties of saboteurs and ambush parties over the open border.
- (d) An attempt to cut the main coastal road by sea and/or air borne troops anywhere along the coastal plain - particularly at the two defiles previously referred to.

A combination of courses B, c and d is considered most likely, course d being considered the most likely of all.

Therefore it is considered that the BN's role will comprise the following:-

- (a) Prevent movement down road ANTIOCH-LATTAKIA by enemy forces probably of not very great strength.
- (b) Assist in maintaining road ALEPPO-LATTAKIA as an effective route of withdrawal.
- (c) Provide flank guard on road HAMA-MASSIAP-BANIAS
- (d) Maintain as large a fighting body completely mobile as is possible to counter enemy landings from sea or air.

Courses open to us.Role (a)

Previous appreciations and plans provided for three or possibly four Coy posns between KAS AB and LATTAKIA. If these were all used the result would be a running fight from which it would be very difficult to disengage.

The alternative is to rely on one main fighting position.

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and then impose further delay by means of road demolitions.

Therefore outline plan for Role (a) is to hold already prepared Coy less one Pl position, astride road at 17754360. One detachment of mortars attached. Remaining Pl of this Coy to deny use of KASSAB coast road loop to enemy, with one section vicinity demolitions at 17394390 and Pl less one section at 17054285.

Another Coy posn to be fully reconnoitred on escarpment immediately south of NAHR DABDIL at 16704180 for use if required by this Coy in its withdrawal and also for possible use by mobile reserve Coy in the event of beach landings at or North of NAHR DABDIL.

Road from forward posn to LATTAKIA to be patrolled by one Sec Carrier Platoon. Suitable demolitions for delaying purposes to be reconnoitred and prepared on cross track to ALEPPO road in squares 1742 and 1842.

Role (b).

Previous disposition on this road was a full Coy posn in vicinity of bridge and crater demolitions near BEDRIYE 1965433 and further projected Coy posns back along the road.

The posn at BEDRIYE is close behind posns held by 2/15 Bn, astride all main avenues of approach and tactically is redundant, its only useful purpose being (a) to protect local demolitions (b) possibly intercept small enemy horsed or infantry parties infiltrating over the border.

Should this road be used as a line of withdrawal it is assumed that 2/15 Bn would maint in its present posn until all other units had withdrawn. If this is so only a short holding of any posn on this road by 2/13 Bn would be necessary in order to cover withdrawal of 2/15 Bn and also other elements of 2/13 Bn.

Outline plan for role (b) is therefore:-

- i. One Pl to remain at present BEDRIYE posn to protect demolitions and also check any infiltration from the border. Route for withdrawal of this Pl to be by BORNAZ-SHENFE-HAFFE loop road. Suitable delaying demolitions on this road to be reconnoitred and prepared and blown by this platoon in withdrawing.
- ii. A holding posn for one Coy less one Pl to be prepared at KEBLA gorge 1780413 together with suitable road demolition. This posn to be held until withdrawal of rear elements of 2/15 Bn and also 2/13 Bn elements on ANTIOCH road. Road to be patrolled by one Sec of carrier platoon.

Role (c)

Owing to large number of branch tracks from road NAMA-MASSIAP-BANIAS west of MASSIAP it will be necessary to hold this road at or East of MASSIAP in order to ensure efficient flank protection. Outline plan for this role - full recce and preparation of Coy posn astride road at MASSIAP together with suitable road demolitions.

Role (d)

Remaining rifle Coy and remaining elements HQ Coy

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to be fully mobile and ready to move at short notice to counter any landing.

So far as beach landings are concerned, liaison with FF coast watching patrols has already been established and a direct phone line from their HQ to HQ this Bn is in use.

Re airborne landings:- Copy of FF plans for anti-parachute defence has just been received (copy attached) Further information from Formation is requested on the relationship arranged between the two forces before further liaison in this connection is attempted.

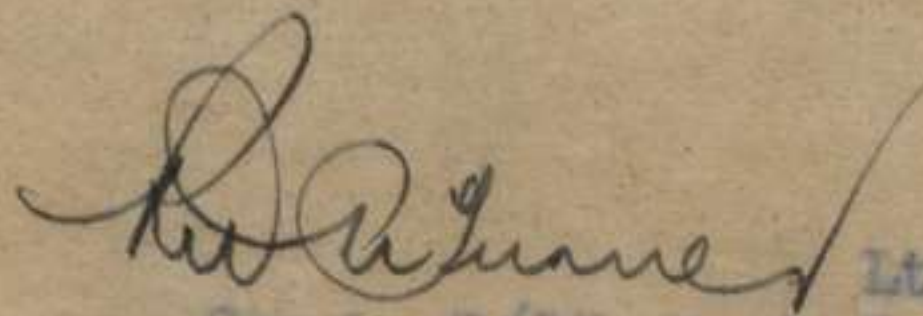
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In case of necessity in a hard pressed withdrawal possible positions at

1. (a) Rising ground south of NAHR KEBIR at approx 16353970.
- (b) NAHR SEME defile 17403680
- (c) Neighbourhood of BANIAS.

to be recce and known by officers down to Coy Comds and Pl Comds specialist Platoons.

- ii. Whole unit to be provided with MF sufficient to become completely mobile.
- iii. Long range radio to be available for contacting and controlling Coys.
- iv. Motor cycles for DR Communication an urgent necessity.


Lt. Col.
Comd. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(R.W.N. Turner)

APPX C3



SUMMARIES.

Evans Deary

S E C R E T.

HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.
31 Jan 42.

20 AUST INF BDE - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 2.

1. General. The area has experienced very adverse weather conditions over the last week and units have been kept busy dealing with new situations.
2. Weather. From 3 inches to 4 feet of snow fell during the week, Tuesday 27th, the heaviest fall being in the AFRINE sector along the frontier.
The thaw was extremely cold but improved when rain began to fall on night 29/30. Light rain continued. It is interesting to note here that snow is to be expected in this area on an average of one year in four, but it is usual every year at altitudes of 2000 ft and above.
3. Communications. Heavy falls of snow temporarily blocked all roads at certain points but these were quickly cleared. The main cause of any trouble was that the snow covered to table drains to the level of the road and made it difficult to discern the road itself. Speed was usually reduced to 10-15 mph and any attempt to exceed this usually resulted in slides off the road. All tracks were impassable. With the snow on the ground, these could not be followed.
The mountain roads, especially in area RADJOU-MEDIANE EKBES, became unuseable owing to heavy traffic and the railway was employed for maintenance of fwd posts.
Ration trucks got through to DJERABLOUS two days after snow had fallen after experiencing great difficulties. 2 carriers were included in the convoy and it is considered that the trip would have been impossible without their help. The time taken from ALEPPO was 8 hours.
4. Internal Security.
 - (a) Personnel "Snap" Controls are still finding persons without Identity Cards but the cases are not now so numerous. All such persons are detained.
 - (b) Material. There have been many cases of theft reported from the Aerodrome and the question has become serious. More adequate measures for protection are under consideration.
 - (c) General.
 - (i) Security Note. The following is reproduced from NINTH Army Daily Intelligence Summary No 223 of 23 Jan 42.
It has been observed that there has recently been a deterioration in the security of the telephone conversations of military personnel.
Secret matters such as movements of formations, units and shipping have on occasion been discussed over the telephone by both British and Free French officers.
It is pointed out that all telephone conversations are liable to be overheard at telephone exchanges where the lines pass through test frames operated by SYRIAN or LEBANESE personnel many of whom held the same posts under the Vichy regime. Telephone conversations may also be overheard by tapping in anywhere along the line.
Attention is drawn to the need for strict compliance with security instructions for telephone conversations issued under this HQ letter GSI/414/B of 10 Jan 42. Careless telephone talk may lead to the leakage of vital infm to the enemy.
 - (ii) More Enemy documents, less British casualties.
Thanks to the increased interest now shown everywhere in obtaining and sending back enemy documents, General Staff Intelligence has received, since the opening of the offensive in CYRENAICA, enemy documents of very great value indeed, documents which fully justify us in saying "More enemy papers, less British casualties".
There are still quantities of enemy documents lying about in various places now well behind the front. If everybody who can will take all opportunity of picking up and sending in to G.S.I. any enemy documents he finds abandoned in the rear areas, he will rendering a really valuable service to Intelligence.

(iii) More Enemy documents, less British casualties.

(From G.H.Q., M.E.F. Daily Intelligence Summary No 609).

Comment. Whilst the above applies in the first instance to current operations in CYRENAICA, the importance of the principal in future operations cannot be overstressed.

(From NINTH Army Intelligence Summary No 223).

5. Information.

In general, Axis strength in SE Europe (incl HUNGARY, SLOVAKIA and YUGOSLAVIA) is little changed and consists, in divs, of some 14 GERMAN, 31 ITALIAN, 22 BULGARIAN and 30-40 ROUMANIAN and HUNGARIAN. Some ROUMANIAN and HUNGARIAN formations are still believed to be in course of withdrawal from RUSSIA. The GERMAN divs are all inf, mostly tired or low-category tps. Among the others there is no more than the equivalent of four mechanised divs together possibly with some ROUMANIAN mechanised forces which have been badly mauled in RUSSIA. About 26 of these divs, incl 6-7 GERMAN, are in YUGOSLAVIA where patriot forces estimated at 100,000 are proving extremely troublesome. Lesser guerilla activities have also been reported in Eastern MACEDONIA and ALBANIA. The enemy's inability so far to crush these disturbances tends to confirm the bare sufficiency of his garrisons in SE Europe.

The enemy is still improving his rail and road communications in Eastern and SE Europe, and improving air and naval bases. Large numbers of military landing craft are reported to be under construction in the BLACK SEA and ATHENS areas. There does not however appear to have been any recent acceleration of the tempo, nor any large scale dumping.

In Russia, the progress of our Allies, after a lull to allow the regrouping of forces, has again accelerated, particularly in the area WEST of MOSCOW. MOJAIISK has been retaken and Russian forces are reported to have made a rapid advance in the area NE of SMOLENSK. No figures as to casualties have been given. In the CRIMEA, fighting has been particularly fierce and the enemy is making great efforts to hold the Russians in area FEODOSIYA. The Russian landings have not affected the situation around SEVASTOPOL. The Russian General Staff remains extremely confident.

Details now available of the final Italian surrender of GONDAR disclose that 28,636 prisoners were taken and 5,714 enemy deserted or were killed. The enemy's intelligence badly overrated our strength and there is little doubt that our security precautions were in these operations most successful.

(Summarised from GHQ, MEF, Weekly Military Review of 12 Jan 42).

6. Enemy Methods.

(a) Dummies. The enemy employed many dummy guns at HALFAYA. One consisted of a pile of stones on which was placed part of a telegraph pole the length of a 75 mm barrel. On each side were two rubber-tired wheels from an ITALIAN four-wheeled tractor. The trail was made of stones covered with old canvas. The dummy was in a normal sized gun-pit over which were placed iron hoops, the whole being covered by a net garnished with strips of sacking. The posn looked almost real at 400 yards.

(From GHQ, MEF, Intelligence Summary No 606).

(b) Japanese methods. The Japanese forces in NORTH MALAYA are a trained army of gangsters, who fight with fanatical fury accompanied by wild screams. They can do two mph through thick forests. Their mortar are 4" and the shell bursts 6 ft above the ground with a bang and a blast and inflicts large wounds. They have little arty, and their shrapnel is said to be not very effective.

They are full of low cunning and by various means they seek through noise to lower morale and cause premature withdrawals. There is no regularity in their dress.

In the attack, a screen of men is sent fwd to locate our posns. These are often dressed in shorts, shirts and running shoes, and where possible they mix with civilians. As soon as the screen has located our posn, strong forces often deploy in the rear and pass round its flanks. This is done rapidly and every endeavour is made to maintain the momentum of the attack. Attacks are made in waves.

(Summarised from Appx to GHQ, MEF, Intelligence Summary No 607).

(c) Treatment of PWs. It is reported by two NZ, FS, NCOs who were held pw by the enemy at BARDIA that the GERMANS tried to break the morale of pws by forcing upon them a very strenuous march of 17 miles. Often the pws were told to bed down, only to find that after settling down they were ordered to continue. PWs were confined in a very small area (about 1200 men in one acre compound) with practically no shelter, and the very minimum of food and water. Another trick of the GERMANS which was considered a joke by our tps was the fantastic tales of RUSSIAN reverses, JAPANESE successes and British losses etc.
(From Appx to NINTH Army Intelligence Summary No 221)

7. Interrogation P.O.W.

Interrogation of British Prisoners by the Italians.

According to an Italian Intelligence Officer captured during recent operations in CYRENAICA the following method is used by the Italians to extract information from our prisoners. It is particularly requested that all ranks should be warned of this procedure.

After primary interrogation on capture any prisoners (usually NCOs and men of more than average intelligence and knowledge) considered to have information which they will not divulge are taken to the Headquarters Intelligence Office (formerly APOLLONIA) for further interrogation.

At APOLLONIA a building had been set apart for housing and interrogation of these men. No great importance is attached to the actual interrogation which lasts only an hour and is more in the nature of a general conversation accompanied by cigarettes and drinks. Prisoners are interrogated singly and then transferred to another part of the building where they find three or four other "prisoners". These "prisoners" are in actual fact Italians speaking perfect English and dressed in British uniforms. To avoid suspicion these men are sometimes dressed in a uniform of a service other than that of our prisoners (R.A.F. when prisoner is Army South African or Australian when prisoner is English). Excellent results have thus been obtained and these stool pigeons, it is said, invariably get out of our prisoners all the information which I.Os have been unable to obtain. By these methods for instance, the Italian had been able to discover what our plans were in the event of our having to evacuate TOBRUK, also every detail about our commandos.

(From GHQ, MEF, Intelligence Summary No 597).

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for Maj.
B.M. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. I-1942

(For 14 days ended 1200 hrs
27 Jan 42)

REF MAP; LATTAQUIE - HA MA I : 200,000

1. GENERAL.

Almost continuous wet weather during the last fortnight has reduced both training and work on defenses by this Unit to a minimum.

2. OWN DISPOSITIONS.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn (less Adv Party and Rear Party) left HILL 69 at 2200 hrs 13 Jan 42 and proceeded to AL MAJDAL by MT where they extrained for HAIFA. The Battalion arrived at HAIFA at 0800 hrs 14 Jan 42 and proceeded thence by MT Convoy to TRIPOLI where they arrived at 1800 hrs the same day. At 0930 hrs 15 Jan 42 the Unit left TRIPOLI by MT convoy for LATTAKIA where it arrived at 1200 hrs.

On arrival at LATTAKIA 2/13 Aust Inf Bn relieved 2/9 Aust Inf Bn and made the following dispositions:-

Bn HQ, HQ Coy, B Coy and C Coy - at BOUKA Camp (160400)

A Coy - at KASSAB (170442)

D Coy - near BEDRIYE (at 198432)

ON 22 Jan 42, 17 Pl (D Coy) moved back to BOUKA Camp. Otherwise disposition remains as above.

3. OTHER UNITS.

On 16 Jan 42 one offr and one cpl of "B" Sec. Aust FSS took up duty at LATTAKIA. The cpl was stationed at KASSAB.

On 24 Jan 42 an ENGLISH FSS Sec (under Comd Lieut. BAKER) relieved "B" Sec: Strength 1 Offr, 10 ORs.

On 19 Jan 42 one sec of 2/7 Aust Fd Coy, RAE (1 Offr and 26 ORs) arrived in the area. One sub-sec (12 ORs) is stationed near KASSAB and one at the MAHR SENE, NORTH of BANL.S.

The strength of the FFL Forces in the area is not yet exactly ascertained but is approx. two Inf Bns and one Bty of Arty. These are stationed in barracks in LATTAKIA.

4. AIR ACTIVITY. N I L5. OTHER ENEMY ACTIVITY. Nothing to report.6. BORDER ACTIVITY. No contact (friendly or otherwise) has been made with TURKISH tps or officials.

Patrolling of the Frontier is done solely by the GARDE MOBILE of the SERVICE SPECIALE, as to which see Situation Report of 22 Jan 42.

7. OFFICIAL VISITS ETC. On 14 Jan 42/ accompanied by the CO 2/9 Aust Inf Bn called on General MONCLAR, commander of FFL Forces at LATTAKIA.

On 17 Jan 42 the I.O. paid calls on the following officers in LATTAKIA - Capt. MORGAN (Political Offr) and Lieut. WILLS (Frontier Control Offr) of the BSM, Capt. LOHELC, of the SERVICE SPECIALE and M. LEONETTI of the SURETE GENERALE at LATI

On 17th January, 1942 the C.O. was entertained by General MONCLAR to dinner at his residence.

On 18th January, 1942 the Brigade Commander accompanied by the Brigade Major, the ADMS, the Comd. Offr of 2/15 Aust Inf Bn visited this Unit.

On the morning of 19th January 1942 Capt MORGAN (British Security Mission) visited the Commanding Officer and gave an account of the Political situation in this area.

At 1200 hrs on the same day Capt LONEAC, Comd. the Service Speciale of this district, paid an official visit on the Commanding Officer at his residence.

On the same evening Lieut. LONGLOIS, Commanding the FREE FRENCH NAVY at LATTAKIA, dined with the Commanding Officer.

On 20th January, 1942 the Commanding Officer attended the Proclamation of the New Constitution for the AL-BOSNIE State.

On 22nd January, 1942 Lieut. STEINER (30 FRENCH FRONTIER MOBILE GUARD at KASSAB) dined with the Commanding Officer.

On 23rd January, 1942 the GOC, 9 Aust Div, was to have visited the Unit but the visit was cancelled as the road to ALLEPPO to LATTAKIA was impassable. However General MONCLAR, who had been invited to meet the GOC, lunched with the Commanding Officer at his residence.

On 24th January, 1942 Lt-Col. DDAMS (2/9 East Fd Regt) visited the Unit.

On 25th January, 1942 the Commanding Officer attended a Requiem Mass for the late Lord BADEN POWELL which was also attended by General MONCLAR and officers of the SPEAR'S MISSION and the BRITISH SECURITY MISSION. After the Service, which was held in the ARMENIAN Church LATTAKIA, the Bodyguard of General MONCLAR, by the General's order, escorted the Commanding Officer to his residence.

On 22 January, 1942 Major N.W. SIMPSON reported to this Unit for duty as Bn 2 i/c.

Most daily contact is made between the Commanding Officer and the officers of the SPEAR'S MISSION at LATTAKIA, namely Major MITCHELL and Capt EVANS-PRICHARD.

7. MISCELLANEOUS SECURITY MATTERS.

- (a) Telegraph Line to TURKEY. An investigation was made by Lieut. TIMSON of the Aust WSS of the international Telegraphic Line from LATTAKIA to TURKEY. It is a simple matter to pass information to TURKEY through this line without the knowledge of the military authorities. This matter has been reported by Lieut. TIMSON to Hq 8th ARMY.
- (b) Lectures on Security Matters. Lieut. TIMSON lectured personnel of Hq and B and C Coys at length on the subject of "Security".
- (c) Brothels. Of the two brothels in LATTAKIA one has been reserved solely for Australian troops. The other is out-of-bounds to Australian troops and is pigstied. Pigstie is stationed in the brothel reserved for Australian Troops. PAC treatment is also compulsory and is given by personnel of this unit.
- (d) Ship Wrecks. On the night 20/21 Jan 42 SS AMATHUS of 500 tons of the Cie ALIS foundered near the entrance to the Port of LATTAKIA and has since broken up. Salvage personnel from TRIPOLI took charge of salvage operations and assistance in making fast the wreck was given by personnel of the Transport Platoon of this Unit. The Cargo consisted of Chromium Ore, Skins, Tobacco etc.
- On the night 22/23 Jan 42 SS TIQVA of 300 tons foundered off RASS BOSSITE (1643). Crew of 20 and one GREEK passenger were saved, except 5 members of the crew. The papers of those saved were examined by the British Security Mission.
- On night 24/25 Jan 42 a Schooner from the Port of LATTAKIA broke loose and was smashed on the foreshores.
- (e) Communications. The only communication between this Unit Hq and its fwd Coys, situated about 40 miles away, is by civil telephone, which apart from being insecure is subject to frequent breakdowns. Furthermore, the roads between these Coys and Hq frequently become impassable in bad weather conditions. This Unit has already made a request for W/T Equipment to supersede or supplement the civil telephone.

W. M. Morgan Lieut
IO 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

Summary

24 Jan 42.

20 AMB Inf Reg - Intelligence Summary No 1.

Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 24 Jan 42.

1. General. Weather conditions have to a large extent impeded work off the main reg in this area but progress in organization has been satisfactory. The most important factor for intelligence point of view in this sector is internal security and measures have been taken to impress the importance of this on all ranks.
2. Internal Security.
 - (a) Personnel "snaps" controls are carried out at various points on main reg at various times in conjunction with 289, 271 and 280. Nothing to report to date.
 - (b) Material checks and "snaps" controls have been held on all camps in this area by 289. Cases of theft have been reported and investigations are proceeding.
3. Rumours. These are very prevalent in the area, and must be considered seriously. Generally speaking the main reasons for prevalence seem to be two-
 - (a) Lack of newspapers in certain areas.
 - (b) With-holding of non-security information by military authorities.
 An improvement in methods of propaganda would seem to be the answer to this last. The rumours fall into two categories-
 - (i) Military sources.
 - (ii) Civilian sources.
 Class (i) deal almost entirely with speculations on movements of our own troops. Class (ii) assume a political flavour and could prove harmful to our relations with the people.
4. Relations. The civilian attitude to us at present is very favourable. The general bearing of the reg plays an important part in our relations and the question is being very carefully watched.
5. Enemy Agents. Known to be active and numerous. Efforts are being made to convince all ranks of the very real danger existing in this direction.
6. Light Signals. Blue Vex light have been observed at a pt on rd ALIPPO-ARINS by the in ARMA Post. These were reported on nights 19/21, 21/22 Jan and were investigated by patrols with no result.
7. Communications. Several cases have occurred of temporary disorganization of telegraph lines during the wet period. Cases of lines being cut are common but to date investigations have yielded no result. Telephone conversation is most commonly used except for routine matters and units rely mainly on OR or LO. Owing to a state this slows up communication especially in wet weather but it does then compensate for lack of security on L/T.
8. Roads. Main roads are seldom affected by wet weather but most tracks become impassable. Isolated cases of landslides and local flooding do occur but are quickly cleared.
9. Economic Conditions. Contrary to report there is an ample supply of wheat in the area. In the sector such commodities as rice, sugar, salt and sometimes eggs are extremely scarce. Cold and wet weather conditions have taken heavy toll of livestock in the area and their loss must be felt.

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Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde.
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SECURITY INSTRUCTION NO.1.

GENERAL.

The question of security in this present area becomes one of vital importance, which must be studied and practised by all ranks.

Apart from the political situation of the country, which is still unsettled and requires tactful approach always, the activities of enemy agents in SYRIA are a very real danger, and control is difficult.

It must be clearly understood that it is the duty of every man to assist in this control which becomes ineffective without 100% co-operation at all times from all ranks.

Unit Security Officers will ensure that their units thoroughly realise the importance of this and that breaches of Security Instns are promptly and severely dealt with. In this respect it must be remembered that Unit Security Officers are responsible for the promulgation of instns within their units.

This instn in no way supersedes previous instns, but is intended to emphasise the importance of the situation and to point out a few of the main phases of Security in which breaches most commonly occur so that units can immediately begin their policy of tightening up.

1. LIAISON.

Close contact is essential, not only with our own tps, but also with F.F.L. authorities. Until we become familiar with the country we can expect to receive far more help than we can give, but every link in the chain helps.

2. RUMOURS.

The prevalence of these is very noticeable and every attempt must be made early to discourage unfounded talk.

3. ENEMY AGENTS.

Known to be very active. Every soldier should be suspicious without being antagonistic and when in doubt refer to higher authority.

4. THEFTS.

It is unsafe to leave anything anywhere without a lock or guard. Stolen articles are very difficult to recover. This warning applies especially to such things as paybooks, military papers etc.

5. THEFTS OF ARMS, AMN ETC.

In some cases these are stolen on religious principles, in others on political, but the fact remains that they are frequently stolen and seldom recovered. It is a matter of pride of the unit to guard against such losses. Security measures as laid down in Force Security Instn No.4 of 24 Mar 41 will be strictly enforced.

6. SALE OF ARMS, AMN ETC.

This must be carefully watched and offenders, both military and civilian, dealt with at once.

7. INTERPRETERS.

These will be applied for through this HQ on recommendation of units concerned if necessary. Strict control must be observed when dealing with interpreters, and they will on no account be regarded as free to move as they like, nor to hear and see Military matters which are not their concern.

8. CARRYING OF MAIL.

Many instances have occurred of military personnel carrying uncensored mail, both military and civilian, to EGYPT, PALESTINE and even locally. The gravity of this breach is obvious and it must cease.

9. MARKED MAPS.

Strict control will be observed with Offrs in this respect. Only essential markings to be permitted and these will not normally include anything outside the Unit area. Security Officers are responsible for this control and permission for abnormal markings will be sought from this office.

10. VISITING TPS, OFFERS ETC.

These must report to this HQ on entry to the area. Units will contact all visitors to their area to ensure that this has been done and to learn their business generally.

11. LIFTS FOR CIVILIANS.

Civilians are evading frontier and control posts by obtaining lifts on army vehicles. Drivers are forbidden to offer these lifts, not only to civilians, but also to soldiers in uniform.

12. PROSTITUTES.

Much military information is released through this source and tps should be warned against careless talk.

13. BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS.

At all times the smart appearance and good behaviour of troops is important to the prestige of the unit and the AIF generally, but in this country that importance is increased. The people will be very much impressed one way or the other by the behaviour of our troops, and it is our job to see that that impression is favourable. This will play a big part in the country's feelings towards us which are at present good, but which can still be improved.

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APPX D



MOVEMENT ORDERS
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TRANSPORT

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20 AUST INF BDE
22 Jan 42

PREPAREDNESS OF M.T. FOR MOVEMENT

1. It is essential that unit M.T. be kept in readiness for movement at very short notice and to ensure this a high standard of maintenance must be enforced at all times.

In order to overcome difficulties caused by existing weather conditions the following points require particular attention.

(a) Frost Precaution

1. Anti-freeze mixture, if used, must be maintained at sufficient strength to ensure non freezing of radiators etc.

2. Running of motors at regular intervals (10 minutes each hour or as necessary), this method is effective but costly, units with mobile columns on notice of one hour or less will adopt this procedure.

3. Draining and refilling of radiators and motors - Units will ensure that non-frozen water is available for vehicles at all times, radiators are drained with engine running to ensure clearing of water pumps.

It is advisable to cover engine with bags, or any material available. Leave drain cock open.

A notice should be placed on the front of the vehicle indicating that the radiator is empty and requires filling.

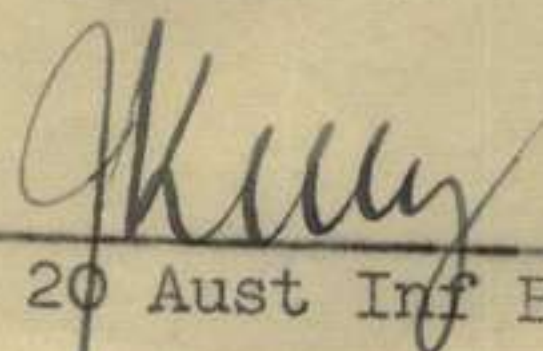
(b) Fuel Lines.

Some petrol on issue is known to contain water which is apt to freeze in fuel lines, pumps etc, thereby causing serious blockages and delay in starting.

To combat this the following procedure is recommended.

- (1) Carefully examine and strain all petrol before putting into vehicle tanks.
- (2) Drain petrol tanks periodically to ensure that they are free of water.

If precautions are taken on general lines as set out above most of the trouble and delay caused by cold weather will be avoided.



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TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS - PROCEDURE

1. Units in the ALEPPO area will deal through this HQ as regards traffic accidents.
2. The preparation and early submission of accurate and detailed reports is of paramount importance to ensure prompt settlement of claims etc.
3. All correspondence from units concerning traffic accidents should bear as a heading, date and place of the occurrence.
4. Army Form A 3676 (Road Accident Report) will be submitted in duplicate and every portion must be completed.
5. In the event of inadequate supplies of forms A3676, pro forma will be used.
6. All drivers must be in possession of inner sheet "A" of this form or pro forma and unit Commanders must ensure that all drivers are fully conversant with the instructions contained therein.

AVOIDANCE OF ACCIDENTS.

Accidents have occurred with alarming frequency and strictest measures must be taken by all ranks to prevent them..

1 Aust Corps R.O. 19 (14-10-41) extracts from local traffic regulations.

Article 5. During the time that a tramcar is stationary to take up or set down passengers, no vehicle will pass on the right side of such tramcar (note, a stationary tramcar may be passed on the left side).

Article 37. Vehicles must not be parked on roadways without necessity. Vehicles must not be parked within 5 metres of a crossing or entry to a public passageway or opposite a stationary vehicle on the other side of the road.

Vehicles must not be parked except in authorised areas, then should be parked in such a manner so as to be parallel to the curb when line parking is employed.

Maximum speed for the different types of vehicles have been set down in order - in built up areas maximum speed is 20 miles per hour. Greatest care must be exercised in traffic.

Work tickets. - Drivers of vehicles when on duty, without exception, must be in possession of work tickets, which will be carefully supervised by unit T.O. and NCOs.

No army vehicle is to be left unattended in a city street and strict precautions will be taken by all officers in charge of transport to ensure that the vehicles in their charge are not removed by unauthorised persons.

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EQUIPMENT OF EVACUATED VEHICLES.

EXTRACTS FROM NINTH ARMY INSTRUCTIONS.

1. It is considered that robbing of evacuated vehicles can only be prevented by the co-operation of all ranks down to the drivers themselves. Please take action to ensure that all ranks realise the full implication of evacuating vehicles incomplete, and the cumulative result of it on our repair organisation.

As a check on condition of vehicles evacuated, the following system will be adopted:-

- (a) Unit M/T or Technical Officers will inspect before it is evacuated to check vehicle equipment.
- (b) No vehicle will be evacuated until the C.O. of the unit has received a certificate of completeness from his M/T or Technical Officers.
- (c) The ordnance workshops first to receive the evacuated vehicle will issue a further certificate of completeness to the unit, copy to the formation HQ concerned.
- (d) Units of 20 Aust Inf Bde will evacuate vehicles through 58 L.A.D. to workshops unless otherwise instructed.
- (e) Units may remove parts from vehicles about to be evacuated only under the following circumstances:-
 - (i) To put another vehicle back on the road which would otherwise have to be evacuated itself.
 - (ii) With written permission of the formation HQ concerned which will only be given subject to (i) a copy of this permission will be sent to Ordnance workshops in (c) above and will be endorsed on the certificates of completeness issued by that workshop.
- (f) In all cases broken parts will be returned with evacuated vehicles.

2. In the circumstances in which units are now placed, Comd Offrs will be held personally responsible that the system given in para 1 above is adhered to in detail as far as their units are concerned. During active operations the system will remain in force to the extent found possible.

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APPX F



GENERAL ITEMS

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MOST SECRET.

Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde.
25 Jan 42.

ENEMY AGENTS.

1. There is reason to believe that attempts may be made to land enemy agents in SYRIA & PALESTINE.

2. This instr applies only to possible landings by individual agents and NOT to attempted invasion by parachute troops.

3. All units will in future co-operate in defeating such attempts by-

(a) providing prompt and accurate information regarding the movements of all aircraft not positively identified as friendly.

(b) reporting and investigating all information of parachute landings.

(c) training patrols for seeking out parachutists and agents, and for dealing with such agents if found.

4. INFORMATION AS TO MOVEMENT OF AIRCRAFT.

(a) The R.A.F. have information enabling them to identify all friendly aircraft. It is important therefore that unless positively identified as friendly at the time, the movements of all aircraft by day or night, should be reported through the proper channels. All aircraft flying over SYRIA and the LEBANON at night are at present probably hostile.

(b) The following information is required:-

(i) Location of observer and exact time of observation.

(ii) Bearing from observer, direction of flight, approximate height, type, number, and approximate location of aircraft seen.

(c) Information will be forwarded through the following channels:-

By Bns to Div rpt to Bde.

By Bdes to Div.

(d) Reports received by the Army from Civil population will be forwarded by the same channels with name and address of informant.

5. ACTION TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF PARACHUTE LANDINGS.

(a) As speed is the essential factor all unit commanders will act at once on their own responsibility. This applies to bodies of troops of any arm or service, wherever they may be.

(b) On receiving information the commander will-

(i) Send an armed patrol to the place of the reported landing with orders to act as in para 6 of this instruction.

(ii) Forward the information as received through the channels set out above, and inform his immediately superior command of the action he is taking.

(iii) Warn any neighbouring British or French units or formations of the presence of the patrol.

(iv) Warn the civil authorities, if this is practicable. The commander should also, if possible, arrange himself or through the civil authorities for the picqueting of roads etc leading from the place concerned.

6. ORDERS TO PATROL INVESTIGATING REPORT.

(a) The object of the patrol will be to investigate the report of the dropping by parachute of an enemy agent, and if possible to apprehend the agent and collect anything dropped with him. The patrol will be armed, and will normally be commanded by an officer.

(b) The person claiming to have seen the landing should accompany the patrol.

(c) The patrol commander should search the area concerned and endeavour to obtain any further available information from persons in the neighbourhood.

(d) In addition to searching for the agent, the patrol commander should search the area for, and take possession of any other articles dropped. These should include the parachute itself and any containers which have been dropped. These may be expected to contain weapons, equipment or stores, as well as maps, instructions, or other documents.

(e) The area should also be searched for hidden dumps or vehicles belonging to Fifth Column agents in the country.

7. Any person apprehended as an enemy agent will be searched immediately and every article except his clothing removed from his person. If he has any food with him he must NOT be allowed to eat it. Everything removed from him will be sent immediately to this HQ who will forward it on to 9 Aust Div.

8. The patrol commander will in all cases make a report, which will be forwarded to this HQ through the normal channels, as rapidly as possible. Any person detained will be dealt with as P.O.W. until further instructions are received.

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Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde.
19 Jan 42.

USE OF LIGHT SIGNALS.

In order to check reports of an alarmist nature concerning coloured lights which have been seen at night, all units of 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp preparing to use Verey lights etc for night exercises will notify these HQ NOT later than 48 hrs prior to use of such lights.

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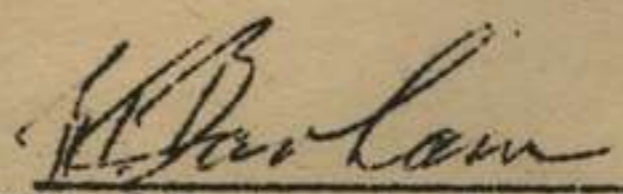
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TEMPORARY INTERPRETERS.

"For the purpose of discipline and administration T/Interpreters are under control of the Unit to which they are attached and, if serving with tps who are distant on active service, will be subject to military law. They undertake to serve as long as required and wherever they may be posted in the course of their duty." GSI/B/2/37.

1. Cases have been known where temporary Interpreters have had unrestricted access to orderly rooms and offices where SECRET and SECURITY documents come under their notice.
2. Although Interpreters are subject to Military discipline, Units will ensure that they are kept under supervision while ^{/information} in military offices. Units will also ensure that NO military other than that required in the course of their duties will be given to interpreters either verbally or in writing.
3. Under normal circumstances units having documents of a secret nature which require translation will submit them to this HQ for that purpose.
4. In addition Units will :-
 - (i) Warn all ranks of the ~~need~~ to check careless talk by interpreters regarding:-
 - (a) Their movements while att to any unit.
 - (b) The times when they will be in any particular place with a unit.
 - (ii) Impress on all interpreters:-
 - (a) The necessity for discretion at all times.
 - (b) The liability of dismissal of any interpreter suspected of careless talk.
 - (iii) Report immediately to this HQ any cases of careless talk by interpreters.

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Headquarters,
20 Aust Inf Bde.
19 Jan 42.

TEMPORARY INTERPRETERS.

1. It is desired to seek approval for the taking over of all T/Interpreters who were att to 18 Aust Inf Bde, and also to replace all shortages. To do this full particulars are necessary as soon as possible.
2. Units will submit nominal rolls together with Army Nos of all T/Interpreters att to them.
3. State whether employed directly or taken over from previous unit.
4. State whether interpreters named are giving satisfactory service or whether replacement is desired. If latter case state reasons fully on separate form asking for dismissal.
5. Units short of Interpreters should apply to this HQ for replacements, on a separate form, giving reasons for shortage and location where man is required. Should units have any particular man in view mention should be made here and approval will be sought.

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WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2118

Unit 58 L.A.D. AT 20th Ant Inf. Bde.

Commanding Officer *Morrisby* Lieut. O.M.E.

Month and Year 1.1.42 to 31.1.42. (Erase heading not required).

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Mill 69 Camp.	1.1.42.		Unit in Camp at Mill 69 Palestine. XIX. 55206 D/O "Falcons J.H. - Command pending new OC's arrival.	Strength of Unit on 1.1.42. NX. 55206 D/O Falcons J.
			Weather very wet, cold, windy and camp muddy.	M. NX. 18122 Sgt Anderson D. D.
	2.1.42		Men remain in their tents. Humid rain.	M NX. 24291 Sgt Mitchell. F.E.
	3.1		Vehicle "B" repairs for 17 th Bn.	M. NX. 50725 Lt/Col McBurn. C.
	4.1		M/C repairs for 15 th Bn.	M NX 15693 Lt/Col Park. G.
	5.1		General M.T. repairs.	M. NX. 17336 The Mahony. B.R.
	6.1		Repairs to Bole H.Q. cooking utensils & stores.	M. NX. 51751 The Peter. C.C.
	7.1		General M.T. repairs.	M NX 14931 The Evans. A.G.
	8.1		Fuel lines on 58 L.A.D. vehicles serviced.	M NX. 14861 The Allen L. J.
	9.1		General M.T. Repairs. Major repairs sent to 2/1 st Army Field Workshops owing to L.A.D. Equipment limitations.	M NX. 19825. The Hogan J. E. VX 53895. The Damage R. J.
	10.1		Mechanics & carpenters sent to A.F. W/SHOPS to fit up workshops, lorry & store truck with bins & work benches.	VX 55466 The Bolten A.L. M. VX 26493. - Allen G. D.

Morrisby Lieut. O.M.E.
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Unit 58 L.A.D. 20th Aust Inf Bde. Date and Time.—From 1. 1. 42 To 31. 1. 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Hill 69 Camp Palestine	11. 1. 42		General H. T. repairs to Bde HQ transport. New O.C. 58 L.A.D. marched in today. Lieut. A. Morrisby. from No 8 Aust Recovery Section 2/3 rd A.F. W/SHOPS.	New strength as from 20. 1. 42. NEW ROLL.
" "	12. 1. 42.		D/O J. Falconer transferred from 58 L.A.D. to No A.O. W. RAFA Sergeant Anderson promoted to A/Staff Sgt. Cas. Retd. 12. 1. 42.	NX. 18932 LT. A. MORRISBY NX. 18122. A/Staff ANDERSON. D.M.
Et Zerib.	13. 1. 42.	arr. 1400 hrs.	0500 Reveille for entire Brigade and attached in convoy on first stage to Et Zerib 5 miles N of HAIFA. N. PALESTINE.	NX. 24291 Cpl. MITCHELL F.E. NX. 50725 L/Plt McCUSKER. E.
Tripoli. Syria.	14. 1. 42.	arr. 1400 hrs	0530 hrs Reveille and convoy moved on next stage to Tripoli. L.A.D. in rear of convoy & no repairs required. Quartered for night in Le Gault Barracks Tripoli	NX. 15693 PTE PARK G.E. NX 17336 PTE. MOBERLY O.R. NX. 51751 PTE STAHR C.E.
Aleppo	15. 1. 42.	arr. 1700 hrs.	Tripoli very cold but fine. Anti Lebanon ranges all snow covered. Left at 0645 hrs on route to Aleppo. Arrived with 15 th Bn N.I. in Yoman Barracks also LAD 58. Bde H.Q. located in Aleppo city. 9 th Div Cas in French Barracks.	NX 14931 PTE EVANS A.G NX 14861 PTE ALLEN. L.J. NX 37928 PTE HEARN J.H. NX 19825 PTE HOGAN J.G NX 53895 PTE DARRACH. R.J. VX 55466 PTE BOLDEN AL VX 26493 PE ALLEN. G.B. NX 5929 PTE FORD. B.A.

Morrisby Lieut. O.M.E.
 O.C. No. 58 L.A.D.

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Unit 58 L.A.D. ^{20th Aust Inf Bde} Date and Time.—From 1. 1. 42 To 31. 1. 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Steyo.</i>	16. 1. 42.		Old garage area occupied by L.A.D. considerable cleaning to make habitable. O.C. quartered nearby with 15 th Bn.	<i>M.</i>
"	17. 1. 42		Difficult job ahead with lack of spares & equipment and Low truck.	<i>M.</i>
"	18. 1. 42.		We accept M.T. and general work for Bde and attached units.	<i>M.</i>
"	19. 1. 42.		Unit 1 Low Truck gear box for which race unobtainable now OK with bronze barrel.	<i>M.</i>
"	20. 1. 42		Two armourers from Bde H. Q attached for duties. Pto Ford B.A. on attempt ^{from Bde}	<i>M.</i>
"	21. 1. 42.		Large amount of M.T. work coming in from all units attached to Bde. incl. 13, 15 & 17 Bns, A.S.C. Mobile Band, Chest Boring	<i>M.</i>
"			boy, 42 Td Coy R.C., R.T.O, CRE, Yeoman Officer & R.A.F.	<i>M.</i>
"	22. 1. 42		Third day of continuous cold rain. Drivers cautious on wet roads.	<i>M.</i>
"	23. 1. 42.		All Field and accounting returns now supplied by L.A.D.	<i>M.</i>
"	24. 1. 42.		Lieut Brown No 10 AASC Workshop Officer called. His L.P. D also lacks equipment & possesses empty store trucks.	<i>M.</i>
"	25. 1. 42.		General M.T. work keeping L.A.D. very busy.	<i>M.</i>

Monishy Lieut. Capt. O.M.E.
O.C. No. 58 L.A.D.

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Unit 58 L.A.D. Att. 20th Aust Inf Bde.

Commanding Officer Lieut. A. Morris O.M.E.

Month and Year Jan. 42.

O.C. No. 58 L.A.D.

References to Appendices.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Heppo.	26 th	2000 hrs	Very heavy snow fell during the night and forenoon. DADOS 9 th Aust Div arrived at 1400 hrs & advised that S.O.M.E. will be in area to inspect L.A.D. week following (DADOS: Lt. Col. Wooster S.O.M.E.: Major Statham).	Adj.
	27 th	"	Capt Beale O.C. 3 Aust Rec Sec with advance party arrive at trench barracks.	Adj.
	28 th	"	No 3 Rec Sec. accept some M.T. repair & machine work for L.A.D.	Adj.
	29 th	"	General M.T. work in progress. Single cylinder engine & old 30 volt generator procured with view to erecting battery charging eqpt.	Adj.
	30 th	"	Brig. Windeyeris (C.O. of 10 th Bde) car Chev D.S. has broken universal assembly. Dismantled & repaired promptly owing to the projected visit of General Forsley.	Adj.
	31 st	"	We have a breakdown vehicle (Rayland Retreim 3 Ton) tow truck fully equipped on loan. First job at 2200 hrs in Idlib area (15 th Bn) Pown carrier bogged badly. Tows winch applied & recovery made in good time.	Adj.

Morris Lieut. Capt. O.M.E.
O.C. No. 58 L.A.D. 31. 1. 42.

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APPOINTMENT & COMMAND

NEW BDE
COMDR

Col WJV Windeyer, taken on strength as T/Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde 12 Jan. Col Windeyer appointed to rank of Brig, comd 20 Bde 26 Jan retrospective to 6 Jan 42.

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CEREMONIAL

INSPECTION
BY GOC

Gen Sir Thomas Blamey inspects Bde at Hill 69, 12 Jan

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MOVEMENT

HILL 69 -
ALEPPO

Bde moves from Hill 69 (Palestine) to Aleppo (Syria) 13/15 Jan

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