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2 i/c	Maj	J.McCarty
Adjt	Capt	J.G.Lindsay
IO	Capt	R.Maddern
RMO	Capt	P.A.Tomlinson

Hq Coy

OC	Maj	H.S.Conkey MC
1 Pl Sigs	Lieut	B.E.O'Mara
2 Pl AA	Lieut	N.I.Howard (attached)
3 Pl Mortars	Lieut	E.P.A.Smith
4 Pl Carrier	Lieut	P.R.Cohen
5 Pl Pioneer	-	
6 PlAdm QM	Capt	W.A.Capper
TO	Lieut	J.J.Carroll
	Lieut	A.H.Sargent

"A" Coy

OC	Capt	L.M.Cutcliffe
2 i/c	Capt	D.H.Millar
7 Pl	Lieut	G.W.A.Ormiston
8 Pl	Lieut	W.G.Martin
9 Pl	Lieut	W.B.Harvey (attached)
	Lieut	E.H.Fox (attached)

"B" Coy

OC	Capt	C.E.Raymond
2 i/c	Capt	C.Chrystal
10 Pl	Lieut	W.M.Gray
11 Pl	Lieut	F.F.Crutchett (Attached)
12 Pl	Lieut	L.F.Howlett
	Lieut	T.L.Mort
	Lieut	G.W.Jackett(Attached)

"C" Coy

OC	Maj	N.W.P.Farrell
2 i/c	Capt	F.J.Pegg
13 Pl	Lieut	E.C.Brownhill
14 Pl	Lieut	Y.W.J.Ormiston
15 Pl	Lieut	T.J. Taylor (Attached)
	Lieut	J.H.Brown (Attached)

"D" Coy

OC	Capt	E.D.Wren
2i/c	Lieut	G.J.Hawke
16 Pl	Lieut	A.R.Reilly
17 Pl	Lieut	J.P.Collins
18 Pl	Lieut	J.B.Hyles
	Lieut	R.W.Ellerman(Attached)
	Lieut	H.E.Mitchell(Attached)



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EL AINE (SYRIA)	1	<u>Weather:</u> Raining, cold, windy Posting list of offr for Jan issued RSM and members of 2/11 Aust Inf Bn sjts mess visit unit sjts mess.	Appx "A"	<p>Battalion moved to Palestine as per summary of events. Health of Bn. has been good despite severe weather of <del>last</del> Syria. As much training as possible was carried out during the month - the communications exercises being of great value.</p> <p>The present system of providing reinforcement pieces calls for comment. <del>For</del> Several of our new reinforcement pieces need much more training before they can be put into action. At the same time there are in the battalion several N.C.O.'s who have been with the battalion since its formation in 1939, who have been through the first Libyan, the Greece and Crete campaigns, who have</p> <p>Signature <i>Indraputy H. Lee</i></p>
	2	<u>Weather:</u> Snowing heavily, wind from SOUTH Climatic conditions prevent trucks moving from BUFFALO area. Showers opposite EL AINE village accidentally burnt out 1530-1600 hrs. WO Robins of "A" Coy started to walk back to coy area on BUFFALO at 1530 hrs. At 1915 hrs message received from "A" Coy (W/T) to state he had NOT arrived. Search parties organised from Bn lines and "A" Coy. Search parties out at intervals all through night - CO and senior offr took part - search unsuccessful.		
	3	<u>Weather:</u> Snowing all day. Search continued through morning. Message received 1000 hrs to state that WO Robins had staggered into 2/8 Aust Inf Bn camp above DJEDEIDE wadi.		
	4	<u>Weather:</u> Light fall of snow, calm. One man sent to hospital as result of exposure on patrols night 2/3 Jan.		
	5	<u>Weather:</u> Snow thick on ground - cold, still, sunny. CO lectures offr on "Lessons of CRETE" (See appx for 7 Jan 42)		



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EL AINE (SYRIA)	6	<p><u>Weather:</u> Cold, snow still on ground, sunny. Information was received in the following awards had been made to the unit:- Maj J McCarty MC Capt J.G; Lindsay MCI BE Woll Short C MBE Sjt Falla J.St.H. DCM Cpl McDougai MM Pte Dean S DCM CO congratulated recipients- photos taken by M H &amp; I photographer. Tng instn issued Notes by RMO on prevention of frostbite</p>	Appx "B" Appx "C"	<p>excellent characters, <del>for</del> outstanding personalities, first class education, and who <del>has</del> held responsible positions in civil life before the war. The present system of gaining commissions by those N.C.O.'s allows very few to gain commissions, as vacancies to O.C.T.V. are so rare. Yet some of them, even with their present rank, could lead companies in action. I have pointed <sup>this</sup> out to higher authority, and <sup>have</sup> requested that more commissions be made available to serving members of the battalion, who in many cases are better leaders than many reinforcement officers. The present system of providing replacement officers <del>is</del> requires overhauling seriously.</p> <p>Signature <i>McDougal, H.C.</i></p>
	7	<p><u>Weather:</u> Cold, clear. RMO, Capt P.A. Tomlinson lectures offrs. Capt C.E. Raymond and party return from recce to TRIPOLI pipe line "T" stations 2200 hrs CO writes "Notes on CRETE" Unit now handling work on three bn areas and works reports on five.</p>	Appx "D" Appx "E"	
	8	<p><u>Weather:</u> Cold, misty morning- sunny later. CO holds conference Lecture by QM (Capt Capper) on "Q" matters GOC 6 Aust Div accompanied by CRAE visit unit. Preparations for expansion of carrier and mortar pls to conform with Higher Est InfBn. Tng Instn for comm 4xcercise to take place on 13 Jan 42 issued.</p>	Appx "F" Appx "G"  Appx "H"	
	9	<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine-snow still on ground. Nothing to report</p>		
	10	<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine, sunny A159 Mob Print Sec AIF-25M-141-G. Nothing to report</p>		



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EL AINE	11	<p><u>Weather:</u> Sunny, light showers-wind from SOUTH, thaw starting. CO Adjt and IO attend lecture on "Direct Air Support" at BAALBEK. Lecture by Maj Malloy of Close Support Bomber Control EIGHTH ARMY. TAT injections Tng instn ref Bn Cadre course issued.</p>	Appx "J"	
	12	<p><u>Weather:</u> Cloudy, snow gone from valley. Bn tng cadre begins- Lieut A.R.Reilly is CI, assisted by 16 NCOs.</p>		
	13	<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine, sunny, some wind. Comn excercise(see appx "H") carried out over KETTLE area- as result of this it was decided to change Bn Standing Orders for War, page 6 lines 24-29 to read" all operational messages by runner will be in duplicate.They will be delivered to the sig office- sigs will deliver one copy to addressee and one to I Office."</p>		
	14	<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine CO returns from 19 AustInf Bde. A concert "London Varieties of 1942 " on at BAALBEK. Artists include NES entertainers and Mlle Alice Delysia, noted French actress.</p>		
	15	<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine Nothing to report.</p>		
	16	<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine Lecture by CO on "The Attack"</p>		

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EL AINE	17	<u>Weather:</u> Raining, heavy wind from SOUTH New posting list issued	Appx "K"	
	18	<u>Weather:</u> Calm, dull. Bde Comd (Brig Martin) lectures offrs of 19 Bde on discipline and tng. RMO Capt P.A. Tomlinson leaves to take up duty at 7 AGH		
	19	<u>Weather:</u> Fine Further comm exercise held by BnHQ and HQs of coys, Maj McCarty MC being CO for exercise. CO announces impending move to offrs. Tng instn issued.	Appx "L" Appx "M"	
	20	<u>Weather:</u> Cloudy, wind. CO conducts Brig E.W.G.J. Erskine, comd 59 English Bde (50 British Div) over right sector.		
	21	<u>Weather:</u> Fine, windy. Final progress reports taken to Bde. Some of adv party Green Howards arrive.		
	22	<u>Weather:</u> Heavy winds from SOUTH Capt Cutcliffe leaves for SAMAKH (PALESTINE) with the band as an unloading party.		
	23	<u>Weather:</u> Windy Maj Roberts 2 i/c Green Howards takes over operational maps of areas and papers relating to Syrian and Turkish matters from I Offr. Adm Movement Order No 1 issued	Appx "N"	

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EL AINE	24	<u>Weather:</u> Cloudy, dull. Adv party under Maj Farrell leaves 0845 hrs, proceeding via DAMASCUS- QNAITRA-TIBERIAS arriving SAMAKH early evening. One casualty on trip, RP sjt breaking leg through fall from motor-cycle. Unit completes packing, 6 Bn Green Howards arrive 1730 hrs and take over duties.	Appx "O" rd map of SYRIA (NOT in duplicate diary)	
	25	<u>Weather:</u> Sleet and snow in SYRIA, fine in PALESTINE Adv party and Capt Cutcliff's party leave SAMAKH 0615 hrs arrive MASMIYA (near QASTINA) 1300 hrs. Unit leaves EL AINE morning, arrive SAMAKH in evening.		
Adv party MASMIYA Unit SAMAKH	26	<u>Weather:</u> Fine Adv party take over camp area at MASMIYA and erect tents for unit. Unit on way from SAMAKH, arrive MASMIYA 1300 hrs		
MASMIYA	27	<u>Weather:</u> Dull Adv party again leaves for HILL 69 to take over MILLS lines from 2/14 Aust Inf Bn. Unit spends day at MASMIYA-Bn pde, tng, adm		
Adv party HILL 69 Unit MASMIYA	28	<u>Weather:</u> Fine. Unit moves to HILL 69 throughout day using own tpt. 7 offrs 245 ORs arrive from ITB 1900 hrs		

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HILL 69	29	<p><u>Weather:</u> Windy, showers in morning Bn pde 0830 hrs. Capt R Maddern arrives with carriers, these having been entrained at RYAK(SYRIA) and detrained at AL MAJDHAL. TEWT for Lieuts WCs and sjts 1330 hrs under CO's instruction.</p>		
	30	<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine Cadre Course recommenced, tng gets into full operation (coy tng)</p>		
	31	<p><u>Weather:</u> Fine Night in struction cadre for NCOs of the bn starts. Adm Instn issued.</p>	Appx "P"	
		<p><u>Other Appendices</u>  1/25,000 maps of DJEDEIDE and surrounding areas showing areas worked on by this unit, and other def areas.</p>	Appx "Q"	
		<p>Appx by Capt Tomlinson AAMC on "Effects of Cold on the Body"(NOT in duplicate)</p>	Appx "R"	
		<p>Set of 200,000 maps showing routes to pipe line stations and routes for return of demolition parties(See "Bilge" in War Diary for December 41)</p>		

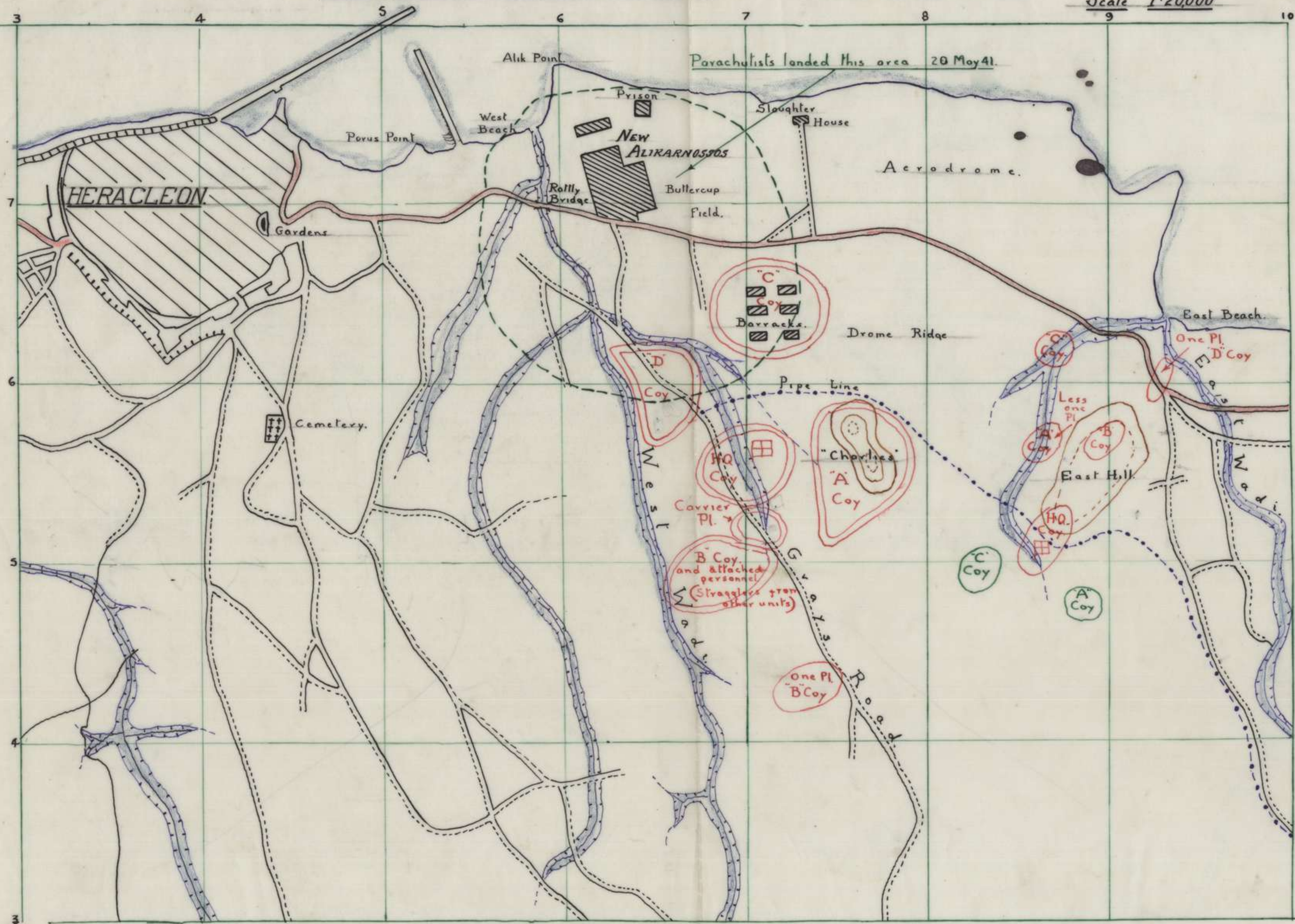
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# HERACLEON—CRETE

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CRETE

Some notes containing lessons - by CO 2/4 AUST INF BN

1. The main reason for our failure to hold CRETE was :  
Lack of equipment, including (in addition to planes) artillery and ammunition, and signal apparatus.
2. This lack of equipment was brought about by :-
  - a) The general shortage of equipment of the British Army resulting from our years of idleness and apathy during which Germany was preparing.
  - b) The difficulties that must go with a campaign being fought on exterior lines.
  - c) Lack of air support which was necessary for the continuation of the landing of supplies to CRETE, and which resulted in ships with supplies on the way to CRETE being sunk.
3. There was also a failure on the part of Higher Authority - acknowledged by Gen WAVELL - to appreciate the power of an air borne force, but this factor did not prevent Higher Authority from endeavouring to get supplies to us.
4. Reasons for such a quick German success in the Western (MALEME-SUDA BAY) Sector would appear to be :-
  - a) The failure to appreciate the power of an air borne force, and the scale on which Germany could launch such a force, led the COC GREFORCE to give priority in his preparations to the repulsing of a sea borne invasion. This led to :-
    - i) The dispersion of the force in the Western Sector in small pieces along the coast between MALEME and SUDA BAY.
    - ii) Insufficient defence of MALEME Aerodrome.
    - iii) Reserves were not held close enough to MALEME Aerodrome to be able to launch an immediate counter attack.
  - b) The Germans gained possession of MALEME Aerodrome as a result of 4(a) i), ii) and iii) and then landed large numbers of troops by landing planes.
  - c) HQ GREFORCE, was too close to the front, and became mixed up in the fight early in the Western Sector. This led to confusion and to HQ GREFORCE losing all contact with, and control over, RETHIMO and HARACLION Sectors.
  - d) Communications were poor in the extreme. The means of communication within units were at all times in GREECE and CRETE absolutely inadequate, and the same applied to Higher Formations. To make matters worse the roads of CRETE were few, and those that existed were narrow.
5. In Para 1, I stated that the main cause of our failure to hold CRETE was lack of equipment. In conjunction with this I might add that practically no preparations had been made for the holding of CRETE prior to the evacuation of GREECE. Up to that stage there was only one (1) Bde in CRETE, and that had been occupied with garrison and security duties.

There was also no continuity of command of the CRETE Garrison, General FREYBURG taking over late in the piece, after several hand overs. This was unsound.



6. Difficulty of supplying CRETE without Air Support.

Even if we had had adequate equipment on the island at the commencement of operations, and if preparations had been sound and thorough, we would only have been able to hold CRETE so long as our supplies lasted. The navy could not have continued to operate on the line of communications to CRETE unless it had adequate Fighter Support. The convoy which evacuated the HERACLION Force consisted of three (3) Cruisers and six (6) Destroyers when it set out for CRETE, but when it landed back at ALEXANDRIA two of the Destroyers had been sunk and the three Cruisers were badly damaged.

7. Summary of Diary showing main events during the 2/4 Aust Inf Bn's stay on CRETE is given as Appendix "A". The map referred to in the Summary of the Diary is attached as Appendix "B".

8. Weak Points in the German Attack on HERACLION

- a) Reconnaissance had been poor. Our strength was underestimated. Parachutists were landed in areas occupied by our troops and these met certain death.
- b) Parachutists did not arrive on some objectives immediately after the bombardment. Perhaps 15 or 20 minutes elapsed. Was this faulty timing? It would appear so. This was one grave mistake the Germans made at HERACLION. In one area the parachutists had no support while they landed. It would have been sound to have kept up a pretence at bombing and machine gunning while they landed.

9. Strong Points in the German Attack

- a) Key tactical points were included in objectives, as well as the town and aerodrome.
- b) Thoroughness in organisation of the air borne force.
- c) The very good equipment of the air borne troops.

10. Strong Points in our Defence of HERACLION Sector.

- a) A correct appreciation of the method of attack had been made.
  - i. Preliminary bombardment and machine gunning was expected on a larger scale than actually occurred. It was thought that the "HUN" would keep up a pretence at bombing and machine gunning while the parachutists were landing, and the troops were told to expect this. The deduction was that the men must be alive after bombing in order to deal with parachutists who would follow. All men had carefully camouflaged slit trenches and dugouts with overhead cover (to prevent injury from machine gunning). The plan was for them to come from under cover and man their fire positions as soon as parachutists commenced to land. As a result casualties due to the bombing were exceptionally light. I had two men with minor injuries in my Battalion.
  - ii. It was appreciated that the parachutists could land over a wide area, and that plane or gliders could be crashed landed among the vineyards. As a result the force was dispersed over as large an area as possible surrounding the harbour and aerodrome, consistent with the covering by fire of the country.
  - iii. The Aerodrome was considered to be the "HUN's" main objective, and in addition to its being covered by fire, reserves were dug in close to it and given the primary role of counter attacking to regain it if lost.



- (b) One battalion was kept in reserve outside the area held by our troops. Its role was to counter attack where required, or deal with enemy who gained a footing outside our area.
- (c) Each post was holding seven (7) days reserve of water and food, and reserve ammunition.
- (d) Sections within platoons, and platoons within sections, acted aggressively.
- (e) Units and sub-units down to sections were sited for all round defence, and all sub-units down to sections were rehearsed for immediate counter attack in any direction before the actual invasion came.

11. Weak Points in our Defence of HERACLION Sector.

- (a) I feel that the reserve bn mentioned in para (b) of "strong points" was not used correctly. I felt that it ~~xxxx~~ should have been used to destroy the enemy remnants that gained a footing on either the WEST or EAST of the Sector, without delay. Then the other area could have been dealt with.

However the reserve bn was drawn within the defended area during the first night, and no attack was launched till several days later.

- (b) We had insufficient equipment - particularly artillery and ammunition. Our artillery consisted of nine (9) Italian guns, and the ammunition was all used up in harassing fire over about two days and in supporting one battalion attack.
- (c) One of our ADS's was at KNOSSOS, well outside the defended area, and we lost this early in the operations.

12. SOME LESSONS FROM CRATE

1. LESSONS CONCERNING DEFENCE

- (a) Dispositions of Troops for Defence against Air Borne Troops.

The troops should be disposed as follows :-

- i) A defended line should be taken up all round the vital points to be defended. The task of the troops in this line or perimeter is to repulse any land attack by enemy troops which have landed outside the defended area. Each unit and sub-unit down to the section in this perimeter should be sited for all round defence. A reserve should be held to counter attack to restore the position anywhere on the perimeter.
- ii) Apart from the troops in the perimeter and their reserve there should be other troops disposed within the defended area whose role would be destroy parachutists landing inside the perimeter. As far as possible they should be sited so that the whole area to be defended is covered by fire. If that is done parachutists will have no chance of getting a footing in the area unless they land in the night. The troops within the perimeter must be prepared to launch immediate counter attacks in any direction. This applies to all sub-units down to sections. These counter attacks will effectively destroy any enemy who lands in a spot that cannot be covered, or who lands at night. Carriers or wheeled armoured vehicles will be excellent for this destruction of parachutists or other air borne troops who land within the defended area.



- iii) Local reserves should be dug in very near to any vital points (aerodromes etc) within the defended area, with the sole role of counter attacking to recapture these vital points if lost. (See para 10(a)iii) above)
  - iv) A strong mobile reserve, as mobile as it is possible to make it, should be held outside the defended area, prepared to destroy without delay any enemy who landed outside the perimeter and managed to organise. This reserve should be a self contained unit of at least a battalion, with extra carriers, a battery of field artillery, detachments of engineers and Field Ambulance, a section or troop of A/Tk guns, and a section or troop of AA guns. The nature of the country will at times make it tactically desirable to have two or more such groups disposed in different parts of the surrounding country.
- (b) All Round Defence - All units and sub-units down to and including sections must be sited for all round defence.
  - (c) Rehearsals for Counter Attack - All sub-units down to and including sections of the troops in the perimeter and disposed inside the perimeter should prior to the invasion be rehearsed for immediate counter attacks in any direction. Counter attacks onto some other part of the area should also be rehearsed by all units or groups.
  - (d) Aggressive Patrolling - Aggressive patrolling by units in the perimeter will delay the enemy outside the perimeter organising. This will render the destruction by the reserve mentioned in para 12 (a)iv) above more easy.
  - (e) Position of Headquarters - All Headquarters must be placed in as secure a position as possible, and not close up to where it is appreciated the fight will commence ( See para 4 (c) above.
  - (f) Continuity in Command Essential - Reasonable continuity of command is essential for success (See para 5 above)
  - (g) Artillery Essential for Defence - Artillery is essential for successful defence. We could not dislodge enemy from his strong points owing to lack of artillery and artillery ammunition. (See para 11 (b) above).
  - (h) The signal equipment of battalions is inadequate for modern warfare.
  - (i) Air Support - (Fighter) is essential to protect our navy in its task of protecting the lines of communications, and as in the case of CRETE, carrying supplies. Without it the navy would be destroyed. (See para 6 above).
  - (j) Enemy lands in built up areas and among trees and vines. (See para 10(a)ii) and Appendix "A" 20 May).
  - (k) Narrow slit trenches with overhead cover should be provided for defending troops to shelter in during the preliminary bombardment. Fire positions should be adjacent or incorporated and in such a position that they can be manned immediately the paratroops or other air borne troops commence to land (See para 10(a)).
  - (l) It is essential for defence posts, (slit trenches etc) to be well camouflaged. Enemy reconnaissance planes flew over HERRACLION area daily during our period of preparation. Posts were camouflaged as their preparation progressed, and no movement was allowed when reconnaissance planes were about. Blankets and clothes were hidden during daylight hours.



As a result the enemy underestimated our strength at HERACLION, and so landed in areas held by our troops with disastrous results to himself. (See paras 8(a) and 10(a) above)

- m (m) Reserve Rations, Water and Ammunition should be held in each post. Owing to the suddenness of parachutist landings, troops moving anywhere outside a defended area are liable to be cut off. Therefore they should carry water bottle and Reserve Rations whenever they move.
- (n) During the first day or two after the enemy makes his first landings he is in a certain state of confusion. By using captured ground signs, very pistols etc, his confusion can be increased. They must, however, not be used indiscriminately. (See Appendix "A" for 22 May)
- (o) When the enemy gains a footing the operations turn into normal land warfare (See Appendix "A").
- (p) RAPS being isolated, or being likely to be cut off, should have a supply of intravenous anaesthetics and extra surgical equipment.
- (q) ADS's should NOT be outside the defended area. (See para 11 (c) above).
- (r) *See addendum.*

#### 11. LESSONS CONCERNING ATTACK BY AIR BORNE TROOPS

- (s) The power of an air-borne force must not be under estimated. Only when we make a correct estimation of the probable enemy strength that can be launched against us will we take sufficient steps to defeat the enemy.

We should not merely think of defence against air-borne troops, but rather should we consider ways of using them offensively. The air enables us to use the third dimension for moving infantry, flying over defended lines or other obstacles instead of merely considering their length and breadth when devising ways of blasting a-way through or past them.

From personal experience and discussions, I'm convinced that much greater imagination must be shown by many British Officers, of relatively senior as well as junior ranks. They continue to underestimate the possibilities of air borne troops.

- (t) Thorough organisation of an air borne force is essential. First class equipment is likewise essential. Therefore we should be giving much thought to, and making much preparation for offensive action by air borne troops.
- (u) Good reconnaissance is essential for a successful attack by air borne troops. Daylight landings by parachutists in defended areas will not succeed. Night landings in defended areas may meet with some success - there was no example of this on CRATE. Landings should take place and a "bridgehead" would be formed in areas that are not defended (whether the landing is by day or night) and then this bridgehead should be reinforced (at night if necessary) by men and material. (See para 8(a) and Appendix "A" 20 May).
- (v) The landing of air borne troops should be made immediately after the bombardment; this is exactly the same situation as in infantry on foot closely following a barrage. The bombardment (and machine gunning) should be kept up on areas adjacent to those where parachutists or other air borne troops are landing, and a pretence at air action should be kept up where they are actually landing, by planes sweeping and screaming low over the defenders (See para 8 (b)).
- (w) Morale of parachutists must be of the highest standard. Isolated "HUN" posts fought to the last. This is necessary, for communications will be exceedingly difficult for some time



after the original landing.

ADDENDUM

Para 12 - Part 1.

- (r) Key points including tactical features should be held, for the enemy includes them in his objectives. .

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APPENDIX "A"

HERACLION - (Diary of 2/4 Aust Inf Bn)

26 April Arrived SUDAX BAY from GREECE.

29 " Orders to move to HERACLION. Left by Destroyers "HOTSPUR" and "HAVOC" at 0100 hrs and arrived HERACLION 0400hrs 30 April.

30 " Took up first position at HERACLION - dispositions indicated on map. (The positions indicated with single red circles are our ~~first~~ positions in this area, before being relieved by 2 BW. "A" and "C" Coys had role of immediate counter attack on meredreme, for which role they had been rehearsed.

The green circles indicate the positions "A" and "C" Coys had held on first taking up our positions. In this original layout "A" Coy was to deal with enemy landing in the Vineyards NE of it, and "C" Coys role was to counter attack, either WEST and NW, or to the Vineyards EAST of EAST HILL.)

10 May Moved at dusk to new position (marked on sketch with double red lines) which was held until the evacuation. Were relieved by 2 Black Watch who had much larger numbers and full number of weapons.

12 " Moonlight. Enemy aircraft flew over area for a considerable time, and dropped bombs in the POIOUS area. This was before dawn.

13 " More bombing in moonlight in small hours of morning. At 1800 hrs five fighter bombers flew over and were broken up by one of our "Gladiators".

At approx 2100hrs area was machine gunned - in the dusk - but no bombs dropped. These planes were probably the fighter escort of a formation which was at that time attacking our navy out to sea.

14 " Area bombed in small hours of morning. Daylight machine gunning raid at lunch time by hedge-hopping Messerschmidt 110s. Three planes shot down.

15 " Bombing between 0500 and 0545 hrs. Man killed by fall of earth - ( first casualty in Bn from enemy action).

16 " Quiet night. 20 EA raided area at 1430 hrs.

18 " "Stand to Arms" at 1630 hrs. Forty (40) EA reported approaching, but did not appear. Only two planes appeared, seven more made a raid at 1800 hrs.

19 " Raids at 0630 and 1730 hrs. No further casualties.

20 " Considerable air activity, bombing (high level and dive) and machine gunning, throughout the morning. Fifty planes altogether.

Information that parachutists and other air borne troops were invading Western end of island.

At 1600hrs heavy attack made by high level and dive bombers, and machine gunning from the air. This was intense until 1700 hrs. Then parachutists commenced to land first over HERACLION and WEST of it. Shortly afterwards they commenced to land in the area from NEW ALIKARNOSSOS to point about 1000x SOUTH and SE of it, on EAST HILL and in the vineyards a little EAST of it, and in a further area still further EAST.



APPENDIX "A"20 May  
(Cont.)

The Germans landing in occupied areas were killed almost to a man. Those landing beyond the limits of the defended areas gained a footing on CRETE, and formed lines facing the British perimeter on the EAST and WEST. In subsequent days these German forces were supplied regularly by parachute, and reinforced by parachutists, as many as 1500 coming in on 28 May. After the first day the warfare was ordinary land warfare, only both sides had no heavy artillery. *(See next para)*

Summary of Diary of 2/4 Aust Inf Bn from 20 May 41.

As mentioned above, after the initial parachutist landings, and when the enemy had gained a footing outside our occupied area, the warfare was ordinary land warfare, only both sides had no heavy armaments, apart from the enemy's planes which afforded the equivalent of long range shelling.

Each morning, with monotonous regularity, the "HUN's" supply planes, (his "B" Echelon as we called them) flew in and dropped supplies without interference on our part, for they were well over his lines.

By using an enemy signal one morning 2/4 Aust Inf Bn induced the enemy to drop the contents of seven planes (25 parachutes all carrying stores, one a motor cycle and side car combination) in our area.

Once the German gained a footing he went far and occupied key features, making especially for high ground (eg APEX HILL)

Vigorous patrolling on our part deterred ~~xxx~~ him and also kept him at a distance. It also discouraged him from attacking early.

Here follow the main events that occurred between 20 May and 28 May, as far as 2/4 Aust Inf Bn was concerned.

- 21 May Cleaning up isolated posts held tenaciously by "HUNS". Some of these "HUNS" had occupied Greek Barracks "C" Coy Area. Enemy on "B" Coys front dealt with. Enemy occupied area on opposite side of WEST WADI to "B" Coy.
- 22 May Active patrolling on our part night 21/22. Seven planes dropped parachutes containing stores over "C" Coys area in answer to captured very lights. "B" Coy fighting patrol destroyed enemy on APEX HILL.
- 23 May Lieut KESTVEN with standing patrol occupied APEX HILL. Heavy bombing of NERACLION town.
- 26 May KESTVEN's patrol surrounded. Fought way out with bayonet and Tommy Guns inflicting heavy loss on enemy. Came in through 2 Bn area. Later a standing patrol of a Platoon was placed about 1000' SE of "B" Coy. (A platoon had been posted here throughout until KESTVEN went further to APEX HILL.
- 28 May Conference at Area HQ at 0630 hrs when orders for evacuation were given. Intense bombardment for 1 3/4 hrs late in afternoon - indicated that attack by enemy was imminent. It was expected to follow the bombardment, but when it didn't it would probably take place next day. Withdrawal carried out smoothly - an excellent piece of work.



APPENDIX "A"

- 28 May  
(Cont) BnHQ and final forward elements left about 0035 hrs.  
About that time an enemy patrol was encountered between  
BnHQ and "B" Coy, having penetrated the area. Steamed  
out of HERACLION at 0300 hrs on 29 May.
- 29 May Bombed heavily and continuously from 0600 till 1030 hrs.  
Three raids after that hour. Arrived ALEXANDRIA after  
dark.

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*Int A 64*



SECRET.

2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
In the Field  
25th 42 - Original  
Approx "D" to War Diary for Jan 42

Hq  
19 Aust Inf Bde

(War Diary Copy)

NOTES ON CRETE

CO 2/4 Aust Inf Bn has written some short notes, including notes on Lessons on Crete. These notes were written for War Diary purposes, but copies are forwarded for forwarding to Higher Authority, as some of the lessons may be incorporated in the GOC's "Letter to Australia".

2/4 Aust Inf Bn was stationed at HERACLEON during the invasion of CRETE and afterwards until 29 May.

The comments on the MALME-SUDA BAY sector are made after giving thought to the methods of Defence at that end of the island, and the fighting which took place after the invasion.

It is considered that "Middle East Training Pamphlet No.1, Parts I and II" are very sound, but we must also consider "Offence by means of Air Borne Troops" as well as "Defence against Air Borne Troops", and "Night Operations for Air Borne Troops" for cases where we do not possess air superiority. It is felt that night operations would provide an effective way of landing air borne troops, or of reinforcing or supplying those already landed, in cases where the enemy had air superiority. In this connection it is felt that "Middle East Training Pamphlet No.1, Part II Section 12 Para (iii) is open to criticism.

*J. S. Langhorne*

Cmd 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

Lt Col



Appx 'c' to War Dia, for Jan 42.

Act:

1. Ref. attached memo from RMO: -
2. Cannot comment.

C.P.  
I must put  
about 2 (1)  
is eating  
on this  
man on  
today.

(1) A drying room has been allocated & Maj. Jansell is completing arrangements for its functioning.

(2) With existing primuses etc. in lay this should be possible & under lay arrangements

Further primuses are being purchased & if it is considered necessary unit primuses could be made available for this purpose.

It is NOT considered desirable that this water should be heated by unit cooking apparatus.

(3). The Bde AS&C Supply office has endeavoured to obtain anti-frostbite grease, but without success. I suggest RMO make representations through medical channels.

yes  
noted  
Gub

WRITE ON BOTH SIDES. IT'S A WARTIME ECONOMY.



(4<sup>th</sup>.) No <sup>AB.</sup> boots under present conditions are waterproof to any degree, & it is considered that boots repaired by unit boot repairs are in no way less waterproof than boots which have not been repaired. I have made technical inquiries, which confirm this view.

In any case the recognition which the RMO suggests - even if justified - would have to be made by higher authority.

*McLain*  
Capt  
Q. M. 2/4 Bn. A. I. F.

6/1/42



6 Jan 42.

C.O.,  
2/4 Aust. Inf. Bn.,

Early Frost Bite Feet.

1. The number of cases reporting for treatment of foot conditions resulting from cold is increasing rapidly.
2. On 2 Dec 41 suggestions were made for the prevention of these conditions. These suggestions are not being carried out universally.

If we are to survive this winter without injury to the men's feet, I consider that the following measures are essential.

1. Establishment of a drying room for boots & socks
2. Daily bathing (before retiring) for feet of all ranks in warm but not hot water.
3. Antifrost bite grease or whale oil for the feet
4. The recognition that boots which have been repaired in the unit are not waterproof to any degree and are unsuitable for these conditions

~~Q~~  
For comment.

Phy 8/11

See attached note.

P.A. Tomlinson Capt.

R.M.O. 2/4 Aust. Inf. Bn.



Appx "B" to War Diary for Jan 42 - Original

Copy No. 12.....

6 JAN 42.

2/4 AUST INF BN TNG INSTN

1. It is probable that during the winter there will be some days during which it will be impracticable to work in the field owing to inclement weather. During such days all available personnel will carry out indoor tng under sub-unit arrangements.
2. Sub-units will prepare and submit to this HQ by 10 Jan 42 syllabi covering eight half days tng.
3. This HQ will be advised as each half days tng is completed.
4. Night tng syllabi referred to in this HQ Tng Instn, para 1 (b) of 30 Dec 41, will be submitted on Saturdays weekly.

*J. J. J. J.*  
 Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

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Method of Dist - Runner

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
1. JAN. 42

By

LT COL I. N. DOUGHERTY D.S.O.

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 194

1. DUTIES :

(To mount at 1730 hrs 1 Jan 42)  
Duty Coy - Hq Coy  
Next for Duty - "B" Coy

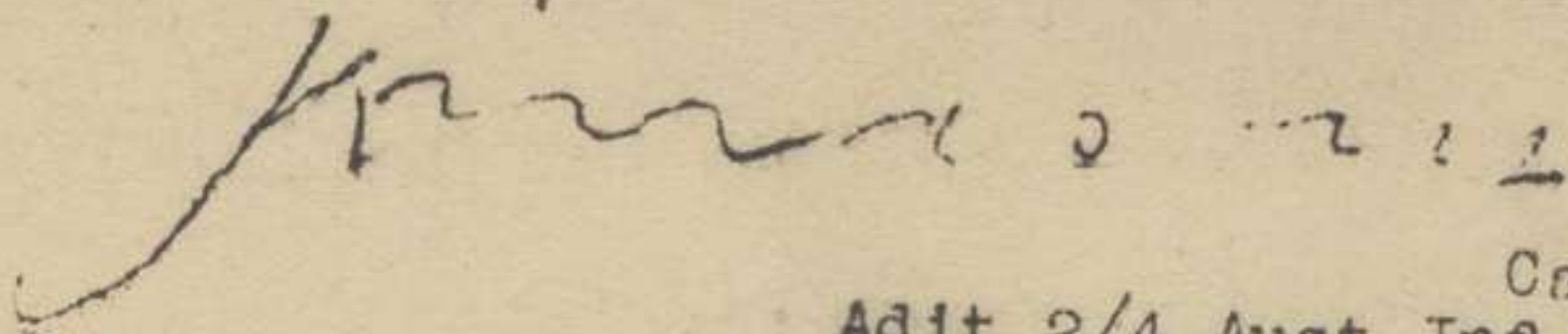
(To mount at 1730 hrs 1 Jan 42)  
Bn orderly officer - Lieut L.F. Howlett  
Next for Duty - Lieut E.P.A. Smith

Guard Comd - Sjt Browning J.F.  
Next for Duty - Sjt Goodwin L.F.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 1 Jan 42)  
Duty officer - Lieut T.L. Mort  
Next for Duty - Lieut J.P. Collins

2. ADMINISTRATIVE STANDING ORDERS:

2/4 Aust Inf Bn Administrative Standing  
Orders, Section 5 are issued as Appendix  
"A" to Routine Orders No. 194 of 1 Jan 42.



Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.



ADMINISTRATIVE STANDING ORDERS SECTION 2

Duties of Bn Orderly Officer,  
Bn Orderly Sjt,  
Bn Orderly Cpl.

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PART I : DUTIES OF BN ORDERLY OFFICER

1. The Bn OO will mount daily at Retreat and during his tour of duty will be responsible for the maintenance of good order and conduct within the camp and the carrying out of existing orders and instns.
2. The following routine duties will be carried out :-
  - (a) i Inspect the Bn Guard and mount it when he is satisfied with it in every respect.
  - ii Inspect the Old Guard and march it off to its lines for dismissal.
  - iii Ensure that Guards are familiar with their duties and can efficiently carry them out.
  - iv Turn out and inspect the Guard once by night and once by day.
  - v Visit all sentries between 0100 hrs and 0300 hrs to ensure they are alert.
  - (b) i Ensure that Coys carry out a Tattoo roll call and report any absent personnel.
  - ii Advise the Duty Offr and Guard the location of his sleeping quarters, and turn out if required or if he hears any unusual movement or noise in the area.
  - (c) i Inspect the Bn Appointment Board when he comes on duty, at Lights Out, and at Reveille, and at 1230 hrs on his day of duty, ensuring that Section of these orders is complied with.
  - ii Ensure that Bn personnel turn out at Reveille.
  - iii Report to the Adjutant at 0715 hrs for any special instructions.
  - iv Keep correct signal time and be prepared to synchronize watches at 0800 hrs.
  - (d) i Accompanied by the Orderly Sjt attend all mess parades to ensure that times are adhered to, that proper control is exercised and that the food is well prepared. He shall report any irregularity which he cannot remedy on the spot.
  - ii Carry out an inspection of camp lines and quarters, paying special attention to kitchens and latrines.
  - iii Deal with Coy Orderly Offrs in all matters relating to the Coy.
  - iv Inspect all parties leaving camp and ensure that they are correctly dressed, in possession of leave passes where necessary and complete.
  - v Attend all Bn parades and in the absence of the Adjutant hand over the parade.
  - vi Inspect the regimental canteen to ensure that good is kept and that it is run in accordance with the regulations.
  - vii Inspect all fire-fighting appliances and ensure they are adequate.
  - (e) i He will know the whereabouts of all officers at all times.
  - ii Make sure that all personnel are correctly attired and conduct themselves in soldierlike manner.
  - iii Pass on to the Adjutant or the officer in control any matter beyond his control.
  - iv Remain in camp during his tour of duty and advise Bn Orderly Room his whereabouts.



APPENDIX "A" to Bn RO. No. 194 dated 1 JAN 42

PART I : DUTIES OF BN ORDERLY OFFICER (Continued)

- v Hand over to his relief any matters requiring attention that he has not completed during his tour of duty.
- vi After dismounting submit to the Adjutant a report on his tour of duty, stating any unusual occurrences and giving particulars and whether security regulations have been carried out.
- vii Submit a report to the Bn IO stating whether any visits were made to the unit by senior authorities.

PART II : DUTIES OF BN ORDERLY SGT.

- (a) The Bn Orderly Sgt will mount daily at Retreat and during his tour of duty is responsible to the Bn Orderly Officer for all duties delegated to him by the Bn Orderly Officer. He will assist the Orderly Officer as directed.
- (b) He will carry out the following routine duties:
  - i Report to Bn CO 10 minutes before Retreat.
  - ii Attend all Bn parades.
  - iii Collect Tattoo reports from Bn Orderly Cpl and pass them to Bn CO.
  - iv Report to Bn CO at Bn HQ at Reveille.
  - v At all times know the whereabouts of the Bn CO.
  - vi Attend all mess parades with the Bn CO.
  - vii Attend inspection of camp lines with Bn CO.
  - viii Investigate any unusual noise or movements in camp lines and if necessary report to the Bn CO.
  - ix Assure that he knows the sleeping quarters of the Bn CO.

PART III : DUTIES OF BN ORDERLY CPL.

- (a) The Bn Orderly Cpl will mount at Retreat and during his tour of duty is responsible to the Bn Orderly Officer and Sgt for all duties delegated to him by them.
- (b) In addition he will carry out the following routine duties:
  - i Report to Bn Orderly Sgt 10 minutes before Retreat.
  - ii Attend all Bn Parades.
  - iii Collect Tattoo reports from Coy Sergeants and pass them to Bn Orderly Sgt.
  - iv Investigates any unusual noise or occurrences in camp lines and if necessary report to Bn Orderly Sgt.
  - v Report to Bn Orderly Sgt at Bn HQ at Reveille.
  - vi Engage that there is always an orderly at Bn HQ.
  - vii Attend all mess parades, collect reports and distribute them to Bn CO.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

FIELD

by

2 Jan 42

LT COL I.N.DOUGHERTY DSO

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

No 195

1. DUTIES

(To mount at 1730 hrs 2 Jan 42)

Duty Coy "B" Coy  
Next for Duty "D" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut J.P.Collins  
Next for Duty - Lieut F.C.Brownhill

Guard Comd - Sjt Goodwin L  
Next for Duty - Sjt Mulquinney R.B.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 2 Jan 42)

Duty Officer - Lieut J.B.Hyles  
Next for Duty - Lieut R.W.Ellerman

2. COURT OF ENQUIRY

The undermentioned Court of Enquiry is convened to enquire into and report upon a road accident on 29 Dec 41:-

President - Lieut F.C.Brownhill  
Member - Lieut R.W.Ellerman

The Court will assemble at BnHQ by 0830 hrs 3 Jan 42

3. EVASION OF CENSORSHIP

Recent reports indicate that a considerable number of tps en route for PALESTINE and EGYPT have been carrying letters for civilians, thus enabling them to evade military censorship.

All ranks are warned of the seriousness of this offence.

Offenders will be severely dealt with.

4. ACF GOODS IN CANTEENS

Several complaints have been received recently of soldiers purchasing in Canteens, goods which were subsequently found to bear the ACF free issue label.

It is to be explained to all ranks that this has taken place on several occasions, due entirely to the fact that the articles for both organisations are packed in the same factory, and often at the same time. It is thus often difficult for the packers to determine which is which, and mistakes have occurred. On one occasion recently, out of 3000 tins of tobacco opened only 5 were found to bear the ACF mark.

5. POLISHING OF BRASSES

All webbing equipment brasses and other brass parts of arms and equipment used or worn, or likely to be used or worn, by tps during active service operations will be left unpolished and allowed to become dull, as polishing bright parts renders tps more liable to observation from the air and from the ground



LEAVE PASSES

All leave passes will be written in ink or typed. Passes written in pencil lend themselves too easily to abuse and will not be issued.

7. USE OF FIREARMS - SHOOTING OF GAME

Reports have been received that Service Small Arms are sometimes used for shooting game in the Orontes River area. This is not only dangerous to working parties, but is also a misuse of Service Arms and Amn.

Further wrongful use of Service weapons and Amn or shooting of game will incur severe disciplinary action.

8. BOUNDS - BEIRUT

The VICTORY CAFE is out of bounds to all ranks.

9. ASSISTANCE TO PROVOST

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

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

10. ROAD REPAIR MATERIALS

Attention is directed to the fact that road repairs being carried out by Public Works Depts of SYRIA and the LEBANON are for the benefit of the Allied Forces. Removal of road repair material delays this work and several cases of removal have been reported recently.

Any such cases in the future will be dealt with as offences.

11. SECURITY - CARRYING OF ARMS

Revolvers need no longer be carried in BEIRUT.

12. AUDIT BOARD

Bn Audit Board is amended and the following board appointed:-

Major J. McCarty  
Capt F. J. Fegg  
Lieut G. W. Martin

*[Signature]*  
Capt  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I NO 195 OF 2 JAN 42  
PROMOTIONS

NX 5199 Cpl Saunders T.C. promoted Serjeant 1 Jan 42  
NX 9514 Cpl Gibbs W. do

STRENGTH DECREASE

NX 5199 Sjt Saunders T.C. transferred to 19 Aust Inf Tng Bn 2 Jan 42  
NX 3997 Sjt Treleaven A do  
NX 5127 Cpl Hall G.E.P. transferred to 6 Aust Inf Specialist Gp 2 Jan 42



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IN THE FIELD  
4 JAN 42

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COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 197

D. DUTIES :

(To mount at 1730 hrs 4 Jan 42)

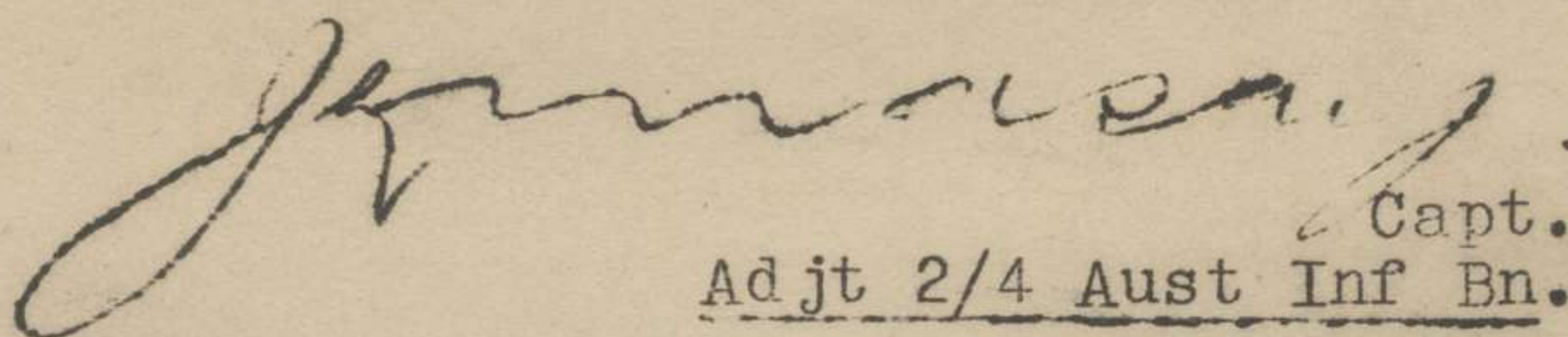
Duty Coy - "C" Coy  
Next for Duty - "B" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut Y.W. Ormiston  
Next for Duty - Lieut J.H. Brown

Guard Comd - Cpl Lewis H.  
Next for Duty - Sjt Swanson DCM L.R.

(To mount at 1700 4 Jan 42)

Duty Officer - Lieut T.J. Taylor  
Next for Duty - Lieut N.I. Howard

  
Capt.  
Adjnt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I NO. 197 OF 4 JAN 42

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

NO. 5367 L/Cpl Johnston W. promoted to Cpl as from....4 Jan 42



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
5 JAN 42.

by

LT. COL I.N. DOUGHERTY D.S.O.

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 198

1. DUTIES :

(To mount at 1730 hrs 5 Jan 42)

Duty Coy - "B" Coy

Next for Duty - "D" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut J.H. Brown

Next for Duty - Lieut J.H. Hyles

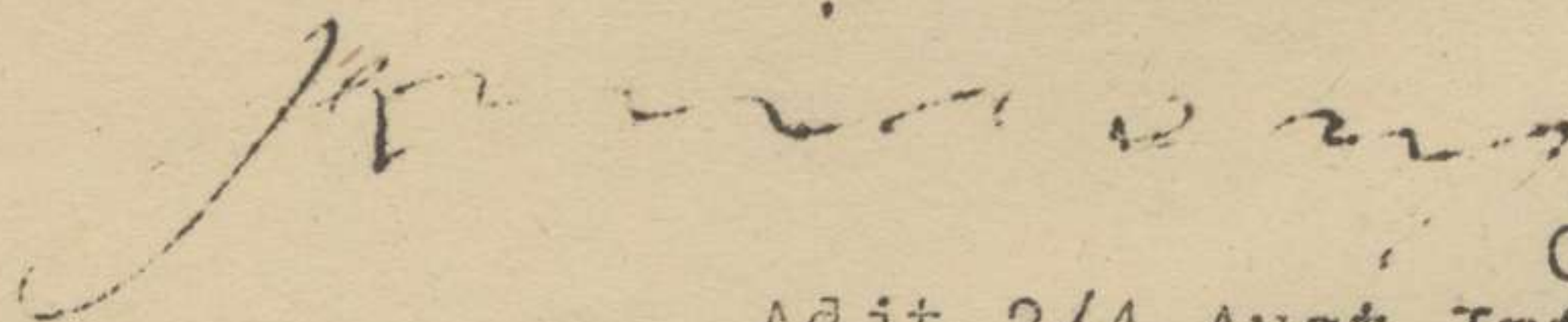
Guard Comd - Sjt Swanson L.R. DCM

Next for Duty - Sjt Hill P.P.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 5 Jan 42)

Duty Officer - Lieut J.P. Collins

Next for Duty - Lieut F.C. Brownhill.



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LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY D.S.O.

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO.199

1. DUTIES :

(To mount at 1730 hrs 6 Jan 42)  
Duty Coy - "D" Coy  
Next for Duty - "C" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut B.E.O'Mara  
Next for Duty - Lieut T.J.Taylor

Guard Comd - Sjt Hill P.P.  
Next for Duty - Cpl Lewis H,

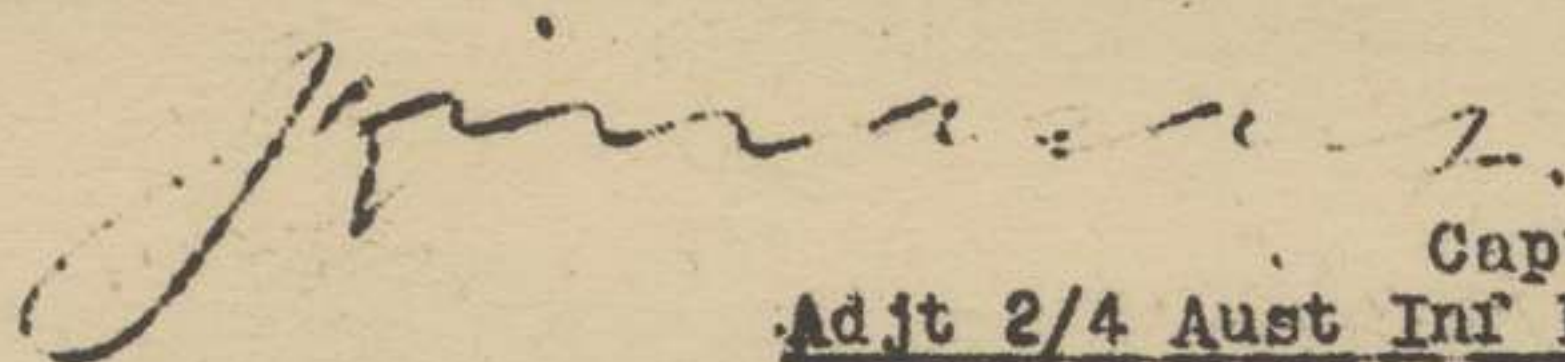
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Duty Officer - Lieut F.C.Brownhill  
Next for Duty - Lieut Y.W.Ormiston.

2. AIR MAIL TO AUSTRALIA:

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

So far as possible air mail letter cards should be used in lieu of letters, and letters should be restricted to a maximum of two sheets of air mail paper in order to cut down weight.

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

  
Capt.  
Adj. 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

INDEX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO.199 OF 6 JAN 42

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

18 3276 L/Cpl Sherrit J.K. promoted to Cpl as from....6 Jan 42.

CRIMES & PUNISHMENTS

18 66315 Pte McKinnirey F.D. "D" Coy : Charge : Conduct to the  
prejudice of good  
order & military  
discipline.  
Award : 4 days CB.  
Date : 4 Jan 42.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

7 JAN 42

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY DSO

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

No 200.

1. DUTIES

(To mount 1730 hrs 7 Jan 42)

Duty Coy "C" Coy  
Next for Duty "B" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut T.J. Taylor  
Next for Duty - Lieut J.H. Brown

Guard Comd - Cpl Lewis H.  
Next for Duty - Sjt Dalla P.G.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 7 Jan 42)

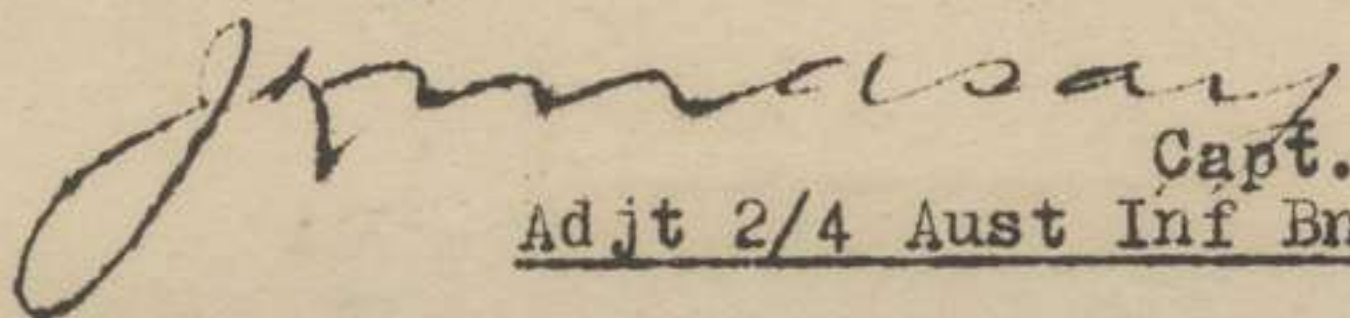
Duty Officer - Lieut R.W. Ellerman  
Next for Duty - Lieut E.P.A. Smith

2. BOUNDS - BEIRUT

BEIRUT has been declared out of bounds to all ranks of AIF. All ranks on duty in BEIRUT will carry duty passes. Severest disciplinary action will be taken against all ranks infringing this order.

3. REGIMENTAL LIBRARY

All Library Books are to be returned to I Office by Sunday 11 Jan 42 for checking. The Library will re-open on Wednesday 14 Jan 42.

  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.



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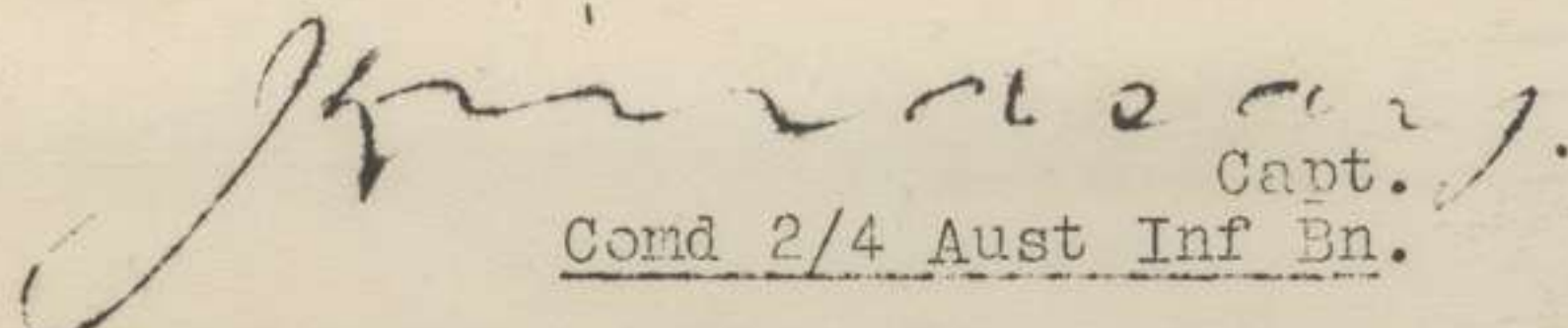
COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

No. 201

1. DUTIES:
- (To mount at 1730 hrs 8 Jan 42)
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|--------------------|----------------------|
| Duty Coy           | - "B" Coy            |
| Next for Duty      | - "D" Coy            |
| Bn Orderly Officer | - Lieut J.H. Brown   |
| Next for Duty      | - Lieut L.F. Howlett |
| Guard Comd         | - Sjt Dalla P.J.     |
| Next for Duty      | - Sjt Mulquiney R.B. |
- (To mount at 1700 hrs 8 Jan 42)
- |               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Duty Officer  | - Lieut E.P.A. Smith |
| Next for Duty | - Lieut T.L. Mort.   |

2. UNIT GAS OFFICER:

Lieut T.L. Mort is appointed Unit Gas Officer; vice, Capt C. Chrystal.

  
Capt.  
Comd 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO. 201 of 8 JAN 42

TRANSFERS INTER-COY

NX 1720 Pte Robertson F.R. "C" Coy to "B" Coy.....8 Jan 42

STRENGTH DECREASE

NX 13375 Pte Alexander T.C. transferred to 19 Aust Inf Bde  
8 Jan 42.



IN THE FIELD  
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ASSIGNMENT LIST

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LET COL. W. H. ...

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ATTACHED TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO. 101 OF 1 JAN 42

EXERCISES INTER-GOV

RE 1940 Pte Robertson ...

EXERCISES INTER-GOV

RE 1942 Pte Alexander ...



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
9 JAN 42

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY DSO

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 202

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 9 Jan 42)

Duty Coy - "D" Coy

Next for Duty - "C" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - **Lieut L.F. Howlett**

Next for Duty - **Lieut F.C. Brownhill**

Guard Comd - Sjt Mulquiney R.B.

Next for Duty - Sjt Bennett J.C.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 9 Jan 42)

Duty Officer - Lieut T.L. Mort

Next for Duty - Lieut G.W. Jackett,

2. CHURCH SERVICES --(Sunday, 11 Jan 42):

RC Mass will be celebrated in :  
Padre's Hut at 0900 hrs.

3. AIR MAIL SERVICE

The Air-mail service between Australia and  
the Middle East has been temporarily suspended.

4. TETANUS TOXOID INNOCULATIONS :

All ranks will parade at RMP at the undermentioned  
times on Sunday 11 Jan 42 to receive Tetanus  
Innoculations:-

"A" Coy - 1300 hrs

"B" Coy - 1320 hrs

"C" Coy - 1340 hrs

"D" Coy - 1400 hrs

Bn HQ - 1420 hrs

HQ Coy - 1425 hrs

5. ADMINISTRATIVE STANDING ORDERS:

2/4 Aust Inf Bn Administrative Standing Orders, Section  
6 are issued as Appendix "A" to Routine  
Orders No 202 of 9, Jan 42.

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Adj. 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.



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APPENDIX "A" TO BN RO NO 202 DATED 9 JAN 42

ADMINISTRATIVE STANDING ORDERS SECTION 6

ACCOUNTS

1. THE PREPARATION OF REGIMENTAL ACCOUNTS

The accounts to be kept by 2/4 Aust Inf Bn are as follows:-

- Regtl Funds Account
- Supplementary Rations Account
- Mess Accounts - Officers and Serjeants
- Petty Cash Account
- Postage and Cable Receipts
- Mens Canteen Accounts

The general principles governing the handling of monies will be observed in all cases.

Receipts will be issued for all monies received and payment vouchers will support all payments made.

Particulars of Receipts and Payments will be entered into a Cash Book and the balance of the Cash Book will be the amount of cash in hand and in Unit Trust Account.

In the case of Regtl, Mess Accounts and Men's Canteen Fund, a Unit Trust Account will be opened with AIF Field Cash Office into which all cash received will be banked, and this account will be operated in accordance with unit and general instructions.

All accounts for payment will be authorised by proper authority and will bear the signature of the officer authorising payment.

1) REGIMENTAL FUNDS ACCOUNT

The records of this account will be maintained by an officer of the unit whose duty will be to enter all Receipts and Payments. The adjutant is responsible unless another officer is nominated.

The main source of receipts are from the distribution of monthly Canteen profits and credits for these amounts are entered into the Trust Account from advices in the possession of the Unit Pay Sjt.

All payments from Regtl Funds A/C will be authorised by the CO, and vouchers bearing the authority will support all payments. The officer keeping this account will keep the CO advised of the amount of Regtl Funds in hand from time to time.

The form of Cash Book for this account will be:-

CASH BOOK  
REGIMENTAL FUNDS

RECEIPTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>From whom received</u>	<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>Cash LA Currency</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>To whom Paid</u>	<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>Cash LA Currency</u>	<u>Bank</u>



ii) SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ACCOUNT

This will be maintained by the QM in accordance with the Army form and instructions supplied.

iii) MESS ACCOUNTS - OFFICERS AND SERJEANTS

The

The responsibility of keeping these accounts rests with the Treasurer and the system of accounts will provide for the correct disclosure of the financial position of the messes at all times.

To enable committees to function efficiently in respect of prices and levies to be charged, activities will be divided into two sections - Mess and Bar, and accounts will be compiled by the Treasurer to disclose whether a profit or loss is made on either section.

The Cash Book will take the form of:-

CASH BOOK

<u>Date</u>	<u>From whom</u>	<u>Mess</u>	<u>Bar</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>To whom</u>	<u>Mess</u>	<u>Bar</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Received</u>					<u>Paid</u>			

RECEIPTS

a) To eliminate the handling of cash in the bars, the Chit System will be adopted. Printed Chit Books will be obtained and each chit will bear Mess name and be numbered. The books will remain in the custody of the treasurer of the mess. A register of chit books will be maintained and as each book is sold, the purchaser will sign for the book in the register, and hand the cash to the treasurer. The receipts from the sale of the chit books will be entered in the Cash Book as such, indicating the individual numbers of books sold, and the amount will be entered under "Bar" Receipts.

Mess levies will be paid in advance fortnightly on each pay day, and the amounts received entered under "Mess Receipts" in the Cash Book.

PAYMENTS

b) All purchases and payments will be authorised by a responsible officer and when payments are made the amount will be entered in the Cash Book under the headings "Mess Payments" and "Bar Payments" as the case may be.

MESS BOOK

c) To assist Mess Orderlies in carrying out their duties the Treasurer will provide the Orderly with a book which will contain the following information:-

MESS BOOK

ENTITLEMENTS

To amount received for fortnight ending.....

EXPENDITURE

By Purchases

The Treasurer will enter the amount received as above and the purchases will be entered by the Orderly when authorised by the responsible officer.



This book will indicate the financial position of the messing at any time.

The Messing Book is subsidiary to the principal Cash Book.

ACCOUNTS

At the end of each month the Treasurer will prepare for audit the following accounts and statements:-

- i) Messing Account for the month.
- ii) Bar Account for the month.
- iii) Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at the end of the month.

When preparing these accounts provisions will be made for all outstanding amounts whether owing to or owing by the Mess.

Unexpired chits held by members will be brought into account by deducting the amount from Bar Receipts and including the amount in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as a liability.

The following set of accounts will be adopted:-

CASH BOOK

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

Date	From Whom	Mess	Bar	Total	Date	To Whom	Mess	Bar	Total
	<u>Received</u>					<u>Paid</u>			
	Receipts Sundry	140	270	410		Sundry Purch			
						AOS	100	200	300
						Sundry Exs		10	10
						Blce c/d			100
				410					410

Balance c/d 100

MESS ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF 194

To Stock on Hand at beginning of Month

Purchases as per Cash Book 100

Add O/S amounts owing at end of month 30

Less O/S amounts owing at beginning of Month 15

Net Purchases for Month 115

Balance being surplus transferred to Acc Funds 25

L1140

By Mess Levies Recd L1140

Less Paid in Advance 20

120

Add amounts owing by members 5

125

Stock on Hand at end of month at cost price 15

L140



BAR ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF 194

To Stock on Hand at Cost Price at the beginning of month	60	By Receipts from sale of Chit Books	270
Bar Purchases as per Cash Book	200	Stocks on Hand at Cost Price at end of Month	75
Add O/S accounts at end of Month	80		
	<u>340</u>		
Less amounts owing at end of Month	50		
	<u>290</u>		
Net Purchases			
Sundry Expenses			
Renewal of Glass ware etc	10		
Total Cost	<u>300</u>		
Balance being Net Surplus for month transferred to Acc Funds A/c	45		
	<u>345</u>		<u>345</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIESAs at 194LIABILITIES

Sundry Creditors (after providing for Discount Receivable)	105
Messing Paid in Advance	30
Accumulated Funds A/c	
Surplus on Mess 25	
" " Bar 45	70
	<u>195</u>

ASSETS

Cash in Hand and in Unit Trust A/c	100
Stocks on Hand at Net Cost Price	
Mess 15	
Bar 75	90
Amounts owing by members of Mess	5
	<u>195</u>

Committees having the above information at their disposal are in a position to closely follow the financial condition of their responsibilities.

v) POSTAGE & CABLE RECEIPTS

The Postal NCO will issue a receipt for all monies received from personnel lodging cables and particulars of all cables lodged will be entered into the AB 426 provided for the purpose.

MEN'S CANTEEN ACCOUNTS (These orders will apply when 2/4 Aust Inf Bn conducts its own canteen)

Efficient control of stocks and the handling of cash will be exercised at all times. The following system provides for adequate control, and includes a Stock Book and a Cash Book.

STOCK BOOK

This book will be written up daily and is designed to record the purchases and sales of every article in the Canteen. It is a ready reference and easily checked by the responsible officer.

For specimen Stock Book see Page 5.



CASH BOOK

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Dry</u>	<u>Wet</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Li.</u>	<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Bank</u>
Dec 1	2945		2945	Dec 3	AAOS	70000	70000
2	5325	662407	1565		Balance carried down		4510
			8270				74510

Balance brought down 4510

STOCK BOOK

<u>Item</u> <u>(Examples)</u>	<u>SP</u>	<u>Stocks</u> <u>Evening</u> <u>30 Nov</u>	<u>Stocks</u> <u>IN</u> <u>1 Dec</u>	<u>Stocks</u> <u>Evening</u> <u>1 Dec</u>	<u>Stock</u> <u>SOLD</u> <u>SP</u>	<u>Stock</u> <u>IN</u> <u>2 Dec</u>	<u>Stocks</u> <u>Evening</u> <u>2 Dec</u>	<u>Stocks</u> <u>Sold for</u> <u>Day</u> <u>SP</u>
<b>DRY</b>								
Tooth paste	50	20	12	18	14	700	12	6
Soap	25	15	24	30	9	225	24	20
Toiletries								
Tinned	85	8	24	20	12	1020	10	15
Blades								
Razor pkts	50	24	36	40	20	1000	36	36
Total Banked						2945		5325
<b>WET</b>								
Beer Local	55	576		576				576
Beer Aust	60	576		576				576
Cases	50	24		24			24	576
								31.680
								34.560
								66.240

2. THE AUDIT OF REGIMENTAL ACCOUNTS

The CO will appoint personnel to conduct monthly audits of all Trust and Mess Accounts under their control vide AIF Order (ME) No 56. It is the duty of auditors to certify to Regimental Funds and Mess Accounts monthly in accordance with AIF Order (ME) No 157 and 170.

The purpose of an audit is twofold:-

- a) The detection of errors.
- b) The detection of fraud.

The auditor is in a position to assist personnel whose duty it is to handle unit finance and he must encourage the co-operation and confidence of all concerned in the preparation of accounts. In effect he becomes a consulting accountant within the unit in addition to his capacity as auditor.



1) CONDUCT OF AUDITS

All transactions of each Fund or Mess will be examined.

ii) VERIFICATION OF RECEIPTS

Receipt Books will be of the carbon copy variety numbered in sequence, and, in examining the duplicates, the date, the person from whom the amount is received, amount and signature of the person receiving the cash will be scrutinised carefully. In the case of Messes, Chit Registers and Messing Rolls will be examined carefully.

Men's Canteen Receipts will require special care. The daily Sale sheets as laid down in para 1 on the preparation of Men's Canteen Accounts will be vouched from the purchase invoices, then the progressive daily "Stocks on Hand" totals will be followed through until the date of the audit.

The total of daily receipts bearing the Canteen Officer's signature will be vouched into the main Cash Book.

iii) VERIFICATION OF PAYMENTS

Vouchers supporting each payment will be produced to the auditors and verified with Cash Books. These vouchers will bear the signature of the person authorising payment and be filed in order of date to coincide with the entries in the Cash Book.

Particulars to be examined on each voucher are:-

Date, Name of Fund Mess etc., Items of Purchase, Person authorising, Payment.

In respect of items of purchase abovementioned, attention is drawn to the auditor's responsibility in certifying in accordance with AIF Order (ME) No 170 which provides "No expenditure of Canteen Profits has been made for ordinary military requirements, for the use of officers, in aid of any religious or philanthropic institution or for any purpose other than the advantage of the WOs, NCOs and Men".

As a large percentage of Receipts for Regimental Funds comprise a distribution from Canteen Profits and as profits from Unit Canteens are included for audit, vigilance in respect of the above will be exercised.

iv) VERIFICATION OF ASSETS

a) Cash in Hand - The amount of cash in hand will be verified by counting and vouched with the amount shown on the statement.

b) Cash in Unit Trust Account - Entries in the Unit Trust Account will be verified with the Cash Book, and the balance as shown will be vouched with the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The auditors will obtain an independent certificate from the CPM as a means of verifying the balance shown in the Unit Trust Account Book.

c) Stocks on Hand - The value of Stock on Hand will be supported by Stock Lists certified by the person taking stock.

The Stock Certificate will take the following form:-

"I hereby certify that the value of Stocks on Hand as at \_\_\_\_\_ is L \_\_\_\_\_. The values have been included at cost price or less than cost".

The auditor will check extensions and values and test check quantities according to his discretion.

d) Outstanding Mess Accounts - A certified list will be supplied by Treasurer and this list will be brought to the notice of the CO.



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v) The auditor will satisfy himself that all outstanding **Liabilities** have been brought into account. In addition he will obtain a certified list of creditors from the treasurer.

As Mess Fees are paid in advance provision will be made for the amount paid in advance as at the date of the audit.

vi) SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ACCOUNT

The audit of this account will be carried out in conjunction with the QM or his representative. Daily Ration Strengths will be checked and the amount of the entitlements will be verified in accordance with the specified amounts. Purchases will be vouched with vouchers supporting the transaction.

As a further check, the CPM will be requested to forward to the unit a statement prepared which allows for discount on purchases.

vii) POSTAGE AND CABLE RECEIPTS

Duplicate Receipts issued to unit personnel by the Postal NCO will be vouched with the AB 426 and an inspection will be carried out to assure that all cables have been lodged with the Field Post Office.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
10 JAN 42

by

LT COL I.W. DOUGHERTY DSO

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 203

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 10 Jan 42)

Duty Coy - "C" Coy  
Next for Duty - "A" Coy

Guard Comd - Sjt Bennett J.C.  
Next for Duty - Sjt Riley J.B.

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut F.C. Brownhill  
Next for Duty - Lieut E.H. Fox

Duty Officer - Lieut G.W. Jackett  
Next for Duty - Lieut W.B. Harvey.

2. UNIT PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER

Capt R. Maddern is appointed Unit Photographic Officer.

3. CHURCH SERVICES (Sunday 11 Jan 42)

RC Mass will be celebrated in :  
Padre's Hut at 0900 hrs.

Combined Service (other than RC) will be  
held in YMCA Hut - at 0830 hrs.

Dre S.D., spitters, reatcoats and felt hats  
turned down. No equipment or side arms.

*L. J. Howlett*  
for  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO. 203 of 10 JAN 42.

INTER-COY TRANSFERS

The undermentioned personnel have been transferred from  
the respective Coys to HQ Coy on 10 Jan 42:-

"A" Coy	NZ 5841	Pte	Annis-Brown	L.
	IX 46212	Pte	Jeffries	J.W.
	IX 3939	Pte	Barber	E.A.
	IX 1979	Pte	Wilde	C.L.
	IX 71669	Pte	Bell	G.M.
	IX 716	Pte	Pearce	A.J.
	IX 14376	Pte	Wilson	L.R.



APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO.203 of 10 JAN 42  
(Continued)

"B" Coy	NX 72886	Pte Carlisle	J.B.
	NX 629	Pte Twidale	M.S.
	NX 22117	Pte Deabel	W.A.
	NX 71362	Pte Wenne	E.
	NX 6098	Pte Maxwell	A.R.
	NX 59001	Pte Makin	B.
"C" Coy	NX		
	NX 5913	Pte Byrnes	M.
	NX 5937	Pte Richards	W.E.
	NX 46909	Pte Green	R.A.
	NX 71235	Pte Dunn	R.A.
	NX 10266	Pte Baily	R.E.
	NX 46709	Pte Clack	T.R.
	NX 1204	Pte Wilkins	W.H.
	NX 46972	Pte Cusack	H.M.
	NX 894	Pte Lysle	C.R.
	NX 1657	Pte Bailey	L.H.
	NX 18799	Pte Russell	T.B.
	NX 18314	Pte Taylor	G.T.
	NX 71833	Pte Seynour	C.
"D" Coy	NX 14139	Pte Dunshea	J.A.
	NX 27172	Pte Banks	J.W.
	NX 36145	Pte Bullard	W.
	NX 68495	Pte Findley	R.
	NX 15407	Pte Gunn	M.C.
	NX 68529	Pte Mills	F.
	NX 66253	Pte Owen	C.V.
	NX 69183	Pte Paff	P.E.
	NX 1203	Pte Rimer	A.G.

NOTICE

The following message has been received by the CO from  
2/4 Aust Inf Bn Comforts Fund:-

" The 2/4 Aust Inf Bn Comforts Fund sends  
Christmas Greetings for Christmas and every wish for  
success and happiness in the New Year to you and all  
officers and men of your command"

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APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART 7, NO. 207 of 10 JAN 42  
(Continued)

Serial	Name	Rank	Regiment
138	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
139	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
140	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
141	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
142	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
143	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
144	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
145	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
146	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
147	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
148	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
149	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
150	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
151	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
152	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
153	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
154	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
155	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
156	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
157	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
158	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
159	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div
160	Pte G. G. G.	Pte	1st Bn, 1st Div

NOTICE

The following names have been received by the CS from  
The Aust Int in Canada form:-  
The 2nd Aust Int in Canada form  
The 3rd Aust Int in Canada form  
The 4th Aust Int in Canada form  
The 5th Aust Int in Canada form  
The 6th Aust Int in Canada form  
The 7th Aust Int in Canada form  
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The 10th Aust Int in Canada form

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
11 JAN 42

by

LT COL I.N.DOUGHERTY DSO

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO.204

1. DUTIES :

(To mount at 1730 hrs 11 Jan 42)

Duty Coy - "A" Coy

Next for Duty - "B" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut R.W.Ellerman

Next for Duty - Lieut T.L.Hort

Guard Comd - Sjt Reilly J.B;

Next for Duty - Sjt Goodwin L.F.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 11 Jan 42)

Duty Officer - Lieut W.B.Harvey

Next for Duty - Lieut J.B.Hyles.

*R. Anderson Capt*  
for  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO.204 OF 11 JAN 42

ATTACHMENTS, INTER-BN:

The undermentioned personnel are attached to HQ Coy for all purposes:-

NZ 72528 Pte Ring W.T.  
NZ 5416 Pte Schwartz R.C.

NOTICE

A Concert will be held in the YMCA Hut commencing  
2000 hrs to-morrow night 12 Jan 42



Information and other data of the person  
to whom this notice is given

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF

of the person whose name appears in the  
Schedule of Beneficiaries

and the person named therein

Section 44 of the Administration Act, 1953

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- Next of kin - Mrs. J. B. ...
- Next of kin - Mrs. J. B. ...
- Next of kin - Mrs. J. B. ...
- Next of kin - Mrs. J. B. ...
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1. INTEREST

10.00

CO. D. 57. 1953

THE COURT OF PROBATE

Wm. S. O. ...

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by

LT COL I.M. DOUGHERTY DSO

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

No. 205

1. DUTIES: (To mount at 1730 hrs 12 Jan 42)
- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Duty Coy           | - "B" Coy            |
| Next for Duty      | - "C" Coy            |
| Bn Orderly Officer | - Lieut A.H. Sargent |
| Next for Duty      | - Lieut E.P.A. Smith |
| Guard Comd         | - Sjt Goodwin L.H.   |
| Next for Duty      | - Cpl McCarrol E.H.  |
- (To mount at 1700 hrs 12 Jan 42)
- |               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Duty Officer  | - Lieut J.B. Hyles  |
| Next for Duty | - Lieut B.E. O'Hara |

2. ADMINISTRATIVE STANDING ORDERS:

Amendments to 2/4 Aust Inf Bn Administrative Standing Orders, Section 4 of 7 Dec 41, are issued as Annex "A" to Bn Routine Order No. 205 of 12 Jan 42.

Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.



APIENLIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I NO 205 DATED 12 JAN 42  
AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE STANDING ORDERS SECTION 4

The following amendments to Battalion Administrative Standing Orders, Section 4, are hereby notified.

Amendment 1

The number of the last paragraph of Part IV should read 36, NOT 35.

Amendment 2

After Part IV, para 36 add the following:

PART V

MESSEBLANEUS

When stores, rations, weapons, ammunition or other important property are being conveyed on a truck, the Transport Officer, or Officer or NCO who loads the goods in the absence of the Transport Officer, will ensure that adequate steps are taken to ensure the safe carriage of those goods during transit. As far as possible the goods will be tied down, either by ropes or tarpaulin or by vehicle cover being properly closed. If the nature of the goods, or their method of packing, warrants it, a guard will be detailed to ride in the back of the truck.

In the case of the load being arms or ammunition, or partly consisting of same, a soldier will always ride in the back of the truck to guard the arms and ammunition. The person loading the truck and the driver will be jointly responsible that this instruction is carried out. If they have not the authority to order its being carried out either one or both of them will request an officer to issue the necessary instructions, and it will be that officer's duty to do so or report the matter to higher authority.

38. Goods will be checked when being loaded on to a truck, and a list of the goods comprising the load will be kept by the soldier who loads the truck. When goods are off-loaded they will be checked, and a list of the goods off-loaded will be handed as early as possible by the senior member of the off-loading party to the QMS or the ROM, or to any other member of the Quartermaster's Staff, who will file the list.

39. A driver is always responsible for ensuring that his vehicle and its load is guarded, either by means of himself staying with the vehicle or by its being placed under some regularly posted guard. Should some emergency prevent this instruction being complied with the circumstances will be reported to an officer of 2/4 Aust at the first opportunity.



APPENDIX "B" TO ROUTINE ORDERS, PART I NO. 205 OF 12 JAN 42TRANSFERS - INTER COY:

NY 2043 Pte Cole R.A. "C" Coy to "A" Coy.....12 Jan 42.

The undermentioned personnel have been transferred from Coys shown to D Coy as from 12 Jan 42:-

"A" Coy :	NY 68484	Pte Sharpe	L.B.
	NY 70414	Pte Richardson	T.B.
"B" Coy :	NY 5156	Pte McInaster	J.
	NY 1601	Pte Scott	L.R.
	NY 8079	Pte Muller	H.J.
"C" Coy :	NY 68630	Pte Burley	R.E.
	NY 70707	Pte Planagan	E.L.
	NY 71359	Pte Whitbread	A.R.
	NY 47311	Pte Brest	H.R.
	NY 68525	Pte Sharpe	J.E.
	NY 69090	Pte Stuart	J.C.
"D" Coy :	NY 60035	Pte Kenbrow	W.R.
	NY 68004	Pte Kenbrow	A.E.
	NY 13305	Pte James	R.J.
	NY 46533	Pte Roberts	R.W.
	NY 6808	Pte Gunbleton	E.J.
	NY 68511	Pte Chappelow	R.W.

NOTICE

AIR MAIL on route Australia - Middle East, originating from all states and posted approximately 18 - 22 Dec 41 has been lost by enemy action.



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IN THE FIELD  
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by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY DSO

COLD 2/4 AUST INF BN

No. 206

1.            : (To mount at 1730 hrs 13 Jan 42)
- Duty Coy - "C" Coy
  - Next for Duty - "D" Coy
  
  - Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut E.P.A. Smith
  - Next for Duty - Lieut Lieut J.P. Collins
  
  - Guard Comd - Cpl McCarrol E.H.
  - Next for Duty - Sjt Hill P.P.
  
  - Duty Officer - Lieut B.E. O'Mara
  - Next for Duty - Lieut J. McCrown

*J. McCrown*  
 Capt.  
Adj. 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
14 JAN 42

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY DSO

COID 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 207

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 14 Jan 42)

Duty Coy - D Coy  
Next for Duty - "A" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut J.P. Collins  
Next for Duty - Lieut G.W. Jackett

Guard Comd - Sgt Hill P.P.  
Next for Duty - Cpl McCready S.

Duty Officer - Lieut J.E. Brown  
Next for Duty - Lieut W.C. Bronnhill

Capt.  
ACJt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO. 207 of 14 JAN 42

REVERSIONS:

N. 2066 Cpl Lewis H.F. reverts to Pte at own request. 12 Jan 42.



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IN THE FIELD  
15 JAN 42

by

LT COL I.M. DOUGHERTY DSC

COMP 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 08

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 15 Jan 42)

Duty Coy - "A" Coy

Next for Duty - "B" Coy

In Orderly Officer - Lieut N.I. Howard

Next for Duty - Lieut V.B. Harvey

Guard Comd - Cpl McCready S.

Next for Duty - Sjt Swanson L.R. DCM

(To mount at 1700 hrs 15 Jan 42)

Duty Officer - Lieut F.C. Brownhill

Next for Duty - Lieut R.W. Ellerman.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO. 208 OF 15 JAN 42.

STRENGTH DECREASE

1715893 L/Cpl Curry L. transferred to Armd Tng R ct....14 Jan 42.

\* TRANSFERS INTER-COY

1714680 Pte Hughes J. "D" Coy to Bn HQ.... 15 Jan 42

REVERSIONS

1714680 L/Cpl Hughes J. reverts to 1st at own request. 15 Jan 42.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN FILE FILED  
16 JAN 42

by

LT COL I.M. DOUGHERTY DSO

COND 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 09

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 16 Jan 42)  
Duty Coy - "B" Coy  
Next for duty - "C" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut W.B. Harvey  
Next for Duty - Lieut W.G. Martin

Guard Coyd - Sjt Dalla P.G.  
Next for Duty - Sjt Flynn F.P.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 16 Jan 42)  
Duty Officer - Lieut R.W. Allerman  
Next for Duty - Lieut A.H. Sargent.

2. BOUNDS - EL AINE VILLAGE:

Attention is drawn to Bn Routine Order No. 185 para 3 dated 23 Dec 41, which states that the village of EL AINE is out of bounds to personnel of this unit.

Severe disciplinary action will be taken against any person arrested by the picquet in EL AINE, in the future.

3. SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS:

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

Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPLIED TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO. 209 OF 16 JAN 42

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS ETC.

NX 2763 Cpl Nell F.W.L. promoted Sjt as from.....16 Jan 42.  
NX 2744 Cpl Kenny G.A. promoted Sjt as from.....16 Jan 42.  
NX 2610 L/Cpl Staples J. promoted Cpl as from.....16 Jan 42.  
NX 5527 Pte Loy W.H. promoted Cpl as from.....16 Jan 42.  
NX 6119 Pte Galvin J.B. promoted Cpl as from.....16 Jan 42.  
NX 5530 Pte Bonhen S.R. promoted Cpl as from ... ..16 Jan 42.

CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK:

NX 3934 A/Cpl Russell H.W. rank of Cpl confirmed as from 16 Jan 42.

TRANSFERS - INTER-COY

NX 2748 Sjt Swanson L.R. DCM "B" Coy to "C" Coy.....16 Jan 42.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
17 JAN 42

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY DSO

COMD 2/4 AUST INT BN

NO. 210

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 17 Jan 42)

Duty Coy - "C" Coy  
Next for Duty - "A" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut W.G. Martin  
Next for Duty - Lieut J.B. Hyles

Guard Comd - Sjt Flynn N.P.  
Next for Duty - Sjt Riley J.B.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 17 Jan 42)

Duty Officer - Lieut A.H. Sargent  
Next for Duty - Lieut E.P.A. Smith.

2. CHURCH SERVICES (Sunday 18 Jan 42):

Combined Service (other than RC) will be held in YMCA Hut at 0845 hrs.

RC Mass will be celebrated in Padre's Hut at 0830 hrs.

3. AIR MAIL:

The Air Mail Service between Australia and the Middle East has been resumed. Restrictions as set out in Bn RO No. 199, para 2 dated 6 Jan 42 still apply.

4. DENTURES - LOSSES & REPAIRS:

In many instances the cost of renewals and repairs to dentures lost or damaged through the fault of the soldier has been charged against Public Funds. In future unless the CO is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that loss or damage to dentures has been due to no fault of the soldier, cost of renewal or repairs will be charged to the soldier.

5. SHORT ARM PARADES:

All ranks will parade at RAP at the undermentioned times on Sunday 18 Jan 42, for the purpose of a Short Arm Inspection.


HQ Coy - 0930 hrs  
"D" Coy - 0945 hrs  
"C" Coy - 1000 hrs  
"B" Coy - 1015 hrs  
"A" Coy - 1030 hrs  
Bn HQ - 1045 hrs



BN ROUTINE ORDERS NO.210 OF 17 JAN 42 (Continued)

6. ENTERIC FEVER

As Enteric Fever has broken out in several villages in this area, all ranks are warned against the use of water from running streams and other unauthorised source.

  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
Capt.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART L, NO.210 OF 17 JAN 42

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS ETC:

NX46808 Pte Hughes J. appointed Group II Specialist (Intelligence Section) as from ..... 16 Jan 42

REVERSIONS & RELINQUISHMENT OF TRADE GROUPING:

NX 5641 Pte Rees L.J. relinquishes Group II Specialist (Cook) as from ..... 16 Jan 42



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
18 JAN 42

by

LT COL I.H. DOUMENY DSO

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 211

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 18 Jan 42)

Duty Coy. - "A" Coy  
Next for Duty - "B" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut J.B. Hyles  
Next for Duty - Lieut T.L. Hort

Guard Comd - Sjt Riley J.B.  
Next for Duty - Cpl Gainey S.L.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 18 Jan 42)

Duty Officer - Lieut E.P.A. Smith  
Next for Duty - Lieut J.P. Collins.

2. EL AINE PICQUET:

On future occasions the Duty Coy will mount a picquet consisting of 1 NCO & 6 ORs to picquet EL AINE village. The Picquet will mount at 1800 hrs and dismount at 2200 hrs.

3. LEAVE PERSONNEL RETURNING TO UNITS:

Should any personnel returning from leave find there is no accommodation available on the train on which they should travel, they will immediately report this fact to the RPO, who will take the following action:-

(a) Endorse the leave passes concerned to the effect that no accommodation was available on the date in question.

(b) Submit the names in full with details of all personnel so delayed to the nearest DAPH.

4. EVACUATION OF CAPTURED MATERIAL FROM FORWARD AREAS:

Experience has shown that the value to Intelligence, and therefore to the prosecution of the war, of captured material of every type is not realised by all ranks. This lack of understanding has resulted in delay in handing over or reporting captured stores. It has also resulted in souvenir hunting.

Whenever a sub-unit captures and retains any enemy material, a report will be rendered as soon as possible to this HQ.

Wherever practicable and necessary a GUARD WILL BE MOUNTED OVER any articles obviously of special value from an Intelligence point of view immediately it is captured.



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BN ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO211 OF 18 JAN. 42

4. EVACUATION OF CAPTURED MATERIAL FROM FORWARD AREAS: (Contd)

If a sub-unit wishes to retain an article, this fact and the reasons for wishing to retain should be noted on the report of capture for consideration.

Disciplinary action will be taken in any case of stealing, tampering with, failure to report possession of or being in unauthorised possession of, captured enemy material. The term "enemy material" covers any and every store or article of equipment including documents and food known to have been in the possession of the enemy at any time; it thus includes recaptured British material.

5. LABOUE - OUT OF BOUNDS:

The Village of LABOUE is out of bounds to all troops after 2000 hrs.

6. LOUPLATZ BRAN IC - WINTER MONTHS:

Owing to the increasingly unsafe conditions on mountain roads caused by snow, fog, and the formation of ice on road surfaces, sub-units will ensure that all military traffic over roads liable to be affected takes place and is completed within the hours of daylight.

7. FILES NO.1 IN 111 - USE OF PULL THROUGH:

- (a) No material other than issue flannelette 40 X 20 will be used in the cleaning of the rifle bore.
- (b) Flannelette larger than 40 X 20 or foreign material such as cotton or calico torn from U/S shirts must not be used.
- (c) Rusty barrels should only be cleaned under the supervision of a qualified armourer.
- (d) Os C will ensure that pullthroughs are inspected at regular intervals and that worn and frayed cords which are liable to break are replaced.

*[Signature]*  
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Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.



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IN THE FIELD  
19 JAN 42

LT COL I.N. DOWDERTY DSC

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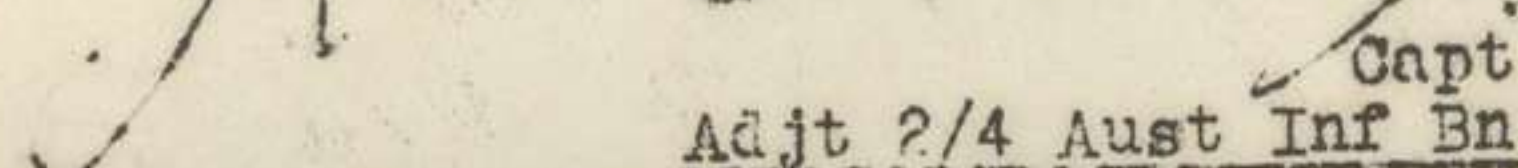
NO. 212

1. DUTIES: To mount at 1730 hrs 19 Jan 42)  
(Duty Coy - D<sup>th</sup> Coy  
Next for Duty - B<sup>th</sup> Coy
- Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut T.L. Mort  
Next for Duty - Lieut J.H. Brown
- Guard Comd - Cpl Gainey S.L.  
Next for Duty - Cpl Sugden G.J.
- (To mount at 1700 hrs 19 Jan 42)  
Duty Coy - Lieut N.I. Howard  
Next for Duty - Lieut W.B. Harvey.

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

The following is published in amplification of  
General Order 1218 of 1941 :-

All consignments of water carried in 2 -gal cans  
will be dunnaged in the same way as petrol consignments.  
All 2-gal cans carried in the racks of cars containing  
petrol or water will be made "tight". Reed matting  
or rubber cut from unserviceable inner tubes will  
normally be the best dunnage to use for this purpose.

  
Adj<sup>t</sup> 2/4 Aust Inf Bn. <sup>Capt.</sup>  
APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO. 212 OF 19 JAN 42

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS ETC:

MX1977 Cpl Waring B.C. appointed L/Sjt as from.....18 Jan 42

STRENGTH DECREASE:

MX6004 Sjt McIntosh R.D. transferred to 1 Aust Corps Ski School  
as from.....3. Dec 41.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

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20 JAN 42

by

Lt COL I.M. DOUGHERTY DSO

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 213

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 20 Jan 42)

Duty Coy - "B" Coy

Next for Duty - "C" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut J.H. Brown

Next for Duty - Lieut B.E. O'Hara

Guard Comd - Cpl Sugden G.J.

Next for Duty - Sjt Walker J.W.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 20 Jan 42)

Duty Officer - Lieut W.B. Harvey

Next for Duty - Lieut E.H. Fox.

*M. J. ...*  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO. 213 OF 20 JAN 42.

TRANSFERS - INTER-COY:

NX73096 Pte Davis J.T. "B" Coy to HQ Coy.....19 Jan 42.  
NX9511 Pte Loydell D. HQ Coy to "D" Coy.....19 Jan 42  
NX68542 Pte Bayly L.P. HQ Coy to "D" Coy .....19 Jan 42  
NX11593 Pte Hutchinson G.G. HQ Coy to "B" Coy .....19 Jan 42

ATTACHMENTS:

The undermentioned personnel have ceased to be attached to HQ Coy and are now attached to Bn HQ :-

NX9901 Sjt Porter H.W.  
NX5855 A/Sjt Blacksley S.D.G.  
NX2096 Cpl McKenny J.R.  
NX5152 Pte Jocelyn J.J.  
NX46861 Pte Edser J.J.

N O T I C E

The receipt of 3 Medicine Balls from ACT is acknowledged.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
21 JAN 42

By

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY DSC

CO 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 214

1. UTILS:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 21 Jan 42)

Duty Coy - C Coy  
Next for Duty - A Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut J.H. Brown  
Next for Duty - Lieut F.C. Brownhill

Guard Coy - Sjt Walker J.W.  
Next for Duty - Cpl Barker L.E.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 21 Jan 42)  
Duty Officer - Lieut E.J. Fox  
Next for Duty - Lieut L.F. Lovlett

2. CUTTING DOWN OF TREES:

All ranks are warned that under no circumstances will trees in this area be cut down.

*E. H. Powell, Maj.*  
Capt.  
Adj 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX A TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO. 214 OF 21 JAN 42

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS ETC.:

NX2843n	Cpl Wall V.	promoted to A/Sjt as from	13	Jan 42
NX2034	L/Cpl Miles E.G.	promoted to Cpl as from	18	Jan 42
NX5159	L/Cpl Gorman A.A.	promoted to Cpl as from	12	Jan 42
NX5360	Pte Herrick A.J.F.	promoted L/Cpl as from	18	Jan 42
NX1031	Pte Holder E.A.	promoted A/Cpl as from	1	Jan 42
NX2039	Pte Stokes P.M.	promoted A/Cpl as from	18	Jan 42
NX5363	Pte Jackson J.D.	promoted A/Cpl as from	1	Jan 42
NX13376	Pte McGregor E.R.	appointed L/Cpl as from	17	Jan 42
NX3984	A/Cpl White W.E.	rank confirmed as from	8	Jan 42
N 5125	L/Sjt Taylor W.B.	promoted to Sjt as from	21	Jan 42

TRADE ACQUISITION & RELINQUISHMENTS:

NX2033	Pte McAnley G.H.	appointed Group III Specialist (Driver Mechanic) as from	18	Jan 42
NX7372	Pte Chambers H.H.	" " " "		
NX68320	Pte Smith J.K.	" " " "		
NX46526	Pte Graham W.G.	" " " "		
NX2019	Pte Bevin A.D.	Appointed Group III Specialist (Clerk) as from	18	Jan 42
NX4027	Pte Westall W.	relinquishes Group II (Carpenter) as from	20	Jan 42.



APPENDIX "A" NO. ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO. 214 OF 21 JAN 42 (Contd)

TRANSFERS INTER-COY:

NX51664	Pte Condon L. HQ Coy to "C" Coy.....	20	Jan 42
NX4027	Pte Westall F. HQ Coy to "D" Coy..	20	Jan 42
NX46349	Pte Woodhouse H.B. HQ Coy to "C" Coy.....	20	Jan 42
NX47381	Pte Lemon L.L. "E" Coy to Bn HQ .....	20	Jan 42
NX46906	Pte Goelan C.S. "D" Coy to HQ Coy.....	20	Jan 42
NX5641	Pte Roebuck J. HQ Coy to "D" Coy.....	20	Jan 42

STRENGTH DECREASE:

NX9856 L/Cpl Jackson P.R. transferred to HQ 6 Aust Div.. 20 Jan 42



APPENDIX A. D. COUNTRY DURING PART I. RE-STA OF I JAN 42 (Contd)

A. STATES TERRITORIES

Mr Gordon I. H. Gov to	NSW 1942
Mr Woodhouse I. B. Gov to	NSW 1942
Mr Loran L. L. Gov to	NSW 1942
Mr Cullen G. S. Gov to	NSW 1942
Mr Hoos M. L. R. Gov to	NSW 1942

STRENGTH RECAP:

NSW 1942 - 1/Col Jackson P.R. ...

J.P.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

IN THE FIELD  
22 JAN 42

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COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN.

No 215

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs - 22 Jan 42)  
Duty Coy - "A" Coy  
Next for Duty - "D" Coy

Bn Officer - Lieut A.E. Sargent  
Next for Duty - Lieut H.E. Mitchell

Guard Cnd - Cpl Barker L.E.  
Next for Duty - Sjt Hill P.P.

(To mount at 1700 hrs. - 22 Jan 42)  
Duty Officer - Lieut L.F. Howlett  
Next for Duty - Lieut J.H. Hyles

*H. Barker*  
Adj. 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

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23 JAN 42

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COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 216

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 23 Jan 42)

Duty Coy - "D" Coy

Next for Duty - "B" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut H.E. Mitchell

Next for Duty - Lieut T.J. Taylor

Guard Comd - Sjt Hill P.P.

Next for Duty - Sjt Menzies A.L.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 23 Jan 42)

Duty Officer - Lieut J.B. Hyles

Next for Duty - Lieut W.M. Gray.

*J.L. Menzies*  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf BN.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
27 JAN 42

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY DSO

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 218

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 27 Jan 42)

Duty Coy - "C" Coy

Next for Duty - "A" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut R.W. Ellerman

Next for Duty - Lieut N.I. Howard

Guard Comd - Sjt Ford N.R.

Next for Duty - Sjt Whitman H.W.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

FIELD  
28 Jan 42

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY DSO  
COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

No 219

1. DUTIES (To mount at 1730 hrs 28 Jan 42)  
Duty Coy "A" Coy  
Next for Duty "D" Coy
- Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut N.I. Howard  
Next for Duty - Lieut W.B. Harvey
- Guard Comd - Sjt Whitman H.W.  
Next for Duty - Sjt Mulquinney R.B.
- (To mount at 1700 hrs 28 Jan 42)  
Duty Officer - Lieut T.L. Mort  
Next for Duty - Lieut J.H. Brown
2. MAIL Censored mail will be handed in at the Intelligence Office by 0930 hrs each morning. Souvenirs and parcels should be posted as soon as possible.
3. LIBRARY Bn Library will be open between 1600 and 1630 hrs and between 1800 and 1900 hrs daily.
4. DAILY ROUTINE
- |                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Reveille                        | 0645 hrs       |
| Breakfast                       | 0730 "         |
| Coy Pdes (Arms & Amn Inspection | 0800 "         |
| Bn Parade                       | 0830 "         |
| Training to                     | 1215 "         |
| Lunch                           | 1230 "         |
| Training                        | 1330 to 1630 " |
| Evening Meal                    | 1645 "         |
| Retreat                         | 1730 "         |

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
for  
Capt  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn



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ROUTING ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
29 JAN 42

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY DSO

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 220

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 29 Jan 42)  
Duty Coy - "D" Coy  
Next for Duty - "B" Coy  
  
Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut W.B. Harvey  
Next for Duty - Lieut E.H. Fox  
  
Guard Comd - Sjt Mulquiney R.B.  
Next for Duty - Sjt Goodwin L.  
  
(To mount at 1700 hrs 29 Jan 42)  
Duty Officer - Lieut J.H. Brown  
Next for Duty - Lieut A.H. Sargent.

2. POWERS OF MEMBERS OF PROVOST CORPS:

The effect of AA 6(3)(c) and AMR & O 386 is republished for information.

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

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

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

4. Officers, of what ever rank, shall comply with the directions of any Provost Marshal or officer of the military police.

3. USE OF DECORATIONS IN CORRESPONDENCE & ORDERS - TO BE DISCONTINUED:

1. The addition of decorations after the names of officers and other ranks in official and demi-official correspondence and orders within the Middle East, is to be discontinued. This will apply to both addresses and text of correspondence.

2. This decision has been made in view of the difficulty in many instances of ensuring accuracy in the decorations to which officers and other ranks are entitled, and the expenditure of time in seeking such information.

3. Decorations will continue to be used in lists of appointments, promotions & etc., and in correspondence outside the Middle East.







"D" Coy:

NX 68923	Pte Forster	G.D.	NX 72047	Pte Hammond	W.A.
NX 39460	Pte Freeman	E.J.	NX 41532	Pte Hannell	J.A.
NX 42185	Pte Francis	G.	NX 41534	Pte Hardie	A.R.
NX 42316	Pte Frost	C.	NX 6034	Pte Harris	L.G.
NX 42605	Pte Garner	A.	NX 1561	Pte Hart	G.L.
NX 68856	Pte Gardiner	H.	NX 42222	Pte Harvey	J.F.
NX 10911	Pte Garvey	J.T.	NX 42741	Pte Hayes	S.C.
NX 42229	Pte Gattenhough	P.	NX 39228	Pte Hinchey	F.T.
NX 4538	L/Cpl Green	H.S.	NX 18259	Pte Holdsworth	J.A.
NX 46790	Pte Helyar	L.	NX 39072	Pte Halloran	H.R.
NX 6002	Pte McAdam	H.R.	NX 31791	Pte Hodson	L.T.
NX 6003	Cpl McCartney	R.J.	NX 42684	Pte Hudson	T.F.
NX 46483	Pte Schweitzer	A.W.	NX 41916	Pte Hunt	J.A.
NX 46284	Pte Suffolk	L.G.	NX 45287	Pte Ireland	A.
NX 46710	Pte Trent	J.	NX 38902	Pte James	G.

HQ Coy:

NX 41875	Pte Barker	D.R.	NX 41546	Pte Koovers	H.J.
NX 41721	Pte Bell	B.H.	NX 42148	Pte Kenningale	C.R.
NX 8851	Pte Blanch	S.	NX 1197	Pte Kenny	G.M.
NX 39297	Pte Beuttel	E.V.	NX 38884	Pte Kirkby	W.G.
NX 11900	Pte Baeckenridge	J.	NX 42225	Pte Kirby	J.W.
NX 2020	Pte Brooks	W.G.	NX 42194	Pte Lawson	C.
NX 4043	Pte Cowell	K.	NX 40019	Pte Lappin	J.H.
NX 5893	L/Cpl Currey	L.	NX 41454	Pte Larkin	T.P.
NX 38840	Pte Croft	N.E.	NX 42160	Pte Lee	H.R.
NX 9702	Pte Downs	J.F.	NX 43353	Pte Leigh	C.H.
NX 14453	Pte Ellis	I.C.	NX 15412	Pte Lynch	D.
NX 19616	A/Sjt Fenton	R.L.	NX 899	Pte Lossie	R.E.
NX 5898	Pte Carfit	D.A.	NX 72669	Pte Linn	J.
NX 5859	Pte Heaney	J.T.	NX 42381	Pte Linn	H.L.
NX 8653	Pte Lane	N;A.	NX 70056	Pte Little	W.M.
NX 9670	A/Cpl Moses	K.C.	NX 42688	Pte Livermore	C.J.
NX 5092	Pte McKanna	D.	NX 42871	Pte Locke	H.G.
NX 30263	Pte McArthur	A.N.	NX 29982	Pte Lovock	P.
NX 26740	Pte Ottley	A.	NX 72240	A/Cpl Leonard	W.P.
NX 9846	Pte Powers	C.F.	NX 42720	Pte McGregor	J.J.
NX 1993	Pte Pohlock	I.A.	NX 39890	A/Cpl Maloney	J.
NX 5172	Pte Stiff	C.W.	NX 4258P	Pte Massey	A.W.
NX 5619	Pte Wilkinson	S.	NX 41436	Pte Mindow	J.
NX 3887	Pte Williams	G.J.	NX 21286	Pte Mitchell	P.

Bn HQ:

NX 2199 Pte Sinclair E.

Attached to Bn HQ

NX 2096 Cpl McKenny J.R.

Reft Coy:

NX 32136	A/Cpl Armstrong	P.E.	NX 39062	Pte McGregor	M.C.
NX 38890	A/Cpl Boyd	M.P.	NX 41493	Pte McKenzie	H.
NX 42240	A/Cpl Burt	H.V.	NX 42631	Pte McNeil	K.
NX 38805	A/Sjt Cameron	J.I.	NX 23854	Pte McTavish	H.J.
NX 46828	A/Sjt Cavanagh	L.A.	NX 42241	Pte McMahon	H.S.
NX 68465	A/Cpl Cearnes	W.A.	NX 73036	Pte Mattrass	J.J.
NX 42778	A/Cpl Crowe	J.H.	NX 42586	Pte Neeves	W.J.
NX 25339	A/Cpl Donnelly	J.A.	NX 46635	Pte Nylon	H.R.
NX 26622	Pte Gibson	A.F.	NX 41517	Pte O'Connell	W.R.
NX 39281	Pte Glanville	L.J.	NX 42721	Pte O'Brien	C.
NX 38878	Pte Gordon	F.H.	NX 42753	Pte Pattison	L.
NX 39389	Pte Gorman	T.J.	NX 42791	Pte Palmer	R.C.
NX 68621	Pte Greedy	H.C.	NX 39313	Pte Partridge	W.J.
NX 30625	Pte Grogan	B.F.	NX 41515	Pte Peters	S.T.
NX 38614	Pte Hagstrom	C.P.	NX 31958	Pte Peters	D.J.
			NX 41600	Pte Phipps	E.C.



## APPENDIX "A" TO BN ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO220 OF 29 JAN 42 (Contd)

Reinft Coy:

NX 72829	A/Sjt	Proviens	T.W.
NX 42777	Pte	Privett	B.J.
NX 42496	Pte	Price	J.T.
NX 41470	Pte	Quigley	G.B.
NX 6"L(&	Pte	Quinn	E.D.
NX 59019	Pte	Raeves	E.A.
NX 38703	Pte	Reynolds	D.C.
NX 42587	Pte	Roberts	V.
18112	Pte	Lyon	W.J.
66444	Pte	Sargent	A.
39041	Pte	Saunders	S.W.
41904	Pte	Scheibil	J.J.
NX 6919)	Pte	Shepherd	L.F.
NX 26861	Pte	Shepherd	O.S.
NX 68764	Pte	Smith	J.B.
NX 47157	A/Sjt	Smith	G.E.
NX 42740	Pte	Stewart	T.R.
NX 39775	Pte	Scott	N.
NX 42272	Pte	Taylor	A.H.
NX 42692	Pte	Thomas	H.C.
NX 38866	Pte	Thompson	W.
NX 38859	Pte	Thorne	M.
NX 46078	Pte	Unicmb	J.B.
NX 39067	Pte	Vallender	W.J.
NX 39961	Pte	Vickers	R.
NX 42594	Pte	Webster	J.M.
NX 39216	Pte	Weir	W.N.
NX 41503	Pte	Williams	H.C.
NX 42685	Pte	Williams	Y.A.
NX 42557	Pte	Wilson	W.M.
NX 42625	Pte	Winkler	L.D.
NX 39299	Pte	Walsh	E.J.
NX 41487	Pte	Warren	W.A.
NX 39860	Pte	Wosterweller	R.C.E.
NX 18162	Pte	Whitelaw	A.
NX 39267	Pte	Whitehouse	C.F.
NX 42909	Pte	Wilcox	G.
NX 68650	Pte	Wildman	W.J.
39726	Pte	Wilson	J.A.R.
NX 42319	Pte	Winter	E.O.S.
NX 41859	Pte	Woolcott	N.P.
NX 9874	Sjt	Latimer	R.W.
NX 68281	A/Sjt	Morris	R.J.
NX 15371	Sjt	Saunders	J.
NX 9695	Cpl	Ormiston	W.L. attached to Bn HQ from HQ AIF.



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(Continued) LIST OF ROUTING SLIPPS PART I, NO. 22 OF 22 JAN 42 (Contd)

Routing Slip

18825	Mr	Provan	T.
18826	Mr	Provan	T.
18827	Mr	Provan	T.
18828	Mr	Provan	T.
18829	Mr	Provan	T.
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18831	Mr	Provan	T.
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18840	Mr	Provan	T.
18841	Mr	Provan	T.
18842	Mr	Provan	T.
18843	Mr	Provan	T.
18844	Mr	Provan	T.
18845	Mr	Provan	T.
18846	Mr	Provan	T.
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18897	Mr	Provan	T.
18898	Mr	Provan	T.
18899	Mr	Provan	T.
18900	Mr	Provan	T.

W.L. attached to HQ from HQ ALV.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
30 JAN 42

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

No. 221

BDE DUTIES : (Tr of Duty two days - To report to Staff Capt 1000 hrs  
31 Jan 42)

Field Officer - Major H.S. Conkey  
Orderly Medical Officer - Capt H.R.T. Hodgkinson  
Cinema Picquet Officer - Capt D.H. Millar

BN DUTIES: (To mount at 1730 hrs 30 Jan 42)

Duty Coy = "B" Coy  
Next for Duty = "E" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer = Lieut E.H. Fox  
Next for Duty = G.W. Jackett

Guard Comd = Sjt McAdams D.T.  
Next for Duty = Sjt Walker J.W.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 30 Jan 42)

Duty Officer = Lieut A.H. Sargent  
Next for Duty = Lieut K.I. McIntosh

ROUTINE:

Daily Routine is amended and the following will apply  
as from Retreat 30 Jan 42 :-

Reveille	0630 hrs
Breakfast	0730
Coy Pdes (Arms & Amm Inspection)	0800
Bn Pde	0830
Training to	1215
Lunch	1230
Training 1330 to	1630
Evening Meal	1645
Retreat	1730
First Post	2130
Last Post	2200
Lights out	2215

4. CINEMA: Owing to the lengthy running time of the film "Virginia City" the second performance will NOT commence until 2045 hrs to-night.

5. CHURCH PARADES: (Sunday 31 Jan 42)

Combined Service will be held in Cinema at 1015 hrs

RC Service will be held in Cinema at 0830 hrs.

Bn Pde for the former will be held at 0945 hrs;

Bn Pde for the latter will be held at 0815 hrs.

Markers will report to the RSM 10 mins before Pdes.

Dress: SD, belts without side-arms, hats turned down.

6. DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH:

Slit trenches are not receptacles for rubbish. Bins are available to Coys and these will be emptied daily by Pioneers. No fires are to be lit in these bins or elsewhere in Coy lines. Any excess rubbish may be taken and burnt in the incinerator situated in "C" Coy Lines.



BN ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO.221 DATED 30 Jan 42 (Continued)

WASHING OF EATING UTENSILS:

NCOs in charge of Coy Mess Pdes will be held responsible for seeing that the following procedure is adopted:- All utensils will first be washed in cold water and will then be dipped in boiling water which will be made available.

*for [Signature]*  
Capt,  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I NO.1. OF 30 JAN 42.

PROMOTIONS, CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK & ETC:

5936	S/Sjt Hill	C.E. promoted to A/WO II as from.....	22 Jan 42
11185	Sjt Metcalfe T.	" " " " " " " "	22 Jan 42
5297	A/Cpl Woods	S.C. rank confirmed as from ...	29 Jan 42

TRADE GROUPINGS - APPOINTMENTS & RELINQUISHMENTS:

69031	Pte King E.	app. Gp II Specialist (Cook) as from.....	29 Jan 42
46946	Pte Hughes H.O.	app Gp II Specialist (Cook) as from...	29 Jan 42
13113	Pte Butler L.	app Gp III Specialist (Equip Repr)..	12 Oct 41.
5085	Pte Scully C.K.M.	relinquishes Gp II Specialist (Cook)	29 Jan 42
5092	Pte McKenna B.E.	relinquishes Gp II Specialist (Cook)	29 Jan 42.

TRANSFERS - INTER COY:

46782	Pte Frederickson J.	"D" Coy to Bn HQ.....	29 Jan 42.
27584	Pte Ponting	G.O. "A" to Bn HQ .....	29 Jan 42.
25308	Pte Pinson	R.J. "D" to Bn HQ .....	29 Jan 42
69183	Pte Paff	T.E. HQ Coy to "D" Coy.....	29 Jan 42
59001	Pte Machin	B. HQ Coy to "B" Coy.....	29 Jan 42
71833	Pte Seymour	C. HQ Coy to "C" Coy.....	29 Jan 42
46709	Pte Clack	P.R. HQ Coy to "C" Coy.....	29 Jan 42
3996	Pte Tracey	T.V. HQ Coy to "B" Coy.....	29 Jan 42
69031	Pte King	E. "A" Coy to HQ Coy.....	29 Jan 42
46946	Pte Hughes	H.O. "C" Coy to HQ Coy.....	29 Jan 42
13113	Pte Butler	L. "D" Coy to HQ Coy.....	29 Jan 42
6034	Pte Harris	L.C. "E" to "A" Coy.....	30 Jan 42
4049	Cpl Jones	W.E. "A" Coy to "E" Coy.....	30 Jan 42
26622	Pte Gibson	A.F. "E" Coy to "C" Coy.....	30 Jan 42.

NOTICE

KODAK Folding 620 No.H122 in Black leather case left on folded tent at Staging Camp, TIBERIUS, Sunday 25 Jan 42. Any person with knowledge of the loss of this Camera please report to those HQ.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
31 JAN 42

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 222

1. DUTIES: (Brigade)

Field Officer	- Major E.S. Conkey
Orderly Medical Officer	- Capt E.R.T. Hodgkinson
Cinema Picquet Officer	- Capt D.H. Millar
Duty Coy	- "E" Coy.

2. DUTIES: (Bn)

(To mount at 1730 hrs 31 Jan 42)

Duty Coy	- "E" Coy
Next for Duty	- "C" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer	- Lieut G.F. Jackett
Next for Duty	- Lieut G.J. Hawke

Guard Comd	- Sjt Cavanagh L.A.
Next for Duty	- Sjt Walker J.W.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 31 Jan 42)

Duty Officer	- Lieut K.I. McIntosh
Next for Duty	- Lieut F.F. Crutchett

3. POSTING OF CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) All letters from all ranks, to any destination and with with any stamps, **MUST BE POSTED IN ARMY POST BOXES.**

(b) It is forbidden to despatch or carry private correspondence by the hand of an officer, soldier or civilian **FROM any place TO any place, either within or outside the Command.**

(c) Civilian: employees of the army are particularly lax in the observance of these regulations. Civilians employed by the army may use private addresses provided that their letters are censored by the officers of the Unit to which they are attached and are then posted in the Army Post Office; the penalty for the infringement of the regulations of censorship is instant discharge.

*[Signature]*  
 Capt.  
 Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I., NO. 222 OF 31 JAN 42

STRENGTH INCREASE:

VX 11894	Pte Morris G. from 19 Aust Inf Tng Bn.....	30 Jan 42
NX 43287	Pte Cunningham F.W. " "	30 Jan 42
NX 41489	Pte Vaughan F. " "	30 Jan 42
NX 5881	Pte Machen B. " "	30 Jan 42

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS & ETC:

NX 2058	Cpl Witt R. appointed L/Sjt as from.....	30 Jan 42
NX 46452	Cpl Kirk A.K. " "	30 Jan 42
NX 39374	Cpl Russell H.W. " "	30 Jan 42



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APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO222 OF 31 JAN 42  
(Contd)

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS & ETC:

NX 8610	Cpl Staples J.	appointed L/Sjt as from.....	30	Jan 42
NX 4045	Cpl Endean D.C.	promoted to A/Sjt as from.....	30	Jan 42
NX 5893	L/Cpl Curry L.	promoted to Cpl as from.....	30	Jan 42
NX 5962	L/Cpl Hennessy P.W.	promoted to A/Cpl as from.....	30	Jan 42
NX 5913	Pte Burns H.	promoted A/Cpl as from.....	30	Jan 42
NX 1969	Pte Lillyman R.H.	be appointed L/Cpl as from.....	30	Jan 42
NX 2002	Pte Dean S.	be appointed L/Cpl as from.....	30	Jan 42
NX 5584	Pte Hill B.N.B.	appointed L/Cpl as from.....	30	Jan 42
NX 72592	Pte Kingwill B.J.	appointed A/L/Cpl as from.....	30	Jan 42.

TRADE GROUPINGS - APPOINTMENTS & RELINQUISHMENTS:

NX 6030	Pte Bradford J.	app. Gp I Spec (fitter).....	30	Jan 42
NX 3941	Pte Fletcher A.I.	app Gp II Sp ( mechanic MT).....	30	Jan 42
NX 68555	Pte Moeller W.G.	app Gp II Spec (signaller).....	30	Jan 42
NX 68627	Pte Sleeman O.C.	app Gp III Spec (signaller).....	30	Jan 42

The undermentioned personnel were appointed Gp III Specialists (driver mechanics) as from.....30 Jan 42

NX 71669	Pte Bell	G.E.
NX 68630	Pte Burley	R.E.
NX 72886	Pte Carlisle	J.B.
NX 68882	Pte Gumbleton	E.J.
NX 5156	Pte McMaster	J.
NX 71688	Pte Dearce	A.J.
NX 5937	Pte Richards	W.E.
NX 72414	Pte Richardson	E.V.
NX 27172	Pte Banks	J.
NX 6098	Pte Maxwell	A.R.
NX 18799	Pte Russell	T.B.
NX 1979	Pte Wilde	C.M.
NX 18266	Pte Bailey	R.E.

NX 1976	Pte Shelton L.J.	app Gp II Spec (signaller) as from.	30	Jan 42
NX 9641	Pte Dargan F.J.	relinquishes Gp II Spec (Sig) as from	31	Jan 42
NX 9702	Pte Downes J.F.	" " "	31	Jan 42
NX 11385	Pte Burgess A.	" " "	31	Jan 42

REVERSIONS:

NX 19616 A/Sjt Fenton R.L. reverts to rank of Pte as from 29 Jan 42

STRENGTH DECREASE:

NX 6030 Pte Bradford J. transferred to AAOC as from.....30 Jan 42

ATTACHMENTS:

NX 6030 Pte Bradford J. attached from AAOC .....30 Jan 42

TRANSFERS - INNER COY:

NX 18162	Pte Whitelaw J.	"E" to HQ coy
NX 18259	Pte Holdsworth J.	"E" to HQ Coy
NX 9641	Pte Dargan F.J.	HQ Coy to "E" Coy
NX 26055	Pte Close W.	HQ Coy to "E" Coy
NX 46365	Pte Langton G.S.	HQ Coy to "E" Coy
NX 72595	Pte Davis C.J.	HQ Coy to "E" Coy.
NX 9702	Pte Downes J.F.	HQ Coy to "E" Coy.
NX 11385	Pte Burgess A.	HQ Coy to "E" Coy.
NX 5313	Pte Delahenty J.D.	HQ Coy to "E" Coy.
NX 8851	Pte Blanch S.	HQ Coy to "E" Coy.
NX 1967	Pte Jeffries H.	HQ Coy to Bn HQ.



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(Contd)

TRANSFER - INTER COY:

NX 5085	Pte Scully	C.K.H.	HQ Coy to "E" Coy.
NX 5092	Pte McKenna	B.E.	HQ Coy to "E" Coy.
NX 3911	Pte Mitchelmore	B.F.	HQ Coy to "E" Coy.
NX 9685	Pte Leonard	W.M.	HQ Coy to Bn HQ
NX 5323	Pte Steel	E.	"D" Coy to "A" Coy.
NX 6002	Pte McAdam	H.R.	"D" Coy to HQ Coy.
NX 46371	Pte Mitchell	O.F.	"D" Coy to HQ Coy.
NX 9511	Pte Loydell	D.	"D" Coy to "E" Coy.
NX 11884	Pte Jones	W.E.	"B" Coy to "E" Coy.
NX 42762	Pte Moore	W.C.	"B" Coy to "E" Coy.
NX 39041	Pte Saunders	S.W.	"B" Coy to "E" Coy.
NX 42685	Pte Williams	V.A.	"B" Coy to "E" Coy.
NX 39726	Pte Wilson	J.A.	"B" Coy To "E" Coy.
NX 5904	Pte Nowth	W.	"C" Coy to HQ Coy.
NX 4011	Pte James	E.L.	Bn HQ to HQ Coy.



Appx "E" to War Diary for Jan 42 - Original

		DUTIES		7 Jan 42	
AREA	2/4 Bn Officer	Visiting Officer	Worked Unit	Unit Reporting Progress	2/4 Bn "I" Sec Personnel
BUFFALO	Capt Cutcliffe		2/4 Bn	2/4 Bn	1
Cipher Sta					1
KETTLE	Lieut Reilly Capt Pegg		2/8 Bn	2/4 Bn	1
D Sector	Lieut Brownhill	Capt Simpson	2/4 Bn	2/4 Bn	1
E Sector	Lieut Hyles	Capt Hutchinson	2/4 Bn	2/4 Bn	1
F Sector		Capt Travers	2/1 Bn/G Bn	2/4 Bn	1
Bde HQ		Major Caldwell	2/2 Fd Coy	2/4 Bn	



2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
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Issued By.....  
(Capt)

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Appx "F" to War Diary for Jan 42 - Original

COMMANDING OFFICER'S CONFERENCE

8 Jan 42

ATTENDANCE      Adj.      Coy Comds.      QM.      RMO.      IO.      TO.

- 1; FROSTBITE
- 2. SUPERVISION
- 3. TRAINING
- 4. LOSSES

FROSTBITE

Need for anti-frostbite measures stressed. RMO anti-frostbite cream. QM dabbin for boots. CO boots can always be well shod.      ?

SUPERVISION

- i Close supervision of working parties.
- ii New officers and old soldiers.
- iii Officers lunch with troops on working parties.
- iv Courts of Inquiry must be done after 1600 hours.
- v Nominal rolls of platoons.

TRAINING

- i It is possible to get greater numbers on working parties.
- ii When troops are on a job that will only occupy them for several hours, arrangements should be made to train them when they return to camp.

LOSSES

- i Pin down responsibility to individual.
- ii Type of report submitted by Orderly Officer.
- iii Vehicles are the responsibility of the driver at all times.
- iv Rations are being sent to each kitchen meal by meal.

*Notes.*  
*War Diary.*  
*Ed Sampson*  
*9/1/42*



2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
UNIT PASS

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(Capt)

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MEN INCAPACITATED THROUGH FROSTBITE ETC

HQ Coy	-	1	in Hosp
A Coy		1	"
B Coy		1	off duty in camp
C Coy		1	"
D Coy		1	off duty in camp.

An unspecified <sup>number</sup> on Light Duty with chilblains etc.

*Noted  
but  
A. C. C.*

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Noted for 1.0 20/1



Appy "G" to War Diary for Jan 42 - Original  
Capt Capper

SYSTEM OF RECORDING ISSUES IN BN

In Special Issue Sheets compiled for War Diary  
to be retained by C.O. & S.S.

Pl. Comd also to keep Platoon Records which will be  
periodically checked by C.O. & S.S.

REQUISITIONS

By Platoons to C.O. & S.S. Platoon Comd to number & keep copies  
of Platoon reqs.

Coy Req to reach QM on Tuesday of each week.

LOSSES

Losses are to be borne by the soldier to whom the  
articles are on issue, unless it can be established  
that the responsibility has passed to another person,  
by whom the loss will then be borne.

ORIGINAL ISSUES

"Original Issue" means a similar issue has never  
previously been made to the soldier during his service  
in the AIF.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES

These are issues to cover "fair wear & tear".

STOPPAGES

The normal method of replacing losses is against  
stoppage. Stoppage sheets are prepared by C.O. & S.S.  
& passed in with Regs. & Pay Books to QM who checks &  
passes on to Pay Sgt.

PUBLIC EXPENSE

Replacement at Public Expense of losses can be made only in  
very exceptional circumstances by direction of the C.O. if  
a Loss Report proves the circumstances to justify such  
replacement.

BN PROCEDURE

Coy Regs. ~~and~~ which could not be filled from  
working stocks, are consolidated weekly & indents  
sent to Ordnance. As items are received from Ordnance,  
the Coy Regs are filled.

MONTHLY INSPECTION---GAS EQUIPMENT

All A/G equip't on issue must be checked for condition  
at the end of each month & a report of deficiencies &  
items requiring replacement reach QM by 3rd of each month.

REPAIR OF BOOTS

Case must be taken to hand in boots for repair  
while they are in a condition to allow proper  
repairs to be made.

RESPONSIBILITY OF EQUIPING REINFORCEMENTS

Reinforcements frequently arrive from I.T.B.  
deficient many essential items.  
This places an unwarranted strain on Qm. working stocks.

THOMSON SUB MACHINE GUNS.

Have now been issued on the full scale of 1 per rifle bay  
sec. This is a personal issue & replaces the rifle  
previously issued to the man in each sec. who is  
now armed with the Thomp. Sub MG.

FIRES

Many troops have improvised coke braziers.  
These are very useful but Qm. must check  
carefully & Qm's Supervisor to prevent the  
unauthorised use of timber as fuelwood or the  
helping of wood fuel from kitchen areas!



2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
UNIT PASS

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR COOKING

Cooking is entirely under an arrangement.  
Meals are prepared by Sgt. Cook & the kitchen  
are carefully supervised by him & the R.M.S.  
Coy's have no "lay kitchens" & any departure from  
normal routine arrangements must be arranged  
by coys with R.M.S., NOT dealt with kitchens.

*Mac*  
Capt  
Q. M. 2/4 Bn. 9/1/42



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2/4 AUSTRALIAN INF BN TNG INSTN - BN EXERCISE - COMMUNICATIONS

1. Unit HQ, sub-unit HQ and Sig Pl will exercise in communications on 13 Jan 42.
2. The following personnel will participate :-
  - (a) Bn HQ -  
Maj J McCarty MC, who will be CO for all purposes of the exercise;  
Adjutant;  
I Section : less personnel required for duties;  
Two clerks;  
RMO or representative;  
Provost Section.
  - (b) HQ Coy -  
OC, CSM and two orderlies; Pioneer Pl Comd and orderly;  
Mortar Pl Comd and orderly; Carrier Pl Comd and orderly; QM's representative; Sig Pl less personnel required for duties.
  - (c) Four Rifle Coys, each of :-  
OC, CSM, two orderlies, two attached signalmen.
  - (d) Director - Lt-Col I.N. Dougherty DSO;  
Umpire - Capt W.A. Capper

3. (a) Tpt for the exercise will be allotted as follows:-
 

CO	- 1 Car DS, 1 Carrier
Carrier Pl Comd	- 1 Carrier
Sig Pl	- 1.1 ton van, 1 Carrier, 3 MCs
Provost Section	- 4 MCs

No other tpt will be used during the exercise other than by the directing staff.

- (b) MTO will provide three (3) additional PU or 15 cwt trucks to tpt personnel to and from the exercise.

4. ADM

- (a) Personnel and tpt will assemble at Bn HQ by 0830 hrs 13 Jan 42.
- (b) Sub-units will requisition this HQ for message forms required.
- (c) All personnel participating in the exercise will carry a haversack lunch and full water bottle.
- (d) Dress - Battl. Dress incl gas equipment and steel helmets;
- (e) Sig Offr will arrange the attachment of two signalmen to each Coy.

*J. McCarty*  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

Time of Sig. .... 1615  
Method of Dist.  
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"B" Coy	2	Adjt
"C" Coy	3	QM
"D" Coy	4	IO
HQ Coy	5	TO
Sig Pl Comd	6	RMO
Mortar Pl Comd	7	RSM
Carrier Pl Comd	8	Pro Sjt
Pioneer Pl Comd	9	War Diary
CO	10	File

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2/4 AUST INF BN TNG INSTN

1. Tng in accordance with this HQ Tng Instn of 30 Dec 41 will commence on 12 Jan 42.
2. Allotment of numbers and date for the first day's tng and Bn duties covering the period 12/22 Jan 42 is attached as Appx "A".
3. In the event of sub units having less men available than the number allotted the allotment will be filled by the most backward personnel attending two days tng.
4. Nominal rolls mentioned in para 3(b) of this HQ Tng Instn of 30 Dec 41 will be supplied to Lieut Reilly by 1800 hrs 11 Jan 42 for tng on 12 Jan 42 and then 24 hrs in advance of the time tng is due to commence.
5. Personnel will assemble at the Southern end of the YMCA building 5 mins before tng is due to commence. Sub units will be responsible for seeing that their personnel are paraded at that time.
6. Dress for all instructional parades will be battle order and gas equipment. Sub units will be responsible for parading their personnel correct in every respect.

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Method of distribution - Runner.

Adj't 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

Capt

Time of Sig.....

DISTRIBUTION

"A" Coy	Copy No	1	Adj't	Copy No	9
"B" "		2	QM		10
"C" "		3	RHO		11
"D" "		4	RSM		12
HQ "		5	Cadre		13
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APPX "A" TO 2/4 AUST INF BN TNG INSTN OF 11 JAN 42

<u>Date</u> <u>1942</u>	<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Duty Coy to Mount at 1800 hrs</u> <u>the Day Before the Date Shown</u>
Jan 12	"C" Coy 60 HQ " 35 BnHQ 5	"A" Coy
13	"D" Coy 60 HQ " 35 BnHQ 5	"B" Coy
14	("B" Coy will carry out range practice - free day)	"C" Coy
15	"A" Coy 60 HQ " 35 BnHQ 5	"D" Coy
16	"B" Coy 60 HQ " 35 BnHQ 5	"A" Coy
17	"C" Coy 60 HQ " 35 BnHQ 5	"B" Coy
18	(Sunday - Free Day)	"C" Coy
19	"D" Coy 60 HQ " 35 BnHQ 5	"A" Coy
20	"A" Coy 60 HQ " 35 BnHQ 5	"D" Coy
21	("C" Coy will carry out range practice - free day)	"B" Coy
22	"B" Coy 60 HQ " 35 BnHQ 5	"C" Coy



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2/4 AUST INF BN REGIMENTAL POSTING LIST

The following posting of Officers will take effect from 17 Jan 42:-

Bn HQ

CO	Lt Col	I.N. Dougherty DSO
2 1/c	Major	J. McCarty MC
Adjt	Capt	J.G. Lindsay MC
IO	Lieut	A.R. Heilly
RMO	Capt	H.R.T. Hodgkinson

"A" Coy

OC	Capt	L.M. Cutcliffe
2 1/c	Capt	D.H. Miller
7 Pl	Lieut	G.J. Hawke
8 Pl	Lieut	W.C. Martin
9 Pl	Lieut	W.B. Harvey

"B" Coy

OC	Major	H.S. Conkey MC
2 1/c	Lieut	H.P.A. Smith
10 Pl	Lieut	B.H. Fox
11 Pl	Lieut	G.W. Jackott
12 Pl	Lieut	L.P. Howlett

"C" Coy

OC	Capt	M.K. Rungie
2 1/c	Capt	F.J. Pegg
13 Pl	Lieut	F.C. Brownhill
14 Pl	Lieut	W.M. Gray
15 Pl	Lieut	J.H. Brown

"D" Coy

OC	Capt	E.D. Wren
2 1/c	Lieut	F.R. Cohen
16 Pl	Lieut	H.I. Howard
17 Pl	Lieut	J.P. Collins
18 Pl	Lieut	A.H. Sargent

HQ Coy

OC	Major	H.W.P. Farrell
1 Pl (Sigs)	Lieut	B.E. O'Hara
2 Pl (AA)	Lieut	R.W. Ellerman
3 Pl (M)	Lieut	T.L. Mort
4 Pl ((Car- ( rier)	Capt	R. Maddern
	Lieut	T.J. Taylor
5 Pl (Plan)	Lieut	J.H. Hyles
6 Pl (QM)	Capt	W.A. Capper
(TO	Lieut	J.J. Carroll

SUPERNUMERARY

Name	Attached to
Lieut H.E. Mitchell	"D" Coy
Lieut F.F. Crutchett	"B" Coy

NOTES

1. Capt G.E. Raymond to go as 2 1/c 19 Aust Inf Tng Bn.
2. Capt C. Chrystal to replace Capt M.K. Rungie.
3. Lieut Y.W.J. Ormiston to go to 1 Aust Conval Depot.
4. Capt P.A. Tomlinson to go to 7 Aust Gen Hosp.



Exercise on Communication within the Bn.

19 Jan 42

Approximate Sequence and Time Table  
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TIME	ACTION
0830	Personnel participating assemble at Bn HQ and depart (except Sig Offr and some personnel who proceed earlier).
0850	Arrive positions and set up. Prepare for commencement of exercise.
0930	Enemy main attack. Umpires with "C" & "D" Coys send back reports as discussed on Sunday. Reports also to come back from Command Post (manned by "I" Section) on "C" Coys' front.
1015	Crest of KETTLE gained by enemy, and "C" & "D" Coys come under fire from KETTLE. Umpire with "C" Coy will also report moves of enemy through JDEIDE and the orchards east of it.
1020	One Pl "D" Coy (in holes on place indicated) immediately counter-attacks enemy on KETTLE.
1030	A second Pl of "D" Coy moves across KETTLE to strengthen the Pl which counter-attacked; both Pls will now remain on North slope of KETTLE and prevent any further advance of enemy up the steep slope.
1030	Bde Comd rings CO - tells him situation (this will be done by director) - Orders him to counter-attack to restore front.
1045	As this is one of the counter-attacks planned beforehand, it can be commenced early. Counter-attack commences at 1045 as per scheme previously arranged.
1145	Position on front completely restored.
1145 - 1330	Practise sending messages in new position. Messages to include those concerning replenishment of ammunition and contact with "B" Echelon concerning water & rations.
1345	Personnel assemble at Northern fort of KETTLE. Remarks by Director of Exercise and Signal Umpire. Discussion.
1445	March to JDEIDE; embus; return to camp.

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L.S. H. Col  
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2/4 AUST INF BN TNG INSTN

1. Training routine for the week ending 24 Jan 42 will be:-

(a) Day Tng.

0800	Pl pdes and inspection of arms and equipment by Pl Comds.
0815	Coy Pdes
0830	Bn Pdes
0845-0930	Coy Route Marches
0935-1215	Cadre Tng
1320-1620	"

(Each day's tng will finish with 15 mins close order drill.)

(b) Night Tng:

Coys will spend two nights each of two hours on night tng in -

Compass work  
Recco Patrols

2. Coys will continue to be responsible for wet weather tng.

3. In addition the following exercises will be held:-

19 Jan 42 - HQs Comm Exercise.  
 21 Jan 42 - TEWT for Offrs directed by CO.  
 22 Jan 42 - HQs Comm Exercise.  
 23 Jan 42 - Coy Exercise directed by CO.

Morning - "A" Coy  
 Afternoon - "B" Coy

24 Jan 42 - Coy Exercise directed by CO.

Morning - "C" Coy  
 Afternoon - "D" Coy

4. "C" Coy will carry out Range Practice on 21 Jan 42.

Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

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"C" Coy	3	TO	11
"D" Coy	4	RMIC	12
HQ Coy	5	RSI	13
CO	6	Cadre	14
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SECRET

2/4 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE MOVEMENT ORDERS NO. I

23 JAN 42.

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INFORMATION:

1. HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde & att'd Sub-units  
2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
One Sec 2/2 Aust Fd Coy  
"B" Coy 2/2 Aust Fd Amb  
4 Aust Rec Sec  
(in the above order)  
will move in Convoy from present area 25 Jan 42 and proceed to SAMAKH.

MOVES:

2. 2/4 Aust Inf Bn less advance party & rear party to move with carriers will move from present area on 25 Jan 42 in accordance with the following instructions.

METHODS:

3. Troop-carrying tpt on arrival will be allotted to Coys by TO.
4. Unit tpt will be allotted to QM for stores (less I FC which will be allotted to 2 i/c) & report to RQMS for loading as required on 24 Jan 42.
5. Embussing Point - Camp Road running East-West between Bn Tpt Park and Carrier Park
6. Order of Movement -
  - 2 i/c's Truck
  - Bn HQ
  - HQ Coy
  - "A" "
  - "B" "
  - "C" "
  - "D" "
  - Store Trucks
7. Route - BAALBECK, RAYAK, DAMASCUS, QUENEITRA, SAMAKH.
8. Starting Point - NEBI OTHMANE
9. Time Past SP - Head of Bn Column 0739 Hrs  
Tail " " 0750 hrs
10. Speed & Density - 20 mph; 15 VTM
11. Halts (a) 10 mins at ten (10) mins to each third clock hour.  
(b) Midday meal 1230 hrs.  
Convoy moves off again 1315 hrs
12. Dispersal - Guides detailed by 6 Aust Div Pro Coy will contact Convoy near Police Post SAMAKH.
13. Traffic Control - OSC trucks will ensure that all traffic regulations are observed and in the event of an emergency halt by a particular truck that trucks following are immediately signalled on. During halts vehicles will be pulled off or well to the side of the road and signalmen posted to direct traffic. TO will detail motor-cyclists to assist in traffic control.
14. Protection -Sub-unit comds will be responsible for taking appropriate action in the event of enemy air attack. They will take proper security measures during any night halts and at final destination.



ADMINISTRATION:

- 15 Dress - Marching Order with Respirators (slung) and steel helmets carried on pack.
- 16 Kit - The following will be taken :  
Full kit and personal equipment  
4 blankets  
Rifle and 50 rds .303  
Pistol and 12 rds  
TSMG on personal issue.
- 17 Bren LMGs on issue to Coys will be taken by Coy personnel on personnel trucks.
- 18 Rations - The unconsumed portion of the days ration will be taken plus 3 days, the mid-day meal for 4 days, plus an EMERGENCY ration being carried on the man.
- 19 POL - TO will arrange for a supply for at least 140 miles to be carried on 1 2-ton truck.
- 20 Water - Water bottles will be full. Bn Water trucks will be full.
- 21 Reveille 25 Jan 42 - 0530 hrs.
- 22 Breakfast " - 0600 hrs.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

- 23 Bn HQ will travel at head of Bn Column throughout the move.
- 24 Sig Offr will synchronise watches at Offr's Mess, 30 mins after Reveille on 25 Jan 42.

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*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

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2/4 AUST IIF BN ADM INSTN

1. Daily Routine:

Reveille	0630 hrs	
Breakfast	0730	
Coy Pdes (arms & Amn Inspect.)	0800	
Bn Pde	0830	
Tng to	1215	
Lunch	1230	
Tng	1330	to 1630 hrs
Evening Meal	1645	
Retreat	1730	
First Post	2130	
Last Post	2200	
Lights Out	2215	

2. Bn Duties:

Coys will mount as Duty Coy at Retreat as notified in Bn ROs. Duty Coy will provide all fatigues and duties as set out in Appx "A" and any additional fatigue and duties that may be required. Duty will be for 24 hrs.

3. Camp Duties:

The Duty Coy, if necessary, assisted by the Next for Duty Coy, will provide Camp Duties when notified to do so in Bn ROs.

Camp Duties and fatigues are as set out in Appx "B".

Camp Duties will mount at 1600 hrs. Duty will be for a period of two days.

4. Barrack Damages:

Sub-units will ensure that no damage is done to, or equipment removed from the Camp Area or buildings.

5. Damage to Civilian Property:

Movement over crops or cultivated land is forbidden.

6. Control of Civilians:

(a) All civilians in Camp Area must be in possession of passes issued by Camp SO, AACs, DCRE, or by AIF pass issuing officer, GAZA, depending how they are employed.

(b) Civilians without passes or about whom sentries etc are doubtful will be apprehended, and delivered to IO. If necessary the IO will refer to Camp SO.

(c) Civilians without passes may not use tarred road SOUTH of and parallel with Camp Perimeter.

(d) Hawkers of goods are NOT to be permitted entry, or to be allowed to operate in the vicinity of the Camp Area.

(e) Civilians, including Interpreters, are NOT permitted to wear Army Clothing.

(f) Particular attention is to be paid to the stamping out of unauthorised sale of intoxicating drinks.

(g) Soldiers will not fraternise with natives and immediate disciplinary action will be taken whenever there is any sign of this practice.



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- (h) Civilians will NOT be given scraps from cook-houses.
- (i) Civilians will NOT be employed by units or by personnel individually.

7. Bounds:

- (a) Camp Perimeter is defined by concrete posts; personnel found beyond the perimeter without a LEAVE PASS will be considered AWL.
- (b) Villages, native dwellings, gardens, vineyards, groves, orchards, or cultivated fields are OUT OF BOUNDS at all times.
- (c) Civilian traffic will enter and leave Camp Area by way of tarred road SOUTH of Glassford Lines (LI). Army traffic may use NORTHERN road also but must NOT pass through RE Depot.

8. Gambling

All forms of gambling are forbidden. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

9. Foreign Weapons & Amn:

It is an offence for troops to be in possession of any foreign weapons, amn or explosives unless such are held on unit charge and issued in lieu of regulation pattern.

10. Arms & Amn-Security:

All personnel to whom arms are issued must know the registered number. Any loss of arms or amn will be reported immediately to Bn HQ. The absolute necessity for safeguarding fire-arms is impressed upon all ranks.

11. Mail & Censorship:

Censored mail will be handed in at the I Office by sub-unit officers by 0930 hrs daily.

Particular care must be taken to prevent any mention of past or future troop movements in private correspondence of all kinds.

12. Pay:

Pay will be issued fortnightly on alternative Thursdays.

13. Showers:

Showers will be hot between 1530 & 1900 hrs daily. ORs using showers will be organised into parties in charge of an NCO.

14. Cleaning & Sanitation:

A contractor is employed to empty and clean the latrine buckets, seats and floors of latrines. Cleaning of latrines and urine troughs with deep trench system and ablution and dhobi stands will be arranged by the Pioneer Offr. Particular attention must be paid to the cleaning of drains, grease-traps, showers, ablution places, and all cook-houses in Unit lines. Native labour may not be employed.

"Desert Rose" urinals are forbidden. Buckets will be used and emptied into Otway pits.

The Pioneer Offr will call on the Duty Coy for labour as required.

Tents:

Flaps and walls of all tents used for sleeping purposes will be rolled for the maximum possible period daily.



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2/4 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN (Contd)

16. Recreation Huts:

Hours of opening and closing will be from 0830 hrs to 2200 hrs daily.

17. Camp Time:

The Sig Offr will be responsible for the checking of time with Camp HQ Sigs at 0815 hrs daily.

18. Communications:

DRLS - DRs will call at Bn HQ every two hours between 0800 hrs and 2000 hrs.

DR depart 19 Aust Inf Bde	0900 hrs
arrive 6 Aust Div	0930
depart 6 Aust Div	0945
arrive 19 Aust Inf Bde	1015
depart 19 Aust Inf Bde	1600
arrive 6 Aust Div	1630
depart 6 Aust Div	1645
arrive 19 Aust Inf Bde	1715

19. This instn will be promulgated to all.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

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"B"	2
"C"	3
"D"	4
"E"	5
HQ	6
Sig Offr	7
Pioneer Offr	8
TO	9
CO	10
2 i/c	11
Adjt	12
QM	13
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BN DUTIES

1. Bn Guard:  
1 Sjt, 1 Cpl 12 ORs will parade on the Bn Pde Ground for inspection before mounting by 1720 hrs daily.  
Dress - SD, webbing equipment, gaiters, felt hats.  
Arms - rifle or T3MG and bayonet.
2. Inlying Picquet:  
1 Pl will parade for inspection with the Bn Guard. After inspection it will be dismissed to its lines where it will remain in readiness to be turned out if required.  
Dress - as for Bn Guard.  
Arms - side arms.
3. Prowlers:  
6 ORs. One pair of prowlers will guard Offrs lines and kitchens. Reliefs will be posted by the NCO i/c of Duty Coys line guards.
4. Orderly Duties:  
Orderly Sjt  
Orderly Cpl  
2 Orderlies will parade for inspection with Bn Guard and Inlying Picquet.  
Dress - SD, webbing belt and side arms, gaiters, felt hats.
5. Offrs' Mess Fatigue:  
2 ORs will report to Offrs' mess kitchen by 0700 hrs.
6. Sjts' Mess Fatigue:  
3 ORs will report to Sjts Mess kitchen by 0700 hrs.

CAMP DUTIES

1. Cinema Picquet:  
1 Capt or Major, 1 Sjt 1 Cpl 15 ORs will report to Camp Cinema by 1720 hrs. The Picquet will be responsible for maintaining good order & discipline in and about the Cinema, and will ensure that full use is made of the seating accommodation available.
2. Shower Fatigue:  
1 NCO 6 ORs will report to the Camp SO, with buckets and brooms which will be drawn from the OM store, by 0830 hrs.
3. Runner:  
1 runner will report to the Camp SO by 0800 hrs.



## Effects of Cold on the Body.

### The Circulation

1. The Circulation in General (Diagram 1.)

2. The Capillary Circulation (Diagram 2.)

One of the purposes of the circulation is to maintain the cells of the body at a uniform heat - constant Internal Environment. It is by means of the circulation that temp<sup>er</sup> of cells in different parts of the body is equalised.

Heat loss can be increased by increased blood flow through surface tissues.

Heat loss can be decreased by decreased blood flow through skin.

### Heat Regulating Centre in the Brain.

There is a H.R.C. in the brain whose purpose is to maintain ~~the temp<sup>er</sup> of all vital cells~~ <sup>so that</sup> of all vital cells at a depth from the <sup>(surface)</sup> level. ~~its own temperature~~ <sup>at a uniform optimal</sup>

It is affected or influenced by

- (1) Increased or decreased Temp<sup>er</sup> of blood reaching it
- (2) Sensory impulses of Heat or Coldness reaching it by nervous pathways from the skin surfaces.

### Balance between Heat Production & Heat loss.

Delicate balance between these necessary to maintain the body's temp<sup>er</sup> uniform in spite of varying temp<sup>er</sup>s in External Environment.

Heat Production is by Cell Activity of all cells in body. The heat is produced by the burning up of food stores in liver & muscle (distributed by circulation).

It is increased by exercise and partaking of food

Heat loss. by conduction convection & radiation when external temp<sup>er</sup>s are lower, and also by sensible and insensible perspiration.



Body's temp<sup>e</sup> may be raised either by -

1. Increases Heat Production. Shivering, Muscular exercise, food, excitement (Alcohol when in warm environment)
2. Decreases Heat loss.

- (a) Covering Exterior with clothing
- (b) Diminution in circulation through skin.

### Reactions of Body to External Cold. (Diagram 3)

Sensory impulses from skin → (i) Cerebral Cortex which makes us aware that we are cold.

(ii) Heat Regulating Centre which stimulates (a) cells particularly of muscles (increases tone & shivering, "goose flesh") to increase their heat production

(b) Small Arterioles of skin are constricted (through the vaso motor centre) and blood supply through skin diminished thereby producing two effects

(α) Diminished heat loss from the skin

(β) Diminished vitality of cells of skin itself

This reaction is a defensive one so that temperature of vital cells within the body are kept normal but vitality of cells of skin is diminished.



## Practical Points in Environment of Extreme Cold.

- (1) Increase Heat Production by food & exercise.  
(Extra meal at Night for Guards & sentries)
- (2) Diminish heat loss by suitable clothing and Dry — (Drying room. Recognition of fact that Boots which have been repaired are not water proof)
- (3) Don't's.

- (1) Put cold feet on fire or in too hot water. The cells are already partly devitalised and will be much more readily injured by heat or any other means. — Don't rub them — use water only slightly above body heat.
- (2) Don't rub hands or feet with Snow or with ash
- (3) Don't get too Close to fire.

## Effect of Alcohol.

Depresses sensitivity of A.R.C., so that skin vessels allowed to dilate & heat loss from interwoven increased. Man feels warmer because skin is warmer but heat loss from body greater. So that Temp? internal cells drops & man more susceptible to Respiratory Infections.

Practical Point Don't give alcohol if exposure is to be continued. Hold till patient returns to warmer environment in which his heat loss will not be great. "One for the road" a wrong principle, because it is one for the wrong end of the road.   
in conditions of extreme cold.



Effect of Wetness in addition to Cold.

Water 14 x conductivity of air as regards heat loss, so all effects of cold are multiplied.

Drying places for boots & box imperative.

Diagram 1.

Diagram from RAMC Training Manual of Circulation General features

Diagrams 2 & 3 Attached.



Diagram ②

Capillary Circulation

Closed Capillaries



Capillaries network.

Arteriole

Venule

Constrictor  
nerve fibre

Vasomotor  
centre in Brain

Heat regulating  
centre in Brain

Capt Tomkinson  
1630 hrs  
7 Jan 41.



Diagram ③

Temperature Regulating Centre in Brain

Vaso-Constrictor Centre

Arteriole

Skin capillaries + those of Throat

Nerve fibres from Cold spots on skin

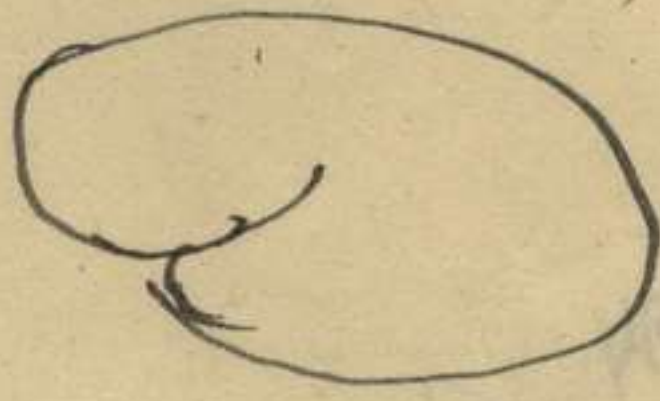
To Hair muscles  
→ GOOSE FLESH.

Increased cellular activity resulting in increased metabolism

SKIN  
e Hairs

Muscle fibres





2K1W

GOOSE LUSH  
HALL

Little Zumbul  
Patterson  
Gumby



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HILL 69 PALESTINE	1	<u>Weather: Fine</u> Church Pades in morning. 1330 hrs demenstration on flat of ST bomb & No.63 & 73 grenades. Posting list issued	See Appx "A"	
	2	<u>Weather: Fine</u> Nothing to report		
	3	<u>Weather: Windy &amp; dusty</u> CO selects ground for Bn exercise - Maj Farrell and IO plan Coy exercises. Appx issued on Chemical Warfare - use of personal equipment.	See Appx "B"	
	4	<u>Weather: Fine</u> "B" & "C" Coys out on Coy exercises in the vicinity of ISDUD. Demenstration of explosives in Cadre Course.	See Appx "C"	
	5.	<u>Weather: Fine and cool breeze</u> "A" & "D" Coys out on tng exercises in ISDUD area Capt Maddern leaves for TEL-EL-KEBIR with 20 members of No,4 Pl. Large preportion of Bn attend Col Gerald's show "All in Fun" at the Garrison Cinema.		
	6.	<u>Weather: Dull &amp; Showery</u> Musketry practices CO lectures Officers on Tng. Tpt is loaded and leaves for Port Said.	See Appx "D"	
	7.	<u>Weather: Fine</u> Bn carries out exercises in the sand dunes near the coast WEST of the Ry line. Exercise progressed according to Appx, a further impremtu ex. was carried out afterwards.	See Appx "E"	

Signature *L. D. ...*



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HILL 69 PALESTINE	8.	<b>Weather: Fine</b> CO lectures Offrs & NCOs on methods of forming up Bn for a night attack, and a demonstration is held on the ground. Movement order issued.	See Appx "G"	
	9.	<b>Weather: Fine</b> Bn prepares for Move. Maj Roberts of 4 RTR lectures Offrs & NCOs of 19 Aust Inf Bde on "Army Tanks and Tank Support." Bn moved just after midnight in accordance with Appx "G".		
ON ROUTE	10	<b>Weather: Fine</b> Arrived KANTARA EAST 0830 hrs. Moved across and re-entrained KANTARA WEST. Unit detrained near FAYAD 1500 hrs and marched to the Transit Camp in Infantry Base Depot Area (British) NORTH of GENEIFA.		
GENEIFA	11	<b>Weather: Fine</b> Tps get opportunity for swim in GREAT BITTER LAKE Advance Party under Comd Maj McCarty with Lieuts Smith & Reilly leave at 1600 hrs for PORT TAUFIQ (With an NCO and 16 ORs)		<i>Our return to Aug on 12 Feb appears to have caused a culpable waste of fuel, since "Aronda" sailed later than us and went in to Port Sudan. CO's must always send sound officers to <del>make</del> for appointments in Har (e.g. disembarkation S.O's) in order that efficiency is maintained. This is not always done, unfortunately. J. J. Murphy Rtd</i>
	12	<b>Weather: Fine</b> Reveille 0400 hrs. Unit embusses and proceeds to PORT TAUFIQ and embarks on H.M.T. RAJULA Ship cleared harbour 1300 hrs, but after a few hours travelling down the RED SEA returned and steered off PORT SUEZ, from 1800 hrs on.		
ON BOARD H.M.T. RAJULA	13	<b>Weather: Fine</b> Orders given for disembarkation - this proceeds from 1300 hrs on at Shell Jetty PORT SUEZ & Unit moves to CAMP "H" 157 Transit Camp.		

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Signature

*J. J. Murphy Rtd*



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157 TRANSIT CAMP SUEZ	14	<u>Weather: Fine</u> Bn Pde 0900 hrs: Bn commences tng under Coy arrangements.		
	15	<u>Weather: Dull &amp; Cloudy</u> Party of men from Bn visit the "AJAX". Sports meeting in afternoon. Conference of COs of Units with Chief Ammenities Offr to discuss provision of amusements for tps.		
	16	<u>Weather: Fine</u> Tng continues. Taking of AIF Census commences		
	17	<u>Weather: Fine</u> RAF invite an Offr of Bn for a flight in Wellington Bomber.		
	18	<u>Weather: Dull and Showery</u> Nothing to report.		
	19	<u>Weather: Showers in morning; clear later inday.</u> Reveille 0530 hrs. Unit marched to Shell Jetty and embarks H.M.TRAJULA 0930 hrs. Leave Port 1450 hrs.	See Appx "H" for Units on Board and Appointments.	
H.M.T. RAJULA RED SEA	20	<u>Weather: Fine, slight swell</u> Tng pursued under Coy arrangements. Troops are paid. COs conference on tng 1330 hrs.		
	21	<u>Weather: Fine</u> List of Offrs Lectures issued. See	See Appx "J"	
	22	<u>Weather: Fine</u> Church Pde on well Deck 1030 hrs.		
	23	<u>Weather: Fine</u>		

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H.M.T. RAJULA RED SEA	23	<u>Weather</u> : Dull, sultry & hot Passed PER IM Island 1300 hrs.			
	24	<u>Weather</u> ; Dull and cloudy, very sultry Arrive ADEN 0830 hrs. Tie up near the American Transport "WESTPORT" POINT Move out again 1700 hrs accompanied by H.M.T. ARONDA which has 2/8 Aust Inf Bn on board, and escorted by the Armed Merchant Cruiser CHITRAL.			
	25	<u>Weather</u> : Hot, sea calm Precautions increased as ship approaches more dangerous waters.			
	26	<u>Weather</u> : Fine and hot Passed Cape GUARDAFUI. Cloth model TEWT for NCOs conducted by Lieut. comments by CO. Harvey.			
	27	<u>Weather</u> ; Fine Debating introduced into recreational tng			
	28	<u>Weather</u> . Fine and warm Nothing to report.			
		<u>Other Appendices</u> COs notes on tng 21 Aug to end of year 1940 Notes on Equipment. Map of SUEZ CANAL AREA	See Appx "K" See Appx "L" See Appx "M"		

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Signature *St. Dunphy H. Col*



2/4 AUST INF BN REGIMENTAL POSTING LIST

The following posting of Officers will take effect as from 1 Feb 42:-

Bn HQ

CO	Lt Col	I.N. DOUGHERTY
2 I/c	Major	J. Mc CARTY
Adjt	Capt	W.A. CAPPER
IO	Lieut	A.R. REILLY
RMO	Capt	H.R. HODKINSON

"A" Coy

OC	Capt	L.M. CUTCLIFFE
2 i/c	Capt	D.H. MILLAR
7 Pl	Lieut	G.J. HAWKE
8 Pl	Lieut	W.G. MARTIN
9 Pl	Lieut	W.B. HARVEY

"B" Coy

OC	Major	H.S. CONKEY
2 i/c	Lieut	E.P. SMITH
10 Pl	Lieut	E.H. FOX
11 Pl	Lieut	G.W. JACKETT
12 Pl	Lieut	L.F. HOWLETT

"C" Coy

OC	???	
2 i/c	Capt	F.J. PEGG
13 Pl	Lieut	H.E. SHARP
14 Pl	Lieut	W.M. GRAY
15 Pl	Lieut	J.H. BROWN

"E" Coy

*(Reinf. Coy)*

OC	Capt	C.E. RAYMOND (o)
2 i/c	Lieut	A.H. SARGENT (a)
19 Pl	Lieut	W.C. CALF
20 Pl	Lieut	J.D. HOLDSWORTH
21 Pl	Lieut	K.I. McINTOSH

"D" Coy

OC	Capt	E.D. WREN
2 i/c	Lieut	P.R. COHEN
16 Pl	Lieut	N.I. HOWARD
17 Pl	Lieut	H.E. MITCHELL
18 Pl	Lieut	F.F. CRUTCHETT

HQ Coy

OC	Major	N.W. FARRELL
1 Pl (Sigs)	Lieut	B.E. O'MARA
2 Pl (AA)	Lieut	R.W. ELLERMAN
3 Pl (Mortar)	Lieut	T.L. MORT
4 Pl (Carr ier)	Capt	R. MADDERN
	Lieut	T.J. TAYLOR
5 Pl (Pion)	Lieut	J.H. HYLES
6 Pl (QM)	Lieut	J.P. COLLINS
(TO)	Lieut	J.J. CARROLL

NOTES

- (o) Pending Secondment as 2 i/c 19 Aust Inf Tng Bn
- ?? ? Capt M.J. RUNGIE on return from 19 Aust Inf Tng Bn
- Lieut F.C. BROWNHILL to 3 Aust Conval Depot (31 Jan 42)
- Lieut Y.W. ORMISTON to "X" List
- (a) Pending secondment to Inf S<sub>pe</sub> c Gp (Mortar Instr)

*Subsignature*  
*2 Feb 42*  
*Atol*



2/4 Aust Inf Bn,  
HILL 69.  
3 Feb 42.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

1. The Unit Gas Officer reports that tng in the use of personal A/G eqpt within the Unit is not good.
2. The following procedure will be adopted forthwith :-
  - (a) Individuals will hang Capes A/G when not in use, and Capes should be moved on their hangers at intervals so that the folds do not become permanent and perish.
  - (b) Section leaders will be held responsible that all men under their Command know how to roll the Cape A/G and wear it so that it will fall easily when protection is required.
  - (c) All ranks will be practised in Cape drill and wear the Respirator for two periods of half an hour each per week.
  - (d) The wearing of the Respirator as in sub-para (c) above should at times be undertaken on route marches.
3. The monthly inspection of all A/G eqpt on issue will be carefully carried out at the end of each month and reported to QM as required by previous instn.

*Ambridge*

Capt.  
Adjnt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

Distribution

"A" Coy  
"B"  
"C"  
"D"  
"E"  
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IO  
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Lieut Mort.  
War Diary  
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5 Feb 42

MUSKETRY PRACTICE

1. A, B, C and D Coys leave 0800 hrs 6 Feb 42 under coy guides to range practice area. HQ and E coy leave 1330 hrs.

2. Allotment of Ranges:-

"A"	Coy	No	4	Range (Field Firing Range)
"B"	"	"	3	" (30 yd Range)
"C"	"	"	2	" "
"D"	"	"	1	" "

HQ and "E" Coys will use ranges as vacated by A, B, C and D Coys

3. Ammunition will be drawn on the following scale and carried on the man:-

"A" Coy	5000	rds
"B" "	"	"
"C" "	"	"
"D" "	"	"
HQ	8000	"
"E" "	2000	"

4. Lunches will be taken by A, B, C and D Coys.

5. 1 Sjt and 1 OR from each rifle coy to report to Lieut Cohen at Pioneer Pl Store at 0715 hrs. Early breakfasts to be arranged.

6. Coys will provide flour paste for gluing targets on frames.

7. Coys will detail their own "coaches" and supervising officers beforehand so that shooting may commence as soon as possible after arrival at 0900 hrs.

8. Particular attention of officers and NCOs is drawn to SAT Vol 1, Pages 42 - 47 and pages 70 - 72.

9. As each Pl finishes its shoot on any range it will report to Lieut Cohen at Control Point on the Field Firing Range.

10. Syllabi will be prepared for Pl and Sec Tng in between shoots.

11. Full safety precautions including the posting of sentries will be carried out by Coys.

12. IO to arrange for Interpreter to meet Lieut Cohen at Car Park at 0720 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION

All Coys (6)  
CO  
2 i/c  
A djt  
QM  
IO  
Lieut Cohen  
War Diary (2)  
File

*T. W. M. L. L. L.*  
Capt  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn



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2/4 Aust Inf Bn.  
4 Feb 42.

BATTALION EXERCISE - 6 FEB 42

1. A battalion exercise in "Attack" will be conducted on Friday 6 Feb 42.  
This will be a teaching exercise conducted by the CO, the main objects being :-  
(a) To demonstrate to all ranks the way companies are moved forward, while cohesion within the battalion is always maintained.  
(b) To demonstrate that in a battalion attack, as in a platoon attack, the main decisions to be arrived at before a plan is made are:-  
  - i. What is the best line of advance to the objective.
  - ii From where can covering fire best be given in conjunction with(i.)

These two factors, (line of advance and covering fire), have to be considered together, and the best combination has to be taken.  
(c) To teach the value of grasping of ground in or near the enemy's position, as Trig 40 was gained in the exercise.  
(d) To practise the Bn moving as a Unit in an operation.

2. Troops Taking Part:

"A", "B", "C", "D" Coys  
Details of HQ Coy who cannot go on with specialist training.  
"E" Coy to act as enemy.

3. Director:

CO.

4. Umpires:

"A" Coy - Capt Millar  
"B" Coy - Lieut Howlett  
"C" Coy - Lieut Gray  
"D" Coy - Lieut Cohen.

5. Administration (Exercise):

- (a) Dress : To be notified to Coys on 5 Feb 42.
- (b) Full water-bottles will be carried.
- (c) Haversack lunch will be carried.

6. Command:

Unless unavoidably unable to do so each sub-unit and platoon commander will command his sub-unit or platoon.

7. Opening Situation:

Will be pointed out by Director on the Ground at Pt 40 under the following headings:

- (a) Nature of enemy landing and opposition.
- (b) Positions held by enemy.
- (c) Our general plan :-  
  - i. Objectives of 2/4 Bn
  - ii. Role of Bn on left.
- (d) The position of our troops at dawn on 3 Feb 42.  
("A" Coy 2/4 Bn gained Pt 40 during patrolling night 2/3 Feb 42, and is holding .40 area at dawn.  
...1000..... hours in the exercise time table is assumed to be dawn.

8. Director's remarks including points to watch:

Given on Ground in accordance with Time table. at Pt 40.



BATTALION EXERCISE - 6 FEB 42 (Contd)

9. Exercise will be conducted roughly in accordance with Time Table
10. Director's Closing Remarks, and Remarks by Umpires, will be given at Point 28 in accordance with the Time table.
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11. EXERCISE TIME TABLE (Appx Times).

0830 - Leave Camp  
0915 - Arrive Trig 40 (11421261)  
0915-0935 - Director's opening remarks at Trig 40.  
0935-1000 - Battalion takes up positions as at dawn. (For purposes of exercise 1000 hrs will be considered to be dawn).  
1000-1030 - Phase I : "B" Coy captures SCRUBBY POINT  
1030-1045 - Continue preparations for phase II  
1045-1105 - Phase II: "C" & "D" Coys capture HUT HILL.  
1105-1130 - Phase III: "C" Coy captures point 28. (11331269) and exploits to track and Wadi Junction (11281276) "A"  
1105-1130 - Phase IV: "B" Coy moves NORTH-WEST as indicated. (Phases III & IV are concurrent)  
1130-1145 - Assemble at point 28 (11331269)  
1145-1215 - Director's closing remarks and Comments by Umpires. Discussion.  
1215-1300 LUNCH  
1300-1345 - Return to Camp.

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12. The above notes are merely a guide to the nature of the exercise. In the meantime Officers will study IT 1937, Secs 63, 64, 66, 67.

*M. J. Jones*  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

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"B"	OM
"C"	IO
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"E"	REM
HQ	War Diary
CO	File
2 i/c	
Adjt	

One Copy to each Officer of the Bn.

*The exercise was carried out on 7 Feb 42.  
The exercise progressed very much in accordance with the time table till 1300 hours; then instead of returning to camp another battalion attack was speedily carried out, in a direction westward from .28, driving the remaining "enemy" into the sea. *Edward Jones* 2/4 Aust Inf Bn*



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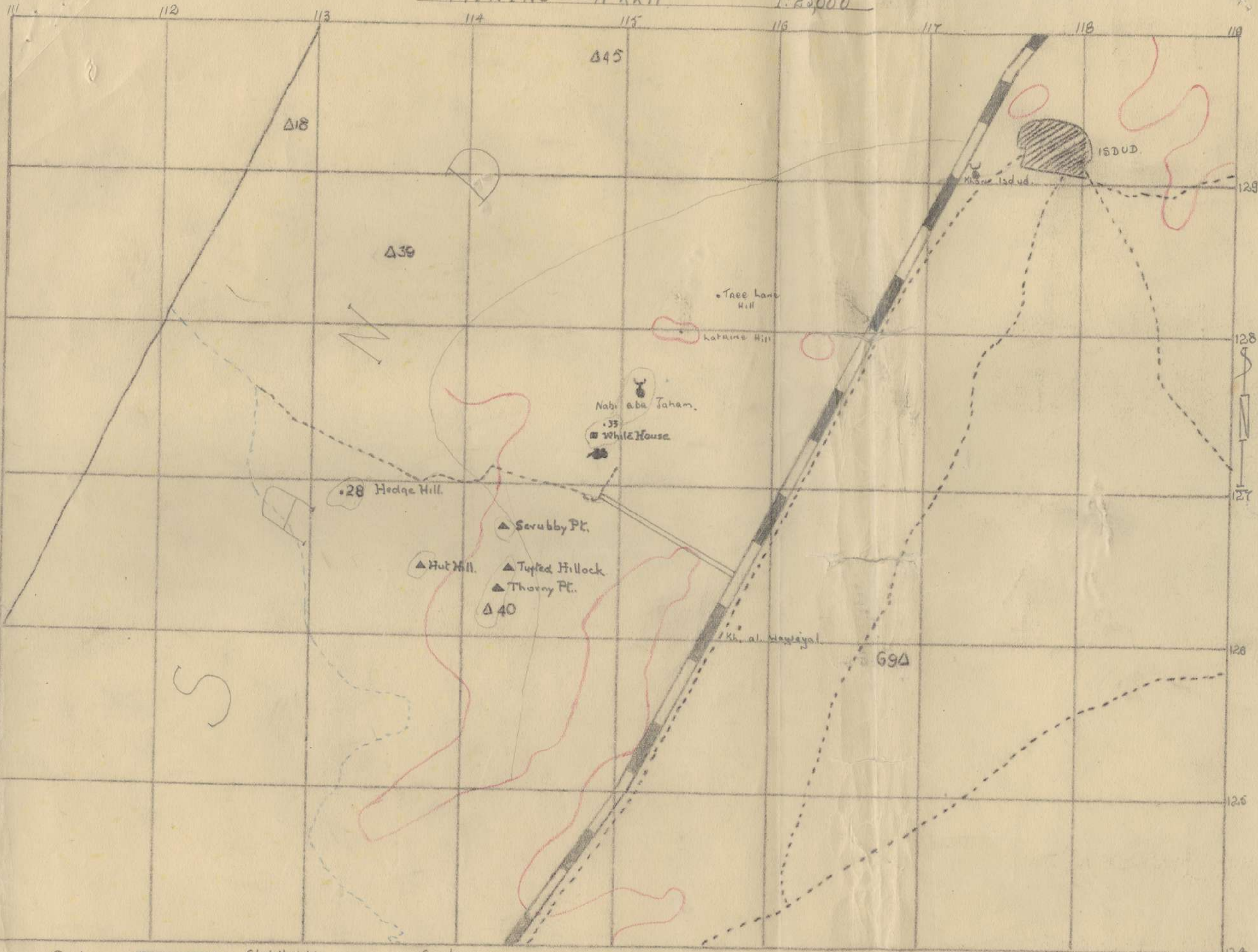
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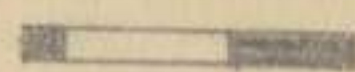

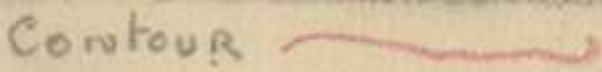



TRAINING AREA

1:25000

Enlarged from GAZA 1:100,000.



Railway  Spot Height. •  
 3rd Class Rd.  Trig Point. Δ  
 Contour  Wadi. 



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

3/4 AUST INF BN (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	-	3
Lieutenants ...	26	7	
2nd Lieutenants (Att) ...	2	2	
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	39	9	3

\*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	CHRISTAL C	3/4 Bn	6 Feb	From 19 Aust Inf Tng Bn
Lieut	WRIGHT J.C.	do	do	do do do
<del>Lieut SHARP ...</del>				

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	BROWNHILL F.C.	2/4 Bn	2 Feb	2/3 Aust Conval Depot
Lieut	ORMISTON G.W.A.	do	3 Feb	19 Aust Inf Bde

**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 Detail by Trades of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 B

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.			REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.			DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.			REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.		
	*Serjeants.	Other Ranks.	Total.	*Serjeants.	Other Ranks.	Total.		*Serjeants.	Other Ranks.	Total.	*Serjeants.	Other Ranks.	Total.
Brakesmen and Shunters							Brought forward						
Blockmen							Platelayers						
Boilermakers							Plumbers and Pipefitters						
Blacksmiths							Postal Workers						
Bricklayers							Printers (Compositors)						
Carpenters and Joiners							Quarryman						
Carriage and Wagon Repairers							Railway Engine Drivers						
Clerks							Riggers						
Clerks (Railway)							Riveters						
Checkers (Number Takers)							Saddlers and Harness Makers						
Concretors							Sawyers						
Computers (Trig.)							Saw Doctors						
Cooks							Searchlight Operators						
Coppersmiths							Shipwrights						
Despatch Riders							Storemen (Tech. & Deptl. (Rly.))						
Divers							Surveyors (Ordnance)						
Draughtsmen (Arch.)							Surveyors (Railway)						
Draughtsmen (Mech.)							Surveyors (Trig.)						
Draughtsmen (Topo.)							Surveyors (Topo.)						
Draughtsmen (Rly. Constrn.)							Surveyors (Engrg.)						
Draughtsmen (Signals)							Stevedores						
Driver Mechanics							Tinsmiths and Whitesmiths						
*Driver Operators (Excavators)							Toolmakers						
Drivers (Trans. Plant)							Traffic Operators						
Drivers (Crane)							Turners						
Electricians							*Wagon Erectors						
Electricians (Signals)							Watermen						
Electrician—Fitters (or Fitters Signals)							Wellborers						
Engine Artificers							Welders (Acetylene or Elec.)						
Farriers							Wheelers						
Firemen (Locomotive)							Woodturners and Machinists						
Fitters							Miscellaneous A-D Trades—						
Fitters (Signals)													
Fitters (Railway Sigs.)													
Grinders Precision							Group E :—Assistant Operators (Signals)						
Helio Workers							"    Operators (Wireless & Line)						
Instrument Mechanics (or Instrument Makers, Telegraph or Electricians Wireless)							"    Linemen						
Linemen (or Telephone Switch-board Operators)							"    Despatch Riders						
*Linemen (Power)							Pioneers, R.E.						
Lithographers (Draughtsmen)							Blacksmith's Strikers or Hammermen						
Lithographers (Provers)							Engine Hands (I.C.)						
Lithographers (Machine Mndrs.)							Stokers (Stationary Engine)						
Machinists Metal							Cleaners (Loco.)						
Masons							W.Os. Class I.		1				1
Millwrights							W.Os. Class II.						
Miners							W.Os. Class III.						
Motor Mechanics							C.Q.M. Serjeants		1				1
Moulders							Staff Serjeants						
Operators (Wireless and Line)							Serjeants		13				13
Operators (Keyboard)							Corporals		6				6
Operators (Signals), (Line), (Wireless) or (Visual)							Trumpeters						
Painters and Decorators							Drivers (H.T.)						
Pattern Makers							Drivers (I.C.)						
Photographers (Cartographic)							Sappers, Signalmen, etc.		128				128
Photo Writers													
Carried forward							Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)		152				152

Not included in Trade Columns

Unit.

*Indraghanty H. C.*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

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

\* Not required in the case of the Royal Engineers, but required in the case of R. Signals.



**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	xxxx	DOUGHERTY J.N.	2/4 Bn	Yes	
Major	xxxxx	MONTGOMERY K.H.	do	No	HQ 6 Aust Div
Major	xxxxx	McCARTY J.	do	Yes	
Major		FARRELL N.W.P.	do	do	
Major		CONKEY H.S.	do	do	
Capt	T/Maj	LOUGHRAN L.J.	do	No	Bde BM 19 Aust Inf
Capt		CUTCLIFFE L.M.	do	Yes	
Capt		HARDIE J.C.J.	do	No	6 Aust Tng Bde
do		COHEN G.	do	do	AIF Kit Store
Capt		RUNGIE W.R.	do	do	19 Aust Tng Bn
do	T/Maj	SHEPPARD A.W.	do	do	HQ 6 Aust Div
do		CAPPER W.A.	do	Yes	
do		ROLFE C.B.N.	do	No	HQ 6 Aust Div
do	T/Maj	COURT R.E.	do	do	AIF Inf Sch
do		MILLAR D.H.	do	Yes	
do		RAYMOND C.E.	do	do	
do		WREN E.D.	do	do	
do		PEGG F.J.	do	do	
do		CRYSTAL C.	do	do	
do		LINDSAY J.G.	do	No	ME Staff Sch
do		SUNDSTROM H.G.	do	do	6 Inf Spec Gp
do		MADDERN R.	do	Yes	Sch
Lieut	T/Capt	NICHOLLS N.A.M.	do	No	AIF Regtl Offrs
do		HAWKE G.J.	do	Yes	
do		BROWNHILL P.G.	do	No	3 Aust Con Depot
do	T/Capt	RUSSELL D.M.	do	do	19 Aust Tng Bn
do		ORMISTON Y.W.J.	do	do	"X" List
do		McCLURE D.T.	do	do	19 Aust Tng Bn
do		SMITH E.P.A.	do	Yes	
do		COHEN P.R.	do	do	
do		SARGENT A.H.	do	do	
do		BOHLE A.H.M.	do	do	
do	T/Capt	HOLMES R.L.	do	No	HQ Ninth Army
do		GRAY W.M.	do	Yes	
do		ORMISTON C.W.A.	do	No	19 Aust Inf Bde
xxxxx		MARTIN W.G.	do	Yes	
do		HOWLETT L.F.	do	do	
do		CALF W.C.	do	do	
do		GJEDSTED H.E.C.	do	No	19 Aust Tng Bn
do		SHARP H.E.	do	Yes	
do	T/Capt	BENJAMIN D.J.	do	No	6 Aust Div
do		HYLES J.H.	do	Yes	

(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		HODGKINSON H.R.T.	AAMC		RMO
Chaplain		REID R.J.	19 Bde		Padre

2/4 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

7 Feb 42

(Date of Despatch.)

*W. Dougherty*  
(Signature of Commander.)

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



**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.
Lieut		WELLS	J.B.	2/4 Bn	No	AIF(ME) Inf Sch
do		PARSONS	C.W.P.	do	do	19 Aust Inf Bde
do		MULLENS	H.S.F.	do	do	1 Aust Con Depot
do		FOLLINGTON	D.A.	do	do	19 Aust Inf Tng Bn
do		HOLDSWORTH	J.D.	do	Yes	
do		O'HARA	B.E.	do	do	
do		COLLINS	J.P.	do	do	
do		CARROLL	J.J.	do	do	
do		REILLY	A.R.	do	do	
do		MONT	T.L.	do	do	
do		McINTOSH	K.I.	do	do	
do		TAYLOR	T.J.	do	do	
do		HARVEY	W.B.	do	do	
do		BROWN	J.H.	do	do	
do		MITCHELL	H.E.	do	do	
do		HOWARD	N.I.	do	do	
do		GRUTCHETT	F.F.	do	do	
do		WRIGHT	J.G.	do	do	
do		JACKETT	G.W.	do	do	
<u>ATTACHED FROM 19 AUST</u>		<u>INF TNG BN</u>				
Lieut		ELLERMAN	R.W.	do	Yes	
do		FOX	E.H.	do	do	

**(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.

2/4 AUST INF BN

(Unit.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)

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MOST SECRET2/4 AUST INF BN ADM MOVEMENT ORDER NO.1

8 FEB 42

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MOVE

1. 2/4 Aust Inf Bn will move on 10 Feb 42 by MF from present area to MAJDAL where it will entrain.

METHOD

2. (a) 2/4 Aust Inf Bn, less (excepting certain offrs) "D" & "E" Coys, will embus at 0015 hrs, 10 Feb 42, depart Unit Lines 0045 hrs and arrive MAJDAL Station 0230 hrs for entraining on train "EC".

(b) Entraining and detraining offr; Capt D.H.Millar.

OC Train: Lieut Colonel Dougherty.

(c) The following offrs of "D" & "E" Coys will move with this main party:-

Lieut Crutchett	F.F.
Lieut Howard	N.I.
Lieut Mitchell	H.E.
Lieut Calf	W.
Lieut Holdsworth	J.
Lieut McIntosh	K.I.

(d) Train "EC" departs MAJDAL 0230 hrs.

3. (a) "D" & "E" Coys will embus at 0215 hrs 10 Feb 42, depart Unit Lines 0245 hrs and arrive MAJDAL Station 0330 hrs for entraining on train "ED".

(b) Unit entraining and detraining offr: Capt C.Chrystal

OC Train: Major E.S.Conkey.

(c) Other sub-units will also be travelling on this train.

OC Train will obtain relevant information from Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

(d) Co-ordinating entraining offr: Lieut L.O.Rumley.

Unit entraining and detraining offr will establish contact with Lieut Rumley prior to 10 Feb 42 with the object of co-ordinating arrangements.

(e) Train "ED" departs MAJDAL 0430 hrs .

4. (a) Lieut E.P.A.Smith will act as embussing and debussing offr for the main body of the Unit and will arrange to guide to embussing area the 38 MT vehicles which have been allotted to main body on their arrival at 0015 hrs. He will allocate vehicles to Coys.

(b) Lieut A.H.Sargent will act in a similar capacity for "D" & "E" Coys, 17 MT vehicles having been allotted to this party, reporting 0215 hrs

5. (a) On arrival at ry station tps will be debussed and formed up ready to move to assembly area or train as ordered by entraining offr. Tps will NOT entrain until ordered to do so by entrain. offr

(b) Entraining offrs will be in possession of state showing serial no. and name of Unit and number of offrs and CRs entraining.

(c) Entraining offrs will draw rail warrants from RTO.

(d) Entraining offrs will report to OC Train immediately on completion of entraining.

PAD

- 6/ (a) All Bron LMGs with tripods, 2000 rds SAA per gun & 2000 rds tracer per rifle coy, will be carried.

(b) 50 rds SAA (additional to the above) will be carried on the man.

(c) Sub-unit Comds will be responsible for taking appropriate action in the event of enemy air-attack.



2/4 AUST INF BN ADM MOVEMENT ORDER NO.1. (Contd)DISCIPLINE

7. (a) Coy and Pl Offrs will travel with their tps. They will NOT travel collectively in a separate carriage.  
 (b) Alcoholic drinks will NOT be consumed during the journey, either while travelling or when halted at stations. Offrs are responsible that tps under their comd carry out this instrn.

ADMINISTRATION

- 8 (a) One days ration will be carried on the man, and one days reserve ration in bulk.  
 (b) Water bottles will be filled.  
 (c) Messing utensils will be readily accessible. A hot meal is being provided at KANTARA EAST.
9. DRESS: SD - Marching order.
10. KIT BAGS: (a) Tps will ensure that all necessaries are packed in sea kit bag and pack, as they may be separated from their universal kit bags for some time.  
 (b) Universal kit bags will be stacked in Coy lots as directed by QM's representative in Offrs Lines area at rear of Bn HQ between 0830 and 0930 hrs 9 Feb 42.
11. (a) Tentage and accommodation stores: tents will be left standing, but walls will be detached and properly rolled and tied in "Fours".  
 (b) Tent walls and Acc Stores will be returned to QM and checked in by his rep commencing 0900 hrs 9 Feb 42, in order Bn HQ, HQ, "A", "B", "C", "D" & "E" Coys, offrs tents.
12. Mortars: 3" & 2" mortars will be returned to QM by 0900 hrs 9 Feb 42.
13. Surplus: (a) If salvageable this will be collected in Coy dumps near Coy stores by 1100 hrs for later collection by QM.  
 Gear (b) All rubbish must be burned under Coy arrangements in incinerator.
14. QM's fatigue:  
 "D" Coy will detail No.16 Pl complete to report for loading duty to QM at 0830 hrs, 9 Feb 42.
15. Baggage Parties: (a) Lieut W.G.Martin will report to QM by 0900 hrs, 9 Feb 42 for detailed instrns. Lieut Martin and such of No.16 Pl as are detailed by QM will constitute a baggage guard and will accompany baggage from entrainment station to destination. Baggage guard will carry one days res ration and three days ration in bulk. Lieut Martin will report to Adjt as early as possible the actual constitution of this baggage guard.
16. Offrs' Baggage:  
 (a) This will accompany personnel to station for loading into brake-van attached to train.  
 Lieut R.W.Ellerman will arrange a baggage party of six batman to load and accompany baggage of offrs travelling on train "EC." He will be OG of this Party.  
 (b) Lieut J.G.Wright will arrange similarly for baggage of Unit Offrs travelling on train "ED."
17. Camp Lines: These will be thoroughly cleaned and in inspection order by 1400 hrs 9 Feb 42.  
 All personnel will be prepared to move from present Lines to adjacent concentration area by 1400 hrs 9 Feb 42.



(3)

2/4 AUST INF BN ADM MOVEMENT ORDER NO.1 (Contd)

18. All Ranks will obtain as much sleep as possible on night of 9 Feb 42.  
"Reveille" will be 2245 hrs, and hot tea will be available at 2300 hrs.



ACK:

Time of Signature..... hrs.

1745

Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION:

"A" Coy	No. 1	Maj Conkey	No. 13
"B"	2	Capt Millar	14
"C"	3	Capt Chrystal	15
"D"	4	Lieut Smith	16
"E"	5	Lieut Sargent	17
HQ	6	Lieut Martin	18
CO	7	Lieut Ellerman	19
2 i/c	8	Lieut Wright	20
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Units Embarked 19 Feb 42 on H.M.T. RAJULA  
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2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde  
"L" Sec 6 Aust Div Sigs  
2/2 Aust Fd Coy RAE  
6 Pl "B" Coy 1 Aust Corps Guard  
Details 2nd Echelon  
3 Lt AA Regt Bty Details  
RAA

SHIP'S APPOINTMENTS  
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OC Troops : Lt Col I.N.DOUGHERTY - 2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
Ship's Adj't : Capt C.CHRYSTAL - " "  
Ship's QM : Lieut E.P.A.SMITH - " "  
SMO : Capt H.R.T.HODGKINSON - AAMC (Attached 2/4 Aust  
Inf Bn)  
AA Off'r : Lieut H.J.McGILLIVRAY - 3 Lt AA Bty RAA  
SHIP'S RSM : WO I CARPENTER A.E. - 2/4 Aust Inf Bn



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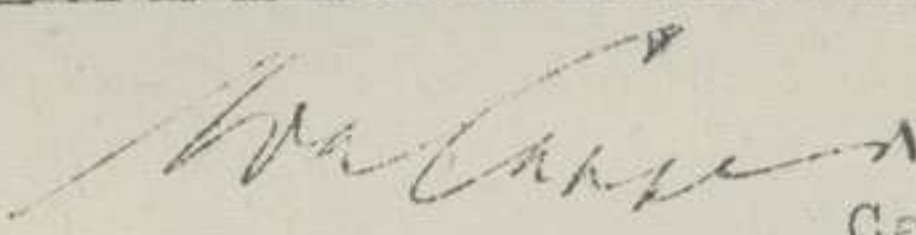
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OFFICERS' LECTURES-TIMETABLE

NOTE: For details of the Lecture numbers quoted reference should be made to previous instn.

Lecture No	Prepared By	To be Delivered Date	Time
12	Capt D.H. MILLAR	Mon 23 Feb 42	1000 hrs
5	Major H.S. CONKEY	do	1330 "
18	RMO	Tue 24 Feb 42	1000 "
22	Lieut W.M. GRAY	do	1330 "
11	Capt F.J. PEGG	Wed 25 Feb 42	1000 "
14	Lieut W.B. HARVEY	do	1330 "
13	DEBATE	Thur 26 Feb 42	1000 "
	WAR GAME	do	1330 "
1	Capt D.H. MILLAR	Fri 27 Feb 42	1000 "
15	Lieut F.F. CRUTCHETT	do	1330 "
2	Capt L.M. CUTCLIFFE	Sat 28 Feb 42	1000 "
16	Capt E.D. WREN	do	1330 "
10	ADJT	Mon 2 Mar 42	1000 "
3	Major H.S. CONKEY	do	1330 "
19	RMO	Tue 3 Mar 42	1000 "
4	Lieut J.B. HYLES	do	1330 "
21	Lieut W.M. GRAY	Wed 4 Mar 42	1000 "
7	Capt L.M. CUTCLIFFE	do	1330 "
6	CO	Thur 5 Mar 42	1000 "
8	Major J. McCARTY	do	1330 "
9	do do	Fri 6 Mar 42	1000 "
	DEBATE	do	1330 "
23	RMO	Sat 7 Mar 42	1000 "
25	Lieut E.P. SMITH	do	1330 "
27	Lieut J.B. HYLES	Mon 9 Mar 42	1000 "
26	Lieut E.H. FOX	do	1330 "
17	Capt F.J. PEGG	Tue 10 Mar 42	1000 "
24	do do	do	1330 "

  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
Capt

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TRAINING

Period 21 Aug to end of year 1940.

When the Bn returned from HAIFA to KILO 89 on 21 Aug 40 it was somewhat unsettled as during this period at HAIFA it had not been made clear as to whether the unit would remain an A/A unit or revert to an inf bn. The coys had, moreover, been separated and divided among the two A/A units in existence. These disadvantages, however, were outweighed by the advantages of having gained experience in another arm of the service and owing to the contacts made with the members of the arty unit with which we fused.

Very quickly I realised that the bn was eager to settle down to intensive training. Several changes in the officers were made - my having in view at that time the establishment of a team of officers which would last for a considerable period. Intensive tng was carried out, which consisted of individual tng and tng of small groups, such as secs., and a considerable period was devoted to bn exercises. There were also a number of bde exercises in which the bn played an enthusiastic part and which, in my opinion, did a considerable amount to weld the bde together and enabled it to carry out the mobile role which it had to do in LIBYA.

During this period of intensive tng., the bn learned to work as a team, which meant doing its part, and individually the members of the bn became very fit indeed. After moving to BURG EL ARAB on 11 Nov we finished off our tng with several more exercises involving quite a lot of mobile action, and were very well fit for the role which it was our lot to play in the LIBYAN campaign.

Period of Operations, 1 Jan to 7 Feb.

Experience gained during patrolling, large scale attacks, the action at WADI DERNA and the pursuit to BENGHAZI strengthened the bn considerably as a fighting unit.

Period 8 Feb to 1 Apr.

During this period our tng was not able to be carried on as we were well occupied with garrison duties, incl mine watching and anti parachutist watching at, firstly, BENGHAZI during our stay there. The bn had little rest during this period as each night nearly three coys were employed in or near BENGHAZI during the period when they had a considerable amount of bombing by the German, who had newly put in his appearance in LIBYA. Secondly, after leaving BENGHAZI, we moved almost at once to TOBRUK where, with one coy of 2/11 Bn under comd we again carried out guard duties, incl normal guarding of vulnerable points, dumps etc., around the harbour and docks and the care of guarding the large number of PW's in the PW cage. We had had a break of 5 days at AIN EL GAZALA but owing to weather conditions and settling down we had no effective tng during that 5 days. After leaving TOBRUK we moved to ALEXANDRIA on the last stage of our journey before leaving for GREECE on 1 Apr. Thus between 8 Feb and 1 Apr we were at a disadvantage, as regards tng, compared with the 2/8 and 2/11 Bns who had been free from duties during the whole period. The only exception was the coy of 2/11 Bn., which was under comd 2/4 Bn., at TOBRUK. I did take every opportunity I could to conduct exercises and lectures for the offrs.

GREECE and CRETE.

We arrived in GREECE on 3 Apr., and after considerably fast movement, contacted the Hun about 10 Apr., and from then on the nature of the



operations allowed no time for tng, except the extremely valuable experience which the Bn gained.

On CRETE we were stationary at HERACLEON for about three weeks before the invasion. There we were occupied in digging defensive positions and manning these continually owing to the ~~xxx~~ daily threat of an invasion. In addition to the digging, a certain amount of tng was done and the bn was extremely fit when the parachutists arrived.

Period 1 Jun to 4 Oct.

In PALESTINE during this period we had the only satisfactory tng period we have had during the year 1941. After settling down after our experiences on CRETE and ~~in~~ during the evacuation, some sound tng was carried out. Cadres for NCO's and potential NCO's were conducted. TEWT's were conducted for offrs, involving tng with pl and coy exercises and several bn exercises were conducted. At one stage I felt that little progress was being made, but this was very temporary and during the last two months of the period the bn made marked improvement as a fighting unit each week. During the period that I felt that we were at a stand still, we were interrupted by many duties. By making one coy duty coy for a week instead of changing them every day, this was to a certain extent overcome. But the main cause for the improvement was that each and every man in the unit put his best forward and the bn had completely settled down after its experiences during the first half year.

Period 4 Nov 41 to 24 Jan 42.

In SYRIA during this period we have been occupied digging defensive works and erecting obstacles. This has proved a type of tng for the unit. Time for pure tng, however, has been extremely limited and coys have averaged less than a day a week on tng. Exercises without troops and lectures on mountain warfare, both defence and attack and on normal defence and attack have been conducted for officers, and senior NCO's. Many other discussions have been held with officers. Troops carried out some tng in the handling of pack tpt. The tng done during this period, however, has - owing to the circumstances - been very small indeed.

*J. Sanghary RAC.*



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### EQUIPMENT

Though never up to WE during tng periods, we have had ample equip<sup>d</sup> for tng, with the following exception:-

We had no carriers during operations Jun to Sep incl. Bde managed to obtain two carriers to conduct a continuous school, during part of the time, at which a few of our Carrier Pl obtained a small amount of tng.

#### During Operations LIBYA

In LIBYA we were well equipped with the following exceptions:-

- (1) We had only one carrier throughout the operations.
- (2) We had two 3" Mortars.
- (3) Only two Lensatic Sights out of nine for 2" Mortar.

#### Operations GREECE.

We were well equipped when we landed in GREECE, with the following exceptions:-

- (1) We had ~~only~~ only eight carriers, one of which had done service with us in LIBYA. The other seven were in first class condition.
- (2) We had only two 3" Mortars.
- (3) We had our full quota of automatic weapons, incl TSMG's.
- (4) We were short of motor cycles**

We gradually lost much of this equipment during our withdrawal from GREECE. At VEVE, a Coy HQ and three complete Pls were lost and some secs suffered heavy casualties. Here we lost the weapons of these pls and the weapons of the secs which suffered heavily. We further lost about five vehicles, incl the specially fitted out RAP truck. These vehicles were lost through running onto ground made boggy by the thawing snow. Our next position, after the rearguard action at SOTER on Easter Sunday morning was on the right flank of the Greek line and on the left bank of the ALIAKMON River near KHROMION. There we were in position from Easter Sunday afternoon until the afternoon of 15 Apr when it was learned that the German had broken through the Greeks on our left and was behind us as well as in front of us. This necessitated withdrawing by night across the ALIAKMON River past MIKROVOLTON. "A" Coy having to cross in a collapsible boat. No vehicles whatever could be got across the river, the descent down one side and the ascent up the other bank occupying the whole of the night. We had to leave on the left bank of the river, our eight carriers and several vehicles, though we had got many vehicles across to the right bank earlier in the action. The Sig Sec., thinking that the carriers were going to cross by some means, put some of the Sig gear on the carriers and it was destroyed with the carriers. Some automatic weapons were lost with these carriers and two Bren guns were lost when "A" Coy boat capsized during crossing. From this position, we moved back to DOMOKOS. "C" Coy remained there under comd 2/7 Bn., and the remainder of the Bn moved to its posn on top of BRALLOS PASS; When we left the BRALLOS posn., we moved to MEGARA for evacuation, on the way occupying one delaying posn during 24 Apr., in which we were not forced to fight. Having arrived at MEGARA, we had to destroy all our remaining tpt and leave all heavy equipment behind. Even packs were not allowed to be worn during embarkation, a special guard being placed to see that there were no breaches of this order. We carried with us from GREECE, however, all weapons which we could and arrived on CRETE with about 430 rifles, 40 Bren guns, 7 TSMG's and several A/Tk rifles. Thus, with the exception of Mortars and A/Tk Rifles, practically every man who was not killed, captured or wounded in GREECE and had some other serious misfortune brought his weapons with him.

*Our highest total strength on Crete was approx 500 i.Rs.*



quite a number of the members of the unit were on the "COSTA RICA" and a lot of their weapons were lost. One man saved, a member of the A/A Pl., brought his Bren gun with him from the ship, although he had had to leave his boots behind and walk after landing a distance of about 5 miles. The people on the "COSTA RICA" were mainly those who had been evacuated through slight illness, wounds or who had been detailed for other duties, eg. A/A Bren gunner.

#### Operations CRETE.

After arriving at HERACLEON, we had two 3" Mortars, five Vickers MG's and several extra Bren guns and A/Tk Rifles. On the day of the invasion we captured a considerable number of enemy weapons and amm. Most of these were handed in to Area HQ for distribution among the Greeks. We had, however, still about seven or eight German MG's when the island was evacuated. We brought away from CRETE every weapon on which we could lay our hands, incl our five Vickers guns and German MG's. We had also brought with us some captured Sig equip. Unfortunately, as in GREECE, we again had to destroy the few trucks att to us and five carriers which had been obtained for us. During the bombing of our convoy, the cruiser "ORION" which carried a large proportion of the members of the bn, was badly hit and many of our weapons were lost. In consequence of this bombing, about thirty men were also lost. On arrival at KHASSA Camp on 1 Jun., all captured material, except on German MG and Sub Machine Gun which were kept for tng purposes, were handed in to higher authority.

#### Clothing.

Our clothing was satisfactory for climatic conditions in GREECE, though most of it was destroyed during the withdrawal and evacuation. On CRETE, the units already there helped us in every way and we were, within reasonable time, issued with sufficient clothing for our needs while on the island.

#### Food.

At all times during operations in CRETE, GREECE as well as in LIBYA was excellent. The cooks have played a most important part in the work which the bn has accomplished.

*Insufficient to be.*



REGIMENTAL POSTING OF OFFICERS

APPOINTMENT

KILO 89 30 Aug 41

BERG EL ARAB 30 Nov 41

CO  
2 i/c  
Adj  
IO

Lt Col I.N.Dougherty  
Major W.M.Houston  
Capt L.J.Loughran  
Lieut N.A.M.Nicholls

Lt Col I.N.Dougherty  
Major R.E.Winning  
Capt L.J.Loughran  
Lieut N.A.M.Nicholls

HQ Coy

OC  
1 P1  
2 P1  
3 P1  
4 P1  
5 P1  
QM  
TO

Major R.E.Winning  
Lieut W.A.Capper  
Lieut C.B.N.Rolfe  
Lieut F.C.Brownhill  
Lieut D.H.Millar  
Lieut Y.W.J.Ormiston  
Lieut E.P.A.Smith (Acting)  
Lieut H.G.Sundstrom

Capt K.H.Montgomery  
Lieut C.E.Raymond  
Lieut F.C.Brownhill  
Lieut R.Maddern  
Lieut D.H.Millar  
Lieut Y.W.J.Ormiston  
Lieut W.A.Capper  
Lieut H.G.Sundstrom

"A" Coy

OC  
2 i/c  
7 P1  
8 P1  
9 P1

Capt J.McCarty  
Capt N.W.P.Farrell  
Lieut G.J.Hawke  
Lieut J.S.Copland  
Lieut R.Matthews

Capt J.McCarty  
Lieut M.K.Rungie  
Lieut G.Hawke  
Lieut J.Copland  
Lieut Matthews

"B" Coy

OC  
2 i/c  
10 P1  
11 P1  
12 P1

Capt H.S.Conkey  
Capt L.M.Cutcliffe  
Lieut C.E.Raymond  
Lieut K.L.Kestevan  
Lieut C.Chrystal

Capt H.S.Conkey  
Lieut C.Chrystal  
Lieut E.P.A.Smith  
Lieut K.L.Kestevan  
Lieut A.M.Bohle

"C" Coy

OC  
2 i/c  
13 P1  
14 P1  
15 P1

Major K.H.Barham  
Capt T.H.Vincent  
Lieut J.Lindsay  
Lieut R.Maddern  
Lieut D.T.McClure

Capt T.H.Vincent  
Lieut C.B.N.Rolfe  
Lieut J.Lindsay  
Lieut P.R.Cohen  
Lieut D.T.McClure

"D" Coy

OC  
2 i/c  
16 P1  
17 P1  
18 P1

Capt K.H.Montgomery  
Capt S.G.Pinniger  
Lieut E.D.Wren  
Lieut J.T.De Meyrick  
Lieut W.Irwin

Major K.H.Barham  
Capt S.G.Pinniger  
Lieut E.D.Wren  
Lieut W.Irwin  
Lieut A.H.Sargent

RMO  
A/Adj

Capt P.A.Tomlinson  
Lieut D.P.Dimsey

Capt P.A.Tomlinson  
Lieut D.P.Dimsey

Supernumerary

~~Lieut E.P.A.Smith~~  
Lieut A.H.Sargent



REGIMENTAL POSTING OF OFFICERS

APPOINTMENT

BARDIA 5 Jan 41

TOBRUK 21 Jan 41

CO	Lt Col I.N.Dougherty	Lt Col I.N.Dougherty
2 1/c	Major R.E.Winning	Major R.E.Winning
Adjt	Capt L.J.Loughran	Capt L.J.Loughran
RMO	Capt P.A.Tomlinson	Capt P.A.Tomlinson
A/Adjt	Lieut D.P.Dimsey	Lieut D.H.Millar
IO	Lieut N.A.M.Nicholls	Lieut N.A.M.Nicholls

HQ Coy

OC	Maj K.H.Montgomery	Major K.H.Montgomery
1 P1	(Sjt O'Mara B.E.)	(Sjt O'Mara B.E.)
2 P1	Lieut F.C.Brownhill	Lieut F.C.Brownhill
3 P1	Lieut E.P.A.Smith	Lieut E.P.A.Smith
4 P1	<del>Lieut R.Maddern</del>	Lieut R.Maddern
5 P1	Lieut D.H.Millar	✓ V.W.J.ORMISTON
QM	Lieut W.A.Capper	Capt W.A.Capper
TO	Capt H.G.Sundstrom	Lieut H.G.Sundstrom

"A" Coy

OC	Capt J.McCarty	Capt J.McCarty
2 1/c	Lieut M.K.Rungie	Lieut M.K.Rungie
7 P1	Lieut G.Hawke	Lieut G.Hawke
8 P1	Lieut J.Copland	Lieut J.Copland
9 P1	Lieut Matthews	Lieut Matthews

"B" Coy

OC	Capt H.S.Conkey	Capt H.S.Conkey
2 1/c	Lieut C.Chrystal	Lieut C.Chrystal
10 P1	(Sjt Siems M.L.)	(Sjt Menzies I.L.)
11 P1	Lieut K.L.Kestevan	Lieut K.L.Kesteven
12 P1	Lieut A.M.Bohle	Lieut A.M.Bohle

"C" Coy

<del>IXXI</del> OC	Capt T.H.Vincent	Capt C.B.N.Rolfe
<del>IXXI</del> 2 1/c	Lieut C.B.N.Rolfe	Lieut J.Lindsay
<del>IXXI</del> 13 P1	Lieut <del>Kiant</del> J.Lindsay	(Sjt Reilly A.R.)
14 P1	Lieut P.R.Cohen	Lieut P.R.Cohen
15 P1	Lieut D.T.McClure	Lieut D.T.McClure

"D" Coy

OC	Capt S.G.Pinniger	Capt S.G.Pinniger
2 1/c	Lieut M.McKenzie	Lieut M.McKenzie
16 P1	(Sjt Collins J.P.)	(Sjt Collins J.P.)
17 P1	Lieut J.T.De Meyrick	Lieut W.Irwin
18 P1	Lieut A.H.Sargent	Lieut A.H.Sargent

Supernumerary

Lieut R.Maddern)	Special	Lieut R.Holmes
Lieut W.Irwin )	Duty	Lieut F.J.Pegg



REGIMENTAL POSTING OF OFFICERS

APPOINTMENT

DERNA 25 Jan 42

VEVE 10 Apr 41

CO  
2 i/c  
Adjt  
RMO  
A/Adjt  
IO

Lt Col I.N.Dougherty  
Major R.E.Winning  
Capt L.J.Loughran  
Capt P.A.Tomlinson  
Lieut D.H.Millar  
Lieut F.J.Pegg

Lt Col I.N.Dougherty DSO  
Major R.E.Winning  
Capt J.Lindsay  
Capt P.A.Tomlinson  
Lieut A.H.Sargent  
Lieut L.F.Howlett

HQ Coy

OC  
1 P1  
2 P1  
3 P1  
4 P1  
5 P1  
QM  
TO

Major K.H.Montgomery  
(Sjt O'Mara BE)  
Lieut F.C.Brownhill  
Lieut E.P.A.Smith  
Lieut R.Maddern  
Lieut Y.W.J.Ormiston  
Capt W.A.Capper  
Lieut H.G.Sundstrom

Major K.H.Montgomery  
Lieut C.E.Raymond  
(Sjt Booty)  
Lieut E.P.A.Smith  
Lieut R.Maddern  
Lieut Y.W.J.Ormiston  
Capt W.A.Capper  
Lieut H.G.Sundstrom

"A" Coy

OC  
2 i/c  
7 P1  
8 P1  
9 P1

Capt J.McCarty  
Lieut J.Copland  
Lieut G.Hawke  
(Sjt Napthali)  
(Sjt Hill)

Capt J.McCarty  
Capt M.K.Rungie  
Lieut G.Hawke  
Lieut J.Copland  
Lieut D.H.Millar

"B" Coy

OC  
2 i/c  
10 P1  
11 P1  
12 P1

Capt H.S.Conkey  
Lieut C.Chrystal  
Lieut Holmes  
Lieut K.L.Kestevan  
Lieut A.M.Bohle

Capt H.S.Conkey  
Lieut C.Chrystal  
Lieut W.Davern  
Lieut K.L.Kestevan  
Lieut Parsons

"C" Coy

OC  
2 i/c  
13 P1  
14 P1  
15 P1

Capt C.B.N.Rolfe  
Lieut J.Lindsay  
(Sjt Reilly A.R.)  
Lieut P.R.Cohen  
Sjt Short

Capt C.B.N.Rolfe  
Lieut F.H.Pegg  
Lieut F.C.Brownhill  
Lieut P.Cohen  
Lieut W.M.Gray

"D" Coy

OC  
2 i/c  
16 P1  
17 P1  
18 P1

Capt M.K.Rungie  
Lieut M.McKenzie  
(Sjt Collins J.P.)  
Lieut W.Irwin  
Lieut A.H.Sargent  
(attached)

Major K.H.Barham  
Lieut E.D.Wren  
Lieut W.Irwin  
Lieut J.DeMeyrick  
Lieut M.McKenzie

Supernumerary

Lieut M.Kellar  
Lieut Hyles  
Lieut G.Ormiston

Note: Lieut J.G.Lindsay commanded "C" Coy at DERNA from second day, Capt Rolfe being "left out of battle" personnel.



REGIMENTAL POSTING OF OFFICERS

APPOINTMENT

SOTER 13 Apr 41

ALIAKMON 16 Apr 41

CO	Lt Col I.N.Dougherty DSO	Lt Col I.N.Dougherty DSO
2 i/c	Major R.E.Winning	Major R.E.Winning
Adjt	Capt J.Lindsay	Capt J.Lindsay
RMO	Capt P.A.Tomlinson	Capt P.A.Tomlinson
A/Adjt	Lieut A.H.Sargent	Lieut A.H.Sargent
IO	Lieut L.F.Howlett	Lieut L.F.Howlett

Hq Coy

OC	Major K.H.Montgomery	Major K.H.Montgomery
1 Pl	Lieut C.E.Raymond	Lieut C.E.Raymond
2 pl		
3 Pl	Lieut E.P.A.Smith	Lieut E.P.A.Smith
4 Pl	Lieut R.Maddern	Lieut R.Maddern
5 Pl	Lieut Y.W.J.Ormiston	Lieut Y.W.J.Ormiston
QM	Capt W.A.Capper	Capt W.A.Capper
TO	Lieut H.G.Sundstrom	Lieut H.G.Sundstrom

"A" Coy

OC	Capt J.McCarty	Capt J.McCarty
2 i/c	Capt M.K.Rungie	Capt M.K.Rungie
7 Pl	Lieut H.Hawke	Lieut G.Hawke
8 Pl		
9 Pl	Lieut D.H.Millar	Lieut D.H.Millar

"B" Coy

<del>OC</del> OC	Lieut C.Chrystal	Lieut C.Chrystal
<del>2 i/c</del> 2 i/c		
10 Pl	(Cpl MacFadzean)	Lieut P.A.Parsons
11 Pl	Lieut K.L.Kestevan	Lieut K.L.Kestevan
12 Pl	Lieut M.McKellar.	Lieut M.McKellar

"C" Coy

DC	Capt C.B.N.Rolfe	Capt C.B.N.Rolfe
2 i/c	Lieut F.J.Pegg	Lieut F.J.Pegg
13 Pl	Lieut F.C.Brownhill	Lieut F.C.Brownhill
14 Pl	Lieut P.Cohen	Lieut P.Cohen
15 Pl	Lieut W.M.Gray	Lieut W.M.Gray.

"D" Coy

OC	16 Pl under Lieut E.D.Wren attached to "A" Coy.
2 i/c	
16 Pl	
17 Pl	
18 Pl	

Supernumerary

Lieut Hyles	Lieut G.Ormiston
Lieut G.Ormiston	Lieut Hyles

NOTE:

"C" Coy was detached from the Unit by Force HQ during these actions.



REGIMENTAL POSTING OF OFFICERS

APPOINTMENT

BRAILLOS PASS 19 Apr 41

EX CRETE 1 Jun 41

CO  
2 1/c  
Adj  
RMO  
A/Adj  
IO

Lt Col I.N.Dougherty  
Major R.E.Winning  
Capt J.Lindsay  
Capt P.A.Tomlinson  
Lieut A.H.Sargent  
Lieut L.F.Howlett

Lt Col I.N.Dougherty  
Major E.R.Winning  
Capt J.Lindsay  
Capt P.A.Tomlinson  
~~#####~~  
(Sjt Falla)

HQ Coy

OC  
1 P1  
2 P1  
3 P1  
4 P1  
5 P1  
QM  
TO

Major K.H.Montgomery  
Lieut C.E.Raymond  
  
Lieut E.P.A.Smith  
(Sjt Ribbons.)  
Lieut Y.W.J.Ormiston  
Capt W.A.Capper  
Lieut H.G.Sundstrom

Major K.H.Montgomery  
Lieut C.E.Raymond  
  
Lieut E.P.A.Smith  
Lieut Y.W.J.Ormiston  
Capt W.A.Capper  
Lieut H.G.Sundstrom

"A" Coy

OC  
2 1/c  
7 P1  
8 P1  
9 P1

Capt J.McCarty  
Capt M.K.Rungie  
Lieut G.Hawke  
  
Lieut D.H.Millar

Capt M.K.Rungie  
  
Lieut G.Hawke  
  
Lieut D.H.Millar  
(det as MG offr to BnHQ)

"B" Coy

OC  
2 1/c  
10 P1  
11 P1  
12 P1

Capt H.S.Conkey  
Lieut C.Chrystal  
Lieut McKellar  
Lieut K.L.Kestevan  
Lieut Parsons

Capt H.S.Conkey  
Lieut C.Chrystal  
Lieut ~~McKellar~~ L.F.Howlett  
Lieut A.H.Sargent /lett  
Lieut Johnston

"C" Coy

OC  
2 1/c  
13 P1  
14 P1  
15 P1

Capt C.B.N.Rolfe  
Lieut F.J.Pegg  
Lieut F.C.Brownhill  
Lieut P.Cohen  
Lieut W.M.Gray

Capt C.B.N.Rolfe  
Lieut F.J.Pegg  
Lieut F.C.Brownhill  
Lieut P.Cohen  
Lieut W.M.Gray

"D" Coy

OC  
2 1/c  
16 P1  
17 P1  
18 P1

16 P1 under Lieut Wren  
attached to "A" Coy.

Lieut E.D.Wren  
Lieut J.B.Wells  
(Sjt R.Bawden)  
(Sjt A.R.Reilly)  
Lieut J.H.Hyles.

Supernumerary

Lieut J.Hyles  
Lieut G.Ormiston

Special Duty  
Capt J.McCarty  
Supernumerary  
Lieut McKenzie  
Lieut McKellar



2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
6 Apr 42

Offr i/c Adv 2 Ech AIF (AUSTRALIA)

Herewith ROs for WAR DIARY Feb 42. WAR DIARY  
for Feb 42 has been forwarded under separate cover

*[Handwritten signature]*  
.....Lieut  
IO 2/4 Aust Inf Bn



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
1 FEB 42

by

Lt COL I.N. DOUGHERTY

GOLD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 223

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 1 Feb 42)

Duty Coy - "C" Coy  
Next for Duty - "A" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut G.J. Hawke  
Next for Duty - Lieut J.D. Holdsworth

Guard Comd - Sjt Walker J.W.  
Next for Duty - Sjt Black W.G.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 1 Feb 42)

Duty Officer - Lieut F.F. Crutchett  
Next for Duty - Lieut B.E. O'Mara

*for Adj 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.*  
Capt.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO. 223 ON 1 FEB 42

REVERSIONS:

NX 28429 Cpl Butcher E. reverts to rank of Pte at own request. 1 Feb 42

TRADE GROUPINGS:

NX 28429 Pte Butcher E. appointed Gp II Spec (cook)..... 1 Feb 42

TRANSFERS - INTER COY:

VX 11894 Pte Morris G.W. "E" Coy to "C" Coy

CORRIGENDA:

Ref Bn Routine Order No. 222 dated 31 Jan 42

TRANSFERS - INTER COY:

NX 4276 Pte Moore W.C. "B" Coy to "E" Coy  
NX 39041 Pte Saunders S.W.  
NX 42685 Pte Williams V.A.  
NX 39726 Pte Wilson J.A.

for "B" Coy to "E" Coy substitute "E" Coy to "B" Coy.

STRENGTH DECREASE:

NX 22555 Pte Berriman L. transferred to 2/7 Aust Fd Amb.... 1 Feb 42

ATTACHMENTS:

NX 22555 Pte Berriman L. attached from 2/7 Aust Fd Amb and posted to Bn HQ..... 1 Feb 42



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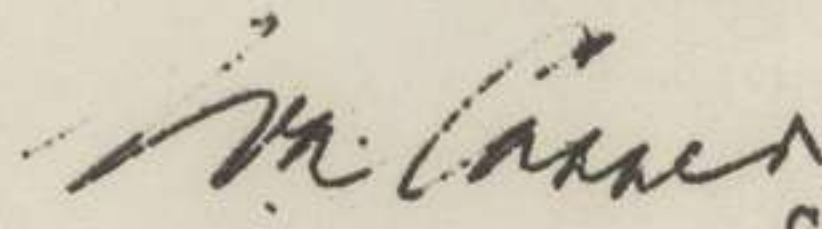
by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 224

1. DUTIES:
- (To mount at 1730 hrs 2 Feb 42)
- Duty Coy - "A" Coy  
Next for Duty - "D" Coy
- Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut J.D. Holdsworth  
Next for Duty - Lieut L.F. Howlett
- Guard Comd - Sjt Black W.G.  
Next for Duty - Sjt Mulquiney R.B.
- (To mount at 1700 hrs 2 Feb 42)
- Duty Officer - Lieut B.E. O'Mara  
Next for Duty - Lieut H.E. Mitchell

  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO. 224 OF 2 FEB 42

CRIMES & PUNISHMENTS:

- NX 72312 Pte Burns L.J. "A" Coy  
Charge: Absenting himself without Leave.  
Award: 14 days Field Punishment with  
14 days forfeiture of pay.  
Date: 30 Jan 42
- NX 46715 Pte Flisher H. "C" Coy  
Charge: Absenting himself without  
Leave.  
Award: Fined 23-0-0  
Date: 30 Jan 42
- NX 46944 Pte Hughes E.A. "C" Coy  
Charge: Failure to appear at the  
place of Parade appointed by  
his CO.  
Award: Fined 21-0-0  
Date: 3 Sep 41



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
3 Feb 42

by

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LT COL I. N. DOUGLETTY

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

No. 225

1. DUTIES: (To mount at 1730 hrs 3 Feb 42)
- Duty Coy - "D" Coy  
Next for Duty - "B" Coy
- Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut L.F. Howlett  
Next for Duty - Lieut J.H. Hyles
- Guard Cord - Sjt Mulquiney R.B.  
Next for Duty - Sjt Dalla P.G.
- (To mount at 1700 hrs 3 Feb 42)
- Duty Officer - Lieut H.E. Mitchell  
Next for Duty - Lieut T.J. Taylor

*M. J. ...*  
for Capt  
Adj. 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I NO. 225 OF 3 FEB 42

TRADE GROUPINGS - APPOINTMENTS & RELINQUISHMENTS:

NX19616 Pte Fenton R.L. app A/Group II Spec (Cook).....3 Feb 42  
 NX72364 Pte McIvor J. app Group II Spec (Carpenter)..... 3 Feb 42  
 NX15407 Pte Gum M.C. app Group III Spec (Rangefinder) 3 Feb 42  
 NX5308 Pte Cloke W.T. relinquishes Group III Spec  
 (Rangefinder) as from..... 3 Feb 42

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS & ETC:

NX5897 L/Sjt Browning J. promoted to Sjt. as from..... 3 Feb 42

TRANSFERS - INTER COY

NX5897 L/Sjt Browning J. HQ Coy to Bn HQ

STRENGTH DECREASE

NX46326 Pte Hughes J.A. transferred to 19 Aust Inf Bde as from  
3 Feb 42

CRIMES & PUNISHMENTS

NX1204 Pte Wilkins W.H. HQ Coy Charge: Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.  
Award: 3 extra duties  
Date: 2 Feb 42

NX2020 Pte Brooks W.G. HQ Coy Charge: Failure to carry out the Security Regulations laid down by CO  
Award: 7 extra duties  
Date: 2 Feb 42

NX6119 Cpl Galvin J.B. HQ Coy Charge: Failure to carry out the Security Regulations laid down by CO  
Award: Admonished  
Date: 2 Feb 42



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART

IN THE FIELD  
4 FEB 42

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO.226

1. DUTIES: (To mount at 1730 hrs 4 Feb 42)
- |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Duty Coy                        | - "B" Coy            |
| Next for Duty                   | - "E" Coy            |
| Bn Orderly Officer              | - Lieut J.E.Hyles    |
| Next for Duty                   | - Lieut W.M.Gray     |
| Guard Comd                      | - Sjt Dalla P.G.     |
| Next for Duty                   | -                    |
| (To mount at 1700 hrs 4 Feb 42) |                      |
| Duty Officer                    | - Lieut T.J.Taylor   |
| Next for Duty                   | - Lieut R.W.Ellerman |

*W. H. Gray*  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS, PART I, NO.226 dated 4 FEB 42.

TRADE GROUPINGS:

NX 46461 Pte Hyde W.H. appointed Gp III (Tech Storeman).....4 Feb 42  
NX 5308 Pte Cloke W.T. appointed Gp III (Clerk).....3 Feb 42



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
5 FEB 42

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY DSO

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO.227

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 5 Feb 42)  
Duty Coy - "E" Coy.  
Next for Duty - "C" Coy

En Orderly Officer - Lieut J.H. Brown  
Next for Duty - Lieut T.L. Mort

Guard Comd - Sjt Cameron J.  
Next for Duty - Sjt Walker J.W.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 5 Feb 42)  
Duty Officer - Lieut R.W. Ellerman  
Next for Duty - Lieut N.I. Howard.

*J. H. Hepburn* Lieut Col. Capt.  
Adjnt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD

6 Feb 42

by

Lt Col. I.N. DOUGHERTY

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO.228

1. BDE DUTIES: (Tour of Duty Two Days - To report to Staff  
Capt - 1000 hrs 7 Feb 43).

Field Officer	- Major J. McCarty
Medical Officer	- Capt H.R. Hodgkinson
Cinema Picquet Officer	- Capt C. Chrystal
Duty Coy	- "E" Coy

2. BN DUTIES: (To mount at 1730 hrs 6 Feb 42)

Duty Coy	- "E" Coy
Next for Duty	- "G" Coy
Bn Orderly Officer	- Lieut J.G. Wright
Next for Duty	- Lieut T.L. Mort
Guard Comd	- Sjt Smith G.E.
Next for Duty	- Sjt Walker J.W.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 6 Feb 42)

Duty Officer	- Lieut N.I. Howard
Next for Duty	- Lieut W.B. Harvey

*[Signature]*

Capt.  
Adj 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO.228 dated 6 FEB 42

STRENGTH INCREASE:

The undermentioned personnel marched in from 19 Aust Inf Tng Bn on 5 Feb 42 and were posted to Coys as shown: -

<u>Bn HQ:</u> NX 58	Capt C. Chrystal
NX 11842	Pte Carter R.K.

"E" Coy:

NX 57190	Lieut Wright	J.G.	WX 11570	Pte Holehouse	F.W.
NX 46323	Pte Brown	J.C.	WX 12930	Pte Hughes	W.
WX 12292	Pte Andrews	E.S.	WX 13998	Pte Keenan	S.N.
WX 12398	Pte Brennell	J.F.	WX 14771	Pte Lloyd	S.H.V.
NX 41879	Pte Barrett	J.W.	WX 11459	Pte Mitchell	C.J.
WX 11699	Pte Collas	W.H.	NX 46414	Pte Murphey	R.J.
WX 14804	Pte Clark	S.A.	WX 15860	Pte McKinlay	J.
NX 57612	Pte Chisholm	K.R.	NX 47549	Pte Palmer	W.F.
NX 5856	Pte Cumming	H.	WX 13647	Pte Reeve	N.F.
NX 42707	Pte Cunningham	D.	NX 5867	Pte Reed	K.A.
NX 68519	Pte Ewings	R.	NX 30576	Pte Thompson	W.N.
NX 43121	A/Sjt Gow	J.	NX 71362	Pte Werne	E.
WX 15320	Pte Hetherington	L.J.	WX 16273	Pte Wells	K.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD

7 FEB 42

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO.229

1. BDE DUTIES: (Tour of Duties 2 days to report to Staff Capt  
1000 hrs 8 Feb 42)

Field Officer	- Major J. McCarty
Medical Officer	- Capt H.R. Hodgkinson
Cinema Picquet Officer	- Capt C. Chrystal
Duty Coy	- "C" Coy.

2. BN DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 7 Feb 42)

Duty Coy	- "C" Coy
Next for Duty	- "A" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer	- Lieut T.L. Mort
Next for Duty	- Lieut J.H. Brown

Guard Comd	- Sjt Walker J.W.
Next for Duty	- Sjt Endean D.G.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 7 Feb 42)

Duty Officer	- Lieut W.B. Harvey
Next for Duty	- Lieut E.H. Fox.

3. CHURCH SERVICES (Sunday 8 Feb 42)

Combined Service (other than RC)  
Will be held in Camp Cinema at 1015 hrs.

RC Combined Service  
Will be held in Camp Cinema at 0830 hrs.

Bn Pde for the former will be held at 0945 hrs.  
Bn Pde for the latter will be held at 0815 hrs.  
Markers will report to the RSM 10 mins prior to Pdes.  
Dress: SD, belts without side-arms, hats turned down.

4. SHOWERS:

Commencing Saturday 7 Feb 42, Camp Showers will only be available between 1600 hrs & 1900 hrs daily. At other times both buildings will be closed to all ranks.

*E. J. ...* Capt.  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I, NO.229 dated 7 FEB 42

CRIMES & PUNISHMENTS: (1)

NX8760 Pte Loiterton L.G. "B" Coy Charge: Drunkenness.

Award: Admonished

(2): Conduct to the prejudice of good order & military discipline.

Award: Fined 10/-



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

IN THE FIELD  
8 FEB 42

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 230

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 8 Feb 42)

Duty Coy - "A" Coy

Next for Duty - "D" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut J.H. Brown

Next for Duty - Lieut K.I. McIntosh

Guard Comd - Sjt Anderson D.C.

Next for Duty - Sjt Hill P.P.

(To mount at 1700 hrs 8 Feb 42)

Duty Officer - Lieut E.H. Fox

Next for Duty - Lieut G.W. Jackett

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Capt  
Commandant 2/4 Aust Inf Bn



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

FIELD  
17 FEB 42

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by

LT COL I. H. DOUGHERTY

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

NO. 4.

1. DUTIES:

(To mount - t 1730 hrs 17 Feb 42)

Duty Coy - HQ Coy.  
Next for Duty - "E" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut J. H. Hyles  
Next for Duty - Lieut W. Calfo

Guard Comd - Sjt Belford R. S.  
Next for Duty - Sjt Cowd J.

*For*  
W. Hutchings Capt.  
ADJt 2/4 AUST INF BN.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

FIELD  
18 FEB 42

by

LT COL. I. N. DOUGHERTY

COMD 2/4 AUSTR INF BN

NO. 5

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1730 hrs 18 Feb 42)

Duty Coy - "E" Coy  
Next for Duty - "A" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut W. Calfe  
Next for Duty - Lieut B. H. Fox

Guard Comd - Sjt Cow J.  
Next for Duty - Sjt Eastham J.

*I. N. Dougherty*  
for Capt.  
AGIT 2/4 Austr Inf Bn.

NOTICE: Found: Respirator & Helmet Steel. Resp marked "NK2015"  
Owner please apply to Bn Orderly Room to-night.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

AT SEA

by

19 Feb 42

MAJOR H.S. CONKEY

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

No. 6

1. DUTIES

(a) SHIP'S DUTIES

(To mount 1700 hrs 19 Feb 42)

Duty Coy "A" Coy.

Next for Duty (To mount 1700 hrs 22 Feb 42) "D" Coy.

Ship's Guard Comd - Sjt Eastham J.

Next for Duty - (To be detailed by "D" Coy.)

(b) BN DUTIES

(To mount 1700 hrs 19 Feb 42)


Duty Coy "A" Coy.

Next for Duty "B" Coy (To mount 1700 hrs 20 Feb 42)

Bn Orderly Officer - Lieut E.H. Fox.

Next for Duty - Lieut J.H. Holdsworth.

(c) Duty Coy will supply daily 2 Air Sentries and 2 Sea Sentries on forward Gun Platform. Tour of duty from 1/2 hour before daylight till 1/2 hour after dusk. Sentries to be relieved every hour.

  
Capt  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn



SHIPS ROUTINE ORDERS

by

LT COL I.N.DOUGHERTY

COMD TROOPS S.S. RAJULA

NO.4.

20 FEB 42

1. DUTIES: (To mount at 1700 hrs 20 Feb 42)  
Duty Unit - 2/2/ Aust Fd Coy  
Next for Duty - 19 Aust Inf Bde Details

Ships Orderly Officer- Capt D.H.Millar  
Next for Duty - Capt C.E.Thornhill

In addition to the above Duty Unit will supply :

Ships Orderly Sjt  
Ships Orderly Cpl  
2 Runners.

2. TRAINING HOURS:

As from Reveille 21 Feb 42 Ships Training Hrs will be as follows :-

0845 - 1145 hrs  
1300 - 1545 hrs

Boat Stations - 0930 hrs  
Ships Inspection - 0945 hrs

3. DRESS:

Dress for 21 Feb 42 : Shorts KD; Shirts Tropical; Sock Tops, Gaiters.

4. MAIL:

Censored Mail will be received from Offrs at Ships Pay Office between 0900 hrs and 0930 hrs daily.

1. DUTIES:

Australian 9d and 3d stamps will be used. These may be purchased by Cov arrangements through Unit Postal Orderlies. Units to place Purchase Money for Stamps with Unit Postal Orderly by 1200 hrs.

Cost of 9d Australian Stamps will be 8d stg - cost of 3d Australian stamps will be 3d stg. Stamps to be purchased in lots of 2/- stg or multiples there-of.

5. CASUALTY RETURNS:

2. TRAINING HOURS:

Units will provide the Ships Pay Office with a copy of all casualty returns (W3011) and Offence reports (B2069), showing promotions to Acting Rank (Voyage Only), Fines, Forfeitures and other casualties affecting Pay, which are promulgated during the voyage, and schedules of any Kit stoppages.

A certificate will be attached certifying that the necessary entries have been made in the Paybooks, and particularly that acting ranks for voyage only have been adjusted.

3. DRESS:

Dress for 21 Feb 42 : Shorts KD; Shirts Tropical; Sock Tops, Gaiters.

*E. Chrystal*  
Capt

Ships Adjt

NOTICE: LOST 1 Wristwatch. Finder please report to Ships O.Room



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

AT SEA

by

20 Feb 42

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

No. 7

1. DUTIES (a) ( to mount 1700 hrs 20 Feb 42)

Duty Coy	"B" Coy
Next for Duty	"C" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer	Lieut J.D. HOLDSWORTH
Next for Duty	Lieut R.W. ELLERMAN

(b) Duty Coy will post one (1) Runner outside Adj't's cabin - Cabin No.29.

2. DRESS Dress as from Reveille 21 Feb 42, will be **Shorts KD; Shirts Tropical, Sock Tops and Gaiters.**

3. ARMS Personnel who do not require their Arms for training purposes will lodge same in Ship's Armoury on No.7 Troop Deck.

4. TRAINING HOURS

As from Reveille 21 Feb 42 Ships Training Hours will be as follows :-

0845 - 1145 hrs  
1300 - 1545 hrs

Boat Stations - 0930 hrs  
Ships Inspection 0945 hrs.

5. MAIL Censored Mail will be received from Offrs at Ships Pay Office between 0900 hrs and 0930 hrs daily.

Australian 9d and 3d stamps will be used. These may be purchased by Coy arrangements through Unit Postal Orderly. Coys will deposit money for stamps with Postal Orderly by 1200 hrs.

Cost of 9d Australian Stamps will be 8d stg and cost of 3d Australian Stamps will be 3d stg. Stamps will be purchased in lots of 2/- stg and multiples thereof.

Adj't 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

Capt



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

AT SEA

by

20 Feb 42

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

No. 7

1. DUTIES (a) ( to mount 1700 hrs 20 Feb 42)

Duty Coy  
Next for Duty

"B" Coy  
"C" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer  
Next for Duty

Lieut J.D. HOLDSWORTH  
Lieut R.W. MILLERMAN

(b) Duty Coy will post one (1) Runner outside Adjts cabin -  
Cabin No.29.

2. DRESS Dress as from Reveille 21 Feb 42, will be ~~Shorts~~ KD; ~~Shirts~~  
Tropical, Sock Tops and Gaiters.

3. ARMS Personnel who do not require their Arms for training  
purposes will lodge same in Ship's Armoury on No.7 Troop  
Deck.

4. TRAINING HOURS

As from Reveille 21 Feb 42 Ships Training Hours will be as  
follows :-

0845 - 1145 hrs  
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Boat Stations - 0930 hrs  
Ships Inspection 0945 hrs.

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between 0900 hrs and 0930 hrs daily.

Australian 9d and 3d stamps will be used. These may be  
purchased by Coy arrangements through Unit Postal Orderly.  
Coys will deposit money for stamps with Postal Orderly by  
1200 hrs.

Cost of 9d Australian Stamps will be 8d stg and cost of  
3d Australian Stamps will be 3d stg. Stamps will be  
purchased in lots of 2/- stg and multiples thereof.

Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

Capt



SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS

by

LT COL I.N.DOUGHERTY

COMD TROOPS S.S. RAJULA

NO.5.

21 FEB 42

1. DUTIES: (To mount at 1700 hrs 21 Feb 42)  
Duty Unit - 19 Aust Inf Pde Details  
Next for Duty - 2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
  
Ship's Orderly Officer - Capt C.E.Thornhill  
Next for Duty - Capt L.M.Cutcliffe

2. POSTAL ADDRESS:

Until further notice, the Postal Address of all personnel on board will be as follows:-

No. Name. Unit,  
c/o No.2 Base PO,  
AIF Abroad.

3. CHURCH SERVICES:

The following Services will be held on 22 Feb 42 :-

0645 hrs:RC Mass - 1st Saloon Music Room.

0845 :RC Service - Amidships, Port side. Saloon Deck.


1830 :Combined Service - Well Deck.

One Guide from each Unit will report to Ship's RSM at Ship's Orderly Room at 0945 hrs.

Confession will be heard in Cabin 37 after 1830 hrs 21 Feb 42.

4. SHIP'S TIME

Clocks will be advanced 30 mins at 2359 hrs 21 Feb 42.

  
Capt.  
Ship's Adjt

NOTICE

FOUND Wrist watch. Owner report Ship's Orderly Room.



by

LT COL I.M. DOUGHERTY

COLD 2/4 AUST INF BN

No. 9

1. DUTIES (a) SHIP'S DUTIES

(To mount 1700 hrs 22 Feb 42)

Duty Coy "D" Coy  
Next for Duty to mount 1700 hrs 23 Feb 42 HQ Coy

Ship's Orderly Officer to mount 1700 hrs 22 Feb 42  
Capt L.H. Cutcliffe  
Next for Duty to mount 1700 hrs 23 Feb 42  
Capt E.D. WELLS

Ship's Guard Comd to mount 1700 hrs 22 Feb 42  
Sjt Morris J.M.  
Next for Duty to mount 1700 hrs 23 Feb 42  
Sjt Ronnie G.A.

(b) BN DUTIES ( To mount 1700 hrs 22 Feb 42)

Duty Coy "D" Coy  
Next for Duty HQ Coy

Bn Orderly Officer Lieut H.H. Mitchell  
Next for Duty Lieut W.H. Gray

2. SHIP'S TIME

Clocks will be advanced 30 mins to ADMM Standard Time (GMT plus 3 hrs) at 2359 hrs 22 Feb 42.

3. OUT OF BOUNDS

After 1600 hrs daily the Saloon Deck will be "OUT OF BOUNDS" to other ranks. Port Deck will be for the use of officers, Starboard Deck for the use of Warrant Officers and Serjeants.

*H. E. Separation*  
for Capt  
Adj 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

LOST - Sea Kit Bag, stencilled EX38890 BOND H.P. Finder please report to Ship's Orderly Room.



SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY

COMD TROOPS S.S. RAJULA

No.7

24 Feb 42

1. DUTIES (To mount 1700 hrs 24 Feb 42)  
Duty Unit - 2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - 2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
Ship's Orderly Officer - Capt F.J.Pegg  
Next for Duty - Capt J.Kerr

2. BLACKOUT The hours of Blackout are as follows:-  
24 Feb 42 commences 1845 hrs  
25 Feb 42 ends 0550 hrs

3. CANTEEN As from 24 Feb 42 the DRY Canteen will be open for individual purchases at the following times:-  
Morning 1000 hrs - 1200 hrs  
Afternoon 1600 hrs - 1900 hrs

Troops are requested to avoid, as far as possible, asking for large quantities of change, as, in the event of the limited supply running out, the system of Unit Purchases will have to be re-adopted.

*H. C. [Signature]* Capt

Ship's Adjt

NOTICE

FOUND

2 sets of Identity Discs belonging to:-

NX39261 Glanville R.C.  
NX 4347 Smith K.

Owners report to Ship's Orderly Room.

LOST

Set of Identity Discs. Finder please return to Ship's Orderly Room.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

AT SEA  
24 Feb 42

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

No. 11

1. DUTIES (a) SHIP'S DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount 1700 hrs 24 Feb 42 "E" Coy  
Next for Duty " " " 25 Feb 42 "A" Coy

Ship's Orderly Officer to mount 1700 hrs 24 Feb 42  
Capt F.J. Pegg  
Ship's Guard Comd to mount 1700 hrs 24 Feb 42  
Sjt Cameron J.  
Next for Duty " " " " " 25 Feb 42  
Sjt Black W.G.

(b) BN DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount 1700 hrs 24 Feb 42 "E" Coy  
Next for Duty " " " 25 Feb 42 "A" Coy  
Bn Orderly Officer to mount 1700 hrs 24 Feb 42  
Lieut L.F. Howlett  
Next for Duty " " " " " 25 Feb 42  
Lieut W.C. Calf

2. DISCIPLINE

Lieut B.E. O'Mara is given powers of a Coy Comd.

3. BLACKOUT

The hours of Blackout are as follows :-

24 Feb 42 commences 1845 hrs  
25 Feb 42 ends 0550 hrs

4. CANTEEN

As from 24 Feb 42 the DRY CANTEEN will be open for individual purchases at the following times :-

Morning 1000 hrs - 1200 hrs  
Afternoon 1600 hrs - 1900 hrs.

Troops are requested to avoid, as far as possible, asking for large quantities of change, as, in the event of the limited supply running out, the system of Unit Purchases will have to be re-adopted.

Capt  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART I dated 24 Feb 42

PROMOTIONS AND P POINTMENTS

NX 5308 Pte CLOKE W.T. HQ Coy promoted A/Cpl 13 Feb 42

RELINQUISHMENTS

NX 5308 Pte CLOKE W.T. HQ Coy relinquishes the appt  
of Group 111 Spec  
12 Feb 42



SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY

COMD TROOPS S.S. RAJUDA

No.8

25 FEB 43

1. DUTIES:

- (a) (To mount at 1700 hrs 25 Feb 42)  
Duty Unit - 2/4 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - 2/2 Aust Fd Coy  
  
Ship's Orderly Officer - Capt I.E.Kerr  
Next for Duty - Capt C.N.Raymond.
- (b) Duty Unit will detail 3 Officers, with Orderlies, as Watch Officers on Top Fore-end Navigation Deck.  
Tour of Duty : 24 hrs; 4 hr shifts  
Duties :  
(1) To keep an alert look-out of sea & air  
(2) To enforce Blackout Regulations  
(3) To accompany Ship's Watch Officer on 4 rounds at 015 hrs and 0415 hrs.  
(4) To check on Sea, Air & Ship's Sentries at irregular intervals.

Sea & Air Sentries : These are now 24 hr duties. Sentries will be replaced at each hr by an NCO.

Ship's Guard Increase : Strength of Guard is increased to -  
1 Sjt, 2 Cpls, 30 ORs.

Baggage Duty : Ref Ship's RO No.3 dated 19 Feb 42, Para 1 (d) Baggage Duty is cancelled.

2. DRESS:

While at Sea, Dress will be - Life Belt;  
Dress for the Day: Trousers and shirt in haversack (if not worn), hat khaki fur, Fd Dressing, sox, boots, (haversack slung on brace) containing emergency ration, water bottle filled, steel helmet carried. This emergency haversack must be carried at all times and inspections carried out to ensure that it contains the necessary articles.

3. RUBBISH:

Orders have been repeatedly published drawing attention to the fact that the throwing of any floating articles or rubbish overboard may aid the enemy in detecting the presence of a convoy. Units will warn personnel and officers must take immediate action against offenders.

4. SENTRIES:

Inspections by OC Troops and Ship's Orderly Officers have revealed that irregularities in posting of sentries have occurred. Units will ensure that sentries are correctly posted and made thoroughly conversant with their duties.

5.



SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS, No. 8 dated 25 FEB 42; (Contd)

5. BLACKOUT:

The hours of Blackout are as follows :-

25 Feb 42 commences 1845 hrs  
26 Feb 42 ends 0550 hrs.

6. BOAT CREWS:

Units will supply Nominal Rolls of Auxiliary Life Boat crews to Ship's Orderly Room by 1200<sup>v</sup> hrs 25 Feb 42.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Capt.

Ship's Adit

NOTICES

FOUND: One Officers Cap. Identity Discs.

LOST: One Razor Strop - Finder please report to Ship's Orderly Room.



ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY

COMD 2/4 AUSTR INF BN

No. 12

1. DUTIES (a) SHIP'S DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount 1700 hrs 25 Feb 42 "A" Coy  
Next for Duty " " " 26 Feb 42 "B" Coy

Ship's Orderly Officer to mount 1700 hrs 26 Feb 42  
Capt C.E. Raymond

Ship's Guard Comd to mount 1700 hrs 25 Feb 42  
Next for Duty " " " 1700 hrs 26 Feb 42  
Sjt Black W.C.  
Sjt McFadzean D.T.

(b) BN DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount 1700 hrs 25 Feb 42 "A" Coy  
Next for Duty " " " 26 Feb 42 "D" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer to mount 1700 hrs 25 Feb 42  
Next for Duty " " " " " 26 Feb 42  
Lieut W.C. Calf  
Lieut M.E. Sharp

When 2/4 Aust Inf Bn is Ship's Duty Unit, Duty Coy will detail 3 Orderlies to report to Watch Officers on Top Fore-end Navigation Deck.

TOUR OF DUTY : 24 hrs : 4 hr shifts.

Sea & Air Sentries : These are now 24 hr duties. Sentries will be replaced at each hr by an NCO.

Ship's Guard Increase : Strength of Guard is increased to 1 Sjt, 2 Cpls, 30 ORs.

2. DRESS While at sea, dress will be :- Life Belts;  
Dress for the day : Trousers and shirt in haversack (if not worn), hat khaki fur, Fd dressing, socks, boots, (haversack slung on brace) containing emergency ration, water bottle filled, steel helmet carried. This emergency haversack MUST be carried at all times and inspections carried out to ensure that it contains the necessary articles.

3. RUBBISH The attention of ALL RANKS is again drawn to BRO 10 para 6 dated 23 Feb 42. Personnel will be warned against the practice and officers must take immediate action against offenders.

4. SENTRIES Inspections by OC Troops and Ship's Orderly Officers have revealed that irregularities in posting of sentries have occurred. Guard Comds will ensure that sentries are correctly posted and made thoroughly conversant with their duties.

PTO



14 Feb 42  
1000 hrs

BN ROUTINE ORDERS PART I No.12 dated 15 Feb 42 (Cont)

5. BLACKOUT The hour of Blackout are as follows :-

25 Feb 42	commences	1845 hrs
26 Feb 42	ends	0550 hrs

6. SLEEP'S TIME

Clocks will be advanced 30 mins at 0100 hrs 26 Feb 42

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Capt  
 A djt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn



SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS

by

LT COL I.N.DOUGHERTY

COMD TROOPS S.S. RAJULA

No.9

26 Feb 42

1. DUTIES (To mount 1700 hrs 26 Feb 42)  
Duty Unit - 2/2 Aust Fd Coy  
Next for Duty - 19 Aust Inf Bde Details  
  
Ship's Orderly Officer:- Capt C.E.Raymond  
Next for Duty - Capt C.B.N.Rolfe
2. BLACKOUT The hours of Blackout are as follows:-  
  
26 Feb 42 commences 1845 hrs  
27 Feb 42 ends 0550 hrs
3. DRESS Reference Ship's Routine Order No.8/<sup>para 2</sup>dated 25 Feb 42 ;  
this order is amended as follows:-  
  
Steel Helmet will not be carried.
4. WASHING OF TROOP DECKS No.1 and 6 Troop Decks will be washed by crew at  
1000 hrs 27 Feb 42. All gear is to be removed from  
decks by this time.
5. BOAT STATIONS
  - a) Personnel told off as boat assistants will in  
future take post, on Boat Stations, on the boat  
deck near their boats.
  - b) All Brens and 4 magazines per gun, less those  
mounted for AA, will be taken to Boat Stations.
  - c) Lieut Martin will detail a party to stand by on  
Well Deck during Boat Stations, to place further  
stores into life boats, if practicable.

*C. Dougherty*  
Capt

Ship's Adj't

NOTICES

LOST

Two webbing belts.  
Leather wallet marked "VX57440 Pte J.Dillon",  
containing photos and money.

Finders please report to Ship's Orderly Room.



by

LT COL I.M. DOUGHERTY

COMP 2/4 AUST INF BN

No.13

1. DUTIES (a) SHIP'S DUTIES (To mount 1700 hrs 26 Feb 42)

Ship's Orderly Officer                      Capt G.E. RAYMOND  
Next for Duty                                      Capt G.E. ROLFE

(b) BN DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount 1700 hrs 26 Feb 42                      "B" Coy  
Next for Duty "                      "                      27 Feb 42                      HQ Coy

En Orderly Officer to mount 1700 hrs 26 Feb 42  
Next for Duty "                      "                      "                      1700 hrs 27 Feb 42  
Lieut H.E. SHARP  
Lieut J.C. WRIGHT

2. BLACKOUT

The hours of Blackout are as follows :-

26 Feb 42                      commences                      1945 hrs  
27 Feb 42                      ends                                      0550 hrs

3. DRESS

Reference BRC No 12 para B dated 25 Feb 42; This order is amended ~~xxxxx~~ as follows :-

Steel helmets will not be carried.

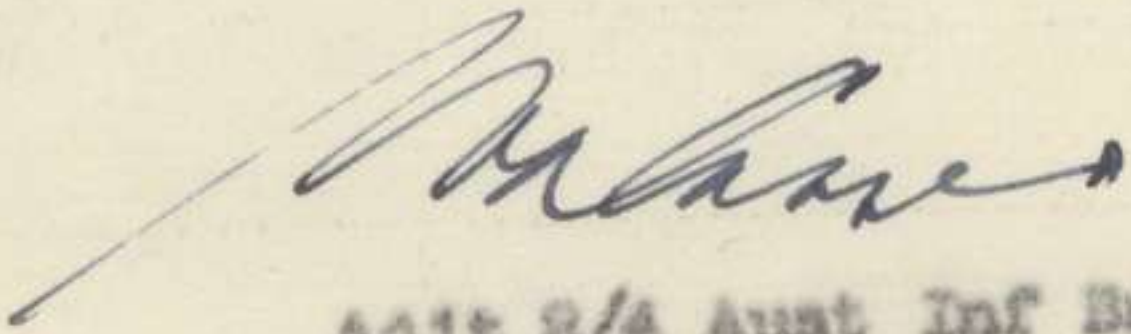
4. WASHING OF TROOP DECKS

Nos 1 and 6 Troops Decks will be washed by the crew at 1000 hrs 27 Feb 42. ALL GEAR will be removed from the decks by this time.

5. BOAT STATIONS

(a) Personnel told off as boat assistants will in future take post, on Boat Stations, on the boat deck near their boats.

(b) All Brens (less tripods) and four (4) magazines per gun, less those mounted for AA, will be taken to Boat Stations. Coys will ensure that each man responsible for a Bren Gun will take position at an actual BOAT STATION.

  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

Capt



SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS

by

LT COL I.N.DOUGHERTY

COMD TROOPS H.M.T.RAJULA

No.10

27 FEB 42

1. DUTIES:

(To mount at 1700 hrs 27 Feb 42)  
Duty Unit - 19 Aust Inf Bde  
Next for Duty - 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

Ship's Orderly Officer - Capt C.B.N.Rolfe  
Next for Duty - Capt G.F.Mao Dohnell

(To mount at 1600 hrs 27 Feb 42)  
Watch Officers -Lieut A.K.Elsom  
-Lieut G.W.A.Ormiston  
-Lieut W.L.Thompson

2. BLACKOUT:

The hrs of Blackout are as follows :-

27 Feb 42 commences 1753 hrs  
28 Feb 42 ends 0550 hrs

3. SHIP'S TIME:

Clocks will be advanced 30 mins at 2359 hrs 27 Feb 42.

4. BOAT STATIONS:

Reference Ship's Routine Order. No.9 dated 26 Feb 42  
delete b) Para 5.


5. CHURCH SERVICES (Sunday 1 Mar 42)

0700 hrs RC Mass will be celebrated in 1st Class  
Music Room.

0900 hrs RC Mass will be celebrated Port-side Midships  
Saloon Deck.

Confessions will be heard in Cabin 37 between  
1800 hrs and 1930 hrs on Saturday Evening.

1030 hrs Combined Service will be held in Well Deck  
One Guide from each Unit will report to Ship's  
RSM at Ship's Orderly Room at 0945 hrs.

  
Ship's Adjt

Capt.

NOTICES

CONCERT PARTY: 2/4 Aust Inf Bn Concert Party with J.Hannell will  
give concerts in Well Deck commencing at 1430 hrs  
Saturday and Sunday.

LOST:

1. WRISTLET WATCH - In vicinity of No.1 Troop Deck.  
Make of Watch "Pierce"
2. OFFICER'S CAP -
3. IDENTITY DISCS - NX 5525 Sjt Wardman A.R.

FOUND:

1. IDENTITY DISCS - NX 4347 Smith K.
2. " " - NX 42557 Wilson W.M.

Owners report to Ship's Orderly Room immediately.



by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY

COMD 2/4 AUST INF BN

No.14

1. DUTIES (a) SHIP'S DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount 1700 hrs 28 Feb 42 "B" Coy  
Next for Duty " " " 1 Mar 42 "C" Coy

Ship's Orderly Officer to mount 1700 hrs 27 Feb 42  
Capt C.B. ROLFE

Ship's Guard Comd to mount 1700 hrs 28 Feb 42  
Next for Duty " " " " " Sjt McFADZEAN D.T.  
1 Mar 42  
Sjt WALKER J.W.

(b) BN DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount 1700 hrs 27 Feb 42 HQ Coy  
Next for Duty " " " 28 Feb 42 B Coy

Bn Orderly Officer to mount 1700 hrs 27 Feb 42  
Next for Duty " " " " " Lieut J.C. WRIGHT  
28 Feb 42  
Lieut F.F. CRUTVHETT

2. BLACKOUT The hrs of Blackout are as follows :-

27 Feb 42 commences 1753 hrs  
28 Feb 42 ends 0550 hrs


3. SHIP'S TIME Clocks will be advanced 30 mins at 2359 hrs 27 Feb 42.

4. BOAT STATIONS

Reference BROs No 13 dated 26 Feb 42 delete b) para 5.

5. CHURCH SERVICES ( Sunday 1 Mar 42 )

0700 hrs RC Mass will be celebrated in 1st Class  
Music Room.  
0900 hrs RC Mass will be celebrated Port-side Midships  
Saloon Deck  
Confessions will be heard in Cabin 37 between  
1800 hrs and 1930 hrs on Saturday Evening.  
1030 hrs Combined Service will be held in Well Deck.  
Duty Coy will detail one (1) NCO to report  
to Ship's RSM at Ship's Orderly Room at 0945 hrs.

  
Capt  
Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE

CONCERT PARTY

2/4 AUST INF BN Concert Party and Pte J. Hannell will  
give concerts in Well Deck commencing at 1430 hrs  
Saturday and Sunday.



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SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS

by

LT COL I.N.DOUGHERTY

COMD TROOPS H.M.T.RAJULA

No.11

28 Feb 42

1. DUTIES (To mount at 1700 hrs 28 Feb 42)
- |                        |   |                     |
|------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Duty Unit              | - | 2/4 Aust Inf Bn     |
| Next for Duty          | - | 2/4 Aust Inf Bn     |
| Ship's Orderly Officer | - | Capt G.F.MacDonnell |
| Next for Duty          | - | Capt D.H.Millar     |
- (To mount 1600 hrs 28 Feb 42)
- |                |   |   |
|----------------|---|---|
| Watch Officers | - | Lieut R.S.Pelling<br>Lieut J.P.Graham<br>Lieut W.L.Stronach |
| Next for Duty  | - | Lieut R.W.Ellerman<br>Lieut C.W.Parsons<br>Lieut W.B.Harvey |

Written reports will be handed in at Ship's Orderly Room by Ship's Orderly Officers and Watch Officers at completion of tour of duty.

2. BLACKOUT HOURS The hours of Blackout are as follows:-
- |           |           |          |
|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 28 Feb 42 | Commences | 1753 hrs |
| 1 Mar 42  | Ends      | 0550 hrs |
3. SHIP'S TIME Clocks will be advanced 30 minutes at 2359 hrs 28 Feb 42.
4. BOUNDS 2nd Class Smoking Lounge will NOT be used as sleeping quarters.
5. BLACKOUT REGULATIONS Electric light globes will NOT be put in sockets of 2nd Class Smoking Lounge without permission of Ship's Adjnt.
6. SEA & AIR SENTRIES As from today Sea and Air Sentries will be provided with a whistle, which will be used as an alarm signal to the bridge. One blast repeated at intervals of 5 seconds will indicate something of a strange nature on the starboard side, 2 blasts repeated at intervals of 5 secs port side.
7. AA PROTECTION All AALMG posts will be doubled 1 Mar 42. Duty Unit will contact Lieut McGillivray at Bofor Gun 0600 hrs 1 Mar 42 for siting of gun positions.

  
Capt

Ship's Adjnt

NOTICE

FOUND Tobacco Pouch. Owner report to Ship's Orderly Room.



ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

28 Feb 42

by

LT COL I.N. DOUGHERTY

COLD 2/4 AUST INF BN

No.16

1. DUTIES (a) SHIP'S DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount 1700 hrs 28 Feb 42 "B" Coy  
Next for Duty " " " " 1 Mar 42 "C" Coy

Ship's Orderly Officer to mount 1700 hrs 1 Mar 42  
Capt D.L. Hillar

Watch Officers to mount 1600 hrs 28 Feb 42  
Lieut J.P. Graham  
Lieut W.L. Stronach  
Next for Duty " " " " 1 Mar 42  
Lieut G.J. Hawke  
Lieut E.W. Fox

Ship's Guard Comd to mount 1700 hrs 28 Feb 42  
Sjt McFadzean D.T.  
Next for Duty " " " " " 1 Mar 42  
Sjt Flynn W.P

(b) BN DUTIES

Duty Coy to mount 1700 hrs 28 Feb 42 "B" Coy  
Next for Duty " " " " 1 Mar 42 "C" Coy

Bn Orderly Officer to mount 1700 hrs 28 Feb 42  
Lieut F.F. Crutchett  
Next for Duty " " " " " 1 Mar 42  
Lieut H.I. Howard

2. BLACKOUT HOURS

The hours of Blackout are as follows :-

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1 Mar 42 ends 0550 hrs

3. SHIP'S TIME Clocks will be advanced 30 mins at 2359 hrs 28 Feb 42

4. BOUNDS 2nd Class Smoking Lounge will NOT be used as sleeping quarters.

5. BLACKOUT REGULATIONS Electric light globes will NOT be put in sockets of 2nd Class Smoking Lounge without permission of Ships Adjt.

6. SEA & AIR SENTRIES As from today Sea and Air Sentries will be provided with a whistle, which will be used as an alarm signal to the bridge. One blast repeated at intervals of 5 seconds will indicate something of a strange nature on the starboard side, 2 blasts repeated at intervals of 5 secs port side.

Adjt 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

Capt

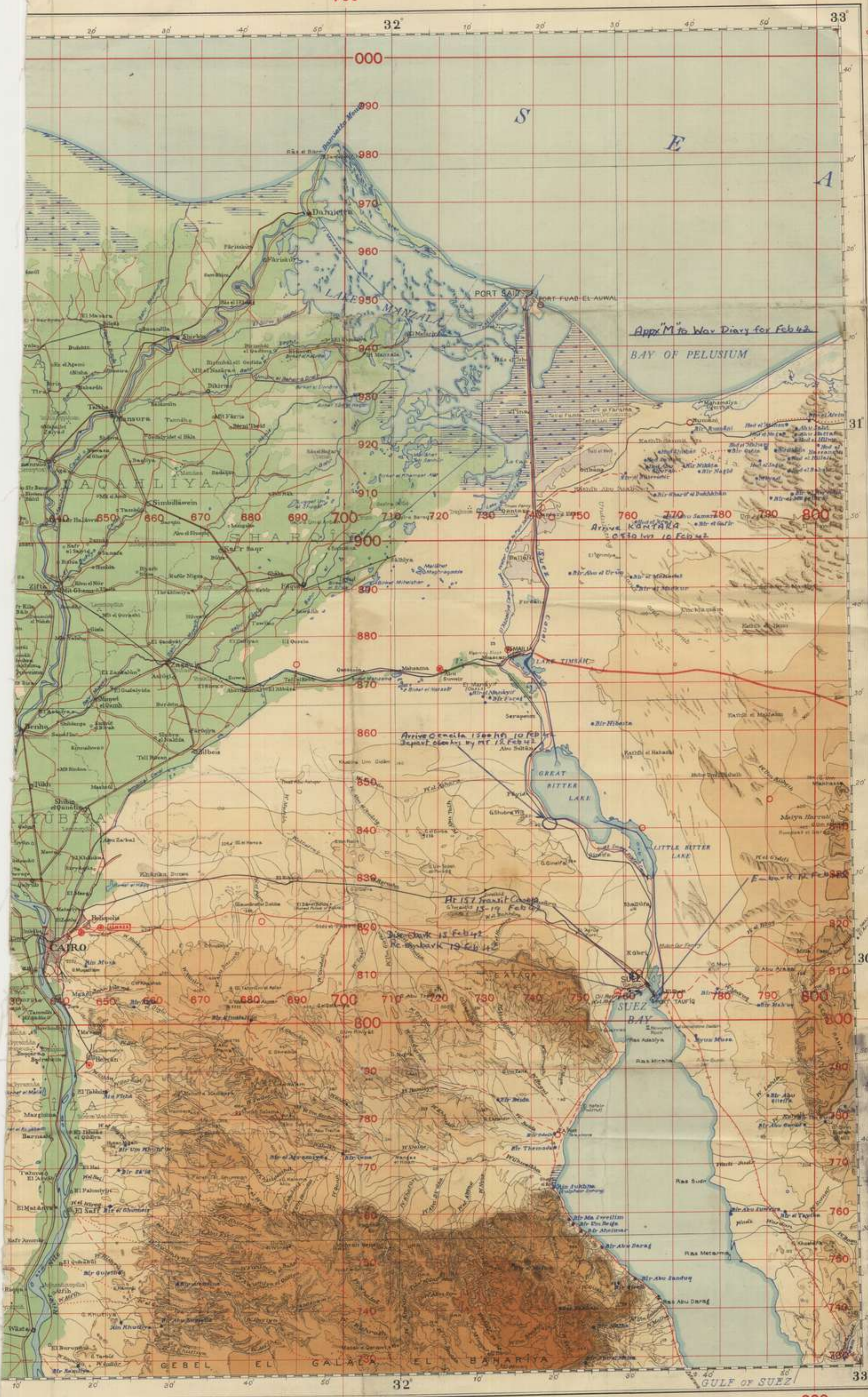


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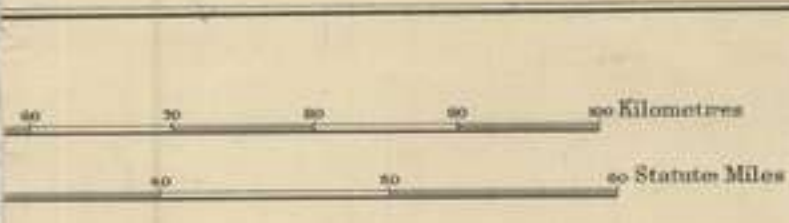


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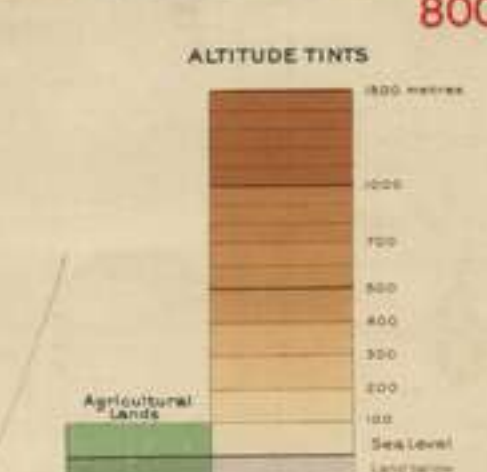
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REFERENCE section containing symbols for Principal Towns, Mudiriya, Manshah, Villages, Salt Marsh, Contours, Sand Dunes, Height (in metres), Lighthouses, Timber, Ayrsgyts, and Wireless Stations.



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