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Item number: 8/3/1

2/1 Infantry Battalion

May 1940

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY


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SECRET

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit 2nd/1st Australian Battalion Date and Time.—From 1 May 40 To 8 May 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JULIS	1 May 40	0900	Lieut H.W.Sealy and 1 Cpl to M.E. Signal School NATHANYA 42 days	dy
	2 May 40		Tactical Exercise Without Troops at 34 Kilo Stone on road JAFFA-JERUSALEM with 6 Div (British) Ref Map JAFFA-TEL-AVIV Attended by Commanding Officer	Bde memo 1 May 40 dy
	3 May 40	0900	5 O.R's transferred to 1 Aus Gen Hosp from 2/1 Bn	
			6 O.R's transferred from 1 Aus Gen Hosp to 2/1 Bn	
			Tactical exercise as on 2 May attended by Commanding Officer	dy
	4 May 40	0900 1700	1 O.R. transferred to 1 Aus Gen Hosp from 2/1 Bn Lieut G.W.Mann and 16 Cpls returned from 3rd Cadre Course P.R.T.Depot SARAFAND	W 3011 4 May 40
			2/1 Bn Band played at BEERSHEBA Race Meeting	Memo 20 Apr 40 dy
	5 May 40	0600	Lieut T.C.Fairbairn returned from Field Works Course EGYPT 1 Sjt returned from Gas Course EGYPT	
		0830	Coy Training	dy
	6 May 40		Lieut C.W.Golding and 3 O.R's to 2nd A.I.F. Carrier School JULIS 14 days	dy
	7 May 40		Administrative Day - Leave to TEL-AVIV A.I.F. Cricketxi left RAMLE by air for cricket tour in EGYPT Cpl Reid J.R. selected.	Memo 6 May 40 dy
	8 May 40		Tactical Exercise Without Troops as on 2 May 40 attended by Commanding Officer Company Training	Tng Inst 8 May 40 dy


 Lt.Col.
 Commanding 2 1 Bn.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

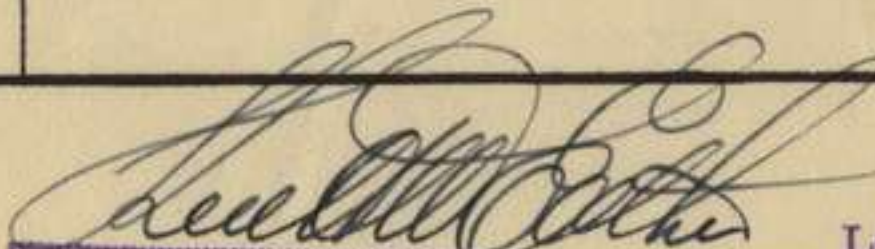
SECRET

Army Form C.211
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Unit 2nd/1st Australian Battalion Date and Time.—From 9 May 40 To 16 May 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JULIS	9 May 40	0900	1 O.R. transferred to A.A.C.S. Company Training	W 3011 9 May <i>dy</i>
	10 May 40	1200	Sig Sec conducted exercises under Bde H.Q. direction Company Training	Bde memo 29 Apr <i>dy</i>
	11 May 40	0900	3 O.R.'s transferred to A.A.C.S.	W 3011 11 May
		1200	One Pl from C Coy mounted Security Duties at JERUSALEM	<i>dy</i>
	12 May 40	0830	20 All Ranks one day's leave JERUSALEM	
		0900	2 C.S.M's, 5 Sjts 11 Cpls & 5 O.R's to 4th Cadre Course P.R.T.Depot SARAFAND	
		1600	Lieut W.H. Travers and Lieut N.W. Craig to 4th Cadre Course	
		2145	First practice Blackout took place	<i>dy</i>
	13 May 40	1100	Major R. Oram, Major G.F. Hooper & Lieut M.C. Kennedy with two W.O.11 left for M.E. Tactical School CAIRO EGYPT	
		1700	1 O.R. returned from M.E. School of Cookery SARAFAND	<i>dy</i>
	14 May 40	0830	Administrative Day - 250 All Ranks one day's leave JERUSALEM	
	15 May 40	0700	Fosterinf Duties - 2/1 Bn marched to BEIT JIRJA ref GAZA Map 1:100000 (10951124) to prepare Camp for Units of 2nd Convoy	Div Inst No.33 and 35 <i>dy</i>
	16 May 40	0900	1 O.R. transferred to A.A.C.S.	W 3011 16 May
		1030	Capt W.G.A. Baines and party 14 O.R's proceeded to PORT SAID as unloading party for 2nd Convoy.	Bde memo 9 May <i>dy</i>


 Lt. Col.
 Commanding 2/1 Bn.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY SECRET

Army Form C.2116
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Unit 2nd/1st Australian Battalion Date and Time.—From 17 May 40 To 25 May 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JULIS	17 May 40	1000	2 Cpls and 10 O/R's transferred to Infantry & Base Depot as Unfit Class 11. 2/1 Bn less A Coy returned by March and Bus from BEIT JIRJA	W 3011 17 May dy
	18 May 40	1200	1 Pl of C Coy relieved by 2/2 Bn of Security Guard at JERUSALEM	
		1700	Lieut C.W.Golding and 3 O.R's returned from Bren Carrier School Lieut R.B.Digby and 1 Cpl returned from 6th Mortar Course BIR SALIM	
		1800	A Coy less one Pl (left as guides to 17 Aus Inf Bde) returned to JULIS	dy
	19 May 40	0830	One Day Leave Party - 25 All Ranks to TEL-AVIV	dy
	20 May 40	0800	2/1 Bn moved to JAFFA RANGE for one weeks firing of S.A. Courses.	2/1 Bn Tng Inst 20 May
		0900	Lieut O.B.Moriarty and 4 O.R's to A.I.F. Bren Carrier Course JULIS	dy
	21 May 40		Administrative Day - one day leave party - 250 All Ranks to TEL-AVIV	dy
	22 May 40	1300	1 Sjt returned 3rd Long Rifle Course M.E.W.T.School BIR SALIM	dy
	24 May 40	1700	Lieut W.H.Travers, Lieut N.W.Craig, 2 C.S.M's, 5 Sjts, 11 Cpls and 5 Ptes returned from 4th Cadre Course P.R.T.Depot SARAFAND	dy
	25 May 40	1700	2 O.R's transferred to 16 Aus Inf Bde 2/1 Bn (less details) returned to JULIS from JAFFA RANGE	W 3011 25 May dy


 Commanding Lt.Col.

A U S T R A L I A N I M P E R I A L
FORCE

ROUTINE

ORDERS

by

LT-COL K. W. EATHER - COMDG 2/1 BN

JULIS CAMP

71/40

25 May 40

DUTIES
BN

1. The following Duties will mount at Retreat 25 May 40

Duty Coy	D Coy
Next for Duty	H.Q. Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut. J.S. Whittle
Next for Duty	Lieut. T.C. Fairbairn
Comdr of the Guard	Lieut. J.G. Macarthur-King
Next for Duty	Lieut. G.W. Mann

DUTIES
BDE

2. To mount at Retreat 26 May 40:-

Field Officer of the Day	Capt F.G. Finlay
Officer Inlying Picquet	Lieut B.W.T. Catterns
Picture Theatre Officer	Lieut A.A. Stewart
Duty Coy	H.Q. Coy
Motor Cycle Orderly	H.Q. Coy
4 Day leave Party	Lieut. K.J. Macpherson
JERUSALEM 0800 hrs 27 May	

BLANKETS

3. The scale of issue of blankets will, until further notice, be two Australian and one British.

Coys will arrange for the withdrawal of three blankets per man from their personal issue and the issue of two Australian blankets.

The blankets withdrawn will be rolled and tied in bundles of 10 and returned to Q.M. Store.

Australian blankets will be issued to the Coys by the Q.M.

These instructions will be carried out on the administrative parade on Monday 27 May 40.

MARKING OF
RESPIRATORS

4. Coy Comdrs will ensure that any unit markings already made on respirator haversacks are rendered illegible.

CHURCH
SERVICES

5. Holy Communion will be celebrated in the A.A.C.I. Reading Room 2/1 Bn at 0730 hrs.

DAY OF
PRAYER

6. By request of His Majesty The King, Sunday 26 May is being set apart throughout the Empire as a Day of Prayer. This request will be honored throughout the A.I.F., and it is the wish of the G.O.C. 6 Aus Div that personnel of all denominations should be given the opportunity of attending voluntary services in addition to the normal Church Parades.

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D.R. JACKSON, Capt
Adjutant 2/1 Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE

ORDERS

by

LT-COL K. W. EATHER - COMDG 2/1 BN

JULIS CAMP

69/40

23 May 40

DUTIES

1. H.Q. Coy will mount at Retreat 22 May 40

DUTIES
BDE

2. 2/1 Fd Regt when it is Duty Unit will detail all Bde duty personnel with the exception of Bde Guard and Bde Inlying Picquet, which will be detailed by Next for Duty Bn.

The strength of the Bde Guard will be as under

From Retreat to Reveille - 1 Sjt, 1 Cpl, 9 O.R's
From Reveille to Retreat - 1 Cpl, 6 O.R's

At Reveille the Sjt of the Guard will hand over to the Cpl of the Guard and arrange for the surplus personnel to be marched back to unit lines.

The Petrol Dump Picquet is no longer required.

Duty Bn or Bn next for Duty as the case may be will continue to supply Bde Inlying Picquet of one Platoon.

From 21 May 40 Field Officer of the Day will only be required on every alternate day.

ELECTRIC
LIGHT AND
POWER

3. Greater economy with the use of electric light and power is to be exercised.

CENSORSHIP
UNDEVELOPED
COLOR FILMS

4. Enquiries have been made in EGYPT and elsewhere and it has been found that there are no facilities for developing these films.
Coys will warn all ranks that colored films must not be sent out of the country.
Individuals should be advised not to purchase such films.

CENSORSHIP

5. The attention of all ranks is drawn to the provision of Field General Censorship Part 1, para.9, which prescribes that it is forbidden to insert advertisements or letters in any publication inviting correspondence with strangers.

SNAKES

6. Snakes are becoming prevalent and Coys will take the necessary steps to instruct personnel in the use of Snake-bite outfits.
All parties proceeding into the field should carry a Snake-bite outfit.
There is only one venomous snake in this area, the VIPERA LIBETINA, which has the common characteristics of the viper class, a broad triangular, but flattened head and short tail, olive coloured with brown markings, forming a zig-zag pattern on the back, and growing to a length of three feet.
Arrangements are being made with Major Mackerras, 2/1 Aus Gen Hosp. for his collection of snakes to be on display at camps and all officers will view this for the purpose of identification of snakes.
In a case of snake-bite, the routine treatment will be followed and if possible the snake killed for the purpose of identification.

22 May 40

SNAKES

6. Should the snake be considered venomous, an injection of ANTI-VENINE will be given, but as supplies of this substance are limited, the snake must be brought for identification if possible.
The risk of snake-bite is not greater here than in Australia and to be effective, Anti-venine should be given as soon as possible after the bite.

WORK
TICKETS

7. All work tickets will be completed and signed by an officer or responsible N.C.O. before the vehicle leaves the Unit Vehicle Park.
In cases where the destination is uncertain, a description of the duty will suffice, the the necessary signature will be included.
The responsibility for the issue of properly completed work tickets resta with the Officer i/c Transport in each unit.
Disciplinary action will be taken in every case of non-compliance with this order.

D. R. JACKSON, Capt
Adjutant 2/1 Bn

N O T I C E SPHOTOGRAPHS

A list of names of personnel whose films were developed by Film Star Laboratories has been posted on the Bn Notice Board.

The above Contractor s have been forbidden entry to the Camp and will take no further orders.

No responsibility will be taken for the films after 29 May 40 - They are available on payment at the Library.

MESSAGE

The following message has been received from Sir. S Bruce, High Commissioner for Australia:-

" To General Mackay. Please convey following message to your troops : congratulations on your safe arrival in Middle East. You have come to take your stand with Britain and her Allies. With great traditions of first A.I.F. to inspire you I am confident that you will play an honorable part in achieving final victory!

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

by

Lt-Col K. W. EATHER - COMDG 2/1 BN

JULIS CAMP

68/40

17 May 40

DUTIES
BN

1. The following Duties will mount at Retreat 17 May

Duty Coy	D Coy
Next for Duty	H.Q. Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut T.L.Rogers
Next for Duty	Lieut A.A.Stewart
Comdr of the Guard	Lieut J.S.Whittle
Next for Duty	Lieut H.J.Macpherson

DUTIES
BDE

2. To mount at Retreat 18 May 40:-

Field Officer of the day	Capt W.C.Dillon
Medical Officer of the Day	Capt C.H.Selby
Officer Inlying Picquet and Theatre Details	Lieut. K.Hill-Griffiths
Duty Coy	B Coy
Motor Cycle Orderly	H.Q. Coy
4 day leave party TEL-AVIV 1200 hrs 19 May	Lieut F.J.Embrey
4 day leave party to be advised 19 May	Lieut T.C.Fairbairn

POSTAL
ENQUIRIES

3. (a) Telephonic communication between PALESTINE and AUSTRALIA is not permitted.

(b) It is practically impossible to trace letters which are not registered. Any letters containing money should be registered and not posted as ordinary mail.

(c) Letters will not be written direct to 6 Aus Div Postal Unit but will be sent through the usual channels.

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Adjutant 2/1 Bn

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JULIS CAMP

67/40

15 May 40

DUTIES
BN

1. The following Duties will mount at Retreat 15 May 40

Duty Coy	B Coy
Next for Duty	B Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut. A.M. Simpson
Next for Duty	Lieut. H.J. Macpherson
Comdr of the Guard	Lieut. A.A. Stewart
Next for Duty	Lieut. K. Hill-Griffiths

DUTIES
BDE

2. To mount at Retreat 16 May 40:-

Field Officer of the Day	Capt. J.H. Hodge
Medical Officer of the Day	Capt. C.H. Selby
Officer Inlying Picquet and Theatre Details	Lieut. W.A. Pike
Duty Coy	B Coy
Inlying Picquet	H.Q. Coy
Motor Cycle Orderly	H.Q. Coy
4 Day Leave Party TEL-AVIV 1200 hrs	Lieut. T.C. Fairbairn
4 Day Leave Party TEL-AVIV 1430 hrs	Lieut. A.M. Simpson

SECURITY
GUARDS

3. The Rifle Pl of 2/1 Bn at JERUSALEM will be relieved by a Pl from 2/3 Bn by 1200 hrs 18 May 40.

PICQUETS
LUNCHEONS

4. Picquets proceeding on duty with leave parties should carry a cut lunch with them.

REQUISITIONS
FOR UNIT M.T.

5. Requisitions for unit M.T. will be normally made 12 hours before time required on the form "2/1 BN. TRANSPORT REQUISITION".

CARRYING
CAPACITY
OF VEHICLES

6. The following are the maximum number of personnel who can be carried on M.T. vehicles:-

Vans light 8 cwt.	5 persons (incl driver)
" heavy 12 "	8 " "
" " 15 "	10 " "
Lorries 30 cwt	20 " "

but space does not allow of this number being carried in 30 cwt. lorries comfortably over a great distance.

15 May 40

SCHOOLS
COURSES

7. A.I.F. Bren Carrier School -20 May -1 June.

The following personnel will attend the above school

NX125	Lieut.	O.B.Moriarty
NX7761	Pte.	Clarke W.H.
NX7731	"	Byrnes R.R.
NX4092	"	Warburton E.C.
NX9841	"	Baker G.L.

D. R. JACKSON, Capt
Adjutant 2/1 BnN O T I C E

French Classes are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1930 hrs at the Y.M.C.A.

A leather wallet containing addresses has been lost in the Bn lines. Finder return to C Coy Orderly Room.

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JULIS CAMP

66/40

10 May 40

DUTIES

1. The following Duties will mount at Retreat 10 May:-

Duty Coy	C Coy
Next for Duty	D Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut. B.M.Savage
Next for Duty	Lieut. K.J.Macpherson
Comdr of the Guard	Lieut. J.S.Whittle
Next for Duty	Lieut. W.H.Travers

FLIGHTS OF
ARMY PERSONNEL
IN R.A.F.
AIRCRAFT

2. Cases have been occurring of officers arranging passages in service aircraft through other than authorised channels.

This practice will cease and applications will be made in future ONLY as outlined in Force Standing Orders, General Order 331 of 1938.

The provisions of this order para. 6 will apply to flights authorised for training purposes in Army Co-operation Aircraft affiliated to formations.

SECURITY

3. Individuals, having cause to stay at Hotels or Clubs outside of Palestine will only give the following details in the Registers:-

Rank and Name
Nationality
Occupation (i.e. officers or members of H.M. Forces).

CHURCH
SERVICES
12 May 40

4. (a) Holy Communion (Church of England) will be celebrated in the A.A.C.I. Reading Room, Monash Lines at 0730 hrs., and in the Officers' Mess, Gellibrand, at 0730 hrs.
- (b) Mass (Roman Catholic) will be celebrated at 0730 hrs. in the Recreation Hut, Gellibrand Lines.
- (c) Combined Church Services will be held at 0930 hrs in the Recreation Hut, Goddard Lines, in Monash Lines, and in the Recreation Hut, Gellibrand Lines.

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Adjutant 2/1 Bn

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JULIS CAMP

65/40

9 May 40

DUTIES
BDE

1. 2/1 Bn will mount at Retreat 9 May 40

DUTIES
BN

2. To mount at Retreat 9 May 40

Orderly Officer
Next for Duty

Lieut. F.J. Embrey
Lieut. B.M. Savage

Comdr of the Guard
Next for Duty

Lieut. K.J. Macpherson
Lieut. J.S. Whittle

Duty Coy
Next for Duty

H.Q. Coy
C Coy

SECURITY
GUARDS

3. (a) JERUSALEM
2/1 Bn will arrange for a rifle Coy. Pl. at War Establishment to take over Security Guard duties from Pl. of 2/2 Bn on 11 May 40 by 1200 hrs.

(b) GAZA Town and Airport

2/2 Bn will arrange for a rifle Coy. at War Establishment to take over guard duties from Coy of 2/1 Bn. on 11 May 40 by 1200 hrs.

COMPLAINTS
AGAINST
CANTEEN.

4. Complaints regarding certain matters in the A.A.C.I. have recently been investigated by the Committee, which is composed of military representatives of all Australian Camps in Palestine, and the following particulars are promulgated to ALL RANKS :-

(a) Price of Eagle Beer

The agreement which allows the A.A.C.I. to import goods free of customs duty into Palestine, includes a reservation that the A.A.C.I. is not to sell articles, which are also sold by the N.A.A.F.I., at a lower price than that charged by the latter Institute. A reduction in the price of Eagle beer is now being gone into with the N.A.A.F.I.

(b) Red Cross Stores - reported selling of

As a result of the receipt of several confirmed reports that cigarette papers "Donated by the Red Cross" are being sold in various shops in Palestine, a searching investigation has been carried out; and it has been found that the complaints against the Management of the Red Cross are without foundation. There is however, the possibility of some dishonest employee selling them, or a member of the forces, who has received a free issue in Jerusalem or whilst in hospital, selling them to a shopkeeper.

Both these possible sources are now being investigated and the attention of all ranks is to be specially drawn to the need to immediately report any instances of this malpractice, so that the culprits can be apprehended and suitably dealt with.

(c) Fine Cut Tobacco - shortage of stocks.

This can only be obtained from Australia and we are therefor dependent on the intermittent shipping service therefrom. Seven tons of this tobacco are at present on order.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

By

LT-COL K. W. HATHER - COMDG 2/1 BN

JULIS CAMP

63/40

7 May 40

DUTIES

1. The following Duties will mount at Retreat 7 May 40:-

Duty Coy	C Coy
Next for Duty	L Coy
Orderly Officer	Lieut N.W. Craig
Next for Duty	Lieut W.H. Travers
Comdr of the Guard	Lieut T.L. Rogers
Next for Duty	Lieut K.Hill-Griffiths

DRESS

2. SUNDOWN Ref. R.O. 62/40 para. 3.

Until further notice, Sundown will be read as 1815 hrs.

SCHOOLS COURSES

3. PALESTINE RECRUIT TRAINING DEPOT - CADRE COURSE
12-24 May

The following have been nominated to attend the above course :

NX57	Lieut W.H. Travers
NX2632	Lieut N.W. Craig
NX2629	A/C.S.M. Burrell J.C.
NX2478	" Maguire R.R.
NX7735	A/Sjt Craske A.V.
NX2468	Sjt Brindley C.W.
NX4176	" Bourke R.W.
NX8900	" Spink W.E.
NX2640	" Manton T.S.
NX2648	Cpl Small S.A.
NX7616	" Cahill F.J.
NX7645	L/Cpl McMillan O.G.
NX2470	" Johnston H.H.
NX7578	" Johnston E.
NX4128	" Grace C.J.
NX7495	" Masters N.J.
NX2417	" Godwin T.C.
NX3916	" O'Brien A.P.
NX7511	" Thynne M.A.
NX7848	" Fenton T.J.
NX7633	Pte Hyde K.G.
NX2608	" McInnes C.
NX7802	" Webb S.A.
NX4120	" Brown C.S.

L.R. JACKSON, Capt
Adjutant 2/1 Bn

NOTICE

The loss of the works of a wrist watch has been reported by Pte Byrnes R.R. - H.Q. Coy.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

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ORDERS

by

LT-COL K.W. EATHER - COMEGG 2/1 BN
62/40

JULIS CAMP

6 May 40

DUTIES
BDE

1. To mount at Retreat 6 May 40:-
Field Officer of the Day Capt W.G.A. Baines
Medical Officer of the Day Capt C.H. Selby.
Officer Inlying Picquet
and Theatre Details Lieut. F.J. Embrey
Duty Coy H.Q. Coy
4 Day Leave Party JERUSALEM
 0800 hrs Lieut K.J. Macpherson
4 " " " " "
 1330 hrs Lieut. C.I.C. Dieppe.
Motor Cycle Orderly H.Q. Coy.

DUTIES
BN

2. To mount at Retreat 6 May 40:-
Duty Coy H.Q. Coy
 Next for Duty G Coy
Orderly Officer Lieut J.S. Whittle
 Next for Duty Lieut N.W. Craig
Comdr of the Guard Lieut T.C. Fairbairn
 Next for Duty Lieut. T.L. Rogers

DRESS

3. Attention is drawn to Force Standing Orders which state that "Shorts will not be worn after sundown".
"Shirts, if worn after sundown without a jacket, must have sleeves which will fasten at the wrist. Every effort will be made to ensure that this Order is strictly obeyed and offenders will be dealt with, with disciplinary action.

CENSORSHIP
COLORED FILMS

4. There are no facilities for developing COLORED films in PALESTINE, and until such arrangements can be made, undeveloped films of this type MUST NOT be sent out of PALESTINE.

Developed films must be examined by the Franking Officer before being sent out of the country.

Para. 7 of Field Censorship - General Part 1 must be borne in mind when examining films.

CENSORSHIP
REGIMENTAL
AND UNIT
PUBLICATIONS

5. "Any regimental or unit journal, bulletin or other publication will be submitted to Force H.Q. for censorship before being sent to press"

Units, etc., will address: FORCE H.Q. PRESS CENSORSHIP, direct when submitting copy.

SECURITY

6. Coys will ensure that Force Security Instructions No.3 is brought to the attention of all ranks. these instructions will have the force of an order.

COMPLAINTS

4. (d) Co-operation
 To organize a Canteen Service from nothing, staffed by volunteers from our own units and in a country thousands of miles from the place of production of the majority of the articles in demand is no easy matter, and can only be conducted to the satisfaction of all ranks if they cooperate to the fullest extent with it.
 The management of the Canteen Service naturally desire that their service be beyond reproach, and welcome constructive criticism from all ranks, which will receive prompt attention and be forwarded through the usual channels.
 As the result of recent enquiries, it has become obvious that many soldiers are reluctant to lodge a complaint, no matter how justified, owing to the feeling that it will be held against them. Coy Comdrs will take all steps necessary to eradicate this false impression.

CINEMA

5. (a) The Cinema will resume tonight, 9 May 40. There will be one session only, commencing at 1930 hrs. and finishing at 2130 hrs.
 (b) Prices
 Prices will be as follows:-
 60 mils;
 30 mils.
 (c) Reservations
 60 mils seats may be reserved. All ranks will be entitled to purchase seats at either of the above prices.
 (d) Purchase of Tickets and Reservations
 Windows will be open for purchase of tickets and for reservations between 1730 hrs. and 1800 hrs. and from 1845 hrs. till 1930 hrs.
 Payment for reserved seats must be made at the time they are booked.
 (e) Picquet
 The usual Cinema picquet of one Offsr. and 5 N.C.Os. will be detailed by Duty Bn. for duty from 1900 hrs to 2145 hrs, complimentary tickets will be issued to members of the picquet).
 (f) Notification
 All ranks will be notified to the above effect before 1645 hrs, today (9 May).

SCHOOLS COURSES

6. PALESTINE RECRUIT TRAINING DEPOT - CADRE COURSE
 12-24 May

The following has been nominated to attend the above course:-

NX4128 L/Cpl Duncan C.V.

D.R. JACKSON, Capt
 Adjutant 2/1 Bn

DISTRIBUTION

Usual

PRIVATE
PISTOLS

7. All Officers in possession of private pistols will make immediate application in writing to H.Q. Adv. 6 Aus Div. through the usual channels, for the necessary licenses to be granted.

Other ranks will not be in possession of Private Pistols. All such weapons will be withdrawn forthwith and held in unit armouries until orders for their disposal are issued. Units will give receipts to individual owners and each pistol will be clearly labelled with the owner's name. Ammunition for such pistols will also be withdrawn and will be dealt with similarly.

FOUR DAYS
LEAVE

8. A number of men sent on four day's leave are arriving without either sufficient cash or credit in their pay books to pay their board at the Soldiers Club.

Coy. Comdrs. must ensure that all personnel proceeding on 4 days leave have sufficient cash, or in the case of JERUSALEM, credit in their pay books.

D.R. JACKSON, Capt
Adjutant 2/1 Bn

NOTICESANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY RUN

A Team of not less than 5 or more than 8 is to be chosen from the A.I.F. to run in the Annual Cross Country Run to take place 1 June.

Individual Nominations are to be handed in to Coys by Tuesday 6 June to the Bn Sports Officer.

CRICKET

Cpl Reid J.R. H.Q. Coy. has been chosen to play with the A.I.F. Cricket Team in EGYPT.

DISTRIBUTION

Usual.

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ROUTINE

ORDERS

by

LT-COL K.W. EATHER - COMDG 2/1 BN
61/40

JULIS CAMP

4 May 40

DUTIES

1. The following Duties will mount at Retreat 5 May 40:-

Duty Company	D Coy.
Orderly Officer	Lieut. K Hill-Griffiths
Comdr of the Guard	Lieut. W.H.Travers.

SPORTS OFFICER

2. Lieut. W.H.Travers is appointed Sports Officer.

CONFERENCE OF ORDERLY OFFICERS

3. Each night at 2030 hrs. the Field Officer of the Day will hold a conference at his Bn.H.Q. which will be attended by the following:-

Field Medical Officer
Orderly Officers of all units in JULIS Camp.

SWIMMING POOL

4. The swimming Pool situated in Orange Grove to West of MONASH LINES is out of bounds to all ranks until further notice.

RATES OF PAY FOR COOKS

5. As from 29 Feb.40, the following change in Trade Grouping of cooks will be effected:-

Cooks to be Group 11 in lieu of Group 111.

SANITATION

6. The practice of throwing orange peel and other refuse into urine tubs must be discontinued, as it is having a very serious effect on the functioning of the 'Otway' pits into which the latrine buckets are emptied.

CHURCH SERVICES
5 May 40

7. (a) Holy Communion (Church of England) will be celebrated in the A.A.C.I. Reading Room, Monash Lines at 0730 hrs and in the Officers' Mess, Gellibrand Lines at 0730 hrs.
- (b) Holy Communion (Methodist) will be celebrated in the Recreation Room, Goddard Lines, at 0700 hrs
- (c) Mass (Roman Catholic) will be celebrated at 1000 hrs. in the Recreation Hut, Hobbs Lines.
- (d) Combined Church Service will be held in the Cinema, Goddard Lines, at 0930 hrs., and in the A.A.C.I. Reading Room, Gellibrand Lines, at 0930 hrs. 2/1 Bn. will attend this service.
- (e) From Sunday, 5 May 40, Church Parades will be held by all units at the same time, namely, at 0930 hrs.

Church Parades will be attended by all ranks not on duty.

Arrangements will be made by Units for Roman Catholics to march off the parade to attend their own separate services

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Adjutant 2/1 Bn

Bn 53/4/9/40

LOCATION STATEMENT NO.4 AS AT 0001 HRS 1 MAY 40.

QASTINA 127126.

6 Aus Div Recce Regt, less C. Sqn. - 39 L.A.D.
 2/1 Fd Coy - 42 L.A.D.
 2/1 Fd Amb
 2/1 Fd Hyg Sec
~~Det 2/1 A. Fd. Wkshp~~
 A. Coy 2/4 Inf Bn.

JULIS.119122

H.Q. 16 Aus Inf Bde
~~2/1 Inf Bn, less A,B, and D Coys.~~
 2/2 Inf Bn, less 1 Pl. D Coy
 2/3 Inf Bn.
 2/4 Inf Bn, less A. Coy
 J. Sec Sigs 6 Aus Div
 45 L.A.D.

BARBARA. 112118

H.Q. A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div.
 Det 6 Aus Div Amn Coy
 Det 6 Aus Div Pet Coy
 Det 6 Aus Div Sup. Col.
 6 Aus Div Postal Unit
 Aus Ord Base Depot. *Det 2/1 A Fd Wkshp.*

BEIT JIRGA. 109112

~~A. and D. Coys 2/1 Inf Bn~~

BIR ASLUJ 128048

2/1 Aus Fd Regt
 E Sec Sigs 6 Aus Div
 43 L.A.D.

DEIR SUNEID. 106106

C. Sqn 6 Aus Div Recce Regt.

GAZA ROAD. 103103

~~Sigs 6 Aus Div, less D., E. and J. Secs.~~
~~1 Pl B. Coy 2/1 Inf Bn~~

GAZA RIDGE 102102

2/1 Aus Gen Hosp
 2/1 Aus Conv Depot

GAZA TOWN 099101.

Adv H.Q. 6 Aus Div
 Int Sec 6 Aus Div
 D. Sec Sigs 6 Aus Div
 6 Aus Div Fd Cash Office
~~B. Coy 2/1 Bn, less 1 Pl.~~

JERUSALEM - MERCANTILE BUILDINGS.

Aus Overseas Base.
 1 Pl D. Coy 2/2 Inf Bn

TEL AVIV - 78 HAYARKON STREET.

6 Aus Div Pro Coy.

Cavany Col.
 A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCESH.Q. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.,
JULIS CAMP.
1 May 40.DISTRIBUTION:C.O., 2/1 Bn.
C.O., 2/3 Bn.T.E.W.Ts. WITH BRITISH ARMY.

With further reference to this office 34/0 of 30 Apr., the following additional information regarding TEWT on 2 May is forwarded:-

- (1) Narrative 4 attached hereto.
- (2) R.V. & TIME.
34 Kilo stone on road JERUSALEM - JAFFA at 0900 hrs.
- (3) TPT.
(a) C.Os., 2/1 and 2/3 Bns. will each provide a Pick up.
(b) Brigadier Allen will pick up Col. Wootten and B.M. at Bde. H.Q. at 0830 hrs., and tpt. them to R.V., where all 5 members of Syndicate will be distributed in the two P.Us. provided by 2/1 and 2/3 Bns.
- (4) MAP.
1/100,000 map JAFFA-TEL-AVIV (Sheet 7) is required.
- (5) TERMINATION.
It is estimated that the exercise will terminate at 1300 hrs.
- (6) LUNCH.
Offrs. will take their own haversack lunch.

I.R. Campbell
.....Major.

B.M. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.

J.H.C.

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6 AUS. DIV.

GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 11.

SECURITY MEASURES - GAZA TOWN.

1. This instruction supersedes G.S. Instruction No. 3 of 21 Mar., 40, and will be read in conjunction with Palestine Security Inst. No. 3 and General Staff Inst. No. 8.
2. General - GAZA is an Arab town and entirely Moslem. The customs of the Moslem are different from those of the European but, none the less, MUST be respected. In this connection the two most noticeable characteristics are religious fervour and the segregation of their womenfolk. Familiarity with them can only result in lack of respect.
3. Area in Bounds - Appendix "A" to this instruction shows the area in bounds to all ranks. This includes the GAZA Military and billeting areas, and the roads leading to them from the main roads; the main shopping street West of the railway line with a number of side streets to the North and South of it occupied by the bazaar; the road QASTINA - GAZA - KHANYUNIS, where it passes through GAZA Town; the road GAZA - BEERSHEBA - GAZA AIRPORT, to the limit of the Airport and the shopping street crossing this road at a distance of 668 yds. from the railway line, the limits being the first cross streets to North and South of the main road.

Also included is the road from GAZA to the sea coast, and the area known as NEW GAZA situated on the sand dunes West of the old town, commencing at the Western side of the public playing field; the road skirting GAZA on the South-West of the town, commencing at the foot of the slope on the road to the sea shore and joining the GAZA - KHANYUNIS road to the South of GAZA.
4. Out of Bounds - All areas and roads not specifically mentioned in para. 3 or shown in Appendix "A" are out of bounds. These areas are residential only. The Police Station, Police Barracks, and all mosques are out of bounds. All cafes, bars, wineshops and hotels are out of bounds until such time as adequate hygienic and other measures have been taken when further instructions will be issued. That section of NEW GAZA in which the A.I.F. CLUB is situated is out of bounds to other ranks.
5. Notices - Notices will be placed in side streets leading off the main shopping street (known as MUKTAR street) past which NO MEMBER of the A.I.F. will go. When certain cafes and bars are placed "in bounds" they will display a notice to this effect.
6. Leave - All ranks situated in GAZA who are NOT on duty are permitted in the "in bounds" area from completion of duty to 2130 hrs. daily. Passes are not required for this period. O.Rs. will return to Military areas by 2130 hrs. nightly. Late leave passes may be granted until 2315 hrs.
7. Arms - Arms will only be carried when on duty requiring the carrying of arms. Officers, N.C.Os. and men will NOT carry arms when walking out.

8. Transport to Sea Shore - At the present time buses leave for the sea bathing area from the main "Suq", or market place, every half-hour. Swimming will only be carried out in that section of the beach reserved for the A.I.F.

9. All ranks will, at all times, co-operate with the Civil and Military Police.

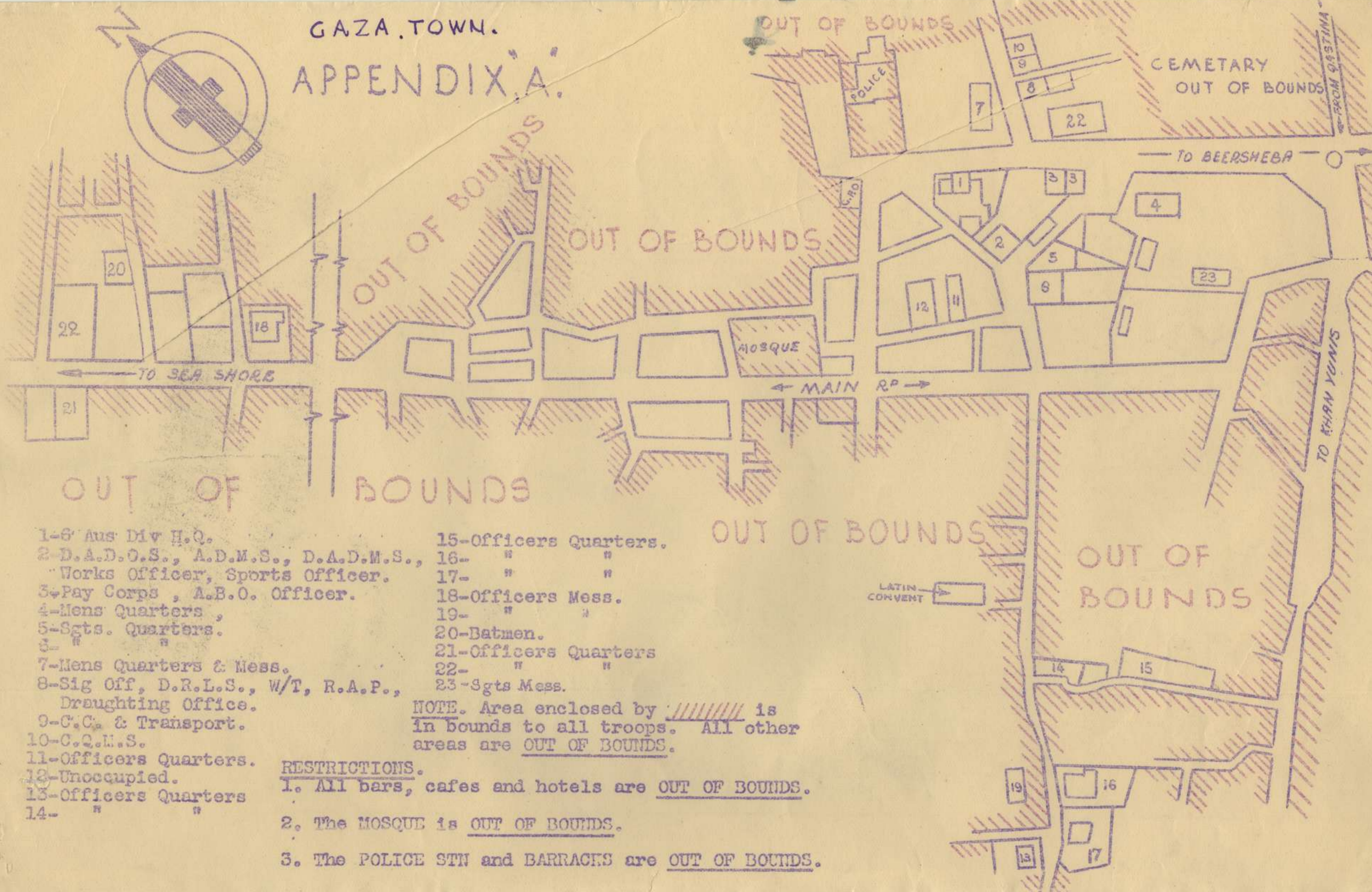
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GAZA
29 May, 40.

J. McConnell Walker Capt
for Lt-Col.
G.S., 6 Aus. Div.

GAZA TOWN.

APPENDIX 'A'



- 1-6 Aus Div H.Q.
- 2-D.A.D.O.S., A.D.M.S., D.A.D.M.S.,
Works Officer, Sports Officer.
- 3-Pay Corps, A.B.O. Officer.
- 4-Mens Quarters,
- 5-Sgts. Quarters.
- 6- " "
- 7-Mens Quarters & Mess.
- 8-Sig Off, D.R.L.S., W/T, R.A.P.,
Draughting Office.
- 9-C.C. & Transport.
- 10-C.Q.M.S.
- 11-Officers Quarters.
- 12-Unoccupied.
- 13-Officers Quarters
- 14- " "

- 15-Officers Quarters.
- 16- " "
- 17- " "
- 18-Officers Mess.
- 19- " "
- 20-Batmen.
- 21-Officers Quarters
- 22- " "
- 23-Sgts Mess.

NOTE. Area enclosed by // is in bounds to all troops. All other areas are OUT OF BOUNDS.

RESTRICTIONS.

1. All bars, cafes and hotels are OUT OF BOUNDS.
2. The MOSQUE is OUT OF BOUNDS.
3. The POLICE STN and BARRACKS are OUT OF BOUNDS.

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C.O., 2/3 Bn.T.E.W.T.S. WITH BRITISH ARMY.

The undermentioned TEWTS have been and will be carried out on the dates shown.

Bde. Comdr. (Brigadier Allen), C.Os., 2/1, 2/2 and 2/3 Bns., and B.M. will attend all TEWTS, except that held on 26 Apr., which was attended by the first and last named only.

Details of courses will be made available on receipt at these H.Qrs.

DATES & GENERAL OUTLINE OF TEWTS.(1) 6 DIV. (BRITISH) EXERCISES.

(a) 26 Apr. An Inf. Bde., with mech. Cav. & arty. attached, with the role of delaying an invader's advance from JAFFA up the JERUSALEM Road. Also included the covering of the occupation of a defensive position.

(b) 2 May. The occupation of a Bde. defensive posn., when the Bde. is acting as part of a Division.

(c) 3 May. Div. in attack.

Cancelled → (d) 6 May. Inf. Bde. in attack.

(e) 8 May. Withdrawal of a Division.

(NOTE: It would appear that the three Narratives issued on 26 Apr., and attached hereto for information, will be continued for Exercises (b), (c), (d) and (e).)

(2) FORCE EXERCISES No. 1.

Attached hereto copy of particulars.

It would be appreciated if C.O. 2/1 Bn. would return his copy of Force preliminary instructions regarding this Exercise to the B.M. on 2 May.

I. Campbell
.....Major.

B.M., 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

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JULIS CAMP.
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2/4 Bn.
"J" Sec. Sigs. 6 Aus. Div.

SPORTS - CRICKET & BOXING.

With reference to B.R.O. 149 of 6 May 40,
following are the personnel selected for the above
teams:-

Cricket

Lieut. Millard	Recce. Regt.
Pte. Smith	Div. H.Q.
Sgt. Black	Recce. Regt.
Pte. Steen	A.S.C. 6 Aus. Div.
Pte. Burrows	2/4 Bn.
Pte. Whelan	Sigs. 6 Aus. Div.
Pte. Holmes, R.S.	Recce. Regt.
Pte. Holmes, W.H.	Recce. Regt.
Pte. Robinson	2/4 Bn.
Cpl. Jacobs	A.S.C. 6 Aus. Div.
Sgt. Harris	Div. H.Q.
Pte. Bourne	Recce. Regt.
Pte. Reed <i>Reid JR HQ Coy</i>	2/1 Bn.
Pte. Bevan	2/2 Bn.
Pte. Flynn	1 A.G.H.

Boxing.

Capt. Loughran	2/4 Bn.
Pte. Herron	2/2 Bn.
Pte. Allen	Div. H.Q.
Pte. Beckly	2/4 Bn.
Dvr. Tullipan	2/2 Bn.
Pte. McGarren	2/3 Bn.
Cpl. Stevens	2/3 Bn.
Pte. Shoebridge	Sigs. 6 Aus. Div.

In Kurzi
.....Lieut.

S.C. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

2/1 Bn
JULIS
6 May 40

16 Aus Inf Bde.

2/1 Bn Training Syllabus

Please find attached outline training syllabus for the period 6 - 11 May 40.

- (a) Recapitulation days are inserted to recover days lost by individual companies in the past training period.
- (b) Company exercises are under direction of Bn H.Q.
- (c) Evening lectures will be given for officers and N.C.Os
- (d) A 5 day course for orderlies and batmen ^{orderlies} will be commenced on 8 May.

Def Lt Col

Commanding 2/1 Bn

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2/1 Bn - Outline Training Syllabus

	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy	H.Q. Coy
6 May	JIRJA Security	GAZA Security	(a)Recapitulation platoon training (b) Night exercise	Recapitulation Platoon training	Recapitulation Technical training
7 May	do	do	Administrative day	Administrative day	
8 May	do	do	Coy attack exercise	(a) Coy attack exercise (b) Night exercise	Operate with C & D Coys
9 May	do	do	Coy defence exercise	Coy defence exercise	(a) do (b) Night exercise
10 May	do	do	Coy withdrawal exercise	Coy withdrawal exercise	do
11 May	do	Coy attack exercise	(a) Recapitulation platoon training (b) Night exercise	GAZA security	Preparation of grenade range

WAR DIARY

2nd/1st Australian Battalion
JULIS L 1
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SECURITY GUARD GAZA AERODROME

It is notified that 2/1 Bn mounted a guard of required strength from B Coy (H.Q. located GAZA TOWN) at 1000 hrs 6 May 40.


Commanding 2/1 Bn Lt-Col

2nd/1st Australian Battalion
JULIS L 1
4 May 40

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O.C.
"B" Coy

SECURITY GUARD - GAZA AERODROME

By 1000 hrs. 6 May, "B" Coy will provide a Security Guard of one Pl. (less one Sec.), strength of 1 Offr., 1 Sjt. and 20 O.Rs., over the GAZA AERODROME.

This Pl. will be made available by "B" Coy stationed at GAZA Town, from the Pl. at present located at GAZA Road, which will be relieved by 2/2 Bn. by 1800 hrs. 5 May .

Ack

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Adjutant 2/1 Bn Capt

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I. Campbell
.....Major.

B.M. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

H.Q. I6 Aus. Inf. Bde. ,
JULIS CAMP.
20 Apr. 40.

C.O.,
2/I Bn.

B A N D.

2/I Bn. Band will be required to proceed to BEERSHEBA on Saturday 4 May 40 for performance at BEERSHEBA Races. The Band will leave Julis after the midday meal and will arrive at the War Cemetery, BEERSHEBA, by 1320 hrs.

Details regarding transport will be notified later.

Menzie.....Lieut.
S.C. I6 Aus. Inf. Bde.

Langston J. W.
W. Drum Major

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Reference :- G.S.I. 4/23/1.

Headquarters, British Forces,
Palestine & Transjordan,
Jerusalem, PALESTINE.

Serial No :- 12/40.

7th May, 1940.

This Summary is based
on information up to
5th May, 1940, approx.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL INFORMATION.

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1. GERMANY.

(a) Recently a series of reports have been received to the effect that a number of German divisions were being moved to S.E. Europe, into AUSTRIA, SOUTHERN POLAND, and the Protectorate. A high proportion of the reports which speak of reinforcements being sent to AUSTRIA seem to have been disseminated by German sources; on the other hand one or two divisions may have arrived there from CENTRAL GERMANY since the beginning of April. The total force in AUSTRIA does not appear to exceed seven divisions at present. There is more evidence of the reinforcement of SOUTHERN POLAND, possibly by four divisions, thus raising the total number of divisions in this Area to seven. In the eastern part of the Protectorate of BOHEMIA and MORAVIA there may be another four or five divisions, all of which seem to be low category divisions. It is however clear that some 14 or 15 divisions could be made available for an offensive in this Area.

(b) In the Fleet Air Arm raid on TRONDHEIM on 27th April, the Skuas shot down 4 Heinkels and damaged 5 other bombers. It is reported that the morale of the German Air Force seems low and that a superior number of their aircraft have never stood up to an attack by Skuas.

(c) The occupation of COPENHAGEN and OSLO is estimated to have produced for GERMANY about £18,000,000 gold, but this figure is not reliable. Stocks of oil captured by the Germans in DENMARK and NORWAY are estimated at 400,000 tons.

2. NORWAY.

(a) British forces in NORWAY were continually handicapped by lack of air and artillery support. Attempts to establish landing grounds at LESJESKIG failed, our aircraft being bombed by 180 enemy aircraft immediately after arrival.

/ (b)

(b) The Allied forces in NAMSOS Area re-embarked during the night of 2nd/3rd May without loss. The decision to evacuate was taken on account of the impossibility of establishing NAMSOS as an adequate base in face of continual enemy air attacks.

(c) In the NARVIK Area British, French and Norwegian forces are cooperating and gradually gaining control of all approaches to NARVIK. The Germans still hold the railway. These operations are under the command of Admiral Lord Cork. Enemy air action in this Area is annoying but not serious.

(d) SCAVANGER Aerodrome is reliably reported to be unusable and irreparable. Reports of the condition of VAERNES Aerodrome are conflicting; although the hangars are destroyed, it is probable that the aerodrome will soon be suitable for all aircraft.

(e) A total of eight German divisions have been identified up to 29th April, when the German strength was calculated to be 93,000 (3,000 at NARVIK, 25,000 in OSTERDAL-GUDBRANDSDAL Area and 43,000 in OSLO Area, balance presumably unlocated).

3. U.S.S.R.

The "Politruk" (political leader) of coast guards states that the Black Sea Fleet has 32 submarines in commission. Another source states that during exercises in February only 14 submarines took part and five of these were damaged in the process. The exercises are said to have demonstrated the low state of efficiency of the squadron personnel, showed lack of training and defects in the ships themselves, and revealed the incompetence of Soviet shipbuilding yards.

4. ITALY.

(a) It is reported that the calling up of the 1916 class was on 1st May (for one month's training) and that other classes will be similarly called up during the summer. The 1916 class will bring the total strength to over 1,400,000 of whom 1,000,000 will be trained men. Although due in March, there are still no signs of the 1917 class being released. The great majority of men in the Italian Army are between 20 and 23 years of age.

(b) A recent tour by an authoritative observer in the Area EMILIA - MILAN - TURIN disclosed no exceptional air movements, and no unusual activity at aerodromes. Activity in aircraft factories was normal. Anti-aircraft defences appeared to be negligible and in MILAN and TURIN A.R.P. organisation was virtually non-existent. Certain squadrons, which had been called up have now been released and staff officers in the MILAN Area have been granted leave. The general impression gained was that the Italian Air Force was not ready for war and that the people did not want it.

(c) Count Ciano has declared that for the present ITALY has no wish to disturb the peace, and that she was carrying out her obligations to GERMANY by propaganda only.

(d) About the middle of April ITALY bought 20,000 tons of copper in the U.S.A., half of it for May - June delivery and the other half over the rest of the year. While the quantity is not very substantial, the arrangements suggest an expectation that the Mediterranean will remain open for the rest of the year.

(e) In the Italian Navy there has been no change from the attitude of expectant readiness, but no reinforcements of local naval forces at outlying stations have taken place. Naval wireless traffic continues to be normal.

/ 5. YUGOSLAVIA.

5. YUGOSLAVIA.

The Army strength is now 350,000, which represents an increase of 50,000 over the maximum figure reported on 24th April.

6. EGYPT.

(a) The Egyptian military authorities have suggested to the British military authorities that more active measures are urgently needed to counteract wide spread propaganda by the Italians in LIBYA designed to foment anti-British feeling among Arabs and Moslems in NORTHERN AFRICA. They propose to take certain steps themselves and suggest in particular that something be done to counter Italian lies describing the oppression to which the British are subjecting Moslem people. This is further evidence that the Egyptian authorities are not disposed to follow too closely their Ally's policy of avoiding any action, even of a defensive nature, which the Italians might possibly construe as offending their susceptibilities.

(b) The strength of the Egyptian Air Force on 1st April, 1940, was :-

PERSONNEL.

Officers.	...	...	150.	(including officers under training and 4 non-flying.)
N.C.O. Pilots.	...	...	46.	
Technical O.Rs.	...	...	770.	
Non-technical O.Rs.	...	...	780.	
Civilian employees.	...	...	770.	
<u>Total all ranks.</u>			<u>2,526.</u>	
British personnel	...	...	38.	(6 officers and 32 N.C.Os. of the Air Wing, British Military Mission.)

AIRCRAFT.

Bomber Reconnaissance.	...	...	46.
Bomber transport.	...	...	3.
Fighters.	...	...	36.
Trainers.	...	...	70.
<u>Total.</u>			<u>155.</u>

7. IRAQ.

(a) Sayid Rasid Ali's position is too delicate for him to take any steps to remove the senior officers who oppose his policy (for instance regarding the release of prisoners) nor will he be able to get rid of a large number of junior officers whose pro-Nazi views are well known. At the same time, he is reported to be afraid of the dominant influence of General Taha, and his fears in this respect are encouraged by Jamil al Madfai who, though temporarily in retirement, has a strong interest in bringing about the downfall of the General, if he can.

It is reported that the status of the Mufti in BAGHDAD appears / higher than ever,

higher than ever, and he frequently appears in public amongst the highest in the land. He is regarded by all as indispensable in the ultimate solution of the PALESTINE question. It may or may not be coincidence that his increasing prominence in BAGHDAD public life coincides with the definite increase of anti-British sentiment.

D. Wilson Capt
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
British Forces in Palestine & Transjordan.

DISTRIBUTION :- As per Serial No. 16/40 dated 22nd April, 1940, as amended in Serial No. 17/40 dated 30th April, 1940.

SOME NOTES ON THE POLITICAL SITUATIONIN THE BALKANS.1. BULGARIA.

(a) There are signs of still further improvement in relations between BULGARIA and TURKEY.

(b) At the end of March, 1940, the Minister of War tabled a Bill for Civil Mobilisation. This Bill vests very wide powers in the Minister. It provides for a special Directorate of Civil Mobilisation charged with the assurance of supplies, the preservation of morale, provision for soldiers' families, etc. It seems probable that although the Bill will be passed it will remain largely a dead letter. Nevertheless, should an ambitious Minister of War wish to establish dictatorial control over BULGARIA, the Bill would give him the legal opportunity.

The present Bulgarian General Staff does not appear to include any individual with strong personal ambitions.

2. ROUMANIA.

(a) It now appears that a form of amnesty has been granted to several hundred former members of the Iron Guard and sympathisers with that movement who, not actually guilty of any specific charge, had been under police control as a precautionary measure. The amnestied persons have given an assurance of their loyalty and have declared their disapproval of the pro-German policy of Codreanu. Terrorists wanted by the police or already in prison on terrorist charges will not be amnestied.

The King is said to be fully aware of the risks of this amnesty and the pardoned men are being carefully watched.

(b) A competent observer is of the opinion that the Roumanian General Staff still underestimate the dangers of the minority situation, in particular the German minority. He considers that in the event of a German attack on Roumania sabotage and other Fifth Column activity in Roumania would be even more effective than it was in Poland. According to a Roumanian source, there are about 40,000 persons in the oilfields areas who, in case of war could take action to help Germany.

With regard to other minorities, an observer believes that the Ukrainian minority are so bewildered by events in Poland that although a German promise to create a new Ukrainian State might have some effect it would not be sufficient to cause the Roumanian Ukrainians to take up arms against Roumania. Nevertheless, the Roumanian Government are reported to be watching Ukrainian activities closely; and one Ukrainian leader thinks that the Roumanians are preparing to open concentration camps for Ukrainians.

Apart from the German element, the Bessarabians appear quite unorganised. Almost entirely peasants, they have never previously shown any signs of being capable of organising a dangerous subversive movement.

It is not clear to what extent the Hungarian minority is organised but it is known that organisations do exist and from time to time arms have been seized. It is thought that in the event of a Russian attack on Roumania the Hungarian minority would fight with the Roumanians. In the event of a German attack, however, the Hungarians would probably side against the Roumanians. The Roumanian police believe that they have the Hungarian minority situation well in hand.

/ (c)

(c) A Bucharest message of 10 April, published in the Turkish press, says that the possession and carrying of arms, all war material and photographic apparatus is forbidden to all strangers in Roumania, who must surrender any such articles within three days or, if arriving with any of them at the frontier, deposit them.

Another Bucharest message of the same date said that all permis de sejour had been cancelled and will be harder to obtain in future. Professional men will be granted such permits only with the consent of the Ministry concerned. Permits will be granted to other persons in accordance with existing arrangements between Roumania and the country of origin of the individual concerned.

It will be interesting to note how these two regulations are applied and especially to see if they will be used to decrease the number of Germans at present in Roumania.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE
-----1. NORWAY.

(a) In the afternoon of 9th April, H.M.G. decided to give full support to the Norwegians and advised them to destroy Stavanger Aerodrome. The Norwegian C.A.S. replied that it was then too late to carry this out as the aerodrome was in German hands. Telephonic communications with outlying parts of Norway had already been severed before the Germans occupied Oslo. The ground defences of Fornebu (Oslo) aerodrome, were machine-gunned and bombed by the Germans before their troop carriers landed. The landing began at 0200 hrs. on the 9th April and by 0800 hrs. some 2000 troops are said to have been deplaned. The Norwegian forces were taken by surprise before they could mobilise and it was reported that all fighter aircraft, supplies and stores were lost.

(b) An estimate of the German Air Forces employed in Norway up to 18th April is as follows :-

- (i) 250 first line operational aircraft including Ju.87's, Ju.88's, He.111's, Me.110's, Me.109's, Do.17's and Hs.114's.
- (ii) 100 coastal aircraft including Do.18's, He.115's and He.114's.
- (iii) 250 to 300 transport aircraft, chiefly Ju.52's (some on floats) though miscellaneous types, such as Ju.90's, Condors, Ha.139's etc. may have been employed.

2. GERMAN ATTACKS ON SHIPPING.

An analysis for the four months December to March of the form of attacks made on shipping is interesting. The most successful has been found to be the torpedo attack by submarine, as these attacks are made without any warning. In December and January 100% of ships thus attacked were sunk, and in February and March, 70%. Gunfire from submarines accounted for only 33% in December and January and none in February and March. Examination of air attacks shows a steady decrease in effectiveness. In December 17% of ships attacked when sailing alone were sunk and 11% damaged. In January this fell to 12% but 16% were damaged. In February only 2% were sunk, though 22% were damaged, and in March 2% were sunk and 5% damaged. The chief cause of the falling off in effectiveness of air attacks was undoubtedly due to the arming of the ships and trawlers. Convoys were attacked on twenty-three occasions in these months. No ships were sunk and only 2 damaged.

2/1 Bn Training Instruction

Coy Exercise - 8 May 40

1. Directing Staff

Director - Lt Col K.W. Eather
Assistant Director - Capt D.R. Jackson

2. Umpires & Staff

Chief Umpire - Major W.G. Adams
Enemy - Major G.F. Hooper
1 Pl - Lieut G.W. Mann
2 Pl - " M.C. Kennedy
3 Pl - " N.W. Craig
M.G. Pl - " O.B. Moriarty
M. Pl - W.O.L. D.P. Delves
Clerk - Bn G Clerk
7 runners - C Coy

Umpire (O.C. Enemy), and Q.M. will assemble at C.Os tent at 0600 hrs 8 May and will accompany directing staff to location of the exercise.

T.O. will arrange transport to report at same time in front of officers mess.

3. Exercise

The exercise which will be carried out by D Coy and attached tps, one carrier pl, one mortar sec and one A.A. pl, is planned to practise details of a coy attack and particularly correct operational procedure in a coy.

4. Enemy

(a) Role - active

(b) Composition - C Coy
Int Sec
One Carrier Pl
One M Sec

(c) Enemy will carry blank amm and mirrors to simulate fire.

5. Intercomm

(a) Continuous comm by L/T will be maintained between D.S. H.Q. and enemy umpire (Sigs)

(b) V/T between D.S. H.Q. and umpires (Sigs)

(c) A runner will be attached to each umpire (C Coy)

(d) Red and Blue screens will be carried by all sub units with an umpire. Umpires will carry similar flags and wear white arm bands.

6. Administrative

(a) Dress - battle order

(b) Equipment - D Coy and attached tps will be equipped to War Establishment.

(c) Transport - The following allotment of transport is made -

D Coy - establishment
C " - 12 cwt truck
One carrier pl - 1 carrier
2 - 15 cwt trucks

- 2 -

M Pl - Establishment
A.A.Pl - "
Director - one 8 cwt truck.

(c) Meal - lunch in the field.
Water bottles will not be refilled.

E. J. Jansson

Capt

Adjutant 2/1 Bn

M Pl - Establishment

A.A.Pl - "

Director - one 8 cwt truck.

(c) Meal - lunch in the field.
Water bottles will not be refilled.

M Pl - Establishment

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Director - one 8 cwt truck.

GDH.

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x 2nd AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.,
JULIS CAMP.
9 May 40.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2/1 Bn.
- 2/2 Bn.
- 2/3 Bn.
- 2/4 Bn.

S E C R E T.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FOSTER UNITS FOR 2nd CONVOY.

Attached hereto, copy of Administrative
Instruction No. 35 of 8 May 40, issued by H.Q., Adv.
6 Aus. Div.

J. Kenzie.....Lieut.

S.C. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.

*Bay Adams
for action
[Signature]*

6 Aus Div.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 35.INSTRUCTIONS TO FOSTER UNITS
FOR 2nd CONVOY.

1. GENERAL - The object of this instruction is to set out the tasks of Foster Units so as to ensure the 2nd Convoy arriving in their Camps and settling down with the maximum of speed and the minimum of discomfort.
2. DATE AND TIMES OF ARRIVAL. - The date of arrival is not yet known; but the first day of arrival is expected to be 16 May. The order of arrival is not yet known; but units will arrive on two days. The first train each day will arrive at GAZA at approx. 0600 hrs and the last about 1400 hrs.
3. STORES AND TENTAGE. - These will have been drawn by all foster units by 10 May. All tents are to be erected by 12 May.
4. RATIONS. - Indents for rations are being prepared by A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div. Rations for consumption on the day of arrival of units will be delivered to foster units on the preceeding day. The meat issued will consist of preserved meat and meat loaf. Otherwise the ration will be normal.
5. FIRST MEAL. - Foster units will arrange to have a meal appropriate to the hour of arrival ready for units one hour after arrival in Camp.

Cooks, who will be provided by foster units, will use the equipment of the incoming unit for this meal. On its completion all this equipment will be cleaned and laid out ready to be taken over by the incoming unit.

Officers' and Sgts' messes will draw their food from the men's kitchens. Incoming Units will be responsible for collecting this from these messes. In this connection tea is NOT being served at GAZA as with the 1st Convoy.

6. PREPARATION OF EQUIPMENT. - To facilitate checking by incoming units, stores will be packed conveniently. Only essential stores will be distributed throughout the Lines. These include cooking gear for first meal, tables and forms in messes, any equipment from Ordnance or Aus. Comforts Fund for A.A.C.I. or recreation rooms, and latrine buckets.

All cooking utensils will be thoroughly cleaned before the arrival of units. All Ice containers are to be made fit for use. The first delivery of Ice will be on the day before arrival of units.

7. DETRAINMENT - (a) The detrainment places of certain units are:-

H.Q. 6 Aus Div	}	GAZA
A.I.L. Sec		
2/2 Aus Gen Hosp		
2/1 C.C.S.		
Special Dental Units.		
H.Q. Aus Overseas Base	}	MAJDAL
2/8 Bn		

(b) For all other units the trains will be halted at the respective camp sites and personnel and baggage will be detrained there.

8. MOVE FROM DETRAINMENT PLACE. (a) For the units mentioned in para 7(a) buses for personnel and lorries for baggage will be arranged by this H.Q. to move them to their camp sites.

(b) For other units personnel will march to their own Lines. Transport for baggage will be provided by foster units from the transport provided in each camp, vide Adm Inst No.33. This transport must be waiting at the detraining place prior to the arrival of the train.

(c) Guides will be provided at detraining places or debussing places by foster units to lead personnel, by the best route, to their lines.

9. STRENGTH OF FOSTER UNIT PARTIES. - On the day; but prior to the hour, of arrival of units, the strength of foster unit parties will be reduced to one officer and one section or its equivalent, exclusive of cooks, i.e. One N.C.O. and seven men in each lines.

Foster unit Q.M's will also remain. Cooks will march out after cleaning up after the first meal.

These parties will remain for three clear days and march out on the fourth day. They must be fully conversant with the lay-out of the Lines and be prepared to act as advisers to the incoming units. They will be rationed and accommodated by the incoming units, but foster units are responsible for seeing that the accommodation selected is likely to be suitable to the incoming unit.

10. TRAFFIC CONTROL. - As far as possible units will reduce traffic on the road GAZA-QASTINA South of the road to MAJDAL R.S. during the arrival of units, and the subsequent arrival of their baggage.

11. CONSERVANCY SWEEPERS. - Foster units will engage six conservancy sweepers per lines.

C. Wasey.
Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

Gaza
8 May 40

Distribution List "B" for
Units now in Palestine.

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ADDENDUM TO ADM INST NO. 35.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FOSTER UNITS.

1. Units of 2nd Convoy will arrive in the GAZA Area on 18 and 19 May 40, in accordance with Appendix "A", Railway Time Table, attached.
2. Foster Units, except 2/1 Aus Gen Hosp will ensure that a reception officer is present at the detraining point at least half an hour before the time of arrival of trains. The reception officer at GAZA will be Capt NORRIS, Adv 6 Aus Div.
3. This H.Q. is unaware of allotment of 40 and 46 L.A.Ds to Units. These L.A.Ds will detrain as shown in Appendix "A". If 46 L.A.D. is not in its correct camp 2/1 Fd Coy will arrange to send it by road to its proper camp after having provided a meal. 40 L.A.D. will be sent by road from GAZA to its correct camp by the reception officer GAZA.
4. C.R.A. 6 Aus Div and Comd 17 Aus Inf Bde will arrive by air at GAZA Aerodrome. Foster Units will arrange for one of the cars detailed in Adm Inst No. 33 para 22, to be at the Aerodrome to pick up these officers. Time of arrival will be notified later.

L. Casey
Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

GAZA.

15 May 40.

Distribution - List "B".

ARRIVAL OF 2nd CONVOY - 1st DAY

APPENDIX "A"

UNIT SERIAL NO.	UNIT	OFFRS	O/Rs	TOTAL	DETRAINING POINT	TIME OF ARRIVAL	OF DEPART.	REMARKS
142	2/7 Bn	40	803	843	BEIT JIRJA	0815	0900	
134	H.Q. 6 Aus Div	11	97	108	GAZA STN	0815	0850	Personnel By bus to GAZA TOWN) Tpt
170	A.I.L. Sec	1	6	7	"	0815	0850	Personnel by bus to GAZA TOWN) arr-
191	3 Special Dental Unit	1	4	5	"	0815	0850	Personnel by bus to GAZA RIDGE) ang-
195	2/2 Aus Gen Hosp	25	200	225	"	0815	0850	Personnel by bus to GAZA RIDGE) ed
135	H.Q. 6 Aus Div R.A.A.	4	20	24	DEIR SUNEID	0915	0930)	) by Div
136	" " " " R.A.E.	2	31	33	"	0915	0930)	HQ.
138(a)	Dets 6 Aus Div Prov Coy		9	9	"	0915	0930)	
139(A)	Comdr 17 Inf Bde, B.M. & Batmen.	2	2	4	GAZA for BEIT JIRJA		)	Transport provided by foster unit vide 6 Aus Div Admin.
148	6 Aus Div Pet Coy A.A.S.C.	5	231	236	BARBARA	0945	1010)	Instn. No. 35 para 8.
141	2/6 Bn.	40	813	853	BEIT JIRJA	1120	1200)	Personnel by buses arranged by Div H.Q.
156	2/1 C.C.S.	11	95	106	GAZA STN.	1145	1200	
138	6 Aus Div Pro Coy	1	53	54	DEIR SUNEID	1220	1240)	
150	46 L.A.D.	1	11	12	"	1220	1240)	Transport for baggage by foster units vide 6 Aus Div Admin.
139	H.Q. 17 Aus Inf Ede	5	63	68	BEIT JIRJA	12 45	1300)	Instn. No. 35 para 8.
140(a)	2/5 Bn		1	1	"	1245	1300)	Personnel by buses to QASTINA Tpt arranged by Div H.Q.
143(b)	Dets 2/8 Bn	2	40	42	MAJDAL	1315	1355	Personnel by buses to JERUSALEM Tpt arranged by Div H.Q.
133	H.Q. Aus Overseas Base	7	84	91	"	1315	1355	
140	2/5 Bn.	30	799	829	BEIT JIRJA	1530	1615)	
196	Inf & Gen Base Depot	7	60	67	DEIR SUNEID	1620	1635)	
137	2/2 Fd Amb.	12	250	2 62	BEIT JIRJA	1640	)	Transport for baggage provided by foster units vide 6 Aus Div Admin Instn No. 35 para 8.
144	2/2 Fd Coy.	8	248	256	"	1640)	

ARRIVAL OF 2nd CONVOY - 2nd DAY.

APPENDIX "A"

UNIT SERIAL NO.	UNIT	OFFRS	O/Rs	TOTAL	DETRAINING POINT	TIME OF		REMARKS.
						ARRIVAL	DEPART.	
143(a)	2/8 Bn	38	771	809	MAJDAL	0730	0800	Personnel by buses to QASTINA) Tpt A.G.H. Surgeon to detrain at) arr- GAZA. Personnel by buses to) ang- GAZA RIDGE.) ed
192	4 Special Dental Unit	1	3	4	GAZA STN.	0815	0830	
149	40 L.A.D.		10	10	GAZA STN.	0815	0830	Personnel to be moved by bus.) by to correct camp.) Div HQ.
153	2/2 Fd Regt	29	594	623	BEIT JIRJA	0905	0945	
175	2/11 Bn.	40	823	863	KILO 89	1105	1145	
187	2/1 Conv Depot	7	40	47	GAZA STN.	1145	1200)	Personnel by buses to GAZA RIDGE Transport arranged by Div H.Q.
193	5 Special Dental Unit	1	4	5	"	1145	1200)	
195(a)	Medical Details Aus Gen Hosp.	7	29	36	"	1145	1200)	
145	Dets Sigs 6 Aus Div	1	31	32	KILO 89	1205	1220)	Transport for baggage provided by Foster Units vide 6 Aus Div Admin Inst No. 35 para 8
186	Dets 2/1 M.G. Bn.	2	67	69	"	1205	1220)	
138(b)	Dets 6 Aus Div Prov Coy		16	16	DEIR SUNEID	1235	1300)	
177	Sec 2/3 Fd Coy	1	68	69	"	1235	1300)	
148(a)	Dets 6 Aus Div Pet Coy A.A.S.C.	2	52	54	BARBARA	1315	1330)	
133(a)	H.Q. Aus Overseas Base	2	8	10	MAJDAL	1335	1345	Personnel by buses arranged by Div H.Q.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 33.

Arrival and Accomodation of 2nd Convoy in GAZA Area, PALESTINE.

Ref Map 1/100,000 Series GAZA; and PALESTINE Motor Map 1/500,000.

REAR PARTIES ON SHIPS.

1. The following personnel will not disembark at KANTARA, but will proceed in the ship and disembark at PORT SAID.

- (a) All members of A.A.N.S., Masseuses & V.A.D's.
- (b) All sick unfit to travel by train.
- (c) A rear party of 1 off. & four N.C.O's per unit to assist in checking unit equipment when landed at PORT SAID.
- (d) The officer per ship mentioned in para 2.
- (e) 1 N.C.O. & 2 O.R. 2/2 Aus Gen Hosp as stated in para 3.

EQUIPMENT USED ON TRANSPORTS.

2. Certain training stores, clothing, hospital stores & S.A.A. were issued to O.C. Troops each ship in Aus. O's C. Troops will arrange for all these stores to be collected into suitable groups prior to the disembarkation at Kantara. They will also detail an officer, in addition/rear party officers, to accompany these stores to Port Said, where a member of the A.A.O.C. will come aboard. This officer is to be in possession of the Aus issue vouchers for these stores. The A.A.O.C. representative will check and take over the stores from the officer detailed.

STORES 2/2 AUS GEN HOSP.

3. All stores of 2/2 Aus Gen Hosp are being stored in PORT SAID and will NOT be brought to PALESTINE. C.O. 2/2 Aus Gen Hosp will detail one N.C.O. and two O.R's to remain in PORT SAID with these stores. Their duty will be to assist in the safe custody of the stores and to attend to their maintenance.

METHOD OF ARRIVAL IN PALESTINE.

4. Troops will arrive by rail from KANTARA. Stores are unlikely to reach GAZA Area for some days. Officers will bring their camp kit on the train with them.

With the exception of personnel of H.Q. Aus Overseas Base and 2/8 Bn, who will detrain at MAJDAL and personnel of H.Q. 6 Aus Div A.I.L. Sec, 2/2 Aus Gen Hosp and 2/1 C.C.S./who will detrain at GAZA, all personnel will detrain at a railway stopping place immediately alongside their camp. Members of the A.A.N.S., Masseuses and V.A.Ds will NOT disembark at KANTARA but will proceed to PORT SAID from where they will travel to GAZA by ordinary train. Sick unable to travel will disembark at Port Said and be evacuated to MONSCAR Gen Hosp.

CAMP SITES.

5. (a) With the exception of H.Q. 6 Aus Div and H.Q. Aus Overseas Base, units are located in a series of seven large camps each of which is divided into three or more "Lines" each of which accomodates a major unit or two or more small units. Each of these lines is named as set out in Appendix "A". A key plan of the camps is set out in Appx "B". H.Q. 6 Aus Div is in GAZA Town and H.Q. Aus Overseas Base is in JERUSALEM.

(b) The names of camps and the allotment of units to them for all units of A.I.F. are set out in Appx "A". In the case of some of the smaller units it will be seen that either part of their "Lines" is already occupied or that other units are still to arrive in the 3rd Convoy. In the latter case the allocation of accomodation must be based on this.

MOVEMENT FROM DETRAINING PLACES.

6. (a) Personnel who detrain at GAZA and MAJDAL Railway Stations will be moved to their camp by M.T.

(b) Personnel who detrain elsewhere than at GAZA & MAJDAL Railway Stations will march to their camps. Transport will be provided for baggage.

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& 2/1 Conv Depot

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CAMP COMMANDERS.

7. (a) The following are appointed Camp Commanders:

GAZA RIDGE	C.O. 2/1 Aus Gen Hosp
KILO 89	C.O. 2/11 Bn.
DEIR SUNEID	C.R.A. 6 Aus Div
BEIT JIRJA	Comd 17 Aus Inf Bde
BARBARA	C.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div.
QASTINA	C.O. 6 Aus Div Recce Regt

(b) Where more than one unit occupies the same lines in a camp the Camp Comd will appoint an O.C. of these lines.

ACCOMODATION.

8. Certain essential buildings e.g. cookhouses, washing places, offices, stores, institutes(see para 12) and officers' and sgts' messes have been erected. The remainder of the accomodation is tented. Buildings must not be wrongly appropriated. A plan showing the layout of each 'Lines' and the purpose of buildings therein will be available at the H.Q. office of each Lines. The types of tents will vary in different camps. Advance Parties of units will advise the number of personnel to be allotted to tents. All tents will have been erected before arrival of units, by units of Adv 6 Aus Div.

ADVANCE PARTIES.

9. All items of camp equipment will be in unit lines and except for certain units will have been taken over by an officer of the unit marching in. These officers have been selected by Adv 6 Aus Div from amongst those officers who have been attending courses in PALESTINE. All units will arrange for their own Q.Ms to take over the stores as soon as possible. A small detachment of an Australian Unit is in each of the camps and will remain for three clear days after arrival of 2nd Convoy units in camps. The officers, N.C.O's and men of these detachments are available to give assistance in assimilating local information, methods and customs. These detachments will be attached for rations and accomodation and will march out on the fourth day.

RECEPTION IN CAMPS.

10. Attached as Appendix "C" are Instructions for Os C Trains, which give full details of the action necessary at detraining places and up to the time of arrival in camps.

BLANKETS.

11. Included in the stores which will be found in Unit Lines are two blankets per man. These with the one carried by the man complete the issue scale of three per man.

CANTEENS AND INSTITUTES.

12. The Australian Army Canteen Institute, known as A.A.C.I. will have established an institute in each of the lines being occupied, other than H.Q. Lines, in each camp. Managers of these canteens will have been appointed prior to arrival of units.

RECREATION ROOMS.

13. There are two recreation rooms in each Lines. These will have been provided with tables & chairs by the Aus Comforts Fund.

GUARDS.

14. Guards, vide 6 Aus Div G.S. Instruction No 6, para 6, will be mounted as soon as possible after arrival. A guard room with accommodation for prisoners is erected in one Lines in each Camp Area.

SECURITY.

15. Attention is drawn to 6 Aus Div G.S. Instruction No.6, particularly para 10. Any tendency in the early stages for men to wander away from camp singly must be stopped. After arriving in unit camps units will carry out an inspection of all

/of all

rifles and pistols on issue to personnel.

PASSES FOR EMPLOYED CIVILIANS.

16. Civilians employed in camps will NOT be in possession of passes when units arrive. Camp Commanders will arrange for applications from these civilians to be submitted to H.Q. 6 Aus Div not later than third day after arrival. Copies of application forms will be sent to Camp Commanders on day of arrival. Full details regarding this are set out in 6 Aus Div G.S. Inst No. 5.

INTERPRETERS.

17. Arrangements have been made for an interpreter to be provided for each Lines, incl H.Q. Lines. These will be sent to units by H.Q. 6 Aus Div after arrival of units in camp. In accordance with the terms of their agreement interpreters are entitled to be treated as Sgts. The conditions of employment of interpreters will be issued later.

COMPENSATION.

18. The area surrounding the camps is under close cultivation and the crops will not be cut until about the end of June.

A compensation organization is established which consists of :-

- Area Billeting Officer at H.Q. 6 Aus Div.
- Bde Compensation Officers at H.Q. Aus Inf Bdes and R.A.A. 6 Aus Div.
- Unit Compensation Officers with each Lt-Col's Command.
- and other units as may be necessary.

Unit Compensation Officers will be available for ordinary regtl duty. Instruction in their duties to the above will be given under arrangements to be notified later.

It is important that movement of units, tpt, and individuals through crops be confined to a minimum essential for training purposes. Neglect of this will only lead to claims for compensation.

MEDICAL.

19. A camp hospital is established at each Camp. Sick requiring admission to Hospital from units will be evacuated to these hospitals, where normally patients will be held for only one or two days. The staff of 1 Offr, 6 O.Rs and patients of these camp hospitals will be rationed and fed under arrangements made by Camp Comds. Sick who cannot be treated or maintained in Camp Hospitals will be evacuated to 2/1 Aus Gen Hospital GAZA RIDGE.

DOGS.

20. Rabies is prevalent in Palestine and consequently no dogs are to be kept in camp. All ranks are to be warned against trying to attract stray dogs, of which there are many.

SUPPLIES

21. Instructions regarding supplies are issued separately in 6 Aus Div Administrative Instruction No. 34.

TRANSPORT.

22. The following transport will be available in camps under the control of the Camp Comd. An A.A.S.C. Officer will be in charge of the vehicles:-

GAZA RIDGE	1 Car or Van 1 3-ton hired lorry.
KILO 89	2 Cars or Vans 2 3-ton hired lorries.
DEIR SUNEID	3 Cars or Vans 1 3-ton hired lorry

BEIT JIRJA

2 Cars or Vans
5 3-ton hired lorries.

QASTINA

Local transport, as required, will be made available by Camp Comdr.

This transport is apart from that required for transporting tps and baggage from GAZA Station to GAZA RIDGE and from MAJDAL Station to QASTINA and is intended for local running only..

GUARDS ON OTHER LINES.

23. Foster units will continue to find guards on unoccupied lines until the fourth day after arrival of units. On that day they will be relieved by Guards detailed by Camp Comds except at DEIR SUNEID where the foster unit will remain until arrival of the 3rd Convoy. These Guards will be merely for the protection of the Camps and Stores therein. They will have no responsibility as regards drawing or accounting for stores.

TRAFFIC CONTROL.

24. The rule of the road in Palestine is keep to the right; Speed limit on camp roads 15 m.p.h. All ranks particularly drivers M.T. are to be informed. Every consideration will be given to stock and animals using the roads. The use of the horn is essential in Palestine. The main road GAZA-QASTINA is in many places in a bad state of repair and in these areas great care must be exercised.

SUMMER CLOTHING.

25. An issue on the following scale will be made by Aus Overseas Base on the day after arrival in camp of units:

Shorts, K.D., prs	2
Shirts, khaki	2
Stockings, khaki, prs	2

Full supplies of stockings have not been received and it is probable that the available stocks will not permit of an issue of even one pair per man. Personnel not issued with stockings will wear socks which will be worn rolled over the tops of the boots.

All necessary indents will have been prepared by Aus Overseas Base.

CURRENCY.

26. It is important that all Australian currency be exchanged for Palestinian currency at the earliest possible moment. To enable this to be done and at the same time enable immediate purchases to be made at A.A.C.I. which will NOT accept Aus currency, exchange offices will have been opened in unit lines as under:-

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Location of Exchange Office</u>	<u>Units for which exchange effected.</u>
GAZA RIDGE	Pay Office of 2/1 Aus Gen Hosp	All units arriving in camp.
KILO 89.	Pay Office 2/11 Bn.	All units arriving in camp.
DEIR SUNEID	Office of 6 Aus Div Pro Coy	All units arriving in camp
BEIT JIRJA.	Pay Office 2/2 Fd Regt Pay Office 2/5 Bn. Pay Office 2/6 Bn. Pay Office 2/7 Bn. Bde H.C.	2/2 Fd Regt. 2/5 Bn. 2/6 Bn. 2/7 Bn. (17 Aus Inf Bde H.C. (2/2 Fd Coy. (2/2 Fd Amb.
BARBARA	Office Div Pet Coy	All units arriving in camp
QASTINA	Pay Office 2/8 Bn	2/8 Bn.

These exchange offices will be open from the time of arrival of the units they serve until 1800 hrs that day and from 1000 hrs to 1800 hrs for the next two days. Units will ensure that by that time all Aus Currency, both personal and regimental, has been changed.

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All necessary indents will have been prepared by Aus Overseas Base.

CURRENCY.

26. It is important that all Australian currency be exchanged for Palestinian currency at the earliest possible moment. To enable this to be done and at the same time enable immediate purchases to be made at A.A.C.I. which will NOT accept Aus currency, exchange offices will have been opened in unit lines as under:-

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Location of Exchange Office</u>	<u>Units for which exchange effected.</u>
GAZA RIDGE	Pay Office of 2/1 Aus Gen Hosp	All units arriving in camp.
KILO 89.	Pay Office 2/11 Bn.	All units arriving in camp.
DEIR SUNEID	Office of 6 Aus Div Pro Coy	All units arriving in camp
BEIT JIRJA	Pay Office 2/2 Fd Regt Pay Office 2/5 Bn. Pay Office 2/6 Bn. Pay Office 2/7 Bn. Bde H.C.	2/2 Fd Regt. 2/5 Bn. 2/6 Bn. 2/7 Bn. (17 Aus Inf Bde H.C.) (2/2 Fd Coy.) (2/2 Fd Amb.)
BARBARA	Office Div Pet Coy	All units arriving in camp
QASTINA	Pay Office 2/8 Bn	2/8 Bn.

These exchange offices will be open from the time of arrival of the units they serve until 1800 hrs that day and from 1000 hrs to 1800 hrs for the next two days. Units will ensure that by that time all Aus Currency, both personal and regimental, has been changed.

Foster units will arrange for an armed man to be on duty at each exchange office whilst it is open.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

27. (a) Telephone exchanges will have been erected at all camps and will be manned by units as shown:-

KILO 89	Sigs 6 Aus Div
DEIR SUNEID	H.Q. R.A.A.
BEIT JIRJA	H.Q. 17 Aus Inf Bde.

These exchanges provide for intercommunication within Camps and, through GAZA TOWN, between camps and with military telephone system of PALESTINE. Arrangements are to be made for these exchanges and the telephones which will be found in most unit lines to be manned on a 24 hour basis as soon as units arrive in camp.

(b) The whole of the system has been installed and will be maintained by PALESTINE Posts and Telegraphs. No unauthorised extensions will be made nor will installations be interfered with.

(c) Details of daily D.R.L.S. Service are set out in Div R.O. 412/40 dated 9 May.

(d) Unit code names will be used in all signal messages. Code cards will be issued to units as soon as possible after arrival in camps.

MAIL.

28. All outward mail will be franked and censor stamped within units and will be delivered to vehicles of Sup Coln for delivery to 6 Aus Div Postal Unit, BARBARA Camp. Mail for despatch by sea need not be stamped; but full postal charges for Air Mail letters must be paid by the sender. The charge for air mail to Australia is 60 mils per 2 grammes (1/3 oz). Stamps are available in A.A.C.I. institutes.

Inward mail will be received by 6 Aus Div Postal Unit who will arrange for its delivery to units with daily supplies.

Full instructions regarding mail are contained in 6 Aus Div Adm Inst No. 22.

Rules for Censorship in PALESTINE form an attachment to 6 Aus Div G.S. Inst No. 8.

ORDERS & INSTRUCTIONS.

29. Copies of 6 Aus Div Principal Divisional Routine Orders issued between 18 Feb. & 5 May as well as copies of all Divisional Instructions which are still current will be found in the office of every unit.

REGTL. CONTRACTORS.

30. In Palestine a system of Regimental Contractors is in force. The contractor provides various services including barbering and laundering at agreed prices and pays a percentage rebate to the unit. So that these services may be available when units arrive a temporary contract for a period of two months has been entered into for all new units arriving. A copy of the contract will be available in unit lines.

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A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

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LOCATION OF UNITS.

APPENDIX "A".

A.I.F. in PALESTINE.

<u>Name of Camp.</u>	<u>Name of Lines.</u>	<u>Units.</u>
GAZA TOWN	-	Adv H.Q. 1 Aus Corps. H.Q. 6 Aus Div. 6 Aus Fd Cash Office. Adv Adm H.Q. A.I.F.
GAZA RIDGE	HOWSE	2/1 Aus Gen Hosp. Adv Depot Med Stores.
	FETHERSTON	2/2 Aus Gen Hosp.
	BARBER	3, 4, and 5 Spec Dental Units. # 2/1 C.C.S. 2/3 Aus Spec Hosp. (personnel) 2/1 Conv Depot.
	WILLIAMS	2/3 Aus Spec Hosp (Wards Only)
KILO 7089	H.Q.	H.Q. 18 Aus Inf Bde. Sig Sec. L.A.D.
	HERRING	2/9 Bn.
	RYRIE	2/10 Bn.
	HOLMES	2/11 Bn.
	SQUIRES	Sigs 6 Aus Div - less Inf & Arty L.A.D. Secs. 2/3 Fd Amb.
	HEANE	2/1 M.G. Bn. and L.A.D.
DEIR SUNEID	H.Q.	H.Q. R.A.A. 6 Aus Div. H.Q. R.A.E. 6 Aus Div.
	BRIDGES	2/1 Fd Park Coy. 42 L.A.D. 2/3 Fd Coy. 2/1 Fd Hyg Sec. 6 Aus Div Pro Coy.
	ANDERSON	2/5 A.Tk Regt. Sig Sec. L.A.D.
	BURGESS	2/3 Fd Regt. Sig Sec. L.A.D.
BEIT JIRJA	H.Q.	H.Q. 17 Aus Inf Bde. Sig Sec. L.A.D.
	GLASGOW	2/5 Bn.
	ELLIOTT	2/6 Bn.
	ROYSTON	2/7 Bn.
	GRIMWADE	2/2 Fd Regt. Sig Sec. L.A.D.
	LEGGE	2/2 Fd Coy. 2/2 Fd Amb.

<u>Name of Camp.</u>	<u>Name of Lines.</u>	<u>Units.</u>
BARBARA	ROSENTHAL	H.Q.A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div. Div Sup Coln. Div Pet Coy. 6 Aus Div Postal Unit.
	WISDOM	Div Amm Coy. 6 Aus Div Amm Sub Pk. Inf & Gen Base Depot.
	COXEN	Aus Base Ord Depot 2/1 A.Fd Wkshop. Div Sec Ord Fd Park.
JULIS	H.Q.	16 Aus Inf Bde. Sig Sec. L.A.D.
	MONLISH	2/1 Bn.
	GODDARD	2/2 Bn.
	GELLIBRAND	2/3 Bn.
	HOBBS	2/1 Fd Regt. Sig Sec. L.A.D.
	LEANE	2/1 Fd Amb.
QASTINA	H.Q.	H.Q. 19 Aus Inf Bde. Sig Sec. L.A.D.
	BRAND	2/4 Bn.
	MAGLIGAN	2/8 Bn.
	CANNAN	2/12 Bn.
	CHAUVEL	6 Aus Div Recce Regt. Sig Sec. L.A.D.
	FOOTT	2/1 Fd Coy. (Also R.E. units for training),
GAZA AERODROME	-	A.I.L. Sec.
JERUSALEM	-	H.Q. Aus Overseas Base.

Temporarily until allotted by SDO to camp hospitals.

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AMENDMENTS.

to

6 AUS DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 33.

1. Para 28 - Line 5, for "2 grammes" read "10 grammes".
2. APPENDIX "A"
 - (a) Opposite DEIR SUNEID Camp, BRIDGES Lines, insert "Inf and Gen Base Depot".
 - (b) Opposite BARBARA Camp, WISDOM Lines, delete "Inf and Gen Base Depot".
3. APPENDIX "B" - Is amended to conform to the Amendments to Appendix "A".

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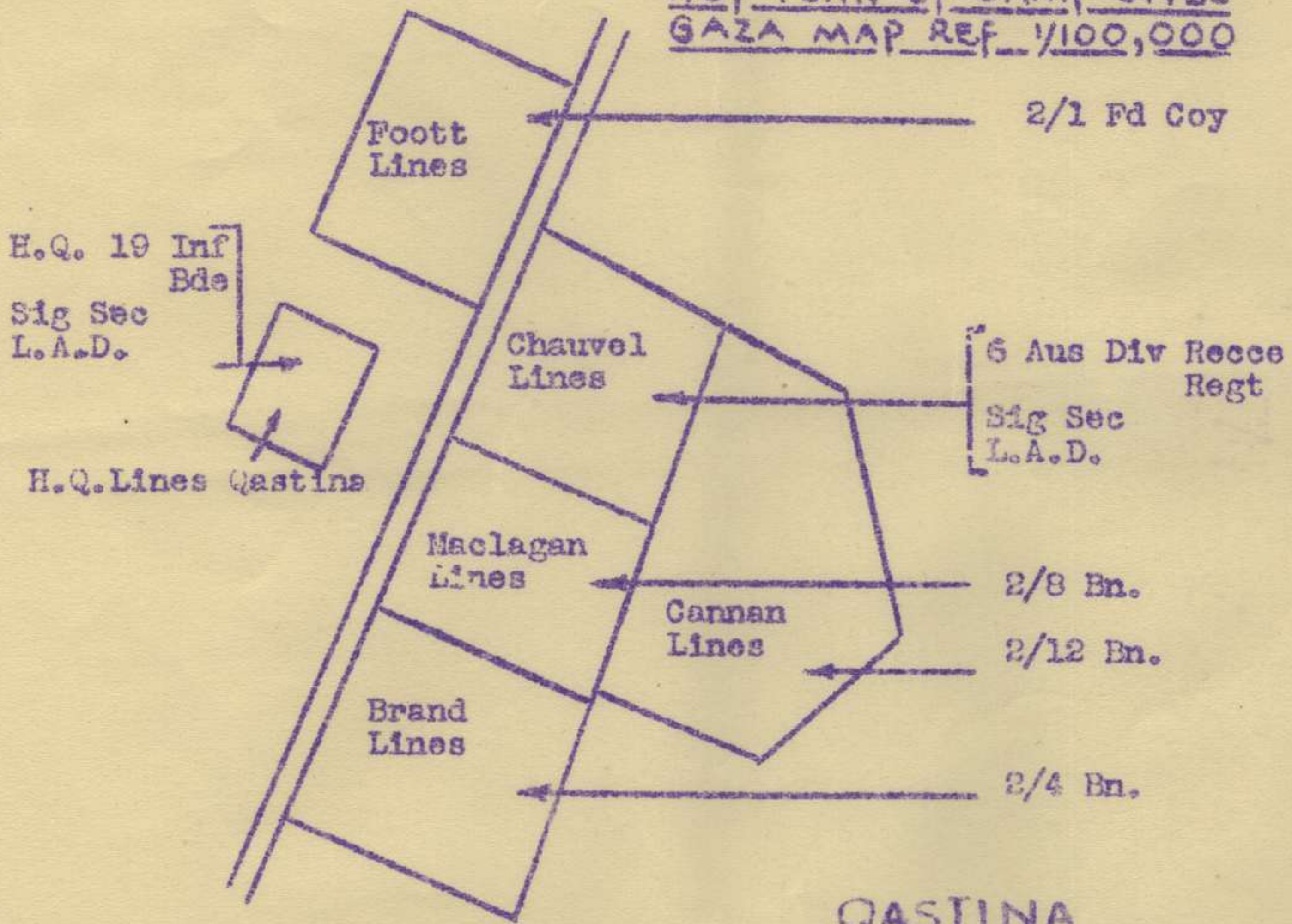
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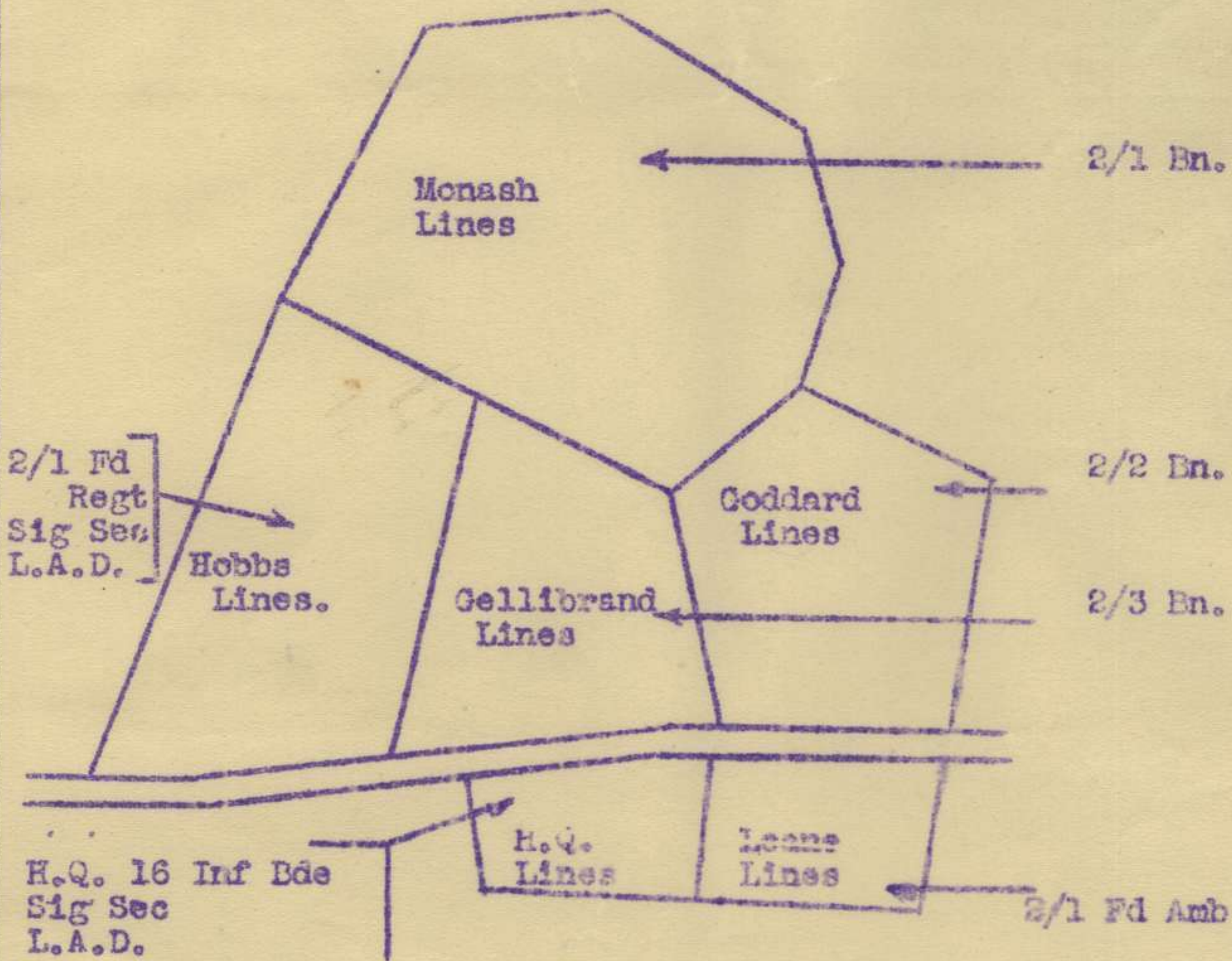
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Opposite DEIR SUNEID Camp, BRIDGES Lines, for "2/1 Fd Park Coy"
read "Inf and Gen Base Depot"

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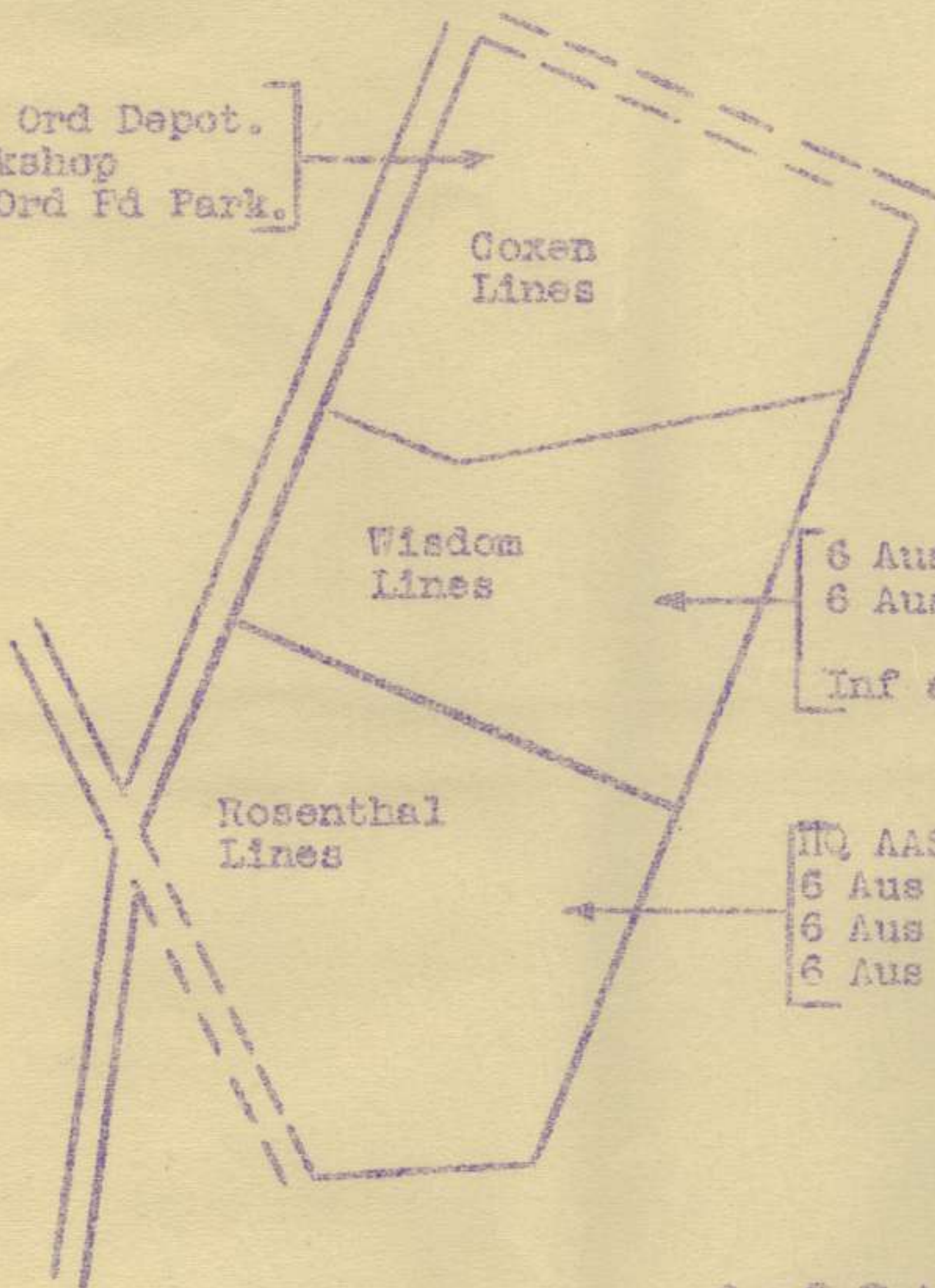


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 2/1 A Fd Wkshop
 Div Sec Ord Fd Park.



6 Aus Div Amn Coy.
 6 Aus Div Amn Sub
 Park
 Inf and Gen Base Depot

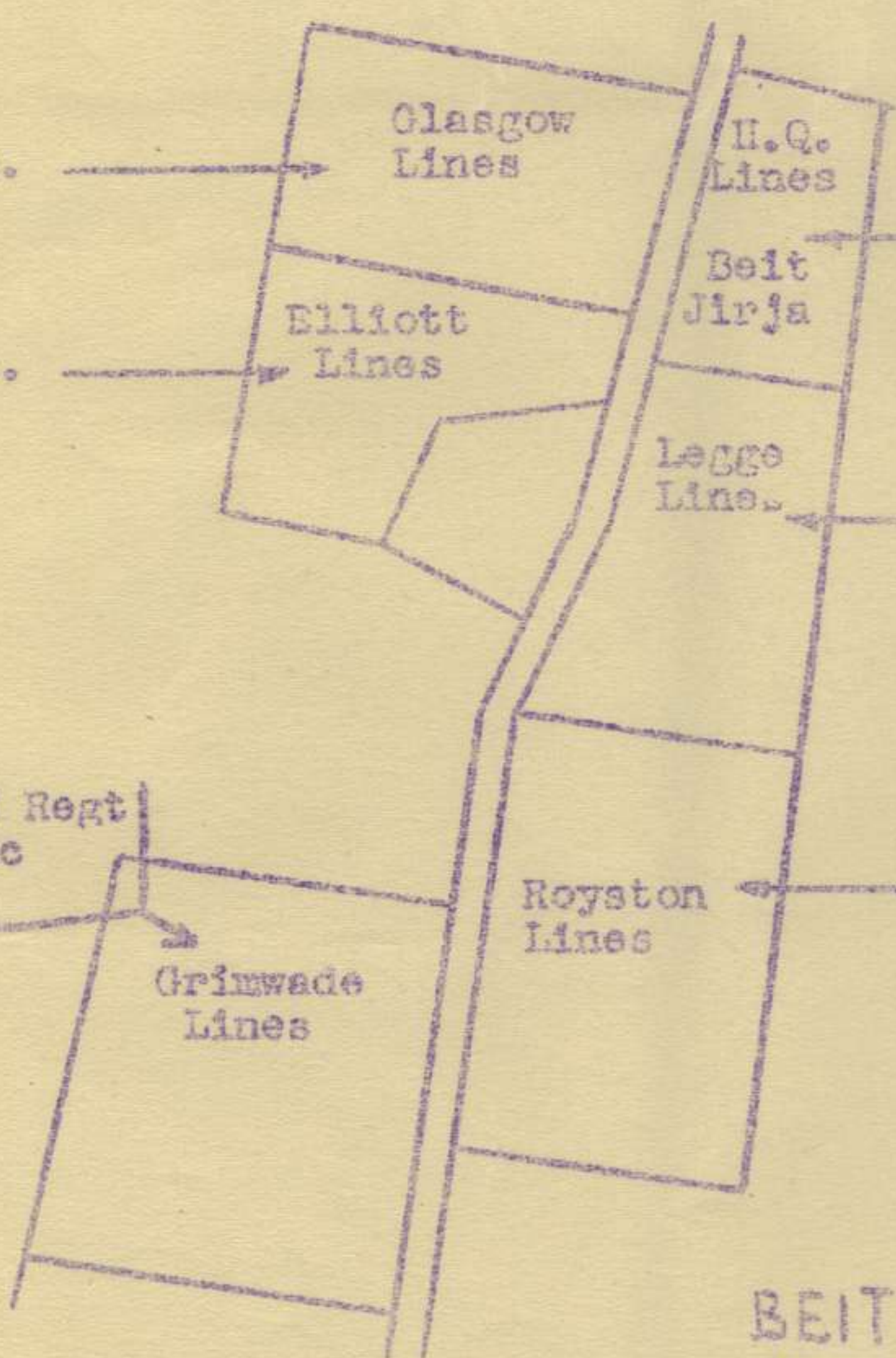
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 6 Aus Div Sup Coln.
 6 Aus Div Pet Coy.
 6 Aus Div Postal Unit

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2/6 Bn.

2/2 Fd Regt
 Sig Sec
 L.A.D.

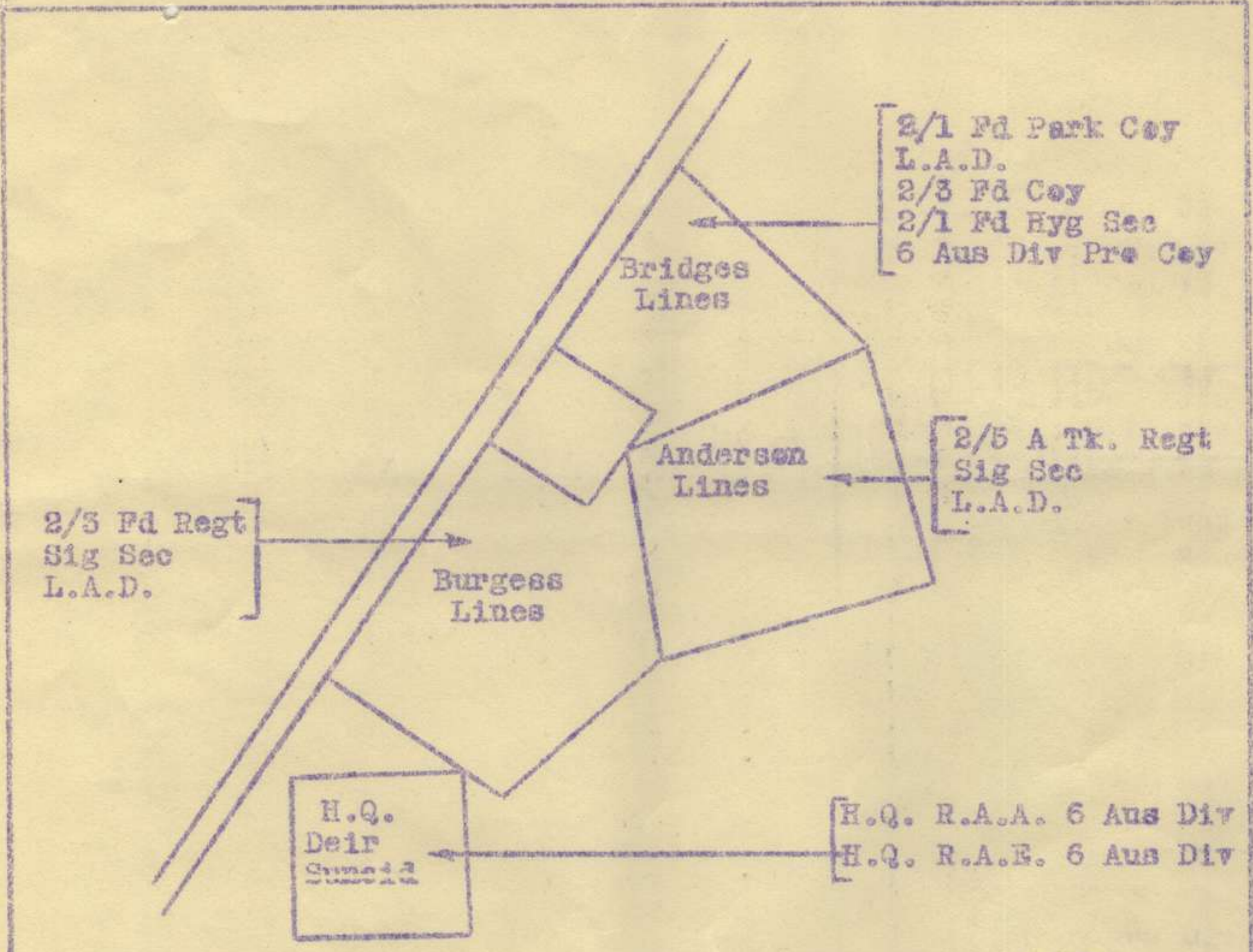


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 Sig Sec.
 L.A.D.

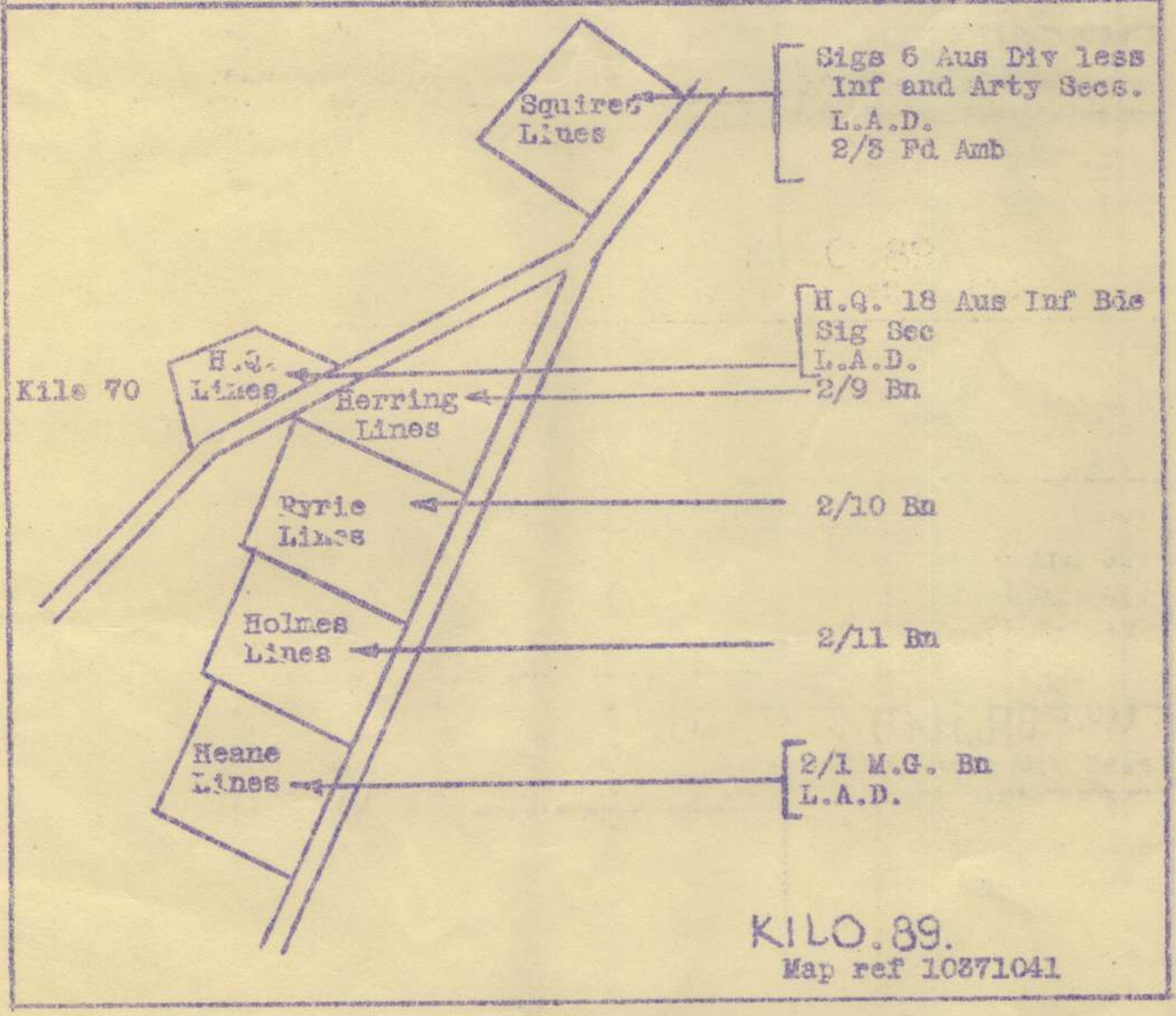
2/2 Fd Coy.
 2/2 Fd Amb.

2/7 Bn.

BEIT JIRJA
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DEIR SUNEID
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KILO 89.
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APPENDIX "C"

INSTRUCTIONS TO O's C. TROOP TRAINS 2ND CONVOY.

GENERAL.

1. The first scheduled stop in Palestine will be at GAZA for 5 minutes for trains proceeding NORTH except when personnel are detraining at GAZA.
2. The duration of the journey from KANTARA to GAZA is approx. 5 hrs.
3. The distance from GAZA to MAJDAL is approx 24 kilos or 20 mins straight run.
4. On leaving GAZA personnel in trains will prepare themselves for detraining.

MEDICAL.

5. Sick requiring evacuation will be cleared at GAZA when a medical officer and ambulance cars will be in attendance.

BAGGAGE.

6. The following principles will apply to the stowing of kit bags, but the R.T.O. KANTARA will give detailed instructions for each train.
 - (a) In trains which are complete with one unit or units detraining at the one destination, kit bags will be stowed in the vans of the trains.
 - (b) In all other cases kit bags will be taken by personnel into the compartment.
 - (c) In all cases the sea kit bag will be taken by personnel into the compartment.
 - (d) Officers' kit will be placed in the van. When there is more than one unit on the train arrangements for separate stowing must be made.

DETRAINMENT.

7. In all cases detraining of personnel and baggage will be carried out as quickly as possible. Troops will detrain and fall in with their backs to the train on a line to be indicated by the reception officer.

UNITS MOVING BY M.T. AFTER DETRAINMENT.

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| 8. | H.Q. 6 Aus Div
2/2 Aus Gen Hosp
2/1 C.C.S
2/1 Conv Depot
A.I.L. Sec
--- | } | Detrain at GAZA |
| | H.Q. Aus Overseas Base
2/8 Bn. | } | Detrain at MAJDAL |

UNITS NOT MOVING BY M.T. AFTER DETRAINMENT.

9. All other ranks will detrain at points along the railway line adjacent to their camp areas. Those points will be clearly marked by a board showing the name of the camp, (vide Appx. "A")

PROCEDURE DETRAINING POINTS.

- 10.(a) At all detraining places units will be met by an R.T.O., a Reception Officer and guides.

(b) Their functions are:-

R.T.O. - is in charge of everything to do with the train and detraining.

RECEPTION OFFICER - takes over responsibility once the personnel are clear of the train and is in charge of embussing or movement.

GUIDES. - will lead Units to their lines.

(c) As soon as the R.T.O. has reported to you that he is ready for the men to detrain (but not before) personnel will detrain with full equipment and kit bags that are in their possession.

(d) As soon as all personnel have detrained at the last stopping place, the officer, who will have been detailed at KANTARA to take over the train, will inspect it with the R.T.O. or his representative.

BAGGAGE PARTIES.

11. (a) A baggage party will be told off beforehand to handle officers' kits and all baggage other than in the possession of personnel. This baggage party will immediately proceed to unload baggage etc. from the train into the load carrying vehicles.

(b) Baggage parties will travel in the compartment nearest to the van of the train and will move with the baggage lorries to unit lines.

(c) On arrival in unit lines they will proceed to unload the vehicles immediately.

(d) A baggage officer will be appointed for each unit whose duty it will be to ensure that baggage etc. is loaded into the correct vehicles. He will familiarise himself with the units destination.

BUS MOVEMENT FROM GAZA AND MAJDAL STATIONS.

12. (a) All personnel will take into the bus with them both kit bags and equipment.

(b) Officers and men will be told off in parties of 24 each of which will form a bus load.

(c) When the whole train load is reported to you as being told off, you will order bus parties to move off. The senior of each bus load will ensure that his complement get into the foremost vacant bus allotted to his unit.

*18 B.*2nd AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCESH.Q. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.,
JULIS CAMP.
9 May 40.DISTRIBUTION:2/1 Bn.
2/2 Bn.
2/3 Bn.
2/4 Bn.
Bde T.O.PERSONNEL TO MEET 2nd CONVOY.

1. Personnel as under will be required to proceed to EGYPT for the duties shown in connection with the arrival of the Second Convoy, A.I.F.

(a) Officers to join ships at SUEZ.

The following officers will join the ships shown at SUEZ and travel therein to KANTARA:

<u>Ship:</u>	<u>Officer Detailed:</u>
Y.1	Lieut. Greville - Aus. Corps Sig.
✓ Y.2	Major Chilton - 2/2 Bn.
Y.3	Major Eather - Sigs. 6 Aus. Div.
Y.4	Major Morrison - 6 Aus.Div. Recce. Regt.
✓ Y.5	Major Goodwin - 2/3 Bn.

These Officers will be required to deliver to O.C. Troops the administrative instructions connected with their arrival in PALESTINE; but their chief task will be to give to O.C. Troops and other officers the "local picture" of the GAZA Area and to supplement the instructions by explanations where necessary and by answering the many questions which are sure to be asked. These officers will attend a conference at Adv. 6 Aus. Div. H.Q. at 1100 hrs. 11 May.

(b) Personnel to assist with stores at PORT SAID.

Personnel will be detailed to proceed to PORT SAID as follows:-

Unit:Party:

H.Q. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.	1 N.C.O.
2/1 Bn.	1 Offr., 1 N.C.O., 13 O.Rs.
2/2 Bn.	1 Offr., 1 N.C.O., 13 O.Rs.
2/3 Bn.	3 N.C.Os., 12 O.Rs.
2/4 Bn.	1 Offr., 1 N.C.O., 12 O.Rs.

The tasks of the party will be:-

- (i) To assist in the protection of stores from ship to lighter, lighter to quay, and quay to rail;
- (ii) The provision of escorts on all goods trains conveying stores and vehicles from PORT SAID to PALESTINE.

These personnel/

*Lt. M. Plurson
9th Coy. 6 Coy.*

These personnel will arrive in PORT SAID 48 hrs. before the arrival of the convoy and will be accommodated under arrangements made by O.C. Troops PORT SAID. They will travel armed and will take blankets, mosquito nets and personal kit.

They will probably be required in PORT SAID for about 10 days after the arrival of the convoy.

(c) Personnel for duty at KANTARA.

6 Aus. Div. Pro. Coy. has detailed 8 O.Rs. for police duty, and 4 O.Rs. to act as guides will be drawn from these H.Q. These personnel will work under the direction of Movement Control, KANTARA, who will arrange for their accommodation.

They will arrive at KANTARA the day before the Convoy and will return when all personnel have entrained. They will carry arms, blankets, mosquito nets and personal kit.

2. Arrangements for the move to EGYPT of all the foregoing personnel will be made by Adv. 6 Aus. Div., and units concerned notified as soon as possible; but the final notice may be short and arrangements are to be made accordingly.
3. Personnel selected for these duties must be reliable and suited to their tasks.

Amherst
.....Lieut.

S.C. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.

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Headquarters,
British Forces in Palestine & T.J.
JERUSALEM, PALESTINE.

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10th May, 1940.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE - PALESTINE & TRANSJORDAN.

Map References :-

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	Palestine Administrative Map, 1936.	1:250,000.
For Transjordan and Syria	Haifa and Jerusalem Sheets, GSGS. 3903.	1:250,000.
	Amman and Ma'an Sheets, GSGS. 3932.	1:500,000.
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POLITICAL SITUATION.

64. Arab. Reference paragraph 56 of Summary, Serial No. 9/40. Sheikh Abdul Qader Muzaffar and Abdul Rauf Bitar are now reported to have come to an understanding concerning the formation of a new political party. Discussions are now going on regarding the nomination of a President and Secretary. Abdul Ahmed Shuman has promised to support the party and try to bring in Ahmed Hilmi Pasha. However, it is not very probable that Ahmed Hilmi will cooperate as he is sore at his failure to form a group under his own personal leadership, and is reported to be devoting himself to the affairs of the Arab Bank and avoiding politics.

From various sources it appears that efforts are being made by interested parties to persuade other members of the former Arab Higher Committee to return. Two letters intercepted in censorship addressed to Auni Abdul Hadi show that he is being encouraged to return on the grounds that several strong leaders are now required to lead the Arabs out of their present economic and political morass. A sentence in one letter reads "people have weakened from their hope, and now are cursing those who were the cause, and are ill-disposed towards those who hold patriotism as a thing to buy and sell and the standard of leadership has become lower than it was before in PALESTINE". It is probable that counter pressure is being exercised by the Mufti to prevent the return of further members. Some months ago Dr. Hussein Khalidi is reported to have stated that the Committee had agreed that none of its members should return unless the Government granted a general amnesty and allowed the Mufti to return at their head. Ahmed Hilmi Pasha's defection was the first blow to this unity and the subsequent return of Alfred Rock, Fuad Saba, Yakoub Ghussein, Rashid el Haj Ibrahim and Abdel Latif Saleh has virtually destroyed it. It is therefore natural that the Mufti should try to prevent further backsliding and to keep some semblance of a representative movement amongst the exiles who otherwise would degenerate into a mere Husseini ramp.

Great efforts have been made, sometimes accompanied by threats, to cause the new Society of Ulema (mentioned in last Summary) to be still-born. The strongest opposition, quite naturally, came from members of the Moslem Supreme Council. Sheikh Yacoub Azbaki had proposed to hold a meeting of the Society of Ulema in the Neqshabandiyah Mosque but is reported to have shelved it indefinitely owing to threats of bodily harm from agents of the Mufti. Another meeting which Sheikh Saoud el Uri had proposed to hold in JERUSALEM was likewise postponed.

His Highness the Emir Abdullah is shortly to leave on a visit to TURKEY. It is reported that this visit is largely in connection with his ambition to become the King of a united PALESTINE and TRANSJORDAN, with perhaps SYRIA thrown in. It appears that the French authorities have asked particularly that he should not visit DAMASCUS where preparations had begun towards organising a tumultuous welcome for him. It is more than probable that one of the reasons for his request to visit TURKEY is that he wishes to impress the Turkish and British Governments' with his importance as a negotiator in the field of international politics.

In connection with the statement in the last Summary that His Highness had tried without success to secure the support of certain PALESTINE newspapers for his campaign for the throne of united TRANSJORDAN and PALESTINE, information received here does not support this statement. The visit of Yussuf Hanna (Falastin), Ibrahim Shanti (Difaa), and Abdullah Qalqili (As-Sirat Al-Mustaqim) was not at the request of the Amir. It appears that it is an annual event for newspaper representatives from PALESTINE to visit His Highness at the beginning of the financial year in order to see if they can get any backsheesh out of him. This year His Highness, profiting by past experience, which had taught him that lump-sum subsidies only produced flash-in-the-pan results, announced that his subsidies would take the form of small periodic instalments. Hanna and Shanti were disappointed and returned to PALESTINE, but Qalqili stuck to the Amir until he had secured a promise of a large number of subscribers and a lump sum payment in the near future. Thus if the statement referred

/ to above emanated

to above emanated from either "Falastin" or "Difaa" it would seem to be a case of "sour grapes". Since the representatives met His Highness and returned to PALESTINE, the Amir is reported to have sent Mohammad Pasha Al-Onsi, Rais Diwan to His Highness, to see "Falastin" and promise it a monthly payment as well as an increased number of subscribers and an honorary correspondent in AMMAN. Dawood Al-'Issa is said to have accepted the offer and to have arranged to visit AMMAN on 4th May to collect a first instalment, after which pro-Abdullah articles will appear in his paper.

An extremely active campaign is being carried out at the moment by the Press of all the Arab States to force the British and French Governments to alter the terms of reference of their Military Courts and to allow the return of the Mufti to PALESTINE. The fact that the French Military Court in DAMASCUS has ordered the re-trial of seven Syrians previously sentenced to death, has been hailed as a great victory for this united Arab campaign.

The Egyptian Government relief for the afflicted of PALESTINE has arrived in the country in the form of £5,000 cash and £20,000 worth of clothing and food to be distributed by the Egyptian Consul General. This is the first large donation made by an Arab Government which has been made in such a way as to hold out some hope that it will be of some real benefit to the poor Arabs of PALESTINE without reference to Party.

Jew. Opinion in the Jewish Agency seems to be sharply divided between the supporters of David Ben Gurion, who advocate an uncompromisingly intransigent attitude towards the Government, and a more moderate section who council patience and the shelving of major Jewish claims for the duration of the war. Ben Gurion has gone to LONDON to discuss matters with Dr. Weizmann at the latter's request. Whilst in LONDON he has added his weight to the campaign for the raising of combatant Jewish units. Jabotinsky, the leader of the New Zionist (Revisionist) Organisation has also been active with the same object and it is believed in some Jewish circles that success is possible and even probable. Ben Gurion's activity appears to be due to a desire to ensure that due credit is obtained by the Zionist Organisation for any success, and partly also to the hope of bolstering up his own waning prestige. In connection with the aim of forming Jewish units, efforts are also being made to discourage Czech Jews joining the Czech National forces.

//and In a report to the Jewish Agency, Mr. Shertok devotes a whole chapter to dissipating any illusions among many Jews that the outcome of the war would result in any great achievements for the Zionist undertaking. He urges that every effort should be made to find a solution for the Jewish question at the eventual peace conference. He welcomes all plans for Jewish colonisation in countries other than PALESTINE because all such plans arouse hopes at the outset, /are then doomed to failure. These failures will lead Jewish and world opinion back to the view that PALESTINE is the only country which can accommodate a large body of Jewish refugees. However, Mr. Shertok warned the council against any delusions in this respect and emphasized the fact that the Zionist political struggle depends largely on what may happen in PALESTINE itself. He asserts the practical impossibility of carrying out the White Paper policy and does not consider that Jewish immigration will cease after the admission of the 75,000 immigrants specified in the White Paper. He pointed out that during one year a third of the immigrants, which the Government had specified for 5 years, actually entered the country.

Troubles within the Vaad Leumi still continue although the proposal to reduce the executive from 18 to 6 members has been shelved for the time being. This unrest can be almost entirely attributed to intense party feeling amongst the component parts of the Vaad Leumi; although strictly speaking this body should be non-political. The representatives of the Palestine Labour Party on the council feel that they must always adopt an unswervingly militant attitude in order to maintain their prestige with the masses who judge them according to short-term results.

At a recent meeting of the Vaad Leumi the question of the establishment of an Arab national government was openly discussed for the first time. It is reported that Rutenberg's departure for Europe and United States is largely in connection with this possibility. It appears / that the question

that the question of Jewish support of Arab federation is being scouted by the Jewish Agency and it is believed that on Rutenberg's recent visit to SYRIA he discussed this question with Tewfiq Pasha Abu el Huda, representing Amir Abdullah, three French members of Parliament, the President of the Lebanese Republic and leaders of the Maronite community. At a recent meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive, Mr. Shertok spoke on the subject of federation and expressed great doubts as to the degree of practicability of the scheme, but stressed the importance of not allowing this to pass without enquiring into the possibilities of finding an outlet from the impasse in which the Palestine question finds itself if such an outlet showed any prospects of nullifying the White Paper. Generally speaking, the directors of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency seem to be ready to discuss a federal arrangement provided that the scheme assured the Jews free immigration into PALESTINE and colonisation without artificial restrictions.

May Day passed off fairly quietly on the whole although there were a few isolated incidents such as an attack by members of a Hashomer Hatzair settlement on a neighbouring moderate Zionist kibbutz, in the REHOVOT district, because the latter refused to hoist the Red Flag, whilst in HAIFA the May Day march of the Labour Parties terminated in an attack on the local Bitar Club. A feature of this year's May Day was the large number of Arabs who took part in the meetings and marches. A commentator from HAIFA however suggests that the Arabs at the meetings there displayed a far greater interest in the members of the fair sex than of the political polemics of the Labour leaders.

There appears to be no growth of anti-Allied propaganda throughout the country, but on the night of April 30th, Dr. Landauer, who had just returned from the UNITED STATES, delivered a lecture to a selected gathering of Jewish personalities mostly of Jewish Agency. The title of this lecture was "Impressions in America" but the substance was a bitter diatribe against the Allies and a most pessimistic picture of American public opinion on the war. The following may be taken as a sample of his whole talk - "the general opinion in the United States is that all the talk in Britain about saving the democratic countries is humbug. Americans know very well that Britain's real motive is to divide the treasures of the world". Dr. Landauer is a German Jew.

INTERNAL SECURITY.

65. Arab. The internal situation is satisfactory. No rebel leaders are known to be active in the country and no incidents of any political significance have occurred. Previous indication that an attempt might be made to revive rebel activity in SAMARIA and elsewhere are proved to have been unfounded. During the period the Frontier Fence has again been damaged, a stone crushing machine near TULKARM sabotaged, a railway trolley between JERUSALEM and LYDDA and a R.A.S.C. ration convoy sniped south of HEBRON. Although apparently anti-Government, such incidents are almost invariably the work of disgruntled absconded offenders acting more out of spite than from political motive. Outlaws of the same type have attempted to intimidate military court prosecution witnesses on more than one occasion recently. The inexorable course of justice resulting from the improvement in security and confidence has inevitably created or revived fassads in the villages. These fassads incidentally provide the local authorities and Arab notables with an excellent opportunity to use their influence for good by arranging peace meetings which in their turn are fertile soil for pro-Government propaganda since the assembled company is invariably put in good mood with an excellent feast. At a recent peace meeting between Madhat Abu Hantash and Hafiz Hamdulla at QAQUN (150196), Fakhri Nashashibi made a speech praising British rule which was enthusiastically received.

Recent events in NORWAY and in the Mediterranean have revived interest in Nazi broadcasts. Practically all the "whispering" is based on these broadcasts and although the lack of vigorous counter propaganda is unsatisfactory there are as yet no signs that hostility to Government is being created or increased by propaganda. The fellahin are now fully occupied with

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the harvest to the exclusion of political or subversive activity.

Jew. The confirmation and reduction by the G.O.C. of the sentences passed on the accused in the BEN SHEMEN arms case was well received on the whole.

The illegal wireless transmitter is still functioning but its effect is negligible as is that of the numerous scurrilous pamphlets, both anti-Government and inter-party, which are freely distributed.

The ugly temper of the Left Hagana was revealed by the murder of Moussa Sabatini in HAIFA on the 3rd May. Sabatini had been a C.I.D. informer and was suspected of revealing the whereabouts of Hagana arms. Public hostility towards the methods employed recently by the Hagana, and the Plugot Hapoel in particular, is rising. It is unlikely, however, that it has reached a stage at which information about illegal arms will be more freely given, because the Jewish community irrespective of political creed is virtually unanimous in approving of the holding of illegal arms. Nevertheless the murder of Sabatini shows that the Hagana will not shrink from violence and intimidation to prevent a repetition of the Ben Shemen case.

REBEL PERSONALITIES.

66. Northern Palestine.

Abdullah Kinawi - arrested by Safad police on 7th May. Responsible for several murders in Ar Rama.

Jordan Valley.

Mustapha Abu Sham - carried out an armed robbery near Beisan on 5th May.

Samaria.

Haj Suleiman Odeh - reported to be Chairman of an active branch of the Qassem Society in Firim - unconfirmed.

Abdulla Assad - reliably reported to have crossed the Jordan into Transjordan with four followers at the end of April.

Haj Turki Assab of Hedjaz - a former section leader under Aref Abdul Razzek, arrested by Tulkarm police on 1st May.

INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE.

67. There has been a further increase in incidents of a minor nature. A political murder occurred in HAIFA on 2nd May when Moussa Sabatini, a notorious bluffer and informer to both sides, was murdered by the Jewish Left Hagana. Cases of armed robbery, assault and intimidation amongst Arabs have been more frequent. Family fassad, often caused by Military Court prosecutions, is also on the upgrade. An R.A.S.C. ration convoy was sniped on the Beersheba Road on 30th April.

Amongst the Jews, minor clashes have occurred between rival parties and labour organisations.

A comparative Table of Incidents of Violence for the past eight weeks is given below :-

14/19. Mar.	20/26. Mar.	27/2. Mar/Apl.	3/9. Apl.	10/16. Apl.	17/23. Apl.	24/30 Apl.	1/7. May.
3.	9.	9.	20.	12.	13.	22.	14.

/ A summary

A summary of Incidents of Violence for the past fortnight is given below :-

24.4.40 to 30.4.40.

Murder.	...	...	2.	
A/Murder.	...	...	1.	
A/Robbery.	...	...	5.	
Sniping.	...	...	3.	(includes 2 cases of sniping against Govt. forces.)
Sabotage and Arson.	...	...	8.	
Assault and Intimidation.	...	...	3.	

1.5.40 to 7.5.40.

Murder.	...	...	3.
A/Murder.	...	...	2.
A/Robbery.	...	...	5.
Sniping.	...	...	1.
Sabotage and Arson.	...	...	2.
Assault and Intimidation.	...	...	1.

The more important incidents were :-

Murder.

25.4.40. The body of an Arab of Khan Yunis was found on Salama lands, with bullet wounds in the head.

An Arab of Bil'in was shot and killed by unknown men.

2.5.40. The body of a bedouin who had been shot was found in Wadi Shareer (Beersheba).

3.5.40. Moussa Sabatini, a Sephardic Jew, was shot and fatally wounded by unknown persons in Haifa. The murder was the work of the Left Hagana by whom Sabatini had been threatened as a "traitor".

7.5.40. An Arab of Jibya (Jerusalem) was fatally assaulted during a family quarrel.

Attempted Murder.

2.5.40. Two shepherds were shot and slightly wounded near Al Walaja village by unknown persons.

A villager was shot and wounded near Al Mughaiyir.

Armed Robbery.

25.4.40. Three armed men assaulted a villager of Anab and demanded money.

26.4.40. Eleven armed men attacked and bound four shepherds near Yanuh and drove off some cattle.

29.4.40. Three unknown armed men raided Siris village demanding money in the name of Abdulla Assad. On leaving the village they fired a number of shots.

Four armed men robbed an Arab of his donkey and £P4 near Nazla Al Gharbiya.

/ 2.5.40.

2.5.40. Three armed men stole a number of sheep from shepherds near Shafa Amr.

Mustapha Abu Sham and two other armed men robbed an Arab of £P. 5 near Beisan Railway Station.

5.5.40. Three armed men raided a store in Anin village, stole goods valued at £P. 10 and fired a number of shots.

Sniping.

27.4.40. A police patrol was sniped from the Syrian side of the frontier near El Hamme Police post.

30.4.40. Three men sniped an R.A.S.C. ration convoy near kilo 65 on the Hebron - Beersheba Road.

6.5.40. Shots were fired at a wedding party near Qusra.

Sabotage and Arson.

28.4.40. A railway trolley was derailed at Kilo 81 Jerusalem - Lydda line. One Ghaffir was injured.

29.4.40. Twenty shots were fired at a stone crushing machine at Kilo 102 road Qalqilya - Tulzarm.

3.5.40. A N.A.A.F.I. tent was burnt at Rosh Pina. Arson suspected.

8.5.40. A Jewish boot factory near Yajour was gutted by fire.

Assault and Intimidation.

25.4.40. Two shepherds assaulted by three armed men from Saffouriyya (near Ilut). Probably an attempt to intimidate military court witnesses in Ilut.

Jewish Incidents.

25.4.40. A number of Jewish labourers broke up a house in Tel Aviv. The owner was employing Arab labour in his orange grove.

27.4.40. A crowd of unemployed Jews occupied the Municipal Offices at Tel Aviv. They were forcibly ejected by the police who made several arrests.

28.4.40. Drains and water-pipes were broken in several orange groves at Binyamina following a labour dispute.

1.5.40. Members of the Hashomer Hatzair (Socialist Youth) kibbutz raided and wrecked a neighbouring Hanoar Hazioni kibbutz near Rehovot because the latter had torn down their Red Flag the previous day.

Revisionist youths stoned a party of Histadruth workers who were preparing a hall in Safad for May Day celebrations.

Arab - Jewish incidents.

25.4.40. A Jewish bus was stoned by Arabs in Jaffa - no damage.

MILITARY OPERATIONS.

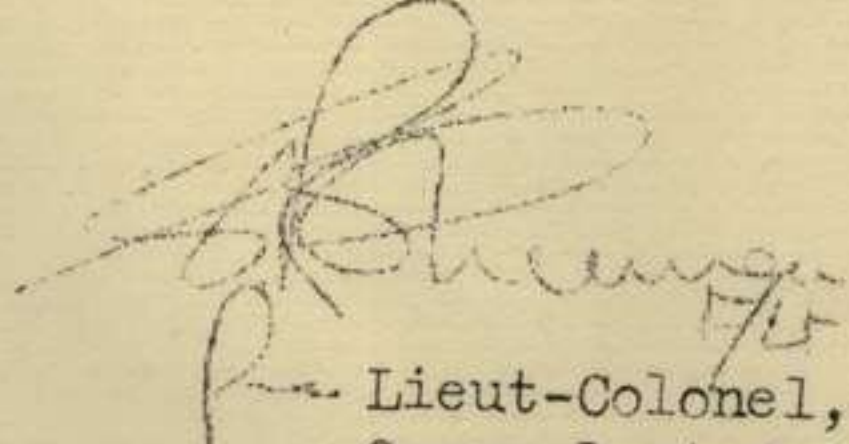
68. No military operations apart from normal patrolling have occurred during the past fortnight. On 5.5.40 Beisan police engaged six armed men. These were probably the remnants of Mustapha Abu Sham's gang which has been trying to intimidate military court witnesses in the town. Safad

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police have arrested a notorious murderer Abdulla Kinawi and in Samaria three suspected members of armed bands have been captured.

A summary of the results of Military and Police activity is given below :-

1.	Villages searched.	...	...	-
2.	Arabs reported killed.	...	...	-
3.	Arabs wounded.	...	...	-
4.	Rifles captured.	...	...	30.
5.	Shotguns captured.	...	...	4.
6.	Pistols and Revolvers captured.	...	...	18.
7.	Rifle ammunition captured.	...	...	979.
8.	Shotgun ammunition captured.	...	...	-
9.	Pistol ammunition captured.	...	...	23.
10.	Arabs arrested.	20.
11.	Explosives -			
	Captured -			
	2 Bombs.			
	50-60 kilos gunpowder.			
	1 Shell.			
	6 Grenades.			


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H = HAIFA.
J = JERUSALEM.

CASES TRIED BY MILITARY COURTS 6/4/40 to 4/5/40.

APPENDIX "A".

<u>Court & No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Age.</u>	<u>Date of trial.</u>	<u>Charge.</u>	<u>Sentence.</u>	<u>Confirmation.</u>	<u>Sentence carried out as from.</u>
H. 321.	Saad Ed Din Mustafa Saad Ed Din of ZEEB.	27.	6/4/40.	In possession of a firearm and ammunition.	Imprisonment for six months.	Confirmed conviction and sentence.	6/4/40.
H. 315.	1. Mohamed Ahmed Sarra alias Mohamed El Homeid of QAQUN. 2. Kamel Ahmad Musleh of QAQUN. 3. Mohamed Abed Fayyad of QAQUN.	32. 22. 25.	11/4/40.	All jointly - damaging property connected with the Electric Transmission Line and the Water Supply System at MERETZ "B". All jointly - in possession of firearms.	<u>Accused No. 1 & 2.</u> Imprisonment for four years. <u>Accused No. 3.</u> Acquitted.	Confirmed convictions and sentences.	11/4/40.
H. 322.	Najib Salim Ghablan of BUQEI'A.	30.	15/4/40.	In possession of ammunition.	Imprisonment for one year	Confirmed conviction and sentence.	15/4/40.
H. 324.	Jiries Eid Salameh of ZABABDEH.	40.	18/4/40.	In possession of a firearm & ammunition.	Imprisonment for three months.	Confirmed conviction but sentence reduced to Bound Over for three months in the sum of £P.20.	18/4/40.
J. 440.	1. David Barzilai. 2. Akiva Van Hotzken. 3. Dr. Max Zvi Hirsch. 4. Dr. Siegfried Leiman. 5. Dr. Dogolaisky. 6. Ben Zvi Vardi. 7. Haim Miller. 8. Haim Goldstein. 9. Israel Frankel. 10. Israel Frankenstein. 11. Dr. Samuel Zvi Hirsh Liknaitsky all of BEN SHEMEN.	40. 41. 45. 48. 41. 39. 26. 37. 37. 28. 45.	22/4/40.	Jointly with each other - in possession of firearms, ammunition & explosives.	No.1. Imprisonment for three years. No.2. Imprisonment for five years. No.4. Imprisonment for seven years. No.5. Imprisonment for five years. No.6. Imprisonment for five years. No.8. Imprisonment for five years. No.9. Imprisonment for seven years. No.10. Imprisonment for three years. Nos. 3, 7 & 11 all Acquitted.	Confirmation NOT given in respect of No. 1. who was released. Confirmed conviction in respect of the remainder but sentences reduced as under :- Nos. 2, 4 & 5 - a fine of £P. 200, £P. 400, and £P. 200 respectively. Nos. 6, 8, 9 & 10 - Imprisonment for 2, 2, 4 and 1 year respectively.	22/4/40.

<u>Court & No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Age.</u>	<u>Date of trial.</u>	<u>Charge.</u>	<u>Sentence.</u>	<u>Confirmation.</u>	<u>Sentence carried out as from.</u>
H. 325.	Said Famad El Mahmoud alias Abu Jildeh of TAMMOUN.	40.	23/4/40.	1. Discharging a firearm at a person. 2. In possession of a firearm & ammunition on 26/4/39. 3. In possession of a firearm & ammunition on 5/3/40.	Imprisonment for Life.	Confirmed conviction and sentence.	23/4/40.
H. 319.	1. Suleiman Sheikh Ahmed El Sharif of SAFFOURIEH. 2. Ibrahim Saleh Ibr. Abu Tabikh of EILOUT. 3. Mahmoud Saleh Ibr. Abu Tabikh of EILOUT. 4. Raja Ali Khalil Abu Tabikh of EILOUT. 5. Said Khader Said Abu Tabikh of EILOUT. 6. Mohamed Ahmed Mustafa Ali of EILOUT. 7. Dieb Ali El Bashtawi of MUJAIDEL. 8. Hassan Abdel Kader Mousa of EILOUT.	26. 28. 23. 19. 23. 19. 45. 20.	26/4/40.	All jointly - discharging firearms at a person.	No. 7. Acquitted. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 - Death.	Confirmed convictions but reduced sentence in each case to Imprisonment for life.	26/4/40.
H. 327.	Mahmoud Mohamed El Khaki of BEISAN.	50.	29/4/40.	1. Discharging a firearm at a person. 2. In possession of a firearm & ammunition.	Acquitted.		
J. 429.	Abdul Ayesh Abu Mayali of Sheikh Bader, JERUSALEM.	63.	30/4/40.	In possession of explosives.	Imprisonment for three years.	Confirmed conviction and sentence.	30/4/40.
J. 431.	Zaghloul Ahmed El Haj Mohammed of BEIT RIMA.	60	4/5/40	In possession of a firearm.	Acquitted.		

PARTICULARS OF A MILITARY COURT CASE TRIED ON 10/4/40, RESULTING
IN EXECUTION OF THE DEATH SENTENCE.

<u>Serial.</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Date of Trial.</u>	<u>Charge.</u>	<u>Further details.</u>	<u>Date of Execution.</u>
1.	H.314.	Abdul Karim Haj Hassan Abu Sara of DEIR AL GHUSUN.	10/4/40.	Discharging firearm at Hassan Abdul Fattah Mohamed and at Said Musa Said Ahmad and others at ZEITA on 30/7/39, 8.A(a).	Was hanged for his part in the murder of one and the serious wounding of another Jewish Ghaffir in August, 1938, and for his share in the armed robbery of a Government tax collector in July, 1939, and firing at villagers who endeavoured to protect the latter. A gangster and assassain known to have a further five murders to his credit in the TULKARM Area from which he comes, and some 25 murders in PALESTINE as a whole.	30/4/40.

2nd/1st Australian Battalion
JULIS L 1
12 May 40

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TRAINING SYLLABUS TO 18 MAY 40

Attached hereto find training syllabus
for next week as directed in Training Instructions

OK
Adjutant 2/1 Bn Capt



TRAINING SYLLABUS 2/1 Bn FOR WEEK ENDING 18 May 40

Day	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy	H.Q. Coy
Mon. 13	Camp Security JIRJA	Coy in Attack exercise ii	Preparation of slit trenches	Coy in Defence exercise ii	Preparation of grenade range and technical training -Bde Duties
Tues. 14	do	A d m i n i s t r a t i v e			Day
Wed. 15	Fostering Duties	Coy in defence and withdrawal exercises ii Night exercise Bde duties	Coy in attack exercise ii <i>2 fostering</i>	(a) Fostering duties or (b) Preparation of slit trenches	Preparation of grenade range and slit trench- hes Technical Tng <i>30 men fostering</i>
Thurs 16	Fostering Duties	Bde and Bn Duties	Bn Cadre Course	Fostering Duties	Technical Training
Frid 17	Coy in attack exercise i	Coy in Defence exercise i	do	Preparation of grenade range and slit trenches	Coy in defence exercise i
Sat 18	Coy in defence and withdrawal exercise ii	Coy in attack exercise ii	do	Bn Cadre Course	Half Coy in attack ex ii Half Coy in defence ex ii

OK [Signature]
Adjutant 2/1 Bn Capt

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

18. 161
2/1 Bn
JULIS
13 May 40

16 Aus Inf Bde

Trial Blackout 12 May 40

The following points were noticed with regard to action, more particularly within the 2/1 Bn lines during the trial blackout and are submitted for information.

1. Warning

Bde alarm was faintly heard, and picked up by the Bn alarm. The Bde alarm however was heard only by personnel in the open, and listening for it.

Due to prevailing wind, the Bn alarm though used vigorously could not be heard 100^x away.

The present form of alarm would not seem effective under all conditions. A steel alarm such as a bell, triangle or length of rail would give a more jarring note.

2. Lights

(a) Trench Fires - the glow (even reflected) from trench fires would be most obvious to air observation on a dark night - these were forgotten until late in the blackout.

(b) Vehicle tail lights

Transport movement might be given away by tail lights which glow automatically on application of brakes.


The only solution would seem to be the use of a shield, similar to a camera lens hood - this would only be effective against vertical observation.

3. Food Contamination

There would be little time to place even tinned foods under cover to safeguard them during a combined bomb and gas spray attack - this unit will construct underground gas proof, and if possible, light bomb proof, stores for reserve rations, water, and petrol.

4. Capes W.P.

Personnel of this unit were instructed to take capes W.P. on the alarm - if the action does not restrict speed of clearance from camp it is valuable practise to familiarise the use of the cape A.E.

 Lt Col

Commanding 2/1 Bn

GDH.

18B

In reply, please quote
Bde.H.Q. File 1/A/3



2nd AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.,
JULIS CAMP.
13 May 40.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2/1 Bn.
- 2/2 Bn.
- 2/3 Bn.
- 2/1 Fd. Amb.

AIR DEFENCE.

Please submit any suggestions for improving the efficiency of the Air Raid Alarm practice last night (12 May) to this office by 2000 hrs. 13 May.

I.R. Campbell
.....Major.

B.M. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.

Alarm
W.C.

GDH.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.,
JULIS CAMP.
12 May 40.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2/1 Bn.
- 2/2 Bn.
- 2/3 Bn.
- 2/1 Fd. Regt.
- 2/1 Fd. Amb.

AIR DEFENCE.

Further to this office 1/A/3 of 12 May, the following additional instructions will apply:-

1. EQUIPMENT.

On hearing the Alarm Signal all ranks will immediately put on their Steel Helmets, and carry respirators at the alert position. So as not to retard the speed of movement, the facepieces of the latter will not normally be adjusted until the troops reach their trenches. But if Gas is detected before they reach the trenches the Gas alarm will be given. Rifles will be taken to the trenches, *if no undue delay is occasioned by such action.*

- 2. From night 12/13 May, 2/3 Bn. will provide a sentry over the main switch at Junc. of Main Road and CHAUVEL CRESCENT during the hours of darkness.

A shell case alarm will be provided.

This sentry's duties will be as follows:-

(a) on hearing the Alarm Signal.

- (i) Turn off the Main Switch, and
- (ii) Sound his alarm;

(b) On hearing the All Clear Signal.

Switch on the Electric Current.

I.R. Campbell
.....Major.

B.M. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.

GDH.

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Bde.H.Q. File I/A/3

2nd AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.,
JULIS CAMP.
12 May 40.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2/1 Bn.
- 2/2 Bn.
- 2/3 Bn.
- 2/1 Fd. Amb.

A.A. DEFENCE.

Herewith Shellcase to be mounted at once as a unit Aircraft Alarm Signal. Detailed instructions will follow later today.

.....Major.

B.M. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.

*Admin Corp. at once
Shell case to be
hung on summit Bn HQs
& metal heater provided.
An admin or warning from Bde
or elsewhere alarm will be given
Troops in camp act as set out in
instruction which will be issued later
in day.*

*J.R.C. 1000hrs
12 May*

Done J.R.C.

**URGENT**H.Q. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.,
JULIS CAMP,
12 May 40.DISTRIBUTION:2/1 Bn.
2/2 Bn.
2/3 Bn.
2/1 Fd. Regt.
2/1 Fd. Amb.AIR DEFENCE.
-----1. INTRODUCTORY.

Training in air defence will receive immediate attention and will be incorporated in all schemes, whether in or away from camp areas.

2. OBJECT.

The main object of this training will be to practice the protection of personnel and equipment against air attack.

3. ORGANISATION OF CONTROL.

Bde. H.Q. is responsible for all arrangements for the air defence of JULIS Camp, and will delegate responsibility to units as stated below.

4. AIR DEFENCE MEASURES:

Air defence measures will be carried out as follows:-

(a) "Blackout". The main switch of the electrical system will be controlled by these H.Q. Units will ensure that all other lights in the area are doused. Particular attention will be paid to civilian employees.

(b) Dispersal. On hearing the "Air Raid Alarm Signal", (see para. 10), units will disperse in accordance with the following procedure:-

(i) Personnel - under unit arrangements; to areas shown on (P) on Diagram "A";

(ii) Vehicles - Vehicles will be driven out of camp areas in accordance with attached diagram "A", and dispersed under unit arrangement.

Areas to which they are to disperse to will be prearranged by units and all concerned must know their whereabouts and the route to them.

(c) Fire Control Arrangements - organised by units.

(d) Organisation of First Aid Parties. Unit M.Os. will make unit arrangements and consult 2/1 Fd. Amb. in

connection with any assistance required.

- (e) Arrangements for anti-gas protection of food and water. Bde.H.Q. will be responsible for protection of main water tank near 2/2 Bn. Offrs' Mess.
- (f) Digging slit trenches will be commenced at once under unit arrangements and later shelters will be prepared on a plan to be arranged by these H.Qrs. Slit trenches located in (P) areas.
- (g) A.A.L.M.G. posts will be dug at points indicated on attached Diagram A. Two guns will be located at each point.

*Cancelled by
Bde memo
date 17 June.*

5. MEDICAL.

Casualties will be evacuated as follows:-

- (a) 2/1 & 2/2 Bns. to 2/1 Bn. Sgts' Mess (See "A" on Diagram "A"); Diagram A1;
- (b) Bde. H.Q., 2/1 Fd. Regt., 2/3 Bn. & 2/1 Fd. Amb. l. to Camp Hospital.

6. DECONTAMINATION.

Units are responsible for:-

- (a) Decontamination arrangements will be organised in conjunction with the medical arrangements;
- (b) Making arrangements for decontamination of vehicles and clothing; and
- (c) Indenting for anti-gas clothing and equipment, if not already submitted.

7. GENERAL.

Those units in possession will study "Protection Against Gas and Air Raids, Pamphlet No. 3- Passive Air Defence" for relevant details.

9. PRACTICE ALARMS.

(a) Any aircraft appearing over camps during the hours of darkness will be treated, for purposes of practice alarms, as hostile aircraft. On NO account will they be engaged by fire.

(b) Aircraft ALARM signal will not be sounded before 2100 hrs. 12 May; but it is to be expected at any time thereafter, and units will be prepared to act in accordance with the above instructions.

10. ALARM SIGNALS.

(a) Alarm Signal. One empty 18-pr. shell case has already been issued to each unit as an Anti-Aircraft alarm signal, and arrangements will be made for unit alarms to be sounded on hearing the Bde. alarm, which is also an empty shell case. The shell case will be hit continuously with some iron rod for 3 minutes, or longer if the unit Offr. responsible is not satisfied that all personnel of his unit have heard and appreciated the signal.

air sentry

3.

(b) All Clear Signal. The "All Clear" whistle signal (succession of short blasts) will be sounded by Bde. H.Q. when the hostile attack is over, and unit will repeat.

L.R. Campbell
.....Major.

B.M. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.



2nd AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 2d Aus. Inf. Bde.,
JULIS CAMP.
14 May 40.

DISTRIBUTION:

2/1 Bn.
2/2 Bn.
2/3 Bn.
2/4 Bn.
2/1 Fd. Regt.
2/1 Fd. Amb.

AIR DEFENCE.

As a result of the suggestions submitted by units to improve the efficiency of the Anti-Aircraft Defence Measures, the following additional instructions are issued in connection with this matter:-

(1) TRACK FOR 2/2 Bn. TPT.

Permission is given for 2/2 Bn. to use track leading via 2/2 Bn. A.A.C.I. and round western side of orchard behind 2/2 Bn. kitchens for dispersal of tpt. in addition to that indicated on Diagram "A" issued previously.

(2) BLACK OUT.

The Main Switch has been repaired, and it now controls effectively all lights (incl. street lights) in Camp.

(3) SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS RE RIFLE BOLTS.

As there is little likelihood at present of parachutists being landed at a camp of 3500 men, and as there will be 24 Bren Guns in positions of readiness in Camp, it is not considered essential in this case for each man to take his rifle into the trenches, and as speed in reaching the trenches is paramount, it will not be advisable to issue rifles if any undue delay is occasioned thereby.

(4) REAR BRAKE LIGHTS.

(a) Drivers of Morris trucks will remove the bulb.

(b) As it is at least $\frac{1}{2}$ hr's. work to remove the bulb from Chevrolets and Fords, C.C., 45 L.A.D. is investigating the installation of a special "stop light switch". Further instructions regarding this matter will be issued later.

(5) FLASHING TORCHES & SMOKING.

From a plane flying as high as 3,000 ft., the position of troops can be clearly located if troops are smoking.

In view of this fact strict instructions will be given that no smoking or flashing of torches are to be permitted, and heavy penalties are to be awarded for any infringement of this order.

(6) TRENCH FIRES.

Arrangements will be made to cover or extinguish all trench fires.

Sgt Officer

Coy

Cooks

KDE

(7) FOOD DECONTAMINATION.

*RR Coy
to construct*

It will be too late, in most cases, to protect food from gas contamination after the alarm has been sounded. One unit notifies that it is constructing an underground gasproof, and if possible, light bombproof shelter for stores of reserve rations, water and petrol.

(8) ALARM SIGNAL.

*notify
all Coy*

Efforts are being made to obtain a Siren, but in the meantime all M.F. vehicles are to sound their horns (series of short blasts) as soon as the nearest Shell Case Signal is heard, or when they hear other M.F. horns being sounded in the above way. As a shell case is located in Eds. H.Q. Tpt. lines, it is hoped this Alarm Signal will be more satisfactory.

(9) GROUND SHEETS, FIELD DRESSINGS & FILLED WATER BOTTLES.

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A suggestion has been made that ground sheets be taken to the trenches by each man as a protection against possible gas spray, and that Field Dressings and filled water bottles be also taken.

Where these articles are convenient to the men, they will be taken to the trenches.

(10) A.A.L.M.G. POSTS.

A/A pl.

A.A.L.M.Gs. will not be mounted as shown in Diagram "A" until the Alarm is sounded.

J.R. Campbell
.....Major.

B.M. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.

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Reference :- G.S.I. 4/23/1.

Headquarters, British Forces,
Palestine & Transjordan,
Jerusalem, PALESTINE.

Serial No :- 19/40.

14th May, 1940.

This Summary is based
on information up to
9th May, 1940, approx.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL INFORMATION.

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1. GERMANY.

- (a) Divisions now identified total 189.
- (b) The Turkish General Staff estimate that there are 15 German divisions, partly armoured and partly motorised, on the Yugoslav frontier. The Yugoslav General Staff state that more German troops have arrived in the area north and east of VIENNA and in the area south of CRACOW. This information is not confirmed.

2. NORWAY.

- (a) The Germans have been surprised at the comparative lack of success of their attacks on shipping. For instance on 1st May enemy aircraft made 40 attacks on one ship and dropped 156 bombs. No hits were registered and no casualties inflicted whereas 4 enemy aircraft were shot down. Eighteen British fighters sent to a frozen lake near ANDALSAES when operations first started destroyed 8 enemy aircraft but were later all put out of action by the thaw and enemy action.
- (b) German aircraft losses in NORWAY are reported as 155, of which 35 are definitely confirmed.
- (c) In the NARVIK area the thaw has begun and numerous reports have been received of landings by parachute from enemy troop-carrying aircraft.

3. U.S.S.R.

Reports have been received of evacuation of civilians from a strip 50 kilometres wide on the Turkish-Soviet frontier. While these are probably exaggerated, it is possible that LENINKHAN (the railway

junction between KARS and ERIVAN) and other points may have been evacuated. It is also reported that civilians are being evacuated from certain villages on the Russian side of the old Polish-Roumanian frontier. It is not considered that these reports necessarily indicate imminent military action, as it has been the Soviet practice for many years to clear civilians from territory where hostilities might conceivably occur. In the case of the CAUCASUS area the object may be to prevent leakage of information as to the strength of garrison and of defensive works.

4. ITALY.

(a) Since last autumn formations of the Italian Army have been distributed at their war stations for defensive purposes at home and overseas, The following is the distribution of the Italian army as estimated by the War Office up to 25th April. This excludes native troops in the Colonies and special frontier guards.

French and Swiss frontier.	...	...	20 divisions.
German frontier.	...	...	4 "
Yugoslav frontier.	...	...	12 "
Northern Italy.	...	...	8 "
Central Italy.	...	...	8 "
Southern Italy.	...	...	3 "
Sardinia.	...	...	2 "
Sicily.	...	...	3 "
Albania.	...	...	5 "
Dodecanese.	...	...	2 "
Libya.	...	...	4 "
Tripolitania.	...	...	8 "
Italian East Africa.	...	...	3 "

No important moves of formations would therefore be necessary for defensive purposes.

(b) There have been some indications that the regime and the recent attitude of the Fascist press are being viewed with displeasure in certain army circles. Copies have been received of a letter purporting to have been signed by every officer in the mess of a regiment at ROME, and protesting in strong terms against the publication of an article implying that the Allies were now fighting "to the last Norwegian". The letter demanded proceedings against the offending journalist. Another report states that the recruits of a certain regiment omitted the name of the Duce when taking their oath of allegiance and that the officers do not raise any objections to the omission.

5. SPAIN.

In SPANISH MOROCCO coast defences have been strengthened, anti-aircraft defences reinforced and work accelerated on frontier defences. Certain troop concentrations have been reported at ARCILA on the main road to TANGIER and the garrison on the French Morocco frontier has been strengthened. These precautionary measures have probably been taken owing to the rumours lately spread by the enemy regarding Allied intentions.

6. YUGOSLAVIA.

The Yugoslav General Staff have informed our Air Attache that the Yugoslav Government have placed an order in GERMANY for sixty Messerschmidt 110 fighters for delivery in June or July next.

7. EGYPT.

The effect of the war on EGYPT's economy is a subject often discussed in Egyptian business and parliamentary circles where there is some feeling that GREAT BRITAIN is doing little to assist EGYPT's trade and

/ finance in return

finance in return for her cooperation and assistance in the war. In this connection the following observations have been transmitted to Aly Maher since they might be of assistance to him in dealing with Parliamentary questions on the subject :-

- (i) The whole of Egypt's 1939 cotton crop appears likely to have been disposed of before the next crop comes on the market and the ruling prices are now favourable.
- (ii) The Allied countries (British Empire and France) have so far exceeded their purchases in the corresponding period of last season by more than the amount which was taken by Germany, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia and Poland.
- (iii) H.M.G. are maintaining the security of the high seas for Egypt's imports and exports and are providing low freight and insurance rates so far as concerns the shipping which they control.
- (iv) The United Kingdom is purchasing as much of Egypt's produce in addition to cotton as she can absorb (e.g. eggs and onions.)
- (v) H.M.G. are making every effort to ensure that Egypt is not deprived of raw materials for her industries.
- (vi) It is estimated that the British and Dominion troops are spending in Egypt at the rate of not less than £E10,000,000 a year.

8. IRAN.

A fairly reliable report states that the Soviet Ambassador is about to ask the Iranian Government to record in writing arrangements for the use by the Soviet of certain aerodromes. It is also said that the Soviet request that IRAN should purchase no more war material from abroad and limit her army to internal requirements. The Shah has left TEHERAN allegedly to evade Soviet importunity.

All German nationals are said to be organised into groups of ten under a leader and steps are being taken to arrange physical training, and certain Germans are being given riding lessons.

Many Iranian police officials as well as influential officials in the Censorship Bureau are reported to be in German pay.

9. SHIPPING.

The following table shows the distribution of Danish and Norwegian shipping as on 18th April, 1940 :-

In British or French ports or in transit to such ports.	Tankers.	994,000 tons.
	Others.	<u>1,192,500 tons.</u>
	Total.	2,186,500 tons.
In neutral ports or in transit to such ports.	Tankers.	792,000 tons.
	Others.	<u>1,184,000 tons.</u>
	Total.	1,976,000 tons.
In Scandinavian or Baltic ports or in transit to such ports.	Tankers.	177,500 tons.
	Others.	<u>967,000 tons.</u>
	Total.	<u>1,144,500 tons.</u>

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It is possible that a fair percentage of the tonnage now in neutral ports or in transit thereto will accrue to the Allies.

S. J. Cremona
7/15

Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
British Forces in Palestine & Transjordan.

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GERMAN ACTIVITIES IN THE BLACK SEA
AND ON THE DANUBE.

1. Black Sea.

Early in February, 1940, the German trawler "Ernst Gunther" sailed down the Danube and round to Varna in Bulgaria. She was fitted with wireless and was reported to have a German naval crew. As a result of representations in Sofia, this trawler left Bulgarian waters and went in late February to Constanza. There she was joined by another ship of the same type. At the end of March, it was reported that four more such vessels were being transported across Germany from the Baltic and were soon expected at Constanza.

It was first thought that the "Ernst Gunther" was intended for some form of sabotage or for rapid communication of information of movement in the Black Sea. The latest report, however, is that this and the other vessels are to be used to lay magnetic mines in the Bosphorus and that one of the German Deutsch Levant Line merchant ships in the Black Sea is acting as depot ship for the mines.

2. The Danube.

(a) According to a French report, there is evidence that the Germans are increasing their Danube fleet. Passenger boats from the Danube, Oder and Elbe have been transformed into tugs and in addition a number of barges have been transferred from the Oder.

(b) According to press reports, the International Danube Commission recently came to the following decisions (inter alia) :-

- (i) Navigation of the Danube is exclusively for ships carrying goods and passengers; transit of arms, ammunition and explosives will not be authorised without a special permit from the State(s) through whose waters such cargoes are to proceed. (This does not modify existing regulations affecting explosive cargoes destined for the River States).
- (ii) Special permission will also be necessary for the transportation of heavy materials, including cement, minerals and stones through the Iron Gates.
- (iii) Crews of ships must not be more numerous than is absolutely necessary for the navigation of the vessel. Members of the crews must obtain special identity cards.

15.5.40

by Lt Col K.W. Eather
Comdg 2/1 Bn A.I.F.

The following casualties are notified, to take effect from the dates stated:-

Promotions

To be W.O.II	- NX7568	Sjt Stacey R.R.	C Coy - 11.4.40
			Subject to confirmation in three months
To be Sjt	- NX2629	A/Sjt Burrell J.C.	H.Q. Coy - 8.1.40
	NX8727	" Robinson M.F.	B " - 13.2.40
	NX7516	" Smith F.S.	D " - 1.4.40
	NX7526	" Rappell A.J.	D " - 1.4.40
	NX2638	" Lawry P.C.	H.Q. " - 1.4.40
	NX7735	" Craske A.V.	H.Q. " - 22.4.40
	NX7610	" Brown O.B.	H.Q. " - 22.4.40
	NX2635	" Fitzgerald J.J.	H.Q. " - 22.4.40
	NX7642	Cpl McLaren H.R.	C " - 22.4.40
	NX4093	L/Cpl Wall J.G.	Bn H.Q. - 6.5.40
	NX7608	Cpl Bonnington C.J.	Bn H.Q. - 13.5.40
To be L/Sjt	- NX4097	Cpl Jackson-Hope E.H.	D Coy - 7.5.40
	NX7550	" Stanton C.	D " - 7.5.40
	NX7649	Pte Naughton F.	Bn H.Q. - 15.5.40
To be U/L/Sjt	- NX3892	Cpl Marland J.W.	H.Q. Coy - 15.5.40
To be Cpl	- NX7537	L/Cpl Hall V.B.	A Coy - 24.4.40
	NX7471	" Tough R.	A " - 24.4.40
	NX2613	" Rankin D.C.	A " - 24.4.40
	NX7792	A/Cpl Scarlett P.W.	D " - 7.5.40
	NX7838	Pte Donaldson L.S.	H.Q. Coy - 7.5.40
To be L/Cpl	- NX4089	Pte Tayles C.V.	A Coy - 24.4.40
	NX4153	" Carrie G.W.	A " - 24.4.40
	NX3865	" Trevenen A.E.	A " - 24.4.40
	NX2614	" Ridley J.B.	A " - 24.4.40
	NX2470	" Johnston H.H.	A " - 24.4.40
	NX2656	" McPhee A.D.K.	A " - 24.4.40
	NX2465	" Dillon K.G.	H.Q. Coy - 24.4.40
	NX7507	" Bryant L.K.	H.Q. " - 24.4.40
	NX3909	" Hennessy N.B.	H.Q. " - 29.4.40
	NX3906	" Morrison J.M.	Bn H.Q. - 6.5.40
	NX2647	" Rogan J.A.	Bn H.Q. - 6.5.40

Reversions

To Pte - NX3870 Cpl Blake J. A Coy 11.3.40

D.R.
D.R. Jackson Capt.

Adj 2/1 Bn

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2/1 Bn Routine Instruction No A2/40

18 May 40

by Lt Col K.W. Hather
Comdg 2/1 Bn A.I.F.

The following casualties are notified, to take effect from the dates stated

Promotions

To be W.O.II	- NX8695 Sjt Matthews J.	B Coy	- 1.4.40	Subject to confirmation in three months
	NX7565 " Sanderson A.G.	D "	- 1.4.40	Subject to confirmation in three months.

To be Corporal - NX8489 Pte Slaughter S.R. Bn H.Q. - 13.4.40

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D.R. Jackson Capt.
Adj 2/1 Bn



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6 AUS DIV

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO 2

SECRET

In view of the conflicting reports on the war the following is forwarded for information.

All officers should be informed of the contents of this circular and they in turn will pass the details on to other ranks as the opportunity arises.

The situation is grave but the dangers are seen. Reverses may be expected and the note should be confidence in the ultimate outcome rather than hope of immediate success.

In past wars the terrific initial effect of GERMAN hammer blows has failed.

In 1914 there were no substantial French or British forces available for the defence of BELGIUM but now a whole FRENCH army is defending a prepared line from ANTWERP to the MEUSE.

The high quality of our personnel gives great encouragement. In particular the R.A.F. are doing magnificent work.

There is evidence that HITLER is throwing his whole forces into this battle.

BRITISH and FRENCH civilian morale has NOT been shaken and remains prepared for all eventualities.

The parachute menace is recognised but we are forearmed. Success in ROTTERDAM appears to be due to the co-operation of local GERMANS and NAZI sympathisers.

Anti-Italian publicity is to be avoided as long as ITALY does NOT enter the war since MUSSOLINI is apparently trying to provoke us into alleged hostile action.

R. Williams
Lt-Col.
G.S. 6 Aus Div.

GAZA.

17 May 40.

Distribution: List "B".

SECRET

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2nd. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCESH.Q. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.,
JULIS CAMP,
20 May 40.**SECRET**
URGENTDISTRIBUTION2/1 Bn.
2/2 Bn.
2/3 Bn.
Sigs. 6 Aus. Div.COAST WATCHING(1) ATTENDANCE AT COURSE OF INSTRUCTION

Each unit will detail 2 Morse Operators to report to H.Q. 2/3 Bn. at 0810 hrs., 22 and 23 May, 40, for transport, which will be provided by 2/3 Bn., to H.Q. Sigs, 6 Aus. Div., GAZA ROAD (Kilo 89) for special instruction as operators of H. 6 Wireless Sets.

2. DUTY FOR WHICH TRAINED

These operators are to be trained to man the Wireless Sets at three Observation Posts on the Coast (2 operators per post)

3. TOUR OF DUTY

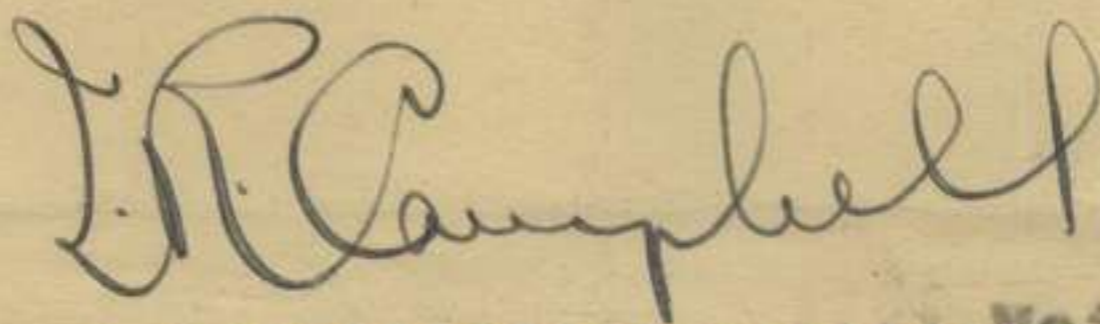
When in observation the operators will be required to work in daily shifts of 12 hours on and 12 hours off every alternate week.

4. MIDDAY MEAL

Midday Meal on 22 and 23 May will be provided by battalions concerned. Tea will, however, be provided by Sigs. 6 Aus. Div.

5. STANDARD REQUIRED.

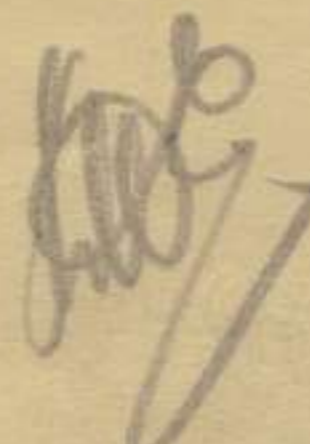
It is essential that the operators selected be able to read morse code at 8 words per minute. Previous wireless experience is desirable.



.....Major

B.M. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.

Clayton. Wills. CW.
Doran D.L.



2/1 Bn Training Instructions for

JAFFA RANGE - 20 May

EXERCISE

- (a) JAFFA RANGE will be used in accordance with the appended table by rifle coys, Carrier Group, Mortar Platoon, and A.A. Platoon between 20 and 25 May with the following exercises:-
1. Rifle, M & L.M.G. classification practices and will include exercising all ranks in rapid and snap shooting rifle practices.
 2. Battle shooting on classification ranges.
 3. Field firing.
 4. 3" mortar practises.
 5. A.A. L.M.G. practises
- (b) Anti-tank and grenade ranges are not available.

DRESS - Battle Order

MOVEMENT TO RANGE

- (a) 20 May 40 - Advance Party - Mortar Platoon, A.A. Platoon depart 0600 hrs. Main body A C D coys, Carrier Group, 7 sigs depart 0800 hrs.
- (b) There will be movement on subsequent days to be detailed later.
- (c) R.Q.M.S. and Sjt. Cook will move with Adv Party.

TRANSPORT

T.O. will arrange transport for the above movements and will maintain a pool of -

4 - 15 cwt trucks } at JAFFA RANGE
1 - 30 cwt truck }

ACCOMMODATION

JAFFA RANGE camp is divided into A,B,C sections. A & B is allotted to 2/1 Bn. Range is situated 3 miles from camp.

SUPPLIES

- (a) Supplies are drawn from A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div and will be brought forward daily from JULIS.
- (b) Bedboards, straw, & 1 hurricane lamp per tent, are supplied. It will be necessary to bring palliasses, blankets, sand fly nets and Officers, Sjts, and Mens mess gear.

WATER

Drinking water will be taken only from a tank which will be pointed out near the N.A.A.F.I. store at the camp.

MEDICAL

- (a) R.M.O. will remain at JULIS. Medical treatment at the camp will be given by a resident M.O. 2/1 Bn will provide a medical orderly and field medical kit. Quinine supplies will be brought.
- (b) Owing to the camp being in a malarial and belharzia infected district, special attention will be paid to Standing Orders for W.T. Camp JAFFA RANGE Para 6 with regard to health precautions. Disciplinary action must be taken in any case of neglect of this Standing Order.

STANDING ORDERS

All officers will be familiar with -

Range rules for JAFFA RANGES, and instructions regarding anti-malarial work. The following will be read daily on coy parades:-

Bn Routine Orders
Standing Orders, W.T. Camp JAFFA RANGES.
Fire Orders, " " " "

LEAVE

Leave passes will be issued to all ranks when on leave. A Rishon contractor transports personnel from the camp to his cinema for 50 mils which includes charge for cinema.

D.R. Jackson Capt.
Adj 2/1 Bn

2/1 Bn Training Syllabus 20 - 25 July 40

Day	A Coy (a)	B Coy (b)	C Coy (c)	D Coy (d)	Carrier Pl (e)	M Pl (f)
Mon 20	AM Admin PM Pl Fd Firing	Duties JULIS	AM Admin PM Pl Fd Firing	AM Admin PM Pl Fd Fir- ing	JULIS	AM Admin PM M Trg
Tues 21	AM Watch (f) PM Pl Fd Firing	JULIS M. Range	AM Watch (f) PM Pl Fd Firing	AM Watch (f) PM Pl Fd Fir- ing	JULIS	AM M Range
Wed 22	PM Coy Fd Firing Return to JULIS (5 pm)	AM JULIS PM Arrive Range	PM Coy Fd Firing	PM Coy Fd Fir- ing. Ret to JULIS	AM JULIS PM Arrive Range	AM M Range PM Return to JULIS
Thur 23	Admin day	AM Admin PM Pl Fd Firing	Admin day	JULIS Admin day	AM M.G. Drill PM Fd Firing Return to JULIS	JULIS
Fri 24	JULIS Min Range	Classif. Range 12 targets Return to JULIS	Classif. Range 12 targets Return to JULIS	Classif. range 12 targets Return to JULIS	JULIS Admin day	Admin day
Sat 25	JAFFA RANGE Classif. Range (18 targets)	JULIS Admin day	JULIS Min Range	JULIS	Return to JAFFA RANGE Classif. Range 18 targets	JULIS

2/1 Bn TRAINING SYLLABUS 20-25 MAY 40

Day	A Coy (a)	B Coy (b)	C Coy (d)	D Coy (c)	Carrier Pl (e)	Mortar Pl (f)	A.A. Pl (g)
20	M Admn A Fd Firing	Duties JULIS	M Admn A Bathing	M Admn A Pl Fd Fir- ing(one Pl)	Bathing JURA	M Admn A Watch (g)	M Admn A A.A. Ra.
21	Bathing	Min Ra. JULIS	M Map read- ing A Pl Fd Firing	M Watch (f) A Pl Fd Fir- ing(one PL)	Duties JULIS	M Mortar Ra A Watch (c)	M Watch (f) A A.A. Ra
22	M Watch (f) A Coy Fd firing	M Map reading A Coy Fd firing	Min Ra JULIS	Bathing	M Watch (f) A Coy Fd firing	M Mortar Ra A JULIS	Prepare A.A. L.M.G. posts JULIS
23	Min Ra JULIS	Bathing	M Return to JAFFA RA A Coy Fd firing	M Map read- ing A Coy Fd firing	M Map read- ing A Coy Fd firing	JULIS	JULIS
24	Classificat- ion Range - Rifle	Classific- ation Range - Rifle	Classific- ation Range - Rifle	Classificat- ion Range - Rifle	M Classific- ation Range - Rifle A Fd Firing Ra. M.M.G Shoot	Duties JULIS	Bathing JURA
25	L.M.G. Class- ification	L.M.G. Classific- ation	L.M.G. Class- ification	L.M.G. Class- ification	L.M.G. Classif- ication	Bathing JURA	Duties JULIS

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23	Min Ra JULIS	Bathing	M Return to JAFFA RA A Coy Fd firing	M Map read- ing A Coy Fd firing	M Map read- ing A Coy Fd firing	JULIS	JULIS
24	Classificat- ion Range - Rifle	Classific- ation Range - Rifle	Classific- ation Range - Rifle	Classificat- ion Range - Rifle	M Classific- ation Range - Rifle A Fd Firing Ra. M.M.G Shoot	Duties JULIS	Bathing JURA
25	L.M.G. Class- ification	L.M.G. Classific- ation	L.M.G. Class- ification	L.M.G. Class- ification	L.M.G. Classif- ication	Bathing JURA	Duties JULIS

Day	A Coy (a)	B Coy (b)	C Coy (c)	D Coy (d)	Carrier Pl (e)	MOP (f)
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

H.Q. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.,
JULIS CAMP,
24 May 40.

DISTRIBUTION

- 2/1 Bn.
- 2/2 Bn.
- 2/3 Bn.
- 2/1 Fd. Amb.

CAMPS - DISPERSION & CAMOUFLAGE OF UNITS

With further reference to this office's 27/0 of 23 May 40, the following particulars are notified :-

TENTAGE - CAMOUFLAGE

1. Pending the arrival from the United Kingdom of the new PRESOTIM tent-dye, liquid Cutch shortly available from Egypt will be issued on a reduced scale.
2. The object of this issue is for units to dye tents in the lines so as to break up the mass of white tents.
Sufficient Cutch is NOT available to do 100% of tentage.
3. Whole tents will be dyed and NOT parts of several tents.
4. Issues will be made by D.A.D.O.S. Sarafand to units without indent, together with instructions as to the number of tents to be dyed with the quantity issued and as to the methods to be employed.
5. All units will take immediate necessary action to draw the required quantity, but will not commence to camouflage their tents until notified.

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.....Major

B.M. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

2/1 Bn
JULIS
20 May 40

16 Aus Inf Bde

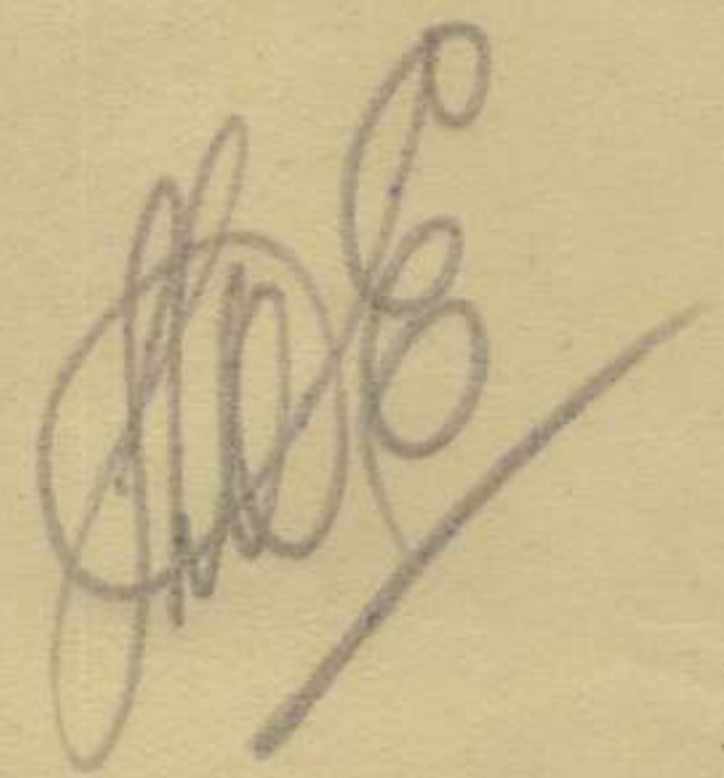
TRAINING HEBRON DISTRICT 2/1 BN

Approval is requested for the use of the following route through the GAZA and HEBRON district by 2/1 Bn for the period 29 May - 1 June:-

JULIS - SAWAFIR ASH SHARQIYA 12291232 - TALL AS SAFI cross roads 13611224 - AJJUR 14261217 - AL ~~KHADR~~ 16541233.

The manoeuvre ^{area} would extend for approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ km on each side of the route.

OK
for Lt Col
Commanding 2/1 Bn



JULIS L I.
24 May 406 Aug DivSubjects: Second Convey Rear PartyReferences: Your File 6/15/6 of 13 May 40Report of O.C. Rear Party

1. I have to report that the duties of the above rear party were completed on 23 May 40 and the party detailed by 16 Inf Bde returned to their respective units this-morning, except 4 men detailed as escort for the last train which is expected to arrive at GAZA late today.
2. All unit rear parties were entrained on completion of their duties except 3 men of 2/2 A.G.H. remaining at PORT SAID in charge of hospital equipment stored there.
3. (a) Attention is drawn to the third paragraph of Para 9 (1) of CH/MS/3457/4(M) Movement Control Order 28, and to the instructions attached. These latter were the only instructions I received and it was not until a quantity of equipment had been received on the wharf that I was informed by Movement Control PORT SAID that I was to furnish information as to destination of the unit equipment and stores. As I had not been supplied with this information there would have been a serious hold up had I not been able to contact Major Chilton and borrow his copy of your Adm Instrs Nos. 33, 34 and 35.
(b) In the case of future convoys the O.C. Rear Party should be supplied in advance with all available information and instructions to enable him to carry out his duties with the maximum efficiency.
4. (a) C.Q.M.S. BUDERUS L.E.G. of 2/3 Bn, a member of the 16 Inf Bde Party has been placed under open arrest and charged with stealing one tin of potted meat while on the above duty and a charge sheet has been forwarded today to his unit.
(b) With the above solitary exception the personnel of the above party carried out their duties efficiently and cheerfully, in a manner that reflected credit on the A.I.F. Many officers of M.C. PORT SAID commented favourably on their work.
(c) Lieuts ^EKESTEVAN K.L. of 2/4 Bn and WILSON of 2/2 Bn performed their duties very efficiently.
5. It was not possible to guard equipment and stores while on the lighters. I was ordered by M.C. not to do so, as by so doing the lighterage company would be relieved of its responsibility. It was apparently not realised that lighters continue to load from the ships until 1800 hrs daily, but after that hour no lighter is allowed to draw alongside the wharf, and consequently each night a number of lighters, either completely or partly loaded, are towed to the lighterage company's own basin for the night where they are guarded by the company's night watchmen.

6. The marking of packages etc was generally very good, but training stores used on the voyage in some cases were badly branded, and in some cases not branded at all.

7. (a) The arms and ammunition of all members of the guard and the unit rear parties were handed in to the guard room of the D.L.I. immediately on arrival in accordance with instructions from H.C. and only drawn when required for duty or immediately prior to departure from PORT SAID.

(b) When NX7787 Pte PHILLIPS S.A. of 2/1 Bn A.I.F. went to draw his rifle No 957 from the guard room of the D.L.I. on the afternoon of 23 May 40 the rifle was not there. As soon as possible after the matter was reported to me and the rifles of the guard had been checked I went to the guard room and personally inspected the rifles there and the Arms Register and could find no trace of the rifle. The Arms Register did not contain any reference to this rifle having been issued and did not give the numbers of the individual rifles handed in, only the totals handed in by each unit, and did not ^{always} give the numbers of the rifles when returned, only the total number returned to a unit representative.

(c) There did not appear to be any Australian Rifles left in the guard room.

(d) Prior to departure I reported the loss to Capt SIMBCK, R.A.S.C. at PORT SAID.

(e) I was informed that rifles which had been left on the Y1 were left in the guard room and were later packed and forwarded to 2/5 Bn. The missing rifle may have been sent with these.

8. The work of the guards and the unit rear parties and the maintenance of discipline and control would be made easier if all troops concerned were camped at Sheriffs Wharf. Work commences on the wharf at 0600 hrs and continues until 2000 hrs and sometimes until 2200 hrs. As a guard must be maintained continually and checking parties from the units must be present whenever there is any work being done at the wharves, having the guards and unit rear parties quartered in various hotels about 1½ miles from the wharf is a great handicap. Also with men being quartered in various hotels and often separated from their officers it is impossible to ensure that troops are not absent from their billets after hours. Also it would enable the guard to maintain their own guard room and consequently A.I.F. rifles would not be at the mercy of another guard room.

9. I am of the opinion that it would be of great assistance generally if instructions were issued to unit rear parties explaining:-

(a) The procedure and method of unloading from ship to lighter, and lighter to quay, stacking on the wharf in unit and ship camps, the checking into trucks and despatch of trains.

(b) That PORT SAID is situated in a neutral though friendly country, the railways do not belong to the British Army and that great tact must be employed to obtain the best results.

W. G. A. Baines
(W. G. A. Baines) Capt

2/1 Bn A.I.F.

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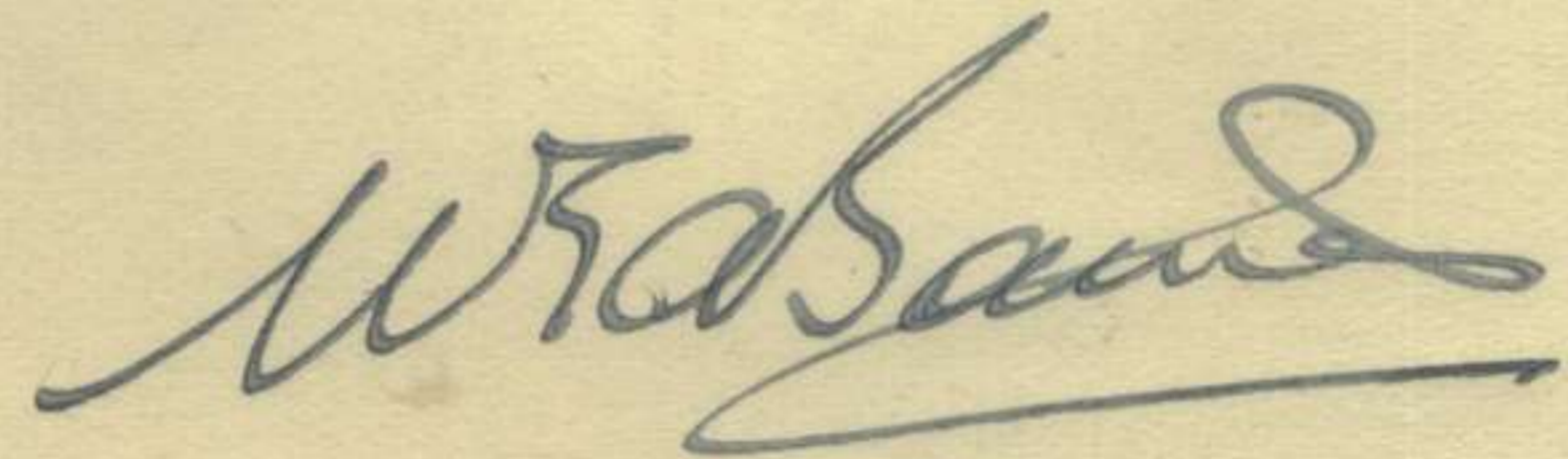
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JULIS
3 JUN 40

6 Aus Div

REAR PARTY - Rnd. CONVOY - PORT SAID.

I have to report that rifle No. B957 previously reported missing was recovered yesterday, having been taken from the guard room of the D.L.I. at Port Said by a member of 46 L.A.D. when leaving as a train escort, his own rifle not then being in the guard room.



Capt.

(W.G.A. Baines)
2/1 Bnl
O.C. Rear Party.



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GENERAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

by

MAJ-GEN. I.G. MACKAY, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., COMD 6 AUS DIV.

1. The following congratulatory messages have been received:-

(a) From His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom -

"On behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom I send you and all officers and other ranks under your command a cordial welcome and very best wishes at this critical hour. Your arrival brings us all encouragement and is very welcome demonstration that Australia will be there.

Caldecote"

(b) From General Ironside, C.I.G.S. -

"Please convey to all ranks a hearty welcome on their safe arrival. The coming of the second contingent of the Second A.I.F. is viewed here with lively satisfaction as a further sign of the growing might of the Empire Forces."

(c) Maj-Gen R. N. O'Connor, Comd. 6th Division

"Maj-Gen R.N. O'Connor and all ranks 6 Div Palestine send hearty greetings to Maj-Gen I.G. MacKay and all ranks 6th Australian Division, on their arrival in Palestine. They are greatly looking forward to meeting in the near future."

2. Suitable replies have been sent.

L. Wany

Col.
A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

Gaza
21 May 40

*By
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[Signature]

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2/1 Bn

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

1115 hrs 22/5/40.

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In reply please
quote:
AD 114

All Camp Comds.
H.Q. R.A.E.
A.B.O. for information.

Camps - Dispersion and Camouflage of Units.

1. Most of the camps in PALESTINE are at present laid out on a peace time design with a view to the convenience of the occupants, and tents are all pitched in straight lines, in many cases close to each other.
2. Plans will now be made for breaking up the existing regular design of camps and for producing some degree of dispersion. These plans to be forwarded to this H.Q. by 26 May.
3. It is suggested that the best method to be adopted is to expand each unit camp outwards to some 1000 yards distance, the tents being pitched irregularly. The hutments and fixture should be left where they are and due attention should be paid to the direction of the prevailing wind.
4. Although full plans should be made, this actual dispersion will not yet be carried out.
5. The C.R.E. will investigate the possibility of making tents less conspicuous and experiments should be carried out, for instance, mud and water smeared on the tents should be tried. Appropriate stores for staining or colouring tents will be issued under arrangements made by Force H.Q. when they become available.

(Sgd.) R.G.H. Irving, Lt. Col.
G.S. 6 Aus. Div.

C.O. 2/1 Bn.
 " 2/2 "
 " 2/3 "
 " 2/1 Fd. Regt.
 " 2/1 " Amb.

The above copy letter is forwarded. Please prepare proposed plan for expansion and dispersal of Camp of your Unit and submit to H.Q. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde. by 1200 hrs. 25 May 40.

[Signature]
 Lt. Col.
T/Comdr. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

2/1 Bn
JULIS
27 May 40

16 Aus Inf Bde

TRAINING - HEBRON DISTRICT EXERCISE

29 May - 1 Jun - 2/1 Bn

It is requested that the transport tabulated here-
under be made available to 2/1 Bn for a battalion exercise
commencing 29 May 40.

1. The requisition covers only transport required urgently,
unless otherwise stated, for the success of the exercise.

NECESSARY

Car, 4 seater, 4 wheeled	-	1
Carriers, Bren Gun	-	5
Lorries 30 cwt	-	4
Motor Cycles	-	2
Trucks 8 cwt	-	3
" 15 cwt	-	12
Water tanks	-	2
Van, Office	-	1

+ DESIRABLE

Lorries 30 cwt	-	1
Trucks 15 cwt	-	3

2. The transport is required at 2/1 Bn Transport lines at
1600 hrs 28 May 40.

3. It is understood that 2/2 and 2/3 Bns have no objection
to lending their carriers. However 2/2 Bn Carrier is at
present out of service and there is some doubt as to whether
it will be serviceable by 29 May.

4. Carriers are required for exercises on 29 - 30 May.

 Lt Col
Commanding 2/1 Bn

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2/1 Bn Training Programme 27 May - 1 Jun 40

Date	Unit	Subject of Exercise	Area	Time	
				Commencing	To end
27 May	2/1 Bn	M. Improvement of A.A. Defences	JULIS	0830	1200
		A. Ceremonial Parade		1400	1500
28 May		Administrative and Leave day at TEL AVIV and ASCALON			
29 May to 1 Jun incl	do	Battalion Exercises (with troops)	Area $\frac{1}{2}$ km on each side of route JULIS - SAWAFIR ASH SHARQIYA 12291232 - TALL AS SAFI cross roads 13611224 - AJJUR 14261217 - AL KHADR 16541233	0830	1630

DR Jackson Capt
 Adj Lt Col
 Comdg 2/1 Bn

MAP OF 6 AUS DIV TRAINING AREAS

Legend
1st Class Road
2nd " "
Railway
Trq. Area Boundaries



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Drawn by P. H. Hough
HQ 6 Aus Div
20-Jul-40.



2nd. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

H.Q. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.,
JULIS CAMP,
6 May 40

DISTRIBUTION

- 2/1 Bn.
- 2/2 Bn.
- 2/3 Bn.
- 2/4 Bn.

SELECTION OF PERSONNEL FOR OFFICER CADET TRAINING UNITS

1. An Officer Cadet Training Unit will be formed shortly in Middle East and personnel from 2 A.I.F. will be eligible to attend. This unit will train only candidates for Arty, Recce Regts, and Inf.
2. Instructions regarding the selection of candidates and their attachment for training to Officer Cadet Training Units were issued under A.C.I. 240/1940, relevant extracts from which are attached. With regard to para 14 of the instructions, C.Os. will report, as the occasion arises, when they have a possible candidate for an arm other than their own, stating the arm concerned. Arrangements will be made by this H.Q. for the candidate to be interviewed as directed in para 14. The certificate in Appendix "A" will be completed by the interviewing officer for these candidates.
3. Units will report by 26 May the number of candidates, by arms, selected. Variations in the numbers will be reported by the last day of each succeeding month.
4. The allotment of vacancies to units will be made by Div. H.Q.

J.R. Campbell

.....Major

B.H. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde.

*Board :-
 Maj Adam
 Capt. Oxen
 & act as
 indicated para 13. b.
 17/6/40*

OFFICER TRAINING - MEN SERVING IN THE RANKS

Instructions regarding the selection of Candidates and their attachment for Training to Officer Cadet Training Units.
(Extracts from A.C.I. 240/40)

B. Marking of Potential Officers Serving in the Ranks

5. (a) The lives of men and the future efficiency of the Army depend on the maintenance of a high standard in the selection of candidates for training at Officer Cadet Training Units. The greatest care will be taken to ensure that only those who possess personality, power of leadership, intelligence and tactical ability to a sufficiently marked degree to enable them eventually to become really efficient officers, are recommended for training. A C.O. will not select any one whom he would not be prepared to take as an officer in his own unit, and at the time of the interview of the prospective candidate by his brigade, etc., commander he will produce a certificate to this effect.

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(b) The selection of candidates is a subject which demands constant attention and in order to assist C.Os. a standing board, presided over by the second-in-command, may be set up in each unit to keep recommendations constantly under review, bringing to the notice of the C.O. the names of any men considered fit to be added to the list and of any candidate, who, for any reason, should be struck off the list.

(c) It is the duty of the C.O., and of boards acting under his direction, to see that no potential candidate is held back merely in the immediate interest of the unit. Such a policy will re-act to the disadvantage of all units. Every suitable man who is willing to be trained as an officer will be placed on the unit roll, however indispensable he may appear to be in the unit.

C. Preparation of Nominal Rolls of those Recommended for Training at Officer Cadet Training Units

8. Cs.C. all units will prepare and keep up to date nominal rolls of all personnel serving in the unit who are recommended for training at an Officer Cadet Training Unit.

9. Nominal rolls will show whether the candidate is recommended of officer training in his own arm or in some other arm. A summary of the technical qualifications required in certain arms is shown at Appendix "B", and it is essential that the qualifications of candidates be carefully considered by the C.O. and any board acting under his direction having regard to this Appendix. It is important to ensure that all candidates in possession of the necessary qualifications for the technical arms are recommended for training in the arm for which they are best qualified.

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10. Each man considered suitable for training for a commission will be so informed and will not be placed on the unit's nominal roll until he has expressed his willingness to train for a commission. It will be explained to those who are considered suitable for training, but are not desirous of being commissioned, that it is their duty to fit themselves to hold commissioned rank.
11. Men with more than six months' service should have at least two service as N.C.Os. and should have shown that they are well above the average of their rank with good powers of leadership.
12. Due consideration will be given to men holding any of the recognized military certificates of proficiency.
13. Each man will be informed that the arm of the service in which he is to be trained as an officer will be governed by his previous military training, by his technical and other qualifications and by the requirements of the service at the time. Within those limits, a man's preference regarding arm will be met whenever possible.
14. Before being placed on the unit list as recommended for an arm other than his own, the candidate must be interviewed and recommended as suitable, according to the qualifications shown in Appendix "B", by an officer of the arm concerned not below the rank of lieutenant-colonel. Commands will issue suitable instructions with regard to the arrangements for such interviews.
15. It is important to ensure that men possessed of technical qualifications are trained as officers in arms where their technical qualifications are required; it is equally important for C.Os in technical arms to recommend for training as officers in less technical or in non-technical arms, those men, who otherwise suitable, cannot be accepted as officers in the arm in which they are serving owing to a lack of technical qualifications or experience. A man serving in a non-combatant arm is not debarred on that account from being placed on the recommended list for training for a commission in a combatant arm.
16. In order to ensure an even distribution of all sources of potential officers as between the different arms, alternative arms should, where possible, be noted against candidates in unit nominal rolls so that in the event of a shortage arising in any one arm, suitable candidates can be transferred to that arm.
19. The minimum age at which a candidate can be sent to an Officer Cadet Training Unit is 19 9/12 years.

Where military qualifications are equal, priority should be given to the following age zones :-

- (a) Under 30
- (b) Over 30 and up to 40

APPENDIX "A"

Certificate in Respect of an Other Rank recommended for
Officer Training

I certify that I would be willing to accept

No.....Rank.....Name.....as
an officer in this unit should he complete satisfactorily
a course of training at an Officer Cadet Training Unit

Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding

(To be signed by the candidate's
Commanding Officer)

APPENDIX "B"

A. Artillery.

Mathematics at least up to matriculation standard
including a knowledge of elementary trigonometry.

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AN INFANTRY BATTALION

(with mechanized 1st line transport)

Consisting of -

Battalion headquarters; headquarter company of carrier group (two machine gun carrier platoons, signal, A.A., mortar, pioneer and administrative platoons; and 4 rifle companies, each of headquarters and 3 platoons of 3 sections.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Headquarter company																	Four rifle companies (each)					Total, battalion	Total, vehicles by types	
	Battalion headquarters	Company headquarters	Carrier group					No. 1 (signal) platoon	No. 2 (A.A.) platoon			No. 3 (mortar) platoon			No. 4 (pioneer) platoon	No. 5 (administrative) platoon	Total, company	Company headquarters	Three (rifle) platoons (each)						
			Group headquarters	Two (machine gun carrier) platoons (each)		Total, group	Headquarters		Four detachments	Total, platoon	Headquarters	Four detachments	Total, platoon	Headquarters					Three sections (each)	Total, platoon	Total, company				
				Headquarters	Two sections																	Total, platoon			
Lieutenant-colonel	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(a)1	-	-	-	-	1	3	
Majors	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Adjutant (captain)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Quarter-master (captain)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Captains	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(a)1	-	-	-	-	1	1	8
Lieutenants	(b)1	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	(aa)1	6	-	1	-	1	-	1	3	19
Total, officers	4	1	1	1	-	1	3	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	9	2	1	-	1	5	33		
Regimental sergeant-major (warrant officer Class I)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Regimental quarter-master-sergeant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Company sergeant-majors	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	5
Total, warrant officers	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	7		
Staff-sergeant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Company quarter-master-sergeants	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	5
Armourer sergeant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Orderly room sergeant	(c)1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Provost sergeant	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Sergeant clerk	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Sergeant cook	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Transport sergeant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

Company							Four rifle companies (each)					Total, battalion	Total, vehicles by types
Total, platoon	No. 3 (Mortar) platoon			No. 4 (pioneer) platoon	No. 5 (administrative) platoon	Total, company	Company headquarters	Three (rifle) platoons (each)					
	Headquarters	four detachments	Total, platoon					Headquarters	Three sections (each)	Total, platoon	Total, company		
-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1	1	-	1	9	20	34	1	-	-	-	1	38	-
1	1	-	1	-	2	9	2	1	-	1	5	35	-
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Detail	Headquarter									
	Battalion headquarters	Company headquarters	Carrier Group					No. 1 (signal) platoon	No. 2 (A.A. platoon)	
			Group headquarters	Two (machine gun carrier) platoons (each)		Total, group	Headquarters		Four detachments	
				Headquarters	Two sections					Total, platoon
<u>Tradesmen - continued</u>										
Shoemaker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Technical storemen	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Equipment repairer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, tradesmen	-	-	1	1	-	1	3	-	1	-
<u>Non-tradesmen -</u>										
Batmen	(i) 6	1	1	1	-	1	3	1	1	-
Butcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clerks	(2)	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Drivers, M.T. (j)	-	-	1	-	4	4	9	-	-	-
General duties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence section	(f) 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L.M.G. numbers and riflemen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(k) 14
Medical officers' orderlies	(l) 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M.G. detachments	-	-	-	-	(m) 19	19	38	-	-	-
Mortar detachments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor cyclist orderlies	-	-	2	1	-	1	4	2	1	-
Orderlies	-	-	-	-	2	2	4	4	-	-
Pioneers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Postman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Range-takers	-	-	-	-	2	2	4	-	-	-
Regimental police	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary duties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scouts	-	-	-	2	-	2	4	-	-	-
Signallers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(k) 28	-	-
Storemen	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stretcher bearers (n)	(k) 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water duties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, non-tradesmen	(p) 38	3	5	4	27	31	67	35	2	14
Total, rank and file	38	3	6	5	27	32	70	35	3	14

Detail	Headquarter									
	Battalion headquarters	Company headquarters	Carrier Group				No. 1 (signal) platoon	No. 2 (A) platoon		
			Group headquarters	Two (machine gun carrier) platoons (each)		Total, group		Headquarters	Four detachments	
				Headquarters	Two sections					Total, platoon
Bicycles	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
Motor cycles for -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staff-sergeant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sergeants	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	-	-
Intelligence sergeant	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provost sergeant	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport sergeant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor cyclist orderlies	-	-	2	1	-	1	4	2	1	-
Police	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Car, DS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vans, light, G.S., for -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Officers, personnel and equipment	1	1	1	1	-	1	3	1	1	-
Vans, heavy, G.S., for -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A.A.L.M.G. detachments and ammunition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(g)4
L.M.Gs., tools, ammunition, platoon mortars and A.T. rifles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical officer and equipment	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M.G. detachments and ammunition	-	-	-	-	4	4	8	-	-	-
Battalion mortars and ammunition group	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pioneer and decontamination stores	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Signalling stores	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Reserve S.A.A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserve mortar ammunition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vans, heavy -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
* Office	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lorries, 30-cwt., G.S., for -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anti-gas capes and reserve clothing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baggage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Distribution of petrol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M.T. stores and fitters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Officers' mess	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lorries, 30-cwt., G.S., for -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
✓ Kitchen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
∅ Water tank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Carriers, machine gun (s)</u>	-	-	-	1	4	5	10	-	-	-

* Special body.

∅ Standard commercial body with

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition (rounds)		
		On man or with gun	In reserve (t)	Total
Pistols (including officers' pistols), .455-inch	(u) 55	12	330	990
Rifles (including those for attached men)	728	(y) 50	75,000	111,400
Anti-tank rifles, .55-inch	(w) 21	200	840	5,040
Light machine guns, .303-inch	(x) 40	1,000	20,000	60,000
Medium machine guns, .303-inch	8	3,500	36,000	64,000
Pistols, signal	(y) 24	12	-	288
2-inch mortars - H.E.	12	9	180	288
Smoke		27	540	864
3-inch mortars - H.E.	4	75	90	390
Smoke		45	54	234
Hand grenades			(z) 180	180

(a) One company is commanded by a major, the remainder by captains.

(b) For intelligence duties.

(c) Attached to Headquarters Command or District.

(d) Trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work.

(e) 1 man in each company will be trained to repair boots as a part-time employment. 1 man in each company will be trained in sanitary duties as a part-time employment.

1-(f) Includes, or is, a corporal.

(g) Includes 1 for officers' mess and 1 for sergeants' mess.

(h) Drivers, M.T., 1st class, are included in the total numbers allotted for driving vehicles.

(i) Includes 1 for medical officer and 1 for regimental sergeant-major.

(j) Includes all drivers for 4-wheeled vehicles.

2-(k) Includes 2 corporals.

(l) Includes, or is, a lance-corporal.

(m) Includes 3 corporals.

(n) May also be trained as bandsmen.

(o) Includes 1 for officers' mess and 1 for sergeants' mess.

(p) 1 man may be trained as a chiropodist, and 1 man as a bugler.

(q) Fitted with central "Motley" mountings. Carry tools, packs and greatcoats of A.A. platoon and 1 anti-tank rifle on each truck.

(r) Carry 1 spare anti-gas cape per man and a 25 per cent. reserve of clothing.

(s) Carriers, machine gun will be added to M.G. platoons when equipment becomes available, the van light on Platoon Headquarters being deleted.

(t) Distributed as required between battalion reserve vehicles, company and platoon trucks. Not more than 60 boxes of S.A.A. will be allotted for S.A.A. in battalion reserve.

AN INFANTRY BATTALION

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

- (u) Officers, regimental sergeant-major, pay sergeant and personnel mounted on motor cycles are armed with pistols, the remainder with rifles.
- (v) Certain personnel carry less than 50 rounds.
- (w) Allotted as follows :-

Signal platoon	-	1
Mortar platoon	-	1
A.A. platoon	-	4
Each M.G. platoon	-	1
Administrative platoon		1
Each rifle platoon	-	1
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Total	-	21
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- (x) Allotted as follows :-

A.A. platoon	-	4
Each rifle platoon	-	3
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Total	-	40
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- (y) Allotted as required.
- (z) A proportion of signal bombs may be allotted in addition to H.E. and smoke bombs.
- (aa) For transport duties.

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS AND ATTACHED.

Details left at base -

First reinforcements -		
Officers	-	7
Warrant officers	-	1
Sergeants	-	7
Rank and file	-	140
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Total	-	155
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1 orderly room sergeant attached to Headquarters Command or District Attached

2nd line A.A.S.C. - see W.E. of Divisional Supply Column in Vol. II.

A.A.Ch.D. - 1 chaplain and batman may be attached from Headquarters, Infantry Brigade.

NOTE.

When machine gun platoons are provided with carriers, the personnel of these platoons will be increased by 4 drivers, M.T., 1st class.