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2/27 Infantry Battalion

December 1941

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Unit 2/27 Bn

Commanding Officer LT. COL M.J. MOYEN, D.S.O., E.D.

Month and Year DEC 41

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
EL YAODIYEH	1/2		Brig & C.O. Inspected works on see posts and wiring of F.D.L.	
RAMLIEH			Issue of leather jerkins. All available men carting cement paving slabs	
			Weather fine.	
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<u>RAMLIEH</u>	<u>5/6</u>		<p>Cops still actively preparing defences in fwd. area</p> <p>Leave party to KFAR YEHEZKEL - as guests of settlement on their 21st Anniversary. (1 offer = 32 OR¹⁵)</p> <p>One day leave party to BEIRUT. (1 offer = 29 OR¹⁵)</p> <p>Lecture by Capt. Brockopp of 2/10 Bn to Winter Quarters personnel on DEFENCE OF TOBRUK.</p> <p>D Coy practise wiring at night.</p> <p>Weather. Fine day - a few light showers during night. A storm approaching.</p>	<p>R.O^s No. 107.</p>

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<u>RAMLIEH</u>	<u>6/7</u>		<p>Severe thunder storm during the morning and heavy rain throughout the day.</p> <p>A bn football team played 2/3 MG Bn and were defeated 15-9 to 8-6.</p> <p>Six carriers from 4 PI detached for duties to 7 AUST DIV Carrier Coy billeted at BECH MEZZINE.</p> <p>Lt-Col L.G. Bruer (CO 2/10 Bn) left this morning after staying with Lt Col Moten since Friday evening.</p>	<p>R.O. 108.</p>

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RAMLIEH	8/9		A few light showers otherwise fine	
			A school for one offer and 8 OR in G(R) tactics commenced	
			news of Japans entry into the WAR.	
			Leave party return from KFAR YEHEZKEL reporting unbounded hospitality.	R.O. 109

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RAMLIEH.	11/12		Fine day - clear sky + cold at night.	R.O. 112.
			Schools for G(R) tactics, skiing, and mule loading continue at Winter Quarters.	
			Members of band give an impromptu concert on new instruments (Saxophone and mandoline)	
			Capt J F Blockhoff lectured to four Coys on "action at TOBRUK"	
			Coys conducted section exercises and continued writing.	

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<u>RAMLIEH</u>	<u>12/13</u>		<u>Fine sunny day.</u>	
			<u>Leave party of 24³⁰ for a day in BEIRUT</u>	
			<u>Recall of summer clothing.</u>	

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<u>RAMLIEH</u>	<u>14/15</u>		<p><u>MAT DOBBS 2/c returns to unit from the White House at BAKHAOUN where he had been C.T. of Bde Pl Comd schools</u></p> <p><u>The Ski training school transferred to the snow country of "THE CEDARS"</u></p> <p><u>Bn baseball team defeated BEIRUT University team.</u></p> <p><u>Church Parade in Men's Recreation Hut at 0900. No parade in fwd areas owing to rain.</u></p>	<p><u>Field return of Officers</u></p>

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RAMLIEH	15/16		<p>LT. COL. M. J. MOTEN D.S.O., ED. CO 2/27 Aust-Inf Bn promoted to Brig ^{CMD} 17 Aust Inf Bde.</p> <p>Maj J. G. DOBBS acting C.O.</p>	R.O. 115.
			<p>Brig + acting C.O. inspected works in fwd areas.</p>	
			<p>Weather continues fine.</p>	
			<p>Bde school on Panoramics with Lieut Bevan as C.I. commenced</p>	

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<u>RAMLIEH</u>	<u>15/19</u>		<u>A and B Coys digging C and D Coys training</u>	
			<u>Capt W. K. MUSSARED 2 1/2 A Coy. Capt C. A. W. SIMS 2 1/2 C Coy</u>	
			<u>Party representing Bien Carrier Pl and officers and men of Bn attended funeral of Lt ^{B.S.} S. B. WRIGHT at BEIRUT</u>	
			<u>Weather Fine and warm</u>	
			<u>night lectures for Drivers and NCOs.</u>	

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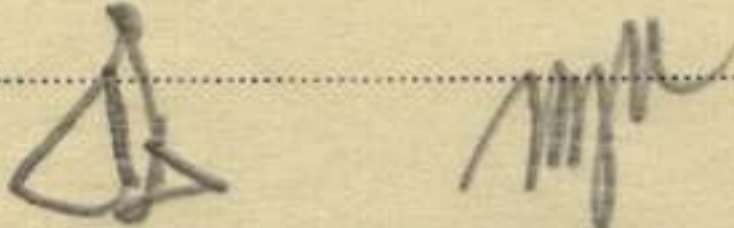
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ACTING Commanding Officer MAJOR J.G. DOBBS

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
<u>RAMLIEH</u>	<u>21/22</u>	<u>0900</u>	<u>Church Parade at Winter Quarters.</u>	
		<u>0930</u>	<u>Lt. Col. M.J. MOTEN DSO, E.D. addressed troops and then took the salute at the ensuing MARCH PAST.</u>	
		<u>1030.</u>	<u>Same procedure was adopted in fwd. areas ie Church Parade, address and March Past.</u>	
			<u>Weather - Fine day until 1630HRS when another storm started.</u>	
				

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
RAMLIEH	22/23		Coys continue training in food areas.	
		1400	Trial move of Bn. H.Q. to alternative Battle H.Q.	
			LT. COL. M.J. MOTEN DSO, ED. leaves Bn for new command.	
			WEATHER - WET, DAY AND NIGHT.	
			W	RO 119

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
<u>RAMLIEH</u>	<u>23/24</u>		<u>Q.M. commences issue of second F.S. uniform to troops</u>	
			<u>The Brigadier and the B.M. visit Winter Quarters</u>	
			<u>Evening concert in Recreation Hut by Unit "Jazz" Orchestra</u>	
			<u>Weather - Showers during day and night.</u>	<u>RO^d 120.</u>

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
RAMLIEH	25/26	0730	Holy Communion in Recreation Hut	
		1030	130 men to Church Service in Tripoli Distribution of Comforts Fund Hampers.	
		1300	Xmas Dinner - Officers and Sergeants act as Mess Orderlies - One bottle of free Aussie beer per man. Mess Orderlies rolled in the mud by dinner after completion of dinner	
		1830	Officers Mess - guests included our late C.O. - Band played during the evening.	
			Despite inclement weather another enjoyable Xmas Day was spent by troops.	

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RAMLIEH	27/28		Fwd. coys digging defensive posns.	
			C.O and I.O. in fwd area checking ARTY D.F. tasks	
			Fine and warm during day but stormy night.	
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RAMLIEH	29/30	0930	C.O. and T.O. in fwd areas checking work done on Section Posts	
		1400	O.C. HQ Coy T/CAPT T.F. GILL directs work on targets in "CLOSE BATTLE AREA."	
		1800	MAJOR R.L. BATTEN - 2 i/c 2/48 th BN - arrives to take over command of 2/27 th BN.	
			Fine day but another wet night.	
			<i>mpc</i>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
<u>RAMLIEH</u>	<u>30/31</u>		<p>Presentation at Bde HQ of awards earned during Syrian Campaign. Guard of Honour comprised 1 Officer and 24 ORs from each BN in Bde.</p> <p>Weather still wet with strong winds.</p>	

2/27 AUST INF BN

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SYRIA

APPOINTMENT & COMMAND

CO PROMOTED

Lt-Col. Moten promoted to Brig comd 17 Aust
Inf Bde 15 Dec. His place was taken by Maj.
R.L. Batten 2/49, who arrived to take
over comd on 29 Dec, acting comd in the in-
terim was Major J.C. Dobbs.

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SECRET

Copy No. 18.

11 Jan 42

7 AUST DIV ADM ORDER No. 23

Ref maps : SYRIA and LEBANON sheets 1 in 50000 and 1 in 2000000
and PALESTINE Motor Map 1 in 500000.

1 PREVIOUS ADM ORDER

No. 22 is cancelled.

2 MOVE

Units 7 Aust Div move PALESTINE, inf bns by rd and ry,
others by road, vide movement tables att at Appx "A" and "B". 9 Aust
Div is to relieve 7 Aust Div.

ROAD PARTIES

3 DAILY ADV PARTIES

In order to facilitate reception, each OC Convoy will send
an advance party of unit reps as follows:-

For "all rd" convoys - Offrs 1, ORs 45, vehs 3
For "rd ry" convoys - Offrs 1, ORs 30, vehs 2.

These parties will leave 30 mins in adv of main parties
and will proceed with speed commensurate with safety. They will
report to the OC Staging or Entraining Area.

4 TRAFFIC CONTROL AND GUIDES

Will be provided as follows:-

ALEPPO	18 Aust Inf Bde
TRIPOLI	7 Aust Div Pro Coy
BEIRUT	84 Base Sub Area
ACRE to	
GAZA	Pal Base & L of C Area

5 RD DISCIPLINE

Timings, speed, density and halts will be adhered to. No
halts other than at times specified. When halted vehs will NOT
close to less than 80 yds and will pull as far off the rd as possible
and NCOs will be posted at either end of each gp to control traffic.

6 MEALS

Hot tea will be provided for "all rd" parties as follows:-

TRIPOLI - at LEGOULT BARRACKS by 7 Aust Div Mob Laundry (this
will also include 9 Aust Div Rd Parties).

ACRE - under arrangements Pal Base & L of C.

7 POL

All vehs will carry POL for 250 miles. Refueling will be
arranged as follows:-

TRIPOLI - at FSD, AUGER BARRACKS (next to LEGOULT BARRACKS).

ACRE - under arrangements Pal Base & L of C.

PTO

8 RECOVERY

Responsibility of Rec Secs and LADs moving with gps. North of including BEIRUT area, evacuations to BEIRUT under arrangements 1 Aust Corps. South of this evacuations under arrangements Pal Base & L of C .

RAIL PARTIES

9 MEALS

Hot tea will be provided for all tps passing through TRIPOLI ry sta under arrangements 84 Base Sub-Area.

Hot meals will be provided for all tps passing through HAIFA ry sta under arrangements Pal Base & L of C.

10 TPT AT DESTINATIONS

Pal Base & L of C is to arrange tpt of units from AL MAJDAL to unit locations.

11 ADVANCE PARTIES

Vide appx "C".

12 WAR EQUIPMENT

Units will move with present holdings of G1098 scale except cooking gear which will be handed over to relieving units.

13 ACCOMMODATION STORES

Units will proceed with G1098 scale only. All other accommodation stores will be handed over to relieving units. Three copies of G1033 will be prepared, one for unit handing over, one for unit taking over, and one for DADOS.

14 TRACKED VEHICLES

All carriers will remain in present unit areas until further orders. 7 Aust Cav will hand over 24 carriers to 9 Aust Div at ALEPPO. Two men per veh will remain with all other carriers until transported by MT to HAIFA in accordance with further instns. 7 Aust Cav will take over 18 carriers from 9 Aust Div in PALESTINE and draw 6 from VRP SARAFAND.

15 MT NON RUNNERS

Will be towed. Vehs which cannot be towed will be evacuated to 3 Adv Wkshop BEIRUT.

16 SIG CABLE

Laid cable will be left and handed over to relieving units.

17 AMMUNITION

2nd Line at TRIPOLI will be returned to FAD ALMA.

2nd Line at ALEPPO will be dumped and guarded by Rear Party 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp until handed over to 9 Aust Div.

18 FIFTH BLANKET

Four per man will be carried by personnel. The fifth blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 and returned to DADOS dumps at TRIPOLI and ALEPPO as follows :-

21 Aust Inf Bde Gp at TRIPOLI	11 Jan 42
HQ 7 Aust Div and Div Tps at TRIPOLI	12 Jan 42
25 Aust Inf Bde Gp at TRIPOLI	13 Jan 42
18 Aust Inf Bde Gp (less LATTAKIA unit) at ALEPPO	14 Jan 42
LATTAKIA unit at TRIPOLI	14 Jan 42

19 SUPPLIES

Hard rations will be carried as follows :-

"All rd" parties	-	4 days
"Rd and Ry" parties	-	3 days

20 MEDICAL

ADMS will arrange handing over of fd amb in accordance with movement tables.

One motor amb will be supplied to move with each of the following units :-

Unit supplying	To travel with
2/6 Aust Fd Amb	Ser Nos 1,2,3,20,22.
2/4 Aust Fd Amb	" " 8,12,13,14,15,28.
2/5 Aust Fd Amb	" " 29,30,32,34.

Amb will report to units one hour before the times of their first moves.

Medical arrangements for moves are to be made as follows:-

NORTH of SYRIAN Border	-	1 Aust Corps
SOUTH of SYRIAN Border	-	Pal Base & L of C

21 SECURITY OF STORES

RAA, Inf Bde Gps and Div Units will be responsible for including in their Rear Parties adequate personnel, approx 10%, to guard and hand over all stores for which they are now responsible.

22 REGIMENTAL PROPERTY and PERSONAL KITS

Personnel will move with marching order only. Remainder will be left with Rear Parties and picked up later by MT returned from PALESTINE for the purpose.

23 LEAVE

Personnel in PALESTINE will be retained at 1 Aust Corps Leave Camp AFFULEH and join units in new locations.

NO leave will be granted en route.

ALL towns and villages will be out of bounds.

24 STRENGTH OF PARTIES

RAA, Inf Bde Gps, and Div units NOT included in foregoing will signal HQ 7 Aust Div, TRIPOLI, actual strengths, offrs, ORs and vehs of all "rd and ry" and "all rd" parties as soon as definitely known.

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25 WINTER CLOTHING

Leather jerkins and boots rubber will be returned to DADOS under same arrangements laid down for fifth blanket.

Second SD uniform will NOT be handed in.

26 SKID CHAINS

Will be handed over to relieving units.

27 GROUPS

For the purposes of the move gps will be constituted as follows :-

Groups	Units	Comd
21 Aust Inf Bde Gp - Ser Nos. 1 - 7		Comd 21 Bde
1st Div Tps Gp - " " 8 - 12		CO 2/3 MG Bn
25 Aust Inf Bde Gp - " " 13 - 19		Comd 25 Bde
2nd Div Tps Gp - " " 20 - 23		CO 2/6 Fd Regt
3rd Div Tps Gp - " " 24 - 28		CO 2/5 Fd Regt
18 Aust Inf Bde Gp - " " (29 - 31		Comd 18 Bde
	(32 - 38	CO 7 Aust Cav

Gp Comds will appoint OC Convoys.

28 CODE NAME

For move will be "CHIPPING"

Lieutenant Major
AA & QMG 7 AUST DIV

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Signed at 0150 hrs
Issued through Sigs

DISTRIBUTION :-

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14 - 21	21 Aust Inf Bde	
22 - 29	25 Aust Inf Bde	
30 - 34	RAA 7 Aust Div	
35 - 39	RAE 7 Aust Div	
40 - 41	Sigs 7 Aust Div	
42	2/3 Aust MG Bn	
43 - 50	AASC 7 Aust Div	
51 - 54	Medical	
55 - 56	1 Aust Corps	
57 - 67	Ninth Army	
68	Sta Comd TRIPOLI	
69	Comd	
70 - 73	G (incl Recce party 9 Aust Div & Recce party 7 Aust Div)	
74 - 75	Camp	
76 - 77	7 Aust Div Pro Coy	
78 - 83	Ord	
84	7 Aust Div Fd Cash	
85	7 Aust Div Postal	
86	7 Div Sec, 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp	
87 - 88	File	
89 - 90	War Diary	

MOVEMENT TABLE - ROAD PARTIES - 7 AUST DIV

(NOT incl tp carrying moves for RAIL connections)

NOTES :- i ROUTE -ALEPPO - LATTAKIA - TRIPOLI - BEIRUT - ACRE - Rd junc 153244 - EL LAJJUN 168220 - MUSMUS 165217 - KARKUR 150209 - HADERA - WILHELMA 142159 - LYDDA - AQIR -- GERERA - QASTINA - DESTINATION.

- ii STAGING-Units from ALEPPO and LATTAKIA stage LEGOULT BARRACKS, TRIPOLI. All stage vicinity ACRE
- iii SPEED -15 mih
- iv DENSITY-20 vtm
- v HALTS -10 mins at 0830, 1030, 1530 hrs daily. Lunch halt at 1130 hrs daily for one hour.
- vi GROUPS -Approx 30 vehs per gp. One-half mile between gps. Three miles between units.

Ser No. (a)	Unit (b)	Vehs (c)	Per- sonnel (d)	SP (e)	Depart TRIPOLI		Depart Staging		Destn (k)	Remarks (l)
					Date (f)	Time (g)	Date (h)	Time (j)		
1	2/27 Aust Inf Bn	48	160	Rd junc 16022754	12 Jan	0630	13 Jan	0630	To be advised	
2	2/16 Aust Inf Bn	40	170	do	do	0654	do	0654		
3	2/14 Aust Inf Bn	48	160	do	do	0718	do	0718		
4	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde) Sig Sec, LAD, Gd Pl)	25	125	do	do	0742	do	0742		
5	2/6 Aust Fd Coy	34	220	do	do	0801	do	0801		
6	2/6 Aust Fd Amb) (less one Coy)) 7 Aust Dental Unit)	21	130	do	do	0818	do	0818		
7	7 Aust Rec Sec (less det)	17	80	do	do	0834	do	0834		
8	2/3 Aust MG Bn (less one Coy)	90	510	Rd junc 15902741	13 Jan	0630	14 Jan	0630		

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(1)
9	2/2 Aust Fd Hyg Sec) 1 and 2 AAMCU)	7	43	CHEKKA	15 Jan	0744	14 Jan	0704		Ser Nos.9, 10 in one gp
10	7 Aust Div Salvage Unit	3	31	do	do	do	do	do		Ser No.10 concentrate CHEKKA on night 12/13 Jan
11	7 Aust Div Pet Coy (less all load carriers)	40	130	Rd junc 16022754	do	0718	do	0718		
12	2/4 Aust Fd Regt) Sig Sec, LAD) Det 7 Aust Rec Sec)	123	682	Rd junc 16022754	do	0742	do	0742		
13	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	48	120	Rd junc 16252785	14 Jan	0630	15 Jan	0630		
14	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	35	145	do	do	0654	do	0654	To be advised	
15	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	45	125	do	do	0718	do	0718		
16	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde) Sig Sec, LAD, Gd Pl)	25	152	do	do	0742	do	0742		
17	2/5 Aust Fd Coy	34	220	do	do	0757	do	0757		
18	2/4 Aust Fd Amb	30	148	Hosp TRIPOLI	do	0840	do	0821		Unit concentrate night 13/14 Jan
19	8 Aust Rec Sec) (less det)) 'C' Div Sec Ord Fd Pk)	18	89	Rd junc 16252785	do	0845	do	0845		
20	2 Aust A/Tk Regt) Sig Sec, LAD)	120	605	Rd junc 16022754	15 Jan	0630	16 Jan	0630		
21	7 Aust Div Amn Coy (less all load carriers)	35	260	do	do	0712	do	0712		Ser 21, 22, 23 will ensure move to SP over common route in order shown.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
22	2/6 Aust Fd Regt) Sig Sec, LAD)	130	725	Rd junc 16022754	15 Jan	0734	16 Jan	0734		
23	One Coy 2/6 Aust Fd Amb) Det 8 Aust Rec Sec)	12	67	do	do	0820	do	0820		Det 8 Aust Rec Sec report fd amb night 14/15 Jan
24	2/4 Aust Fd Coy	30	200	do	16 Jan	0630	17 Jan	0630		
25	25 Aust Fd Pk Coy) LAD)	45	150	do	do	0648	do	0648		
26	Sigs 7 Aust Div (less dets)	30	130	Rd junc 15902741	do	0719	do	0711		
27	7 Aust Div Pro Coy (less dets)	8	40	Rd junc 16022754	do	0730	do	0730		
28	2/5 Aust Fd Regt) Sig Sec, LAD)	114	642	do	do	0744	do	0744		
29	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	38	150	Rd junc 16252785	17 Jan	0630	18 Jan	0630		Separate order for move to TRIPOLI on 16 Jan
30	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	35	120	do	do	0653	do	0653		do
31	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde) Sig Sec, LAD, Gd Pl) Det Pro, Det Sal) Det 2/5 Aust Fd Amb) Det 9 Aust Rec Sec)	25	165	do	do	0716	do	0716		do
32	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	45	130	do	18 Jan	0630	19 Jan	0630		Separate order for move to TRIPOLI on 17 Jan
33	7 Aust Div Sup Coln (less all load carriers)	40	320	do	do	0652	do	0652		do

To be advised

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)
34	7 Aust Cav Regt) Sig Sec, LAD)	75	475	Rd junc 16252785	18 Jan	0714	19 Jan	0714		Separate order for move to TRIPOLI on 17 Jan
35	2/5 Aust Fd Amb (Less det)	30	150	do	do	0746	do	0746		do
36	9 Aust Rec Sec) (less det) 'B' Div Sec Ord Fd Pk)	18	89	do	do	0800	do	0800		do
37	7 Div Sec 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp	10	20	Camp 15252710	do	0900	do	0816)Tpt for Ser Nos.37-39)will be supplied by)7 Aust Div Amn Coy,)7 Aust Div Pet Coy,)part 40 Res MT Coy.))
38	Rear parties as ordered	to be advised		TRIPOLI	do	0900	do	0830		
39	Rear parties as ordered	do		do	19 Jan	0630	20 Jan	0630		

MOVEMENT TABLE - TROOP CARRYING AND RAIL MOVES - 7 AUST DIV

- NOTES :-
- i Speed, density, halts and grouping as for rd parties, Appx "A"
 - ii Route - TRIPOLI - BEIRUT - HAIFA
 - iii Entraining Sta - HAIFA EAST
 - iv Guides - AASC 7 Aust Div provide liaison personnel for 40 Res MT Coy
 - v Separate orders are issued to 18 Aust Inf Bde for the move of 2/10 and 2/12 Aust Inf Bns from ALEPPO to TRIPOLI by RAIL and 2/9 Aust Inf Bn from LATTAKIA to TRIPOLI by ROAD.
 - vi Detraining Sta will be advised
 - vii Baggage accommodation on each train is limited to 18 tons weight.

Ser No. (a)	Unit (b)	Personnel		Vehs supplied (e)	Unit Supplying tpt (f)	Tpt report (place) (g)	Tpt report		SP (k)	Time past SP (l)
		Offrs	CRs				Date (h)	Time (j)		
50	2/27 Aust Inf Bn	25	512	43	7 Aust Div Amn Coy	Unit	12 Jan	0300	Rd junc 16772747	0400
51	Part 2/16 Aust Inf Bn	13	300	25	7 Aust Div Pet Coy	do.	do.	0315	do.	0415
52	Remainder 2/16 Aust Inf Bn	11	246	10) 10)	7 Aust Div Pet Coy 4 Sub Pk	do.	do.	0345	do.	0505
53	2/14 Aust Inf Bn	14	558	48	4 Sub Pk	do.	do.	0400	Rd junc 16462751	0525
54	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	20	510	33	40 Res MT Coy	do.	14 Jan	0300	Rd junc 16252785	0400
55	Part 2/31 Aust Inf Bn	12	260	18	do.	do.	do.	0315	do.	0415
56	Remainder 2/31 Aust Inf Bn	12	270	9) 9)	do. 4 Sub Pk	do.	do.	0345	do.	0505
57	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	24	508	34	4 Sub Pk	do.	do.	0400	do.	0525
58	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	35	627	15) 35)	4 Sub Pk 7 Aust Div Pet Coy	LEGOULT BKS	17 Jan	0400	do.	0500
59	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	50	609	43	4 Sub Pk	TRIPOLISTA	do	0430	TRIPOLI STA	0545
60	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	28	582	45	40 Res MT Coy	do.	18 Jan	0430	do.	0545

Appx 'C' to 7 Aust Div Adm Order No.23

MOVEMENT TABLE - ADVANCED PARTIESAND HQ UNITS

- NOTES : i SPS - Unit lines except where varied by Bdes
 ii Route, Density, grouping - vide Appx 'A'
 iii Speed - Maximum permissible
 iv All parties move TRIPOLI - DESTINATION in one day

Ser No.	Unit	Depart		Remarks
		Time	Date	
101	21 Aust Inf Bde Gp (Ser Nos.1 - 7)	a.m.	11 Jan	Under orders 21 Aust Inf Bde
102	2/3 Aust MG Bn	0330	12 Jan	
103	7 Aust Div Pet Coy	do	do	
104	2/4 Aust Fd Regt	do	do	
105	25 Aust Inf Bde Gp (Ser Nos.13-19)	0500	13 Jan	Under orders 25 Aust Inf Bde
106)	HQ AASC 7 Aust Div	0530	do	
)	HQ RAE 7 Aust Div			
107	HQ RAA 7 Aust Div	0535	do	
108	HQ Sigs 7 Aust Div	0545	do	
109	Adv HQ 7 Aust Div	0600	do	
110	2 Aust A/Tk Regt	0330	14 Jan	
111	7 Aust Div Amh Coy	0330	do	
112	2/6 Aust Fd Regt	0315	do	
113	2/4 Aust Fd Coy	0515	15 Jan	
114	25 Aust Fd Pk Coy	0515	do	
115	Sigs 7 Aust Div	0500	do	
116	2/5 Aust Fd Regt	0500	do	
117	18 Aust Inf Bde Gp (Ser Nos.29-36)	a.m.	do	Under orders 18 Aust Inf Bde. Stage night 15/16 Jan 7 Aust Div Reception Camp. Depart 0600 hrs 16 Jan.
118	Rear HQ 7 Aust Div	0600	16 Jan	
119	7 Aust Div Postal	do	do	
120	7 Aust Div Fd Cash	do	do	

2/27th BN

WAR DIARY (1)

B Coy

CALIBRE ET MODÈLE DES BOMBES.	DISPOSITIF DE FERMETURE.	DÉSIGNATION DES LOTS DE MUNITIONS	NOMBRE DE BOMBES	
			DU LOT.	VISITÉES.
1	2	3	4	5
Dec 1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
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7				
8				
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10				
11				

- Dec 1 Coy resumed digging operations. Capt Lee left Coy to visit 18th Brigade, for purpose of lecturing on Syrian Campaign. Weather conditions, very cold & wet.
- 2 Mr Woodroffe visited Coy & carried out a gas test for all personnel. He also demonstrated method of folding & adjusting gas bapes. Troops lunched at 1130 hrs then proceeded to positions to resume digging operations, but owing to wet weather, work was cancelled, so returned to Coy area at 1500 hrs.
- 3 Troops continued digging throughout day. Lunch was taken out to them.
- 4 Digging continued all day. Night Wiring exercise was carried out.
- 5 As guests of villagers of Kefar Achezzel, 5 ORs from B Coy together with other members of BN, departed from area to ~~attend~~ for that village to attend 3 days celebrations. Remainder of Coy resumed digging operations throughout day. Mr Best left to attend school at Palestine
- 6 Digging cancelled owing to wet weather. Platoons visited Winter Quarters for bath. Most of Coy as spectators attended football match 27th v 2/3rd M.G.
- 7 Church parade was held in morning. 30 men visited Winter Quarters for bath. Weather fine but rain fell towards evening.
- 8 Five days training for troops commenced this morning Japan declared war on England & USA
- 9 Training continued. 23 ORs proceeded to Tripoli on 1 Day leave.
- 10 62 men from Coy visited range for shoot, remainder of Coy, owing to wet weather, received indoor lectures.
- 11 Training resumed also a Gas Test was carried out. Night recce exercise was also carried out.

WAR DIARY (2)

	CALIBRE ET MODÈLE DES BOMBES.	DISPOSITIF DE FERMETURE.	DÉSIGNATION DES LOTS DE MUNITIONS	NOMBRE DE BOMBES	
				DU LOT.	VISITÉES.
	1	2	3	4	5
Dec 12	Training carried out. Weather fine.				
13	Training continued throughout morning. In the afternoon a football match was played, between B Coy. & A.C. Coy. Result was an overwhelming victory for B Coy. Weather was fine until evening when rain set in.				
14	Owing to adverse weather conditions, Church Parade was cancelled. Personnel attended Winter Quarters for bath. Most of Coy attended a concert held at Winter Quarters at night.				
15	A Foot inspection was carried out by M.O. Training period completed.				
16	Digging operations resumed. Coy provided guard for B HQ for 48 hours. Weather fine.				
17	Coy continued digging. Night wiring exercise was carried out. Pte K.O. Jones returned to Coy after long absence, caused through wounds received at Damour.				
18	Digging continued. Throughout this week Capt. Shipper & Lieut Applhee attend a Pack Transport school.				
19	Digging continued. M.O. visited Coy & carried out a short arm inspection. Officers attended formal dinner at Winter Quarters. Weather Fine.				
20	Digging resumed until 1400 hrs. In the afternoon B Coy played A Coy at football. Result was another victory for B Coy. Scores B. 9-15. A. 1-8. Sergeants attended formal dinner at Winter Quarters. Weather fine. Bath Parade was held.				
21	Church parade was held in morning. Col Moten having been promoted to a higher command, gave a farewell speech after church parade to members of B.C.O. & A Coy in forward area. Boys with band marched past the former C.O. in brilliant fashion. Weather fine.				
22	In wet weather troops commenced a 3 days training period. 2 Offrs & 38 OR ^s from B Coy proceed proceeded to Tripoli as perquet from 22 nd Dec to 28 th Dec.				

War Diary (3)

	CALIBRE ET MODÈLE	DISPOSITIF	DÉSIGNATION DES LOTS	NOMBRE DE BOMBES	
	DES BOMBES.	DE FERMETURE.	DE MUNITIONS	DU LOT.	VISITÉES.
	1	2	3	4	5
Dec 23	Owing to wet weather day's training was cancelled Capt Lee lectured men on German Army. In afternoon men were occupied in repairing camouflage nets. A night exercise was carried out.				
24	Weather still wet. Gas test for all personnel was partly carried out also training continued. At night a concert was was given by A+B boys in recreation hut. Good entertainment was rendered by a visiting jazz band.				
25	Weather still wet, but troops had a very enjoyable day. An excellent dinner was served by the cooks (Pls Laphorne + Holman) Capt Lee, Capt Shipper + Lieut Magarey acted as Mess Orderlies.				
26	Gas test completed. 11 + 12 Platoons continued digging operations.				
27	Digging carried on throughout day. Scattered showers				
28	No church parade was held this morning. Coy had a bath parade at Winter Quarters. Capt Lee Lieut Magarey + Sgt Sutton attended lecture given at Winter Quarters in afternoon. Weather cold with a few showers.				
29	Coy carried out a day's tactical exercise. Mr Applebee with 10 Pl returned from Picquet duty at Tripoli After lunch participated in exercise with rest of Coy.				
30	Owing to heavy rain, that continued throughout day, tactical exercises were cancelled. Wet weather syllabus was carried out. Capt Lee journeyed to Brigade to receive his decoration. 5 OR's from this Coy were included in the special guard, for the ceremony.				
31	Heavy rain again caused postponement of tactical exercises. Wet weather syllabus was carried out.				

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C.O.'s Monthly Summary for December 1941.

War Diary

1/ Location No changes took place

2/ Change in Cmd

The outstanding event of the month was the change of C.O. On Dec 15th Lt. Col M. J. Martin, D.S.O., E.D. was promoted to Brig. Cmd 17 Aust Inf Bde. His place was taken by Maj. R. L. Butler - 2/48 Aust. Inf. Bn - who arrived to take over cmd on 29 Dec. Acting - cmd in the interim was Maj. J. G. Dobbs.

3/ Progress of Defensive Works

(a) Constructional work on 23 of the 39 pill-boxes in the Bn area was completed during the month. Hds of fire still remain to be cleared and little attempt at drainage has so far been made.

(b) Work on weapon pits, trenches and wire proceeded slowly owing to extremely bad weather and interruptions for fog. Seepage damaged pd whs already done.

(c) The first A.K. Ditch was almost completed.

4/ Fog.

(a) All respirators were tested in gas chamber (3 Dec)

(b) A certain amount of time was given to section and Coy. fog, including night vision & range practice.

(c) Schools were held on the following subjects:

(i) G(R) tactics - 8 O.R.s under Lieut A.R. Tremerry.

(ii) Skiing - at Les Bédoues.

(iii) Mule Loading.

(iv) Bde School in Panoramas - C.I. Lieut F. Bennett.

5/ Exchange of Officers

In order to spread information regarding different types of fighting Capt A. J. Lee 2/27 Bn was exchanged for Capt. Brocksopp 2/10 Bn for 10 days. The latter delivered a series of lectures on the defense of TOBRUK.

6/ During the month Capt. W. K. Murrison rejoined the unit from 21 I.T.B. and was posted L/C A Coy. Lieuts J. W. Reddin, S. I. G. Hewell, & A. G. Pickering marched in from Remifs for fog with the unit.



Lt. J.E. Thomas

2/27 BN.

Murru
1st Jan 42

A Coy

Summary of months activities (December 41)

GENERAL

Training and wet weather conditions have seriously hampered progress in field works but on every possible occasion every available man in the Coy has been on the job of preparing battle positions. The wiring task which was found to be more practical under the conditions than digging is almost completed. However 50% of our complete defence scheme has been finished and -but for the incessant rain that filled up our weapon pits this percentage would have been much higher.

TRAINING

This was carried out successfully at all times

- 1st - 8th special syllabus
- 22nd - 28th Embussing and Debussing exercises
- 29th - 30th approach marches & attacks

SCHOOLS

Lieut Flight attends Mule School	8 th Dec	10 th Dec.	plus 2 1/2
Lieut Bell	"	16 th Dec	19 th Dec

COY STRENGTH

On 5th Dec Capt. Sims marched out to C Coy and was replaced by Capt. Murrened who went to Hospital on the 22 Dec. W.O. Tucker has returned to I.T.B. and been replaced by W.O. Wilson. Present strength of Coy 126 1/2

AMENITIES

The recent erection of a recreation tent and the acquisition of a wireless have made our nights more pleasant and it was under the protection of this tent that we had our first Christmas dinner in Egypt. Home parties to Tripoli & Beirut have been carried out by bus rather and picture evenings have been enjoyed by the troops. Football and baseball has been enjoyed by the athletic-minded.

Alan Jervis T/ Capt.

21 Nov Digging. 14 Pl return from W.D. Lieut Kimber evacuated. 13 Pl Tripoli leave.

22 Nov Digging. 30 at range. 5 Beyrouth leave

23 Nov Church Parade

24 Nov Digging

25 Nov " " C.O. visited area

26 Nov " " " " " "

27 Nov " 2 Palestine leave

28 Nov " Stocktaking. Mullins & H.M. Smith

Bn football team, C.O. visits area

29th Nov Digging. Kay, Mullins Bn cricket team

30th Nov



Lt Koehn pl commands school

30 Nov 41. SUNDAY. Church fde. Rtd. setd.

News setd from second school: Apt Whelan ^{advised in 15 Pl}

1 Dec 41. Work on Lee forts & wire. Brig O.D. visited Coy.

2 Dec 41. Rain in pm necessitated wiring programme.

C.O. visited Coy with Lt Arkly spin powdered

DF tables fwd of C & D Coy.

3 Dec 41. Wiring all day. - wet day.

Gas chamber test - 100% pass.

Lt Kimber returned to Coy.

4 Dec 41. Digging all day. wiring at night

5 Dec 41. " " "

C.O. Capt. Brockhoff. 2/10 Bn visited Coy.

Capt. Can Sums Mc. affd 2^{1/2} Coy.

6 Dec 41. wiring - very wet.

15 Pl - Tripoli leave - Spectators to football

against 2/3 Aust. Mls. Bn.

Formal mess under Quarters: Lt Lee Kimber

& Capt. R. Johnson present.

2/27 Pl

Clay

- 7 Dec 41. Sunday - Church Pds - but sat wq.
- 8 Dec 41 Digging.
Capt Johnson & Sims at R E W T.
Lt. Lee at Range - Lt. Kimber - Mule School
Lt. Martin returned from school.
Capt. Helverson gave lecture &
demonstration of 2 lb AT Gun to all NCOs.
- 9 Dec 41 Range - Boen shoot.
Night weaving.
- 10 Dec 41 weaving all day - wet.
- 11 Dec 41. weaving in morning. } 1100 hrs. Capt
Digging in afternoon } Brockhoff 2/10 Pm lecture
weaving at night. } 15 Coy in Tobruk.
- 12 Dec 41. Digging all day.
- 13 Dec 41. Digging in morning. Capt Johnson Lt
Football C v HQ 1 - C Coy won by 5 goals
- 14 Dec 41 Church pds cancelled.
Capt Sims marched in 16 Coy as 2 1/2
- 15 Dec 41. Training syllabus - 5 days - commenced
Capt Sims - CQ at Mule School
Lt Kimber at Map Reading School.
Coy area digging inspected by Bong
Co. Major Dobbs.
- 16 Dec 41 Lt Co. Major Dobbs visited Coy.
- 17 Dec } Training.
- 18 Dec }
- 19 Dec }

20 Dec 41.

21 Dec 41. Church fce. Lt Col Motin
made farewell address to Bn.

22 Dec 41. } Training - embarking - disembarking

23 Dec 41 } . Pl as fighting patrol. Wed. day

24 Dec 41 } approach march. Thurs day

25 Dec 41 Xmas Day.

Church service Capt J & 20 ORs to

Tripoli - burner in bog

houses near 14 Pl @ Capt Nicholls

Capt. Katicar, Sgt Meekel

Watson & Ashenden dined with my

offrs Katicar & after lunch.

26 Dec 41 Digging

27 Dec 41 Digging

28 Dec 41. Sunday - No church fce.

29 Dec 41. Digging.

30 " " Digging.

31 Wet weather symptoms.

Mjr Batten visited my tent
times.

D boy war diary for Dec 41

During the whole of this month the boy continued work on the defences and training in the front areas at KAFR AYYA.

The greater part of the time was devoted to the defences but the boy also received 5 days continuous leave in the third week.

Weather conditions interfered considerably with work on the defences, the month being notable for continuous and heavy rain. Christmas day was celebrated in good style. In conjunction with B boy a concert was held on Xmas eve which was much enjoyed - the artists coming from both boys.

Christmas day was exceptionally ~~fast~~ wet but fortunately the rain ceased for about two hours whilst the dinner was held. As buildings did not exist a shelter was rigged up from tent flies and the tables were the men's bed boards put on angle iron pickets. The seats were planks nailed onto angle iron pickets.

An exceptionally good meal was provided thanks to the Comforts Fund and AACS and was greatly enjoyed. The menu was Roast turkey and fowl, vegetables, plum pudding, brandy sauce, fruit and nuts - and not forgetting one bottle of beer per man.

O. Isachsen

My
O.C. Boy

1 Jan 42

2/27th BN.

War Diary

TRANSPORT

Report for December 1941 MAP REF. TRIPOLI 1/50.090

Act. T.O. Sgt. Murphy, F.R.
 M.T. Strength 1 Car, 9x15 cwt 29x20 cwt vans, 1x20 cwt office, 12x30 cwt
 G.S. Lories, 2 1/2 tanks 1x3 Ton G.S. Long, 1x30 cwt 1/2 tank 1x12 cwt wty. Padres
 Attached, 1x20 cwt attached to B/carriers 1x15 cwt wty attached to Bde.
 6 M/C, 10 B/carriers, 12 mules.
 12 mules used by Fwd Coy. for the purpose of Bn. Duties.
 1x15 cwt out of com. Dif. Carriage parts unobtainable
 1x20 " " " " Dif. Side Bars " "
 1x20 " Damaged ^{13/12/41} on an authorised journey transferred to 2/3 Hqs. Feldt/Shop
 1x30 " 1x20 cwt Rent front axle
 3 M.C. out of com. owing to spare parts being unobtainable
 Camouflaging ops, carried out, without a hitch.
 Breaking of Springs slackened off owing to deflation of
 Tyres, and addition of rebound leaf in Springs.
 Several accidents reported for month. ~~25~~ owing to slippery
 nature of roads, one owing to fault of civilian Dr.
 Pl. Strength is still inclined to float. Drs. being evacuated
 to hospital, and resorted to R/coys through misconduct.
 Supplied trucks for Leave personnel to, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Beirut
 Jerusalem, + Tripoli. Bath parades, Sports personnel
 and Eye Treatment, Hospital, Field Punishment Centre.
 and the usual Daily Bn. Duties.

Comments:- Road to Fwd areas opened up, relieving the necessity of Road Controls.

Horses clipped to regulation.

Miles covered	for month	37,015
Petrol consumed	" "	4613 Galls
Oil	" "	95 ⁵ / ₈ "

2/27 Bw

RMO

Medical contribution for War Diary - December.

The predominant features of the month were - smaller number of evacuations, increase in venereal disease, and the arrival of wet cold weather.

During December 12 men were evacuated with either soft sore or gonorrhoea. The main source of infection ~~was~~ was the nearby town of ZHQORTA. This has since been cleaned up in part by our R.M.P.s together with the provost. The men have also been informed warned off the town.

Despite this increase, the total evacuations for the month have been less than usual, being 93. Several of these were minor cases for X-ray special investigations.

The chief causes for evacuation were P.U.O (5 cases) of which two were malaria: diarrhoea (4): skin conditions (10): URTI (16) accidental injuries (8): jaundice (6).

The accommodation for the men has been unduly crowded, eight or nine men sleeping in one 160 lb. tent. The rations have been fairly satisfactory though ~~so~~ more fat and green vegetables are necessary.

The stretcher bearers in the band have made good progress with their bandaging and splinting and general medical work.

Klein In the Capt.

2/27 Bn

WAR DIARY FOR MONTH DECEMBER.

Q.M.

'Q' SECTION.

1 - 15

On instructions from Bde, the Bn had a complete stocktaking throughout the area. This job taking some time, all the surplus equipment etc., to be returned to DADOS dump, which was not very much. The 'Q' Store not allowed to carry any surplus equipment.

R.Q.M.S. on respirator examination, which will take 4 days.

On 2, Recreation Room opened, weather against good attendance, raining and very cold.

On 5 Bn leave party comprising of one officer and 31 other ranks, off to Kefar Gehezgel, on the invitation from that colony to celebrate it's 20th birthday.

8th Leave party returned, and with them a wreath sent from colony for comrades that had fallen during the Syrian campaign.

Japan declared war, and all on their toes;

9th Q.M. off color, decided to stay in bed; All palm beds and straw issued to Bn.,

Still cold and wet, QM off Beirut to buy crockery for the Offrs Mess stayed night at Beirut, returning next day.

15 - 31

QM attending a 4 day's course with the Mules at Zghorta

16, sad news for the Bn, that Sgt Wright had died, severe loss to Carriers also Bn., his death was due to accident whilst driving Bren.

Another shock for Bn, the CO is leaving us. HQ Coy marched passed after church parade. CO gave a very impressive speech, and all are sorry to lose him.

22 Xmas Hampers to be picked up at Tripoli. Also issuing 2nd SD uniform

24 Picking up Xmas dinner, turkeys etc., nuts cakes, also issuing to Coy's

25 Xmas Day - weather wet and cold, but did not damper the boys spirits as usual, Offrs were mess orderlies for this dinner; After lunch the usual procedure, a mud fight, which brought forth some nice sights; But all joined in the fun and hilarity; Troops had day off.

26 Business as usual; still cold and wet.

27 Church parade, Padre being sick QM took charge of service

30 Our Xmas poultry dodging being killed for Xmas, have their heads knocked off for New Year's Day.

31 Everything in readiness for New Year. Here's hoping it will be much brighter than this one;

W.D.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT-COL M J MOTEN, DSO, ED.

No 105

COMMANDING

In the Field

2/27 AUSTRALIAN INF BATTAL

2 Dec 41

1. RECREATION HUT - A Regimental Recreation Hut will be opened at the Winter Quarters today 2 Dec. It is located next to the Canteen. The Hut will be available for the use of all ranks until 2130 hrs each day. The Unit is most grateful to the Aust Comforts Fund for providing the furniture and games, and it behoves every member of the Unit to show his appreciation of this by carefully using these articles.
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Cpl J T McConnell of the YMCA is NCO in charge of the Hut.
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3. SICK PARADES - WINTER QUARTERS - In future Sick Parade will be held at RAP at 0800 hrs each day. Dressings will be done at 0800 hrs and 1600 hrs each day.

PART "B"

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SX 4478 L/Cpl Stevens A L promoted N/Cpl as from 30 Nov 41

REVERSIONS

SX 10066 L/Cpl Mannion J J reverts to Pte at own request as from 1 Dec

J. M. Moten Capt
Adjt 2/27 Aust Inf Bn

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No 106

COMMANDING

In the Field

2/27 AUSTRALIAN INF BATTAL AIF

3 Dec 41

1. DUTIES - Mounting retreat (1730 hrs) 3 Dec 41

Orderly Offr - Lieut J G CRAPPEL
Orderly Sjt - Cpl G D HISSLER

Mounting retreat (1730 hrs) 4 Dec 41

Orderly Offr - Lieut J G CRAPPEL
Orderly Sjt - Cpl J C McMANUS

2. FROST PRECAUTIONS - ARMY VEHICLES.

Severe damage will result to Army Vchs unless proper frost precautions are taken. The attention of all persons in charge of Vchs including those responsible for their maintenance is directed to Chap. IV of the pamphlet entitled "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles" which deals with the precautions to be taken against frost.

The frost precautions which will be taken by members of this Unit will consist of the draining of all cooling systems of Vchs not in use. The taking of this precaution is not necessary at present but the Unit will be notified when this procedure is to be followed.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

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LT-COL H J MOFFET, DSO, ED.

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COMMANDING

In the Field

2/27 AUS INF BATTAL AIF

3 Dec 41

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Orderly Offr - Lieut J G CRAMPTON
Orderly Sjt - Cpl G D MISSEY

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On Sat afternoon 6 Dec and Sun 7 Dec the Bath House at winter quarters will be reserved for the use of personnel at present in fwd Coy areas. The Bath House will be used according to the following roster.

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Sun Morning	-	A Coy less 1 Pl
		C Coy less 1 Pl
Sun Afternoon	-	1 Pl from each Coy plus HQ personnel attached.

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2. BOUNDS - ZGHORTA

ZGHORTA is out of bounds to all ranks. RAE 7 Aust Div will provide and erect appropriate notices. DAPM 7 Aust Div will arrange for Pro personnel to patrol this village and to take action in the event of contravention of this order.

3. PETROL - AUTHORITY FOR DRAWING - (CRO 262)

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

- (a) For replenishment of a vehicle's fuel tank or sump: The Active Service Vehicle Log Book (AB 412) and the Transport Work Ticket (AT 03518), covering the service on which the veh is engaged.
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4. TRAFFIC CHECKS - (CRO 259)

In order to check improper use of vehs, identify stolen vehs, etc., traffic checks will be arranged from time to time without notice. All army drs will be warned of this and that a short delay may be caused during the operation of the check. All ranks will cooperate with the officials on duty.

5. RFM CHRISTMAS GREETING CARDS

To ensure timely delivery of RFM Christmas Greeting Cards they should be lodged at P P O's as soon as possible and NOT later than 7 Dec 41. Such cards will be transmitted for delayed delivery at Aust addresses just before Christmas.

6. RUBBISH

Ref DRO 568 of 7 Nov, units will be responsible that rubbish is delivered to authorised rubbish dumps. The practice of handing rubbish over to local inhabitants will cease forthwith.

7. RATIONS

Herrings and sardines will be issued temporarily in lieu of salmon.

8. DRAINING OF RADIATORS

(1) All MT vehs at any considerable altitude above sea level particularly near the snow line should be drained and remained drained at all times when not in use otherwise damage to the core of the radiator will result.

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9. WET ROADS

All drivers are reminded of the importance of exercising the utmost care when driving vehs on wet and slippery rds.

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Returning from duty

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iii Watch draining; to make sure drain cocks remain unclogged.

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Refilling for Starting off

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ii Muff radiator to prevent cold air being circulated by fan.

iii Remove warning signal from steering wheel, and start Engine immediately.

iv Warm up engine quickly without racing.

Note:- Where engines are fitted with thermostatically controlled water valves, all circulation of water is prevented while engine is cold; the fan however is drawing extremely cold air through the stagnant radiator and may easily cause freezing before the cooling water is heated sufficiently for the thermostat valve to open. The necessity for muffing or masking the radiator when starting is therefore apparent.

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Carriers MG

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/27 Bn. A.I.F.

(Unit.)

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1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants ...	20	1	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	33	1	

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	GILL T.F.	2/27 Bw	6 Dec	from school
LIEUT	TRENERRY A.R.	"	6 "	"
"	CLAMPETT R.W.	"	6 "	"
"	BEST F.W.	"	3 "	to Reception Camp.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	GILL T.F.	2/27 Bw	30 Nov	To school
LIEUT	TRENERRY A.R.	"	30 "	"
CAPT	LEE A.J.	"	2 Dec	To HQ 11 Y./Bde as lecturer
LIEUT	BEST F.W.	"	5 "	To school
"	SANDISON I.H.	"	4 "	leave
"	BELL F.D.	"	4 "	"
"	RING G.A.	"	5 "	"

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT COL		MOTEN H.J.	2/27 Bn	YES	C.O.
MAJOR		DOBBS J.G.			2/pl
		ISAACHSEN O.C.			O.C. D Coy
		WHITE D.A.M.			O.C. A Coy
CAPT		NICHOLLS F.J.		NO	Detached at Bde
		JOHNSON R.L.		YES	2/c Coy
		LEE A.J.		NO	Detached 17 Bde
		TOMS S.J.			at 21 JTB
		GILL T.F.		YES	2/c O.C.M.S. Coy
LIEUT		BEST E.W.		NO	SCHOOL
	1/capt	SKIPPER J.W.		YES	2/pl B Coy
	1/capt	SIMS C.A.W.			2/pl C Coy
		SANDISON C.H.		NO	LEAVE
		KIMBER H.R.R.		YES	O.C. 15 pl
		POTTMAN R.M.			O.C. 11 pl
		BENNIER F.			O.C. 9 pl
	1/capt	BEARE J.H.			R.M.
		MAGAREY B.A.			O.C. 12 pl
	1/capt	SKIPPER KATEKHA H.J.			ADJT
		CRAFTER J.G.		NO	detached
		LEE J.D.		YES	O.C. 14 pl
		GEDDES P.H.G.		NO	SCHOOL
		APPLEBEE R.		YES	O.C. 10 pl
		FLIGHT J.O.			O.C. 7 pl
		KIMBER T.R.S.			O.C. 15 pl
		CADDY E.M.		NO	SCHOOL
		BELL F.D.		NO	leave
		WARBURTON W.A.		YES	O.C. 16 pl
		COWAN R.W.T.		NO	SCHOOL
		CLAMPETT R.W.		YES	O.C. 3 pl
		KING G.A.		NO	LEAVE
		MARTIN E.T.			SCHOOL
		TRENERAY A.R.		YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

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CAPT		SMITH K.V.	AAMC		R.M.O.
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2/LIEUT		BARKER E.M.	RASC (B.F.)		INTERPRETER

2/27 Bn A.I.F.

(Unit.)

1 Dec 41

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]

(Signature of Commanding Officer)

21 AUSTINE BDE

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

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8 Dec 41

1. ARMY VEHICLES - IMPROPER USE OF

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

Coy Comds will be held responsible for the contents of vehs under their comd and will take suitable measures for surprise searches when considered necessary. Searches will also be carried out by Provost personnel either with or without the aid of customs offrs, and every assistance will be given to provost personnel performing this duty.

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

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(c) Offrs and NCOs will ensure that disciplinary action is taken against personnel found destroying or stealing property or interfering with the natural rights of private citizens.

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REVERSIONS

SX 4262 L/Sjt Underwood R V reduced to Cpl for disciplinary reasons as from 5 Dec.
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[Signature] Capt
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BY

LT-COL M J MOTEN DSO, ED

No 109

COMMANDING

In the Field

2/27 AUST INF BN AIF

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COMMANDING

In the Field

2/27 AUST INF BN AIF

9 Dec 41

1. WIVES AND FAMILIES IN SYRIA

Wives and families of offrs or O R will NOT be allowed to reside in SYRIA under any circumstances, except when special permission is given for offrs to bring their wives to Syria on short leave from elsewhere in the M E.

2. CARRYING OF MESS TINS AND CUTLERY BY SOLDIERS TRAVELLING BY RAIL

All soldiers moving by train proceeding to, or returning from, leave, courses, etc., will always take mess tins, knife fork and spoon in order that they may be to that extent self-supporting in the event of any hold-up on their journey. The articles will not be provided in any reception camp which may be set up to deal with such traffic.

3. PERSONNEL ENGAGING IN NON-MILITARY SPORTS

Attention is directed to the fact that personnel taking part in civilian boxing contests, riding in races, etc., do so at their own risk as far as injury is concerned. Any disability arising from participation in such sports will not operate to secure for the member of the Forces concerned any right to pension, even if such participation is approved by the comd concerned.

4. MEDICAL

All ranks are reminded that the following procedure MUST be observed :-

- (a) O R evacuated to hospital will NOT take their blankets.
- (b) Personnel attending parades for dental treatment will carry a cut lunch.

5. TELEPHONE COMMS

The use of the existing telephone comms for unnecessary or unnecessarily protracted calls is at present overloading the sig system.

Sigs 7 Aust Div will instruct telephone operators to terminate any calls which are unduly protracted and will report details of such calls to the GS of 7 Aust Div.

6. SPEED LIMIT TRIPOLI

Vehs in the town of TRIPOLI will not travel at speeds in excess of 20 mph.
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M J Moffet Capt
Adj't 2/27 Aust Inf Bn

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COMMAINDING

In the Field

2/27 AUSTR INF BN AIF

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No 111

COMMANDING

In the Field

2/27 Aust Inf Bn, AIF

10 Dec 41.

1. CONTROL AND CARE OF MT

(1) The control, care and use of all Vehs which have been attached to Coys in fwd areas is the responsibility of the Coy Comd concerned. Similarly the drivers of such MT are under the command of such officers in the strict sense of the word, and the question of their discipline and of the issue of orders and information to them is the concern of the Coy Comd.

(2) In such circumstances where Vehs and drs are detailed from the immediate care of the Coy Officer, the maintenance and cleaning of the Vehs is apt to become slack and much of the information which is issued for the benefit of drivers is either not passed on or is slow in transmission.

(3) It is appreciated that most officers have a very limited mechanical knowledge but in future each officer under whose care a Veh is placed will ensure:-

- (a) That the engine and body is kept clean
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2. BRITISH FORCES IDENTITY CARDS - (ME GO 1213)

In the interests of security, photographs of Officers and Nursing Sisters submitted with application forms for British Forces Identity Cards will be as follows :-

- (a) In uniform
- (b) Without headdress
- (c) Numerals and collar badge denoting unit will not be worn.
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Para 2, lines 2 and 3, delete - "Orderly Room Stamp" and insert - "Unit Censor Stamp."

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PART TWO

PROMOTIONS

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APPOINTMENT

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CONFIRMATION

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M. K. Mather CAPT
 ADJT 2/27 AUST INF BN.

NOTICES

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COMMANDING

In the Field

2/27 AUST INF BN AIF

11 Dec 41

1. SALVAGE - PETROL CONTAINERS

It does not appear to be generally realised that the hitherto so called 4-gallon non-returnable tin is of considerable value for second-hand purposes and that these tins now cost 1s. 5d. each, exclusive of cases and cartons. It is in demand for:-

- (a) Reconditioning and refilling with Petrol and MBO.
- (b) Filling with Mowmen
- (c) PAD and other purposes.

Henceforth containers will not be designated "returnable" or "non-returnable" but by their nature and capacity only.

Petrol/Oil Drums 40/41-gall

Lub Oil Drums 5-gall (round)

Petrol/Oil Drums 4-gall (round)

Petrol Tins 4-gall LIGHT (previously termed "non-returnable")

Petrol Cans 4-gall (rectangular)

Petrol Cans 2-gall (containers)

No 4-gallon tins will be "cast by the road-side" after emptying but will be replaced in vehicles and carried to forward destination where they will be handed in to:-

- (a) ST Depots or dumps, or
- (b) Salvage

as most convenient. This applies equally to cases, crates and cartons.

In the case of Petrol maintenance deliveries - empty tins will be returned to issuing depots in a returning empty supply vehicle as far as the neighbourhood of rail or sea heads, where they will be sorted by salvage for the purposes mentioned in junction with Movement Control, D of W and ST.

Tins required locally for PAD or other military purposes will continue to be drawn from the nearest source of supply.

PART "B"

PROMOTIONS

SX 5116 L/Cpl Michell H B promoted A/Cpl as from 4 Nov 41

APPOINTMENTS

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CORRIGENDA - (1) In para 1, sec 2 of ROs 111, for "detailed" read "detached".

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M. J. Noten Capt
Adjt 2/27 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

BASEBALL - The following have been selected to represent the 2/27 Bn at baseball to be played at BEYROUTH at 1000 hrs on Sunday 14 Dec 41.

HQ Coy - L/Cpl Hand A, Pte Taylor B R, Pte Johnson H F, Pte Norman A Pte Le Messurier F L,

A Coy - Pte McEwen D J, Pte Carey J E, Pte Carr H J

C Coy - Sjt Whittington R S,

D Coy - Lieut Kimber H R R, Pte Snashall H E.

A practice match will be held at winter quarters on Saturday 13 Dec at 1430 hrs. Dress for match will be R.D. and grey pullovers, gaiters Sandshoes if available.

Players will sleep at Winter quarters over-night.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS AND SKETCHES.

The British Institute (British Council), 3 Sikket El Maghraby, Cairo, proposes to hold an exhibition of paintings and sketches, the work of British and Dominion troops.

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PART "B"

PROMOTIONS

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PART "B"

PROMOTIONS

EX 5116 W/Op Mitchell H B proposed W/Op as from 1 Nov 41

APPOINTMENTS

EX 4215 Pte Hannah H J proposed W/Op as from 1 Nov

CORRECTIONS

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BY

LT-COL M J MOTEN DSO, ED.

COMMANDING

In the Field

No 113

2/27 AUST INF BN AIF

12 Dec 41

1. ALTERATION TO RATION SCALE

Frozen meat will ~~not~~ be available as and from 8 Dec 41
The following deliveries of fresh meat and preserved meat will be
issued in lieu:-

ISSUE - Mon, Wed, Thu, Sat and Sun - Fresh meat
Tue and Fri - Pres meat

Breakfast ration commodities -

ISSUE - Mon and Thu - Pres meat
Tue, Fri and Sun - Eggs
Wed and Sat - Bacon

2. RETURN OF SUMMER DRESS

(a) The following items of summer dress will be with-drawn
under unit arrangements and returned as shown below:-

Shirts, Khaki
Shorts
Trousers K D
Hose tops
Puttees, short

(b) Trousers KD and shirts, Khaki, may be retained only until
the issue of the second jacket and trousers SD.

(c) Coys will ensure that the above articles are returned
to the QM store without delay.

3. DRESS ON LEAVE

Order of dress for personnel on leave in SYRIA or PALESTINE
will be "Service Dress (winter), vide HQ AIF (ME) Order 296 dated
11 Apr 41. Belts, waist, SB, or Web will be worn.

Coys will take necessary action to ensure that members
proceeding on leave are properly turned out.

4. MISAPPROPRIATION OF 4-GALLON RETURNABLE PETROL CANS AND DRUMS
(ME GO 1264)

The above type of petrol container has been introduced in
the ME in order to achieve a much needed saving in tin-plate as used in
the 4-gall non-returnable tin. Their use is confined to Petrol supply
Points and to DIDs where there are Petrol Pumps in order to implement
bulk petrol deliveries from these pumps.

Cases have recently occurred of :-

(a) Units in convoy misappropriating these cans when filling up at
DIDs and/or Petrol Supply points.

(b) Misappropriation by units failing to return these cans to local
DIDs when leaving an area.

Misappropriation of these containers entirely defeats the
object of introducing returnable containers at all, i.e. economy in tin-
plate - and in consequence necessary action will, in future, be taken
against OSC where returnable containers are retained by units without
authority.

5. IDENTITY - MEANS OF ESTABLISHING

(1) Any Coy possessing good amateur or professional photographer who has a camera capable of taking photographs of postbook size is requested to fwd his name to this HQ by 17 Dec 41.

(2) In view of the number of personnel at present without identification photographs in their paybooks it is considered desirable that something be done in this matter.

(3) All expense att to the taking of these photographs will be charged to public expense.

6. USE OF BATH HOUSE - LINGERER WARNERS

The same arrangements will apply this weekend as last weekend.

7. SCHOOLS AND COURSES - I. (10) 10 3 WEEK COURSE 22 DEC 41 - 30 Jan 42.

SX 2797 A/1011 EMISE ... on nominated for the above course.

W. Hatcher
Capt
ACJG 2/27 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES

The same arrangements will apply this weekend as last weekend.

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The above type of petrol container has been introduced in the ME in order to achieve a much needed saving in tin-plate as used in the 4-gall non-returnable tin. Their use is confined to Petrol supply Points and to DIDs where there are Petrol Pumps in order to implement bulk petrol deliveries from these pumps.

Cases have recently occurred of :-

(a) Units in convoy misappropriating these cans when filling up at DIDs and/or Petrol Supply points.

(b) Misappropriation by units failing to return these cans to local DIDs when leaving an area.

Misappropriation of these containers entirely defeats the object of introducing returnable containers at all, i.e. economy in tin-plate - and in consequence necessary action will, in future, be taken against OSc where returnable containers are retained by units without authority.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

RE

LT-COL. H. J. KOTHE DSO, RD.

COMPANY

In the Field

No 114

2/27 11th Inf Bn

13 Dec 41

1. COVERS, BODY, WATERPROOF

It has been brought to notice that a large number of Covers, Body, Waterproof, have been removed from vehs by units during operations and have been either lost or used for other purposes.

Such a practice is highly irregular and will cease forthwith. The Cover, Body, Waterproof, is part of the VOB of a veh and must remain on the veh.

2. RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS - ROAD TRAFFIC (CITEH ARMY GO 53 - Extract)

(a) It has been observed that drs of M vehs are not taking sufficient precautions at railway level crossings and are even attempting to cross the railway line in front of approaching trains.

(b) OSG Coys will impress on all drs the need for exercising extreme care when approaching level crossings which are always marked but often unwarded.

(c) It should also be noted that the present time train engines have no headlights at night.

3. EL AYOUN - EL YACUDIYEH ROAD

The above road is now open to traffic at all times.

The control points will be dispensed with from today.

Users of the road are requested to drive with great caution especially at points where it is not possible for vehicles to pass. Care should be taken to see that vehs do not run on to the verge of the Road because it may not stand the weight of a veh.

H. J. Kothe Capt
Adjt 2/27 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

Received with thanks from the Australian Comforts Fund, the following items and material:-

- 1 Table Tennis Table
- 4 Sets Darts
- 2 pkts paper
- 500 envelopes
- 771 tins Lu. et
- 771 pkts cigarettes

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT-COL M J MOTHE DSO, ED.

COMBATING

In the Field

No 114

2/27 AUG 1941 LHM W. AIR

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- 774 tins of food
- 774 pkts of clothes

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/27 Bn. A.I.F. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	7		1
Lieutenants	20	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
District Officers			
Totals	32	1	1

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT.	SANDISON C.H.	2/27 Bn	13 Dec	for leave
	BELL F.D.		13	
	KING G.A.		8	
	MARTIN E.T.		8	school.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT.	TOMS S.J.	2/27 Bn	18 Nov	seconded for duty at 21 I.T.B.
LIEUT.	CRAFTER T.G.		1 Dec	detach to 1st Aust Div (Carroll Coy)

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).

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1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LIEUT		MILLEN A.S.	2/27 Bn	YES	C.O.
MAJOR		DARBS J.G.	"	"	2/pl
"		ISAACHSEN O.P.	"	"	OC D Coy
"		WHITE D.A.H.	"	"	OC A Coy
CAPT		NICHOLLS F.J.	"	No	Detachment Bde
"		JOHNSON R.L.	"	YES	OC C Coy
"		LEE A.J.	"	No	Detachment 14 Bde
"		GILL T.F.	"	YES	OC HQ Coy
LIEUT		BEST E.W.	"	No	SCHOOL
"	T/CAPT	SKIPPER J.W.	"	YES	2/pl B Coy
"	T/CAPT	SIMS C.A.W.	"	"	2/pl C Coy
"		SANDISON C.H.	"	"	SIG O.
"		KIMBER H.R.R.	"	"	OC 15 pl
"		PITTMAN R.M.	"	"	OC 17 pl
"		BENNIER F.	"	"	OC 9 pl
"	T/CAPT	BEARE J.H.	"	"	R.M.
"		MALONEY B.A.	"	"	OC 12 pl
"	T/CAPT	KATEBAR H.J.	"	"	ADJT
"		CRAFTER J.G.	"	No	detach
"		LEE J.D.	"	YES	OC 14 pl
"		GEDDES P.H.G.	"	No	hospital
"		APPLEBEE R.	"	YES	OC 10 pl
"		FLIGHT J.D.	"	No	LEAVE
"		KIMBER T.R.S.	"	YES	OC 15 pl
"		CADDY E.M.	"	No	SCHOOL
"		BELL F.D.	"	YES	OC 8 pl
"		WARBURTON W.A.	"	"	OC 16 pl
"		COWAN R.W.T.	"	No	SCHOOL
"		CLAMPETT R.W.	"	YES	OC 3 pl
"		KING G.A.	"	"	OC 2 pl
"		MARTIN E.T.	"	"	OC 13 pl
"		TRENERRY A.R.	"	"	Spec. Duty

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		SMITH K.V.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
PADRE		WHEREAT C.R.	A.A.C.C.		CHAPLAIN
2/LIEUT		BARKER E.N.	BASE (B.F.)		INTERPRETER

2/27 Bn. A.I.F.

(Unit.)

14 Dec 41

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]

(Signature of Commander.)

21 AUST INF BDE

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

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ROUTINE ORDERS

W.D.

BY

LT-COL. H J HODGINS D.C. 11D

COMBATING

In the Field

No 115

27 B.F.I. 2011

15 Dec 41

1. USE OF LIGHT SIGNALS

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"that in order to check reports of an alarmist nature concerning coloured lights which have been seen at night all units of 7 Aust Div proposing to use Verey lights etc for night exercises will notify 7 Aust Div through normal channels NOT later than 48 hrs prior to the use of such lights."

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2. CLUBS - TRIPOLI

(a) From and incl 15 Dec 41 the following picture theatre routine will be observed until incl Monday 19 Jan 42.

Date	Coy	OFFR		ROTY	
		Offrs	O.R.	Offrs	O.R.
Mon 15 Dec	A	1	24		
" 22 "	B			2	24
" 29 "	C	1	12		12
" 5 Jan	D	1	24		
" 12 "	HQ & Bn HQ			2	24
" 19 "	HQ & Bn HQ		12	1	12

(b) In no case will the number allotted be exceeded.

(c) Coys will provide own tyt.

(d) No leave passes will be issued and the offr in charge of each party will be responsible for seeing that all tyt are picked up and returned to camp after the performance.

3. LEAVE - TRIPOLI

The following leave roster will apply as from 18 Dec 41:-

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- 24 Dec 41 - B Coy
- 27 Dec 41 - D Coy
- 30 Dec 41 - HQ & Bn HQ
- 2 Jan 42 - HQ & Bn HQ
- 5 Jan 42 - A Coy
- 8 Jan 42 - C Coy
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- 14 Jan 42 - D Coy

PART "B"

PROMOTIONS

EX 3081 L/Sjt Kay G K promoted A/Sjt as from 5 Dec 41

CONFIRMATIONS

- EX 3942 A/Sjt Halligan P R rank confirmed 1011 10 Dec 41
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A.M. Hatcher Capt
Adjnt 2/27 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

Football - The results of the inter-Coy matches played on Sat 13 were as follows:- B Coy 15-15 C Coy 9-9

HQ (No 2) 6-12 HQ (No 1) 4-9

Basketball - The result of the basketball match played on Sat 13 between A Coy and B Coy was as follows:- B Coy 18 pts - A Coy 2 pts

ROUTINE ORDERS

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

MAJ J G DOBBS

ADL COMD

In the Field

NO. 116

2/27 AMB INF BN AIF

16 Dec 41

1. SECURITY OF ARMS

Rifle No. 56854 on issue to SM 9884 Pte DOBBER W of 'C' Coy has been lost.

The circumstances surrounding the loss are such as to make it evident that either the numerous security instns which have been issued by BN HQ have not been abided by or that the sentry entrusted with the responsibility of protecting his fellow soldiers' arms and eqpt has neglected his duty.

The question of the responsibility for the loss of this weapon will be the subject of a Court of Inquiry which is empowered to direct that the irresponsible person pays for the value of the rifle.

The Security measures which have been laid down are quite clearly set out in 21 Aust Inf Bde Security Insta dated 11 Oct 41 Parts A, B & C.

Particular reference is made to paras 3, 4, 7 and 9.

It is repeated:

- (a) Tps engaged on any or operational work will carry their arms at all times and a sentry will be placed over piled weapons at the place where the work or wng is to be carried out. If for any other reason it is necessary for personnel to store their arms in Coy lines such arms must be placed together with a sentry posted over them. Roving picquets do not provide sufficient security.
- (b) When sleeping in the fd all ranks will have their arms and amm securely att to them. This precaution is necessary until such time as chains and padlocks are made available.
- (c) A daily check of all arms and amm must be carried out.
- (d) Civilians and natives must not be allowed in Unit Lines at any time.

Coy Comds will ensure that these and all other security measures are observed most rigidly.

2. VENEREAL DISEASE

During the past 12 days six cases of V.D. have occurred in this Unit. Several of these men contracted the disease in unlicensed brothels and used no preventative methods. Men must use either the P.L.C. or the blue light outfits obtainable at all Company RABs.

It should also be brought to the notice of all ranks that the only licensed brothels in this area are in M. MILA; and that unlicensed brothels at other places are usually staffed by prostitutes ejected from licensed brothels because of their infection.

These girls are spreading all three forms of V.D. to the tps.

The fact that so many troops have become afflicted by the most dreaded of diseases should be a deterrent to the unwary.

3. WHEELS, SPLIT - VALVEGAS

All personnel are warned of the danger of injury through unscrewing the outer ring of nuts on wheels, split, etc without first completely deflating the tyre (see 1941 Chevrolet Shop Manual, pages four and five).

The outer ring of nuts will be painted red as a measure of warning.

4. SPEED LIMIT -

Vehs in the town of ERIPOLI will not travel at speeds in excess of 20 mph,

Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

5. CARRYING OF MESS TINS

All soldiers moving by train proceeding to or returning from leave, courses etc, will always take mess tins, knife, fork and spoon, in order that they may be to that extent self supporting in the event of any hold up on their journey. These articles will NOT be provided in any reception camp which may be set up to deal with such traffic.

PART B

CLASSIFICATIONS

SX 3634 Pte A C WHAGG relinquishes Rd Sp 111 Dr Inf 1st Class.

H. Hatcher Capt

2/27 Aust Inf Bn AIF

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American College	8

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W.D.

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BY (S)

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2/27

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MAJ J G DOBBS

ADM. COID

In the Field

NO. 117

2/27 AUST INF BN AIF

17 DEC 41

1. POSTAL COMMUNICATION WITH AUSTRALIA

The outbreak of hostilities in the Far East may ultimately affect the regularity of postal communications with AUSTRALIA. For the information of all ranks the following notes are supplied on the present position.

Air Mail Service

So far as can be foreseen, the air mail service to and from AUSTRALIA will continue to function. The service will probably not show its present regularity, and at a later stage some limitation of postings to light weight matter may be necessary in order to facilitate the detours necessary to avoid zones of danger. At this stage, however, it is not proposed to apply any limitation and troops may make their air mail postings as hitherto.

Surface Mails

Mails by sea route will probably take longer in either direction, but it is not expected that difficulty will arise either in getting mails away or in dealing with those arriving by sea.

Cable Service

The cable service is continuing to function, and ordinary and MM cables may be lodged as hitherto.

General

It will be appreciated that any or all these services may be interrupted or curtailed through developments in the military situation. All ranks will, as far as possible be kept informed of any such interruptions or limitations to the present services as they arise. They may be assured that everything possible will be done to maintain their postal services with the home country in effective operation.

2. ACCOMMODATION STORES - TABLES, FORMS etc.

- i. Enquiries have been made to see if it would be possible to requisition on RAL for timber with which to make tables, forms etc, but it appears that timber stocks are at present fairly low.
- ii. This fact coupled with the knowledge that accommodation stores of this nature will be issued when available makes it impracticable for further steps to be taken in this direction for the time being.
- iii. Every effort is being made to hasten the delivery of all accommodation stores indented for on the scale previously laid down.

A. J. Hatcher

Capt

Adjut 2/27 Aust Inf Bn AIF

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ADM COMD

In the Field

NO. 118.

2/27 AUST INF BN AIF

19 Dec 41

1. LEAVE - PALMSTINE

Osc Convoys will report to DAPH immediately on arrival at the leave town. He will have with him nominal roll in duplicate for handing to (a) DAPH of the area (b) AGM Rep.

2. CORRESPONDENCE FROM OR TO LOOSE SOLDIERS

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the instructions on this subject as contained in the Manual of Military Intelligence in the Field, Pamphlet 2, 1938, Section 14, para 7, which states:-

' It is forbidden to insert advertisements or letters in any publication inviting correspondence from strangers or to enter into correspondence with any stranger in response to such advertisements or invitations.'

3. DISCIPLINE - THEFT AND MISUSE OF WAR DEPARTMENT PETROL

1. Cases have occurred of the improper use by military personnel of W. D. petrol in private vehicles. It does not appear to be sufficiently appreciated by officers and other ranks that such use constitutes a serious offence.
2. It is therefore brought to the notice of all ranks:-
 - (a) That the use or possession of W. D. petrol in private vohs, for any purpose (whether duty journey or not) is forbidden.
 - (b) Any person subject to military law so using W. D. petrol is liable to be charged with an offence under the Army Act and tried by court martial. In every case where the evidence justifies it the charge will be one of stealing or receiving, laid under the Army Act, Sec 17 or (18 (4)) or 41, as the case may be.
 - (c) An offender convicted by court martial on a charge of stealing or receiving is liable to a sentence of imprisonment.
3. A charge of stealing or receiving is not one which should be disposed of summarily (see A.M.R.O. 409).
4. If any military personnel is found in unauthorised possession of W. D. petrol, his commanding officer will immediately consult the I.S.O. at his formation H. for advice whether the evidence justifies a charge of stealing or receiving.

PART "B"

APPOINTMENTS

SX 9642 Pte Arthur H G appointed I/CPL as from 16 Dec 41.
SX 7929 Pte Williss G R appointed I/CPL as from 19 Dec 41.

W. G. Dobbs Capt

(P.T.O.)

Adjnt 2/27 Aust Inf Bn AIF

NOTICES

SUNDAY - 21 Dec 41 - CHURCH SERVICES will be:-

0700 The Holy Communion
0900 Church Parade
1930 An Evening Service with Picture Show by the chaplain. Preceded
by community singing and orchestra selections.

All above at Recreation Hut, Winter Quarters.

1030 CHURCH PARADE for fwd coys (same location).

R. C. Mass - 0900 hrs in Canteen Hut Winter Quarters.

Acknowledgment is made of the following received from Australian
Comforts Fund:-

768 Christmas Hampers.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

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19 Dec 41

1. LEAVE - PALMSTINE

Osc Convoys will report to DAPH immediately on arrival at the leave town. He will have with him nominal roll in duplicate for handing to (a) DAPH of the area (b) ACP Rep.

2. CORRESPONDENCE FROM OR TO LOYAL SOLDIERS

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the instructions on this subject as contained in the Manual of Military Intelligence in the Field, Pamphlet 2, 1938, Section 14, para 7, which states:-

' It is forbidden to insert advertisements or letters in any publication inviting correspondence from strangers or to enter into correspondence with any stranger in response to such advertisements or invitations. '

3. DISCIPLINE - THEFT AND MISUSE OF WAR DEPARTMENT PETROL

1. Cases have occurred of the improper use by military personnel of W. D. petrol in private vehicles. It does not appear to be sufficiently appreciated by officers and other ranks that such use constitutes a serious offence.
2. It is therefore brought to the notice of all ranks:-
 - (a) That the use or possession of W.D. petrol in private vchs, for any purpose (whether duty journey or not) is forbidden.
 - (b) Any person subject to military law so using W.D. petrol is liable to be charged with an offence under the Army Act and tried by court martial. In every case where the evidence justifies it the charge will be one of stealing or receiving, laid under the Army Act, Sec 17 or (18 (4)) or 41, as the case may be.
 - (c) An offender, convicted by court martial on a charge of stealing or receiving is liable to a sentence of imprisonment.
3. A charge of stealing or receiving is not one which should be disposed of summarily (see A.M.R.O. 409).
4. If any military personnel is found in unauthorised possession of W.D. petrol, his commanding officer will immediately consult the I.S.O. at his formation H.Q. for advice whether the evidence justifies a charge of stealing or receiving.

PART "B"

APPOINTMENTS

SX 9642 Pte Arthur H G appointed I/CPL as from 16 Dec 41.
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Adjut 2/27 Aust Inf Bn AIF

NOTICES

SUNDAY - 21 Dec 41 - CHURCH SERVICES will be:-

0700 The Holy Communion
0900 Church Parade
1930 An Evening Service with Picture Show by the chaplain. Preceded
by community singing and orchestra selections.

All above at Recreation Hut, Winter quarters.

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22 Dec 41

1. WINTER AILMENTS - PREVENTION OF - (CRO 282)

Instructions have been issued through medical channels for precautions against casualties from frost-bite and trench feet, but the following matters are called to the notice of Coy Comds:-

- (a) The winter hutting programme provides the minimum accommodation for units and this must be economically used.
- (b) Raised walks in camp areas are provided by Engr services to some extent, but this provision does not exonerate Coys from self-help in making camps comfortable.
- (c) Most casualties of the nature of frost-bite and trench feet or chilled feet arise from wet socks and boots or prolonged standing in mud or water and are therefore preventable.
- (d) OSc must ensure the following:-
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 - (5) Hot food or hot drinks for men on guard or similar duty.
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- (f) Failure to observe the above orders will be treated strictly as breeches of discipline.

2. WASTAGE OF 2-GALLON CANS USED FOR CARRIAGE OF PETROL AND WATER

All consignments of water carried in 2-gall cans will be dunnaged in the same way as petrol consignments.

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Infm received discloses that issues of petrol to units are reaching such a level that difficulty is being experienced in maintaining the supply.

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(a) Radio Levant is proposing to give a short daily English Programme for forces in this area and they desire to enlist the co-operation of tps in providing entertainment.

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PART "B"

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W. H. Anderson ^{Lieut} Capt
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/27 Bn. A.I.F. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	7		1
Lieutenants	23	4	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
District Officers			
Totals	35	4	1

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	LEE	2/27 Bnd	15 Dec	from general duty
	BUSSARD	WK	17	2/27 B
LIEUT	REDDIN	J.W	17	
	HENITT	A.G	17	
	PICKERING	A.G	20	
	FLIGHT	J.O	20	leave

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	NICHOLLS	F.T	2/27 Bnd	detached for duty as B.M. (deceased)

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 B.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

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1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL		MOTEN H.S.	2/27 Bn	YES	CO
MAJOR		DOBBS T.G.			2/c
		ISAACHSEN C.F.			2/c 2 Coy
		WHITE G.M.			2/c 1 Coy
LAPT		WASSERED W.K.			2/c 1 Coy
		JOHNSON R.L.			2/c 2 Coy
		LEE A.T.			2/c 2 Coy
		GILL T.F.			2/c HQ Coy
LIEN		BEST E.W.		No	SCHOOL
	7/LAPT	SKIPPER J.W.		YES	2/c 3 Coy
	7/LAPT	SIMS C.A.W.			2/c 1 Coy
		SANDISON P.M.			SIG O
		KIMBER H.R.R.			2/c 15/1
		HUTCHMAN R.W.			2/c 17/1
		BENNER F.			2/c 9/1
	7/LAPT	BEARE J.H.			R.M.
		MAGAREY B.A.			2/c 12/1
	7/LAPT	KATEKAR H.J.			ADJT
		CRABTER J.G.		No	DETACH
		LEE J.D.		YES	2/c 14/1
		GEDDES P.H.G.		No	HOSPITAL
		APPLEBEE R.		YES	2/c 10/1
		FLIGHT J.O.			2/c 2/1
		BELL F.D.			2/c 5/1
		KIMBER T.R.S.			2/c 15/1
		LADDY E.M.		No	SCHOOL
		HARBURTON N.A.		YES	2/c 16/1
		CONAN R.W.T.		No	SCHOOL
		CLAMPETT R.W.		YES	2/c 3/1
		KING G.A.			2/c 2/1
		MARTIN E.T.			2/c 13/1
		TRENERRY A.R.			Special duty
		HEWITT S.G.			attached to
		REDDIN J.W.			2/c 1/1
		PICKERING A.G.			

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

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CAPT		SMITH K.V.	AAMC		R.M.O.
PADRE		WHEREAT C.R.	AACD		CHAPLAIN
2/LIEN		BARKER E.N.	2ASG (2/2)		INTERPRETER

2/27 Bn. A.I.F.

(Unit.)

21 Dec 41

(Date of Despatch.)

M. K. ...

(Signature of Commander.)

21 AUST INF BDE

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

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1. P A D - MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES - Immediately the air raid warning is sounded, all military and civil traffic in BEIRUT will halt and obey any instructions that may be given by military or civil police, and will extinguish all lights. This does not apply to military vehicles needed for:-

- (a) P A D services
- (b) Military personnel on or returning to duty.

(Applicable to all troops u/c 1 Aust Corps.)

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

3. DEBUSSING AND EMBUSSING OF LEAVE PARTIES - All leave parties will debuss and embuss in the Military Car Park, behind the Petit Serail, and not in the Place des Canons or any adjoining street.

Disciplinary action will be taken against anybody not complying with this order.

4. BOUNDS - LES CEDRES - Hotel Mon Repo is out of bounds to ORs. A Provost Coy will patrol and disciplinary action will be taken against offenders of this order.

5. BN STANDING ORDERS FOR BATTLE - The Bn Standing Orders have been re-framed and certain alterations and additions made.

On Sun Dec 28 at 1430 hrs all officers, WO's and S/Sjts & Sjts will assemble at officers mess Winter quarters when the Bn Comd will explain the orders in detail. A copy of the Orders will be issued to each officer, WO and S/Sjt.

PART "B"

PROMOTIONS

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PUNISHMENTS

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PUNISHMENTS (cont)

3K 3634 Pto Toagle A C - (i) When on Active Service AA Sec 19 - Drunkenness:- In that he at approx 1500 hrs on 6 Dec 41 was in a drunken condition - admonished.

(ii) When on Active Service AA Sec 11 - Neglect to obey Bn RO No 72 dated 21 Oct 41 in that he at approx 1500 hrs on 6 Dec 41 did damage by neglect 5 olive trees valued at £100 Syrian. - admonished and to pay cost of damage to trees.

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2/27 AUST INF BN

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- (a) P A D services
- (b) Military personnel on or returning to duty.

(Applicable to all troops of Aust Corps.)

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

3. DEBUSSING AND EMBUSSING OF LEAVE PARTIES - All leave parties will debuss and embuss in the Military Car Park, behind the Petit Scraill, and not in the Place des Canons or any adjoining street.

Disciplinary action will be taken against anybody not complying with this order.

4. BOUNDS - LES CEDRES - Hotel Mon Repo is out of bounds to ORs. A Provost Coy will patrol and disciplinary action will be taken against offenders of this order.

5. BN STANDING ORDERS FOR BATTLE - The Bn Standing Orders have been re-framed and certain alterations and additions made.

On Sun Dec 28 at 1430 hrs all officers, WO's and S/Sjts & Sjts will assemble at officers mess Winter Quarters when the Bn Comd will explain the orders in detail. A copy of the Orders will be issued to each officer, WO and S/Sjt.

PART "B"

PROMOTIONS

SX 3107 L/Cpl Jones L B promoted A/Cpl as from 24 Dec 41
SX 3750 " Callander T J promoted A/Cpl as from 24 Dec 41

APPOINTMENTS

SX 9684 Pte Edwards E R appointed L/Cpl as from 23 Dec 41
SX 4009 " Martin D R " " " " 23 Dec 41

CONFIRMATIONS

SX 2673 A/Sjt Gleeson A M rank confirmed Sjt as from 23 Dec 41
SX 2769 " Isaachsen A " " " " 23 Dec 41
SX 3619 A/Cpl Brown L H " " Cpl " " 23 Dec 41
SX 9905 " Hodgson G J " " " " 23 Dec 41

PUNISHMENTS

Sx 3414 Pte Doldissen C T - Conduct to the prejudice of good order & discipline in that he improperly used an Army Veh for private purposes thereby causing damage to the said Veh AA Sec 40 - awarded 28 days Fd Punishment with custody and loss of pay. To pay cost of damage to Veh.

PUNISHMENTS (cont)

SX 3634 Pte Teagle A C - (i) When on Active Service AA Sec 19 = Drunkenness:- In that he at approx 1500 hrs on 6 Dec 41 was in a drunken condition - admonished.

(ii) When on Active Service AA Sec 11 = Neglect to obey Bn RO No 72 dated 21 Oct 41 in that he at approx 1500 hrs on 6 Dec 41 did damage by neglect 5 olive trees valued at £100 Syrian. - admonished and to pay cost of damage to trees.

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CHURCH SERVICES

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0700 hrs - The Holy Communion

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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.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																		1	1	
Clerks																		1	1	
Cooks																		2	2	
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																		6	6	
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																		1	1	
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
3 R.M.P.																		3	3	
S.P.S.														3					3	
Chfs															6				6	
Pho																		39	39	
W.O. II											1								1	
C.O.M.S.													1						1	
General duty personnel																				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umn 3 and 4 of Part A).											1		1	3		6	53	64		

2/27 Bn. A.I.F.

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

28 Dec 41

21 AUST INF BDE

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2127 Bn. A.I.F.

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels			1
Majors	3		
Captains	6		3
Lieutenants	23	+	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
District Officers			
Totals	33	4	4

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	COWAN	RWT	2/27 Bn	from school
	CADDY	E.M.	27	

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	MOTEN	M.S.	2/27 Bn	Transf. to HQ 11 2nd Bde
CAPT	AUSSARED	M.M.	22	to hospital

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MATER		DOBBS J.G.	2/27 Bn	YES	A/C.O.
		ISAATHSEN O.P.	"	"	O.C. 2 Coy
		WHITE D.A.H.	"	"	O.C. A Coy
CAPT		JOHNSON R.L.	"	"	O.C. C Coy
		LEE A.T.	"	"	O.C. 3 Coy
		GILL T.F.	"	"	O.C. HQ Coy
LIEUT		REST E.W.	"	NO	SCHOOL
	T/CAPT	SKIPPER J.W.	"	YES	2/c B Coy
	T/CAPT	SIMS C.A.W.	"	"	2/c C Coy
		SANDISON F.H.	"	"	Sig O.
		KIMBER H.R.R.	"	"	O.C. 18 pl
		BENNIER F.	"	"	O.C. 9 pl
	T/CAPT	BEARE J.H.	"	"	G.M.
		MAGAREY B.A.	"	"	O.C. 12 pl
	T/CAPT	KATEKAR H.J.	"	"	ADTT
		CRAFTER J.G.	"	NO	detach
		LEE J.D.	"	YES	O.C. 14 pl
		GEDDES P.H.G.	"	NO	hospital
		APPLEBEE R.	"	"	Special Request
		FLIGHT J.D.	"	YES	O.C. 7 pl
		BELL F.D.	"	"	O.C. 8 pl
		KIMBER T.R.S.	"	"	O.C. 15 pl
		LADDY E.M.	"	"	O.C. 5 pl
		WARBURTON W.A.	"	"	O.C. 16 pl
		COWAN R.W.T.	"	"	S.O.
		CLAMPETT R.W.	"	"	O.C. 3 pl
		KING G.H.	"	"	O.C. 2 pl
		MARTIN E.T.	"	"	O.C. 13 pl
		TREHERRY A.R.	"	"	Special duty
		HEWITT S.G.	"	"	Attached for
		PILKERING A.G.	"	"	Sup purposes
		REDDIN J.W.	"	NO	Special Request
		PUTTMAN R.M.	"	YES	O.C. 17 pl

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		SMITH K.V.	AA MC		R.M.O.
PADRE		WHEREAT C.R.	AACHD		CHAPLAIN
2/LIEUT		BARKER E.N.	RASC (BF)		INTERPRETER

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2. SCHOOLS - The following have been selected to attend the following Schools:-

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"In the name of the Australian Government and the Australian people I send you warmest greetings from your homeland. As you stand guard at the outpost manning the battle station, be assured that our thoughts are ever with you and more particularly do we feel for you, as we know you do for your homelands, at Xmas time. It is very true that Xmas is among the vitalities for which we are fighting - not Xmas as a holiday period but Xmas as a symbol of the Christian way of life - a way that our ~~fr~~ three enemies of the Axis would destroy along with all our free institutions should they emerge victorious from this struggle. Today in Australia there is not the Xmas holiday period as you know it. We are on a complete war footing, with all that it involves brought vividly to the mind of the people. To you, our fighting men of the three services, and to our women of the nursing services, I send the greetings of Xmas, with all the warmth of the great hearts of your kith and kin. And for 1942, let us be ~~as~~ stouthearted, stand unitedly together, and we can have complete confidence in the outcome."

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