

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

**Item number: 8/3/1**

**2/1 Infantry Battalion**

**October 1941**



WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Khassa Palestine	OCT 1		<p>From 1 to 18 Oct, all Coys were in training in and around Khassa Camp. The greater percentage of training was carried out, in the field, as Coy manoeuvres, as per syllabus appended to this diary.</p> <p>We are able to attach to this diary, copies of the majority of exercises carried out. Those which are not included, however, will be forwarded with a diary of a coming month, as they are still required by this unit.</p> <p>The method used in the carrying out of these exercises, was that a directing staff, supplied by our own unit, <del>were</del> the only ones supplied with a copy of the exercise. They then "painted the picture" to the Coy Comdr and gave him instructions as laid down by the exercise. The directing staff then assumed the role of umpires, and later held umpires' conference, the result of which was given to the C.O. The compilation of all exercises for October was made by Lt Col K.W. Eather, D.S.O.</p> <p>During the execution of these tactical exercises in the field, HQ Coy, when not attached, remained in camp to carry out specialist training and camp administration, i.e., when no Coys were available.</p> <p>Copies of all Bn Routine Orders Part 1 are attached for the month of October.</p> <p>During this month the Bn moved to Syria and had taken over from the Beds &amp; Herts Bn of the 14th English Bde; the move was completed by 1700 hrs on 17 Oct 1941.</p> <p>The advance party, which left Khassa on 8 Oct, had taken over all stores and equipment from the Beds &amp; Herts Bn by the time the remainder of our Bn arrived. Transport and Carriers were found to be in very bad shape and the lot has had to be overhauled.</p> <p>The camp was found to be in filthy condition, a thing to which the 2/1 Aust Inf Bn are definitely not accustomed.</p> <p>Sausage Wood Camp is liked by all, and is three miles from the village of Qatana, which, in turn, is 15 miles from DAMASCUS. It is situated in a valley with a few springs running through the length of it and, as its name suggests, is thickly timbered.</p> <p>Leave is available in abundance to both BEIRUT and DAMASCUS, for either 1 or 3 days.</p>	
	2		<p>D Coy carried T.E.W.T. as per exercise appended to Diary.</p>	
			<p>Received Copy No 5 of 6 Aust Div Admin Order No 4 in relation to move (Copy attached)</p>	



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	OCT 3		A party of 6 ORs from each A,B,C, and D Coys given final instruction in 2" Mortar, and same party will fire at Jaffa Range 4 Oct. Notice received as to personnel to constitute advance party (Notice appended).	
	4		Letter notifying Bde of officers in advance party for move (attached). Copy Army forms W 3009 and W 3008 appended.	
	5		A census was carried out for M.E. on this day. Results of our Bn Census is appended. Received 6 Aust Div Order No 5 relating to move (appended).	
	6		Message received re movement of Bn to Syria; also received amendment No 1 to 6 Aust Div Movement Orders. Two 30 cwt trucks containing Adv. Party gear left 0700 hrs for Syria. 6 Offrs, 24 ORs left 2230 hrs for Syria as Adv Party (particulars appended).	
	7		Message received re movement of Bn to Syria. Also received Amendment No 1 to 6 Aust Div Movement Orders - two 30 cwt trucks containing adv party gear left; they reported to HQ 2/7 Aust Inf Bn at 1900 hrs to collect baggage of HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde and "N" Sec, Sig Officer.	
	8		Notice re allocation of medical officers for move; also notice re movement of baggage of Adv Party (both appended)	
	9			
	10		Two messages received re Bn move to Syria; also administration notes re move (both appended)	
	11		Army forms F 3008 and F 3009 appended.	
	12 )		Coys continuing with training at KHASSA while Adv Party takes over new camp and all stores	
	13 )		from Beds & Herts at Sausage Wood, QATANANA.	
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	OCT 15		A and D Coys and part HQ Coys left KHASSA 2100 hrs to entrain at AL MAJDAL for Syria as per schedule attached in Amendment No 1 to 6 Aust Div Movement Order.	
	16		B, C and part HQ Coys departed KHASSA to entrain at AL MAJDAL for Syria. A, D and part HQ Coys arrived Sausage Wood, QATANA, 1700 hrs.	
Sausage Wood	17		B, C and part HQ Coys arrived Sausage Wood, QATANA, 1700 hrs. Movement of Bn from KHASSA camp PALESTINE to Sausage Wood, QATANA, completed.	
Q A T A N A	18 <sup>m</sup>		Rear Party of Beds & Herts Bn of 14 English Bde moved out 0400 hrs. Army forms F 3008 & F 3009 appended.	
	19 ) 20 )		During these two days everybody was hard at work moving tents, scraping floors of tents, building footpaths, drains, cess pits, etc, etc, and by the evening of 20th the Camp was "improved out of sight."	
	21		Coy training resumed and carried on to end of month as per syllabus attached.	
	22		Coy Commanders Conference with Lt Col K.W. Eather, D.S.O. at which the following was discussed: Bottles required by R.H.O.O., P.A.D. Disposal of bombs, GR training, Tommy guns, 2/3 Camp Exercise, Canteen to be opened in four days.	



# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

GR.

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

**TO**

*2/1 Aust Inf Bn*

**FROM**

*16 Aust Inf Bde*

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

<i>APP.</i>	<i>demonstration for</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>5 Oct 41 is</i>
<i>Cancelled.</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>A.F.V.'s</i>	<i>not available</i>

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN** BY ANY MEANS.

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT **IN CIPHER**.

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

**T.H.I.**

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

**T.O.R.**

*1255*



*AV's not available for 5 of Oct. - 1* *Clb*  
DEMONSTRATION & EXERCISE - ACTION AGAINST TANKS.

REF. MAP - GAZA - 1/100000 SHEET

1. OBJECT:

- (a) To demonstrate the limitations of tanks against infantry in entrenched positions when deprived of their own inf support.
- (b) To exercise tps in defensive and offensive measures against tanks.

2. LESSONS:

The role of the tank is to assist infantry to move forward by dealing with enemy Armd tps, Inf localities, machine guns and possibly Arty, and this is achieved by tanks preceding the supporting infantry on to an objective and neutralising the position until the infantry can occupy and mop it up. If the defence can separate the supporting inf from the tanks by means of its fire plan and the latter arrive alone on the objective they are at a great disadvantage owing to their limited fields of view and of fire and are most vulnerable to inf attack. This opportunity should be rapidly and boldly be made use of by the inf by all methods at their disposal.

3. SCOPE OF EXERCISE:

This exercise deals with an attack by tanks on an infantry locality when the defensive fire has been sufficiently strong to hold up the supporting infantry.

4. OUTLINE SCHEME:

Exercise will introduce an attack by tanks on each Pl area in the coy locality in turn, other Pls engage them by fire. After the tanks have passed on Pls will emerge and practice tank hunting methods under sec control.

5. NARRATIVE:

German forces striking through TURKEY and SYRIA are moving southwards through PALESTINE. The enemy is slightly superior in the air. His force in PALESTINE is estimated at one Armd and two Inf Divs. (motorised). It has been decided to hold definitely the line of WADI GHAZZI and G.O.C. 6 Aust Div has been instructed to delay the enemy on the general line, SAWAFIR AL GHARBIYA 122123 - HAMAMA 1112

6. SITUATION D - 2

This line has been organised and 2/1 Bn is disposed in a locality NORTH of JULIS with one Coy on ORCHARD HILL one coy fwd spur TANK HILL one coy ARTY CAMP SPUR and one coy in reserve locality S.E. of TANK HILL. The locality is only partly tk proof but the obstacle is being improved. All section posts in fwd and rcs coy areas have been completely dug in and camouflaged. Fwd localities have been wires and mine fields sited for protection of obvious tank lanes.

7. NARRATIVE:

On the afternoon of D - 2 enemy TAC-R planes made two flights over the brigade area protected by fighters. During D - 1 several more recce flights were made by the enemy and in the afternoon a few light bombs were dropped causing no casualties. Shortly after first light on D - 1 one of our TAC-R planes report the presence of considerable MET dispersed in area NORTH of ISDUD (118129) and bty posns were located about BAYANI SHARQI (124129) and shortly afterwards enemy commenced shelling at random about the fwd areas. At 0900 enemy arty commenced to shell heavily using some smoke and this was supported at 0910 by a dive bombing attack on reserve coy locality. At 0930 it became apparent to fwd coy comdrs that an attack was developing and defensive fire was called for.

*[Handwritten signature]*



This was successful in inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy infantry but several tanks passed the obstacle and moved along ARTILLERY WADI towards the res coy area. At 0945 9 enemy tanks were observed by the fwd secs of the res coy approaching the area. An A/Tk gun in the Coy area opened fire and succeeded in knocking out 3 tanks when it was silenced.

8. EXERCISE COMMENCES:

Posns will be occupied by the coy being exercised and on the signal arranged the tanks will move up the Wadi and proceed to neutralise the right fwd Pl. Other Pls will practice aiming at vital portions of tanks. Tanks will then move to res Pl area and later to left fwd Pl. Each Pl after the tanks have moved on will practice tank hunting methods under sec control, using devices as arranged to simulate the effect of A/Tk weapons etc.

9. REPRESENTATION (to be prepared by Coys subject to approval of O.C. tanks) OF EFFECT OF WEAPONS:

Grenades represented by earth clods.  
L.M.G. fire " " Mirrors.  
Sticky bombs " " white circle drawn on tank.  
Molotov cocktails represented by water bottles.

the effect of fire by tank armament and A/Tk rifles will be determined by umpires according to relative position - time of exposure - target offered.

10. INDICATION OF CASUALTIES ETC.

- (a) Indication of tank, weapon or individual by umpire with red flag, means total casualty. Tanks so indicated will retire to their position at commencement of exercise and remain stationary.
- (b) Indication of tank with blue flag means that it is rendered immobile but may still use its weapons.

11.

Umpires during phase (a) will remain near the section post which they are umpiring and may indicate the posts to tanks. In this phase safety is the essential. During phase (b) they will continue to observe proper safety precautions, and to endeavour to judge the advantage of weapons over tanks or vice versa. Molotovs must be thrown, effect of sticky bombs registered out of the line of fire of tanks. Tps in the line of fire in the open must be regarded as casualties. For the exercise the use of S.A. fire will not be considered effective and the consideration of the effect of grenades must take into account the time of fuse.

12. COMMUNICATIONS: Exercise will commence and cease on the sound of "G" on bugle.

13. TIMINGS: Exercise will be carried out by rifle coys as follows:-

"A" coy	zero	at	hrs	41.
"B" "	"	"	"	41.
"C" "	"	"	"	41.
"D" "	"	"	"	41.

Time table of events.

- 2 Signal for tank adv. Inf in positions.
- 2 3 Tanks arrive on right fwd Pl posn.
- 2 8 " move on to Res.
- 2 13 " " " left fwd Pl posn.
- 2 18 " return to starting posn.

14.

Umpires provided by the disengaged coy on each day of exercise.



8900 - 1200 both 5 + 6 Oct

$\frac{1}{2}$  mile beyond water tank

~~Cpl Johnson VE 7513 A. Coy.~~

~~CRS. S.F.F.~~



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Ref File T/1/123

S E C R E T

Headquarters,  
16 Aust Inf Bde.

28 Sep 41.

- ✓ 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
  - 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
  - 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
  - 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
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AFV TRAINING.

1. Arrangements have been made for the loan of a limited number of British and French AFVs to help in the training of personnel of this Division.
2. It is proposed that these vehicles be used solely for demonstration purposes, at the discretion of Comds Inf Bdes and later Comds of Div tps.
3. The demonstrations should be so arranged as to familiarise the troops with the limitations of AFVs in such matters as limited arc of vision of the driver and gunner with and without visors down, vulnerable areas to attack by tank hunters, etc. etc. It is particularly desired that all personnel of Bns be disposed in defensive positions and attacked by these AFVs, even to the extent of personnel sheltering in slit trenches with the vehicles passing over the trench. This might be done on a platoon basis.
4. The AFVs are being issued to 6 Aust Cav and will be operated and maintained by this unit. Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde is to make arrangements direct with 6 Aust Cav for the demonstrations required.
5. No demonstrations of firing from the AFVs can be permitted.
6. Units are to submit requests for demonstrations to coincide with training exercises or for special demonstrations. Dates, times and locations will be given. Requests to be submitted by 0900 hrs, Tuesday, 30 Sep 41.

*Borgade advised of times to be done by phone/16*

Special Demonstrations

*W. Pearce*  
 Major.  
 C.M. 16 Aust Inf Bde.  
 A90

*Shun 54 Oct } area  
 Grid 64 " } Brig 113  
 118 118 Gaza Stat. Camp area.*

*Prior to 9 & 10 a bay position will be dug in area  
 On 9th det A & C Coy will spend afternoon at dems  
 " 10 " B & D + odd 150ft*

*Bay Keller responsible for dems  
 see me on return  
 KWE*



2/I Bn -Training Syllabus.  
 Period commencing 1st Oct. 41.

Date	Sub-unit	Type of training.	Summary of training	Location	Time from & to.
Oct. 1	A Coy	Musketry	(1) Rifle practice (2) L.M.G.	Jaffa range	
2	"		Administration.		
3/4/5	"	Company.	(1) Exercise No. 3 Rifle coy in attack. (2) " " 4 " " " Defence (tanks) (3) " " 5 " " " Night Withdrawal.		
6	"	"	(1) Provide enemy & umpires for ex. Nos 3,4,5,		
7	"	"	" " " " " " "		
8	"	"	" " " " " " "		
9			Administration		
10	"	"	(1) Demonstration & exercises-A/T tactics) Bn Area Road blocks, tank hunting.		0830-1600
11	"	"	(1) Chemical warfare revision (2) Gas tactics (3) Gas obstacles		Bn area 0830-1600
12		Hardening & Control	(1) Route march to beach. Times to be recorded.		
13)		Coy.	(1) Ex.No.6. Rifle coy in attack (tanks)		
14)			(2) Ex.No.7. Rifle coy in rearguard posn.		
15)			(3) Ex.No.6 " " " daylight withdrawal.		
16			Administration		
17 17,18)		Revision	(1) ALL weapons (2) Drill (3) General		Bn area 0830-1600



2/I Bn Training Syllabus.  
 Period I/18 Oct.4I.

Date	Sub-Unit	Type of training	Summary of training	Location	Time from & to
Oct. 1/2;	"C" Coy	Company	Provide enemy & umpires for exs. I & 2.	(Vicinity of Huleiquat)	
3		Musketry	Rifle & L.M.G. practices	JAFFA RANGE	
4		Fld. Training	Exercises will be notified.		
5		Administration Day.			
6/7/8.	Company		(1) Ex. No. 3 (Rifle coy in att) To be notified (2) " " 4 ( " " " Defence (tanks). (3) " " 5 ( " " " Night withdrawal)		
9		Administration Day			
10/11/12	Company		(1) Exercise No 6. Rifle coy in attack (tanks) (2) " " 7 " " " Occupation of rearguard. (3) " " 8 " " " Daylight withdrawal.		
13		Hardening & Control	Route March to beach by pl.	Gaza ref I089 I235	
14		Administration Day			
15, 16, 17.	Company		Provide enemy & umpires for Ex. Nos 3, 4, & 5.		
18	"		Coy in attack.		







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Bn Area	18		(1) Enemy aircraft tactics. (2) L.M.G. Drill. (3) Semaphor. (4) Gas revision.	
	17		(3) Digging of A pits (2) L.M.G. A Revn. (1) Bayonet training	
	16		Route march as rifle pl.	
			(2) Semaphor (3) A/A PI in defence (1) Sitting A/A posts	
			(1) Route march (rifle sige & formations. (4) A/A PI in convoys. (3) Camouflage (2) Section formations (1) Field sige	
			(4) Tank measures (3) A/A platoon in attack (2) Gas instr. (1) LMG.T.O.E.T.s	
			Administration (4) Aircraft recognition (3) A/A PI in defence (2) Semaphor	
			(2) Map reading & compass (3) A/Tk. revision (1) Bayonet	
			(4) Protection of Bn.H.Q. in the field. (3) Mounting tripod in open making use of camoufl. (2) Mounting tripod in trucks (1) LMG. T.O.E.T.s	
			(3) Map reading & compass (2) A/Tk. revision (1) Bayonet	
			(4) A range practices (4) LMG.A/A handling. (3) Points B D & A. (2) Parts of compass & use (1) Field sige	
			(4) Semaphor (3) Compass practice (2) LMG. section handling (1) Rifle control orders	
			Administration M.O.s Address (4) Camouflage (3) Message writing (2) Oil Compass (1) Gas detectors	
			(4) Map reading (3) T.S.M.G. (2) LMG.T.O.E.T.s (1) Repairing ground lines	
			Hardening Route march	
			(3) Semaphor (2) LMG. fixed lines (1) Bayonet	

Summary of training  
Period 1/18 Oct. 41.  
S/I Must Int Bn Training Syllabus.

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2/I Aust Inf Bn Training Syllabus.  
Period I/18 October.

Date	Sub-Unit	Type of training	Summary of training	Location	Time from & to.
Oct. I	M.T. Section	Specialist.	(1) Electrical systems (2) Maintenance (3) L.M.g. & A/T T.O.E.T. (4) Indication & recognition of targets.	Bn Area	0830-1600
2		"	(1) German army (2) Rifle strengthening ex. & revision (3) Aiming off for wind & movement (4) Recce Patrols	"	"
3		"	(1) Lecture-Carriers (2) First aid. (3) Gas revision (4) Camouflage (5) Intensive digging		
4		"	(1) Boxx formations (2) I.C.E. instructions (3) Maintenance (4) Rifle revision		
5			Administration & organised sport.		
6		"	(1) Map reading (2) Accident procedure (3) LMG. fixed lines (4) Fighting patrols		
7		"	(1) Improved camouflage (2) Use of ground - MT. (3) Movement of MT by rail & boat. (4) R.Os & Regs. on TPT.		
8		"	Hardening & control		
9		"	Route march to beach (1) Verbal messages (2) 3" Mortar (3) Fuel systems (4) Transmission & gears		
10		"	(1) Mapreading (2) LMG. T.O.E.T (3) Bayonet Training (4) A/Gas revision		
II			(1) Maintenance (2) MT drill & Sigs. (3) A/T T.O.E.T. (4) Rifle revision & strengthening exercises.		
12		"	(1) Administration		
13		"	(1) Signals organisation (2) Oil compass (3) Sun compass (4) Bayonet exercises (5) Night march (to be notified)		
14		"	(1) Improvement of natural cover (2) Verbal messages. (3) A/A instructions (4) Security - Arms Mt. formations	Bn area	
15		"	(1) Map reading (2) Sun compass (3) LMG. T.O.E.T. (4) Bayonet training		
16		Hardening	Route march		
17		Specialist	(1) Lecture A.A.S.C. (2) Electrical systems (3) Mt. sigs, Drill & convoy revisions (4) Digging weapon pits & crawl trenches		
18		"	(1) General knowledge test (2) Rifle revision (3) J.D. (4) Bayonet training.		

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Summary of Events and Information

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War Diary

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn

Prior to the 2" mortar Range practice to be conducted at Jaffa Range  
On 4 Oct 41, the undermentioned personnel will parade for 2" Mortar  
instruction at 0830 hrs on 3 Oct 41.

Instructors as under will be provided by Mortar Pln.

No.1 Squad

Instructor	Sgt Ranier	A. Cpl	Fletcher	A Coy
		Pte	Saddler	"
		Pte	Manusu	"
		Pte	Spence	"
		Pte	Watkins	"
		Pte	Ramsay	"
		Pte	Cromarty	B Coy
		Pte	Dawson	
		Pte	Makin	
		Pte	Smith	FIW
		Pte	Bailey	
		Pte	McIntosh	

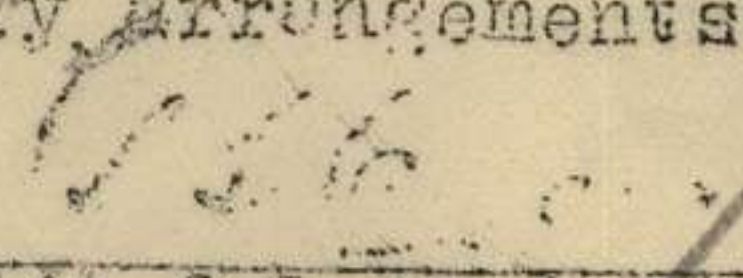
No.2 Squad

Instructor	Sgt Evans	Cpl	Fuller	C Coy
		Pte	Eagleton	
		Pte	McIntyre	
		Pte	Rhodes	
		Pte	Von Sturmer	
		Pte	Welsh	
		Cpl	McLure	D Coy
		Cpl	Dunnott	
		Pte	Cannons	
		Pte	Trees	
		Pte	Collins	
		Pte	Gabbott.	

Training Stores will be made available on 3 Oct 41 by R C M

Place of parade will be "Duties" Parade ground.

On 4 Oct 41 the abovementioned personnel will proceed to Jaffa Range  
with Mortar Pl for Range Practice. Necessary arrangements will be made  
by Lieut J C Burrell.

  
 Adjt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn      Capt

Distribution

- Lieut J.C.Burrell
- All Coys
- Adjt
- M P.O.
- R.Q.M.
- War Diary 2
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Company Commanders Conference.  
22 Oct 41.

- (1) Bottles required R.H.O.O. (Mr.Nathon)
- (2) P.A.D. Disposal of bombs
- (3) By 8 th Nov. G.R. training.
- (4) Suggestions for inflicting casualties by ruse.
- (5) Tommy Guns.
- (6) 2/3 rd first camp exercise.
- (7) Canteen to be opened in 4 days.



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		Pte Saddler	"
		Pte Menasa	"
		Pte Spence	"
		Pte Watkins	"
		Pte Ramsay	"
		Pte Cromarty	B Coy
		Pte Dawson	
		Pte Makin	
		Pte Smith F:W	
		Pte Bailoy	
		Pte McIntosh	

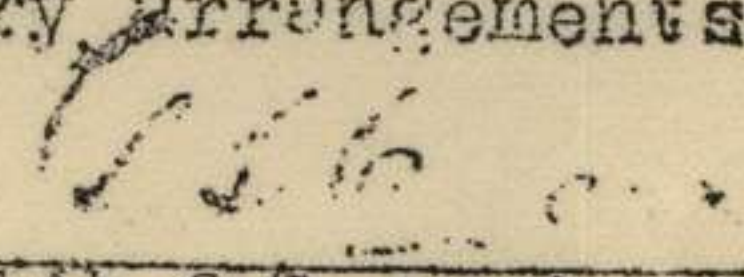
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Instructor	Sgt Evans	Cpl Fuller	C Coy
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		Pte McIntyre	
		Pte Rhodes	
		Pte Von Sturmer	
		Pte Welsh	
		Cpl McLure	D Coy
		Cpl Dummett	
		Pte Cannons	
		Pte Trees	
		Pte Collins	
		Pte Gabbott.	

Training Stores will be made available on 3 Oct 41 by R Q M

Place of parade will be "Duties" Parade ground.

On 4 Oct 41 the abovementioned personnel will proceed to Jaffa Range  
with Mortar Pl for Range Practice. Necessary arrangements will be  
by Lieut J C Burrell.

  
Adjnt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn Capt

Distribution

Lieut J.C.Burrell  
All Coys  
Adjnt  
IM T.O.  
R.Q.M.  
War Diary 2  
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Advance Party.

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# MESSAGE FORM

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Major Edgar

FROM

2/2 Bn

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

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Para 3 and Bn will

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Ref File 0/2/9

MOST SECRET

Headquarters,  
16 Aust Inf Bde.

8 Oct 41.

✓ HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
Sigs., 6 Aust Div.  
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VASELINE

Reference HQ 6 Aust Div Adm Inst. No. 4 of 3 Oct 41,  
App. "B".

2. Officers' baggage only will be transported by road.
3. One 30 cwt truck has been made available by 2/1 and 2/2 Aust Inf Bns respectively.
4. 2/1 Aust Inf Bn truck will report to HQ 2/7 Aust Inf Bn, 1900 hrs, 8 Oct 41 to collect baggage. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn truck will report to HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde, 1900 hrs to collect baggage of HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde and "K" Sec Sig Officers.
5. Baggage of Lieut Kearney to be delivered to this HQ by 1850 hrs, 8 Oct 41.
6. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn to provide NCO i/c Road Party.
7. Rifles, ammunition and 4 day's rations to be taken by road party.

*W. Darcey*  
.....Capt.  
S.O. 16 Aust Inf Bde.

*Ray Edgwa*  
*[Signature]*



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FROM

16 aust inf bde

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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Headquarters,  
16 Aust Inf Bde.

7 Oct 41.

2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
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6 AUST DIV. ADM MOVEMENT ORDER No. 5 DATED 6 OCT 41.

1. Herewith a copy of the above order. It is stressed that this move is MOST SECRET and only those immediately concerned will be informed.
2. Officers in charge of advance parties will be informed of the contents of the above order so that they will know the units to be relieved and the date of arrival of main bodies.
3. Advance parties will now assemble at AL MAJDAL Rly Stn at 2300 hrs, 8 Oct 41 and report to Major C.R.V. Edgar, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn who will be in comd of 16 Aust Inf Bde and 6 Aust Div adv parties.

Units will provide transport for own advance parties to AL MAJDAL Rly Stn.

*J.H. Hammer*

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

For Information:  
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2/11 Aust Inf Bn.



OFFICERS

Major C.R.V. Edgar  
Lieut J.M. Frew  
Lieut G.M. Nathan  
Lieut C.J. Prior  
Lieut R.D. Hull  
Lieut A.J. Simpson

BATMEN

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"Q" Details & Cooks

NX9772 WO11 Carter S.C.  
NX5482 Pte. Rogers J.W.  
NX22186 Pte. Johnson W.J.  
NX45575 Pte. Keown D.V.

Bn.HQ (Clerk)

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NX1622 Pte. O'Sullivan P.F.

*advance party*

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2/I Bn Training Syllabus.  
Period Commencing 1st Oct. 41.

Date	Sub-Unit	Type of training	Summary of training	Location	Time from & to
Oct 1	"B" Coy.		Administration & R.M.Os Address		
2		Revision	(1)Close order drill (2)LMG.revision. (3)Tabloid sports	Bn Area "	0830-1200 1330-1900
3		Hardening	Route march to beach by platoons Times to be recorded. Each man to finish with platoon.		
4, & 5.		Company	Provide enemy and umpires for Exercises No 3-Rifle coy in attack No 2 " " " Defence No 5 " " " Night withdrawal		
6		Hardening & control	Route march to beach by platoons		
7, 8, & 9		Company	Carry out exercises No 6-Rifle coy in attack (tanks) No 7- " " " occupation of rearguard posn. No 8- " " " Daylight withdrawal.		
10		Company	Administration		
11 & 14		"	Provide enemy & umpires for exercises 3, 4, & 5 (see above)		
15, 16, & 17		"	Carry out exercises Nos. 3, 4, & 5.		
18			Administration Day		



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

MOST SECRET

Headquarters,  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn.  
4 Oct 41.

Headquarters,  
16 Aust Inf Bde.

Ref: 0/2/5

The following is a list of Officers who will  
proceed with this Unit's Advance party :-

Major C.R.V. Edgar	
<del>Lieut R.D. Hull.</del>	<i>C</i>
<del>Capt B.W. Catterns</del>	
Lieut J.M. Frew	<i>HQ</i>
Lieut G.M. Nathan	<i>A</i>
Lieut C.J. Prior	<i>B</i>
Lieut A.J. Simpson	<i>D</i>

*Ch*  
..... LT-COL  
COMD 2/1 AUST INF BN.



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Headquarters  
16 Aust Inf Bde

3 Oct 41

2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn

6 AUST DIV ADM MOVEMENT ORDER No.4 - 2 OCT 41.

1. Herewith copy of above order.
2. It is suggested that Unit advance parties be based on the following lines:-

- ✓Bn 2 i/c
- ✓1 Officer per Coy
- ✓1 N.C.O. per essential Pls
- ✓Q.M. representative
- ✓1 Clerk
- ✓Batmen
- Mess Staff. ~~—~~

3. With reference to Para 10 of the above order a list of the Officers proceeding with advance party will be forwarded to this HQ by 0900 hrs, 4 Oct 41.
4. Adv parties will arrive at MAJDAL Railway Sta 30 mins prior to departure of train. Time of departure to be notified later.
5. Ack.

*Coy Comdr. Sand*  
*[Signature]*

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



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/1 BN

6 AUST. DIV. ADM. MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 4 DATED 2 OCT. 41

Copy No. 5 .....

1. INTENTION:

Advance parties and 2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec will move in accordance with Appx "A" attached. Main bodies will not move before 10 Oct 41.

2. RATIONS:

Personnel will carry unconsumed portion and two days preserved rations.

3. KIT AND CLOTHING:

(a) Winter Clothing, if not already issued, will be drawn prior to move.

(b) The following will be taken:-

- Full Kit
- Personal Equipment
- 2 Blankets and Groundsheet
- Rifle and 50 rds .303
- Revolver and 12 rds
- Binoculars
- Compasses
- Personal AG equipment (Capes will be taken)
- Dovers Cream.

*Have sufficient for advance party on hand i.e. approx 1,400 rds but if main body is to carry 50 rds amm. must be obtained i.e. approx 15,000 rds.*

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4. TENTAGE AND ACCOMMODATION STORES:

Tentage and accommodation stores will be returned to 2 Aust AOD.

5. EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT:

G.1098 equipment and tpt now held by units, less personal equipment shown in para 6 (b) will be returned to 2 Aust AOD for subsequent disposal. Cars DS may be retained pending further instructions. Units relieved will hand over all G.1098 equipment including vehicles and all Ordnance Stores, etc., except personal equipment shown in para 6 (b), to the respective advance Party.

6. OFFICE EQUIPMENT:

Office Equipment will be taken,

7. MESS EQUIPMENT:

Private Mess equipment only will be taken.

8. RESERVE CLOTHING:

Reserve clothing stocks will be taken.

9. MOVEMENT:

Further details regarding movement will be issued later.

10. OFFICERS - ADV PARTY:

Advise forthwith number of Officers included in advance party.



11. CODE WORD:

VASELINE

12. ACK

*L. Bowser*  
*for Haj*  
Col. A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 Aust. Div.

Time of  
Signature *1430*

DISTRIBUTION:

- R.A.A. 1
- R.A.E. 2
- Sigs 6 Aust Div 3
- 16 Aust Inf Bde 4 - 7
- 19 Aust Inf Bde 8 - 9
- A.A.S.C. 6 Aust Div 10 - 12
- A.D.M.S. 13 - 15
- D.A.P.M. 16 - 17
- 6 Aust Div Postal Unit 18
- Camp 19
- Comd 20
- G 21
- D.A.D.O.S. 22
- War Diary 23 - 24
- File 25 - 26

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TENTAGE AND ACCOMMODATION:

EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT:

OFFICE EQUIPMENT:

MESS EQUIPMENT:

RESERVE STOCKS:

OFFICERS - ADV PARTY:



APPENDIX "A" TO 6 AUST DIV ADM MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 4 DATED 3 OCT 41

SERIAL	UNIT	STRENGTH ALL RANKS	DEPART PLACE TIME AND DATE	ARRIVE PLACE TIME AND DATE	METHOD	REMARKS
7	2/8 Fd Coy	-				
10	Amn Coy, AASC	40	MAJDAL RY Sta p.m. 8 Oct	HAIFA a.m. 9 Oct	Rail	Units will arrange tpt from camp lines to AL MAJDAL Ry Sta
"	HQ 6 Aust Div	12				
"	HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	3				
"	HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	5				
"	HQ AASC 6 Aust Div	5				
"	Sigs 6 Aust Div	10				
12	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	5	HAIFA a.m. 9 Oct	DAMASCUS p.m. 9 Oct		85 L of C will arrange move from DAMASCUS to destination.
"	6 " " Postal Unit	3				
"	2/1 Aust Fd Amb	10				
"	Sup Col, AASC	30				
15	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	10				
"	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	30				
"	2/2 " " "	30				
17	2/7 " " "	30				
19	2/11 " " "	30				
↓	2/1 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	27				
	Total	280				



Officers

Major C.R.V. Edgar ✓  
Lieut J.M. Frew ✓  
Lieut G.M. Nathan ✓  
Lieut C.J. Prior ✓  
Lieut R.D. Hull ✓  
Lieut ~~A.I. Simpson~~ ✓  
    *B. Fletcher.*

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NX1624 Pte. O'Sullivan P.F. ✓  
NX1743 Cpl. Stewart D. ✓

*These personnel constituted  
the advance party.*



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

*Coy Sq (another 2 weeks after now)  
A/Gas course - Fd work course -  
Include AIT Regt in all exercises.*

SECRET

Headquarters,  
16 Aust Inf Bde.

10 Oct 41.

ADM NOTES ON VASELINE

Reserve Rations: Four days are now in hand. Arrangements will be made for withdrawal of surplus to 2 days and returned to Supply Depot, AL MAJDAL, forthwith.

Bottles, Water: All units in possession except 2/1 Aust Inf Bn (30 deficient). These will be made available.

Medical: Unit RMO's as instructed.

Clothing: 2/2 Aust Inf Bn short of underclothing. This will be available.

Blankets: Withdraw surplus to 2 per man, roll in bundles of 10 and return on "D1" with accommodation and tentage stores.

A/Gas Clothing & Stores: Detectors, individual NOT available. All remaining items will be issued.

Devers' Cream: AASC Supply. Indents to be submitted on AB.55 and issues will be made.

Tentage: Return on "D1"

<u>Accommodation Stores:</u>	<u>Time Table</u>	(a) Tentage .....
		(b) Tables & forms. ....
		(c) Kitchen Stores .....

*Give Bde day before, requirements for M.T. in tonnage loads (3 ton)*

Reserve Clothing: Units in possession 5% except 2/7 Aust Inf Bn. Will be issued.

Kits: Kits may be lodged at Kit Store, NES SIYONA if desired. *officers*  
Personnel taking Kit Bags will carry them in train.

Personnel: Returning from Schools: Will join units in accordance with instructions issued.

Going to Schools: If due to attend a course within a short period to be detached to a unit remaining *6th Bn.*  
Attached Appendix "A" Schedule of Courses concerned.

Dress: *Summer.*

Ammunition

Schools 1 WO or Sgt 3 cpls.

2 Nov 3 Dec *Junior Leaders Course*

Drivers 2 Drivers or cpls  
*clerk 1*

*6 WOs  
12 cpls*




Office Equipment: Reduce to minimum. Typewriters will be returned to Stationery Depot when replaced.

Mess Gear: Majority of Sgts' and Offrs' Mess Gear is personal. Was issued by Ordnance to replace losses in action.

Conservancy: Camp Staff Officer regarding return of Buckets etc. *to return for unit*

Lines: *Tracks also* Cleanliness etc.

Inspection - RE's: "D1" *Givney.*

<u>O.C. Train</u>	}	Serial (18a - 18b) 2 Coys 2/1 Bn, Bde.	<i>Bill</i>
<u>Entraining Offr:</u>		" (20a - 20b) 2/1 Bn, 2/2 Bn less 1 Coy.	
<u>Baggage:</u>	}	" (22a - 22b) Rifle Coy 2/2 Bn, 2/7 Bn	
		" (18a - 18b)	
		" (20a - 20b)	
		" (22a - 22b)	
		" (18a - 18b)	
		" (20a - 20b)	
		" (22a - 22b)	

*O.C. Train  
Entraining office 18a 18b  
Baggage office*

A.A. Protection:

*Responsibility of O.C. Train*

Baggage Vans: One Van per train allotted. *(10 ton)*

Composition of Trains:

<u>Serial</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>	<u>Van.</u>
(18a - 18b)	1	5	1	
(20a - 20b)	1	-	-	40
(22a - 22b)	1	7	1	-

*Ferry service:- Small convey not more than 4 trucks.  
Commencing Monday or Sunday if possible - 30 cists per  
2/2 Bn.*

*W. Parcey*  
.....Capt.  
S.C. 16 Aust Inf Bde.



APPENDIX "A"

COURSE	PLACE.	DATE.	2/1 BN		2/2 BN		2/6 BN		2/7 BN	
			Off.	Ors.	Off.	Ors.	Off.	Ors.	Off.	Ors.
AIF (SAS) PL WEAPONS.	NUSEIRAT.	29 Oct.	1	2	1	2	1	5	2	3
AIF (SAS) MORTAR	"	15 Oct.	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	1
METS FIELD WORKS.	HELWAN	21 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AIF RNFCPT SEN. JUN. OFFRS	NUSEIRAT.	14 Oct (T)	-	-	3	-	-	-	4	-
ME COOK SCH. No. 15 SGTs	SARAFAND.	18 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
26 ME DM & MM SCHOOL	SARAFAND	13 Dec	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
AIF (ME) SCHOOL OF SIGS	DIMRA	24 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
AIF (ME) SME No. 2	GEBEL MARYAM	29 Oct	1	2	1	3	-	-	1	1
ME OCTU. 16 INTAKE.	KASR-EL-NIL	24 Oct-14Feb	-	1+	-	1	-	-	1	-
AIF (SAS) CSM's COURSE	NUSEIRAT	29 Oct.	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	2
AIF (ME) SAS PL. WEAPONS	"	2 Nov-3 Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
5 CHIROPODY COURSE	KILO 89	18 Oct.	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
AIF (SAS) MORTAR WING	NUSEIRAT.	19 Oct-5 Nov	-	1+	-	1	-	-	-	-
REGTL OFFRS SCH. JUN OFF.	"	19 Oct-2 Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ME SCHOOL OF SIGS.	MAADI	18 Oct.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
ME OCTU 15 INTAKE	KASR-EL-NIL.	17 Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ME P & RT.	SARAFAND	11 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
METS motor contact	HELWAN	22 Nov	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COMBINED TNG CENTRE	KABRIT	20 Oct-1 Nov	1	1 (16 Bde)	1	1	-	-	-	-
ME P & RT.	SARAFAND.	27 Oct-8 Nov	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
AIF JUN STAFF SCHOOL No. 1	LETRUN	2 Nov.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Double dates indicate School NOT commenced.

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FROM

*16 aust inf bde*

Originator's Number

*A143*

Date

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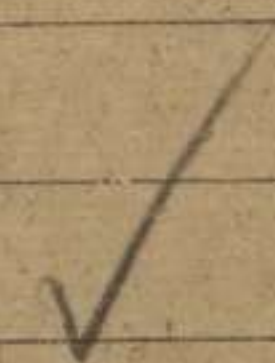
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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MOST SECRET

Headquarters,  
16 Aust Inf Bde.

8 Oct 41.

✓  
2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
2/2 Aust Inf Bn  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
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6 AUST DIV ADM MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 5  
MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS - VASELINE  
REF PARA 6  
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The following Medical Officers are to be responsible for the Medical care of the serials indicated and for supplying Medical Orderly together with necessary equipment :-

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Medical Officer</u>
18b - 18a	R.M.O. 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
20a - 20b	R.M.O. 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
22a - 22b	R.M.O. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

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

*[Signature]*



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEMOST SECRETAMENDMENT NO. 1.

H. Q. 6 AUST. DIV.

OCT 7 1941

VASELINE:APPENDIX "B"

Delete all reference KIRYAT MOTZKIN and substitute NESHER. ↗

Serial 7      Add      "Depart HAIFA 1030 hrs 11 Oct 41. Arrive  
DAMASCUS 1930 hrs. 11 Oct 41.  
Methods: HAIFA to RAS BAALBECK by MT."

Serial 20a ) Add      "Depart AL MAJDAL Ry Sta 2200 hrs. Arrive  
20b )              HAIFA 0500 hrs." ↗

Serial 22a ) Add      "Depart AL MAJDAL Ry Sta 2200 hrs. Arrive  
22b )              HAIFA 0500 hrs." ↗

Time of  
Signature

1610 hrs

A.A. &amp; Q.M.G. 6 Aust. Div.

*E. Bowser*  
for Col. *Logg*

DISTRIBUTION:

RAA	1
RAE	2 - 3
Sigs 6 Aust Div	4
16 Aust Inf Bde	5 - 8
2/11 Aust Inf Bn	9
AASC	10 - 12
Med	13 - 15
6 Aust Div Pro Coy	16
6 Aust Div Postal Unit	17
6 Aust Div Fd Cash	
Office	18
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2/1 Bw.

MOST SECRET

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

6 AUST. DIV. ADM. MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 5 DATED 6 OCT. 41

Copy No.....<sup>6</sup>.....

1. The following instructions cover the changeover of certain British and 6 Aust Div units in SYRIA.
2. UNITS MOVING:  
Units moving together with strengths and serial numbers are shown in Appx "A" attached. Serial numbers will be used in all signals referring to the move.
3. MOVEMENT:  
Units concerned will move in accordance with Appx "B" attached.
4. RATIONS:  
(a) All units will entrain or embus with the unconsumed portion of the day's rations and two days' preserved rations.  
(b) Boiling water will be available at FZ-ZIB, HAIFA, NESHER, KIRYAT-MOTZKIN, DERA A, DAMASCUS, RAYAK.
5. WATER:  
Water for each day's journey will be carried. Water bottles may be refilled at staging posts.
6. MEDICAL:  
A.D.M.S. will arrange for an M.O. and orderly to travel with each train or road convoy.
7. GUIDES:  
(a) APM, Force HQ, is arranging guides in conjunction with LYDDA area at RAMLEH and PETAH TIKVAH and Northern L of C District at HADERA and through HAIFA.  
(b) 1 Aust Corps and 6 Div is arranging guides through BEIRUT and 6 Div area.
8. DISCIPLINE:  
(a) Road convoys travel 15 mih, 15 vtm.  
(b) Road discipline will be strictly observed.  
(c) Os.C. Trains and road convoys are responsible for local protection and discipline of their troops at all times.
9. ACCOMMODATION AT STAGING POSTS:  
No tentage, accommodation stores or mosquito nets will be available for issue.  
  
Northern L of C District will clearly define latrine areas in which trenches will be dug. As mosquito nets will not be available, HQ Northern L of C District will have Dovers Cream available for issue to troops staging the night.
10. KIT AND CLOTHING:  
(a) Winter clothing, if not already issued, will be drawn prior to move.  
(b) The following will be taken:-  
Full Kit  
Personal Equipment  
2 blankets and groundsheet  
Rifle and 50 rds .303

P.T.O.

*[Handwritten signature]*



- Revolver and 12 rds
- Binoculars
- Compasses
- Personal AG equipment (Capes will be taken)
- Dovers Cream

Personal AG equipment will include the following:-

- Respirator complete
- Cape, AG
- Ointment, AG, No. 2 - 2-oz, 2 jars or tins
- Eyeshields, packet of 6
- Detectors individual, two pairs
- Detector, Gas, ground, 1 packet per Offr and NCO
- Cotton Waste, 102
- Wallet AG

Individuals will carry respirator AG, Eyeshields, packet of 6, and one jar of Ointment AG No. 2; remainder of items will be carried under unit arrangements.

11. TENTAGE AND ACCOMMODATION STORES:

Tentage and accommodation stores will be returned to 2 Aust AOD.

12. EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT:

All G.1098 or E2 series equipment and tpt now held by units, less personal equipment shown in para 10 (b) will be returned to 2 Aust AOD for subsequent disposal. Lorries garage on issue to LADs and AASC will be retained as these vehicles do not form part of the W.E. of British Units. Cars DS may be retained pending further instructions. The unit relieved in SYRIA will hand over all G.1098 equipment including vehicles and all ordnance stores, mess gear, etc., with the exception of personal equipment shown in para 10 (b).

2/2 Aust Inf Bn will hand over all G.1098 or E2 series equipment and transport to 2/6 Aust Inf Bn on or before 15 Oct 41.

13. REAR PARTIES:

Rear Parties will not be left by units of 6 Aust Div, unless absolutely necessary. Units will advise this HQ strength of rear parties in order that movement arrangements may be completed for personnel to rejoin units.

14. OFFICE EQUIPMENT:

Minimum Office equipment will be taken. Only essential unit records required at final destination will be taken.

15. MESS EQUIPMENT:

Private mess equipment only will be taken.

16. RESERVE CLOTHING:

Reserve clothing stocks will be taken.

17. PAY:

Det 6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office will open at Wavell Barracks, BAALBECK, on 9 Oct 41.

18. SECURITY:

This move is most secret, and will only be discussed with those immediately concerned.

P.T.O.



19. CODE WORD:

VASELINE

20. A C K

*C. Bowser*  
*for Maj Col.*

Time of Signature 1330

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

DISTRIBUTION:

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RAE	2 - 3
Sigs 6 Aust Div	4
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2/11 Aust Inf Bn	9 ✓
AASC	10 - 12
Med	13 - 15
6 Aust Div Pro Coy	16
6 " " Postal Unit	17
6 " " Fd Cash	
Office	18
6 " " Reception	
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A. Any two, incl. personnel returning in few days. off work's

B. Remainder of total Bur ~~less~~ incl att. + 15.

BOD.

~~4 + 9~~

~~4 + 95~~

4 + 99

4 + 95

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8 + 194

7 + 30

4 + 95

7 + 220

5 + 95

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20 + 194

8 + 194

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28 + 634

*Wm*



MOST SECRET

APPENDIX "A" TO 6 AUST DIV ADM MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 5 DATED 6 OCT

COMPOSITION AND STRENGTH OF PARTIES

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFRS	O.R.s	DESTINATION	RELIEVE
7	2/8 Aust Fd Coy	2	85	BAALBECK	
10a	Amn Coy AASC	7	233	EL-LAINE	7 Aust Div Sup Col
10b	Adv HQ 6 Aust Div	10	200	BAALBECK	HQ 6 Brit Div
10c	Det HQ RAA	-	-	"	HQ RA 6 " "
10d	HQ RAE	-	-	"	HQ RE 6 " "
10e	HQ AASC	6	21	"	HQ RASC 6 " "
10f	Sigs 6 Aust Div 42 LAD	13	156	"	Sigs 6 " "
12	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	30	378	JDEIDE	One Bn 18 Aust Inf Bde
15a	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	1	86	BAALBECK	Pro Coy 6 Brit Div
15b	6 " " Postal Unit	1	24	"	Postal 6 " "
15c	2/1 Aust Fd Amb	10	163	ZAHLE	
15d	Sup Col, AASC	12	233	QATANA	14 Inf Bde Coy RASC
18b	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde ) J Sec Sigs ) 45 LAD )	6	146	QATANA	HQ 14 Inf Bde
18a	Pl, Aust HQ Gd Bn ) Two Coys 2/1 Aust Inf Bn )	8	194	"	Berts and Herts
20a	2/1 Aust Inf Bn less 2 Coys	14	414	QATANA	Berts and Herts
20b	2/2 Aust Inf Bn less 1 Rifle Coy	23 <sup>14</sup>	600 <sup>546</sup>	"	Black Watch
22a	One Rifle Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	5	95	QATANA	Black Watch
22b	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	16	527	"	Yorks and Lancs
	Hyg Sec	-	-	BAALBECK	

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APPENDIX "B" TO 6 AUST DIV ADM MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 5 DATED 6 OCT 41

MOST SECRET

SERIAL NO	UNIT	DEPART		ARRIVE		METHOD	REMARKS
		PLACE	TIME AND DATE	PLACE	TIME AND DATE		
-	Adv parties 2/1 Fd HYG Sec )	AL MAJDAL HAIFA EAST	2345 hrs 8 Oct 41 0800 hrs 9 Oct 41	HAIFA DAMASCUS	0630 hrs 9 Oct 41 1915 hrs 9 Oct 41	Rail Rail	Units will arrange tpt to AL MAJDAL Ry Sta. Boiling water available NESHAR and DERRAA. 85 L of C Sub-Area is arranging accommodation night 9/10 Oct and guides for onward move to respective destinations on 10 Oct.
7	2/8 Aust Fd Coy	AL MAJDAL HAIFA EAST DAMASCUS	0430 hrs 11 Oct 41 <i>1030 hrs</i> 11 Oct 41 0600 hrs 12 Oct 41	HAIFA <i>1930 hrs</i> DAMASCUS RAS BAALBECK	0930 hrs 11 Oct 41 <i>1930 hrs</i> 11 Oct 41 1200 hrs 12 Oct 41	Rail MT -	RAE will arrange tpt to AL MAJDAL Ry Sta. 85 L of C Sub-Area will arrange accommodation night 11/12 Oct and tpt to RAS BAALBECK. Boiling water available HAIFA, DAMASCUS.
10a 10b 10d 10e 10f	Amn Coy AASC Adv HQ 6 Aust Div HQ RAE HQ AASC Sigs 6 Aust Div 42 LAD	JULIS EZ-ZIB RAYAK	0700 hrs 10 Oct 41 0630 hrs 11 Oct 41 2110 hrs 11 Oct 41	EZ-ZEB RAYAK BAALBECK	1600 hrs 10 Oct 41 1500 hrs 11 Oct 41 2220 hrs 11 Oct 41	MT MT Rail	Stage night 10/11 Oct EZ-ZIB. Boiling water available EZ-ZIB and RAYAK. Maj. Winchester OC Party.
10a	Amn Coy AASC	BAALBECK	2240 hrs 11 Oct 41	EL-LAINE	2350 hrs 11 Oct 41	Rail	(Destination EL-LAINE)



SERIAL NO	UNIT	DEPART PLACE	DEPART TIME AND DATE	ARRIVE PLACE	ARRIVE TIME AND DATE	METHOD	REMARKS
12	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	AL MAJDAL <del>KIRYAT</del> NESHER <del>MOTZKIN</del> RAYAK	2200 hrs 12 Oct 41  0630 hrs 13 Oct 41 1740 hrs 13 Oct 41	HAIFA (NESHER) <del>KIRYAT</del> <del>MOTZKIN</del> RAYAK RAS BAALBECK	0500 hrs 13 Oct 41  1700 hrs 13 Oct 41 2020 hrs 13 Oct 41	Rail  MT  Rail	Tpt under arrangements DADST Base Area will report unit lines 2000 hrs to convey personnel to AL MAJDAL Ry Sta. Boiling water will be available at KIRYAT MOTZKIN and RAYAK.
15a 15b 15c 15d	6 Aust Div Pro Coy 6 " " Postal Unit 2/1 Aust Fd Amb Sup Col, AASC	AL MAJDAL  HAIFA (NESHER)	2200 hrs 14 Oct 41 0700 hrs 15 Oct 41	HAIFA (NESHER) QATANA	0500 hrs 15 Oct 41 1500 hrs 15 Oct 41	Rail  MT	Tpt under arrangements DADST Base Area will report unit lines 2000 hrs to convey personnel to AL MAJDAL Ry Sta. Boiling water available at NESHER. 85 L of C Sub Area will arrange disposal of Serials 15a, b, and c in conjunction with 1 Aust Corps.
18a 18b	Two Coys 2/1 Aust Inf Bn HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde J Sec Sigs 45 LAD Pl, Aust HQ Gd Bn	AL MAJDAL  HAIFA (NESHER)	2200 hrs 15 Oct 41 0700 hrs 16 Oct 41	HAIFA (NESHER) QATANA	0500 hrs 16 Oct 41 1500 hrs 16 Oct 41	Rail  MT	Tpt under arrangements DADST Base Area will report unit lines 2000 hrs to convey personnel to AL MAJDAL Ry Sta. Boiling water available at NESHER.

Rm. 18a



SERIAL NO	U N I T	DEPART PLACE	DEPART TIME AND DATE	PLACE	DEPART TIME AND DATE	METHOD	REMARKS
20a 14-54620b	2/1 Aust Inf Bn less two Coys 2/2 Aust Inf Bn less one Rifle Coy	AL MAJDAL HAIFA (NESHER)	2200 hrs. 16 Oct 41 0700 hrs 17 Oct 41	HAIFA (NESHER) QATANA	0500 hrs. 17 Oct 41 1500 hrs 17 Oct 41	Rail MT	Tpt under arrangements DADST Base Area will report unit lines to convey personnel to AL MAJDAL Ry Sta. Boiling water available at NESHER.
22a 22b	One Rifle Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn 2/7 Aust Inf Bn	AL MAJDAL HAIFA (NESHER)	2200 hrs. 18 Oct 41 0700 hrs 19 Oct 41	HAIFA (NESHER) QATANA	0500 hrs. 19 Oct 41 1500 hrs 19 Oct 41	Rail MT	Tpt under arrangements DADST Base Area will report unit lines to convey personnel to AL MAJDAL Ry Sta. Boiling water will be available at NESHER.

Timings where missing will be issued to those concerned as an amendment.



7 Oct 41

I have received the following maps  
from Bole

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RESSAIFE	7	"
ANTIOCHIE	7	"
DSERABLOUS	7	"
ALEP	7	"
PALMYRE	7	"
Rd. DIAGRAM SYRIA	2	1:500,000
MOTOR MAP "	1	1:500,000
LATTAQUIE "	7	1:200,000
HAMIA QARIATEINE	7	"
BEYRAUTH	7	"
HOMS	7	"
SABA BAIR	7	"
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ZELLIAF	7	"
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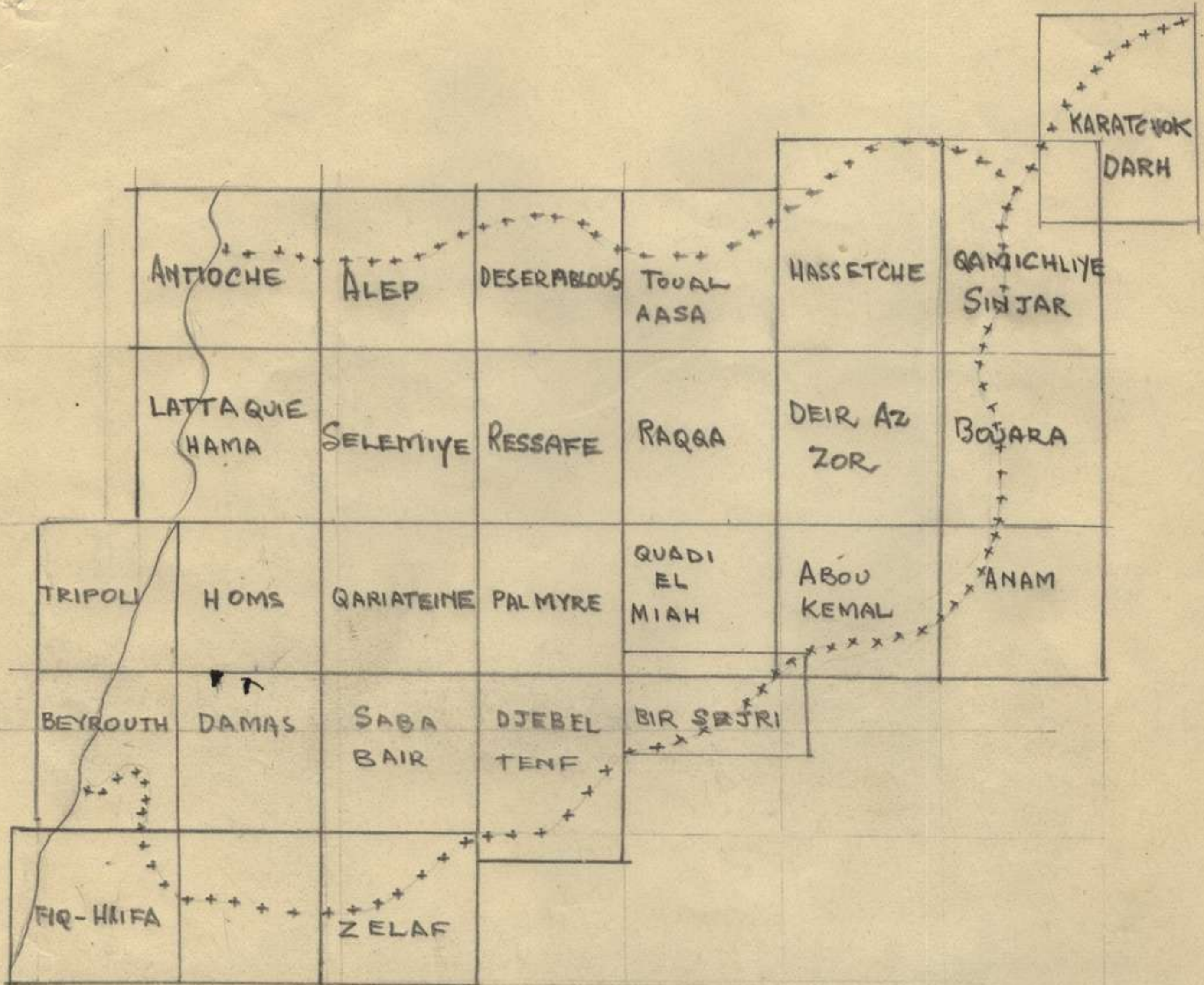


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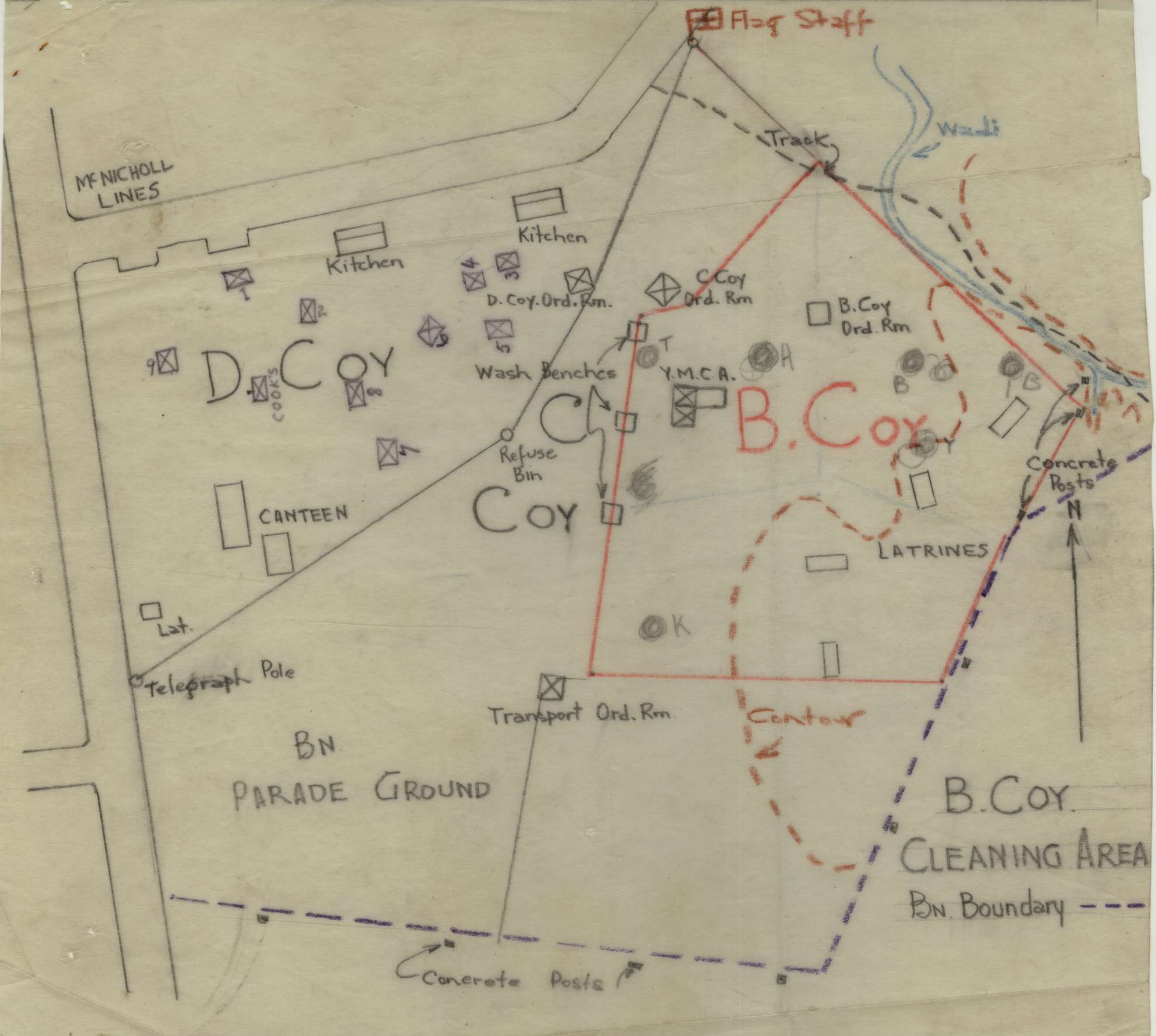
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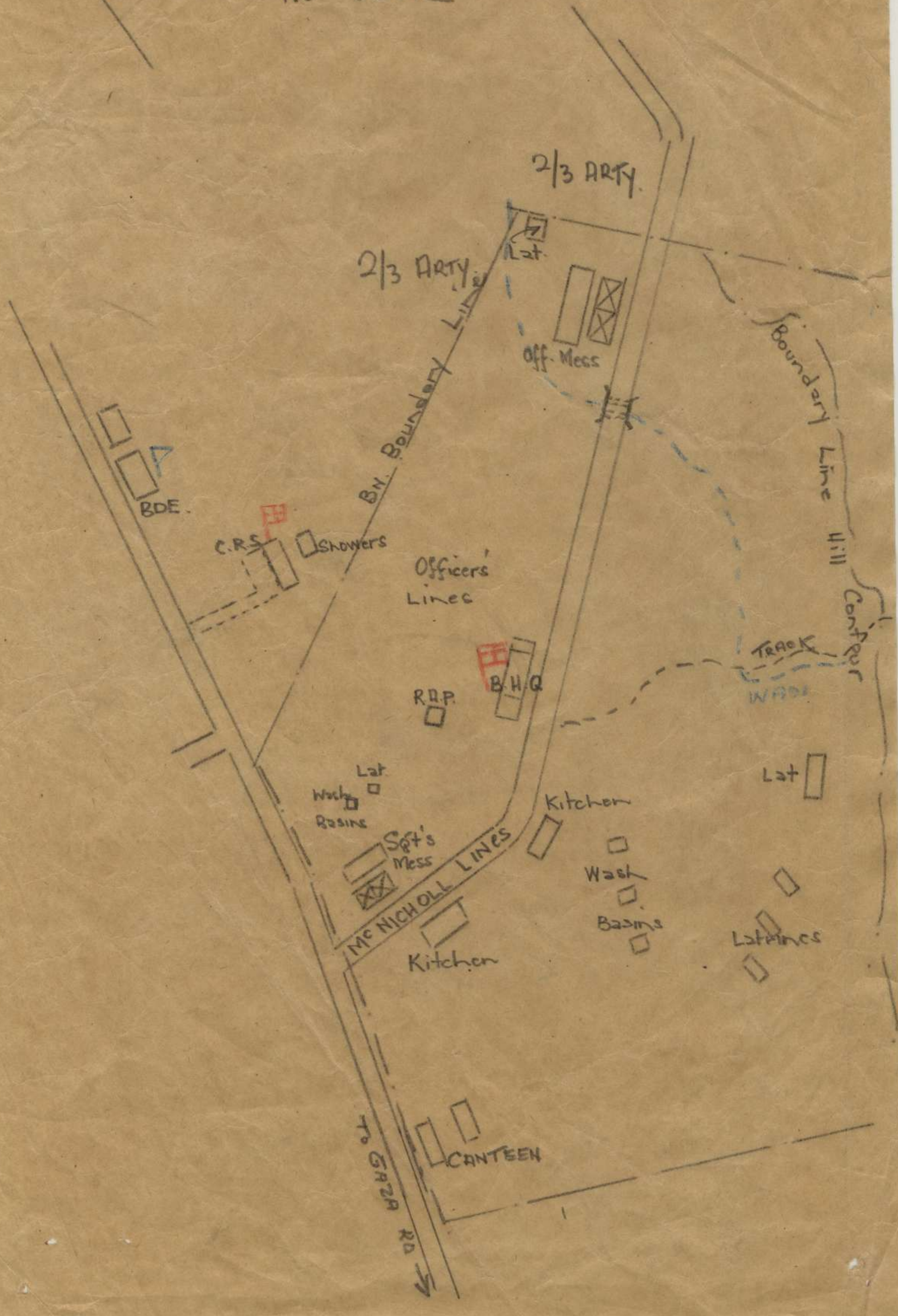








2/1 BN. AREA  
KHASSA  
No. Scale





~~Issue~~ ~~Orders~~  
S/ Barter to Q.M.

M.T.

1 Sgt's Mess	1	x 30 cwt
1 Off " "	1	x 30 cwt
1 R.H.P.	1	x 30 cwt.
1 On. I & Kay + C.A.S.	1	x 30 cwt.
1 Q.M. Resol. Band	2	x 30 cwt
1 Gas etc.	1	x 30 cwt
1 Armory & Stores	1	x 30 cwt
1 Reserves	2	x 30 cwt
1 Off. Baggage.	2	x 30 "



Convoys not more than  
3 or 4 days trucks

4 x 30 cwt's

Convey I 12/10/41 0800.

3 x 30 cwt Q.M.  
1 x 30 RAB + Band.

II 0800 HRS. 14 Oct

2 x 30 cwt. Off Baggage }  
1 x 30 Off mess. } 4 x 30 cwt  
1 x 30 Sgt's Mess.

III 0800 HRS 16 Oct

1 x 1 ton ? Q.M.  
3 x 1 ton ? day + 10.

No convey after 1400 HRS  
14 Oct 41



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Return Acc. stores D1 (16)

People going to Se Look  
to be attached to  $\frac{2}{6}$  <sup>th</sup> Bn

Officers to check camp  
with R.B's.

Lieut. Givney

Prelim Survey

Embassy Point

Appearance of office  
buildings etc.

Ammunition

Contact. Base re  
unit to move in.



OFFICERS

Major C.R.V. Edgar  
Lieut J.M. Frew  
Lieut G.M. Nathan  
Lieut C.J. Prior  
Lieut R.D. Hull  
Lieut A.J. Simpson

BATMEN

NX2381 Pte. Ellem G.  
NX23139 Pte. Chalker A.A.  
NX47280 Pte. Daley P.R.  
NX45735 Pte. Burston F.  
NX45268 Pte. Campbell F.J.  
NX46035 Pte. James J.W.

"I" Section

NX7709 A/Sgt Slaughter S.R.  
NX11955 Pte. Turner H.G.J.  
NX47099 Pte. Derricot C.

"Q" Details & Cooks

NX9772 Woll Carter S.C.  
NX5482 Pte. Rogers J.W.  
NX22186 Pte. Johnson W.J.  
NX45575 Pte. Keown D.V.

En.HQ (Clerk)

NX1505 Pte. Rye R.

R.A.P.

NX2649 Cpl. Wilson H.J.

Signals

NX7651 Sgt. Phillips A.V.  
NX47649 Pte. Steele J.  
NX46032 Pte. Wrightson R.E.

Mortars

NX8494 Sgt. Ranier E.E.

Carriers

NX3853 Sgt. Reid J.R.

Pioneers

NX9106 Cpl. Walters D.

Transport

NX1743 Cpl. Stewart D.

NX29134 Pte. McRoberts D  
NX1622 Pte. O'Sullivan P.F.

*Advance Party*



DAILY PARADE STATE as at 0700 hours of (Unit) 2/1 Aust Inf Bn. on Date 6 Oct 41.

FILE COPY.

Location KHASSA

39/APSJT/2-600 Pads of 75/3-28 I.41.

1 Sections Companies etc.	2 Posted Strength		3 On Parade		4 Light Duty & Sick in Camp Area		5 In hospital beyond Camp Area		6 Absent other causes		7 On Detachment		8 Total accounted for to agree Posted Strength	
	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR
Bn.H.Q.	4	35	3	31						1	3	4	35	
H.Q.Coy.	7	220	6	184					1	21	15	7	220	
"A" Coy.	4	94	4	87					1	7		4	94	
"B" Coy.	4	95	3	87	2				1	5	1	4	95	
"C" Coy.	5	93	3	86	1				1	5	1	5	93	
"D" Coy.	5	99	5	94	2					3		5	99	
<b>Total Posted Strength</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>5</b>				<b>3</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>636</b>	
Y.M.C.A. Attached Personnel (Unit)	1	-	-	-							1	1		
A.A.Ch.D.	1	-	1	-								1		
A.A.M.C.	1	3	1	2					1			1	3	
A.A.P.C.		1		1									1	
A.P.C.		1		1									1	
IA/T Regt	1	1	1	1								1	1	
O.R.'s		10	<del>10</del>	10									10	
O.R.'s Total attached for by Unit	33	721	27	653	5				3	43	20	33	721	

Signed [Signature] Commanding Officer



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H.Q.Coy	7	222	6	187					1	23	13	7	222	
"A" Coy.	4	95	4	90						5		4	95	
"B" Coy.	4	96	3	87		1			1	7	1	4	96	
"C" Coy.	5	93	3	87		1			1	4	1	5	93	
"D" Coy.	5	101	5	96						5		5	101	
Total Posted Strength	29	642	24	577		2			3	48 45	2	18	29	642
Y.M.C.A. Attached Personnel (Unit)	1	-	-	-							1		1	
A.A.Ch.D.	1	-	1	-									1	
A.A.M.C.	1	3	1	2						1			1	3
A.A.P.C.		1		1										1
A.P.C.		1		1										1
1/A/T Regt	1	1	1	1									1	1
O.R's		10		10										10
M.T.Sch accounted for by Unit	33	69	27	69					3	46 47	3	18	33	69
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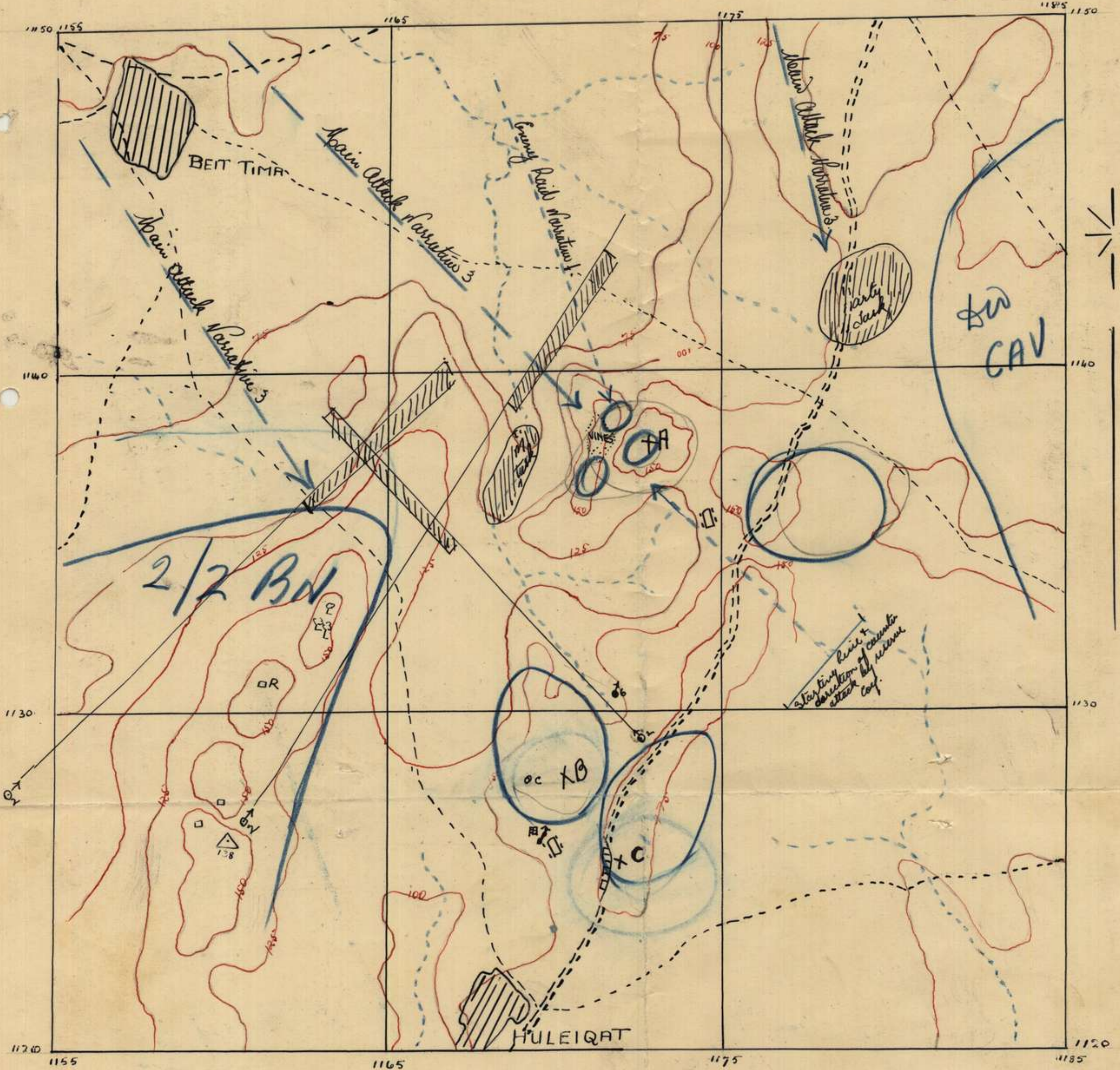
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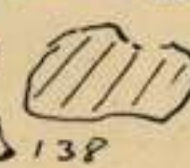
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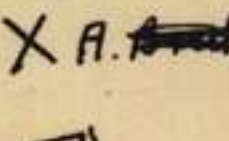

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## LEGEND

ROAD -----  
 Track .....  
 Contour 

Waddy Village   
 Trig  $\triangle$  138

PL Localities   
 Coy Localities   
 Stands A, B, C. X A.   
 Car Park. 

COMPILED BY I Sec 2/1  
 7/9/41



Right reserve Coy

Position of enemy on 13<sup>th</sup> August



*War Diary*

*22 Sep / 2 Oct 1941*

2/1 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS

No. 1

OF THE RIFLE COY IN THE IMMEDIATE COUNTER ATTACK.

REF: GAZA 1/100000 & SKETCH ATTACHED.

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2  
TACTICAL EXERCISES WITH TROOPS No. I.

The Rifle Coy. in the Immediate Counter Attack.

OBJECT.  
I To exercise the Cmdrs. in the preparation and conduct of the immediate counter attack and to teach the following lessons.

LESSONS.  
2. "if portion of the enemy attacking force succeeds in penetrating the defender's position, the nearest Commander with reserves at his disposal is faced with the problem of whether to use those reserves defensively to check and localise the enemy's success or offensively to counter attack the enemy".

I.T.Trng. & War Chap. I2  
Sec. 74. II.

3. "the immediate counter attack by a reserve platoon has as its object to check the enemy and to stabilise the local situation. It should be launched during the period of temporary confusion and disorganisation which occurs when the attacking troops have penetrated the position and gained an objective. It will have only the fire support immediately available-will have a limited objective and will, whenever possible have been reconnoitred planned and even rehearsed beforehand".

I.T.Trng & War Chap. I2  
Sec. 74. II.

4. "all troops will do their utmost to assist by fire any counter attack taking place in their vicinity".

I.T.Trng & War Chap. I2  
Sec. 74. II.

NARRATIVE.

5.

Ist. Bn. has occupied a defensive position facing North astride the road KAUKABA-HULEIQAT. with A and B Coys. fwd A Coy. right and B Coy. on left. Details of B Coys. dispositions are shown on D.S. sketch attached.

C. & D. Coys. are in reserve. 2nd. Bn. is on our left & Div. Cav. on right. One Bty. Pa. Regt. is in support.

6. At 0 hrs. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  hr. prior to first light ) an enemy raiding party overruns B. Coys. right fwd platoon locality. The Coy. Cmdr. at Coy. H.Q. sees and hears firing in his right fwd. platoon locality. The noise dies away towards first light. As first light breaks Coy. Cmdr. sees confusion of figures in the platoon locality but cannot see what it is all about. Cpl. of right fwd. platoon joins Coy. Cmdr. and tells him of situation.

7. At hrs. (5 mins after first light) Coy. Cmdr. orders his reserve platoon to retake right fwd. platoon locality. Reserve platoon Cmdr. issues his instructions and counter attack is launched.

8. Attack succeeds and reserve platoon occupies original right platoon locality and prepares to defend it. Enemy either destroyed or withdraws to wadi to the North East.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

<u>Estimated time.</u>	<u>Event.</u>
9. 0900hrs. T-I day	Coy. leaves camp.
1130 "	Directors opening remarks
1140 "	Coy. occupies B.Coy. position positions to be dug.
1145 "	Patrols sent out.
1700 "	Evening meals in position.
0100 " D day.	Enemy leave camp and move to wadi.
0500 " (approx)	Enemy attacks right fwd. platoon and captures locality.
0515 "	Coy. Cmdr hears uproar.
0520 "	Cpl. arrives at Coy. H.Q.
0525 "	Coy. Cmdr. issues orders for counter attack.
0535 "	Counter attack launched.
0540 "	Attack succeeds. Enemy withdraws North eastwards.
0600 "	Reserve platoon occupies right fwd. platoon locality.
0630 "	Conclusion of exercise.
0730 "	Breakfast in position.
0735 "	Troops assemble. Directors conference. Reserve platoon Area.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY.

10. Strength. Two platoons provided by Coy.

Equipment. Hatbands- each man will wear a red cloth hat band.  
Rifles - Taken weapons to rep L.M.Gs. A/T. rifles etc.

Enemy will leave camp 0100hrs. D day. Move to wadi (see sketch). From here action will be taken to send strong patrol of two platoons to rush and capture area held by right fwd. platoon of Coy. being exercised (see sketch) arriving on the position by hrs. (1/2 hr. prior to first light).

On arriving on the platoon defensive area the enemy will move round the area to create the picture of a confused enemy reorganizing on an objective captured. (see narrative) This action will take place at hrs. (just on first light) Then enemy will occupy the feature with a view to holding it until attacked. When reserve platoon attacks the enemy will withdraw to the northwards as far as the wadi.

On signal from director enemy will rejoin other troops on Coy. feature for directors conference. Morning meal will be taken on withdrawing to the wadi.

O.C. enemy will attend conference of D.S. Staff.

DIRECTING STAFF.

II. Director C.O. 2/I Bn.  
Assistant Lt.....  
Chief Umpire Capt.....  
Pl. Umpires Lt.....  
Lt.....  
Lt.....  
5 Runners supplied by .....Coy.  
Enemy Umpire Capt.....  
D.S. H.Q. marked with 2ft. sq. white flag.  
D.S. Staff will hold conference on the ground  
...hrs. ....Sept. O.C. enemy will attend.  
All members of D.S. Staff will wear 6" white arm  
band on right arm.



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INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES.

12. Umpires will act to bring out the following situations:-

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Situation</u>	<u>Umpire Concerned.</u>
1.	Raid on right fwd. platoon locality.	All.
2.	Enemy reorganizing on objective	Chief Umpire.
3.	Cpl. arrives at Coy.H.Q.	Chief Umpire.
4.	Success of counter attack.	Umpire with reserve platoon & enemy Umpire.

At the conclusion of the exercise all umpires will hand to the chief umpire notes on the exercise. The following points will be reported on:-

- i What action did reserve platoon Cmdr. take during daylight to recce for a possible counter attack.?
- ii Were reserve platoon Sec. Cmdrs. informed of any plan?
- iii Did Secs. of left fwd. platoon do anything to assist the counter attack?
- iv How long after Coy.Cmdr. issued orders for the attack did it take before it was commenced?
- v Comments on Sec. Cmdrs. control.
- vi Formation adopted by Secs. in the attack.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

13. Transport. O.C. H.Q.Coy. will arrange to provide M.T. as follows.:-  
Enemy I one ton van.  
Coy. 4 " " "  
I 30 cwt. truck.  
one water truck will be required.

Inter Com. Sig. Pl. will provide three W/T sets.  
I Director.  
I Enemy Umpire.  
I Chief Umpire.  
All sets will be set to work on same W/L.

Meals. Coy.  
1st. Day. Breakfast prior to leaving camp  
Lunch. Dry rations.  
Evening Meal 1700hrs. (hot meal).  
2nd. Day. Breakfast in position.  
Lunch 1400hrs. in camp.  
Enemy.  
D. day. 0030hrs. Hot tea & biscuits &/or bread  
Midday (1400hrs.) in camp.



PROBLEM No. I.

The problem that confronts the Coy. Comd. is the one in which he must make a decision as outlined in lesson I on page one of these notes..

Will he use his reserve platoon to check and localise the enemy's success, or will he use it offensively to counter attack and re-establish his right fwd. Pl. locality?

If he adopts the former course it will enable the enemy to establish themselves in the area that they have gained and may possibly result in the overwhelming of the left fwd. platoon.

It should be noted that the reserve platoon cannot from its present position give adequate support to the left fwd. platoon.

If on the other hand he decides to counter attack and regain the ground lost he will re-establish his F.D.L. driving the enemy out and so denying him the use of the dead ground in front of the two forward platoons. In addition it will ensure that his left forward platoon maintains its position. Having weighed up these considerations the Coy. Comd. decides to counter attack immediately.

He has two lines of approach.

- (a) He may move his reserve platoon straight forward.
- (b) He may make use of the covered ground to the rear and left flank so coming up on the reverse slope of the minor feature in front.

In selecting the route the Coy. Comd. should be governed by the time factor and as the direct approach would be the quicker he decides upon that course and issues orders accordingly to his reserve platoon Comdr.

MAIN POINTS OF COY.COMDRS. ORDERS.

- i Information -- will be scanty.
- ii Intention ---- coy. will counter attack & recapture right fwd. pl. locality.
- iii Method.
  - Counter attack Pl. - Reserve platoon.
  - Objective ---- Right Pl. Locality.
  - Line of Advance ----- Direct.
  - Fire plan ----- --- Left fwd. Pl. to be ordered to assist by fire - Right fwd. Coy. to be told & asked to assist (Pl. Comdr. must make own fire plan)
- Action on Capture. -- Consolidate.

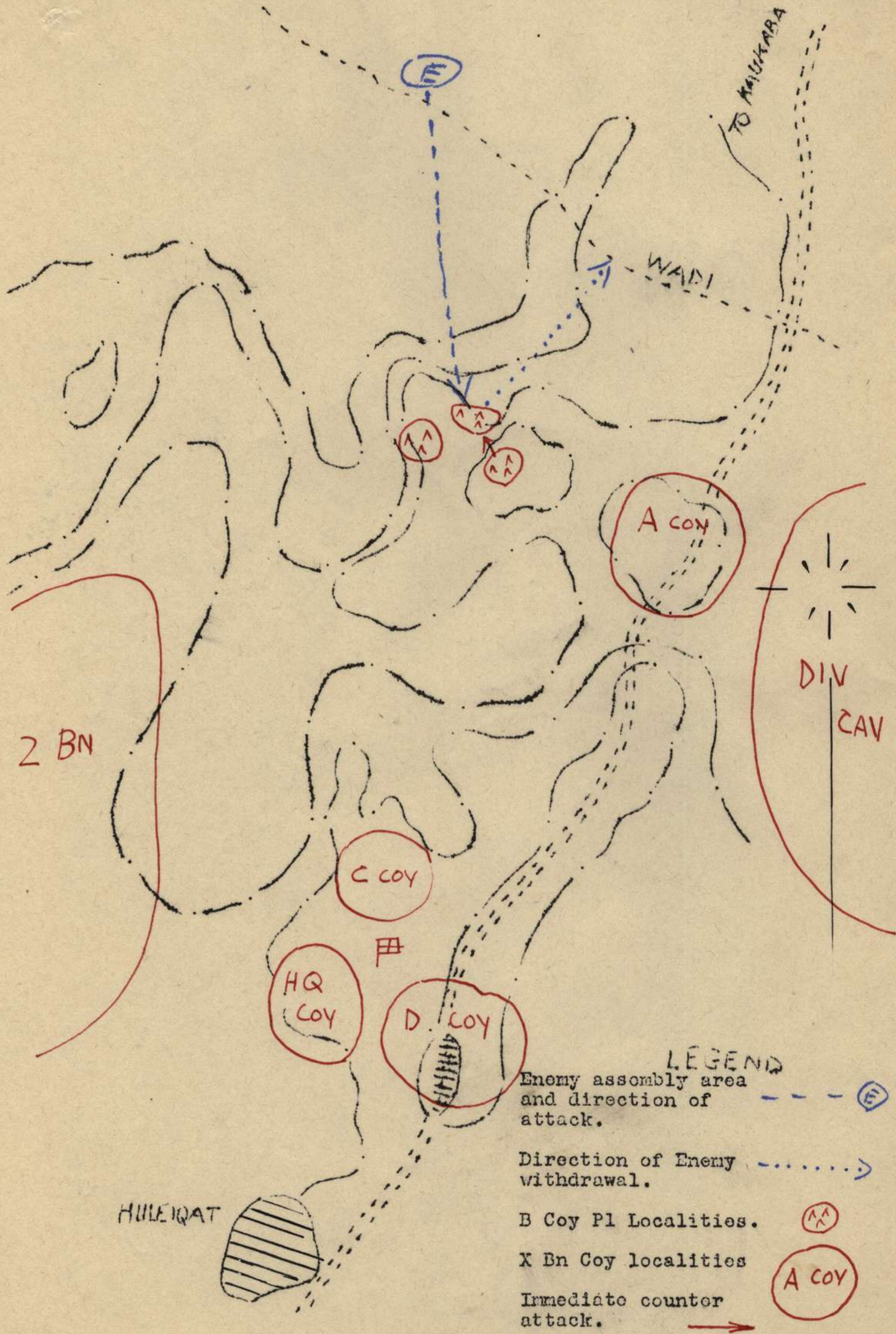
CONDUCT OF COUNTER ATTACK.

- i Pl. Comdr. issues orders quickly.
- ii Allots two secs. objectives and moves.
- iii Suggest at this time of day with bad light, best method of fire support is by Tommy Guns at close range during advance.
- iv Pl. may fire few H.E. 2" M. Bombs before advancing.

SPECIAL POINTS. (observed by umpires during exercise)

- i Prep. by Coy. & Pl. Comdrs. for counter attack during occupation of position.
- ii Did Sec. Comdrs. inform all ranks of plan for counter attack
- iii Action of neighbouring Secs. & Pls. to assist.
- iv Time factor. How long to get things moving.
- v Control by Pl. and Sec. Comdrs.





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D coy 1/2 Oct  
24/25 Sept  
B. coy

2/1 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

No. 2.

THE RIFLE COY IN THE DELIBERATE COUNTER ATTACK.

REF: GAZA 1/100000 & SKETCH.

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## TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS No. 2.

THE RIFLE COY IN A DELIBERATE COUNTER ATTACKOBJECT:

1. To exercise Comdrs in the control of their Commands in the field and to illustrate the difference between the immediate and deliberate counter attack.
2. "Once the enemy has been given time to settle down to re-organise and to place machine guns and anti-tank guns in position to defend the ground which he has gained the moment for the immediate counter attack has passed. The counter stroke now must be deliberate, it must be carefully planned and supported by adequate fire power. The considerations are in fact much the same as in making an attack"

R.S.R. Chap 7 Sec 70. 3.

NARRATIVE:

3. 1 Bn is occupying a defensive position astride the KAUKABA - HULEIGAT Road. A Coy is on the right, B the left. C & D are in reserve. (See sketch for detailed disposition of 1 Bn)  
2 Bn is on the left flank and Div Comd on the right. 1 Bn has a Bty Fd Regt in support.  
Shortly after the occupation C Coy Comdr was told he may be called upon to counter attack and retake either A or B Coy localities.
4. B Coys right fwd pl locality but was counter attacked and driven out by B Coys reserve pl. One Pl of D Coy was sent fwd to replace B Coys reserve pl.
5. About 1400 hrs the enemy attacked along the whole front and after an hours fighting was prevented from penetrating the fwd line anywhere.
6. C.O. 1 Bn at once ordered M Pl and Fd Bty to engage enemy in B Coy locality by observation and decided to counter attack with C Coy.  
C Coy was ordered to carry out the attack and the main points of the Bn Comdrs plan were:-
 

(i) Objective	B Coy locality
(ii) Line of advance	Low ground on right of road centre of fwd pls to cross road, near culvert.
(iii) Fire Plan	Arty and M to continue to bring concentration on to objective by observation. A and D Coys to assist attack by LMG and rifle fire. 2 Secs carriers to support attack from left of D Coy locality. 1 Sec to move to A Coy locality and support attack from there.
(iv) Starting Line	To be laid by I.O. in low ground right of road.
(v) Zero	30 minutes after issue of orders by C.O.

NOTE: Smoke if wind suitable.



- 7.7. C Coys attack was launched and was able with a little fighting to recapture B Coys position, the enemy withdrawing northwards.  
C Coy occupied the locality.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

8. Estimated time.	Event.
1130 hrs	Coy occupies C Coy defensive position digs in.
1430 "	Enemy attack develops.
1530 "	B Coys locality over run; enemys further advance checked.
1545 "	C.O. issued orders to C Coy to counter attack.
1615 "	C Coys attack commences.
1630 "	C Coy reached objective.
1645 "	Troops assemble on objective.
1730 "	Director's conference.
2000 "	Commence to move back to camp. Arrive in Camp.

DIRECTING STAFF:

9.	Director	C.O., 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.
	Assistant	Lieut.
	Chief Umpire	Major G.R.V. Edgar.
	Pl Umpires	Lieut.
		Lieut.
		Lieut.
	Enemy Umpire	Capt.
	Runners 5	Supplied by Coy.

D.S. HQ. will be marked with 2 ft sq white flag.  
All members of D.S. will wear 3 inch white arm bands.  
A conference on the ground will be held hrs.  
.....all members of D.S. will attend.

INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES:

10. Umpires will render a report to the Chief umpire within 15 minutes of conclusion of exercise. The following points will be notified:-
- (1) Orders -
    - (a) time taken to issue.
    - (b) If clear and containing full details.
  - (2) Time -
    - (a) For various actions to take place after orders have been issued.
  - (3) Control - By Sec and Pl Comdrs.
  - (4) Did counter attacking pls make any arrangements to provide supporting fire from within their own units in initial stages?
  - (5) Did Pl and Coy Comdrs make any prior recon of lines of advance while position being occupied?

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY:

- 11 Strength. One Coy.  
Distinguishing marks: - All ranks will wear red hatbands.



Action: At approx 1430 hrs action will be taken to advance on a very broad frontage. Movement will be so controlled that by 1530 hrs one pl, the centre one, will have gained B Coys locality and have captured it; the remaining two flank pls are to be held up some 500 yds from the general line of the P.D.L.

12. About 1615 hrs it is anticipated that the defence will launch a counter attack from the south east with its reserve Coy with the object of recapturing B Coy locality. This attack is to succeed and the enemy are to withdraw as the attack is pressed home.
13. After withdrawing some 500 yds to the North ALL the enemy will assemble in B Coy locality for D.S. Conference.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION:

14. M.F. O.C. HQ Coy will make the necessary arrangements to provide full war establishment of HQ for Coy being exercised. One 1 ton van will be required by Enemy and one by D.S. One water truck will be required.
15. Coy being exercised will be responsible for its own arrangements. Enemy and D.S. will be rationed; enemy by own Coy; D.S. by Bn HQ.
16. Inter-communication; Sig Pl will provide  
1 W/T set each - Director, Enemy Empire,  
and Chief Empire.

D.S. NOTES:

Coy Comdrs Plan:-

No of Pls fwd.  
Pl objectives and lines of advance.  
Probable use of reserve.  
Position of Coy HQ.  
Assembly Area.  
Route to assembly area.  
Method of moving from defensive position.

COY COMDRS ORDERS:

Information:

Enemy: Attacked, held everywhere but one place  
B Coy locality lost

Own Troops: Bn as to counter attack with C Coy  
supported by Arty, M. - tanks Bren guns  
of carrier-pl are to support attack from  
A & D Coy localities.  
A & D Coys are to assist by fire.

Method: 13 and 14 Pls fwd. 13 Pl right objective -  
stony spur (right fwd pl B Coy)  
14 Pl left - objective, grape vines (left fwd Pl  
B Coy) Lines of advance - 13 Pl to right of  
culvert - 14 Pl on left.  
Forming up place 200 yds S E of Starting line.  
Direction of attack o  
Starting line to be taped I.O. in low ground  
East of culvert.  
Zero hrs.  
Reserve 13 Pl move under control of Coy Comdr  
in rear of fwd pl - possible robs exploit success,  
flank protection.



Admin. 150 rds per rifle will be carried.

Inter Coy HQ will move with rear of reserve pl.

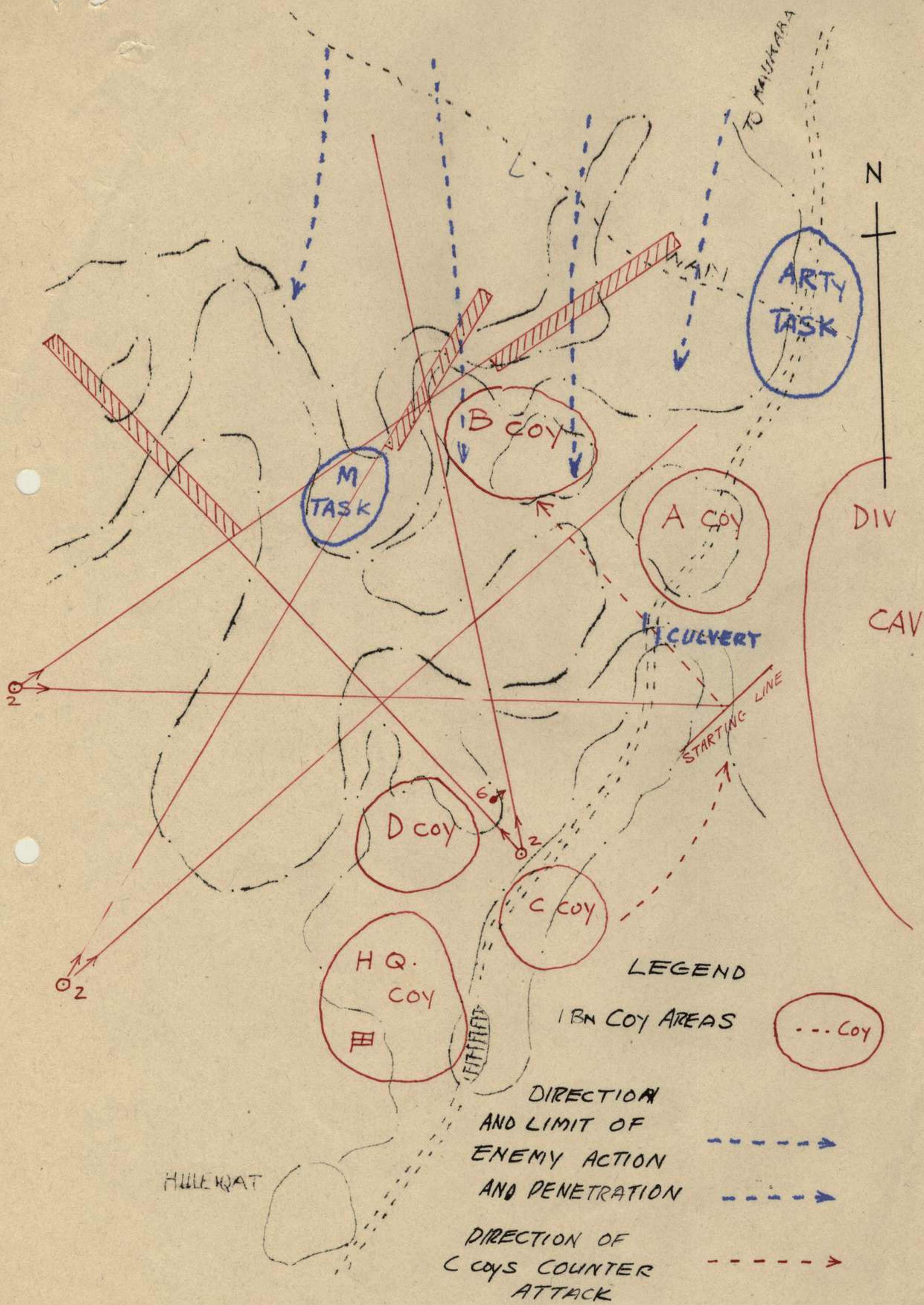
Time as now hrs. Synchronize watches.

SPECIAL POINTS NOTED DURING EM COMSE:

- i Issue of orders.
  - (a) Time.....
  - (b) Clearness.....
- ii Time.
  - (a) Attack commenced at.....
  - (b) Move up to S. L.....
- iii Control
  - (a) Coy Comdr.....
  - (b) Pl " .....
  - (c) Sec " .....
- iv Recce Prior to receiving orders for attack.
  - (a) Coy Comdr.....
  - (b) Pl " .....
- v Fire Support.

Attacking pls not to stop to open fire unless forced to do so.





100 50 0 1 2 3 4 500 6 7 8 9 1000 Metres



2/1 AUST INF BN

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS

NO. 6

THE RIFLE COY IN THE ATTACK WITH TALKS.

REF HEBRON 1/100000 & SKETCH  
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2/1 AUST INF BNTACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPSNO 61. OBJECT

To exercise Cmdrs in preparations for and conduct of an attack supported by Tanks, and to teach the following lessons.

2. LESSONS

Whatever the form of the attack it will usually fall into two separate stages; the initial stage, which has been planned, prepared and probably timed; and a subsequent stage when the fighting is looser and less organised and depends on improvisation. This latter stage demands a much higher degree of skill, endurance and determination from all ranks, especially from subordinate commanders.

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3.

The selection and allotment of objectives is one of the principal means by which a leader exercises control over the attack. The extent and distance of the objectives define the effort required of each body of troops; they will vary according to the opportunity which the enemy has had to prepare his defence, the features of the ground, the fire support available and sometimes the importance of the time factor. F.S.R. Vol II Sec 56, para 3

4.

The task of the Tanks will be to enable the infantry to advance by silencing the enemy small arms fire which is holding it up. In order to do this each unit of tanks should be responsible for the advance of a unit of infantry on to a definite objective.

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5. NARRATIVE.

Enemy forces effected a landing during night 21/22 Sep in EL ARISH area. Despite reported air attacks the landings were continued on subsequent days and a considerable force has since been landed. Our forces in the area consisted of scattered security detachments which were captured, and some patrols from 7 Aust Div Cav.

6.

On evening of D-2 Day 6 Aust Div was ordered to move SOUTH from its concentration area North of LYDDA along the RAMLEE-GAZA Rd to contact enemy forces now reported moving North.

7 Aust Div was concentrating in the JERUSALEM area and had received orders to move South along JERUSALEM-HEBRON-BEERSHEVA RD.

7.

Tactical recon planes on D-1 day reported that at 1600 hrs enemy motor cyclists and 20 M.E.T. were seen on the BEIT-JIBRIN TALL-AS-SAF Rd 1 mile N of BEIT-JIBRIN.

16 AUST INF BDE then 2 miles S of GLDERA instructed the C.O. 2/1 Bn to move via KASMIYA al KABIRA-AT TIMI and seize the high ground N of WADI AJJUR 1852 1252. The following troops were placed under command

2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
 Sqn 3 Aust Tk Regt  
 Bty 2/1 Fd Regt  
 Troop 2/1 A T Regt  
 Coy 2/1 M G Bn  
 Sec 2/1 Fd Coy



8. This force bivouaced for night in area 500 yds S.E. of AT TINA. On morning D 1 advance was resumed, A Coy loading and at approx 0830 hrs when loading troops had crossed FARM RIDGE 13571270 they were subject to heavy long range MG fire from what appeared newly dug positions on KHAN RIDGE and MUD HUT Hill. When fwd Coy reached SANDY WADI it was unable to advance further.

9. The C.O. 2/1 Bn from FARM RIDGE observed digging going on at PIMPLE and sangars being built on KHAN RIDGE and decided to attack as soon as possible. The main points of his orders were as follows:

INFORMATION.

Enemy is holding KHAN RIDGE-MUD HUT HILL-PIMPLE. He appears to be strong in MGs and is still busy constructing defences.

Own Troops. "A" Coy is held up in front along SANDY WADI.

INTENTION.

2/1 Bn will attack and capture KHAN RIDGE & MUD HUT HILL.

METHOD.

Fwd Coys	B Coy	Right
	C Coy	Left
Reserve	D Coy to follow 300 yds in rear B Coy	
	A Coy will as soon as possible follow 300 yds in rear C Coy	

Objectives B Coy MUD HUT HILL  
C Coy KHAN HILL

One Pl Tanks will support each Coy.

Assembly Area W of FARM RIDGE (See Sketch attached)

S L SANDY WADI

Zero 1015 hrs

Tanks will approach S L from Right Flank and cross at Z plus 2 and move ahead respective sections (for route from Assembly Area see Sketch attached)

Arty Concentrations by observation  
1 Tp on KHAN RIDGE  
1 Tp on MUD HUT HILL until Z plus 12 then to PIMPLE.

Mortars 1 Det each fwd Coy  
1 Sec fire by observation MUD HUT HILL  
1 Sec Reserve Coy

MGs 2 PL covering fire from FARM RIDGE & on success signal to objective for consolidation.  
1 PL with Res Coy. Task consolidation.

Carriers 1 Sec protection R Flank  
2 Secs reserve

A/T One Sec protection right flank  
One Sec reserve



Action on Reaching Objective

Exploit 300 yds and consolidate.  
Tanks will remain on objective 15 minutes  
and then rally at spot indicated sketch  
attached.

Administration.

S & A Reserve. Assembly area W of FARM  
RIDGE.

Ammunition.

Rifle each man 150 rds  
LMG normal  
2000 rds per Coy will be brought fwd on  
success signals.

Dress.

Battle order with respirators.

Tools

4 shovels & 2 picks per section

Intercommunication

Bn HQ Axis of advance opposite "D" Coy  
until objective then 100 yds N of HUD HUT.

Success Signals

Right Coy ) To Bn by  
Left Coy ) W/T & Runner

The Bn attack supported by Tanks was launched and after a  
stubborn resistance enemy was driven from objective &  
retired in direction of HJFUR.

(Coy being exercised will take role "B" Coy. Narrative  
continued in Exercise 7)

10. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

<u>Estimated Time:</u>	<u>Event</u>
0830	D-1 DAY
1500	Coy leaves camp
1530	Directors opening remarks
1600	Coy Comdr recon outpost for ni
0800	D1
0830	Enemy leave Camp
0835	Advanced resumed
0840	Leading troops fired on
0900	Advance held up
1015	Bn Comdr arrives and appreciate situation
1040	Orders for attack issued
1100	Attack launched
1105	Attack on objective succeeds.
1115	Coy exploiting
1145	Exploitation completed
	Consolidation commenced
	Umpires conference
	Troops assemble
	Directors conference vicinity HUD HUT.

11. INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY

Strength 1 Pl provided by HQ Coy



Equipment Hatbands. Each man wears red hatband

Weapons to represent LMG & A T Rifle will be carried.

Enemy will leave camp at 1600 hrs D-1 day and be in position on objective by 1900 hrs. During night strong Patrol will be sent out to test Bivouac arrangement of Coy.

At 0800 hrs D1 enemy will be in position to defend objective. 2 men will be stationed on NHAN RIDGE & 2 on PIRPLE to create movement & build sangar during period when Bn Comdr is making Recce & during subsequent recce by Coy Comdr.

Up on attackers reaching objective portion of enemy will move to positions 2 and 3 for enemy on sketch & bring fire to bear on objective. When Coy exploits success enemy will move to EAST but will return to HUD. HUP for Directors Conference at 1145 hrs.

12. DIRECTING STAFF.

DIRECTOR C.O. 2/1 Bn  
 Chief Umpire 2 I/c 2/1 Bn  
 Pl Umpires Lieut  
 Lieut  
 Lieut  
 Enemy Umpire Lieut

D 3 HQ marked with 2ft sq white flag.

D 3 Conference on ground at hrs

OCs Enemy & other umpires to attend

All members D 3 will wear 6" white arm bands on right arm.

13. INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES

Umpires will bring out the following situations.

<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Situation</u>	<u>Umpire Concerned</u>
1	Leading Tps fired on	Umpire with fwd Pl
2	Advance held up	All
3	C.O. arrives & makes Recce & issue of orders	Chief Umpire
4	Enemy still holding out on lower reverse slopes of objective.	Umpires with fwd Pls
5	Success of Attack & Completion of Exploitation	" " " "



All Umpires will attend with notes on conference at 1115 hrs at D S HQ 200 yds E of HUD HUT.

Reports are required on the following:

- I Were Pl objectives given & did all ranks know them
- II Was the role given to Reserve Pl carried out
- III Were definite orders as to Co-operation with Tanks given to Secs by Pl Comdrs
- IV Did Pl Comdrs take hold & appreciate the need for exploitation on reaching objective
- V Was consolidation commenced without undue delay
- VI Comment on Section Leading & Control
- VII Did the man in the ranks know what was happening & why he was told to take certain action.

#### 14. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION

Transport O.C. HQ Coy will arrange to provide M.F. as follows:

Coy 4 1 ton vans  
1 30 cwt truck(kitchen)

Enemy 1 30 cwt truck

Water cart to visit Coy & Enemy at approx 0700 hrs and 1900 hrs daily.

In addition 9 1 ton vans will be required to represent tanks in the attack on D1

#### Meals.

##### D-1 Day

Breakfast	Camp
Lunch	Dry Rations
Evening Meal	Hot Meal 1700 hrs

##### D 1 Day

Breakfast	Bivouac area
Lunch	Dry Rations
Evening Meal	Hot Meal-Objective 1700 hrs

##### 1 Day

Reserve rations to be carried on Kitchen truck.

Enemy Pl Cooking by Primus. Rations 2 days plus 1 day reserve to be carried.

#### 15. D.S. NOTES

Coy Comdrs Plan of attack should cover following points:-

No of Pls fwd  
Pl objectives & lines of advance  
Distance Pl should be in rear of Tanks



Units to mop up  
 Probable role of reserve  
 Position Coy HQ  
 Assembly Area

Coy Comdrs Orders

Information

Enemy holds KHAN RIDGE-MUD HUT HILL-PIMPLE  
 possibly is force in N.T. sighted by  
 our Tactical recce yesterday. Appears  
 strong in MGs.

Own Troops

A Coy held up along line SANDY WADI  
 Bn is going to attack RIDGE (indicated  
 on ground) supported by Tanks.  
 Arty, Mortar & MGs will give fire support

Intention

B Coy will attack & capture MUD HUT HILL

Method

7 and 8 Pls forward  
 7 Pl Right. Objective from MUD HUT to SADDLE  
 on Right  
 8 Pl Left. Objective MUD HUT inclusive to  
 TRACK on left.  
 Line of Advance-7 Pl to right of small feature  
 in front SANDY WADI  
 8 Pl to left of small feature  
 in front SANDY WADI

1 Pl Tanks will support each Pl. Secs will  
 follow 50 yds in rear of Tanks which will  
 lead them to objective.

Direction of attack 138 deg time

F U P in assembly area (13351262)

S L SANDY WADI & Indicate on ground

Zero 1015 hrs

Reserve 9 Pl. ROLE exploitation & patrols to  
 cover consolidation

Mopping Up. 1 Sec each Pl to be detailed to  
 mop up on objective

Tanks will cross S L at Z plus 2 and move  
 through Coy to head of sections.

Admin

The following will be carried:

3 A A 150 rds per man  
 Respirators  
 4 shovels & 2 picks per section

Intercomm

Coy HQs with Res Pl 300 yds rear attacking Coy

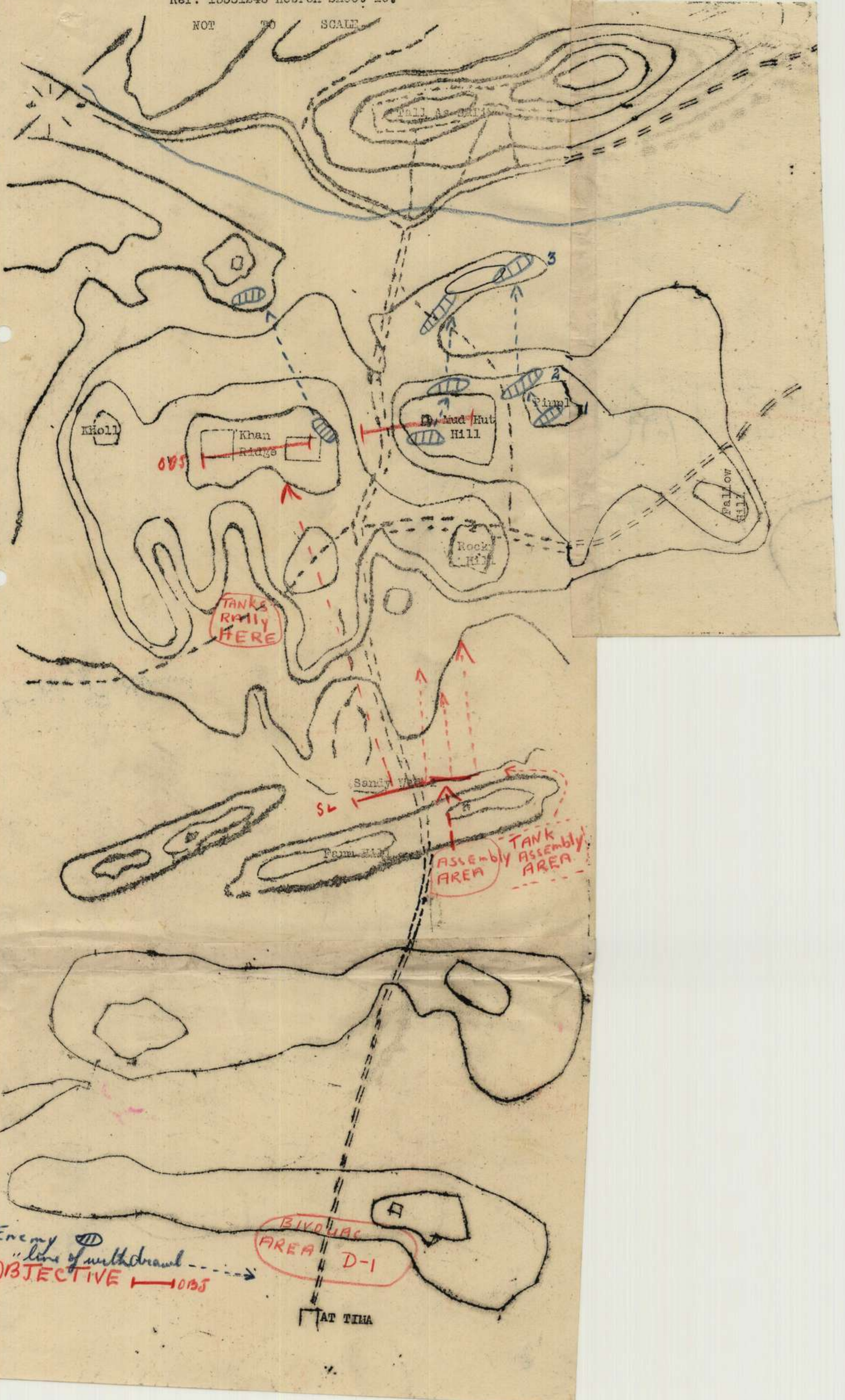


EXERCISE No 6

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2/1 AUST INF BN  
TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS  
NO 7

THE RIFLE COY IN OCCUPATION OF A REARGUARD POSITION  
REF HEBRON 1/100000 & SKETCH

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2/1 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS No.7

1 OBJECTS

- 1 To exercise the Company in the occupation and organisation of a rearguard position and teach the following lessons.

LESSONS

- 2 In selecting and occupying rear guard positions it is important firstly to show as strong a front as possible and secondly to make sure of good lines of retreat.  
I T Chap X Sec 60-4
3. A rearguard position does not require such depth as a position which is to be held for any length of time.  
I T Chap X Sec 60 -4
- 4 Unless sighted to cover a defile machine guns should be in direct fire positions covering as wide an arc at as long a range as possible ..... It will often be desirable for M G Platoons to be placed under command of rifle Company Commanders.  
I T Chap X Sec 60 - 4
5. Liaison:- Having made his plan and issued his orders to enable his platoons to begin the organization of their localities, the company commander should arrange to meet commanders of adjoining companies and machine and anti-tank gun platoons covering his front or located in his area to arrange and adjust details of co-operation.

NARRATIVE ( Continued from exercise 6)

6. The attack of 2/1 Bn on KHAN RIDGE and MUD HUT HILL was successful and after driving enemy from PIMPLE and lower slopes of the ridge consolidation was commenced immediately. At 1200 hrs orders were received from 16 Aust Inf Bde to the effect that, as the concentration of 7 Aust Div was not yet complete the Bde was moving to AL MUGHAR  
2/1 Bn was to hold the ground captured as a Rearguard position  
The C.O. 2/1 Bn made a recce of the area and decided on his plan  
Orders for the occupation were issued to Coy Comdrs at 1300hrs  
The main points were
- 7 Information
- Enemy  
Main enemy force moving NORTH has reached WADI GHAZZI SOUTH of GAZA. Small mobile patrols in M.T. supported by motor cyclists have been pushing up HEBRON JERUSALEM Rd
- Own Troops  
7 Aust Div has not yet completed concentration in JERUSALEM area  
6 Aust Div are in area SOUTH of RAMLEE  
and 16 Aust Inf Bde are moving into Defensive Position in vicinity of AL MUGHAR.
- 8 Intention  
2/1 Bn will occupy as rearguard position feature captured this morning
- 9 Method

1	<u>Fwd Coys</u>	A Coy Right	C Coy Centre	B Coy Left
11	" "	<u>Localities</u>	A Coy PIMPLE	C Coy MUD HUT HILL
			B Coy KHAN RIDGE	
111		Line F.D.Ls	Forward slopes	of features named



- IV Reserve Coy D Coy 13461254 ROCKY HILL
- V Pioneer Pl Lay mines S of PIMPLE covering Right Flank.  
Locality defence at Bn H Q.
- VI A/A Pl 2 Dets Bn H Q Defence  
2 Dets "B" Echelon area defence.
- VII Carrier Pl 2 sec-role- Observation and protection right flank  
from Fallow HILL  
1 sec-role- Observation left flank.  
1 sec Bn reserve 13461250.
- VIII. M M Gs One pl will be placed under command each fwd Rifle Coy
- IX Engrs Minefield in area Track 13521248.
- X Fire Plan

ARTY

Zone of observation Rd S W of TALL AS SAFI to WADI AJJUR

Defensive Fire Tasks.

1. Area 13521242 See Sketch
2. Area 13641246 See Sketch

Ms.

Zone of observation 13641246 to re-entrant fwd of "B" Coy.

Defensive Task

- |                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| 1 Sec area fwd "B" Coy | See Sketch |
| 1 " " " "C" Coy        | " "        |

C.P.Task

1 Sec area SOUTH ROCKY HILL See Sketch

A/T Guns

- 1 Sec Right flank from Fallow HILL
- 1 Gun covers SADDLE between A & C Coys
- 1 Gun covers SADDLE between C & B Coys

A conference to co-ordinate fire plan will be held at Bn H Q at 1700 hrs.

- XI Priority of Works Weapon pits or sangars Crawl Trenches.

- XII Readiness Position will be ready by hrs.

- XIII Stand to Normal.

- XIV Patrols Coys must cover front during occupation and construction of defences.  
Orders for night patrol later.

10 ADMINISTRATION

"A" & "B" Echelon Transport area 200yds W of AT TINA  
AMMO 50% reserve in each locality.  
Reserve Rations & Water 3 days supply in each Pl locality

Ration Point Rd 13421260.  
Carrying parties from Reserve Coy will collect and deliver at 2000hrs daily. Coy guides will meet parties at R.F.

Bn S A A Reserve 13441244

R.A.P. AT TINA Rd S.E. of KEFAR MENAHEM

P.O.W. to Bn H Q



11. INTERCOMMUNICATION

Bn H Q WESTERN slopes ROCKY HILL

S.D.F. RED RED GREEN

SIG CENTRE Bn H Q - one W/T Set  
108 with each Coy. Line & visual with Fwd Coys.

12. O.C. "B" Coy received his orders made a recce of his area and proceeded to occupy the position.  
A Patrol was sent out to 13621250 from which point observation over Coy front could be obtained.

13. During the night enemy patrols were encountered NORTH of TALL AS SAFI in WADI AJJUR but after two short fights they were driven up the Wadi  
(Narrative continued exercise 8)

14. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1230hrs	Opening remarks by Director
1300hrs	C.O. 2/1 Bn issues orders occupation of position.
1320	"B" Coy Comdr makes recce
1330	Patrol sent out.
1400	Coy Comdr issues orders.
1420	Pl Comdr issues orders.
1430	Coy occupies position.
1815	Stand to until 1915 hrs
1930	Evening meal in position.
2200	Fighting patrol from Reserve Coy moves out.

15 DIRECTING STAFF

2 I/C 2/1 Bn

3 Pl Umpires.      Lieut.  
                         Lieut.  
                         Lieut.

1 Enemy Umpire      Lieut.

D.S. will wear 6" White band on right arm  
D.S. Car will fly white flag 2' square.

16. INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY

Enemy will move along WADI AJJUR 2 miles EAST of TALL AS SAFI and during period 1330hrs - 1700hrs push Patrols towards feature 13621250. These patrols not to approach within 400yds of feature if fired on. This will test alertness of Standing Patrol of "B" Coy.

During night enemy will simulate patrol activity along front of F.D.L and endeavour to penetrate between B & C Coy localities.

17. INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES

Umpires will rejoin Pls after conference and during occupation and work on position note following.

Coy Comdrs recce- How carried out  
Coy Comdrs orders- Sequence and detail.  
Tasks allotted M Gs & selection of fire position.  
Pl Comdrs recce & orders.  
Method of occupation  
Allotment of Tasks  
Progressive camouflage of works.  
Control and any unnecessary movement.  
Siting and tasks of weapons  
Liaison with neighbouring Pls in fire plan.  
Umpire with reserve Pl to go with patrol and note action, formation and general conduct of Patrol.  
Enemy umpire to move with that patrol & note action.  
All umpires to particularly note any recce of lines of retreat as Coy Comdr had been informed he was occupying rearguard position.



18. ADMIN INSTRUCTIONS.

M.T. as for Exercise 6.

Rations for D 2 of scheme will be delivered during evening D 1.

Water as for Exercise 6.

19 D.S. NOTES.

i. Upon receipt of orders from Bn Comdr O.C. "B" Coy would make a recce of KHAN Ridge paying particular attention in this case to disposing Coy/now as strong a front as possible. Reserve Pl should be more forward than normal.

ii. With O.C. MG Pl MGs must be sighted to make best use of range and arcs allotted must be as wide as possible.

iii. View defences from enemy side.

iv. To cover this recce he would send out Patrols. Good cover for occupation could be given by patrol at 13621250

v. Coy Comdr would issue orders from where all of forward slopes of Coy locality could be seen. Suggest orchard on KHAN RIDGE.

## 20. Considerations effecting Plan for occupation of Coy defensive locality.

i. F.D.LsConsiderations

The feature is not Tank proof but the upper portions of fwd slope and the crest are rocky & with little work would be a good defensive position. Good fields of fire are obtainable from any portion of the feature and small reentrants running from two-thirds up slope to ADI give excellent lines of fire for MGs. Some cover in form of Cactus Hedge & orchard are available towards crest. Best place appears to be about two-thirds up slope for fwd Secs with reserve secs in cover above.

Plan

Coy Comdr decides to site fwd Sec two-thirds up slope & place reserve Secs in cover slightly above this line.

ii. Pl Localities

KHAN RIDGE consists of main Ridge with detached knoll on left which affords very good observation to left flank and also gives good field of fire to front & flank MGs here can cover effectively Coy front. Main feature itself is good holding ground. Most likely lines of approach left flank or against saddle between C & B Coys. To counter latter Reserve Pl placed on right slope of Ridge to cover saddle

See Sketch attached



iii. Coordination weapons under control Coy LMG & MGs with Bn fire plan  
Coy Comdrs must use MGs to best advantage by sighting for long ranges & arcs allotted should be as wide as possible. Gaps between Arty Defensive Tasks can be covered by Beaten Zones of MGs. MGs from KNOLL can give cover along whole front-coordination of fire with MGs of "A" Coy would ensure that Coy covering "B" Coy's front. Ranges to distant points and areas should be taken to enable full use to be made of guns. LMG should be sighted so as to thicken up the fire belt inside Arty, Mortar & MG areas.

For Tasks MGs & LMGs see Sketch attached

iv. Coy HQ site should be accessible, have observation & be readily recognisable at night

Suggest S W corner orchard KHAN Ridge.

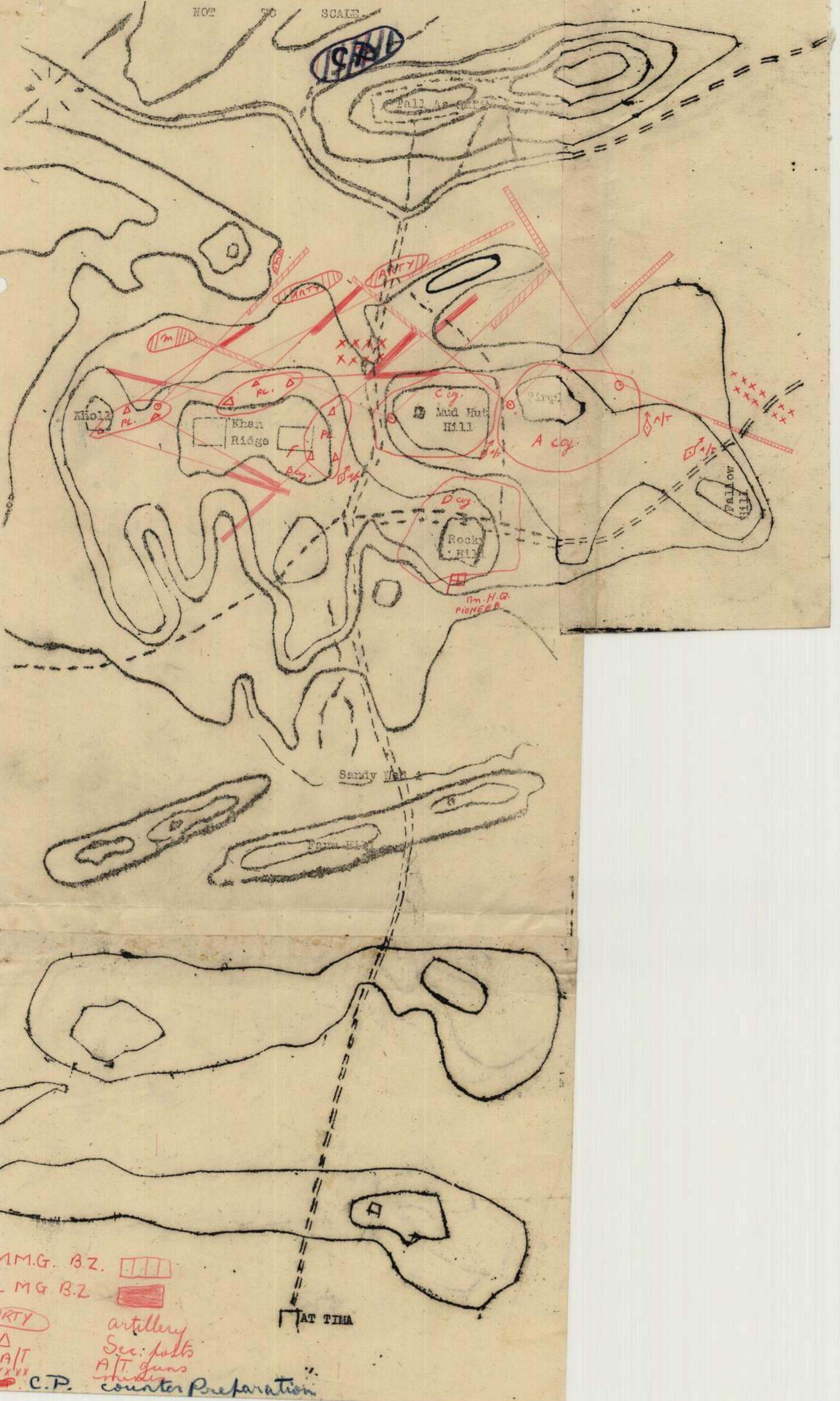


SKETCH OF AREA - TALL AS SAFI

D.S. SKETCH  
EXERCISE No 7

Ref: 13551245 Hebron Sheet 10.

NOT TO SCALE





2/1 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BN

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS No.8

(To be written)

THE RIFLE COMPANY IN A DAYLIGHT WITHDRAWAL

Ref HEBRON 1/100000 & SKETCH

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D.S. SKETCH

THIS EXERCISE TO FOLLOW ON FROM EXERCISE No. 7



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TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS No. 8

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OBJECT

- 1 To exercise Comdrs in the Organization and Conduct of a Withdrawal in daylight - and to teach the following lessons.

LESSONS

2. Success will depend largely on the care with which the unobserved withdrawal from the position has been prepared.  
I T Chap X Sec 60 (7)
3. For each unit and sub-unit a rendezvous should be selected by its Commander where he can once more gain complete control of his Command.  
I T Chap X Sec 60(8)
4. Officers will in any event always be sent to recce the lines of withdrawal and the next position in rear  
F S R Vol. 11 Sec 48 (4)
5. A portion of the rearguard will usually take up an intermediate position to cover the final withdrawal and to take advantage of the targets which will often be offered by the enemy as he arrives on the vacated position.



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2/1 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

*Ep 6.7.8  
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No. 9.

*19 Sep / 28 Sep*

THE RIFLE COMPANY IN A NIGHT ATTACK.

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VICINITY BEIT TIMA.

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TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS : No. 9.A RIFLE COY. NIGHT ATTACK.OBJECT:

1. To exercise the Comdrs in the preparation and conduct of a night attack, and to teach the following lessons:-

LESSONS:

2. "Apart from the discipline and training of the troops, the chief requirements for success in night operations are that the plan should be simple and that the reconnaissance and preparation should be thorough".  
I.T. Tng & War Ch. 13  
Sec 81. 2.
3. "The forming up of the troops for the attack requires careful organisation to ensure that it is conducted noiselessly and without confusion".  
I.T. Tng & War Ch. 13  
Sec 85. 5.
4. "Where the intention is to push forward as early as possible after dawn and thus take advantage of the surprise and disorganisation caused to the enemy, strong patrols will be organised to push forward and locate the enemy as soon as light permits.  
I.T. Tng & War Chap 13  
Sec 85. 10 para 3.

NARRATIVE:

5. 1 Bn has this morning occupied a position facing BEIT TIMA with A & B Coys fwd, A on the right and B on the left. C & D Coys are in reserve, C on the right and D on the left. Dispositions are shown on D.S. sketch attached.  
2 Bn is on our right and one Sqn 6 Div Cav on our left.
6. Enemy post have been located on the high ground 200 yds South of BEIT TIMA and he appears to be holding Trig 110 (11711159) in strength. A small detachment of approx one Inf Pl and one sec MGs have been located on Trig 78 (11441164) Any movement on forward slopes of Trig 84 (11331139) draws MG fire from Trig 78.
7. Bde Comdr decided to capture Trig 110 the next day and orders 1 Bn to capture Trig 78 by 0635 hrs with one Coy, and at the same time gives warning order for an attack on Trig 110 with 2 Bn on right and 1 Bn less one Coy on left, the Coy capturing Trig 78 to remain in position as flank guard and support attack by fire.
8. At 1300 hrs O.C. D Coy receives a message to report to C.O. at R.V. 100 yds South of Mud Hut on Trig 84 at 1415 hrs
9. At 1415 C.O. 1 Bn takes OC B Coy to the orchard on Trig 84 and there points out the present dispositions and gives the following orders to him.  
"You will capture Trig 78 by 0600 hrs tomorrow morning. There will be no movement of troops before 2000 hrs, and no recce fwd of where we are now before 1945 hrs.  
Your assembly posn will be in the hollow 100 yds South of here. B Coy will send out patrols to our left flank, but you will be responsible for your own frontal protection once you pass B Coys present F.D.Ls.  
Your attack will be a surprise attack, and you will have no fire support.  
One det Mortars will be attached to you when position captured.  
Your limit of exploitation until 0600 hrs will be 100 yds N. of Trig 78.



After 600 hrs you may exploit up to ONE TREE HILL (115117).

In case of strong counter attack before 0600hrs arty defensive fire will be brought on ONE TREE HILL on your signal, RED BLUE RED.

You will have to make your own arrangements about your F.U.P and your guides, and will give your orders for Bn attack on Trig. First light is at 0535 hrs (110 later).  
Any questions? Carry On".

10. D Coys attack is launched and was able with little fighting to occupy Trig 78, D Coy consolidates and sends out a patrol to locate the enemy. This patrol locates the enemy on Trig 78 and reports position to Coy Comdr.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

11	Estimated time.	Event.
	1300 hrs.	D Coy in posn in reserve. Enemy move to position. Coy Comdr receives message to meet C.O.
	1415 "	C.O. takes Coy Comdr to orchard and gives orders.
	1430 "	Coy Comdr sends for Pl Comdrs, studies ground, makes appreciation and prepares outline plan.
	1530 "	Coy Comdr issued orders.
	1545 "	Pl Comdrs study ground.
	1730 "	Assemble for tea. B Coy near posn and enemy at Trig 78/
	1815 "	Return to posns.
	2000 "	Reserve Pl moves out to patrol area.
	2000 "	Coy moves from present position to Assem. area.
	2030 "	2 i/c moves forward to recce F.U.P., S.L. and route.
	0145 "	2 i/c leads CSM and 2 guides per pl to F.U.P. and places guides. <i>Then moves to S.L. &amp; tapes</i>
	0245 "	CSM returns to guide Coy.
	0300 "	Hot coffee issued.
	0421 "	Coy leave assembly area and moves to F.U.P.
	0445 "	Coy arrives at F.U.P.
	0508 "	Coy leaves F.U.P.
	0516 "	Arrive S.L.
	0521 "	Depart S.L.
	0535 "	Objective captured.
	0600 "	Patrol sent forward.
	0605 "	Patrol locates enemy.
	0615 "	Patrol returns and reports.
	0620 "	Assemble on objective.



0645 Hrs.	Breakfast.
0715 "	Directors conference.
0730 "	Commence move to camp.
0915 "	Arrive in camp.

DIRECTING STAFF:

12.	Director	C.O., 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.
	Assistant	Lieut.
	Chief Umpire	
	Pl Umpires	Lieut.
		Lieut.
		Lieut.
	Enemy Umpire	Lieut.
	Runners	3 supplied by Coy.

D.S. HQ will be marked with a 2 ft sq white flag. All members of D.S. will wear 6 inch white armbands. A conference on the ground will be held on the ground at 0715 hrs. All members of D.S. will attend.

INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES:

13. Umpires will render a report to the Chief Umpire within 15 minutes of conclusion of exercise. The following points will be notified.
- (1) Orders -
    - (a) time taken to issue.
    - (b) if clear and containing full details.
  - (2) Time -
    - (a) For various actions to take place after orders have been issued.
  - (3) Control - By Sec and Pl Comdrs.
  - (4) Were patrols effective in covering the F.U.P?
  - (5) Was anyone uncertain as to what he was to do? Was there any confusion? Was it necessary for any instructions to be given after leaving the Assembly Posn.
  - (6) Was consolidation immediate.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY:

14. (a) Strength. One Pl.  
 (b) Distinguishing marks: All ranks will wear RED HAT-BANDS  
 (c) Action: From 0100 hrs a recce patrol will be sent fwd every hour. Enemy will stand to at 0435 hrs. Umpire will accompany first 4 patrols, but he must be on Trig 78 at 0500 hrs.
15. The attack is to succeed and enemy to withdraw to ONE TREE HILL.
16. On close signal being given by Chief Umpire from top of Trig 78 enemy will assemble there for breakfast and D.S. conference.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS:

17. Rations: QM will provide meals as follows:
- Lunch: 1215 hrs - Coy and enemy and D.S. near track and Waddi Junc. 11301122.
- Evening Meal: 1730 hrs - Coy and D.S. at same place.  
 Enemy 200 yds North of Trig 78.



Hot Coffee: 0300 hrs. HotCoffee: Coy at Assembly Area.  
Enemy in position.

D.S. NOTES:

## (a) Coy Comdrs Plan.

Selection of F.U.P.  
Selection of S.L. and Marking.  
Time to arrive at objective.  
Calculations of time and space.  
Formation during advance.  
Formation for attack.  
Organisation for forming up and movement to F.U.P.

- (b) Action of Patrol covering F.U.P.  
(b) Action of F.U.P. party.  
(d) Consolidation.  
(e) Patrol to locate enemy after capture of objective.

MAIN POINTS OF COY COMDRS ORDERS:

- (i) Information: Enemy - own troops.  
(ii) Intention: Will attack and capture Trig 78 at first light.
- (iii) Method: Two pls fwd.  
Objective: Top of trig to be inclusive to one pl.  
Line of advance: To be direct.  
Assembly Psn: Has been ordered.  
S.L. : To be at rt angles to line of advance, about 600 yds from objective - Track about 500 yds from foot of objective.
- F.U.P. To be at rt angles to line of advance, about 1000 yds from objective, without intervening obstacles - Easily defined feature if possible - track is 1100 yds.
- Recce of F.U.P. :  
2 i/c markers and instructions.
- Posting of Guides:  
2 i/c to take 2 guides per Pl and a Coy guide (CSM), decide on control point, post pl markers and send other guides to posn on route to pick up pls, and send CSM back to guide Coy from Assembly Posn to Pl guides.
- Reserve Pl:  
To patrol in front of FUP to maintain element of surprise and protect coy when vulnerable. Then to come into reserve and follow coy as it moves through protecting screen.
- Formation:  
During advance from Assembly Posn; column of Pls in line of sections in file.  
On FUP:- In line of sections in file at 15 yds interval. O.C in the centre directing.
- TIMING:  
2000 hrs depart present posn  
2000 hrs 18 Pl move out to ptrl front.



Timing:

0421	hrs	Depart	Assembly	Posn
0445	"	Arrive	F.U.P.	
0508	"	Depart	F.U.P.	
0516	"	Arrive	S.L.	
0521	"	Depart	S.L.	

Rate of Advance:

100 yds in 2 minutes.





LEGEND


ROAD -----


TRACK - - - - -


WADI - - - - -


CONTURE 


TRIG 


TREE 

TOWNS 

ENEMY POSN 

COY POSN 

COY MOVEMENT 

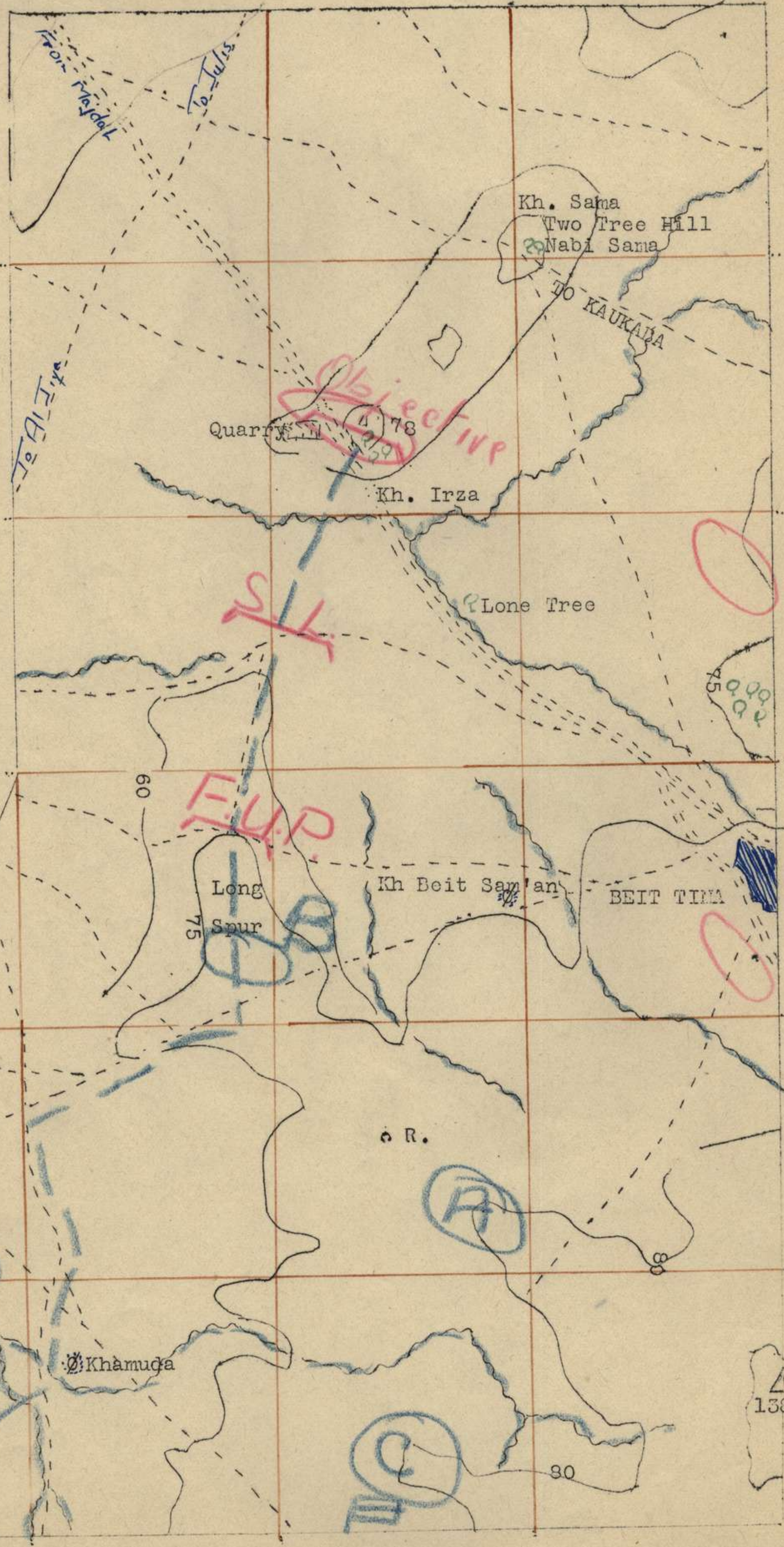
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SCALE

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*D Coy 24/25 Sept.*  
*B " 29/30 "*



EXERCISE No. 10.OBJECT:

1. A. To train Coy Comdr. to handle his Coy in a night attack.
- B. To exercise Pl Comdrs and Sections in the conduct of a night attack.
- C. To teach the following lessons.

LESSONS:

2. At night ---superiority in discipline and in training has even better opportunity to exploit its full value than by daylight. IT Tng & War 85. 1.
3. Objectives should be so selected that they can be easily found at night, it will be of assistance if they show up against the night sky. I.T. T & W 85. 2.
4. The forming up place should be as near the position to be assaulted, as is consistent with the necessity of avoiding detection by the enemy. I.T. T&W 85.5.
5. The intervals between sub units also depends on the brightness of the night.  
On a dark night the most used formation for a leading company or platoon will be a line of section columns followed closely by local reserves, each section moving in file.  
I.T. T&W 85. 6.
6. All ranks should understand that once the forming up place has been left the assault will be carried through to the objective whatever happens, hesitation is fatal.  
No movement to the rear will be permitted even to correct mistakes which have been made. I.T. T&W 85. 7.

NARRATIVE:

7. 16 Aust Inf Bde, with 2/1 Fd Regt and one Squadron 6 Aust Div Cav has been ordered to move to the HEBRON area to clear up a force of Para troops that have landed and are now reported to be sited in defensive position in the foothill covering the AL FALUJA - HEBRON Road.
8. The Bde moved from KHASSA by the JULIS - AL FALUJA - IRAQ AL MANSHIYA Rd with the Sqn of the Cav well forward. At hrs D-1 day the Cav gained contact with the enemy and the leading Bn (3 Bn) reached IRAQ AL MANSHIYA. The enemy was found to be holding a strong position, the approaches to which were all over very open country.
9. The Bde Comdr decided that it would be too difficult and costly to attack in daylight and ordered 1 Bn to capture QUARRY RIDGE by a night attack so that the remainder of the Bde could stage a further attack and gain the MUNTAR ASH SHAMHIN feature and the one North of it.
10. C.O., 1 Bn, carried out his recon from MANSHIYA and decided upon his plan. The following were the main points of his orders:

INFORMATION:

Enemy are holding fwd slopes of QUARRY RIDGE & TRACK RIDGE with what seems to be a covering force. He is making feverish preparation to defend the main ridge in rear (see detail on sketch)



## Own Troops:

3 Bn has contacted the enemy along his front and is at present holding a line roughly some 400 yds in front of MANSHIYI.  
 3 Bn is to be responsible for providing patrols forward of the starting line from dusk to deny the enemy the use of no mans land so protecting the preparation for the attack.  
 Cav Sqn is on the right flank.

INTENTION: 1 Bn will capture QUARRY & TRACK RIDGE by night attack.

METHOD: Fwd Coys C & D. C right, D left.  
 Reserve A & B. A right, B left.  
 Objectives C. Coy TRACK HILL  
 D Coy QUARRY HILL.

Formation: So appon. A (Pls in line of secs in single file 15 yds between secs, two Pls fwd each Coy. Reserve Pl same formation as fwd Pls).

Starting Line will be taped between 2500 and 0200 hrs by I.O.  
 light. S.L. will be 1000 yds from objectives.

Forming up Place: )  
 Assembly area: ) See attached sketch.  
 Routes too: )  
 F.U.P., Assembly area and routes will be marked.

Guides: Guides will be provided by I.O. to guide coys to their various positions. Reg M.P. will assist I.O.  
 Coys will detail guides, one per pl to report to the I.O. at the assembly area.

Timings:	Leave assembly area	0326 hrs.
	Arrive F.U.P.	0411 "
	Leave F.U.P.	0446 "
	Arrive starting line	0457 "
Zero:	Leave starting line	0502 "

(Note: These timings are subject to alteration, depending on time of first light)

Rate of Advance: 100 yds in 2 minutes throughout advance.

## MAINTAINANCE OF DIRECTION:

Bearing of attack: 120' TRUE  
 Guiding Parties.

Bn.	Adj. I.O.	Director
	Spare	Pace & Time.
	"	"I" Sgt.
	"	2 "I" S.c.

This party will be responsible for the direction of the advance and the pace.  
 Coy will detail similar parties with a lik. responsibility.

Success Signal: By W/T from Coys. Alternat<sup>s</sup> means after 5 minutes Signal lights RED-RED-RED to be fired by Coy HQ.  
 Bn HQ will fire GREEN-GREEN-GREEN, on capture of objective.



## ACTION ON REACHING OBJECTIVE:

Limit of exploitation 300 yds and consolidate.

Transport: No MT fwd of present position until Bn signal of success.

On Bn signal of success M.T.O. will bring fwd transport via TRACK as follows:

Carrier Pl  
Bdo Water truck  
Mortar Pl  
Reserve ammunition.  
Coy trucks.  
Sig truck  
D.Rs

Remainder of MT, O/C, QM will remain in assembly area until called for.

P.O.Ws: to Bn HQ Reg police assisted by sec of A Coy will hold until first light then move to Bdo POW cage, 500 yds behind --village.

R.A.P: in assembly area until Bn signal of success thence fwd and open in rear of TRACK RIDGE.

## Scale of Equipment:

Ammunition rifle. Each rifle man will carry 150 rds L.H.G. normal. At first light carrier pl will bring fwd 2000 rds per coy.

Dress. Battle Order W/O respirator.

Tools. 2 shovels one pick carried per sec.

Wire cutters. One per sec.

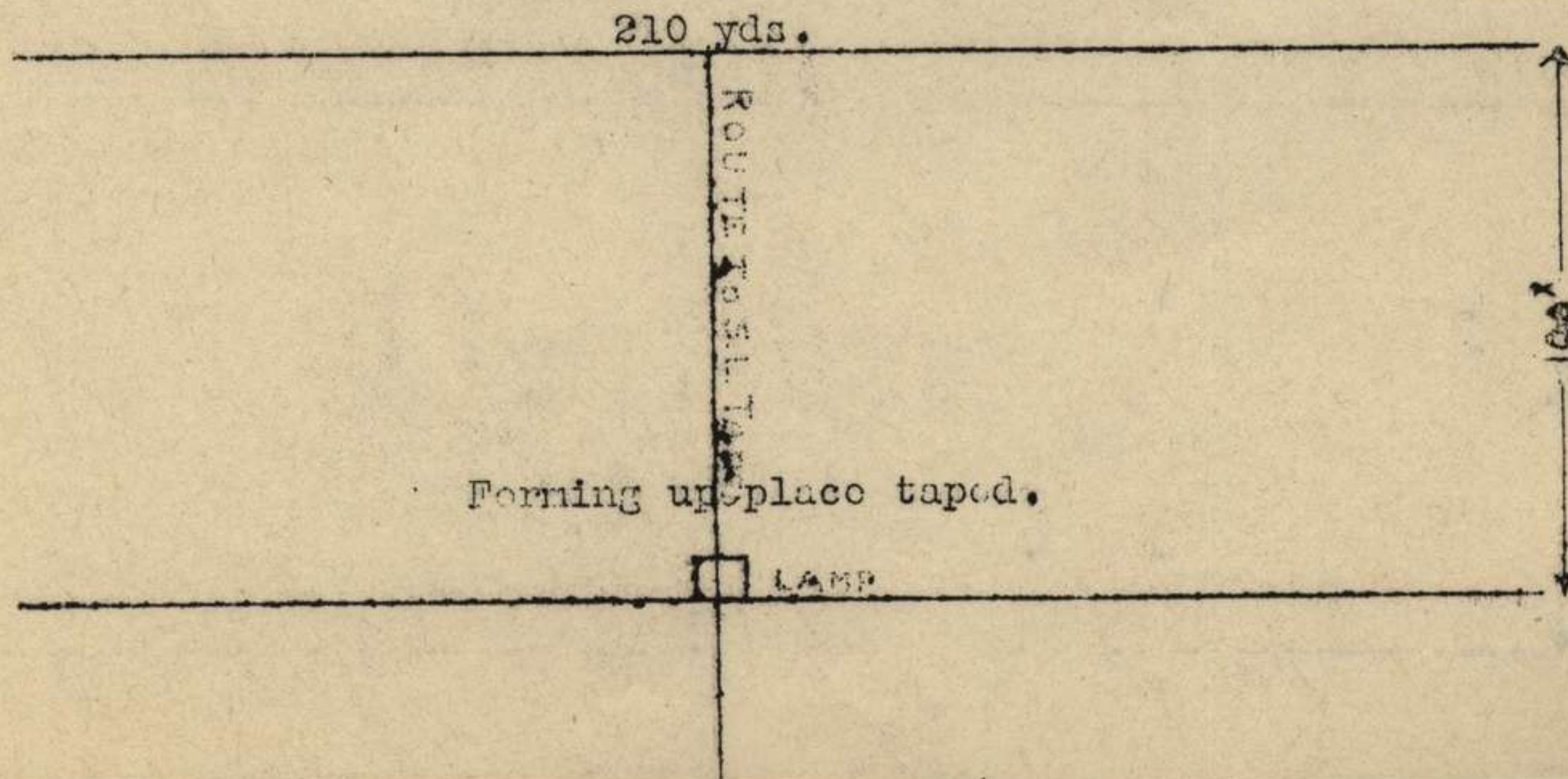
Sand bags. Two per man, round legs

Distinguishing Marks: All ranks will wear 12 inch white cloth patch on back. QM will provide before leaving present position.

Intercommunication: Bn HQ will move between reserve coys. On capture of objective will open in rear of saddle between TRACK RIDGE & QUARRY RIDGE.

APPENDIX A.

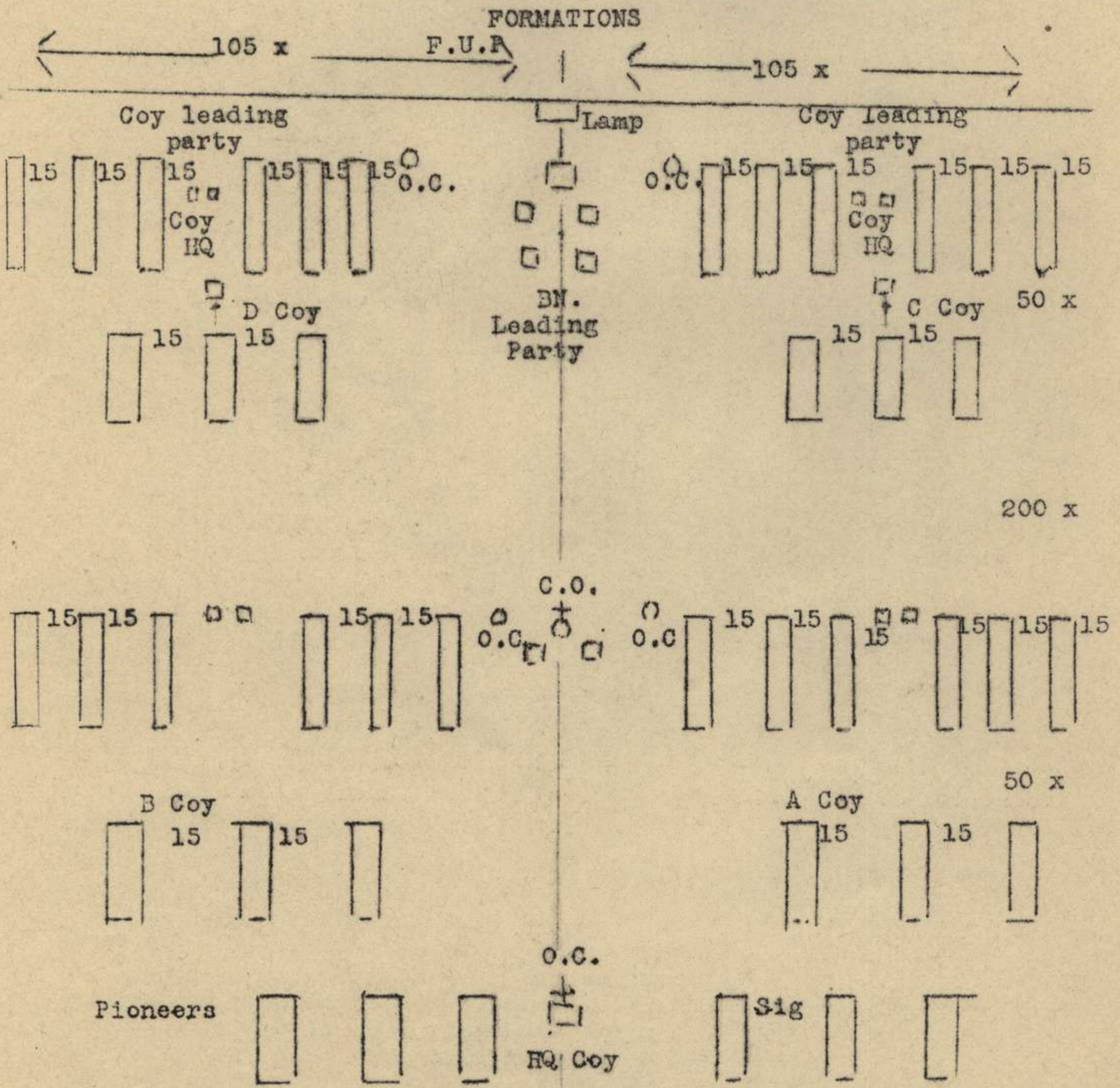
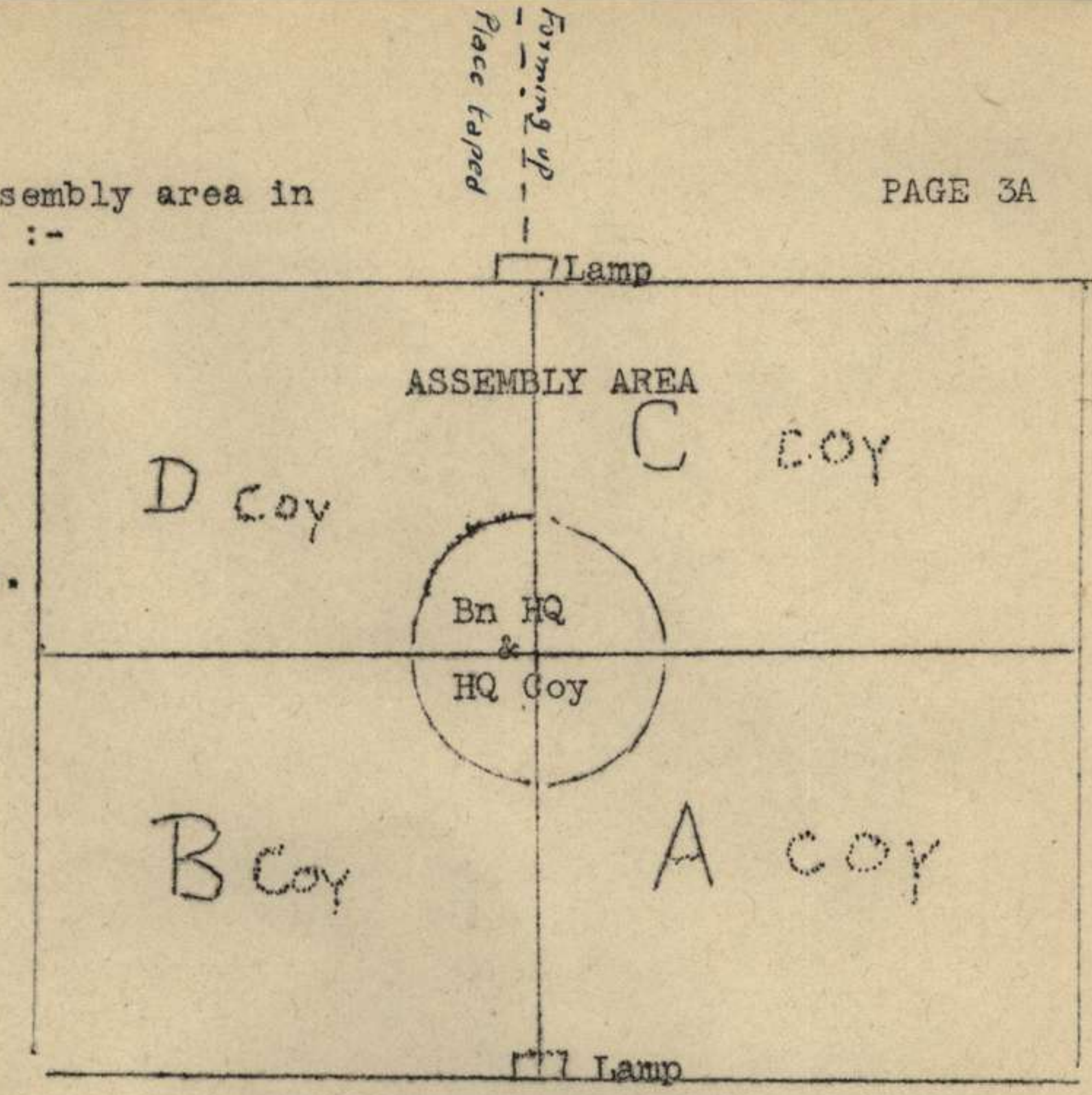
Starting line taped





Coys will leave assembly area in the following order :-

- C Coy
  - D Coy
  - Bn HQ
  - A Coy
  - B Coy
  - HQ Coy
- Each Coy in columns of Pls in line of secs in single file.





11. C Coy (Coy being exercised) arrived at the forming up place at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs and formed up for the attack. At \_\_\_\_\_ hrs the Coy moved forward with the Bn to the starting line where a final check was made. At Zero the advance commenced. After covering 600 yds the enemy opened fire (see Instructions to the enemy). The attack continued and the Coy arrived on its objective. Coy signal for success was passed to Bn Comdr by W/T. Coy Comdr sent patrols forward to protect him and at first light issued orders for consolidation.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

- |     |         |           |  |
|-----|---------|-----------|--|
| 12. | D-1 Day | 0900 hrs. | Troops leave camp.   |
|     |         | 1600 "    | " arrive vicinity IRAQ AL MANSHIYA.                                |
|     |         | 1615 "    | Director explains exercise.  |
|     |         | 1645 "    | Coy Comdr makes his recess.  |
|     |         | 1700 "    | Issues orders to Pl Comdrs.  |
|     |         | 1715 "    | Pl Comdrs explain exercise to Sec Comdrs.                          |
|     |         | 1730 "    | Evening meal - Troops sleep.                                       |
|     |         | 1800 "    | Bn 1 Staff lay out starting line and F.U.P. (not part of exercise) |
|     | D Day   | 0215 hrs. | Coffee served in Assembly area.                                    |
|     |         | 0326 "    | Coys leave Assembly area and lead by guides to FUP.                |
|     |         | 0411 "    | Arrive at FUP and Coy forms up for the attack.                     |
|     |         | 0446 "    | Commence advance.  |
|     |         | 0457 "    | Coy arrives on S.L. and checks.                                    |
|     |         | 0502 "    | Coy leaves starting Line ZERO                                      |
|     |         | 0635 "    | Arrive on objective - First light.                                 |
|     |         | 0640 "    | Coy Comdr issues orders for consolidation.                         |
|     |         | 0650 "    | Pls in position - patrols sent out.                                |
|     |         | 0700 "    | Conclusion of exercise. Meal and troops move back to camp.         |

Evening of D1 day Conference to discuss exercise.

DIRECTING STAFF:

Director	C.O., 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.
Chief Umpire	2 i/c
5 Pl umpires	( Lieut.....
Enemy umpire	( Lieut.....
	( Lieut.....
Enemy umpire	Lieut.....

INSTRUCTIONS TO SKELTON BATTERY:

14. An enemy party will be provided by Coy, 1 officer, 1 sgt. and 10 men. This party is to take up a position on the crest of QUARRY HILL and at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs will fire 5 rds blank per man, rapid fire. At first light this party will move back to camp independently.

INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES:

15. Umpires will be prepared to report on the following points:
- (i) Maintenance of direction.
  - (ii) do of formation.
  - (iii) Action taken on reaching objective.
  - (iv) What patrols were sent out and what orders did they receive.
  - (v) Was attack made without noise.
  - (vi) Action of troops when enemy opened fire.
  - (vii) Manner Pls moved up to assembly area and F.U.P.
  - (viii) Were times adhered to?



## ADMINISTRATION:

16. Meals: Hot tea will be served in the assembly area at hrs.  
Breakfast will be issued prior to moving back to camp.

## Materials required:

Tape 2420 yds (if available)  
Compass, oil 3  
Lamps, screened 8  
Signal pistols. 2  
Cartridges Red 3 Green 3.  
Blank .303 50 rds (enemy)  
Shovels 18  
Picks 9  
Sandbags 200

## D.S. NOTES:

17. ACTION OF COY CONDR ON RECEIPT OF HIS ORDERS:

As soon as he has received his orders he should move to a spot from where he can see as much of the ground as possible. As the ground is very open and devoid of cover it is thought the best place for the Coy Condr to go to make his recon and later issue his orders is the rear ledge along the side of the track where it enters the village. From here he can see his objective, but not some of the ground between. Until after dark it is not thought that he could get as far fwd as the F.U.I. area.

18. After making his recon he should meet his Pl Comdrs and issue his orders. In a night attack there is really little left for the Coy Condr to decide, all details are laid down by Bn HQ, but it is essential that every officer in the Coy studies the ground by daylight with the view of being able to find his way about in the dark. Orders to Pl Comdrs should be issued in daylight and be very clear, in addition to containing all the necessary information.

## COY COMDRS SUGGESTED ORDERS:

19. Information:

Enemy: An enemy force is holding a position astride the road, their forward elements are on these fwd slopes (points out on ground) It is reported that a stronger position is being prepared on the ridges beyond.

Own Troops: 3 Bn has gained touch with the enemy and is at present holding a position some 400 yds beyond this village. To assist the Bde take the ridge beyond these features QUARRY & TRACK RIDGES are going to be captured by a night attack. Our Div Cav are out there on the right. The 1 Bn is to do the night attack with C & D Coys fwd, D is on the left, we are the right field coy. A Coy will be behind us and B Coy on the left of A.

Intention; C Coy will capture TRACK RIDGE..

Method: Fwd Pls, 13 right and 14 left.  
The Coy will be formed up for the attack in the following manner (produce Bn appendix A)

Rate of advance 100 yds in 2 minutes.

Bearing of advance from S.L. 120° TRUE.

## Timings:

Leave Assembly area	0326 hrs.
Arrive F.U.I.	0411 "
Leave F.U.I.	0446 "
Arrive S.L.	0457 "
ZERO Leave S.L.	0502 "



Starting line is to be taped by 0200 hrs by I.C. It will be 1000 yds from the objective. The assembly area is over there (indicated on ground) and the route to it will be marked by guides.

The F.U.P. where the Coy will adopt the attack formation is 1000 yds in rear of the Starting line.

Each Pl will detach one guide to report to Coy HQ at hrs. These men are to report to I.C. at assembly area and act as guides to guide the coy up.

GUIDING PARTY: The following will be the Coy guiding party.

2 i/c responsible for direction.  
C.S.M. do for pace and time.  
Orderly spare.

Success Signal: is to be sent by W/T and in the event of breakdown by light signal 3 REDS fired by Coy HQ.

Limit of exploitation: 200 yds - Pls will then dispose themselves to hold ground won - orders for consolidation issued at first light.

#### ADMINISTRATION:

20. Each man will carry 150 rds.  
2 shovels and 1 pick per sec.  
1 wire cutter per sec.  
2 sandbags per man around legs.  
Dress: Battle order W/C respirator.  
Each man will wear a white patch on back.

Coy truck is to move fwd on capture of objective.

PCWs will be held by Reserve Pl until first light thence to Bn HQ.

Rii will remain in assembly area until success thence move fwd to rear of TRACK RIDGE.

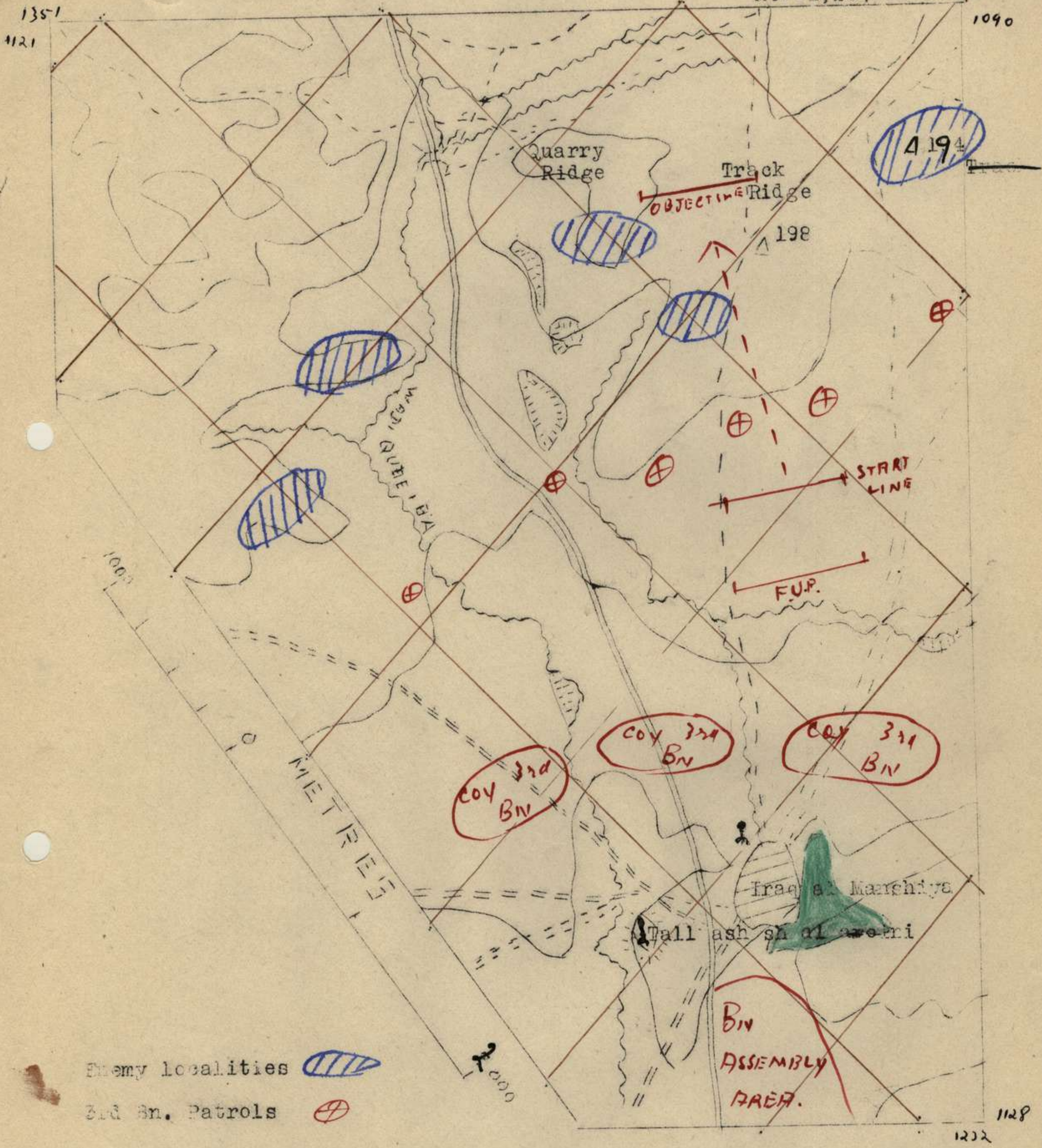
Interecommunication: Bn HQ is to move between A & C Coys and on capture of objective to open at saddle between TRACK & QUARRY RIDGE.





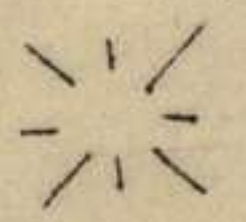
# D.S. SKETCH EXERCISE No. 10.

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Enemy localities   
 3rd Bn. Patrols 



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/1 AUST INF BN

EXERCISE WITH TROOPS NO 12

RIFLE COY (WITH SUPPORTING ARMS) IN ATTACK

REF :- ZEEBANI 1/50000

AREA SQUARE 107 103

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EXERCISE NO 2

1. OBJECT OF EXERCISE

To exercise the Company in the role of attack, and to practice the Coy Comdr in handling supporting weapons and to teach the following lessons :-

2. "A forward rifle company in the attack will be divided into :

- i Forward platoons
- ii Company reserve

The guiding principle is to employ the smallest number of platoons consistent with the efficient execution of the task; the distribution of the company must be in depth so as to retain power of manoeuvre."

I.F. Trg & W Sec 66-3

3. "Requests for support (arty) should be framed in definite manner. The best results will be obtained if the artillery can be told

- (a) The object for which the fire is required, i.e., the tactical situation briefly including the position of the foremost infantry.
- (b) The target on which the fire is required.
- (c) The time at which the fire is required....."

I.F. Trg & War 63-9

4. "Platoon in company reserve will be kept in as concentrated a formation as the ground and the enemy's fire will permit."

I.F. Trg & War 66-4

5. NARRATIVE.

1. At 1700 hrs D-1 day C.O. 2/1 Bn called his Coy Comdrs together at Bn HQs near QATANA and issued the following orders:

ii. Information. The enemy advance into Syria has now reached a line some fifty miles north of DAMASCUS - BEYROUTH. An enemy force is reported to be approaching ZEBDANI 124 190 from the North. This force consists of light tanks supported by lorry borne infantry and arty. 16 Aust Inf Bde and attached troops have been ordered to move to the TELISH area 101187 with the role of preventing the enemy gaining the DAMASCUS-BEYROUTH RD. 2/2 Bn with supporting arms is to move by M.F. tonight to secure the rd junc at 10161974. M.F. is to return and then take 2/3 Bn fwd. 2/1 Bn meanwhile is to move to reserve area 10141858 by road commencing 0700 hrs D1

iii. Intention 2/1 Bn will move at 0700 hrs D1 to area 10141858

iv. Method

Leading Coy	Coy. Capt	
The following will come w/c C.O.		Coy at
1900 hrs tonight		

- Pl HQs
- Two A/T guns
- One M Set
- Sec Carriers
- Sig terminal



v. Route YAPOUR (181176) - Track junc at 18241805 - rd junc at 18321820 - rd & track junc at 18141838.

vi. Starting Point

Leading troops of main body will pass North end of Sausage Wood at 0715 hrs.

Order of march main body:

Sec Carriers  
One Coy  
Bn HQs  
M Pl (less one det)  
Two Coys  
Carrier Pl (less two secs)  
Troop A/T guns (less 2 guns)  
HQ Coy (Less det)  
R.A.P.  
M.T. A Ech to move with Coys

vii. Admin. B Ech C.C., Q.M. will leave camp 1600 hrs  
Q.M. will contact Bn HQs at 1700 hrs regarding ration points & B Ech area for night / Oct (Nov

6. At 0700 hrs D1 day leading coy commenced to move past S.P. On reaching YAPOUR C.C. leading Coy received the following message from C.C. :

T/E reports enemy recon parties moving S W from MADAYA (184194). One troop 2/1 Pd Regt to support you. Troop Comdr join you shortly. You will move via PNE D'AMRA SAL (184176) - rd juncs 18651805-18671805-to DEIR QANOUN (187135) - Task prevent enemy movement south from DEIR QANOUN. Admin arrangements for supply arranged. Remainder Bn moving as previously

7. Coy Comdr gave necessary orders for change of role and the march was continued. On reaching bend in rd approx 1200 metres South of DEIR QANOUN the leading troops were fired on by enemy rifle and LMs from positions indicated by D.S. sketch attached. This fire is estimated strong enough to prevent the leading pl from advancing. Should Carrier Sec be leading in accordance with Coy Comdr's instructions they will draw enemy fire and the necessary information passed to Coy Comdr without leading pl being involved.

8. Coy Comdr attacks, probably on right flank and by using all available fire support captures the high ground near the power line, enemy withdrawing North towards the village. On capturing this high ground Coy Comdr issues orders for consolidation with a view to holding a defensive position to carry out his task.

9. ESTIMATED TIMES

0700 hrs	Coy passes starting point
0800	Approaches YAPOUR & receives C.C.'s message
1130	Leading troops fired on
1140	Leading pl held up. Coy Comdr makes recon
1150	Coy Comdr issues his orders
1200	Attack commences
1230	Objective captured
1245	Coy Comdr issues orders for consolidation
1300	Pls in position, digging.



10. ADMIN INSTRUCTIONS

- i. Transport M.T.O. will arrange the following transport :  
 D.S. - Two trucks (15 cwt)  
 Coy - 1 Pick up-4 15 cwt-1 30 cwt (to be in Coy lines by 1700 hrs D-1 day)  
 Enemy - 1 3 ton  
 M Det - 2 15cwt  
 General - One water cart to visit area twice daily. Before daylight and after dusk i.e. 0500 hrs - 1900 hrs.
- ii. Dress The following will be worn:  
 Shorts-shirts-pullovers-steel helmets-respirators.  
 Two blankets, waterproof great coat will be carried on pl trucks.
- iii. Rations Midday meal carried on the man. Water bottles filled. Evening meal and breakfast D2 at time to be fixed by Coy Comdr.
- iv. Stores Red and blue flags, blank ammunition, tools &c will be drawn by Coy on D-1 day. Enemy will carry mirrors to represent LMGs firing.

11. INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES

- i. Organ<sup>yation</sup> of D.S. Director  
 Three pl umpires to be detailed by 1700 hrs D-1 day
- ii. Umpires will move with respective pls and note the following points :
- Times taken for various orders to be enacted
  - Control by Pl and Sec Comdrs
  - Pl and Sec Comdrs orders

12. INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY

Strength one pl detailed by Coy  
 Red hat bands will be worn  
 Enemy will leave camp 0600 hrs D1 day and move direct to area 187184. Route-track junc 18281700-SABOURA (186174) FNE D'AMRA SAL (184176) point 905 (18581767)-DAMASCUS-BEYROUTH RD-to area 187184.  
 On arriving positions as indicated by D.S. sketch will be adopted, fire will be opened on advancing troops  
 When attack develops and reaches 200 yds enemy will withdraw along track to the North (towards DEIR QANOUN)  
 O.C. enemy will contact Director for further instructions.

13. D.S. NOTES

Action of Coy Comdr on receiving orders for special task at YAFOUR.

- No loss of time
- Formation of Coy should be altered, a leading pl pushed well ahead to secure against surprise but not far enough to be in danger of being destroyed before supported.  
 In open plain say 1000 yds - when country begins to become broken gap should be closed.
- Protection against A.F.Vs. A/T guns retained to protect main body of Coy
- Ms should be available to support leading pl. if necessary but MMG have longer range i.e. better for plain country.



## v. Carriers used to recon well ahead &amp; on flanks.

## 14. Action when enemy met with.

i. Coy Comdr requires information of enemy dispositions before he can prepare plan. Can obtain it from Comdr of his Carriers or leading pl whichever has been in touch. Suggest in this situation carrier sec comdr would provide necessary information upon which Coy Comdr can base his plan.

## ii. Coy Comdr's appreciation.

Recon best carried out from spur on left of rd.

From a study of the ground and enemy dispositions from these Coy Comdr should arrive at following conclusions :

- (a) Objective Enemy is holding astride road two features TWIN TREE HILL and VINEYARD RIDGE. The latter is not essential to the enemy and even if it was captured a further attack would have to be launched to secure TWIN TREE HILL which is much higher than and commands VINEYARD RIDGE. By securing TWIN TREE HILL the vital ground to the enemy would be captured. Therefore the Coy objective is TWIN TREE HILL.
- (b) Line of Approach. The left flank is open and any advance in this direction would be under the fire of both enemy localities for the greater part of the advance. The centre is covered by both localities. The right flank seems to offer better chance. CAIRN HILL would mask the fire of both enemy localities and enable the attack to close with the enemy without interference, but supporting fire of some sort or smoke would be necessary to enable the Coy to gain the South of CAIRN HILL. Therefore the line of advance will be round the south and east of CAIRN HILL.
- (c) No of pls ftd (see lesson on page 1). At this stage two enemy localities have been located, possibly a pl each. The attack is being made against one of them. No other information as to other localities but possibility of uncovering others during attack must be born in mind. If two or more pls are committed in initial stages no reserve to deal with eventualities. Therefore use one pl ftd with task of capturing Coy objective. Others available to support or reserve.
- (d) Fire Plan First requirement, cover to gain protection of CAIRN HILL. Arty and M can produce smoke. Arty require at least 20 mins. M can do it in less time. Suggest use M. Fire to cover advance:  
Available - M M S Pl - Arty troop - carrier det - M det. Two localities require attention. Range some 1000 yds. Most suitable weapons - Arty and M M Co. Keep M for close support. VINEYARD RIDGE requires neutralising. M Co can do it, leaving Arty to deal with TWIN TREE HILL locality. M Co area on left of road should be protected. Suggest one pl be left in position for this task and left flank protection. Arty requires 10 or 15 mins to register, start now!
- (e) Reserve. One pl, M det and Carrier Sec available. M role close support, therefore must move behind CAIRN HILL and follow up advance. Carriers may be required either for further fire support or recon on right flank. Rifle pls probable task exploit success or be used to maintain momentum of attack. Must be available on right flank to do these tasks.



- (f) Coy HQs Coy Comdr needs to be in position from where he can watch progress of fwd pl, be in close touch with Arty Comdr and also control his own reserves. The feature CAIRN HILL will meet all these requirements, overlooking as it does, the enemy localities, line of adv and dead ground to the South of the feature. It is suggested that Coy HQs moves up onto the reverse slope of CAIRN HILL and follows attack by moving round the hill.

## 15. Coy Comdrs Orders

- i. It is suggested that the best place for Coy Comdr to issue his orders is from the spur on left of road. From here the objective can be pointed out to Pl Comdrs. After assembling his Pl & other Comdrs O.C. would issue the following orders :
- ii. Topography(i.e. to put them into the "picture")  
That feature on our right is CAIRN HILL - that one there half right with two trees is TWIN TREE HILL. To the left of that is a vineyard, call that VINYARD RIDGE.
- iii. Information - Two enemy localities have been disclosed by the Carrier Sec. One is on TWIN TREE HILL and the other VINYARD RIDGE (point out)  
Carrier Sec have the enemy under observation and arty troop is registering.
- iv. Intention---Coy will capture TWIN TREE HILL.
- v. Method. Fwd Pl---Pl. Objective high ground of TWIN TREE HILL  
Feature- line of advance, round South and East of CAIRN HILL.  
Limit of exploitation 200 yards. Attack will commence from here and move under cover of smoke screen to South of CAIRN HILL-  
Coy will cross at Zero.
- vi. Fire Plan. M det will lay smoke screen from Z to Z 5 to cover the move of Coy into dead ground south of CAIRN HILL.  
After attack commences Ms will come into reserve in basin to S E of CAIRN HILL.  
Arty will support the attack by firing on enemy locality on TWIN TREE HILL from Z to Z plus 5. 5 Arty rds gun fire.  
From Z plus 5 onwards by observation-same target.  
M M Gun will support the attack by firing on VINYARD RIDGE from Z to Z plus 5. Two belts. Thereafter same target by observation 5 belts.  
----Pl will hold this spur and protect left flank.
- vii. A/T Gun. Two guns with -----Pl (on left flank).
- viii. Zero. .....hrs(15 mins after Coy Comdr issues his orders)  
Attack will commence from present position.
- ix. Reserves Carrier Sec will move into reserve in area SOUTH of CAIRN HILL at Zero-  
.....Pl will cross to rear of CAIRN HILL at Z 2 and move to rear of fwd pl as ordered by O.C.
- X. Administration  
M.P. remain in present position and on capture of objective fwd to reverse slope of TWIN TREE HILL  
W.W. to road galle in rear of this point.
- XI. INTERCOMMUNICATION  
Coy H.Q. will move on SOUTH and EASTERN slopes of CAIRN HILL
- XII  
Time is now .....hrs

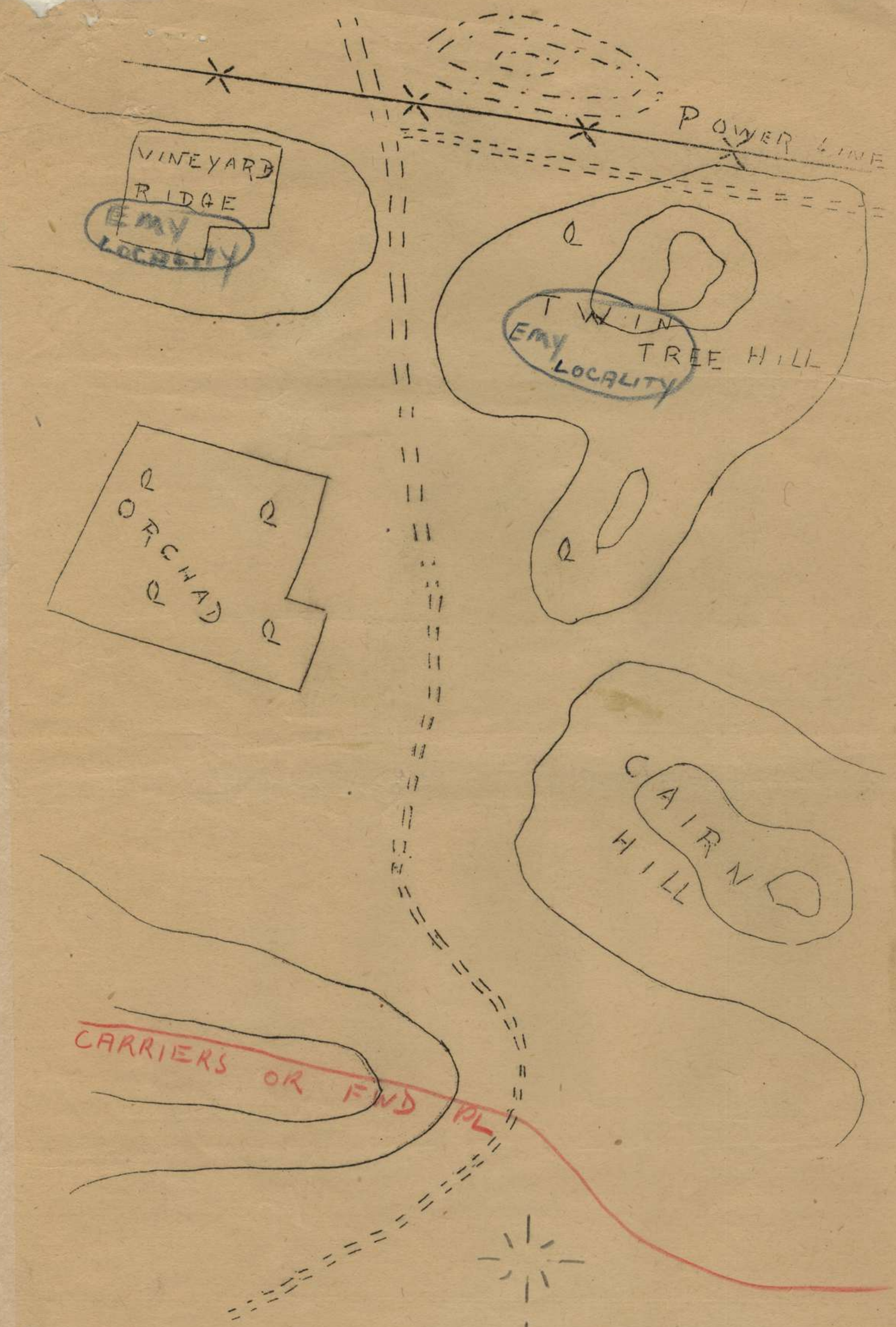


## 16. Coy Comdr's action to consolidate

On capture of objective Coy Comdr should get there as soon as possible. He should see that the high ground won dominates the area and should dispose a Pl on it at once. He should remember his next task is to prevent the enemy movement SOUTH from DIER CANON the position he has captured affords an excellent covering position and steps should be taken to ensure that the siting of pls and weapons for consolidation should as near as possible be those most suited to hold the position. Arty and Hs should be given areas of responsibility as early as possible H H G should be brought up and sited. A/T Guns placed in position covering the road and left flank, right flank practically tank proof. Tools & Etc should be brought up so that an early start can be made in preparing the position for defence.

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D.5. SKETCH No 12



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/1 AUST INF BN A.I.F.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS No.15

THE RIFLE COMPANY IN THE APPROACH MARCH AND NIGHT ATTACK

REF ZEBDANI 1/50000  
(Levant Grid)

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2/1 AUST IN BN

OBJECT

1. To exercise Comdrs in the approach march and planning and conduct of a night attack.

LESSONS

2. The following lessons will be taught.

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

(I.T.1937 Chap.XI11 Para 2)

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

(I.T.1937 Chap XI11 Para 3)

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

(I.T. 1937 Chap.XI11 Para 33  
(27))

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

(I.T.1937 Chap XI Sec 71)

NARRATIVE

6. Enemy forces have entered SYRIA from the NORTH and have moved SOUTH and 2 columns, one along the coast and one along LITANI valley via BAALBECK.
7. This latter column is known to have sent a small force of enemy -lorry borne infantry- SOUTH along BAALBECK-ZEBDANI Rd.
8. Comdr 16 Aust Inf Bde which was bivouaced in area 2 miles N.W. of QATANA received instructions to move via SABOURA and occupy a position astride BEYROUTH-DAMASCUS Rd in area 18551805.
9. Tactical reconnaissance at 1300 hrs D 1 reported 7 M.T. and some motor cyclists on Rd 18281810 and C.O. 2/1 Aust Inf Bn was instructed to send one rifle Coy to secure feature 1025. 18331785
10. The following troops were placed under command
  - Tp 2/1 Fd Regt
  - Tp 3 A/T Regt
  - Pl. 2/1 MG Bn
  - Detachment Ms.
11. This force moved via YAFOUR and when leading troops which were advancing along Rd running NE from the village reached point 18291779 They were fired on by several men who moved back to CAIRN HILL (1025). The Comdr leading Pl. pushed on but when Pl reached DONKEY KNOLL it came under heavy MG fire and finally was unable to make progress.
12. Coy Comdr arrived and decided to attack and capture hill by a night attack. This attack was successful and consolidation commenced.

(Narrative continued exercise No.16)



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY

14  
 Enemy will consist of 1 Pl to be supplied by .....  
 Coy. Each man requires 10 rounds of Blank. Transport  
 1 30cwt truck will be supplied and rations for 2 days  
 carried on D 1 day enemy will have several men on  
 RIDGE S.E. of DONKEY KNOLL remainder of Pl on  
 CAIRN HILL. After firing on leading troops enemy will  
 retire to CAIRN HILL. This feature will be held until  
 night attack is put in when enemy will withdraw to EAST  
 of RAMPARTS and prepare for next exercise (Counter Attack)  
 O.C. enemy will post some men on CAIRN HILL in such a  
 position that they will fire on attack from flank and  
 endeavour to divert it from objective.

DIRECTING STAFF

15  
 DIRECTOR C.O. 2/1 Aust Inf Bn  
 CHIEF UMPIRE 2 I/C 2/1 " " "  
 PL. UMPIRES LIEUT  
 LIEUT  
 LIEUT

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

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES

16  
 Umpires will observe and report on the following  
Approach

Formations, control, action at halts, dispersion,  
 A/A sentries and protection, move of transport  
 and dispersion of same, water discipline and  
 march discipline generally.

Action of leading troops when fired upon

Action of leading Pl Comdr

Passing of information to rear.

The Attack

17  
 Recce, orders of all comdrs - Was picture painted  
 for troops. Patrols move to F.U.P. & S.L.  
 Formations and control in attack, Pace and  
 direction.



Consolidation

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

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS:-Transport

O.C.HQ Coy will arrange to provide.

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

Meals

Coy will provide.

D 1 Midday meal  
Evening meal

D 2 Hot tea before attack  
Breakfast  
Midday meal

Enemy will cook under pl arrangements

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

D.S.NOTES

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

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

INFORMATION

(i) ENEMY Moving S in 2 columns in M.F. Left column had detached Inf. in M.F. along BAALBECK-ZEBDANI Rd. Tac/ reported 7 M.F. and motor cyclists at 10201010 at 1300hrs.

(ii) OWN TROOPS 16 Aust Inf Bde moving N.E. to cut BEYROUTH-DAMASCUS Road.

(iii) INTENTION C Coy will attack and capture CAIRN HILL by night attack.

(iv) METHOD  
13 & 14 Pls fwd  
13 Pl Right objective Central CAIRN to Right Slope inc.  
14 Pl. Left from Centre CAIRN to Left slope inclusive.  
F.U.P. 400yds S.E. of S.L.

Direction of attack degrees  
S.L. & F.U.P. and routes thereto to be taped by 2 I/C  
15 Reserve Pl. follows 50yds rear 14 Pl.  
Role exploitation.



Limit of exploitation 200yds beyond objective

Formation from assembly area to F.U.P.  
 " " F.U.P. to S.L. and throughout advance.

Pace

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

Arty

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

Ms

1 Det reserve move rear of reserve pl.

MGs.

To objective by first light.

Role consolidation

1 Sec 14 Pl area

1 Sec 15 Pl area

A/P

1 Gun cover track S of CAIRN HILL first light  
 1 Gun E slopes CAIRN HILL ( See sketch)

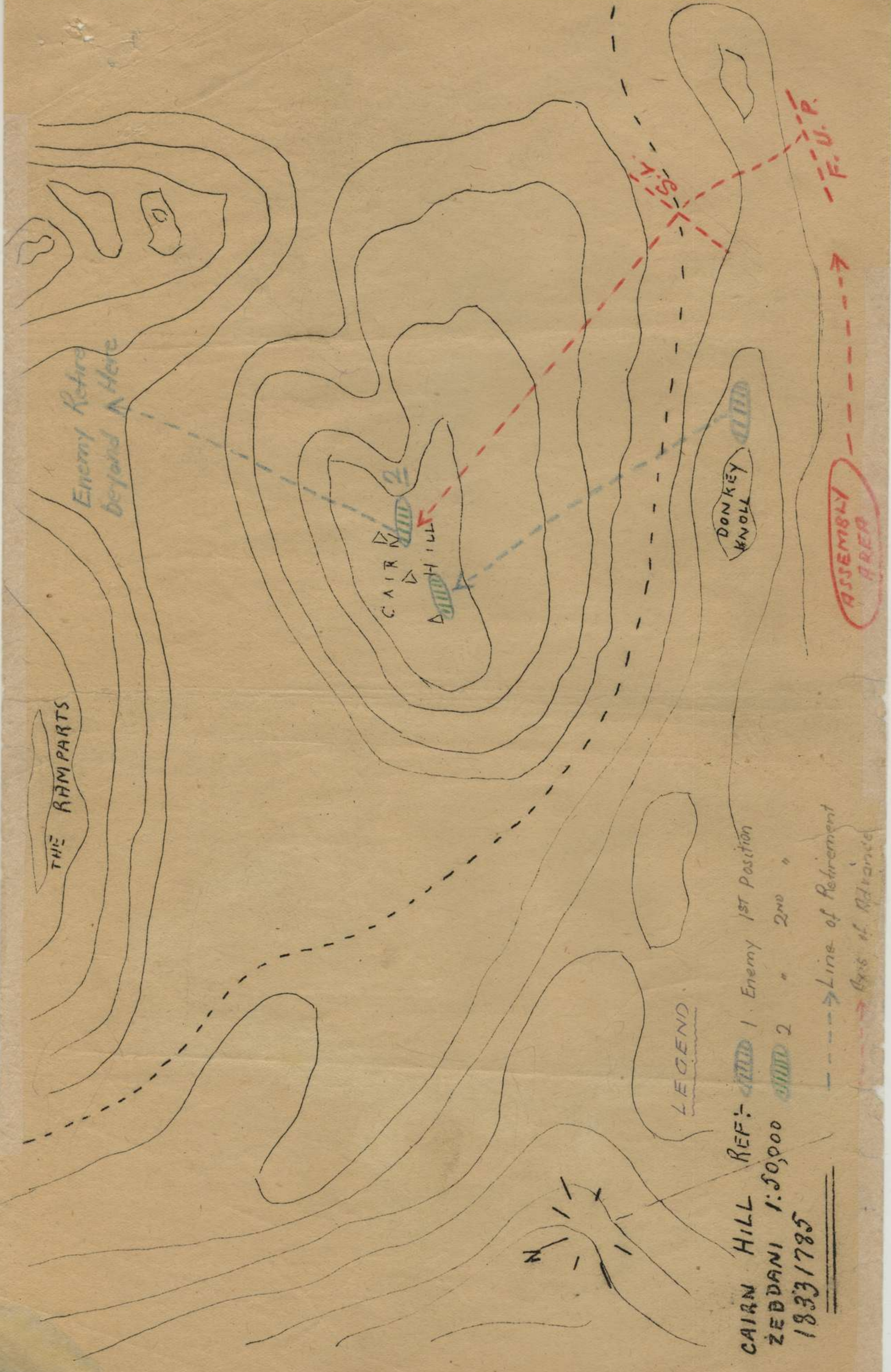
#### ADMINISTRATION



Coy HQ will move with Res Pl  
 150 Rds S.A.A. per man to be carried  
 Coy Reserve S.A.A. Tools and Water to be brought  
 fwd at first light

2 Shovels 1 Pick carried by each sec.

Synchronise Time.





CAIRN HILL REF:  1. Enemy 1st Position  
 ZEBDANI 1:50,000  2. " 2nd "  
 18331785  
 ---> Line of Retirement  
 - - - -> Axis of Advance

Enemy Retire  
beyond A Here

THE RAMPARTS

CAIRN HILL

DONKEY KNOLL

LEGEND

ASSEMBLY AREA

S.K.P.

F.U.P.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/1 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS No.10

THE RIFLE COMPANY (WITH SUPPORTING ARMS) IN THE OCCUPATION OF  
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THE RIFLE COMPANY (WITH SUPPORTING ARMS) IN THE DAYLIGHT WITH  
DEWAL IN CLOSE CONTACT

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS No.19

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1. OBJECT

The object of the exercise is to practise the Coy & Pl & Sec Comdrs in the procedure for a daylight withdrawal and to teach the following lessons.

2. LESSONS

- (1) "Withdrawal from a rearguard position -- The method of withdrawal of infantry from a rearguard position when engaged by the enemy, will generally be to thin out the garrison gradually until only small rear parties are left.
- (II) " A portion of the rearguard will usually take up an intermediate position to cover the final withdrawal and to take advantage of the targets which will often be offered by the enemy as he arrives on the vacated position but this intermediate position will only be held long enough to give the last troops .....time to reorganise before continuing the withdrawal..... Fighting on an intermediate position should be avoided as far as possible."
- (III) "The whole operation requires most careful control. The withdrawal of rear parties along the whole front must be closely co-ordinated in order that an intact front may be maintained to the last....."
- (IV) "Some machine guns should be detailed to form the backbone of the rear parties"
- (V) "Mortars with the fwd Coys may be valuable..... and..... may cover with smoke the evacuation of the last elements".  
(I.F. Eng & War Chap X 60.7)

3. NARRATIVE (See exercise No. 18)

"At 1600 hrs on D1 ----Coy Comdr received a warning order from C.O. 2/1 Bn as follows. Warning Order for withdrawal.

Axis of withdrawal POINT 969 (18331778)

FME-D3ANRA SAL-SABOURA-SAUSAGE WOOD-Order to withdraw given by Officer Bn HQ.

Coy continued to improve the position occupied on D1, during the night, patrolling was carried out but no sign was detected of the enemy. Just before dawn heavy arty fire was heard on the left flank in the direction of 2/2 Bn position and later information was received from that Unit that an attack by infantry on the position had been repulsed but not without heavy casualties.

At 0600 hrs the Bde Comdr received information that the remainder of the division had won clear, and realising that he could not hope to hold the position until dusk, decided to carry out the withdrawal in daylight.

4. ADMINISTRATION

At 0730hrs Sig Off. 2/1 Bn arrived at.....Coy HQ with orders for withdrawal.

1. Information

Enemy as in narrative.

Own Tps. 2/3 Bn has taken up next main position on feature POINTS 1048, 1039, 1016 972 in squares 182171, 183172, 184172, 185172.

Intention

2/1 Bn will withdraw to SAUSAGE WOOD.



Method

No withdrawal before 0800hrs  
 Present position to be held until 0830hrs. All tps to be SOUTH of stream A.ES.SAFRA. FME D'AMRA SAL YAFOUR by 1030hrs. Bn Check Point NORTH END SAUSAGE WOOD

11. Admin.

R.A.P. will move from present position at 0900hrs to FME D'AMRA SAL and leave for SAUSAGE WOOD at 1000hrs

B Ech. Tpt move immediately from present position to SAUSAGE WOOD by shortest routes.

111. Intercomm

Bn HQ Closes down present location 0830hrs opens SAUSAGE WOOD 1100hrs Route Axis of Withdrawal.

5. On receipt of these orders Coy Comdr proceeds to give his orders to Pl Comdrs and the withdrawal commences.

At 0750 a few shells fall in the Coy area and some movement is noticed in the rough ground beyond DIMAS and any movement in fwd sec. posts is greeted by machine gun fire from unlocated positions. As the fwd secs move back the enemy leading tps appear on the vacated position.

6. NOTES FOR UMPIRES.

If the original fwd posns are covered by fire from an intermediate position the enemy is to be considered silenced and provided that movement is in accordance with times laid down in C.Os original order and with route laid down, the Coy can be considered to have broken clear as far as ground troops are concerned.

Gas Spray At any place considered suitable during withdrawal umpires will paint a picture of a gas spray attack to some member of a sub-unit and the actions of all in the area will be noted.

NOTE Coy Comdrs action on receipt of original message to withdraw. - Had preparations proceeded as far as possible on receipt of warning order - Runners and messages.

Action of P. Comdrs - order of withdrawal of secs covering fire, normal activity maintained. Use of ground in withdrawal, routes selected for fwd elements should not mask fire of intermediate localities. Intermediate positions chosen for fire on vacated positions and get away. Use of transport for speeding up withdrawal; formations as for attack.

7. D.S. NOTES

The general line of the track B EL HAJEB - 969 FME D'AMRA seems to be suitable line of withdrawal giving the maximum cover. Transport used in the early stages had rather use track B EL HAJEB - YAFOUR - FME D'AMRA SAL. As the track suggested for withdrawal line would render movement slow.

Two intermediate positions are suggested SPUR SOUTH of 1047 (182180) and HILL 1025. If the withdrawal is pressed a further suitable position is at the FARM where M.M.GS and A/Tk Guns could be used with effect and smoke could be used to assist further movement back.



8. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Suggested time table for withdrawal.

0800 hrs	Reserve Pl moves to SPUR 1047	
0815 "	Res Secs. Right fwd Pl move out )	to HILL 1025
0820 "	Fwd secs. " " " " " )	" " "
0835 "	Res Secs. Left Fwd Pl. move out	FME D'AMRA SAL
0840 "	Fwd Secs " " " " "	" " "
0905)"	Res Pl leaves SPUR 1047 moves to	FME D'AMRA SAL
0910)"		
1000)"	Right Pl leaves HILL 1025 by transport	clears
1005)"	stream at 1025hrs	

Withdrawal continues along SABOURA-SAUSAGE WOOD- ROAD

Exercise concludes.



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TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPSNO 16THE RIFLE COY IN THE IMMEDIATE COUNTER ATTACK1. OBJECT.

To exercise comdrs in the preparation and conduct of the immediate counter attack and to teach the following lessons.

2. LESSONS.

The immediate counter attack by a reserve Pl has as its object to check the enemy and to stabilize the local situation.  
(I.T.1937 Chap xii Sec 74(11) )

3. It will have only the fire support immediately available, will have a limited objective; and will whenever possible have been reconnoitred, planned and even rehearsed beforehand.  
(I.T.1937 Chap xii Sec 74(11) )

4. All Comdrs should be practised in the issue of verbal orders. These orders should be to the point and contain no irrelevant details.  
(M.T.P. 23)

NOTESPHASE 2EXERCISE 16

Main attack finished	0555
Consolidation	0600
Dive Bombing Attack)	
with gas spray	) 0630
Enemy counter	
attacks from E of	0640
RAMPARTS	
Our Right Fwd Pl	
Overrun	0645

Coy Comdr issues	
verbal orders for	
Res Pl to drive	
enemy off position	0650

Counter attack put	
in by Reserve Pl	0655

FIRE PLAN

Only support available immediately own 2" Mortar, Brens and Mortar Detachment.

Ground held by our Right Fwd Pl is essential to us as it covers right flank and unless we hold this we could be outflanked by troops debauching from E of RAMPARTS.



THE CAMPENTS

C.P.1

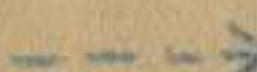





D.F.1

D.F.2

CAIRN  
HILL

DONKEY  
KNOW

LEGEND

-  Enemy Attack
-  ARTY D.F. Tasks
-  ARTY C.P. "
-  MORTAR D.F. Task
-  M.G. Arcs. of Fire
-  A/T Guns

CAIRN HILL REF:  
 ZEBDANI 1:50,000  
 18331785



*W.A.M.*

*D. bay 1/2 Oct*  
No. 1  
*B Coy 24/25 Sept*  
*6. 29/30*

2/1 AUST INF BN

T. E. W. T.

THE BN CONSOLIDATION OF A POSITION AFTER AN ATTACK  
HAS ONLY BEEN PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL.

OBJECT

To give Coy Comd of the Bn the practice in the tactical handling of their Comd in the consolidation after an attack on an objective that has partly failed.

LESSONS TO BE EMPHASISED

1. CONSOLIDATION

Consolidation has as its purpose to secure the objectives which have been reached, or other important localities which have been occupied, against counter-attack and as a base for further advance. The process includes the organisation of the position for defence; the re-organisation of the troops; the replenishment of amm, etc; the establishment of communications both to the rear and to the flanks; provision for observation and information; arrangements for supporting a further advance.

The defence should be established in depth on the principles laid down in Secs 69 and 73; the forward localities being lightly held and as many troops as possible withdrawn into local reserve. If counter-attack by armoured fighting vehicles is possible, anti-tank defence will be important and it may be advisable to site sections of Field Arty well forward, especially to deal with a tank attack. F.S.R. Vol ii Sec 59 Para 2.

2. ISSUE OF VERBAL ORDERS

Verbal orders are, as a rule, far too long and too academic. Junior Leaders are obviously so nervous of omitting some trifling point that they include much that the recipients do not really want to know. Officers should remember that the manner in which a verbal order is given has a profound psychological effect on the recipients. A hesitating and confused order can never induce the determination and will to win which are so necessary for success. On the other hand, an order given in a clear determined way induces confidence at once A.T.M. No. 30 Para 7.

3. BATTLE PROCEDURE

Time is a vital factor in battle and every device should be used to shorten the period of recce and preparation, and to make it effective. To achieve this object, the essentials are :-

- (i) Intelligent anticipation by all Comds.
- (ii) The issue of warning orders.
- (iii) An organised system which avoids unnecessary delays.

I.T. 1937 Sec 57 Para 1.



REF MAP GAZA - JAFFA - TEL AVIV 1/100,000OPENING SITUATION.

1. 16 Aust Inf Bde with following troops attached were in area EAST of QASTINA when on an air report was received at hrs that an enemy force estimated at one Bn which had landed near mouth of WADI SUKREIR, was moving EAST and that additional tpt estimated capacity one enemy Inf Regt were in the offing with a certain number of tank-landing craft.
2. 16 Aust Inf Bde with attached troops was ordered to move immediately against the enemy with a view to attacking and destroying his forces before he could establish himself and at all costs to prevent them securing a covering position WEST of the line of railway LYDDA - GAZA.
3. 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp moved via Rd QASTINA - YASUR - BARQA - KH ISBALLAN 121133 thence N.W. with the intention of blocking the approach along line of the WADI SUKREIR. Prior to reaching the railway line 120134 in consequence of TAC/R reports received during the approach march Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde decided to move with two Bns forward, 2/1 Bn on right and 2/2 Bn left inter-Bn boundary all inclusive 2/2 Bn being Pt on railway 12071347 - GUE HILL HO. 12041350 - TOWER HO. 12001353 - Bend in WADI 11931358 - triangular scrub 116136 thence WEST to Coast.  
2/1 Bn was directed on BAWAYIE ABU SUKREIR (sq. 1113) and 2/2 Bn on NEBI YUNIS (sq 1113) and were to secure successively the lines :-
  - (i) High ground along line of Rly from all incl 1215136 to trig 49 120134.
  - (ii) Track 12071368 - 11951343.
  - (iii) Wood in 119137 - Pt 25 and high ground S.W. in sq 118135.
  - (iv) Pt 43 in sq 118137 - NEBI YUNIS 116135.
4. The following troops were placed under Comd of each fwd Bn at this stage :-
 

One Bty 2/1 Aust Pd Regt.  
One Tp 2/1 Aust A/Tk Regt.  
One Pl 2/1 Aust MG Bn.

Remaining tps were held in reserve not forward of the line GAN YAVNE - BARQA - until ordered by Bde Comd.



Diary

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT-COL K.W. LATHER, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 2/1 AUST INF BN., A.I.F.

PART 1 NO 113

1 OCTOBER, 1941.

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1. DUTIES to mount retreat 1 Oct 1941

BDE DUTIES:

CAMP ORDERLY OFFICER	1 OCT 41: LIEUT J.C. BURRELL
I/C INLYING PICQUET	1 OCT 41: SGT RANIER E.E.
BDE ORDERLY SGT	1 OCT 41: SGT RUSSELL R.R.
BDE DUTIES	1 OCT 41: HQ COY

BN DUTIES

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PARA PATROL TO MOUNT 1930 hrs	1 OCTOBER 41. "A" COY

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BN " SGT " " "	1 OCT 41: CPL WILLIAMS J.D.
BN " CPL " " "	1 OCT 41: CPL JOHANSSON A.G.
DUTY OFFICER & GUARD COMD	1 OCT 41: LIEUT C.S. BLAKISTON
O/C CANTEN PICQUET	1 OCT 41: LIEUT P. BARCLAY
O/C M.S.R.	1 OCT 41: MAJOR J. MILLER
I/C PARA PATROL	1 OCT 41: W.O.II PIERCE D.C.

2. RESPIRATORS :

Effective immediately. ON ALL TRAINING PARADES respirators will be worn at the alert position.

3. CENSORSHIP :

With regard to the despatch of spoken messages by gramophone record, such records will be made only at approved firms. So far the only firm in this category is :-

B. BAILIN,  
Music Stores,  
67 Allenby Road,  
TEL AVIV.

The names of other firms which may be approved will be issued from time to time. (Div R.O. para 336)

4. PALESTINE-SYRIA FRONTIER :

All military vehicles crossing the Palestine-Syria Frontier will halt at the French Customs Posts, so that French Frontier Officials can ensure that they contain only military personnel. Identity cards and ABs/or WPs 5, will be produced if required.

This action is not only necessary to provide a check of the occupants of the cars, but is also a gesture of courtesy to the French Frontier Officials. (Div R.O. para 337)



5. IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIALS :

All Officers without exception, Military personnel and War Correspondents whether visiting or on duty, staying or passing through BEIRUT, will immediately upon arrival present their credentials at SURETE GENERALE, Italian Consulate Building, BEIRUT, Tel No. BEIRUT 6164.

CREDENTIALS are the means by which a persons identity will be incontrovertibly established, and must, therefore, be issued, signed and stamped by a recognised authority, and should moreover be carried at all times by the above-mentioned personnel throughout the M.E.

Failure to observe this SECURITY precaution may result in the offender's detention, until such time as his identification, through official channels, has been established. (Div R.O. para 338)

6. P.A.C. - JAFFA - TEL AVIV AREA :

P.A.C.s are now established at HAYARKON STREET, TEL AVIV, and BANJOUS BUILDINGS, New Commercial Centre, JAFFA (Div R.O. para 342)

7. ACTING WARRANT OR N.C. RANK - RELINQUISHMENT OF :

Further to AIF (ME) No 17 of 20 Jul 40, in connection with the appointment to, confirmation and relinquishment of acting Warrant or Non-Commissioned rank, vicd casualties, personnel appointed to acting Warrant or Non-Commissioned rank for reasons other than the replacement of casualties will automatically relinquish such rank when personnel concerned are transferred to "X" List.

Commanding Officers will ensure the lodgment of the necessary Casualty Returns with Officer i/c 2nd Echelon, AIF (ME), and that the necessary adjustments are made in the soldier's Paybook.

This Order will be repeated in Unit Orders. (Div R.O. para 345)

8. RETURNABLE PETROL CONTAINERS:

A large number of 4-gall returnable square cans and 4-gall returnable round drums have been put into circulation in the M.E.

These containers are being refilled with leaded petrol, a petrol with a tetra-ethyl-lead content. Tetra-ethyl-lead is a highly dangerous poison and may tend to remain in the inside seams of the can.

Os.C units will, therefore, warn all ranks against the use of these returnable petrol containers for water for either drinking or washing purposes.

Arrangements have been made for all future issue of such containers to be stencilled :-

PETROL  
LEADED  
POISON

This order will be repeated in Unit Orders. (Div R.O. para 348)

9. RECEPTION OF PERSONNEL FROM NIGHT TRAINS:

In view of the altered train schedules at GAZA Ry Sta, difficulty is experienced in admitting men to camps during the night.

Guards and sentries will be warned that transport from AIF (ME) Base Area bearing personnel from night trains will be admitted to unit lines at all times. (Div R.O. para 351)



10. AIF OFFICERS CLUB:

The system of using chits for the purchase of liquor and meals at the AIF Officers' Club, GAZA, has been out of practice for the past six months and all transactions must be on a strictly cash basis.

Officers in possession of chits and who have not been in PALESTINE during the past three months may cash any chits in their possession by presenting them personally to the Secretary, at the Club

All chits must be presented within six months from the publication of this notice. (Div R.O. para 352)

11. IMMEDIATE HONOURS AND AWARDS:

The Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Forces, has approved of the following Immediate Award for gallantry in action:-

GREECE AND CRETE

MILITARY MEDAL

NX 1294 Sgt Francis Peter Evans, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

12. APPOINTMENTS :

NX 45291 Pte Latham E.T. App. L/Cpl as from 28 Sep 41  
NX 46002 Pte Cromarty D App. L/Cpl as from 28 Sep 41

13. PAYBOOKS :

Companies will ascertain that all personnel evacuated to C.R.S. or Hospital are in possession of their paybooks.

*[Signature]*  
.....Capt  
Adjt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn



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BN " SGT ) TO DISMOUNT	2 OCT 41: SGT WARBURTON E.C.
BN " CPL ) 1930 HRS 4 OCT 41	2 OCT 41: CPL HAYDEN R.H.
DUTY OFFICER & GUARD COMD	2 OCT 41: LIEUT R.E. POWELL
O/C CANTEEN PICQUET	2 OCT 41: LIEUT G.M. NATHAN
O/C M.S.R.	2 OCT 41: CAPT D.J.H. LOVELL
I/C PARA PATROL	2 OCT 41: W.O.II PIERCE D.C.

2. PROMOTIONS :

NX 7661 A/Cpl WHITTINGTON, J is promoted Cpl as from 1 Oct 41  
NX 5062 A/Sgt (C.Q.M.S.) TCOVEY, R.L. is promoted Sgt (C.Q.M.S.)  
as from 1 Oct 41

3. INTER COY TRANSFERS :

The following inter Coy transfer is approved :

NX 45436 Pte Lawlor, C "C" Coy to Bn HQ

*C. J. ...*  
.....Capt  
Adjnt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT-COL K.W. EATHER, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 2/1 AUST INF BN., A.I.F.

PART 1 NO 115

3 OCTOBER, 1941.

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1. DUTIES TO MOUNT RETREAT 3 OCT 41.

EDE DUTIES: AS PER B.R.Os NO 114 2 OCT 41

BN DUTIES :

DUTY COY

CANTEREN PICQUET

M.S.R.

PARA PATROL

AS PER B.R.Os NO 114, 2 OCT 41

3 OCTOBER 41: HQ COY

3 OCTOBER 41: HQ COY

3 OCTOBER 41: "B" COY

BN ORDERLY OFFICER, DUTY OFFICER &

GUARD CORD

BN ORDERLY SGT)

BN ORDERLY CPL)

O/C CANTEREN PICQUET

O/C M.S.R.

I/C PARA PATROL

3 OCT 41: LIEUT R.E. POWELL

AS PER B.R.Os NO 114, 2 OCT 41

3 OCT 41: LIEUT J.C. BURRELL

3 OCT 41: MAJOR J. MILLER

3 OCT 41: W.O.II CARTER A.R.

2. APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS :

NX 1801 Pte BISHOP A.M.

NX 9902 A/Cpl FERGUSON D

Prom. A/Cpl as from 2 Oct 41

Rank of Cpl Confirmed 2 Oct 41

Appt L/Sgt as from 2 Oct 41.

NX 5062 A/S/Sgt TOOVEY R.L.

2 Oct is cancelled and amended to read as follows:

NX 5062 A/S/Sgt (A/C.Q.M.S.) TOOVEY R.L. Rank of S/Sgt confirmed

& appointed C.Q.M.S. as from 1 Oct 41

NX 1603 A/W.O.II PIERCE D.C.

Rank confirmed 2 Oct 41.

3. INTER-COY TRANSFERS :

NX 72352 Pte 'HALAN 'V of "A" Coy is transferred to "C" Coy

as from 3 Oct 41

NX 68480 Pte COOPER R of "C" Coy is transferred to "A" Coy

as from 3 Oct 41

*[Signature]*  
.....Capt  
Adj 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

A.C.F. of :-

This Unit acknowledges with thanks, a gift from

189 tins Soup (16 oz)

753 pkts Cigarettes(10s)



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PART 1

NO 116

4 OCTOBER, 1941.

1. DUTIES TO MOUNT RETREAT 4 OCT 41.

BDE DUTIES: AS PER B.R.O NO 114, 2 OCT 41.

BN DUTIES :

DUTY COY	4 OCT 41:	"C" COY
CANTEEN PICQUET	4 OCT 41:	HQ COY
M.S.R.	4 OCT 41:	"D" COY
PARA PATROL	4 OCT 41:	"B" COY
BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT RETREAT	4 OCT 41:	LIEUT C.TRAISE
BN " SGT " " "	4 OCT 41:	SGT BLANCHARD G
BN " CPL " " "	4 OCT 41:	CPL LEWIS W.H.
DUTY OFFICER & GUARD COMD	4 OCT 41:	LIEUT A.J.SIMPSON
O/C CANTEEN PICQUET	4 OCT 41:	LIEUT H.C.WISEMAN
O/C M.S.R.	4 OCT 41:	LIEUT. A.M.SIMPSON
I/C PARA PATROL	4 OCT 41:	W.O.II PIERCE D.C.

2. INTER-COY TRANSFERS :

NX 7692 Pte KEOWN J of "A" Coy is transferred to "C" Coy  
NX71788 Pte WHITE A.W. of "B" Coy is transferred to HQ Coy  
NX45268 Pte CAMPBELL F.J. of "C" Coy is transferred to "D" Coy

The above transfers are effective as from 4 OCT 41

3. CHURCH SERVICES - Sunday 5 Oct 41 :

ROMAN CATHOLIC:

Mass will be celebrated at 0645 & 0830 hrs in the KHASA Cinema.

Confessions will be heard at the Chaplain's Tent, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn Lines, on Saturday afternoon and night.

Units will note that the above Services are being held for all Roman Catholic personnel of all Units in KHASA Camp Area.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND:

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 0700 hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt Lines, for personnel of all units, KHASA Camp.

COMBINED CHURCH PARADES:

0830 hrs 2/1 Aust Inf Bn Parade Ground for personnel of 2/1 Aust Inf Bn and 2/1 & 2/7 Aust Fd Ambs.

0930 hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent, 2/1 Aust Fd Regt Lines, for personnel of 2/1 Aust Fd Regt and HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

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0845 hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt Lines, for personnel of 2/2 Aust Fd Regt, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt and 2/1 & 2/2 A.F.W.s

Combined Church Parade arrangements as for last Sunday for Coys in Camp.

OCTOBER 1941

Capt / Adjutant 2/1 Aust Inf Bn

1. DUTIES TO MOUNT RETREAT

SEE DUTIES AS PER B.R.O. NO 114, 2 OCT 41.

BN DUTIES:

DUTY COY  
CAPTAIN PICKETT  
M.S.R.  
PARA PATROL

BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT RETREAT	4 OCT 41	LIEUT. C. TRAVIS
BN	4 OCT 41	SGT BLANCHARD
BN	4 OCT 41	SGT LEWIS W.H.
BN	4 OCT 41	SGT LEWIS A.J. SIMPSON
DUTY OFFICER & GUARD COMD	4 OCT 41	LIEUT. H.C. WISHMAN
O/C CAPTAIN PICKETT	4 OCT 41	LIEUT. A.M. SIMPSON
O/C M.S.R.	4 OCT 41	LIEUT. W.O. L. FINCH D.C.
I/G PARA PATROL	4 OCT 41	

2. INTER-COY TRANSFERS:

MX 1992	Pls	KNOWN 1 of "A" Coy is transferred to "C" Coy
MX 1993	Pls	WHITE A.W. of "B" Coy is transferred to "D" Coy
MX 1994	Pls	CAMPBELL F.L. of "C" Coy is transferred to "D" Coy

The above transfers are effective as from 4 OCT 41

3. CHURCH SERVICES - Sunday 5 Oct 41:

ROMAN CATHOLIC:

Mass will be celebrated at 0845 & 0830 hrs in the KHASSA Cinema.

Confessions will be heard at the Chaplain's Tent, 2/1 Aust Inf Bn Lines, on Saturday afternoon and night.

Units will note that the above Services are being held for all Roman Catholic personnel of all Units in KHASSA Camp Area.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND:

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 0700 hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt Lines, for personnel of all units, KHASSA Camp.

COMBINED CHURCH PARADES:

0830 hrs 2/1 Aust Inf Bn Parade Ground for personnel of 2/1 Aust Inf Bn and 2/1 & 2/2 Aust Fd Amps.

0930 hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent, 2/1 Aust Fd Regt Lines, for personnel of 2/1 Aust Fd Regt and 2/1 & 2/2 Aust Inf Bns.



*Mr. Deady*

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE**

**ROUTINE ORDERS**

by

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**COMMANDING 2/1 AUST INF BN., A.I.F.**

**PART 1**

**NO 117**

**5 OCTOBER, 1941.**

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**1. DUTIES TO MOUNT RETREAT 5 OCT 41.**

**BDE DUTIES :**

CAMP ORDERLY OFFICER	5 OCT 41: LIEUT G.M.NATHAN
I/C INLYING PICQUET	5 OCT 41: SGT RANIER E.E.
INLYING PICQUET	5 OCT 41: HQ COY
BDE ORDERLY SGT	5 OCT 41: SGT YATES C
BDE DUTIES	5 OCT 41: "B" COY

**BN DUTIES :**

DUTY COY	5 OCTOBER 41: "B" COY
CANTEEN PICQUET	5 OCTOBER 41: "A" COY
M.S.R.	5 OCTOBER 41: "A" COY
PARA PATROL	5 OCTOBER 41: "D" COY

BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT RETREAT	5 OCTOBER 41: LIEUT C.J.PRIOR
BN " SGT " " "	5 OCT 41: SGT MANWARING H
BN " CPL " " "	5 OCT 41: L/CPL GROMARTY D
DUTY OFFICER & GUARD COMD	5 OCT 41: LIEUT G.L.LEANEY
O/C CANTEEN PICQUET	5 OCT 41: LIEUT G.S.BLAKISTON
O/C M.S.R.	5 OCT 41: CAPT W.G.A. BAINES
I/C PARA PATROL	5 OCT 41: W.O.II CARTER A.R.

**2. TRADE GROUPINGS :**

NX 4781	Pte	Gleeson H.J. Graded Gp II Mechanic, 23 Aug 41.
NX 1824	Pte	O'Sullivan P.F. Graded Gp II Mechanic 23 Aug 41.
NX 1529	Pte	Hallett R.V. Graded Gp III Driver-Mechanic 23 Aug 41.
NX47731	Pte	Haigh G.G. Graded Gp III Driver-Mechanic, 23 Aug 41.
NX 1607	Pte	Lavis V.R. Graded Gp III Driver-Mechanic, 23 Aug 41.
NX18381	Pte	Bilesmere C Graded Gp III Driver-Mechanic, 23 Aug 41.
NX29131	L/Cpl	Hall S.O. Graded Gp III Clerk, 18 Aug 41.
NX 1901	Pte	Turner L.H.N. Graded Gp III, Equip Repairer 26 Sep
NX47796	Pte	Sutere J.H. Graded Gp III Butcher, 26 Sep 41.
NX54070	Pte	Russell W.A. Relinquished Gp II, Cook, 26 Sep 41
NX 2811	Pte	Cordwell W.J. Relinquished Gp III Butcher 26 Sep 41

**3. CAMP CINEMA :**

There will be a free performance at the Camp Cinema at 1430 hrs to-day.

.....Capt  
Adjt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.



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PART 1

NO 118

6 OCTOBER, 1941.

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1. DUTIES TO MOUNT RETREAT 6 OCT 41.

BDE DUTIES :

CAMP ORDERLY OFFICER	6 OCT 41: LIEUT G.M.NATHAN
I/C INLYING PICQUET	6 OCT 41: SGT EVANS F.P.
INLYING PICQUET	6 OCT 41: HQ COY
BDE ORDERLY SGT	6 OCT 41: SGT FERGUSON D
BDE DUTIES	6 OCT 41: "A" COY

BN DUTIES :

DUTY COY	6 OCTOBER 41: "A" COY
CANTEEN PICQUET	6 OCTOBER 41: "D" COY
M.S.R.	6 OCTOBER 41: "B" COY
PARA PATROL	6 OCTOBER 41: "B" COY

BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT RETREAT	6 OCT 41: LIEUT A.D.MURRAY
BN " SGT " " "	6 OCT 41: CPL BISHOP J.H.
BN " CPL " " "	6 OCT 41: CPL COE T.J.
DUTY OFFICER & GUARD COMD	6 OCT 41: LIEUT R.E.POWELL
O/C CANTEEN PICQUET	6 OCT 41: LIEUT J.McI.FREW
O/C M.S.R.	6 OCT 41: CAPT W.A.PIKE
I/C PARA PATROL	6 OCT 41: W.O.II MANTON T

2. APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS :

NX 9068 Pte Riches H appointed L/Cpl 4 Oct 41  
 NX45626 Pte Tranter C.G. appointed L/Cpl 4 Oct 41

NX 9879 A/S/Sgt (C.Q.M.S.) Price F.J.	Rank Confirmed 4 Oct 41
NX 1869 A/Sgt Holt N.B.	Rank Confirmed 4 Oct 41
NX 7639 A/Cpl McClure J	Rank Confirmed 4 Oct 41
NX26096 A/Cpl McLean D	Rank Confirmed 4 Oct 41
NX 7651 A/Sgt Phillips A.V.	Rank Confirmed 2 Oct 41
NX 9559 A/Sgt Warman C.R.	Rank Confirmed 2 Oct 41
NX 4092 A/Sgt Warbuton E.C.	Rank Confirmed 2 Oct 41
NX15228 A/Sgt Standfast R.W.	Rank Confirmed 2 Oct 41
NX11409 A/Cpl Allan I.R.	Rank Confirmed 2 Oct 41
NX 7473 A/Cpl Jones W.R.	Rank Confirmed 2 Oct 41
NX 2659 A/Cpl Mitchell R	Rank Confirmed 2 Oct 41
NX 2211 A/Cpl Warren M.E.	Rank Confirmed 2 Oct 41

3. TRADE GROUPINGS :

NX14321 Pte Blacker L Graded Gp III Storeman, 4 Oct 41.

.....Capt  
 Adjt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

LOST

Redish-brown leather MONEY BELT in Latrine on 5 Oct 41. "Good Luck" printed on one end. Contents 1300 mils. Finder please return to Bn HQ.



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COMMANDING 2/1 AUSTRALIAN INF BN., A.I.F.

PART 1

NO 119

7 OCTOBER, 1941.

1. DUTIES TO MOUNT RETREAT 7 OCT 41.

BDE. DUTIES :

CAMP ORDERLY OFFICER	7 OCT 41: LIEUT J.C. BURRELL
I/C INLYING PICQUET	7 OCT 41: SGT WARMAN C.R.
INLYING PICQUET	7 OCT 41: HQ COY
BDE ORDERLY SGT	7 OCT 41: SGT MANWARING H
BDE DUTIES	7 OCT 41: "B" COY

BN DUTIES :

DUTY COY	7 OCTOBER 41: "B" COY
CANTEEN PICQUET	7 OCTOBER 41: "A" COY
M.S.R.	7 OCTOBER 41: "A" COY
PARA PATROL	7 OCTOBER 41: "D" COY

BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT RETREAT	7 OCT 41: LIEUT C.J. PRIOR
BN " SGT " " "	7 OCT 41: SGT YATES F.C.
BN " CPL " " "	7 OCT 41: CPL KLEINSHAFFER L.F.
DUTY OFFICER & GUARD COMD	7 OCT 41: LIEUT M.J. CAREW
O/C CANTEEN PICQUET	7 OCT 41: LIEUT G. LEANEY
O/C M.S.R.	7 OCT 41: CAPT A.A. STEWART
I/C PARA PATROL	7 OCT 41: W.O. II CARTER A.R.

2. INTER-COY TRANSFERS :

NX 1529 Pte HALLETT R.V. of HQ Coy is transferred to "A" Coy  
 NX 1607 Pte LAVIS V.R. of HQ Coy is transferred to "C" Coy  
 NX15361 Pte ELLESMERE C of HQ Coy is transferred to "D" Coy

3. FINDINGS OF DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL-NX15241 Pte PIESLEY, W.C. :

CHARGES

1. A.A. Sec 40(2). When on active service. Neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.
2. A.A. Sec 15(2). When on active service. Failing to appear at a place of parade appointed by his C.O.
3. A.A. Sec 15(1). When on active service. Absenting himself without leave.
4. A.A. Sec 8(2). When on active service. Using insubordinate language to his superior officer.
5. A.A. Sec 24(2). When on active service. Losing by neglect public property issued to him for his use.
6. A.A. Sec 8(2). When on active service. Using insubordinate language to his superior officer.

(PTO)



On 18 Sep 41 the Court found the accused GUILTY on charges 2,3 and 5. Charges 1,4 and 6 were withdrawn. The accused was sentenced to undergo detention for a period of 21 days.

On 3 Oct 41 Major General E.F. Herring, Commanding 6 Aust Div, confirmed the above sentence.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
.....Capt  
Adj. 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

This unit acknowledges with thanks a gift from the A.C.F. of the following:

- 690 Pns of Socks
- 720 Handkerchiefs
- 6 Cases of Soap(Toilet)



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PART 1

NO 120

8 OCTOBER, 1941.

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1. DUTIES TO MOUNT RETREAT 8 OCT 41.

DUTY COY	8 OCTOBER 41: "C" COY
CANTEEN PICQUET	8 OCTOBER 41: "C" COY
M.S.R.	8 OCTOBER 41: "D" COY
PARA PATROL	8 OCTOBER 41: "C" COY
BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT RETREAT	8 OCT 41: LIEUT C. TRAISE
BN " SGT " " "	8 OCT 41: SGT PUNG R.H.
BN " CPL " " "	8 OCT 41: CPL FULLER H.J.
DUTY OFFICER & GUARD COMD	8 OCT 41: LIEUT B. FLETCHER
O/C CANTEEN PICQUET	8 OCT 41: LIEUT P. BARCLAY
I/C PARA PATROL	8 OCT 41: W.O.II MANTON T.S.

2. REGIMENTAL AUDIT BOARD :

Until further notice the Regimental Audit Board will be constituted of the following:

Capt D.J.H. Lovell	President
Lieut C. Traise	Member
Lieut A.D.B. Murray	Member

3. Y.M.C.A. LIBRARY :

All books from the Y.M.C.A. library are to be returned immediately.

*R. E. Powell*  
 .....Capt  
 Adjnt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn.

*War Diary*



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COMMANDING 2/1 AUST INF BN., A.I.F.  
PART 1 No. 121  
9 OCTOBER 1941  
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1. DUTIES TO MOUNT RETREAT 9 OCT '41

BDE DUTIES :

CAMP ORDERLY OFFICER	9 Oct 41	LIEUT. C.S. BLAKISTON
O.C. CINEMA PICQUET	9 Oct 41	LIEUT. R.E. POWELL
I/C INLYING PICQUET	9 Oct 41	SGT. WARBURTON E.C.
INLYING PICQUET	9 Oct 41	HQ COY
BDE ORDERLY SGT	9 Oct 41	SGT HOLT M.B.
BDE DUTIES	9 Oct 41	"D" COY

BN DUTIES :

DUTY COY	9 Oct 41	"D" COY
CANTEEN PICQUET	9 Oct 41	"A" COY
M.S.R. COY	9 Oct 41	"A" COY
PARA PATROL	9 Oct 41	"B" COY
BN ORDERLY OFFICER	9 Oct 41	LIEUT. A.J. SIMPSON
BN ORDERLY SGT	9 Oct 41	SGT. DEARDEN. R.F.
BN ORDERLY CPL	9 Oct 41	CPL. WATSON . E.B.
DUTY OFFICER & GUARD COMD	9 Oct 41	LIEUT. M.J. CAREW
O.C. CANTEEN PICQUET	9 Oct 41	LIEUT. J.C. MacArthur-King
I/O . PARA PATROL.	9 Oct 41	W.O.11. MANTON T.S.

2. PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

V120747 Cpl Nazer, E.F. appointed L/Sgt 9 Oct 41

EX11938 A/Sgt Manwaring Substantive Rank to be Cpl. To remain A/Sgt.

EX7709	A/Sgt Slaughter	S.R. Rank confirmed	9 Oct 41
EX2803	A/Sgt O'Malley	J. Rank confirmed	9 Oct 41
EX6111	A/Sgt Yates	F.C. Rank confirmed	9 Oct 41
EX759	A/Cpl Stubbs	F.G.E. Rank confirmed	9 Oct 41
EX3816	A/Cpl Carney	A.A. Rank confirmed	9 Oct 41
EX4132	A/Cpl Hind	V.R. Rank confirmed	9 Oct 41
EX15320	A/Cpl Baldock	E A Rank confirmed	9 Oct 41
EX13529	A/Cpl Burcher	S.E. Rank confirmed.	9 Oct 41

3. CINEMA PICQUET

The Cinema Picquet will consist of the following.

1 Officer, 1 Sgt, 3 Cpls, 9 ORs.

DRESS Slacks, belt web, Steel Helmets

TIME OF MOUNTING 1720 hrs.

Officer I/C Picquet will report to Manager of Cinema immediately after mounting.

For the information of the Cinema Picquet Officer and N C (s) instruction for the cinema picquet and a plan of the cinema are available at Bn HQ.

4. EVACUATIONS TO C.R.S.

All personnel evacuated to C.R.S. will take all gear, less rifles, with them.

5. RESPIRATORS

Respirators will be worn by all ranks each Tuesday & Thursday between the following hours. 0900hrs to 0930hrs.



The Commencement of the half hour period will be indicated by sounding of trench rattle or other prearranged signal.  
 The end of the period will be indicated by the giving of the ALL CLEAR

*G. J. O'K.* Capt  
 Adjt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

PHOTOGRAPHS

All negatives left at Y M C A., 2/1 Aust Fd Regt Lines for developing and Printing MUST be collected by 2000 hrs on Sunday 12 Oct '41

If the above negatives are NOT collected by that date they will be returned to the Photographer.

LOST Wrist watch, black leather case, D H G engraved on back. Lost between R A P and Transport lines. Finder please return to these Headquarters.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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COMMANDING 2/1 AUST INF BN A.I.F.

PART 1 No.122

10 OCT '41

1. DUTIES; TO MOUNT RETREAT 10 OCT '41

BN DUTIES

DUTY COY	10 OCT 41	"A" COY
CANTEEN PICQUET	10 OCT 41	"A" COY
M.S.R.COY	10 OCT 41	"B" COY
PARA.PATROL	10 OCT 41	"A" COY
BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT RETREAT	10 OCT 41	LIEUT A.D.B.MURRAY
BN ORDERLY SGT " " "	10 OCT 41	A/CPL BISHOP J.H.
BN ORDERLY CPL " " "	10 OCT 41	A/CPL FLETCHER J.
DUTY OFFICER & GUARD COMD	10 OCT 41	LIEUT G.L.LEANEY
O.C.CANTEEN PICQUET	10 OCT 41	LIEUT R.E.POWELL
I/C PARA PATROL	10 OCT 41	W.O.11 D.C.PIERCE

2. CHURCH SERVICES - Sunday 12 Oct '41

ROMAN CATHOLIC

(a) Mass will be celebrated at 0645 & 0830 hrs in the KHASSA Cinema

Confessions will be heard at the Chaplain's Tent 2/1 Aust Inf Bn Lines, on Saturday afternoon and night.

(b) Units will note that the above Services are being held for all Roman Catholic Personnel of all units in KHASSA Camp Area.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 0700hrs in Y.M.C.A. Tent 2/3 Aust Fd Regt Lines, for personnel of all units KHASSA CAMP

COMBINED CHURCH PARADES.

0830 hrs 2/1 Aust Inf Bn Parade Ground for personnel of 2/1 Aust Inf Bn and 2/1 & 2/7 Aust Fd Ambs.

Arrangements for Church parades the same as last Sunday.

3. TRADE GROUPINGS

The undermentioned personnel are graded as Group 11 Signallers as from 1 Oct '41

NX41590	Pte	White	A.E.	NX45772	Pte	Jordan	R.S.
NX7896	Pte	Delaney	W.J.	NX47477	Pte	Bradfield	C.
NX20433	Pte	King	J.J.R.	NX47849	Pte	Watts	T.A.

4. INTER COMPANY TRANSFERS:

NX72306	Pte	Bentley	E.D.	C	to	BHQ
NX46101	Pte	Weismantle	J.	C	to	BHQ
NX45433	Pte	Cross	L.J.	B	to	BHQ
NX67897	Pte	Baker	L.T.	A	to	BHQ
VX39151	Pte	Evans	C.	A	to	BHQ
NX682	Pte	Lewis	P.	A	to	BHQ
NX71548	Pte	Reeman	N.J.	A	to	BHQ

*C. J. ...*  
Adjnt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn Capt



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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COMMANDING 2/1 AUST INF BN A I F

PART 1 No.123

11 OCT 1941  
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1. DUTIES TO MOUNT RETREAT 11 OCT '41

BN DUTIES

DUTY COY	11 OCT 41	"B" COY
CANTEEN PICQUET	11 OCT 41	"B" COY
M.S.R.COY	11 OCT 41	"C" COY
PARA PATROL	11 OCT 41	"B" COY

BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT RETREAT	11 OCT 41	LIEUT.G.H.JACKSON-HOPE
BN ORDERLY SGT	" "	SGT.MANWARING H.
BN ORDERLY CPL	" "	CPL.HIND V.R.
DUTY OFFICER & GUARD COMD	11 OCT 41	LIEUT.E.C.GIVNEY
O.C.CANTEEN PICQUET	11 OCT 41	LIEUT.G.H.MILLARD
I/C.PARA PATROL	11 OCT 41	W.O.11.CARTER A.R.

2. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

NX3816 Cpl Carney A.A. promoted to A/Sgt as from 10 Oct 1941

3. INTER COMPANY TRANSFERS.

NX68423 Pte Nash K. transferred from "A" Coy to Sigs Platoon HQ Coy

*L. L. No. 123*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Adjt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn Capt



*T. Au  
War Diary*

AUSRRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

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COMMANDING 2/1 AUST INF BN A.I.F.

PART 1 No.124

12 OCT 1941  
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1. DUTIES TO MOUNT RETREAT 12 OCT 1941

BN DUTIES

DUTY COY.	12 OCT '41	"C" COY
CANTEEN PICQUET	12 OCT '41	"C" COY
M.S.RCOY	12 OCT '41	"D" COY
PARA PATROL	12 OCT '41	"C" COY
BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT RETREAT	12 OCT '41	LIEUT. C. TRAISE
BN ORDERLY SGT " " "	12 OCT '41	A/SGT BLANCHARD G.
BN ORDERLY CPL " " "	12 OCT '41	A/CPL DUDGION A.P.
DUTY OFFICER & GUARD COMD	12 OCT '41	LIEUT J.C. BURRELL
O.C. CANTEEN PICQUET	12 OCT '41	LIEUT P. BARCLAY
I/C PARA PATROL	12 OCT '41	W.O.11 PIERCE B.G.

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Capt

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ROUTINE ORDERS

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COMMANDING 2/1 AUST INF BN

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PART 1

No.125

13 OCT '41

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1. DUTIES TO MOUNT RETREAT 13 OCT. 41

BDE DUTIES

CAMP ORDERLY OFFICER	13 OCT 41	LIEUT E.H.JACKSON-HOPE
O C INLYING PICQUET	13 OCT 41	LIEUT C.S.BLANKSTON
BDE ORDERLY SGT	13 OCT 41	L/SGT FERGUSON D.D.
BDE DUTIES	13 OCT 41	"A" COY
INLYING PICQUET	13 OCT 41	"A" COY

BN DUTIES

DUTY COY	13 OCT 41	"D" COY
CANTEEN PICQUET	13 OCT 41	"D" COY
M.S.R.COY	13 OCT 41	"B" COY
PARA PATROL	13 OCT 41	"D" COY
BN ORDERLY OFFICER	13 OCT 41	LIEUT J.G.McARTHUR-KING
BN ORDERLY SGT	13 OCT 41	SGT HOLT N.B.
BN ORDERLY CPL	13 OCT 41	CPL McCLURE J.
DUTY OFFICER & GUARD COMD	13 OCT 41	LIEUT A.J.SIMPSON
O.C.CANTEEN PICQUET	13 OCT 41	LIEUT R.E.POWELL
I/C PARA PATROL	13 OCT 41	W.O.11.CARTER A.R.

2. PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

NX1305 Sgt.Neary R.T.S. promoted to A/WO 11 as from 11 Oct '41.  
 NX15361 A/Cpl Gotts R.J. to be confirmed as Cpl and promoted  
 A/Sgt as from 10 Oct '41.  
 VX10101 Pte Purdie R.A. promoted to A/Cpl app L/Sgt as from 15 Oct.41  
 NX9302 A/Sgt Isherwood C.S. rank as Sgt confirmed 10 Oct 41  
 A/WO11 Carter A.R. rank to be confirmed as WO11 11 Oct 41  
 A/WO11 Carter S.C. rank to be confirmed as WO11 11 Oct 41  
 NX3901 A/Cpl Gough J.R. to be confirmed as Cpl. 11 Oct 41  
 NX47705 A/Cpl Fletcher J.W. to be confirmed as Cpl. 11 Oct 41  
 NX47689 Pte Manus P.B. appointed L/Cpl as from 11 Oct 41  
 NX11159 Pte Burns S.C. appointed L/Cpl as from 11 Oct 41

3. TRADE GROUPINGS

NX71495 Pte Watkins R.W. to be appointed Clerk Group 111 11 Oct 41

4. INTER COMPANY TRANSFERS

NX69970 Pte Hill.A. transferred from "C" Coy to Sigs Pl. H.Q.Coy  
 NX45499 Pte James O.K.transferred from "D" Coy to Sigs Pl.H.Q.Coy  
 NX68712 Pte Fairhall V.transferred from H.Q.Coy to "D" Coy  
 NX963 Pte Moffat J. transferred from "B" Coy to "D" Coy  
 NX14181 Pte Carroll T. transferred from A.Coy to H.Q.Coy

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NOTICES

FOUND Identity discs marked as under have been found, and may be obtained on application to the Camp Staff Office.

NX3389 T.J.Coe.



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PART 1 No.127

15 OCT '41

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1. DUTIES TO MOUNT RETREAT 15 OCT '41

BN DUTIES

DUTY COY	15 OCT 41	"C" COY
CANTEEN PICQUET	15 OCT 41	"C" COY
M.S.R.COY	15 OCT 41	"HQ" COY
PARA PATROL	15 OCT 41	"C" COY
BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT RETREAT	15 OCT 41	LIEUT. J.C. BURRELL
BN ORDERLY SGT " " "	15 OCT 41	SGT. PUNG. R.A.
BN ORDERLY CPL " " "	15 OCT 41	CPL. BROADHEAD A.
DUTY OFFICER & GUARD BOLD.	15 OCT 41	LIEUT JACKSON-HOPE.
O.C.CANTEEN PICQUET	15 OCT 41	LIEUT C. TRAISE.
I/C PARA PATROL	15 OCT 41	WO11 PIERCE D.C.

2. REVERSIONS

NX3889 L/Cpl Coe T.J. reverted to Pte. 13 Oct 41.

3. TRADE GROUPINGS

NX4718 Pte Miller A.A. Relinquishes Group 11 Cook 14 Oct 41.

4. INTER COMPANY TRANSFERS.

NX15275 Pte Findlay J.B. transferred from "D" Coy to HQ Coy 15 Oct 41  
NX974 Pte. Hynes K.P. transferred from "D" Coy to HQ Coy 15 Oct 41.

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Lieut for Capt  
Adjt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn



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PART 1 NO.129

20 OCT 41  
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1. DUTIES TO MOUNT 20 OCT 41

BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT	1730 hrs	20 OCT 41	LIEUT J. McI. PREW
NEXT FOR DUTY	" "	21 OCT 41	LIEUT J.C. McARTHUR-KIN
DUTY OFFICER	" "	20 OCT 41	LIEUT J.C. BURRELL
NEXT FOR DUTY	" "	21 OCT 41	LIEUT E.C. GIVNEY
DUTY COY		20 OCT 41	"D" COY
NEXT FOR DUTY		21 OCT 41	"A" COY

2. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

NX5429 Cpl Armstrong R.J. Promoted A/Sgt as from 19 Oct 41.

3. INTER COMPANY TRANSFERS

NX3880 Pte Coe T.J. transferred from "A" Coy to Bn HQ. 20 Oct 41.

*J. B. Shannon* Lieut  
Adjnt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This Unit acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt from the Australian Comforts Fund, of

708 2 oz tins of Tobacco  
1416 cigarette papers.

STORES

Two small Petrol stoves have been removed from Q.M. Stores. Should such be found in possession of any individual, he will be charged either with theft or with being in possession of stolen Army Stores.

POSTAL

Australian Postage Stamps obtainable as follows.

3d Stamp 9 Piastres (Syrian)  
9d Stamp 27 Piastres (Syrian)

E.F.M. Cable Rates 111 Piastres (Syrian)



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PART 1 NO.130

21 OCT 41  
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1 DUTIES to MOUNT 21 OCT 41

BN DUTIES

BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT 1730 Hrs	21 OCT 41	LIEUT J.G.McARTHUR-KIL
NEXT FOR DUTY	22 OCT 41	LIEUT C.S.BLAKISTON
DUTY OFFICER	21 OCT 41	LIEUT E.C.GIVNEY
NEXT FOR DUTY	22 OCT 41	LIEUT G.M.NATHAN
DUTY COY	21 OCT 41	"A" COY
NEXT FOR DUTY	22 OCT 41	"B" COY

2. TROPHIES OF WAR AND OTHER CAPTURED MATERIAL

It has been found that binoculars and other captured war material including documents and manuals are being sent to Australia by members of the A.I.F.

This practice will cease forthwith

Such articles reaching Australia will be confiscated and, on receipt of particulars of despatch, disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

3. REVOLVERS

Cases have recently occurred of officers losing their revolvers whilst travelling, the revolvers being packed in luggage which was lost.

All officers, while travelling will carry their revolvers on their person.

4. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

VX10569 A/Cpl MURPHY A.J. rank confirmed	21 OCT 41
NX3398 A/Cpl DOWLING J.V. rank confirmed	21 OCT 41
NX69029 Pte ALLEN S. promoted to A/Cpl	20 OCT 41
NX68262 Pte RAMSAY T.A. appointed L/Cpl	20 OCT 41

5 INTER COMPANY TRANSFERS

NX1078 Pte FISHER R. transferred from "D" Coy to HQ Coy

*G. H. Shannon* LIEUT  
/ Adjnt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

MORTAR AND CARRIER PLATOONS

Nominations are called for personnel for Carrier and Mortar Platoons and Tradesman for the Pioneer Platoon. All Nominations are to be at this H.Q. by 1200 hrs Wednesday 22 Oct 41.



*1st  
War Signal*

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PART 1 NO 130

22 OCT 41  
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1. DUTIES TO MOUNT 22 OCT 41

BN DUTIES

BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT	1730 Hrs	22 OCT 41	LIEUT C.J. PRIOR
NEXT FOR DUTY	" " " "	23 OCT 41	LIEUT B. FLETCHER
DUTY OFFICER	" " " "	22 OCT 41	LIEUT E.H. JACKSON-HOPE
NEXT FOR DUTY	" " " "	23 OCT 41	LIEUT A.J. SIMMONS

2. INTER COMPANY TRANSFERS

NX72264 Pte	BOWD M.	transferred from	"B" Coy	to B HQ
NX69062 Pte	McTAVISH E.G	transferred	"B" Coy	to B HQ
NX68504 Pte	THURSTON L.	"	"D" Coy	to B HQ
NX68445 Pte	DOWNS C.E.	"	"D" Coy	to B HQ
NX4981 Pte	BYRNES C.T.	"	"C" Coy	to B HQ
NX68500 Pte	MURDOCK A.B.	"	"D" Coy	to HQ Coy

*J. U. Shannon* LIEUT  
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PART 1 No.130

23 OCT 1941  
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1. DUTIES TO MOUNT 23 OCT 41

BN DUTIES

BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT	1730 Hrs	23 OCT 41	LIEUT B.FLETCHER
NEXT FOR DUTY	" " "	24 OCT 41	LIEUT C.S.BLAKISTON
DUTY OFFICER	" " "	23 OCT 41	LIEUT A.J.SIMPSON
NEXT FOR DUTY	" " "	24 OCT 41	LIEUT G.M.NATHAN
DUTY COY		23 OCT 41	"D" COY
NEXT FOR DUTY COY		24 OCT 41	"A" COY

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AMENDMENT

Ref B.R.O. No.128 Para 2  
BREAKFAST 0730 should read 0715

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Adj 2/1 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Y.M.C.A has printed a souvenir Christmas Card as a gift to the A.I.F. on the basis of one per man. The Battalion has received its supply per Mr Byrnes Y.M.C.A. Officer. These cards (with envelopes) will be distributed through Company Offices.

STATIONERY

Letter paper and envelopes will be issued daily at the Y.M.C.A. Office 1730 to 1830Hrs.

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B Coy  
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D Coy  
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PART 1 NO. 132

24 OCT 1941  
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1. DUTIES TO MOUNT 24 OCT 41

BN DUTIES

BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT 1730 hrs	24 OCT 41	LIEUT C.S. BLAKISTON
NEXT FOR DUTY	25 OCT 41	LIEUT R.D. HULL
DUTY OFFICER	24 OCT 41	LIEUT G.M. NATHAN
NEXT FOR DUTY	25 OCT 41	LIEUT G.L. LEANEY
DUTY COY	24 OCT 41	"A" COY
NEXT FOR DUTY COY	25 OCT 41	"C" COY

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Adjt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES

Mass will be celebrated at the SYRIAN Catholic Church, QATANA at 0930hrs Sunday 26 OCT 41

Mass will be celebrated in Chaplain's tent at 0800 hrs Sunday 26 OCT 41

Confessions will be heard on Saturday afternoon and night in the Chaplain's tent.

The Chaplain can be interviewed any evening after 1930hrs or at any time convenient to troops.

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Carrier Pl.  
R.A.P.  
M.T.O.  
Q.M.  
Y.M.C.A.  
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10. SALE OF CANTEEN STOCKS TO CIVILIANS

A number of reports have been received that troops are purchasing foodstuffs from canteens on behalf of civilians.

All ranks will be advised that canteen stocks are not sufficient to meet a demand of this nature and a continuance will lead to a shortage of supplies, when the personnel concerned will be the sufferers (Div R.O. para 416 Bde R.O. 236 Para 12)

11 CIVIL POLICE AGENTS

Civil Police Agents in plain clothes carry identity papers in English and it is to be brought to the notice of all ranks that these agents are not to be interfered with in any way. (Div R.O. para 419)

12. TRAFFIC CONTROL

The following extracts from local traffic regulations are published

Art. 5 During the time that a tramcar is stationary to take up or set down passengers, no vehicle will pass on the right side of such tramcar ( Note Stationary tramcars may be passed on the left side)

Art. 37 Vehicles must not be parked on roadways without necessity. Vehicles must not be parked within 5 metres of a crossing or entry to a public passageway, or opposite a stationary vehicle on the other side of the road

Vehicles must not be parked except in authorised areas, and then the vehicle should be parked in such a manner so as to be parallel to the kerb line when line parking is employed, or in file in the centre of the roadway when axial parking is employed. (Div R.O. Para 420 Bde R.O. 236 Para 14)

13.6 AUST DIV ROUTINE ORDERS

6 Aust Div Routine Orders Nos. 27 & 28, dated 15 Oct 41 and 20 Oct 41 respectively, by MAJOR-GENERAL E.F. HERRING, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D., already issued to units will be read and have the same effect and force as if repeated in these orders.

14. COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE

A Combined Church Service will be held in HQ Coy Lines at 0930Hrs Sunday 26 Oct 41.

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Adjt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICESSPECIAL NOTICE

The 1st Bn War Comforts Fund No. 7, Bent Street, Sydney are working on behalf of the unit. Already some hundreds of pairs of socks as well as other items have been received and distributed by the Unit.

The President has asked that the friends and relatives of new members of the Bn be informed of the activities of the Fund and desire to advise that any inquiries or visits would be appreciated.

MENTION IT IN YOUR LETTERS HOME

SOLDIERS CLUB

The Sub-Area Commander, 84 L of C Sub-Area, has received the following from Le Chef de Bataillon, RAVEL, Major de Garnison, Beyrouth

All British soldiers will be welcome at the FOYER DU SOLDAT (French Soldiers' Club) 166 Rue GEORGES PICOT, Beyrouth, by kind invitation of Mme CATROUX.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT - USE OF WEST HALL BY TROOPS

As term has commenced at the American University, it has been found necessary to restrict the use of West Hall by the troops

Troops may continue to use the room set aside for them on the first floor of West Hall, and the Milk Bar. They may also use the tennis courts and campus (ground).

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COMMANDING 2/1 AUST INF BN AIF

PART 1 No. 134

26 OCT 1941  
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1. DUTIES

BN DUTIES

BN ORDERLY OFFICER	TO MOUNT AT	1730 hrs	26 OCT 41	LIEUT G.M. NATHAN
NEXT FOR DUTY	" "	" "	27 OCT 41	LIEUT G.M. NATHAN
DUTY OFFICER	" "	" "	26 OCT 41	LIEUT McARTHUR-KING
NEXT FOR DUTY	" "	" "	27 OCT 41	LIEUT E.C. GIVNEY
DUTY COY			26 OCT 41	"C" COY
NEXT FOR DUTY COY			27 OCT 41	"B" COY

2. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

NX9068 L/Cpl RICHES H.H. promoted A/Cpl as from 24 OCT 41  
NX40950 Pte FOSTER V.I. appointed L/Cpl as from 24 OCT 41

3. BOUNDS

Troops are notified that the Village of QATANA is OUT OF BOUNDS to all ranks except when on duty.

4. LEAVE

DISCIPLINE GENERALLY

It has been laid down by higher formation as a policy to which there will be no exceptions, that where members of a unit misbehave or cause any disturbance in a town that town will be declared OUT OF BOUNDS to all personnel of that Unit.

This is to be brought under notice of all ranks on frequent occasions.

Any unseemly behaviour by troops is to be the subject of a Court of Inquiry.

*J. B. ...*  
Lieut  
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PART 1 NO.135

27 OCT 1941

1. DUTIES

BN DUTIES

BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT	1730 hrs	27 OCT 41	LIEUT G.M.NATHAN
NEXT FOR DUTY	" " " "	28 OCT 41	LIEUT G.M.NATHAN
DUTY OFFICER	" " " "	27 OCT 41	LIEUT McARTHUR-KING
NEXT FOR DUTY	" " " "	28 OCT 41	LIEUT J.M.FREW
DUTY COY		27 OCT 41	"B" COY
NEXT FOR DUTY COY		28 OCT 41	"A" COY

2. CAMP TIME

As from today the Bugler will sound the Bn CALL followed by one "G" at 1200hrs. This WILL be CORRECT CAMP TIME and watches will be synchronised in accordance with it.

3. HYGIENE-FOULING OF WATER

Some personnel are in the habit of washing mess utensils and performing ablutions in clean water streams. This practice must cease immediately. Dirty water must be emptied only into waste drains or soakage pits and not into clean streams which supply Coys further down.

4. TIMBER-DESTRUCTION OF

Troops MUST NOT cut standing timber in the camp area, which is private property. Strict disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

5. PAY

TROOPS are reminded that, on no account, will pay be available in DAMASCUS, to personnel proceeding to that City on either one or three day leave.

6. LEAVE -TIMES FOR REPORTING

BEIRUT 3 day Parties 0545hrs Bn HQ 0615 Hrs 16 Bde Hq  
DAMASCUS 3 day parties 0830hrs Bn HQ 0900 hrs 16 Bde HQ  
DAMASCUS 1 day parties 0800hrs Bn HQ 0830 hrs 16 Bde HQ

6A. INTER-COY TRANSFER

NX11061 Pte FAHEY E.J. transferred from A. Coy to Bn H.Q. 26 OCT 41

*J. U. Shannon* Lieut  
Adj't 2/1 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.

NOTICES

7. BOOTMAKER

Nominations are called for, to reach this HQ before 1400hrs 28 Oct 41, of personnel capable of performing the duties of Unit Boot Repairer

8. TENTS-SHELTER

All tents shelter are to be returned Q.M.DUMP by 1200hrs 28 OCT 41  
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PART 1 No.136

28 OCT 1941  
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1. DUTIES

BN DUTIES

BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT	1730hrs	28 OCT 41	LIEUT G.M.NATHAN
DUTY OFFICER	" " "	28 OCT 41	LIEUT J.M.PREW
DUTY COY		28 OCT 41	"A" COY
NEXT FOR DUTY COY		29 OCT 41	"D" COY

2. TOWN PICQUET -QATANA

Each night the Duty Coy will supply a picquet of 1 Sgt & 0.Rs  
Tour of Duty in QATANA :- 1900-2300hrs  
Picquet will report at Bn HQ at 1830hrs

Each picquet will patrol QATANA less billet area and apprehend all  
AUSTRALIAN Troops in the village which is OUT OF BOUNDS.

Picquet comds will give regimental No. and names of all personnel  
apprehended to Duty Officer. Members of their own units will be  
dispatched back to unit lines in picquet truck. Picquet Comds will  
hand over all personnel other than those of their own unit to the  
custody of the Bde Gd Cpl.

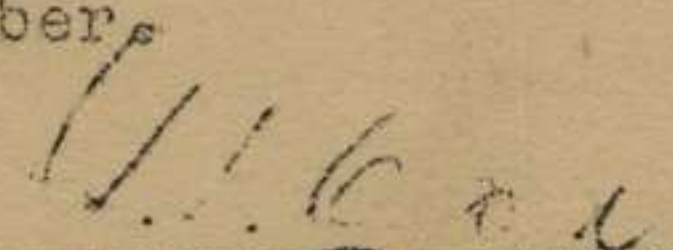
Picquet Comds will report to Duty Officer at 2300hrs before leaving  
QATANA.

Picquet trucks will NOT be dispatched back to unit lines, but will  
remain with picquet during their tour of duty.

3. COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the following is hereby convened  
to inquire into and report upon an accident at AFFULEH on 27 OCT 41  
which caused bodily injury to NX10779 Pte Hewitt T.J. and NX41621  
Pte Beveridge J.

Capt. B.W. Catterns	President
Lieut. J.C. Burrell	Member
Lieut. G.L. Leaney	Member

  
Comd 2/1 Aust Inf Bn Capt

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PART II NO 137

29 OCT 1941

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War Diary*

1. DUTIES

BN DUTIES

BN ORDINARY OFFICER TO MOUNT 1730hrs	29 OCT 41	LIEUT	A.J.SIMPSON
DUTY OFFICER " " " "	29 OCT 41	LIEUT	B.FLETCHER
DUTY COX	29 OCT 41	"D" COY	

2. COURT OF ENQUIRY

The following Officers will constitute a Court of Enquiry to enquire into and report upon circumstances surrounding, and loss and damage to property both military and personal occasioned by, a fire which destroyed the 2/1 Aust Inf Bn Officers' Mess on the night of 28/29 Oct 41.

Capt. D.J.H. Lovell	President.
Lieut. A.J. Simpson	Member.
Lieut. R.J. Wyburn	Member.

3. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

NX9082	Pte JONES A.R.	promoted A/Cpl as from 28 Oct 41
NX5021	Pte BENFIELD W.J.	appointed L/Cpl as from 26 Oct 41.

4. TRADE GROUPINGS

NX4848	Pte HILLIER W.H.	graded Group 111	Rangemaker	26 OCT 41
NX7630	" HOLDSWORTHY J.T.	" 111	" "	26 OCT 41
NX32000	" BLOWELL D.R.	" 1.	Blacksmith	28 OCT 41.

*C. L. G. O. N.* Capt  
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PART 1 NO. 139

31 OCT 1941

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1. DUTIES

BN DUTIES

BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT	1730hrs	31 OCT 41	LIEUT C.S. BLAKESTON
DUTY OFFICER	" " " "	31 OCT 41	LIEUT R.J. WYBURN
DUTY COY		31 OCT 41	"A" COY

2. GAMING

All ranks are warned that gaming of any kind is illegal in SYRIA and the LEBANON and participation in any game in hotels, casinos or the like is an offence punishable under military law. (6 Aust Div. R.Os 29)

3. WATER SUPPLY

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

4. IDENTITY DISCS, WEARING OF

Identity discs must be worn by all ranks at all times.

A report has been received that two lives have been lost through the blood group of accident casualties not being known in time for a blood transfusion to be carried out successfully.

Strict inspections will be made under Coy arrangements at irregular intervals, to ensure that all ranks obey the above order.

5. MEDICAL

Commanding Officers will ensure that NO native labour handles food in cook-houses or stores.

6. BOUNDS

The Village of MALAKA is placed out of bounds to all tps. Adequate notices to this effect have been posted at the entrance to the village.

Any tps found in this village without a reasonable excuse will be arrested immediately and charged under A.A. Sec. 11.

7. PRICES IN CAFES

Price lists of all commodities will soon be displayed in all cafes in bounds within 6 Aust Div Area.

D.A.P.M. 6 Aust Div is to be notified immediately if proprietors charge more than the authorised prices.

8. LEAVE-PAY OFFICE-DAMASCUS-BEIRUT

All personnel are to be informed that Army Pay Office, DAMASCUS (Transit Camp Building) is OUT OF BOUNDS to all ranks.

A picquet will be posted with instructions to apprehend anyone attempting to enter the Pay Office. Any such attempt will be regarded as a breach of good behaviour and WILL LEAD TO STOPPAGE OF LEAVE IN UNITS CONCERNED.

Pay is NOT available in BEIRUT

The foregoing instructions are to be repeated to all personnel going on leave.

P.T.O.



9. CHURCH SERVICES - SUNDAY 2 NOV 41ROMAN CATHOLIC

Mass will be celebrated at 0930hrs in Syrian Catholic Church QATANA.

Units are requested to provide tpt to enable ROMAN Catholic personnel to attend the above service.

COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE

A Combined Church Service will be held at 0930hrs in the Syrian Orthodox Church QATANA ( alongside Ede HQ). This service will be one of Remembrance of the Fallen.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 0700hrs in the Canteen Tent, 6 Aust Div Sup. Col. Lines.

*J. B. Phamouh*  
Adj 2/1 Aust Inf Bn *for* Capt

NOTICESACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This Unit acknowledges with thanks, a gift from A.C.F. of  
1268 Pkts cigarettes 10's  
1268 Handkerchiefs  
3000 sheets of notepaper  
3 Boxes of envelopes.

CINEMA - FREE SHOW

Free Show - Mobile Cinema will be SHOWING in the vicinity of the R.Q.M. Store at 1930 hrs tonight.

Programme includes, Fox News, Travel Talk

BIG CITY with Spencer Tracey and Luise Rainer.

Lasts two hours.

LCST

A black Onoto fountain pen in HQ Coy Lines on 30 Oct 41

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**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LIEUT	NA 183	RW EPPERT	✓	YES	
LIEUT	NA 190	CVY EDWARDS	✓	YES	
LIEUT	NA 194	BY MILLER	✓	YES	
LIEUT	NA 223	WBY BAINES	✓	YES	
LIEUT	NA 33	BTH LOVELL		YES	
LIEUT	NA 242	DWT CATTING		NO	PT - 4/1/41
LIEUT	NA 37	WH FINE		YES	
LIEUT	NA 376	SS CVA		YES	
LIEUT	NA 2629	J.C. MARSHALL	✓	YES	
LIEUT	NA 11597	J.P. FINE	✓	YES	
LIEUT	NA 4754	P. SHREVEY	✓	YES	
LIEUT	NA 7207	AG SIMPSON	✓	YES	
LIEUT	NA 1605	WH STEWART	✓	YES	
LIEUT	NA 3103	EC GIVELY	✓	NO	PT - 1/1/41
LIEUT	NA 3555	SPH MULLIVAL		NO	PT - 1/1/41
LIEUT	NA 3560	SM MATHIAS		YES	
LIEUT	NA 11598	ES BLAKISTON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 12592	ADA MURPHY		YES	
LIEUT	NA 4595	CT PRIOR		YES	
LIEUT	NA 4402	GL LEARCY		YES	
LIEUT	NA 15645	CH MILLARD		NO	PT - 1/1/41
LIEUT	NA 3057	ST SIMPSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 17203	C. TRUISE		YES	
LIEUT	NA 2796	MO LUNA		NO	PT - 1/1/41
LIEUT	NA 11453	HC WISEMAN		YES	
LIEUT	NA 11501	RC POWELL		YES	
LIEUT	NA 3563	HP SIMPSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 12176	ND HULL		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1455	B FLETCHER		YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	NA 1401	J. CUNNELL	14 MC	11/1/41	PT - 1/1/41
MAJOR	NA 3472	PH STEWART	14 MC	12/1/41	PT - 1/1/41
LIEUT	NX 35066	G OSBORN	16 A/TC	4 Oct	

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/11 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels .. .. .	1		
Majors .. .. .	2		1
Captains .. .. .	5		4
Lieutenants .. .. .	20	2	
2nd Lieutenants .. .. .			
Quartermasters <u>LICIT</u> .. .. .	1		
<b>TOTALS</b> .. .. .	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	RD HULL		28 Sep	From 16 ITB
Lieut	B FLETCHER		28 Sep	From 16 ITB

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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











War Diary

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

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels .. .. .	1		
Majors .. .. .	2		1
Captains .. .. .	8		1
Lieutenants .. .. .	21	2	
2nd Lieutenants .. .. .			
Quartermasters .. .. .			
TOTALS .. .. .	32	2	2

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	T. J. [unclear]		1/11/1918	
Lieut	T. A. [unclear]		1/11/1918	
Lieut	M. T. [unclear]		1/11/1918	

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LIEUT	NA 1123	W. W. PATTERSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1124	L. S. BROWN		NO	attached to 1st Coy
LIEUT	NA 1125	T. J. TOLLETT		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1126	W. H. BROWN		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1127	D. H. LITTLE		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1128	S. M. LITTLE		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1129	W. J. PIKE		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1130	G. S. S. S.		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1131	H. J. STEWART		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1132	H. J. STEWART		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1133	H. J. STEWART		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1134	T. G. DUNNELL		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1135	J. W. FLEMING		NO	attached to 1st Coy
LIEUT	NA 1136	P. B. BRIDGEMAN		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1137	C. J. BRIDGEMAN		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1138	S. J. POLLOCK		NO	attached to 1st Coy
LIEUT	NA 1139	H. J. WILSON		NO	attached to 1st Coy
LIEUT	NA 1140	L. S. BLAKISTON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1141	H. J. MURPHY		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1142	L. T. FRANK		NO	attached to 1st Coy
LIEUT	NA 1143	G. L. LEANEY		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1144	H. J. WILSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1145	H. J. WILSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1146	H. J. WILSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1147	H. J. WILSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1148	H. J. WILSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1149	H. J. WILSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1150	H. J. WILSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1151	H. J. WILSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1152	H. J. WILSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1153	H. J. WILSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1154	H. J. WILSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1155	H. J. WILSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1156	H. J. WILSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1157	H. J. WILSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1158	H. J. WILSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1159	H. J. WILSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1160	H. J. WILSON		YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
LIEUT	NA 1130	J. W. PATTERSON	1st Coy	11/1/41	attached to 1st Coy
LIEUT	NA 1131	H. J. STEWART	1st Coy	11/1/41	attached to 1st Coy
LIEUT	NA 1132	H. J. STEWART	1st Coy	11/1/41	attached to 1st Coy

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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







Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
„ „ (Wheeled) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers & Harness Maker																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
General duty personnel ...										1	1	1						150	153	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).										1	1	1						150	153	

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

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



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

27 April 77 511 (Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	6		3
Lieutenants ...	20	1	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	29	1	4

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT.	J.H. SHANNON		16 Oct	from 161st ... 161st Regt of ...

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT.	G.H. HILLARD		16 Oct	to 161st ...
CAPT.	G.S. GOX		13 Oct	Evac. to 7th ...
CAPT.	W.H. PIKE		16 Oct	to 161st ...
LIEUT.	K.E. POWELL		15 Oct	Evac. to 7th ...

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

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



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LIEUT. COL	NA 3	RW LATHER DSO		YES	
MAJOR	NA 180	CRY SPUR		YES	
MAJOR	NA 124	T MILLER		YES	
CAPT	NA 123	WHL BARNES		YES	
CAPT	NA 73	DTH LOWELL		YES	
T/CMPT	NA 122	BHT CATTEBANS		YES	
T/CMPT	NA 1605	HL STEWART		NO	SCHOOL
T/CMPT	NA 1267	MG SANDERSON		YES	
T/CMPT	NA 3563	HM SIMPSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 2529	TC BURKELL		YES	
LIEUT	NA 11505	J MI CREW		YES	
LIEUT	NA 4120	P BIRKLEY		YES	
LIEUT	NA 108	EC GINNEY		YES	
LIEUT	NA 34855	SM PERCIVAL		NO	Acting Officer
LIEUT	NA 2550	SM NATHAN		YES	
LIEUT	NA 43564	CS BRADSTON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 2572	WDB MARRIN		YES	
LIEUT	NA 4812	CF PUGH		YES	
LIEUT	NA 4502	GL LEMLEY		YES	
LIEUT	NA 4574	HT SIMPSON		YES	
LIEUT	NA 45302	G THISE		NO	SCHOOL
LIEUT	NA 7746	MS LONG		NO	SCHOOL
LIEUT	NA 1555	TE WISEMAN		NO	SCHOOL
LIEUT	NA 1016	RD HULL		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1435	B FLETCHER		YES	
LIEUT	NA 1269	MT CREW		YES	
LIEUT	NA 4097	EA JACKSON DSO		YES	
LIEUT	NA 117	TC MARSHALL RSM		YES	
LIEUT	NA 10214	JH MARRING		YES	

**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	NA 13401	J CORNELL	MAOR	11/9/41	RMO
MAJOR	NA 34952	EA GALLAGHER	MAOR	18/9/41	Padre
	8122	RS BARNES	MAOR		General Duties

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.										REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.		Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
„ „ (Wheeled) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
General duty personnel ...										1	1									154/157
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).										1	1									154/157

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

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



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

4th (Assault) Bn (Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	6		3
Lieutenants ...	20	1	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**  
**(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).**

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LIEUT	1127	W. B. ENTHORP		YES	
LIEUT	1128	W. B. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1129	J. H. HILLES		YES	
LIEUT	1130	W. H. BARNES		YES	
LIEUT	1131	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1132	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1133	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1134	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1135	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1136	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1137	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1138	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1139	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1140	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1141	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1142	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1143	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1144	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1145	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1146	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1147	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1148	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1149	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1150	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1151	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1152	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1153	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1154	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1155	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1156	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1157	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1158	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1159	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1160	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1161	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1162	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1163	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1164	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1165	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1166	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1167	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1168	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1169	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1170	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1171	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1172	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1173	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1174	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1175	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1176	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1177	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1178	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1179	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1180	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1181	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1182	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1183	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1184	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1185	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1186	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1187	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1188	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1189	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1190	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1191	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1192	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1193	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1194	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1195	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1196	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1197	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1198	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1199	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	
LIEUT	1200	W. H. EDWARDS		YES	

**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	112901	J. H. HILLES		11/1/19	...
MAJOR	112902	W. H. EDWARDS		11/1/19	...
	112903	W. H. EDWARDS		11/1/19	...

25 Oct 1919  
(Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

G. H. Shannon  
(Signature of Commander.)  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT. COL. K. W. EATHER D. S. O.

COMMANDING 2/1 AUST INF BN A.I.F.

PART 1 NO.133

25 OCT 1941  
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1. DUTIES

BN DUTIES

BN ORDERLY OFFICER TO MOUNT 1730hrs	25 OCT 41	LIEUT. R.D.HULL
NEXT FOR DUTY " " " "	26 OCT 41	LIEUT. J.C.BURRELL
DUTY OFFICER " " " "	25 OCT 41	LIEUT. J.M.FREW
NEXT FOR DUTY " " " "	26 OCT 41	LIEUT. G.M.NATHAN
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2. BOUNDS -HOTELS AND CAFES -DAMASCUS

(a) BOUNDS: All establishments which are IN BOUNDS to British and Imperial Troops will display a notice to that effect, signed by the DAPM. This notice will state the name and address of the establishment, the hour to which it is in bounds and whether to all ranks, or is restricted to Officers, Warrant Officers, Sgts, etc.

Any establishment which does not display the notice is OUT OF BOUNDS

(b) PRICES: Hotels and Cafes which are in bounds will display prominently a list in Syrian piastres with, as a guide, the equivalent in English Money alongside. Any establishment failing to display a price list, or not adhering to it, should be reported immediately to the DAPM. In all such cases a bill should be obtained.

(c) (1) The following is IN BOUNDS to Officers only:-  
Hotel ORIENT PALACE

(11) The following are IN BOUNDS to ranks above and including that of Sgt only:-

Restaurant TRIANON	Restaurant VIVA VILLA
(111) The following are IN BOUNDS to all ranks:-	
Cafe DIANA	Cafe ROSE NOIRE
" TRIUMPH	" HIGH LIFE
" De L'OASIS	" BAR CHAMMAS
" CHEHREZADE I	" BAR ELIE FARAH
" CHEHREZADE II	" OLYMPIA CASINO
" BLACK CAT	" YA BON

BAR RESTAURANT FRANCAIS SACROTES	Cafe R. BOUGACHE
BUFFET BAR RAPIDE	" RESTAURANT DANIEL
GEORGE GARDEN MEETING ROOM	" LUX
HOTEL OMAVADE	GARDEN BAR

A list of the accommodation available in DAMASCUS is kept at the Office of the Town Major, HQ 85 L of C Sub-Area (Div R.O. para 381)

3. PARKING OF VEHICLES - DAMASCUS

W.D. vehicles will NOT be left unattended in the streets of DAMASCUS or in the W.D. CAR PARK.

An official W.D. car park is situated at the KUNEITRA road entrance to the Race Course. (Div R.O. para 382 Bde R.O. 236 para 2)

4. SALE OF ARMS TO CIVILIANS

Several cases have recently occurred of civilians attempting to procure arms from military personnel.

When any such attempt is made the civilian concerned will be

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immediately apprehended and handed over to the civil police. PAGE 2

The C.M.P. or F.S.S. will then be informed and will take subsequent action, if necessary in conjunction with the civil police (Div R.O. para 384 Bde R.O. 236 para 3)

#### 5. SALE OF FOOD, SALVAGE, ETC, to CIVILIANS

The sale or exchange of any food, papers, newspapers, bags or any other rations, stores, equipment, supplies, waste or salvage to any civilian personnel, except upon specific authority from this HQ or higher formation is strictly forbidden.

Any individual found or proved to have contravened this Order will be tried by COURT MARTIAL unless the Div Comd decides otherwise (Div R.O. Para 386 Bde R.O. 236 (5))

#### 6. ACCOUNTS

Other ranks are forbidden to operate credit accounts with any shops, warehouses, etc (Div R.O. para 387 Bde R.O. 236 para 6)

#### 7. DISCIPLINE - INDIAN TROOPS - OFFENCES AGAINST

A most unfortunate habit of knocking off the puggaree turbans of INDIAN troops has been noticed in this area

Apart from being an insult to the religious feelings of our INDIAN Allies, this is viewed most gravely by the INDIAN Troops.

All troops must be warned that this must stop, and that a very serious view will be taken of it (Div R.O. para 388 Bde R.O. para 7.)

#### 8. M.T. ACCIDENTS AND ROAD DISCIPLINE

The long period of dry weather prior to the rains breeds over confidence in Drivers and may lead to carelessness in road discipline.

With the early onset of the rainy season all drivers of MT transport will therefore examine the standard of their own driving most carefully

Most accidents are caused by excessive speed and a wet road, which is often greasy as well, increases the possibility of an accident occurring

This is borne out by W.D. records.

Therefore driving on wet roads will be carefully watched

The following points will be particularly noted:-

- (I) Never travel too close on the tail of the vehicle ahead.
- (II) Never brake suddenly on a greasy road
- (III) Never park your vehicle on an unmacadamized road verge - it may collapse down the wadi-side.
- (IV) Never overtake an oncoming vehicle at high speed. Slow down and keep to your right hand side, taking care not to run on the earthen verge except in emergency. If in doubt halt.
- (V) Never halt your vehicle on a blind corner.
- (VI) Never cut your corners when rounding a bend.
- (VII) Never drive faster than a speed which will enable you to stop in the road distance visible ahead.
- (VIII) Never reverse unless you are sure the road is clear in rear.

In districts where snow and frosts occur the following additional precautions will be taken.

(1) When driving on snow or ice covered roads the following will be fitted to the vehicle.

4 wheeled vehicles - chains non-skid on the rear wheels

6 wheeled vehicles - chains overall on the wheels of the 2 rear axles.

(II) When overtaking other vehicles avoid untrodden snow on the side of the road as much as possible: harmless looking snow may cover quite a deep ditch or a dangerous slope.

(III) When descending or climbing a hill, choose a suitable gear which avoids the necessity to brake suddenly (when descending) or to change "down" suddenly (when climbing) These are the points at which skidding and wheel spin occur.

(IV) Vehicles will not be parked on a hill. If you park off the road in virgin snow you may get ditched, if you park on the road you will obstruct other drivers hill climb or cause descending traffic to brake (Div R.O. para 396 Bde R.O. 236 Para 10)

#### 9. FITTING OF CRANKCASE PROTECTIVE SHIELDS TO NORTON AND B.S.A.M. CYCLES

Authority is given in CR/PAL/10926/OS(E) of 30 Sep. 41 for the fitting of Crankcase Protective Shields to all Norton and B.S.A. Motor Cycles.

Units will submit indents for the two types of shield separately to DADOS 6 AUST Div quoting the abovenamed authority. The shields will be fitted by L.A.D. or Unit artificer personnel (Div R.O. para 413)