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wearing waist belt out on leave has things to be said against it. On this occasion the day had been a Rest Day and the tps had arrived back at 2230 hrs from the city. They did NOT immediately put their equipment together but left it for the morning when it would be light. When the alarm sounded, tps found it very hard to get their equipment together in the dark and a great deal of time was wasted while men attached the waist belt to the rest of the equipment. Even at Operational Stations tps go out on leave and it does NOT seem the wisest of policies to insist that the web belt is worn on leave for it necessitates the taking to pieces the equipment. Should the soldier be required to prepare for action against air attacks, para tps or guerrilla tps, he would find himself with his equipment in pieces.

BDE TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS.

The Div. Comd. desired the Bde to stage a tactical exercise with tps immediately on arrival at WALLGROVE Camp. The Bde Comd, therefore set about the preparation of one, choosing the BAULKHAM HILLS-WINDSOR area.

On 7 Jun 42 the regtl., coy and pl comds did a T.E.W.T. on the exercise and continued on the following day. On 9 Jun 42 the tps were taken to see the ground and went through parts of the exercise as a drill. On 10, 11 and 12 Jun 42 the exercise was carried out. It consisted of an M.T. move, first contact, and approach march and attack by the unit, the taking up of a defensive posn (twice) and an M.T. move back to camp. Many valuable lessons were learnt and the exercise, from the unit's point of view, was an outstanding success. (Appx 2 B)

A second Bde Exercise--A Communication Exercise was held on 23 Jun 42. It was to have been of two days duration but owing to certain orders, the exercise was broken off at the end of the first day. Lessons were learnt. The system of communications, together with cypher is a matter on which much thought must be spent. Messages take a great deal of time to get through. A school of thought considers that a great deal of the procedure of signalling should be eliminated and practically all messages sent in clear.

Jul 10.

UNIT TRAINING.

Unit training has been chiefly coy and pl tng. No Bn exercises have been held but two bde exercises were carried out. Tng has been of the elementary and revisional type and a great deal of time has been given to T.O.E.T.S., including Anti-Gas tests. (Appx 2 D.)

MUSKETRY.

Opportunity was taken to fire musketry and practically every member of the unit received an opportunity to qualify in Table B part ii in the rifle and also in either the L.M.G. or M.M.G. The 2 i/c, Maj MURRAY, supervised all range practices and coy offrs received the benefit of his wide experience. Lieut. N. EVANS, the weapon tng offr, worked very hard to ensure that each individual received every opportunity to get the best results from the practices.

Jul 21.

MOVEMENT FROM WALLGROVE TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

On 23 Jun 42, the Bde received instructions to prepare to move. Information received indicated that the move would be a big one to another state. Immediately the unit made all preparations for movement. Because of information of a previous bde move, becoming known to the public at short notice, the strictest secrecy was observed and the unit seldom knew anything beyond the most immediate plans. While security was observed, it made it much harder for the unit to plan very far ahead.

Bde arranged for officers from the D.R.O. to go to WALLGROVE and give a lecture on EMBARKATION. This lecture was attended by the Adjt.

Embarkation Rolls were prepared by Bn.H.Q., the work being "farmed" out to Coys. Because of the secrecy and the lack of written orders and instructions, trouble was experienced in knowing the number of rolls to prepare. The visiting personnel, who prepared the A.A.F. A206b were of great assistance to us in general.

The C.O. gave as much leave as it was possible to do to all ranks and each member of the unit was able to get home for a period of three days. Though the number of A.N.Ls were very small, training was interfered with to a large extent. Maj. MURRAY and Lieut. EVANS were, however, able to have a number fire musketry courses, while the adjt was able to ensure that everybody was finally vaccinated, inoculated and blood grouped. The coys completed T.O.E.Ts and had same written into each

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man's paybook. Q.M. made sure that each soldier received his entitlement of clothing and equipment. It was found that a number of members were short of certain articles and it is considered that coy offrs do NOT pay sufficient attention to the clothing and equipment of their men. The branding of everyone's clothing, equipment, kitbags and cases then received attention. Number and name of the soldier was branded on the article. Rank and regiment was NOT put on, presumably for security purposes. The boxes of stores were branded with the Div. sign (penguin) and unit number (50) and the cases were numbered. The Q staff, aided by the coys, did a very good job in this respect.

It was desired to leave with a full regiment. W.E. of an infantry bn. is 916 all ranks, incl. attachments. The unit's strength was about 900, including detachments, sick in C.D.S., and A.W.Ls. The adjt. considered that NOT more than 850 would be available when the unit moved. The C.O. took a more optimistic view of the position and considered that at least 875 would be available. The C.O. would have been much closer to the mark had NOT an epidemic of German measles struck the unit at the last moment. About 40 soldiers were taken to hospital and transferred to the X.List. The number of A.W.Ls were very light and surprise was sustained when even a couple, on whom courts of inquiry for desertion were held, returned at the last minute. A few received medical boards at the last moment and were unable to sail.

It was considered unfortunate that higher authority decided to send an officer and three sergeants to Army Schools. Three sergeants were already at Schools and the unit therefore sailed less one officer and six of the senior sergeants. The senior N.C.O. material is NOT of a very high standard at present and the policy of sending six sgts to schools at such a time is questioned. The knowledge gained at schools is good, of course, but the experience gained in a unit is very often much better. It must be remembered that the instructors at the Army Schools are NOT so good as those of some time ago and that, therefore senior N.C.Os from units do NOT receive as much or as good instruction as they should to compensate for the time spent away from their unit.

A number of reinforcements were received previous to the move of the bn. Some were quite good, but many were very poor quality and a few immediately cleared out. They were a mixture of A.I.F. and militia.

Despite reinforcements and because of the number of measles cases before leaving, the unit left WALLGROVE with a out 60 men short of war establishment.

On 15 Jul 42, an advance party, under Lieut. M.G. HARDY, consisting of 17 men left for the West. They travelled all the way by train. Another party of seven men, under Sgt. T.E. MORTON, remained to load the transport vehicles, loaded with heavy stores, onto ship at SYDNEY and travel with the vehicles to WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The remainder of the unit travel per the DUTCH ship "CREMER", with 54 Bn in same convoy travelling per "VAN HEURTS". An advance party, consisting of MAJ. MURRAY (C.O. Ship), Lieut. N. EVANS (Ship's Adjt) Lieut. J.A. KILEY (Ship's Q.M.) Lieut. L.J. WILLIAMS (Messing Offr) and eight N.C.Os left for MELBOURNE on 17 Jul 42 to take over the ship. They had every thing ready for the unit to take up their position on the vessel on arrival. The unit 2 i/c had taken great pains to have everything ready for the tps and was able to relieve the C.O. of many of his duties on the latter's arrival with the unit.

The unit left WALLGROVE in two trains on the morning of the 19 Jul 42. The first train, under command Capt. A.E. STEVENSON, left ROOTY HILL at 0750 hrs, which meant that the unit had to have a 0430 hr Revielle. No rear party was left behind to clean up.

The first party left camp at 0630 hrs and a working party, under Lieut. B.W. KING, commenced to clean the camp and were able to hand it over to the camp staff officer in a very good condition.

The remainder of the unit, plus a doy of 5 Fd Amb., left ROOTY HILL at 0920 hrs, under comd LtCol DOWNING.

The behaviour of both train loads of troops were particularly good and a very high standard of discipline was maintained throughout the train journey.

The midday and evening meals of 19 Jul and the morning meal of 20 Jul taken at Railway Refreshment Rooms en route. The meals were most satisfactory.

The unit, on arrival at MELBOURNE, immediately embarked on the "CREMER". B. Coy, 5 Fd Amb. is travelling on the same boat. The accommodation of the officers is quite good, that of the W.Os and those sgts fortunate enough to get a cabin quite good too, but that of the men is very poor. The vessel is a cargo vessel, built for the CHINA trade and was NOT made to carry a number of men. Both sleeping accommodation and meal arrangements are poor.

Jul 31. TRIP FROM MELBOURNE TO FREMANTLE.

On 22 Jul the convoy, consisting of the KATBOOMBA (5 Aust Inf Bde and att. tps) VANHUERTS (54 Aust Inf Bn and a coy 5 Fd Amb) and CREMER (56 Bn and B Coy 5 Fd Amb.) and a cruiser "ADELAIDE" left MELBOURNE bound for FREMANTLE. The trip was completed on 28 Jul 42.

The trip was uneventful. A great number of the unit had not been to sea before, but the number seasick was very light especially in view of the fact that conditions of the men were not good. The conditions that the officers and W.Os lived under were most satisfactory, though a number of officers ate with the men to get Australian types of food in preference to the Dutch types served in the dining room.

The unit provided a number of cooks and bakers to assist the ship's crew prepare meals for the troops. These men worked particularly well and the remainder of the bn has collected a sum of money to be given to them. The ship's crew was most obliging to all.

A large number of measles cases broke out on the boat. The epidemic that had commenced in camp continued throughout the voyage. Fortunately the sick bay was quite a good one.

The coys did not leave the ship in a particularly clean condition, but a rear party, under Lieut. BRAITHWAITE, did a particularly fine job in cleaning the ship. The boat crew were particularly pleased with the condition in which the ship was left.

The officers of the ship were particularly impressed with the behaviour of the troops and stated that it was in contrast to the behaviour of American troops that the ship had carried.

Many interesting discussions were held with the officers of the ship. They were generally of the opinion that the DUTCH had lost their EASTERN Empire through the greed of their traders who were not prepared to contribute to the cost of warships, but only were prepared to build vessels of trade. They spoke equally disparagingly of many conditions of British preparedness in the FAR EAST. Many of them stated that it was never considered that GERMANY would attack HOLLAND. These DUTCH officers seemed most efficient sailors.

CAMP AT MELVILLE.

On disembarkation the unit was transported to a divisional-camp at MELVILLE which is about three miles from FREMANTLE. It is a very fine tented camp, with buildings for mess huts and orderly rooms. It is set amongst tall trees and is very well camouflaged. The tents are dispersed, but with the unit H.Q. in the centre of the lines the dispersal is not as unsatisfactory, from an administrative point of view as it was at WALLGROVE.

The rainfall is high, but with the sandy nature of the soil, the ground is never muddy. The weather is mild. In fact since leaving N.S.W. the weather has been as mild as spring.

The camp and its surroundings make us consider that it is the finest camp that the unit has been in.

The adjt. and I.O. were loaned horses from the Aux.H.T. and had a good look over the training areas. These were found to consist of rather close country-as distinct from jungle country-and training of a suitable nature could be carried out in these areas.

The coy training to date has consisted principally of training to make individual soldier fit. Long route marches have been carried out. It is considered that units should strive to reach a standard where men can march four miles an hour through scrub country.

A. I. F. ENLISTMENTS.

Higher authorities have considered that the unit should enlist in a body in the A. I. F., when the bn would probably become an A. I. F. Bn. Applications have therefore been invited from all ranks. It is considered that the response will be quite good.

Aug 13.A. I. F. ENLISTMENTS.

In response to the invitation to join the A. I. F. all the officers, most of the N.C.Os and a large number of the men have enlisted. It is hoped that approx. 70% of the bn will enlist and that the unit will then become an A. I. F. regiment.

TRAINING.

Sec and pl trng has been carried out since the unit arrived at MELVILLE. Owing to the "close" nature of the country, it has been possible to practice the tps in jungle patrol work. Great stress has been laid on this section of the work.

Hardening exercises have been carried out and route marches, with a great deal of jog-trotting, have been indulged in daily.

A demonstration of Japanese tactics in by-passing a defensive posn is to be held in the near future. The adjt has prepared a scheme, which is a modification of an exercise car-

ried out by the 8 Aust Inf Bde. The exercise has been T.O.E.T ed by the coy comds.

UNIT TRANSPORT AND STORES.

The unit transport and non essential stores have not yet arrived. The lack of tpt is causing a great amount of inconvenience as is the lack of stores left behind. In most cases the less important stores were left, but in some few cases mistakes were made in the class of stores left behind. Trng and the normal running of the unit has to an extent been interfered with. It is expected that the tpt will reach the unit in a few days time.

HEALTH OF TROOPS.

The health of the tps has been quite good, but unfortunately there has been a rather severe epidemic of measles. This commenced before leaving N.S.W. and continued on the trip. Hospital accommodation was insufficient to cope with the epidemic and patients of both measles and influenza had to be kept in the unit R.A.P.P. The S.M.O., however, has now arranged to have extra hospitals and a convalescent depot placed in the camp.

Aug 22.

MARCH THROUGH FREMANTLE.

On 17 Aug 42 5 Aust Inf Bde Gp marched through FREMANTLE, where the G.O.C.3 Aust Corps took the salute.

On the 16 Aug. a practice march was held in the MELVILLE camp area.

On both occasions all ranks marched in battle order. The unit paraded at full strength and the marching was particularly good. The FREMANTLE march meant a march of about ten miles in muggy weather, but the tps seemed as fresh at the finish of the march as at the beginning. Senior offrs, who witnessed the march, commended on the high standard.

On 19 Aug. the Bde Comd visited the unit and advised all ranks of the satisfaction of the Corps Comd.

C.O.-SCHOOL AT CANBERRA.

During the week the C.O. flew to an Air Co-operation School at CANBERRA. During his absence the Bn is being administered by the 2 i/c, Maj. E.F. MURRAY.

OFFICERS AND N.C.Os COURSES.

A number of offrs and N.C.Os are attending courses of a month's duration at HARVEY. Courses include Coy Comds' Course, Pl Comds' Course, Potential Offrs Course, Sec. Leaders' Course and a Guerilla Course.

TRAINING.

The unit is at present doing coy tng and exercises are taking place in close country about the camp area. Infiltration and by passing defensive posns are being taught in attack exercises, while mobile defence with reserves always in hand is being stressed in any defence schemes. Long route marches are being carried out and a ~~higher~~ higher standard of physical condition is being noticed throughout the bn. E(MG) Coy carried out an exercise, in which Sig Communication, was stressed. Maj MURRAY and Lieut SMALL acted as umpires in a scheme that Lieut MASON prepared.

WEATHER.

There has been a great deal of rain in the last week. Owing to the nature of the rain-heavy showers and the sandy nature of the soil, it has been possible to carry on with outdoor trng without much inconvenience. The weather is getting warmer and it is expected that tps will soon be more conveniently attired in shirt and shorts.

REINFORCEMENTS.

A small batch of reinforcements came over from N.S.W. and the whole of the Bde Defence Pl. incl offr and N.C.Os have been allotted to 56 Bn. Bde no longer supplies an establishment for a Defence and Employment Pl.

INTENTION

- (1) Forward Coys will vacate present positions on 30 May 42 and will bivouac in CENTENNIAL PARK.
- (2) 56 Bn. will move from Centennial Park to WALLGROVE on 2 June 42.

ADMINISTRATION

HIRINGS

- (3) Sector Comds. will complete A.A.F. P.3s (Marching Out Stetes) in quadruplicate) made out the day property is to be vacated ie 30 May 42.
- (b) P 3 s will be returned by Bn H.Q. before 2000 hrs on 27 May 42.
- (c) Capt. Clark will check meters reading with Council employees and will also collect signatures of owners.
- (d) P 3 s will be returned completed to Adj. before 2000 hrs on 1 June 42.

LEAVE

- 4 NO members of the Unit will be given either local or home leave on 30,31, May 1,2 June 42 Home Leave will be arranged to conform.
 This will NOT affect men given long term seasonal leave

ENGINEERS STORES

- (a) All surplus engineer stores including hessian & galvanised iron, will be placed in one or two central dumps in Coy areas
- (b) Vehicles from Bn H.Q. will gather all stores and bring to Bn H.Q. S/Sgt. J. Marshall and Cpl J. Malone will be in charge of arrangements.

BEACH ELECTRIC FIGHTS

No further charging of B.E.L.'s will take place after 29 May 42. C.Coy will arrange to have completed accounts with signed T.S.4s sent to Bn H.Q. by 30 May 42.

Re PRIMING GRENADES

All Grenades are to be de primed and a certificate from each Coy and will be sent to Bn H.Q. before 29 May 42.

SANITARY SERVICES

Sector Comds. will notify Municipal Councils of the cancellation of all sanitary services from 30 May 42. such notifications to be given in writing One copy of notifications to be sent to Bn H.Q.

GENERAL REMARKS

Movement Order will be issued later.

- 10 Coy Comds. desiring further information, should ring 2 I/C or Adj.

W.C. Keast
 Adj.
 (WILL.C.KEAST) 56 Bn.

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AMENDMENTS TO
MOVEMENT FROM CENTENNIAL PARK TO WALLGROVE.

56 Bn.
29 May 42.

Refer para. 33.

Alter Time of arrival at WALLGROVE to 1148 hrs!

Add para 3B(a)

1035 hrs. Arrive Junction West Street.

1115 hrs. Arrive PARRMATTI.

Refer para 32.

Add "Box B".

Refer para. 38.

Alter date to "3 Jun 42"

Add "Six members of 5 Pl., incl. Lieut. G.V.B. DAVIS, will remain with carriers. T.O. will send back all available 3 ton. F.V.D. trucks to transport carriers to WALLGROVE. Lieut. DAVIS will arrange, with Q.I., all necessary messing arrangements."

M. Keast Capt.
(T.C. KEAST.) Adj. 56 Bn.

Distribution.

- C.O. Lieut. KILEY.
- 2 i/c. Lieut. KING.
- Adj. Lieut. DAVIS.
- Q.M. Lieut. SAMUELSON.
- A. Coy. Lieut. BOARDMAN.
- B. Coy. War Diary----2.
- C. Coy. File-----1.
- D. Coy. Bde.-----2
- E(MG) Coy. Sgt. GODBIER.
- H.Q. Coy.

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M.T. MOVEMENT ORDER - MAIN BODY.

APPX. B

SERIAL	SUB-UNIT	NO OF VEHICLES	TIME PAST			DESTINATION.
			S.P.	FIRST C.P.	SECOND C.P.	
1	A Coy	4	1015	1035	1115	1148
2	H.Q.	28	1016	1036	1116	1149
3	E(M.G.)	4	1025	1045	1125	1158
4	B	4	1026	1046	1126	1159
5	C	4	1028	1048	1128	1201
6	D	4	1030	1050	1130	1203

S.P. Cleveland Street Gates, CENTENNIAL PARK

FIRST C.P. - Junction West Street - Distance 6 miles

SECOND C.P. - PARRAMATTA

DESTINATION - WALLGROVE

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56 Bn. 42
29 May 42

MOVEMENT FROM CENTENNIAL PARK TO WALLGROVE.

1. 56 Bn. will move from present H.Q. CENTENNIAL PARK to WALLGROVE.
2. ADVANCE PARTY 30 May 42.
Personnel Lieut. C.M. McClellan, Lieut. W.H. Hardy, ~~W.O.II~~ Robinson, Cpl. J. Bargwanna and one N.C.O. and six O/R's from each Coy. 2 drs. and one cook.
3. TRANSPORT, One x 3 ton; 5 x 1 ton trucks. (One x 3 ton and one x 1 ton vehicles will remain with advance party, remainder will return to CENTENNIAL PARK).
4. EQUIPMENT, STORES ETC. Personal gear, blankets, palliasssss filled will be taken by individuals. Cut lunches (supplied by Coys) will be carried.
5. MOVEMENT One x one ton truck will report to each Coy. H.Q. at 0745 hrs. and will bring members of advance party to Bn. H.Q. Convoy will leave Bn. H.Q. at 0900 hrs. for WALLGROVE
6. ROUTE. PARRAMATTA ROAD to PARRAMATTA, thence WESTERN ROAD and WALLGROVE.
7. SPEED AND DENSITY 18 M.I.H. - 88 yds. between vehicles.
8. DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL. Depart CENTENNIAL PARK 0900 hrs. - arrive WALLGROVE 1045 hrs.
9. DUTIES OF ADVANCE PARTY.
 - (a) Report to Camp Comd. with marching in state.
 - (b) Take over B Block from present Unit.
 - (c) Draw rations for main body
 - (d) Draw straw for MAIN BODY.
 - (e) Draw camp equipment.
 - (f) Draw wood.
 - (g) Prepare camp for MAIN BODY
 - (h) Allot Coy. tentage areas.
 - (i) Unload louvre vans on their arrival at ROOTY HILL.
 - (j) Supervise preparation of midday meal on 2 Jun. 42.
10. MAIN BODY'S COOKS. 2 Jun. 42
Sgt. J.J. Godbier and six cooks (one from each Coy. selected by Sgt. Godbier) will leave Bn. H.Q. at 0700 hrs 2 Jun. 42 and proceed to WALLGROVE. Tpt. - one x 3 ton F.W.D.
Stores. - all necessary cooking gear to prepare midday meal.
11. MARCHING PERSONNEL. All members NOT moving by M.T. will ~~xxxxxxx~~ march from Bn. H.Q. to CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION; travel by train to ROOTY HILL and thence by M.T. to WALLGROVE.
12. FALL IN. - 0720 hrs.
13. STARTING POINT Cleveland St. Gates - 0750 hrs.
14. ORDER OF MARCH. A, B, C, D, E(M.G.) H.Q. Coys.
15. ENTERAIN. - 0900 hrs.
16. TRAIN DEPARTS. - 0915 hrs.
17. TRAIN ARRIVES ROOTY HILL. - 1000 hrs.
18. ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL AT WALLGROVE. (being transported by A.A.S.C. M.T.) 1030 hrs.
19. DRESS. MARCHING ORDER - Working Dress with HAT - STEEL HELMET carried.

20. NO. OF MARCHING PERSONNEL. - 570

21. DISCIPLINE Strict march discipline and strict load discipline will be observed by all ranks.

22. O.C. TROOPS. Capt. A.E. Stevenson.

23. ENTRAINING AND DETRAINING OFFICER. Lieut. B.V. King.
NOTE. Entraining and detrainning reports will be submitted in triplicate to Bn. H.Q. immediately on arrival at WALLGROVE. Rail warrant will be obtained from Adj. before 2 Jun. 42. Lieut. King will arrange to be at CENTRAL at 0830 hrs. to inspect train.

24. M.T. CONVOY. 56 Bn. with stores (less Louvre van loads; less advance party and marching personnel) will move from CENTENNIAL PARK to WALLGROVE.

25. STORES. are to be loaded before 0915 hrs.

26. NO. OF VEHICLES. - 48

27. PERSONNEL TO TRAVEL. - 144

28. FALL IN. - 0945 hrs.

29. ORDER OF MARCH. A, H.Q., E(M.G.), B, C, and D, (all vehicles to be correctly numbered)

30. S.P. - CLEVELAND ST. GATES - 1015 hrs.

31. SPEED AND DENSITY. 18 M.I.H. - 88 yds between vehicles, 440 yds. between blocks (six vehicles to a block)

32. ROUTE. As per route card - appx. A.

33. ARRIVAL WALLGROVE. - 1200 hrs.

34. DRESS Marching order, working dress with STEEL HELMETS.

35. DISCIPLINE. Street march discipline will be maintained by all drivers & passengers.

36. HALTS. There will NOT be any halts.

37. BN. H.Q. Bn. H.Q. closes at CENTENNIAL PARK at 1000 hrs. and opens at B, Block WALLGROVE at same time.

38. CARRIERS. Carriers will be loading on 3 ton lorries F.W.D. and transported to WALLGROVE on 31 May 42.

39. SURPLUS STORES. Stores NOT being conveyed by M.T. will be loaded into Louvre vans at ALEXANDRIA from 0800 hrs. 30 May 42 consignment note will be drawn from Adj. 30 May 42.

40. KIT BAGS, BLANKETS, PALLIASSES. Main Body will dump in Coy, dumps kit bags, blankets and palliasses - marked and labelled.

41. REAR PARTY. will consist of Lieut. J.A. Kiley and eighteen O/R's (1 N.C.O. and 2 O/R's from each Coy.) - two x 3 tons. F.W.D. trucks. They will be responsible for the thorough cleaning of the area and will move to WALLGROVE on completion of tasks. Lieut. Kiley will receive, in writing, a certificate stating that the area is in a clean condition, from the incoming Unit. This certificate will be handed to Adj. on arrival at WALLGROVE.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION.

W.C. Keast
Capt.
(WILL C. KEAST) Adj. 56 Bn.

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Boundary



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MOVEMENT FROM CENTENNIAL PARK
TO WALLGROVE.

56 Bn.
31 May '42.

1. CARDRE

School will finish at 1200 hrs 1 Jun '42. Sufficient vehicles to transport 48 men, with their gear, will be sent to LA PEROUSE by T.O. at 1200 hrs 1 Jun '42.

2. COY TRUCKS

Coy vehicles will report to coys at 1800 hrs 1 Jun '42 for loading. Drivers and two men from coy will travel in each vehicle. Kitbags will be loaded on Monday night. BEDDING and BLANKETS will be loaded at reveille on Tuesday morning.

3. AMMUNITION

Q.M. will arrange with T.O. for F.V.D. vehicles to draw amm at NARELLAN and convey same to WALLGROVE.

4 TENTS

All tents less two at Enges Dump, will be struck at 0615 hrs on 2 Jun '42 and be left in present position. Care will be taken to ensure that they are correctly rolled and that poles and pegs are with tents.

5 .COOKING GEAR ETC

A central dump will be made for surplus cooking gear etc at SHELTER SHED.

6. PALLIASSES

Palliasses will be loaded on 3 Ton vehicles on 1 Jun '42 as follows:-

H.Q. Coy	0830	hrs
A. Coy	0930	" "
B. Coy	1030	" "
C. Coy	1130	" "
D. Coy	1230	" "
E. (mg) Coy	1330	" "

Palliasses must be clearly marked with name and coy.
2 Jun '42.

7. PROGRAMME

REVEILLE	0500 hrs.
BREAKFAST	0545 hrs.
TENES STRUCK	0615 hrs.
FALL IN	0720 hrs.

8. P. RADE STATES

Marching personnel will be in shorts and shirt and must carry ground sheets.

Coys will give parade states to R.S.M. showing :-

- (a) No of men travelling per M.T.
- (b) No of men in advance party.
- (c) No of men travelling per train.
- (d) No of men in rear party.

9. ROUTE TO STATION

Via Fouveaux St.

I.O. will provide one guide for each coy.

Coys will march in coy blocks with 25 Yds between coys

A. Kelly
 For (WILL. C. KEAST.) Adj. 56 Bn. Capt.

SECRET

56 Bn. S.O. No. 1

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10 Jun 42 10 Jun 42

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INFORMATION. (a) Enemy are established at ruins 907387, 907391, 909395, 906400.

(b) 48 Bn. will make a holding attack from the front.

54 Bn. will be in support of 56 Bn. and will pass through when 56 Bn. completes attack.

INTENTION. 56 Bn. will capture ruins RUINS RIDGE

METHOD. Fed. Coys. B Coy. right; A Coy. left.

Objectives. B Coy BROWN HOUSE; A Coy. RUINS.

Reserves. C Coy. right ; B Coy left. 600 yds behind fed. Coys.

Rate of advance. 200 yds in 3 mins.

Axis of advance. 210 degrees m.

Start line. 914401 to 910405

Zero. 1050 HRS; 1130 hrs.

Machine guns. Fire on RUINS from zero by observation.

Mortars. 2 det. to A Coy under Comd.

Arty. One bty. 2 guns to B plus 8 on 909395

2 det to B Coy under Comd.

2 det. in reserve.

Carriers. Protection of right flank. Covering fire on right of objective.

A/Tk. One tp. under Comd. Role - protection right flank.

SUCCESS. Fed/red.

ADMINISTRATIVE. H.A.P. behind Bn. H.Q. near Y HOUSE.ROADS.

H.A.A. near Bn. H.Q.

INTERCOM. Bn. H.Q. 918410.

Wireless silence.

Line to fed. Coys. on success.

Synchronisation of watches 0900 hrs.

ACK.

Will C. East
Capt.
(WILL C. EAST) Capt. 56 Bn.

Time of signature.

Method of issue.

Distribution, as per list A

0800 hrs
Runner

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TRAINING SYLLABUS. 56 AUST. INF. BN. 24 JUN. - 1 JUL. '42.

Date.	0845 - 0930	0930 - 1030	1045 - 1145	1145 - 1230	1345 - 1445	1450-1630	1830 - 2100.
Wed. 24	Route march to trng area.	Lecture War Gasses - using respirators.	Sec formations	Demo. loading and unloading Pl. truck - Pls. practice.		PT and R Trng.	
Thu. 25	Route march to trng area. Practice formations.	Fieldcraft - Comp. Game. M.T.P.33 P26.		Sec. memorizing Route and keeping direction MTP 33 P14.	Bayonet Tg.	Comp. stalk Rival snipers MTP33 P7.	Inter see night obstacle race. Ref. spec log trng Prog Appen 2.
Fri. 26	Route march. Series of map ref. given. Half coy move out 12 miles by MT to map ref and march back by secs checking in at report centres. Half coy march out to tpt, checking through report centres by secs and move back by M.T.				Bayonet Tg.	Sec in Road block duties MFE Vol 1 sec 22 1 MT Chart V.	
Sat. 27	Move to trng area. Sec Recce patrols. See ATM 7 Para 32.				Attack exercise mutual support within Pl. MTP 33 Page 55.		
Sun. 28	REST DAY.						
Mon. 29	Move to trng area.	Sec reliefs.	Sec Woodfighting.		Bayonet Tg.	Unarmed combat.	
Tue. 30	Move to trng area.	Sec. tanking hunting exercise.			Sec stalk exercise. Use of adv. handling LMG.		
Wed. 31	Move to trng area. Text of observative trng.	Docentan. War-gasses. Bayonet Tng in respirators.	Mutual support Sec in pl. def.		PT and R Training.		

ADJT,
56 Bn.

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"A" Coy, 56 Bn.

13 June., 42.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR 14 JUNE., 42.

<u>TIME.</u>	<u>TRAINING.</u>
0825 - 0840	Coy. Pde.
0840 - 0900	Move to training grd.
0900 - 0945	Rifle Exercises.- Emphasise Post & Examine arms.
0945 - 1000	Smoke-on.
1000 - 1100	L.M.G. Pam 4 Lessons 8 & 9 (Guns to be thoroughly cleaned).
1100 - 1200	L.M.G. Pam 4 Lesson 11, Secs. 2-3-4.
1200 - 1215	Return to Coy. Lines.
1345 - 1400	Move to trng. area.
1400 - 1500	L.M.G. Pam 4 Lessons 11 Secs. 5, 6, 7.
1500 - 1600	Map reading. Relevant posns. Ch. 1 & Definitions (To be taken by Cpl. SHEEHAN).
1600 - 1610	Return to Coy. Lines.

W.D. Kelly
(W.D. KELLY) Capt.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
SECOND DIVISION.
SYLLABUS TRAINING - 56 BN. - RIFLE COYS.

DATE	0845-0945	0955-1050	1100-1230	1345-1630
18 Jun.42	Route march & move to tng. area	L.M.G. - Bren Adv. handling	Sec. Patrol exerc.(recce)	Inter Coy. Pl. patrol excs.(fighting patrol) A & D - B & C to co-operate
19 Jun.42	Route march & move to tng. area.	Bayonet tng	Pl. attack. Procedure.	Pl. in attack (infiltration & consolidation.

(sgd) Will. C. Keast, Capt.
Adj. 56 Bn.

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56 Bn.
31 May '42.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

JALLGROVE 3/9 JUNE 42.

- (a). CADRE. School will be continued for period 3/9/ June 42. Instructors & students at present in Cadre will remain.
- (b). BN.TNG. will be trained under Coy. arrangements, on the Rotary System. The following syllabus of training will be carried out.

SERIAL.	TIME.	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
1	0840-0900	BATTALION PARADE.						
2	0900-1000	R1	L2	R1	M1	B1	BF2	Pl. Defense.
3	1010-1110	L1	G2	B1	BF1	FC1	FC3	Exercise prepared by Coy Comd.
4	1110-1215	G1	F2	G3	BF2	"	"	
5	1215-1345	MID-DAY MEAL						
6	1400-1500	MR1	MR2	F3	MR3	FC2	Pl. Att	At Coy. C. Disp.
7	1510-1610	F1	L3	M1	R2		Ex. pre by Coy Comd.	
8	1900-2100	EVENING MEAL.						
			MR4			FC4		

Notes. Days 1 to 4. Rotary System will be employed with five squads per Coy.
 " 5 " 7. Unit instruction will be by platoon.

SUBJECTS.

RIFLE.

R1 = Order Slope, Present, Fix Bayonets, Change Arms.
 R2 = Parts of Rifle, Standing Lying Posns.

L.M.G.

L1 = Characteristics - Care & Cleaning.
 L2 = Stripping & Stoppages.
 L3 = Tactical Handling.

BAYONET.

G1 = Sec. 87 - Inf. Minor Tactics - PAG. pam. 1 Chapter 1. Pl. Defense.
 G2 = " 90 " " " " " 1 " 4. Exercise prepared by Coy Comd.
 G3 = T.O.E.T's PAG. pam. 1 Secs. 101, 102, 103.

FIRE.

F1 = Secs. 31, 32, Infantry Minor Tactics.
 F2 = Secs. 33, 34, " " " "
 F3 = Secs. 35, 36, 37 " " " "

FIELD CRAFT TRAINING.

FC1 = Secs. 38, 39, 40, 41 Infantry Minor Tactics.
 FC2 = Secs. 42, 43 " " " "
 FC3 = Secs. 44, 45, 46 " " " "
 FC4 = Secs. 48 (night) " " " "

BATTLE FORMATIONS.

BF1 = Secs. 49, 50, 51 Infantry Minor Tactics.
 BF2 = Appx. A. (two lessons) " " "

RIFLE.

MESSAGES and REPORTS

M1 = Secs. 61, 62, 63 (two lessons).

MAP READING.

MR1 = Conventional Sig. MR2 = Use of Prismatic Compass. From Pam.
 MR3 = Finding Posns. on Map. MR4 = Night March with Compass. MF & FS.
 L3 = Tactical Handling.

W. O. KRASST Opp
 29th 50 Bn
 31 May '42

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
SECOND DIVISION.

56 BN. - SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - 12 JUN. 42.

SERIAL	TIMES	COY	SUBJECT.
1	0900 - 1000	All Coys.	Route march
2	1010 - 1110	H.Q. Mortars A/A, Sigs., A, C, E(M.G.) B, D	Cleaning checking weapons Aiming, loading, firing. Bren Gun
3	1120 - 1215	Mortars, A/A, Sigs.) C, D B A E(M.G.)	Pl. & Coy. drill Aiming, loading & firing Fire discipline tng. E.G.D.
LUNCH			
5	1400 - 1500	Mortars, A/A, Sigs) A, C B E(M.G.)	Pl. & Coy Drill Bren Gun Messages & reports Stoppages, 1st & 2nd posns.
5	1510 - 1615	Mortars, A/A., Sigs) C A, B D. E(M.G.)	Aiming, loading & firing Field formations. Fire discipline tng. Adv. Handling

Tpt and carriers - maintenance will be carried out all day.
I Sec. - collation of maps, sketches, orders and reports of Bde. Exercise.

Will Keast Capt.
(WILL C. KEAST) Adj. 56 Bn.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BE OBSERVED ON EVACUATION OF WALLGROVE CAMP & THE RETURN OF EQUIPMENT TO CAMP Q.M. STORE.

The following procedure will be observed on evacuation of Wallgrove Camp and when returning equipment on issue to Units.

Deficiencies will be dealt with as prescribed in S.O. for A.A.O.O. & A.M.R. & O.

Stores less tables will be laid out in two Mess Huts that are provided with lock and padlock and as far as practicable are to be in the order which they appear on the A.A.F. Fl. This will obviate unnecessary handling.

PROCEDURE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:-

1. HUTS. All huts are to be thoroughly scrubbed out, windows cleaned, and left with all doors and windows closed & locked. Cupboards are to be properly cleaned out and shelves scrubbed.
2. GREASE TRAPS. Grease traps are to be thoroughly cleaned, and all straw and grease, especially around edges, removed.
3. DRAIN PITS. All drain pits (Inspection) in unit lines are to be cleansed of all dirt and left in sanitary condition.
4. RUBBISH. All rubbish is to be cleaned out from under huts throughout the whole unit area, and on the main road in the vicinity thereof, and carted to the incinerator. No rubbish to be dumped at any place except the incinerator.
5. LATRINES & ABLUTIONS. Floors of all latrines, ablutions, showers & laundries to be scrubbed with diluted phenol, covers & seats in latrines to be scrubbed with disinfectant; wash benches to be scoured, all pieces of soap removed and drains cleared of refuse, washtubs in laundries to be scoured out & hot water boilers to have all ashes cleared out & whitewashed.
6. WHITEWASH. All whitewash to be removed from articles of camp equipmt.
7. SIGNS. Remove all unit signs, orders & instructions.
8. DISINFECTANT. to be sprinkled in all necessary places.
9. TAPS. All taps to be turned off securely, and where same cannot be stopped leaking, the matter to be reported to Camp Staff Officer.
10. REAR PARTY. When the main body moves out, the rear party should be concentrated in one portion of the Camp and as few huts, ablutions, and latrines used as possible.
11. TENTS. All tents, unless otherwise directed, are to be left standing the tent bottoms scrubbed and stacked in fours in front of the tent, ground inside to be raked clean and swept, and all flaps & curtains to be rolled up and tied.
12. TABLES. Combination tables to be washed clean with soap & water (NOT sand soap) and tables F.S. 6' x 3' and 6' x 2' to be scrubbed clean, and any dirt removed from the joints etc, legs & underneath to be scrubbed & all to be in situ.
13. FORMS DINING TENT. to be properly cleaned, any damaged returned to Camp Q.M. and remainder left in situ.
14. GLOBES ELECTRIC. Globes to be removed from all huts, latrines, ablutions etc, and placed in unit Q.M. Store with other stores.
15. KITCHENS TRAVELLING. All component parts must be thoroughly cleaned and polished where necessary and lids greased to prevent rust.
16. STOVES SOYER. All soyers must be emptied of water, cleaned & wiped dry, grates cleaned of all ashes and the whole left in a clean condition inside and out. All stoves soyer are to be collected and placed in line outside one mess hut.
17. BINS ASH. Garbage bins are to be emptied of all refuse & scrubbed clean inside and out, and then placed in line, not stacked, near soyer stoves.

18. RAFTS. After removal of bins ash to central area, rafts for same to be properly cleaned.

19. KITCHEN UTENSILS. All kitchen utensils must be clean inside & out special attention being given to kettles camp oval, dished baking & dishes meat tin large.

20. STOVES KITCHEN. Kitchen stoves to be scraped put & scoured. Ash grates to be cleaned and ash pans and the inside of ovens, including trays and shelves are to be thoroughly scrubbed and dried.

21. TROUGHS KITCHEN WASHING. All washing up troughs outside of kitchens are to be properly scoured and cleaned inside and out (including legs) and drains for same cleared of any refuse.

22. BLANKETS. The 2nd blanket to be tightly rolled in bundles of ten and tied each end and in centre, and returned to Camp Q.M. Units. QM will instruct their staffs in the correct manner of rolling blankets in order to obviate unnecessary handling by Camp Q.M. or Ordnance. Units to indent on A.S.C. for sisal twine.

23. PALLIASSES. to be emptied at salvage dump in one heap at a position that will be indicated by salvage sgt. Straw must not be emptied in Unit area.

24. CLOTHS TEA. All tea cloths must be laundered or boiled clean, before returning to store and will not be accepted by Camp Q.M. in any other condition. Units will be charged for any not clean.

25. TOWELS HAND COARSE do do do do

26. BUCKETS FIRE. Fire buckets will be filled with clean water and left in position on hooks. Fire extinguishers will be left in huts where located at present.

OTHERWISE. All woodheaps in unit lines are to be tidied. Pioneer Stoves are to be properly cleaned and all ashes removed; any unserviceable stores found in unit area are to be collected and returned at once to Camp Q.M. where they will be credited or replaced.

When Units are ready for final inspection and clearance, they will notify the Camp Staff Officer and Camp Q.M. who will respectively inspect unit area and check stores, and when satisfied with conditions both, give necessary clearances, but it must be borne in mind that any damage that has been done to buildings is to be reported to Camp Staff Officer in writing before inspection, together with a copy of proceedings of Court of Inquiry held (if any) otherwise the cost of repairing the damage may be charged against the unit concerned.

Each unit will be responsible for the cleanliness of their lines and no clearance will be given until these have been inspected and passed by Camp Staff Officer.

W.G. Keast
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A; B; C; D; E(MG); H.Q. COYS;
Lieut Wiltshire; Pte Davy; T.O.

Address 56 Aust Inf Bn.,
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15 JUL 42

INDEX: ADVANCE PARTY

The following members of 56 Bn will move as an advance party at 2000 hrs this day.

N34051	Lieut	Hardy, M.G.
N34956	Sgt	Hatton, F W
N34157	Sgt	Murray, W G
N34848	Pte	Davy, A
N200964	Pte	Batres, S S
N385256	Pte	Fowler, J W
N34789	Pte	Miranda, E
N203214	Pte	Fox, I H
N201007	Pte	Manning, F R
N203153	Pte	Reynolds, C M
N34869	Pte	Knight, D
N201069	Pte	Boxsell, G A
N34099	Pte	Jelly, A E W
N200899	Pte	Drysdale, J E
N201141	Pte	Rootes, E F
N130731	Pte	Schrenner, F
N200949	Pte	Wells, L A

2. 48 Inf Bn will provide 2 x 3 ton lorries, numbered 4 & 5 for tpy.
3. Equipment will be carried as at parade this afternoon. Hats will be worn and helmets steel carried under supporting straps of packs.
4. FIVE copies of A.A.F. Mob 3 will be taken, from Adj. by Lieut Hardy. He will give FOUR copies to S.C. 5 Aust Inf Bde. 5th copy will be retained by Lieut Hardy.
5. ALL members will draw pay before leaving camp.
6. Lieut Hardy will report to Adj. before 1530 hrs for instructions.
7. Members will parade at Bn HQ at 1930 hrs

Capt.
(W.C.KEAST) Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn.

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56 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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17 Jul.42

MOST SECRET.

A, B, C, D, E, H. Q. Coys.

56 BN. MOVEMENT ORDER.

56 Bn. will move in two trains on 19 Jul.42

	<u>Depart ROOTY HILL</u>	<u>Coys. No of Tps.</u>	<u>O.C. Train.</u>
No. 1 train	0745 hrs.	B.C.D.E. - 480	Capt. Stevenson
No. 2 train	0925 "	Bn.H.Q., H.Q., A.-420	Lt.-Col. Downing.

NOTE. Capt. V. Goldrick and Lieut. Macauley, A/Adjt. will travel in No. 1 train.

2. STORES. Stores which being taken with troops will be loaded into Louvre Vans at ROOTY HILL on 18 Jul.42. Care will be taken that each Coy. Stores travels with the Coy. It must therefore be ensured that Coys. load stores into correct Louvre Vans. One baggage van will accompany each train. Q.M. will be in charge of loading.

3. BLANKETS AND PALLIASSES. One blanket will remain with the soldier, the remaining two blankets will be rolled in bundles of ten and will be conveyed under Unit arrangements to ROOTY HILL. Blankets will be rolled by 0600 hrs, 19 Jul.42. Palliasses will be returned on 18 Jul.42.

4. KIT BAGS AND OFFICERS BAGGAGE. Kit bags and officers heavy baggage will be dumped in Coy. lines by 0600 19 Jul. 42 and will be taken to ROOTY HILL under Unit arrangements. Kit bags will be collected by the troops at ROOTY HILL and taken into the carriage with the soldier.

5. REVEILLE. Reveille will be at 0430 hrs. 19 Jul.42

BREAKFAST will be at 0530 hrs. 19 Jul.42.

6. DRESS. Marching Order, S.D. Uniform, hat on left shoulder.

7. MESSING GEAR. Will be carried by all ranks.

8. MESSING. Meals will be en route. O.C. train will present A.A.F. F.59 covering meals at 1/3 per head.

9. RAIL WARRANTS. Bulk Rail Warrants will be issued by O.C. train from ROOTY HILL to MELBOURNE.

10. CONSIGNMENT. NOTES. Q.M. will arrange for issue of Con.

Notes for stores. NOTE. A.A.F. F.59 Reqn. for Supplies, T.16

Rail Warrants and Dept. Con. Notes. will be supplied by Adjt.

11. CAMP CLEANING PARTY. Lieut. B.W. King. will be O.C. Camp Cleaning Party. He will detail two N.C.O's and 18 O/R's from H.Q. Coy. to assist him. On completion of task he will ask Camp Staff Offr. for a certificate in writing stating that the camp has been left in a clean condition.

12. OFFICERS AND SGTS. MESSSES. Lieut. C.M. McClellan and Sgt. F.J. Pettiford will render certificates stating that all accounts of Offrs, and Sgts. Messes respectively have been paid. They should contact Adjt. regarding correct wording of certificate.

13. EMBARKATION CARDS. will be issued to all ranks on 18 Jul.42

14. KITCHEN GEAR. C.Q.M.S. will report to Q.M. at 0845 on 18 Jul.42

Will Keast

Capt.

(WILL C. KEAST) Adjt. 56 Bn.

FORM OF ADDRESS TO TROOPS AT EMERGENCY STATIONS.

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The emergency signal is a succession of six or more short blasts followed by one long blast on the stem whistle, supplemented by electric hooters on the troop decks.

When this signal is made you are to put on your life belts, and come to your station as quickly as possible on Promenade Deck, but avoid rushing or crowding companionways. On arrival at your station on the Promenade Deck, you are to fall in six deep facing outboard. Maintain strict silence and be on the alert to carry out the orders of the OC Station.

You are to take an early opportunity to make yourself familiar with this station and the most direct route to here from your sleeping quarters, bearing in mind that you may have to find your way here in the dark.

Should an emergency arise the Ship's crew will clear away and lower the boats to an Embarkation position on Promenade Deck.

Should the emergency develop in such a manner as to make it advisable to abandon the ship, the order will be given and troops will then be passed in an orderly manner up the companionways to the Promenade Deck where they will be embarked in boats.

For drill purposes the emergency signal will be made on the electric hooters only (no signal will be made on the the whistle).

IN AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY THE SIGNAL WILL BE SIX (6) OR MORE SHORT BLASTS ON A WHISTLE FOLLOWED BY ONE (1) LONG BLAST.

F I R E.

The danger of fire aboard a ship cannot be overemphasised. A fire which gains a footing on a ship is a most terrible menace to the lives of all on board. To guard against this possibility the utmost precaution must be taken and unceasing vigilance must be maintained.

One of the most fruitful sources of fires on ships are careless cigarette smokers. There probably is not anything very dangerous in one man smoking in his sleeping quarters, but four thousand men smoking in their sleeping quarters constitutes a very serious hazard. Therefore it is strictly forbidden for troops to smoke in their sleeping quarters. This must be considered as the most important regulation in the ship and a default of this rule must be regarded as a very serious offence.

A match struck on an open deck during the dark hours, or even the glow of a cigarette has been known to give away a ship's position to a submarine. For this reason, smoking on open decks during the dark hours is strictly forbidden.

Don't throw cigarette ends over the ship's side. They are liable to blow inboard through an open port and start a fire, besides being dangerous to other occupants of the deck. At intervals around the ship both inside and out, are placed receptacles for discarded cigarette ends and these should always be used for that purpose.

56BN. MOVEMENT ORDER.

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1. 56 Bn. will move in two groups:-
No.1 Gp. B, C, D, and E(s) Coys.
No.2 Gp. Bn.H.Q., HQ and A Coys.
2. LUGGAGE.
(a). No.1 Gp. Blankets, Kitbags and Officers Heavy Baggage will be dumped in three dumps, at 0600 hrs at turntable near A Coy lines.
(b). No.2 Gp. As for No.1 Gp, but dumped at 0740 hrs.
3. FALL IN.
(a). No.1 gp. on Bn. pde ground in serial nos. at 0605 hrs - move to ROOTY HILL at 0615. Pde state given to R.S.M. as follows:-
No. of Offrs; W.O's; S/Sjts and Sjts; Cpls (incl L/Cpls); Ptes.
O.C.: Capt. Stevenson.
(b). No.2 Gp. As for No.1 gp, but parade at 0745 and move at 0800 hrs.
O. C.: Capt. Neil.
4. BAND.
Band will leave all luggage at Bn. H.Q. at 0600 hrs. Same will be loaded by six men from H.Q. Coy at 0730 hrs.
Band will play No.1 gp from pde ground to Control Box and also quarter mile to ROOTYHILL. Band will be conveyed from Control Box to quarter mile from ROOTY HILL by MT.
Band will play No.2 Gp. as No.1 Gp, Lieut Strong to arrange.
5. CLEANING UP PARTY.
O.C. Lieut King. Embus at 0845 hrs. Tpt from 48 Bn. as arranged by Lieut King.
6. LIGHT DUTY MEN.
Coys will provide light duty men as luggage guard.
No.1 gp personnel report to dump at 0600 hrs.
No.2 " " " " " " 0745 hrs.
7. LOADING PARTIES.
No.1 gp. - 10 men - provided by A Coy. O.C. Lieut. Braithwaite.
No.2 gp - 10 men - " " " A Coy. O.C. Lieut. Scott.
8. KITCHENS.
A Coy will provide three men for each mess hut who will clean same. Kitchen staff will clean stoves and sawyers.
9. PRISONERS.
Bn. Orderly Sgt. will collect prisoners at guardhouse at 0600 hrs. and return same to Coys..
10. EMBARKATION ROLLS.
4 copies to be handed to D.R.O. rep. on first train.
1 copy to be taken by Adjt.
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION.

Movement 5 Aust Inf Bde.

1. 5 Aust Inf Bde Administrative Instruction M.S 2/42 of 6 Jul, 42, is amended as follows:-

Para, 11, Delete schedule and insert in lieu thereof the following -

<u>5 Bde. Gp. Advance Party</u>	}	2 Offrs and 10 O.R.s.
5 Bde H.Q		
Sig. Section		
253 L.A.D		
Def. Pl.		
54 Bn		1 Offr. and 16 O.R.s
56 Bn		1 " " 16 "
18 Fd Regt.	}	1 " " 14 "
Sig. Section		
220 L.A.D.		
5 Fd. Coy.		8 O.R.s.
5 Bde Comp. Coy. AASC		1 " " 12 O.R.s
5 Fd. Amb.		8 O.R.s

	TOTAL	6 84

2. These troops will move by train No. 10 on Wed. 15 Jul, 42, in accordance with 2 Div. Administrative Instruction No. 29, copy whereof is attached.
3. The necessity for absolute security of information is again stressed.
4. Ack.

R.T. Bryen Major
 (R.T. BRYEN) Major.
 Bde Major, 5 Aust Inf. Bde.

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"J" Sec. Sigs.		
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MOVEMENT 5 AUST INF BDE GP

Ref : Appx "A" to 5 Aust Inf Bde Gp Adm
Instn No 4, Para 1

1. Train Time Table to pt of embarkation is attached.
2. TRAIN ACCOMMODATION
Each train will comprise 4 L FX and 8 LMB Cars and one Louvre Van. Approx 40 personnel per carriage. Offrs and WOs to be accommodated in compartments adjacent to their men.
3. BAGGAGE, STORES, ETC.
 - (a) Tps will take all personal kits and eqpt with them into carriages.
 - (b) Four Louvre Vans (one for each train) will be placed at ROOTY HILL for loading on 18 Jul 42. It must be ensured that each van is loaded only with equipt relative to the personnel carried on the train to which the van is attached.
 - (c) Bde AASC Comp Coy will provide three three-ton lorries each to 54 Aust Inf Bn and 56 Aust Inf Bn and 2 3-ton lorries to 5 Aust Fd Amb to report at 1000 hrs.
4. MOVEMENT FROM CAMP TO RLY
Tps will march to ROOTY HILL in full marching order. Tpt for kit bags will be provided by Bde AASC Comp Coy as per separate schedule to be forwarded later.
5. MESSING
Meals en route will be taken at R R R as per Rail Time Table. OC Trains will present AAF F59 for all meals at 1/3d per service.
6. DETRAINMENT
On arrival at wharf, OC Train will report to Embarkation Staff Officers for instructions.

R.T. Bryen
(R.T. BRYEN.) Major
Bde Major 5 Aust Inf Bde.

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MOVEMENT OF 5 AUST INF BDE GP

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Ref : Appx "A" to 5 Aust Inf Bde Gp Adm Instn No 4 Para 1

TRAIN TIME TABLES

TRAIN NO	TIME OF DEP	UNIT	NO OF PERS (All Ranks)	MEALS ON ROUTE			TIME CHANGE TRAINS ALBURY	OC TRAIN
				MID-DAY	EVENING	MORNING		
1	0750	56 Aust Inf Bn	480	GOULBOURN 1310-1424 hrs 19 Jul 42	JUNEE 1945-2110 hrs 19 Jul 42	SEYMOUR 0705-0755hrs 20 Jul 42	0056-0200 hrs 20 Jul 42	Capt A.E. STEVENSON 56 Aust Inf Bn
2	0925	56 Aust Inf Bn A Coy, 5 Aust Fd Amb	420 (approx) 64 "	MOSSVALE 1320-1448 Hrs 19 Jul 42	HARDEN 1910-2036 hrs 19 Jul 42	SEYMOUR 0615-0700 hrs 20 Jul 42	0214-0300 hrs 20 Jul 42	Lt Col R.G. DOWNING, MC 56 Aust Inf Bn
3	1130	54 Aust Inf Bn	480	P'MATTA 1148-1153 hrs (Pick up cartons) 19 Jul 42	GOULBOURN 1640-1804 hrs 19 Jul 42	SEYMOUR 0715-0800 hrs 20 Jul 42	0305-0400 hrs 20 Jul 42	Major B.H. STEVENSON 54 Aust Inf Bn
4	1305	54 Aust Inf Bn A Coy, 5 Aust Fd Amb	420 (Approx) 64 "	IN CAMP 19 Jul 42	MOSS VALE 1645-1805 hrs 19 Jul 42	WANGARATTA 0605-0740 hrs 20 Jul 42	0414-0515 hrs 20 Jul 42	Major N.J. ARROW 54 Aust Inf Bn

MOVEMENT OF 5 AUST INF BDE Gp.

M.T. Schedule

Ref 5 Aust Inf Bde Instn. No.4 Appx "A"

Transport of Baggage from Camp to Railway.

Serial No	Date	Time Report Unit Lines	Place to Report	Destination	Time Arrival	Nature of Load.
1	19 Jul	0650	56 Bn	ROOTY HILL	0720 hrs	Offrs. Baggage, ORs Kitbags, 480
2	19 Jul	0825	56 Bn 5 Fd Amb	ROOTY HILL	0855 hrs	Offrs. Baggage, ORs Kitbags, 420 do do do 64
3	19 Jul	1030	54 Bn	ROOTY HILL	1100 hrs	Offrs. Baggage, ORs Kitbags, 480
4	19 Jul	1205	54 Bn 5 Fd Amb	ROOTY HILL	1235 hrs	Offrs. Baggage, ORs Kitbags, 420 do do do 64

UNITS TO PROVIDE OWN LOADING AND UNLOADING PARTIES.

56th TO Q.M. 2 1/2 FILE

Ref. 29122 AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

56th Battalion
-2 JUL 1942
C.O. 2 1/2
Adj. Asst. Adj
Corr. No. 242

H.Q. 2 AUST. DIVISION.
HOME FORCES.
28 June, 1942.

EMBARKATION INSTRUCTIONS.

(Personnel and Vehicles moving by Sea)

1. Officers proceeding to the wharf on embarkation duty are to be in possession of National Security Permits. These are to be arranged for through D.A.Q.M.G.

2. LOADING: VEHICLES.

As vehicles and cases are loaded from wharf, particulars thereof will be recorded on Form AB66, which will be made out in duplicate. Particulars of markings, numbers etc., will be carefully shown thereon. For vehicles, registered number will be the marking shown and particulars of vehicle load will show the number of cases only. Description of contents is NOT necessary.

Where independent cases are being shipped (i.e. Cases which have not been allotted to any particular vehicle), they are to have Unit and tactical markings shown, and in addition, colour markings, in accordance with A.I.F. Standing Orders as per App "A" attached. Independent cases will be recorded on Form AB66, in similar manner to that described above for vehicles.

Form AB66 when completed in accordance with the foregoing, will be signed for by shipping representative, and from the duplicate will be prepared the Bill of Lading.

3. Bills of Lading:- Will be prepared (6 copies) from duplicate of AB66, and each B/L will be treated as a separate document, i.e. details of one B/L are NOT to be carried forward to another B/L.

When completed and signed by unit CO or O/C, B/Ls are to be given to Movement Staff Clerk. Copies will be delivered to units before leaving port of embarkation.

4. Officers Baggage. Units are to forward to Movement Staff, through Formation, list of names of Officers who will be allotted berths. Units will be advised of berth number allotted to each Officer. Name of Officer and Berth No will be written on label G 1064, which will then be attached to baggage of officer concerned.

For vehicles, registered number will be the marking shown and particulars of vehicle load will show the number of cases only. Description of contents is NOT necessary.

5. ADVANCE PARTIES

An O/C Ship (detailed by Formation) will arrange Staff comprising Adj. QM, Baggage Offr, Messing Offr, ROIS, Ord Room Sjt, Clerks, etc., He will take charge of all troops on board. He will take charge of all troops on board. Colour markings, in accordance with A.I.F. Standing Orders as per App "A" attached. Independent cases will be recorded on Form AB66, in similar manner to that described above for vehicles.

Meals and accommodation for Adv Parties will be arranged by Movement Staff. Form AB66 when completed in accordance with the foregoing, will be signed for by shipping representative, and from the duplicate will be prepared the Bill of Lading.

Plan of Loading will be prepared by Movement Staff, and copy given to O/C Ship for information.

3. Bills of Lading:- Will be prepared (6 copies) from duplicate of AB66, and each B/L will be treated as a separate document, i.e. details of one B/L are NOT to be carried forward to another B/L. Movement Staff will prepare a card for every berth in the ship.

When completed and signed by unit CO or O/C, B/Ls are to be given to Movement Staff Clerk. Copies will be delivered to units before leaving port of embarkation. Detraining Officer will take charge. / At this stage

(2)

At this stage, Unit Officers will be divorced from their men, will proceed on board separately to their berths, take off their equipment and report to place where their men are being berthed, assist in settling their men ensuring that they take berths to which they have been allotted.

7. Chief Steward on Ship will arrange and supervise messing.
8. Stationery and Forms. Forms AB 66 and G 964 are to be requisitioned for by units independently through Stationery Dept.
9. General.

Care is to be taken in the selection of experienced drivers to accompany vehicles on board, as accommodation has been reduced to an absolute minimum.

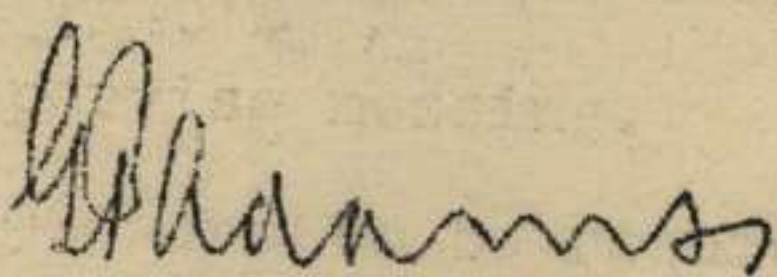
A Duty Station will be provided for personnel on embarkation duty. Such personnel will leave duty station only on instructions from the Transport Officer of their respective Unit.

QMs will act under Transport Officers where off-loading of vehicles on wharf may be rendered necessary.

Embarkation of Unit Tpt will depend largely on the close co-operation between QMs and Tpt Officer.

Units are to be sectionised as much as possible. Section Leaders must be thoroughly conversant with those under them and ensure that all ranks know clearly what they are to do, and the vehicles, stores and equipment under their charge.

Petrol tanks will be drained and A.S.C. 2 Aust. Div. will arrange for adequate reserve to be carried as deck cargo.


(G.P. ADAMS) Major.
D.A.Q.M.G., 2 Aust. Div.

APPENDIX "A".

Colour Markings Schedule as per AIF Standing Orders:-

1. BRIGHT RED.
2. BLUE, GS
3. YELLOW
4. LIGHT GREEN
5. GRAY
6. BUFF
7. RED
8. SERVICE COLOUR
9. WHITE
10. DARK BROWN.

Distribution.
All Units.

Carruthers W. R. Billington Temora

Wells La. Solitary Ave Barmenon

Johnson H. 6 weeks

Hudson R. G. South Java.

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5 Aust Inf Bde HQ,
HOME FORCES.
Jul 42.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION

Movement 5 Aust Inf Bde

1. SECURITY : THE STRICTEST SECURITY MUST BE OBSERVED IN CONNECTION WITH ALL MOVEMENTS, AND PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION RELATIVE TO DATES OF MOVEMENT, NAMES OF VESSELS AND DESTINATION.

SECURITY: CO Tps on trains will instruct Tps that NO telegrams or letters will be sent and that use of Telephones while travelling is prohibited. Attention of all ranks is to be drawn to Field Security regulations.
2. RETURN OF CAMP STORES : All stores on issue from Camp QMs including palliasses will be returned prior to movement and a clearance obtained. Prior to move from Camp, certificate of cleanliness of Camp lines will be obtained from Area Staff Officer in writing.
3. CAMP EQUIPMENT : Scale "A" Camp Equipment, vide GRO 78 of 5 Jun 42 will be taken by units to new location.
4. AMN
 - (a) First line ammunition will be taken. Ammunition should be so disposed that it will accompany the weapons to which it relates for movement by sea. LMGs and SMGs should be carried in trains in proportion to the number of troops travelling, together with an allotment of ammunition. Five rounds per rifle will move with each train as baggage. All other ammunition, including training ammunition, will be transported by sea.
 - (b) Second echelon ammunition will be transported by sea on vehicles of AASC 2 Aust Div. Loading will be in accordance with Bde Gp.
5. BLANKETS : Arrangements have been completed for a new issue of blankets which will be effected through the Camp QM. Three Blankets per man will be taken, one being rolled around pack and carried on the train, together with a ground-sheet, and two to be rolled and labelled for loading on trains, for issue when necessary or at embarkation points.
6. Estimated weight of equipment and stores not loaded in vehicles is required at this HQ as early as possible.
7. MESSING GEAR : All ranks travelling by rail or sea will carry messing gear. Ships will provide utensils for Officers only.
8. SHIPS STAFF (ADVANCE PARTY) : Ships Staffs will be augmented to 50 all ranks for each ship. Officers will be as stated in SO AIF but ORs will be increased and in each case will include one cook and one mess orderly.
9. MOVEMENT BY SEA : Units will entrain by ship groups for embarkation in accordance with instructions to be issued later.

10. MOVEMENT BY RAIL : Orders for rail move will be issued separately, in accordance with serial numbers, as shown hereunder, but not necessarily in that order:

<u>SER NO</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFFRS</u>	<u>ORs</u>
A.1	HQ 5 Aust Inf Bde	13	64
A.2	"J" Sec Sigs	2	45
A.3	253 LAD	1	15
A.4	5 Aust Inf Bde HQ Def Pl	1	38
A.5	54 Aust Inf Bn	37	880
A.6	56 Aust Inf Bn	37	880
A.7	18 Aust Fd Regt	40	696
A.8	"G" Sec Sigs	1	35
A.9	220 LAD	1	15
A.10	14 Bt, 104 Aust A Tk Regt	8	150
A.11	5 Aust Fd Coy	7	240
A.12	5 Aust Fd Amb	13	226
A.13	2 Aust Div Pro Sec		15
A.14	AASC General Tpt Coy	11	383
A.15	Div Ord W/shop, Bde Gp Sec	3	112
A.16	Div Ord Fd Pk, Bde Gp Sec	1	19

11. ADVANCE PARTIES : Advance parties for 5 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move by rail and will be of strength shown below :-

	<u>OFFRS</u>	<u>ORs</u>
5 Aust Inf Bde HQ	}	2
"J" Sec Sigs		
253 LAD		
5 Aust Inf Bde HQ Def Pl		
54 Aust Inf Bn	}	1
56 Aust Inf Bn		1
18 Aust Fd Regt	}	1
"G" Sec Sigs		
220 LAD		
5 Aust Fd Coy RAE		8
AASC General Tpt Coy	1	10
5 Aust Fd Amb		

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12. SANDSHOES : Sandshoes will be issued to all ranks moving by sea prior to entrainment.

13. COMMAND : Senior Combatant Officer on each ship or on each train will assume command as OC Tps.

14. RESERVE RATIONS : Two days reserve rations will be transported on each train of troops who travel to final destination by rail, under supervision A.A.S.C. 2 Aust Div.

15. MEDICAL : R.A.P.'s. will be established on each troop train moving to final destination by rail,

16. UNIT MESS ACCOUNTS : Attention is directed to DFO Circular 59419 of 11 May 42 and 2 Aust Div RO 35/42, para 8. The required certificates must be submitted by CO prior to movement.

17. DISCIPLINE : It is particularly directed that troops observe SILENCE in movement and that all movements be on a section basis, each sec comd having definite control of his sec. All personal kit to be reduced to a minimum and equipment correctly worn. Rifles to be carried at the slung position (with butts uppermost for embarkation and disembarkation).
18. DRESS : FS with gaiters; respirators at the alert position. Specimen Packed Kit will be displayed by HQ 5 Aust Inf Bde and all units will conform thereto.
19. EMBARKATION INSTNS. 3
- (a) Instructions herein are to be read in conjunction with 5 Aust Inf Bde Standing Instns: for Embarkation.
- (b) 2 Aust Div Embarkation Instns of 28 Jun 42 (Ref 29122) will be complied with. Final para thereof will be varied to provide that each unit will provide one 4-gallon drum (filled) for each vehicle and will be carried as deck cargo.

R.T. Bryen
(R.T. BRYEN.) Maj.
BM, 5 Aust Inf Bde,

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

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2 AUST. DIV. H.Q.
HOME FORCES.

9 Jul 42.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 29.

MOVEMENT REMAINDER 8 BDE, GP. AND DIVISIONAL
TPS, GP. (PARTY) BY RAIL.

1. MOVEMENT. Movement of Units as shown in Appendix "A" will be made by rail at the rate of one train per day. Each train will convey approx. 300 personnel and 10 tons of Stores. Trains will depart from Stations shown in accordance with Timetable attached shown as Appendix "B".

2. O.C. TRAINS.

Train No. 7 - Capt. T. Woodger, 8 Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.

Train No. 8 - Lt.-Col. S.G. Munro, 104 A/T Regt.

Train No. 9 - Capt. G. Lorrimer, 52 Fd. Pk. Coy.

Train No. 10 - Major F. Newth, H.Q. 2 Aust. Div.

Train No. 11 - Lt.-Col. W.F. Routley, R.A.E. 2 Aust. Div.

Train No. 12 - Lt.-Col. J.T. Middleton, Sigs. 2 Aust. Div.

3. BALANCE OF DIV. TPS, GP. Movement of balance of Div. Tps. Gp. will be issued as Appendix "C" to this instruction.

4. CARRIAGE OF EQUIPMENT. Troops will take personal equipment including one blanket into carriages (two blankets being placed in brake van) except on transcontinental train from Port Pirie Junction to Kalgoorlie, when Universal Kits will be loaded in covered vans and personnel will entrain with weapons, web equipment, messing gear, and minimum personal baggage. Officers and warrant officers will be accommodated in compartments adjacent to their troops.

Note: On the transcontinental line, the railway authorities will supply a broom so that cars may be kept clean. OC trains will ensure that brooms are collected and handed over to the guard of the transcontinental train at Kalgoorlie.

5. MESSING.

Meals en route will be arranged as follows:

Where meals are taken at Railway Refreshment Rooms, OC trains will present AAF F59 covering meals at 1/3d. per head. OC trains will carry necessary AAF F59s.

(a) All personnel will carry messing gear.

(b) Between entrainment station and Port Pirie Junction, meals will be provided at RRR in accordance with Appendix "B".

(c) Between Port Pirie Junction and Kalgoorlie, one Wiles cooker will be attached to each troop train. SA L of C should arrange for necessary supplies. Halts will be made at places specified for serving meals. OC train will detail orderlies to collect for each carriage.

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(d) Between Kalgoorlie and destinations, as detailed by
WA L of C.

(c) Strictest economy is to be exercised in the use of
water, especially on the transcontinental line.
Personnel will replenish water bottles at Railway
Stations as opportunity permits.

Note: O.C. Trains will be responsible to see that Cooks travel
on each train for cooking meals between Port Pirie Junction
and Kalgoorlie.

6. RAIL WARRANTS. Bulk Rail Warrants will be issued by O.C. Trains
from entrainment point to detrainment point.

7. DISCIPLINE. It is particularly desired that stricted control be
exercised of troops travelling by train. Scribbling in chalk on
railway carriages will not be permitted. Carriage or consumption
of intoxicating liquor in troop trains will not be permitted.

8. MEDICAL. Medical orderlies with equipment will be allotted to
all trains.

9. SECURITY. It is imperative that the utmost secrecy be preserved
regarding destination, dates and times of movements.

G.P. Adams

(G.P. ADAMS) Major,
D.A.Q.M.G. 2 AUST. DIV.

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ 2 Aust. Div.
2 Aust Div Int Corps (Cypher)
"N" F.S.S.
7 Def. & Emp. Pl.
R.A.A. 2 Aust Div HQ
R.A.E. 2 Aust Div HQ
2 Aust Div Sigs HQ (2)
224 L.A.D.
2 Fd. Hyg. Sec.
2 Aust. Div. Postal Unit
A.A.S.C. 2 Aust Div HQ
8 Aust Bde Gp ...A.S.C. (2)
51 Aust Div Ord Wkshop
51 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk.
52 Aust Fd Pk Coy.
223 L.A.D.
5 Aust Bde Gp. (7)
104 A/T Regt.
104 A/T Regt. Sig. Sec.
252 L.A.D.
106 Mob. Bath
4 Mob Laundry
5 Salvage Unit

2 Aust Div Concert Party
MCO (LHQ)
DAQIG (Movements) L of C
AONG 2 Aust Corps
ADMS
GSO 1
DAQIG
DAAG
Camp Comdt. 2 Aust. Div.
War Diary (2)
File (1)

APPENDIX "A" TO
ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 29.

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TRAIN	STATION OF DEPARTURE	NO. OF PERSONNEL	UNIT
NO. 7	Campbelltown	235	8 Bde. Coy. AMSC 104 A/T Regt.
		<u>65</u>	
		300	
NO. 8	Campbelltown	260	104 A/T Regt. Sig. Section 252 L.A.D.
		24	
		<u>16</u>	
		300	
NO. 9	Campbelltown	51	104 A/T Regt. 52 Fd. Pk. Coy. 2 Fd. Hyg. Sec. 2 Aust. Div. Post. Unit 5 Salvage Unit
		154	
	Granville	27	
		<u>27</u>	
		<u>42</u>	
		301	
NO. 10	Granville	95	HQ 2 Aust. Div. HQ 2 Aust Div Intell. Sec. Def. & Emp. Pl. 2 Aust. Div. Prov Coy. Adv. Party 5 Inf. Bde.
		13	
		51	
		47	
		<u>90</u>	
		296	
NO. 11	Granville	32	HQ RIA 2 Aust. Div. HQ RAE 2 Aust. Div. "N" FSS Fd. Cash Office 4 Mob. Laundry HQ 2 Aust. Div.
		35	
		10	
	7		
	Liverpool	121	
	Granville	<u>91</u>	
		296	
NO. 12	Granville and Campbelltown	174	HQ 2 Aust. Div. Sigs. 224 L.A.D. 106 Mob. Bath. 2 Aust. Div. Concert Party. 51 Div. Ord. Wkshop 51 Div. Ord. Fd. Pk. 223 L.A.D.
		16	
	Granville	20	
	"	21	
	"	49	
	"	4	
	"	<u>16</u>	
		300	

APPENDIX "B" TO ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 29.

TRAIN NO.	UNIT	PERSONNEL	STORES	ENTRAIN Station	ENTRAIN Date	ENTRAIN Time	Transfer Albury	Transfer Pt. Pirie Junction	Detrain	Meals en route
6	Allotted to Units outside 2 Aust. Div.									
7	8 Bde Coy AASC (balance) 104 A/T Regt	235 65	10 Tons 5 Tons Louvre Van at Campbell- town 1000 hrs for loading to be completed by 1400 hrs.	Campbell- town	12 Jul	2200	1100-1245 13 Jul	1500-1700 14 Jul	Chidlow 0100 17 Jul	13 Jul Junce 0716-0755 Albury 1100-1245 Spencer ST 1740-1902 14 Jul - Tailen Bend 0636-0712 Wayville Camp 1014-1220 Port Pirie Jun 1545-1700 (from cooker) 15 Jul - Three meals from Cooker. 16 Jul - Kalgoorlie 0800-0900 from cooker Carry out lunch Hot drink Southern Cross 1530 Merriden 1830-1900
8	104 A/T Regt. Sig. Sec. 252 L.A.D.	260 24 16	15 Tons as for train No. 7	Campbell- town	13 Jul	2200	do. 14 Jul	do 15 Jul	do 18 Jul	14 Jul) 15 ") As for train 16 ") No. 7 17 ")
9	104 A/T Regt. 52 Fd. Tk. Coy. 2 Fd. Hyg. Sec. 2 Div. Post. Unit 5 Salvage Unit	51 <u>154</u> 27 27 <u>42</u>	15 Tons Louvre Van at Granville do. do. 1000 hrs for load- ing to be completed by 1400 hrs	Campbell- town Granville do. do.	14 Jul	2200 2130	do 15 Jul	do. 16 Jul	do 19 Jul	15 Jul) 16 ") As for train 17 ") No. 7 18 ")

TRAIN NO.	UNIT	PERSONNEL	STORES	ENTRAIN			Transfer Albury	Transfer Ft. Pirie Junction	Detrain	Meals en route
				Station	Date	Time				
10	HQ 2 Aust Div	95	As for train No. 9	Granville	15 Jul	2130	1100-1245	1500-1700	Chidlow	16 Jul } 17 " } 18 " } 19 " } As for Train No. 7
	HQ " " " Intell Sec.	13		do			16 Jul	17 Jul.	0100	
	7 Def & Emp 11	51		do						
	2 Aust Div Prov Coy	47		do						
	Adv. Party 5 Inf Bde	90		do						
11	HQ RAA 2 Aust Div	32	do.	Granville	16 Jul	2130	do	do	do	17 Jul } 18 " } 19 " } 20 " } As for train No. 7.
	HQ RAE " " "	35		do			17 Jul	18 Jul	21 Jul	
	"N" FSS	10		do						
	Fd. Cash Office	7		do						
	4 Mob. Laundry	121								
HQ 2 Aust Div	91									
12	HQ Sigs 2 Aust Div	39	15 tons	Granville	17 Jul	2130	do	do	do.	18 Jul) 19 ") 20 ") 21 ") 22 ") As for train No. 7
	No 1 Coy Sigs 2 Div	137	as for train	Campbell-	"	2200	18 Jul	19 Jul	22 Jul	
			No. 9	town	"	"				
	224 L.A.D.	16		do.	"	"				
	106 Mob. Bath Unit	20		Granville	"	2130				
	2 Div Concert Party	21		do.	"	"				
	HQ 51 Div Ord Wkshop	49		do.	"	"				
	HQ 51 Div Ord Fd 1k	4		do.	"	"				
223 L.A.D.	16		Campbell-	"	2200					
			town							

- NOTE:** (a) Movement by rail of the balance of troops who move by rail (portion 5 Inf. Bde.) will be in accordance with the timetable shown in this Appendix unless notified to the contrary. The only details which will be given will be columns 1 to 7 inclusive.
- (b) Figures shown will be less advance parties and any ships guards necessary.
- (c) O.C. Trains will be held responsible to telephone total number entrained at last station of entrainment to D.A.Q.M.G. 2 Aust. Div. UW7007, before departure of train.

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18 Fd Regt.
"G" Sec Sigs
220 L A D

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5 Fd Coy

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5 Bde Comp. Coy A A S C

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5 Fd Amb.

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AMENDMENT TO 5 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN
NO 4, APPX "C", PARA 2 (a)

SHIPS ADVANCE PARTY

(a) An advance party consisting of the following will embark at PYRMONT at 1000 hrs, 18 Jul 42.

should read

(a) An advance party consisting of the following will embark from No 4 DARLING HARBOUR at 1000 hrs, 18 Jul 42.

R.T. Bryen Major
for (R.T. BRYEN.) Major.
Bde Major, 5 Aust Inf Bde.

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54 Aust Inf Bn	1
56 Aust Inf Bn	2 ✓
18 Aust Fd Regt	3
5 Aust Fd Coy	4
5 Aust Fd Amb	5
14 Bty, 104 Aust A Tk Regt	6
2 Aust Div	7
Comd	8
Bn	9
Camp Comdt	10
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51 Div Comp A.A.S.C. Coy
54 Aust Inf Bn
56 Aust Inf Bn ✓
5 Fd Coy RAE
5 Aust Fd Amb
14 A/Tk Bty51 DIV COMP A.A.S.C. COYTRANSPORT REQUISITION

Serial No.	Date	Time Reporting Unit Lines	Place to Report	Destination	Time of Arrival	Nature of Load		
						Personnel Offrs	O/Rs.	H. Baggage O/Rs. Kit Bags Spare Blankets
1.	18 Jul	0815 hrs	5 Bde HQ	No.12	1000 hrs	4	11	Yes
			14 A/Tk Bty	Pymont	"	1	9	"
			5 Aust Fd Amb	"	"	"	6	"
			5 Fd Coy RAE	"	"	"	10	"
2.	18 Jul	0800 hrs	4 C.C.S.	No.12 Pymont	1000 hrs "	1	6	Yes
3.	19 Jul	1230 hrs	5 Bde HQ	Train No.1 Rooty Hill	1310 hrs	1	4	13 Offrs Baggage 64 Kit Bags 128 Blankets
			5 Fd Coy RAE	Train No.1 Rooty Hill	1310 hrs	1	6	7 Offrs Baggage 240 Kit Bags 480 Blankets
4.	19 Jul	1330 hrs	5 Bde Def Pl) 253 L.A.D.)	Train No.2 Rooty Hill	1410 hrs	1	4	2 Offrs Baggage 52 Kit Bags 106 Blankets
			5 Aust Fd Amb HQ	Train No.2 Rooty Hill	1410 hrs	1	4	5 Offrs Baggage 106 Kit Bags 212 Blankets
			14 A/Tk Bty	Train No.2 Rooty Hill	1410 hrs	1	4	8 Offrs Baggage 150 Kit Bags 300 Blankets

- (a) Offrs Baggage, Kits and Blankets will be stacked in Unit Lines 15 mins before tpt is due to report.
- (b) Units will provide baggage party to load and unload vehicles for trains Nos. 1 and 2 as shown above.
- (c) Above figures will be less adv parties in all cases.

J.W. Read Major
for (R.T. BRYEN) Major,
Bde Major, 5 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Address HQ 5 AUST INF BDE.,
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION

MOVEMENT OF 5 AUST INF BDE GP ADVANCE PARTY

1. Ref 5 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn MS2/42 of 10 Jul 42 and 2 Aust Div Adm Instn No. 29 (S766/42) of 9 Jul 42.
2. 5 Aust Inf Bde Gp Adv Party will move to new location by train departing GRANVILLE at 2130 hrs Wed 15 Jul 42.
3. Arrangements have been made for 48 Aust Inf Bn to provide tpt for personnel on the following scale:-

Unit	Personnel	Vehs	Serial No. of Vehs
Bde HQ and Attd	12	1 3-ton	1
54 Aust Inf Bn	17	2 3-tons	2-3
56 Aust Inf Bn	17	2 3-tons	4-5
18 Aust Fd Regt and Attd	15	2 3-tons	6-7
5 Fd Coy	8	1 1-ton	8
5 Bde Comp Coy AASC	13	1 3-ton	9
5 Fd Amb	8	1 1-ton	10.


Such tpt, marked with chalk indicating the serial numbers above allotted, will report to unit lines NOT LATER than 2010 hrs for loading. Upon loading, vehs will be marshalled in order of serial numbers along Wallgrove Road, south of entrance to Bde HQ. NOT LATER than 2025 hrs. Bde TO will supervise marshalling, and convoy will move for GRANVILLE station at 2030 hrs. Staff Capt will be OC convoy.

On arrival at GRANVILLE, OC convoy will debus personnel and report to OC train (Major F. NEWTH, MC) for instns.

4. Equipment will be carried as laid down in 2 Aust Div Adm Instn No. 29, para 4. Hats will be worn and helmets steel carried under supporting straps of packs. Two blankets per man, ^{initially} labelled with Army No., Rank, Name and Unit, together with two days' reserve rations for the party, offrs' heavy gear and amm to be carried on the journey will be delivered to HQ 5 Aust Inf Bde NOT LATER than 0900 hrs 15 Jul 42.
5. Nominal rolls on AAF Mob 3 will be prepared (6 copies) giving particulars of personnel of each unit adv party and will indicate the serial numbers allotted to each personnel on AAF A206. Four copies of AAF Mob 3 will be handed to Staff Capt on debussing, for distribn as follows:- 2 copies to DRO representative and 2 copies to OC train. Fifth copy will be retained by OC each unit adv party, and sixth copy will be retained by unit. Names will be deleted from AAF A206 and the follg notation made in the "Remarks" coln in each case: "Moved by Train No. 10."
6. ACK.

DISTRIBUTION

54 Aust Inf Bn	Copy No. 1
56 Aust Inf Bn	Copy No. 2
18 Fd Regt and Attd	Copy No. 3
5 Fd Coy	Copy No. 4
5 Bde Comp Coy AASC	Copy No. 5
5 Fd Amb	Copy No. 6
HQ 5 Inf Bde and Attd	Copy No. 7


(R. T. BRYEN) Major.
Bde Major, 5 Aust Inf Bde.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

A.A. Form Mob. 3
[Small]
Introduced January, 1941

NOMINAL ROLL OF DRAFT

*From Area 56 Battalion Place HOME FORCES to Training Depot

*From Training Depot to Unit or Base Depot

*Portion which is inapplicable to be struck out.

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Army No.	Name	Trade or other Qualification	Roll Call.		Remarks
			Present(P)	Absent (A)	
			Departure	Arrival	
N.34051	Lieut HARDY M.G. ✓		P.		
N.34946	Sgt. HATTON F.W. ✓		"		
N.34157	" MURRAY W.G. ✓		"		
N.34848	Pte. DAVY H.H. ✓		"		
N.200964	" BATROS S.S. ✓		"		
N.385256	" FOWLER J.W. ✓		"		
N.34789	" MIRANDA E. ✓		"		
N.203214	" FOX I.H. ✓		"		
N.201007	" MANNING F.R. ✓		"		
N.203158	" REYNOLDS C.M. ✓		"		
N.34869	" KNIGHT D. ✓		"		
N.201069	" BOXSELL G.A. ✓		"		
N.130707	" CECCATO A. JELLY A.F.W. ✓		"		
N.200899	" DRYSDALE J.E.F. ✓		"		
N.201141	" ROOTES E.F. ✓		"		
N.130731	" SCHREMMER F. ✓		"		
N.200949	" WELLS L.A. ✓		"		

Countersigned _____ (Rank)
Signature of Draft Conducting Officer. (Appointment)

W. J. Keast (Rank)
Signature of Officer Despatched to EAST, Capt. (Appointment)
Adj. 56 Bn.
Signature of Officer Receiving Draft (Rank)
(Appointment)

H.Q. 2 AUST. DIVISION
HOME FORCES.
28 June, 42.

EMBARKATION INSTRUCTIONS
(Personnel and Vehicles Moving by Sea)

1. Officers proceeding to the wharf on embarkation duty are to be in possession of National Security Permits. These are to be arranged for through D.A.Q.M.G.
2. LOADING VEHICLES.
As vehicles and cases are loaded from wharf, particulars thereof will be recorded on Form AB66, which will be made out in duplicate. Particulars of markings, numbers etc, will be carefully shown thereon. For vehicles, registered number will be the marking shown and particulars of vehicle load will show the number of cases only. Description of contents is NOT necessary.

Where independent cases are being shipped (i.e. Cases which have not been allotted to any particular vehicle), they are to have Unit and tactical markings shown, and in addition, colour markings, in accordance with A.I.F. Standing Orders as per App "A" attached. Independent cases will be recorded on Form AB66, in similar manner to that described above for vehicles.

Form AB66, when completed in accordance with the foregoing, will be signed for by shipping representative, and from the duplicate will be prepared the Bill of Lading.
3. BILLS OF LADING.- Will be prepared (6 copies) from duplicate of AB66, and each B/L will be treated as a separate document, i.e. details of one B/L are NOT to be carried forward to another B/L.

When completed and signed by Unit CO or O/C, B/Ls are to be given to Movement Staff Clerk. Copies will be delivered to units before leaving port of embarkation.
4. OFFICERS BAGGAGE:- Units are to forward to Movement Staff, through Formation, list of names of Officers who will be allotted berths. Units will be advised of berth number to each Officer. Name of Officer and Berth No will be written on label G 1064, which will then be attached to baggage of Officer concerned.
BAGGAGE MUST BE DELIVERED TO WHARF 24 HRS before time of sailing.
5. ADVANCE PARTIES :-
An 'O/C' Ship (detailed by Formation) will arrange Staff comprising Adj. QM, Baggage Offr, Messing Offr, R.Q.M.S. Ord Room Sjt, Clerks, etc., He will take charge of all troops on board.

Advance parties will be detailed by each Unit to report at wharf 24 hours beforehand.
Meals and accomodation for Advance Parties will be arranged by Movement Staff.
Plan of loading will be prepared by Movement Staff, and copy given to O/C Ship for information.
6. EMBARKATION OF PERSONNEL - Movement Staff will prepare a card for every berth in the ship.

When troops arrive at Wharf, Detraining Officer will take charge.

At this stage, Unit Officers will be divorced from their men, they will proceed on board separately to their berths, take off their equipment and report to place where their men are being berthed, assist in settling their men, ensuring that they take berths to which they have been allotted.
7. Chief Steward on Ship will arrange and supervise messing.

P.T.O.

8. STATIONERY AND FORMS:- Forms AB66 and G 964 are to be requisitioned for by units independently through Stationery Dept.

9. GENERAL:-

***** Care is to be taken in the selection of experienced drivers to accompany vehicles on board, as accommodation has been reduced to an absolute minimum.

A Duty Station will be provided for personnel on embarkation duty. Such personnel will leave duty station only on instructions from the Transport Officer of their respective Unit.

QMs will act under Transport Officers where off-loading of vehicles on wharf may be rendered necessary.

Embarkation of Unit Tpt will depend largely on the close co-operation between QMs and Tpt Officer.

Units are to be sectionised as much as possible. Section Leaders must be thoroughly conversant with those under them and ensure that all ranks know clearly what they are to do, and the vehicles, stores and equipment under their charge.

Petrol tanks will be drained and A.S.C. 2 Aust. Div. will arrange for adequate reserve to be carried as deck cargo.

(Signed) G.P. ADAMS, Major

D.A.Q.M.G., 2 Aust. Div.

APPENDIX "A"

Colour markings schedule as per AIF Standing Orders:-

- 1. BRIGHT RED
- 2. BLUE, G.S.
- 3. YELLOW
- 4. LIGHT GREEN
- 5. GRAY
- 6. BUFF
- 7. RED
- 8. SERVICE COLOUR
- 9. WHITE
- 10. DARK BROWN

(Distribution .. All units.)

A Coy C.O.
B " 2IC
C " I.O. (for Bn H.Q.)
D " T.O.
E. " Q.M.
H.Q. " R.S.M.
File(2) War Diary (2)

56 Aust Inf Bn.
12 Jul 42.

Index: Training - Movement - Inspection.

1. 56 Aust Inf Bn will parade in full marching order at 0930 hrs on 13 Jul 42.
 2. Place of Assembly. Cleared ground 1 mile west of Bde H.Q.
 3. Dress & Equipment;
 - (a) Marching Order
 - (b) Service Dress with gaiters
 - (c) Steel Helmets
 - (d) Respirators at the alert
 - (e) Felt Hat on right shoulder
 4. HAVERSACK will contain:-
 - (a) Mess Gear
 - (b) Boot polish etc.
 5. WATER BOTTLES will be filled and carried on right side.
 6. PACKS will contain:-

1 Blanket	2 prs socks
2 Towels	1 suit Working Dress
1 Singlet	1 pr sandshoes (if issued)
1 pr underpants	1 Holdall containing shaving gear, Toothbrush, Hairbrush.
1 shirt	
 7. Greatcoats will be rolled around the pack in horse-shoe fashion.
 8. Ground Sheets will be folded into a square and placed under the flap of the pack.
 9. Kitbags will be carried by all O.R.'s and will contain the remainder of the man's entitlement as laid down in ECRO's No.3 of 16 Jun 42.
 10. Officers' Personal Kit will be carried by all Officers and will not exceed 35 lbs.
 11. Officers' Heavy Baggage will not exceed 100lbs and where NOT forming part of the normal load of a vehicle will be stacked in Coy Groups at end of Coy lines.
 12. Vehicles. All vehicles will be loaded as for embarkation and all packages contained therein will be branded. Loaded vehicles are to be checked over the weighbridge under Q.M.'s instructions
 13. Office Equipment. Bn H.Q. essential office equipment (one typewriter, one small box of stationery, including AAFA46's and C2128's and security box) will remain at Bn H.Q. It will be packed and be in orderly room. Remainder of typewriters, stationery etc., will be packed and put into vehicle provided.
 14. Branding. All cases and packages are to be branded with Bn sign and serial number as previously ordered by Q.M.¹
- Vehicles. T.O. will allot vehicles to Coys., Q.M. and Bn H.Q.
Bn Parade. Coys will fall in in close column on Bn Pde Gd., with full equipment and transport etc., at 0915 hrs 13 Jul 42. Tpt will be on right of Coy.

W.C. Keast.
W.C. KEAST, Captain,
Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn.

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M. C. Keast.
 M.C. KEAST, Captain,
 Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn.

56 Bn

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Address 5 Aust Inf Bde HQ, HOME FORCES.

Date 12 Jul, 42.

INDEX: TRAINING - MOVEMENT - INSPECTION.

56th Battalion.

18 Aust Fd Regt; 220 L A D.
 14 A/Tk Bty 253 L A D.
 5 Fd Coy R A E 51 Div Ord W/shop
 54 Aust Inf Bn 51 Div Ord Fd Pk
 56 Aust Inf Bn 5 Aust Fd Amb
 AASC 2 Aust Div Pet Coy. 2 Aust Div Pro Coy.

12 JUL 1942

1. Units will parade in full marching order at date and time stated hereunder:

Serial	Unit	Date	Time	Place of Assembly.
1.	56 Aust Inf Bn	13 Jul	1000 hrs.	Cleared ground 1 mile
2.	18 Aust Fd Regt	13 Jul	1400 hrs.	WEST of 5 Aust Inf Bde HQ
3.	5 Fd Coy, RAE	13 Jul	1500 "	"
4.	54 Aust Inf Bn	14 "	1000 "	"
5.	AASC Pet Coy	14 "	1400 "	"
6.	5 Aust Fd Amb	15 "	1000 "	"
7.	HQ 5 Aust Inf Bde	15 "	1400 "	"

2. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT - (See 5 Aust Inf Bde Memo EB/WK,42)

- (a) Marching Order
- (b) Service Dress with Gaiters
- (c) Steel Helmets
- (d) Respirators at the alert
- (e) Felt Hat on right shoulder

3. HAVERSACK will contain -

- (a) Mess gear
- (b) Rations (if issued)
- (c) Boot Polish and Brush

4. WATER BOTTLES will be filled.

5. PACKS will contain -

1 Blanket	2 prs Socks
2 Towels	1 Suit Working Dress
1 Singlet	1 Pr Sandshoes (if issued)
1 Pr Underpants	1 Holdall containing: Shaving Gear
1 Shirt	Toothbrush, Hairbrush

6. GREATCOATS will be rolled around the pack, but under the flap of the pack.

7. GROUND SHEETS will be folded under the flap of the pack but over the greatcoat.

8. KIT BAGS will be carried by all O.Rs. and will contain the remainder of the man's entitlement as laid down in E C R D No. 3, para 13 of 16 Jun, 42.

9. OFFICER'S PERSONAL KIT will be carried by all Officers and will not exceed 35 lbs.

10. OFFICER'S HEAVY BAGGAGE will not exceed 100 lbs. and where not forming part of the normal load of a vehicle will be stacked in Coy Gps outside Coy Lines at a point to be notified later.

11. VEHICLES All vehicles will be loaded as for Embarkation

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and all packages contained therein will be branded. Loaded vehicles are to be checked over the weighbridge under Unit arrangements.

- 12. OFFICE EQUIPMENT Unit H.Q. essential Office equipment will be packed in cases and stacked in vehicles loads and will remain at Unit H.Q. during inspection.

All equipment, stationery, etc., NOT required for immediate use will be packed in vehicles and proceed to the place of assembly.

- 13. BRANDING All cases and packages are to be branded with Unit sign and serial number.

Units will parade in full marching order at date and time stated hereunder:

R.T. Bryen Major

Serial	Unit	Time	Place of Assembly
1.	5 Aust Inf Bde	13 Jul 1400 hrs	WEST of 5 Aust Inf Bde HQ
2.	5 Aust Inf Bde	13 Jul 1500 "	"
3.	5 PB Coy, RA	14 "	"
4.	54 Aust Inf Bn	14 "	"
5.	AASG Pet Coy	14 "	"
6.	5 Aust Inf Bde	14 "	"
7.	54 Aust Inf Bde	14 "	"

DRESS AND EQUIPMENT - (See 5 Aust Inf Bde Memo HQ, 4/5)

- (a) Marching Order
- (b) Service Dress with Gaiters
- (c) Steel Helmets
- (d) Respirators at the alert
- (e) Wolf Hat on right shoulder

HAVEBACK will contain -

- (a) Mess gear
- (b) Rations (if issued)
- (c) Boot Polish and Brush

WATER BOTTLES will be filled.

PACKS will contain -

- 1 Blanket
- 2 Towels
- 1 Stainer
- 1 Pr Underpants
- 1 Shirt
- 2 Pr Socks
- 1 Salt Working Dress
- 1 Pr Sandaloes (if issued)
- 1 Holbag containing: Shaving Gear
- Toothbrush, Hairbrush

GREATCOATS will be rolled around the pack, but under the flap of the pack.

GROUND SHIRTS will be folded under the flap of the pack but over the greatcoat.

KIT BAGS will be carried by all O.R.s, and will contain the remainder of the man's entitlement as laid down in 5 C R No. 3, para 13 of 16 Jul, 45.

OFFICER'S PERSONAL KIT will be carried by all Officers and will not exceed 25 lbs.

OFFICER'S HEAVY BAGGAGE will not exceed 100 lbs, and where not forming part of the normal load of a vehicle will be stacked in Coy Ops outside Coy lines at a point to be notified later.

VEHICLES All vehicles will be loaded as for inspection

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56 Bn

Australian



Military Forces

56th Battalion TELEPHONE

10 JUL 1942

Eastern Command

18 Aust Fd Regt; A A S C 2 Aust Div Pet Coy
 14 A/Tk Bty 220 L A D ; 5 Aust Fd Amb
 54 Aust Inf Bn 253 L A D
 56 Aust Inf Bn 51 Div Ord W/shop
 5 Fd Coy, R.A.E. 51 Div Ord Fd Pk
 "JE Sec Sigs. 2 Aust Div Pet Coy.
 5 Aust Inf Bde HQ, Def Pl.

Corr. No. Please quote this Number when replying

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Address 5 Aust Inf Bde HQ,
 HOME FORCES.
 Date 10 Jul, 42.

STANDARD EQUIPMENT TO BE WORN ON MOVING OUT OF CAMP.

1. Service Dress with Gaiters.
2. Steel Helmets.
3. Respirator at the alert.
4. Marching Order.
5. Felt hat on right shoulder.

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Pack will contain the following -

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1. Blanket
- 2 Towels
- 1 Singlet
- 1 Pair underpants
- 1 Shirt
- 2 Pairs of socks
- 1 Set of Working Dress
- 1 Pair of Sand Shoes (if any)
- Ground Sheet
- Shaving Gear, Toothbrush paste and Soap.

Haversack will be worn on left side, and contain
 Mess Gear; Meal if issued
 Boot Polish and Brush.

Waterbottle, filled, will be carried on right side;
 Great coat will be rolled and fastened to the pack
 in horse shoe fashion.

The Ground Sheet will be folded into a square approx. 12"X 12"
 and placed one end under the flap of the pack, the other end
 towards the buckles, and will be held by fastening the straps,

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turn the side flaps of the pack in over the Ground Sheet and fasten together with string.

A Specimen Kit is on view at BDE H.Q.

For further information apply to Lieut. E. BROWNING at BDE H.Q.

(E.T. BRYEN) Major.
Bde Major, 5 Aust Inf Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

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HQ 2 AUST. DIV.,
HOME FORCES.

SECRET 766/42

13 Jul 42.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 31.

MOVEMENT DIV. TPS. GP.

1. Arrangements have been made for transport as set out hereunder:-

MONDAY 13 JUL 42.

0900 hrs	104 A/T Regt	}	15 Tons Stores Narellan to Campbelltown
	Sig Sec		
2100 "	252 L.A.D.	}	300 personnel
	"		

TUESDAY 14 JUL 42.

0900 hrs	52 Fd. Pk. Coy.	10 Tons Stores Narellan to Campbelltown
" "	2 Aust Div Postal Unit	1 ton " " " "
0945 "	HQ AISC 2 Div	4 tons " Gowan Brae to Granville
2045 "	2 Fd Hyg Sec	6 personnel " " " "
" "	HQ AISC 2 Div	39 " " " "
2100 "	104 A/T Regt	51 " Narellan to Campbelltown
" "	52 Fd Pk Coy	154 " " " "
" "	2 Aust Div Postal Unit	13 " " " "

WEDNESDAY 15 JUL 42.

0945 hrs	HQ 2 Aust Div	}	10 tons Stores Gowan Brae to Granville
" "	& Intel Sec		
" "	7 Def & Em Pl	2 " " " " " "	
2045 "	HQ 2 Aust Div	}	108 personnel " " " "
" "	& Intel Sec		
" "	7 Def & Em Pl	51 " " " "	

THURSDAY 16 JUL 42.

0930 hrs	HQ RA 2 Div	2 tons Stores Victory House to Granville
" "	HQ 2 Aust Div	11 " " Gowan Brae " "
0945 "	HQ RA 2 Div	2 " " " " " "
2045 "	" " " "	35 personnel " " " "
" "	Fd Sec Sect	10 " " " "
" "	Fd Cash Office	7 " " " "
" "	HQ 2 Aust Div	91 " " " "

FRIDAY 17 JUL 42.

0900 hrs	No. 1 Coy Sigs	}	6 tons Stores Narellan to Campbelltown
	2 Div		
0930 "	106 Mob Bath Unit	}	1 " " Gowan Brae to Granville
" "	2 Div Concert Party		
0945 "	HQ Sigs 2 Div	4 " " " " " "	
2045 "	" " " "	59 personnel " " " "	
" "	106 Mob Bath Unit	}	20 " " " "
	"		

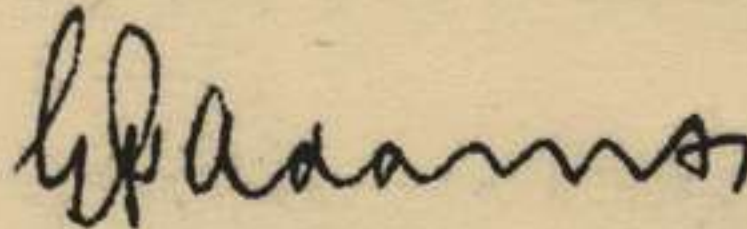
SECRET 766/42.FRIDAY 17 JUL 42 (Cont'd.)

2045 hrs 2 Div. Concert Party	}	21 personnel Gowan Brae to Granville
2100. " No 1 Coy Sigs 2 Div		115 " Narellan to Campbelltown
" " 224 LAD	16	" " " "
" " 223 LAD	16	" " " "

2. STORES. Stores referred to should consist of Reserve Rations, ammunition to be carried on the train, blankets, Officers' heavy gear. Units will despatch personnel with the vehicles carrying stores for offloading and loading Louvre Vans. These personnel will be returned to Camp by the same transport.

3. PERSONNEL. It is essential that the embussing of troops be carried out methodically and in a minimum of time. Troops should be reminded that they are on parade.

4. Attention is drawn to Administrative Instruction No. 29.



(G.P. ADAMS) Major,
D.A.C.M.G. 2 AUST. DIV.

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ 2 Aust Div
2 Aust Div Int Corps (Cypher)
"N" F.S.S.
7 Def & Emp Pl.
RAA 2 Aust Div HQ
RAE " " "
2 Aust Div Sigs HQ (2)
224 LAD
2 Fd Hyg Sec
2 Aust Div Postal Unit
AASC 2 Aust Div HQ
8 Aust Bde Gp AASC (2)
51 Div Ord Wkshop
51 Div Ord Fd Pk
223 LAD
Fd Cash Office
5 Aust Bde Gp (7)
104 A/T Regt
104 A/T Regt Sig Sec
252 LAD
106 Mob Bath
4 Mob Laundry
5 Salvage Unit
2 Aust Div Concert Party

MCO (LHQ)
DAQMG (Movements) L of C
ACMG 2 Aust Corps
ADMS
GSO 1
DAQMG
DAAG
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O.C.'s:-

Train No. 8 Lt.-Col. S.G. Munro,
104 A/T Regt.
Train No. 9 Capt. G. Lorimer,
52 Fd. Pk. Coy.
Train No. 10 Major F. Newth,
HQ 2 Aust. Div.
Train No. 11 Lt.-Col. W.F. Routley,
RAE 2 Aust Div
Train No. 12 Lt.-Col. T.J. Middleton,
Sigs. 2 Aust. Div.

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2 AUST DIV. H.Q.
 HOME FORCES.
 11 Jul 1942.

SECRET 766/42

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION- No. 30.

Ref. Administrative Instruction No. 27 of 7 Jul 1942

1. Vehicle Guards.

Drivers of vehicles detailed to act as vehicle guards in accordance with Appendix "B" will return to units at 0900 hours 13 Jul 42 independently.

2. Ship Guards.

(a) Personnel will be detailed to travel with the vehicles by sea as follows:-

H.Q. 2 AUST. DIV.	1 Offr.	2 O.R.
7 Def. & Emp. Platoon		1 "
Sigs. 2 Aust Div.		4 "
H.Q. A.A.S.C. 2 Div.		1 "
104 A/tk.		4 "
	1 Offr.	12 O.R.

(b) All personnel should hold Military Driving Licence (AAF G 11) Class 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B (1 only) 3A (4 only).

(c) Personnel detailed will be prepared for embarkation under the supervision of Lieut. S. Brown, 2 Aust. Div. H.Q.

(d) These personnel will remain with the vehicles in Parramatta Park.

3. Vehicles for Immediate Use.

The following vehicles will be taken to Parramatta Park by 1500 hrs. 14 Jul. 42. Drivers to report to Major J. McLean.

H.Q. 2 Aust. Div.	1 Car D/S	- 1 M/c	- 1 Lorry 3 Ton
H.Q. R.A.A. 2 Aust. Div	1 Car D/S		
H.Q. R.A.E. 2 Aust Div	1 Car D/S		
Sigs. 2 Aust Div.	1 Car D/S	4M/C	
H.Q. A.S.C. 2 Aust Div	1 Car D/S	1 M/C	

4. Messing.

H.Q. 2 Aust Div will be responsible for preparation of food for guards in Parramatta Park until 1400 hrs 16 Jul 42. After that time suitable arrangements will be made with 2 Aust Corps by Major J. McLean

5. Equipment.

Ship Guards will carry full equipment and will include three (3) vehicles per man.

G.P. Adams
 (G.P. ADAMS) Major,
 D.A.Q.M.G. 2 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION.

H.Q. 2 Aust Div	2 Div Concert	Party	2 Fd Hyg Sec	Fd Cash Office
2 Aust Div Int Corps	(Cypher)		2 Aust Div Postal	5 Bde Gp (7)
"N" F.S.S.	MCO (LHQ)		A.A.S.C. 2 Aust Div	104 A/Tk
7 Def & Emp Pl.	IAQMG, L/C		8 Bde. Gp A.A.S.C. (2)	104 " Sigs
R.A.A. 2 Aust Div	AQMG, Corps		52 Div Ord Wkshop	252 L.A. I.
R.A.E. "	AIMS		51 Div Ord. Fd Pk	106 Mob Bath
2 Aust Div Sigs (2)	GSOL		52 Aust Fd Pk Coy	4 Mob Lndy
224 L.A. D.	IAQMG		223 L.A.D. DAAG	5 Salvage
Camp Ccmdt	War Diary (2)		File (1)	

MOVEMENT OF 5 AUST INF BDE GP

ADM INSTN NO 4

HQ 5 Aust Inf Bde
16 Jul 42

1. MOVEMENT

Movement by Bde Gp will be by

- (a) Combined sea and rail - see Appx "A".
- (b) Rail - Appx "B" to be issued later.
- (c) Sea - See Appx "C".

2. GENERAL

These instns are to be read in conjunction with 5 Aust Inf Bde Gp SOs for Embarkation and Entraining and 5 Aust Inf Bde MS2/42 Adm Instn of 6 Jul 42, provisions of which must be carefully observed.

3. VEHICLES

- (a) Vehicles (loaded) of 5 Aust Inf Bde Gp (except Bde AASC Coy) will move from WALLGROVE to assembly area CENTENNIAL PK in accordance with movement table attached, Appx "D".
- (b) One dr only per vehicle will travel to CENTENNIAL PK and 2 Aust Div HQ is arranging necessary transport for return to ROOTY HILL by rail. Cut lunches will be carried.
- (c) 1 Aust Div is providing a guard of 3 Offrs and 100 ORs 2 Aust Corps is providing 6 Provost personnel (with motor cycles).
- (d) All perishable stores should be loaded on vehicles which are suitably covered.
- (e) Keys of vehicles will be handed to Bde TO who will remain with vehicles and supervise the loading of ships, making out Bills of Lading, etc.

4. SHIPS GUARDS

(a) The undermentioned personnel will comprise Ships Guards. These personnel will travel to CENTENNIAL PK in unit vehicles where they will remain and supervise movement of vehicles to ships side. They will travel by sea with vehicles and necessary arrangements for embarkation will be made.

Ration arrangements for ships guards is being made by 2 Aust Div HQ

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
5 Aust Inf Bde HQ	1	2
54 Aust Inf Bn	1	7
56 Aust Inf Bn	-	7
18 Aust Fd Regt)	1	8
220 LAD)	-	3
5 Aust Fd Coy	-	
TOTAL	3	27

(b) The...

(b) The names of these personnel will be deleted from main unit AAF A206 and notation made in Remarks column "Ships Guard".

(c) Bde TO will arrange for fresh AAF A206 (4 copies) for guard personnel when allotted to ships.

X (d) Nominal roll of personnel comprising Ships Guard to be furnished to Bde HQ by 0900 hrs 17 Jul 42. ✓

5. ORDNANCE STORES

No issues of Ordnance Stores will be made after 1800 hrs 17 Jul 42.

6. OC TROOPS

The Senior Combatant Officer will assume command as OC Troops on ship and/or train.

ACKNOWLEDGE

R.T. Bryen
(R.T. BRYEN.) Major,
Bde Major, 5 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

COPY NO.

54 Aust Inf Bn	1
56 Aust Inf Bn	2
18 Aust Fd Regt	3
5 Aust Fd Coy	4
5 Aust Fd Amb	5
14 Btw, 104 Aust A Tk Regt	6
2 Aust Div	7
Comd	8
BM	9
Camp Comdt	10
War Diary	11-12
File	13
Spare	14

APPENDIX "A"

TO 5 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN NO 4, ISSUED 16
JUL 42

1. MOVEMENT.

The undermentioned personnel will be embarked from MELBOURNE. Time and date will be advised later.

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
<u>Ship A</u>		
54 Aust Inf Bn	37	880
"A" Coy, 5 Aust Fd Amb	3	61
TOTAL	40	941
<u>Ship B</u>		
56 Aust Inf Bn	37	880
"B" Coy, 5 Aust Fd Amb	3	61
TOTAL	40	941

Movement to point of embarkation will be in accordance with rail time table to be issued later.

2. SHIPS ADVANCE PARTY

(a) The following ships advance party will move by rail, 17 Jul 42.

SHIP A

<u>SER</u> <u>NO</u>	<u>ARMY NO</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
3	N32517	Lt Col	BROWNING, MBE, MC.	OC Tps	54 Bn
	N236531	Capt	ZIMMERMAN	RMO	5 Fd Amb
1	N30148	Lieut	BLACKWELL, D.W.	Adjnt	54 Bn
36	N32941	Lieut	FISHWICK, E.B.	QM	"
266	N32678	WO 11	ROSS, N.H.	Messing Offr	"
50	N33062	Pte	FORD, H.C.	Matman	"
843	N198039	Pte	COX, A.J.	"	"
637	N33171	Art II	BLOOMFIELD, V.M.	Cook	"
730	N198531	Cpl	POWER, L.J.	"	"
731	N198553	Pte	ROUSELL, G.T.	"	"
732	N198556	Pte	ANDERSON, G.	"	"
734	NX83716	Pte	BAYLISS, E.W.	"	"
735	NX83782	Pte	GRAHAM, A.J.	"	"
736	NX83820	Pte	SEAMAN, G.A.	"	"
737	NX83971	Pte	CANTRILL, R.H.	"	"

SHIP B

	N33828	Major	MURRAY, E.F.	OC Tps	56 Bn
	N274914	Capt	TINCKAM, M.N.	SMO	5 Fd Amb
	N33987	Lieut	EVANS, N.	Adjnt	56 Bn
	N34106	Lieut	KILEY, J.A.	QM	
	NX76327	Lieut	WILLIAMS, L.J.	Messing Offr	

<u>SER NO</u>	<u>ARMY NO</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
	N35061	Sjt	GILCHRIST, C.R.	Cook	56 Bn
	N201152	Cpl	STENNER, J.		"
	N34838	Cpl	BYE, R.L.		"
	N385360	Cpl	SILK, S.A.		"
	N385216	Cpl	CASSELLS, F.M.		"
	N34777	Sjt	GUNNER, A.F.S.		"
	N34684	Cpl	MAHY, B.S.		"
	N34173	A/Cpl	McPHERSON, D.I.		"
	N24973	A/Cpl	SKEERS, W.J.		"
	N34215	A/Cpl	OSBORNE, J.L.		"

(b) These personnel will move independently under unit arrangements to Central Rly Stn reporting to RTO, at 1900 hrs, 17 Jul 42, who will allocate necessary rail accommodation.

3. RAIL WARRANTS

Bulk rail warrants will be issued by OC each Train.

4. MAIN BODY

Names of Offrs and the number each of WOs, Sgts and ORs will be supplied to 5 Aust Inf Bde immediately. ✓

5. PREPARATION FOR EMBARKATION

Units and sub-unit Comds will ensure that all ranks are properly prepared for embarkation prior to departure from camp.

APP'D "C" TO 5 AUST INF BDE. LHM. INSTN. NO. 4.

1. The following units will embark at No. 12 PYRMONT on 19 JUL, 42:

	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O/R's.</u>
Hq, 5 Aust Inf Bde	13	64
5 Bde Hq Def. Pl	1	38
253 L A D	1	15
5 Pd Coy	7	240
4 CCS	18	85
Hq 5 Pd Amb	6	105
1 Bty, 104 A/T Regt.	8	150
	<u>54</u>	<u>697.</u>

2. SHIPS ADVANCE PARTY.

(a) An advance party consisting of the following will embark at PYRMONT at 1000 hrs. 18 JUL, 42:

<u>Appointment.</u>	<u>Other ranks.</u>	<u>Unit to nominate.</u>
O.C, Tps	5	5 Bde Hq
S.M.O	6	4 C C S
Adj't	-	5 Bde Hq
Qu.	-	5 Bde Hq
Baggage Off'r	9	14 A/Tk Bty.
Messing Off'r	-	5 Bde Hq
-	4	Bde Def. Pl.
-	2	253 L A D
-	6	Hq 5 Pd Amb
-	10	5 Pd Coy.
<u>6 Off'rs.</u>	<u>42 O. R's.</u>	

Nominal rolls on A.F, Mob 5 (6 copies) of the above personnel to reach 5 Bde, Hq, 0900 hrs., 17 JUL, 42

(b) Transport for ships advance party will be provided by 5 Bde Composite, A.A.S.C Coy.

3. OFFICERS HEAVY BAGGAGE. Officers heavy baggage will be delivered to ships side at 1000 hrs. 18 JUL, 42. 5 Bde, A.A.S.C Coy. to provide tpt.

4. MOVEMENT TO EMBARKATION POINTS.
Will be in accordance with annexure No.1, attached.

L.S. 2/42.

MEMORANDUM NO. 1 TO APP'X. "C", 5 AUST INF BDE, ADJ. INSTN. NO. 4.

1. Movement to Embarkation Point will be carried out as shown hereunder:-

Serial No.	Unit.	STRENGTH		Entraining Station.	Depart	Arrive Wharf	Remarks.
		Offrs.	O.R.				
<u>TRAIN NO. 1.</u>							
A. 1650	Hq 5 Inf Bde	13	64	77	ROOTY HILL		
A. 1656	5 Pd Coy.	7	240	247	"		
		20	304	324		1340 hrs.	1455 hrs.
							Midday meal in camp.

<u>TRAIN NO. 2.</u>							
A. 1651	5 Bde Hq Def. Pl.	1	38	39	ROOTY HILL		
A. 1654	255 L.A.D.	1	15	16	" "		
A. 1655	Hq 5 Pd Amb.	6	105	111	" "		
A. 1642	1 Bty. 104 A/T Regt	8	150	158	" "		
		16	308	324		1440 hrs.	1555 hrs.
							Midday meal in camp.

2. Carriage of blankets and equipment to move with troops other than personal equipment. One Louvre Van will be provided for each train. These vans will be available at Rooty Hill on 18 JUL, 42. Particular care should be taken to see that the Louvre van is attached to the train transporting the personnel to whom the equipment relates.

NOTE. The above figures will be less adv. parties in all cases.

APPX'D TO 5 BDE ADMIN. INSTN. NO. 4.

SERIAL NO.	UNIT.	NO. OF VEH.	S.P.	TIME	PAST.	ROUTE	TIME ARR'L	SPEED	DENSITY VEH.	
				SP.	TCP 1	TCP 2, 16				
					1	ml				
					e. Junc. to	Burwood				
					P'matta Rd.					
1.	54 Bn	81	Junc.	0834	0856	0913	Wall-grove	1000	18 to	88 yds between
2.	56 Bn	80	Wall-grove Rd,	0919	0941	0958	via Great Western Highway	1045	Inter-section Burwood Rd., then 15	veh. 40 yds bet. blocks to Intersect. ion Burwood Rd., then 20 yds. bet. vehs. to destination.
3.	18 Pd Rgt, 110, "G" Sec Sigs, 6, 220 LAD	120	Gt Western Highway.	1004	1026	1043	to Parra-	1130	to destination.	
4.	14 A/Tk	20		1134	1156	1213	matta, Missenden Rd,	1300		
5.	5 Pd Coy	31		1204	1226	1243	City Rd	1330		
6.	5 Pd Amb	26		1254	1256	1313	to Cleveland St	1400		
7.	51 DOW's, 51 DOWP	21, 13	34	1249	1311	1328	to Centennial Park.	1415		
8.	Reg 5 Aust Inf Bde, Def Pl, J Sec Sigs, 253 LAD, 2 Div, Provost	19, 5, 8, 4, 1	37	1304	1326	1343		1430.		

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - VICTORIA L OF C AREA

No.2 Aust Movement Control Gp,
Victoria L of C Area,
(Shipping & Air)
Phosphate House,
515 Collins St.,
MELBOURNE

NO. 6376

SECRET

17th July 1942

MOVEMENT 2 AUST DIV (LESS 14 BDE & DETS) - EMBARKATION ORDER

(Issued in conjunction with SM 12714 of 9th July 1942)

SECURITY

THE STRICTEST SECURITY MUST BE OBSERVED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MOVEMENT. THE IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVING THIS INSTRUCTION IS TO BE FULLY IMPRESSED UPON ALL CONCERNED.

1. PERSONNEL

Serial No.	Unit	STRENGTH					Ship	Remarks
		Off	W O	Sgts	O R	Tot		
A1653	56 Bn	31	6	41	810	888	"CREMER"	Less Unit Adv Pties
A1655	'B' Coy	1		2	62	65		
	5 Fd Fmb	32	6	43	872	953		
A1652	54 Bn	32	8	38	823	901	"VAN HEUTSZ"	Less Unit Adv Pties
A1655	'A' Coy	1		2	51	54		
	5 Fd Amb	33	8	40	874	955		

2. MOVEMENT

Unit	Train No.	Personnel	Ship	Date	Arr Time
56 Bn	1	480	'CREMER'	20 Jul	STA PIER 0832 hrs
56 Bn	2	408	'CREMER'	"	0919 hrs
'B' Coy, 5 Fd Amb		65			
		473			
54 Bn	3	480	'VAN HEUTSZ'	"	1010 hrs
54 Bn	4	421	"	"	1131 hrs
'A' Coy, 5 Fd Amb		54			
		475			

3. EMBARKATION - FIRE PRECAUTIONS - SMOKING ON WHARF IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

(a) On detraining all ranks will form up in accordance with their position shown on niminal rolls (A.A.F. A206)

- 3. (b) A A F. T51 - E S O will collect from Unit Rep four (4) copies of A A F T51 completed as regards the first two lines which should show clearly numbers of Off, W O's, Sgts, & O R's.
- (c) Pay Embarkation Card (W F47) which will be readily accessible will be handed to Rep of Pay Checking Staff at foot of gangway.
- 4. ARMS, EQUIPT, AND PERSONAL EFFECTS - Other Ranks will each carry and retain Arms, Equipmt and personal effects (Universal & Sea Kit Bags) from train to ship.
- 5. MEDICAL - D D M S will arrange a R A P. on Station Pier consisting of:-

- 1 Off
- 1 Sgt
- 2 Ptes (W/Stretcher)
- 1 Ambulance

to report to E S O, Station Pier, at 0830 hrs on 20th July 42.

R. M. Robertson Lt-Col, M.C.O. (Shipping & Air), No. 2 Aust Movement Control Group.

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- 6 Col Adm
- 7 A A G (Org)
- 8-10 A Q M G
- 11 G S O (O)
- 12 G S O (M I)
- 13-16 M C O (Shipping) Phosphate House, 515 Collins St.
- 17-20 M C O (Rail)
- 21 O i/c No. 1 Special Train (C/- R T O ALBURY)
- 22 " 2 " " "
- 23 " 3 " " "
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4 AUG. 42

NIGHT EXERCISE FOR N.C.O.s A COY. 56 BN.

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(1). Anight exercise will be carried out by A Coy N.C.O.s at MELVILLE on 4 Aug., commencing at 1900 hrs.

OBJECT. (1) To train N.C.O.s in use of compass at night.
(2) To accustom N.C.O.s to marching across country at night

TROOPS TAKING PART: N.C.O.s A Coy.

UMPIRES. (1) Roving Umpire: Coy Comd.
(2) Pl. COMDS. and C.S.M. at control points will act as umpires.

(2).

XXX.

(1) METHOD: (1) N.C.O.s will be grouped into Pl syndicates.
(2) They will be started off from S.P. at 10 minute intervals.

(3) INSTRUCTIONS AT CONTROL POINTS:

Starting Point: "You will move on a bearing of 56° M for 725 paces, when you will come to a large tree against which are several dead bushes. You will report to Lieut. Williams at that point".

CONTROL No. 1: (Lieut. Williams): "You will move on a bearing of 360° M for 1000 paces to a clump of charred trees. There you will report to Lieut. Strong".

CONTROL No. 2: (Lieut. Strong): "Move on a bearing of 229° M for 875 paces to the edge of a track, where you will find Lieut. Evans".

CONTROL No. 3: (Lieut. Evans): "Move 179° M from here for 850 paces till you come to a track, where you will find W.O. 2 McHale, who will give you your final instructions".

CONTROL No. 4: (W.O. 2 McHale): "Move to camp. Report to A Coy Orderly Room, and then move to Mess Hut for coffee and footbaths".

(4). All syndicates to be in camp by 2300 hrs, but not to return to camp before then unless every control post has been contacted.

(5). DRESS: Rattle Order.

(6). The syndicate completing the course in the shortest time with least noise will be given a monetary prize.

(7). Coffee and footbaths will be kept till 2300 hrs.

W.D. NEIL, O.C. A Coy.
(CAPT.)

UNIT

EXERCISE

	Morning	Ref.	Afternoon	Ref.
A				
C.O.	IN Camp		In Camp	
A.Coy.	route march, map reading field sketching, conventional signs		Semaphore, P.T.	
B.Coy.	march to Rome Rd., attack by encirclement, cross country march over area of proposed exercise		section in defence and procedure	
C Coy.	section in attack, Ref.790360 section in defence		section in infiltration P.T.	
D.Coy.	Rest Day			
E.Coy.	map reading, field sketching conventional signs		section in defence, rapid defence, prepare for action, come into action.	

NIGHT N.C.O. Class under E.M.G.
by Sig. Corporal

M.M. Scott
.....Lieut.
(M.M.Scott) I.O. 56 Bn.

A COY

56 AUST INF BN.

7 AUG 42.

Wick
Pet

ADJT.
56 BN.

TRAINING SYLLABUS.

0900 - 1115

Ref. Map FREMANTLE
1:63360

Route march by following route:
Along South road to rd. junc.
813341, to rd. junc. 809388, thence
to rd. junc. 786384, thence ~~to rd. junc.~~
~~junc.~~ South along track to training
ground 790350.

1115 - 1215

(a) Cover from view
(b) Individual concealment and
scout craft.

Return to camp

1400 - 1445

Observation training

1455 - 1540

Preparation for keeping direction
(night).

1540 - 1630

Physical Training.

W.D. NEIL O.C. A Coy (Capt.)

TELEPHONE—

Australian Military Forces—Eastern Command.

W. P. S.

Please quote this Number when replying.

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Address

E(s) Coy 56 Bn.

Date

7 Aug. 42 .

Adj.
56 Bn.

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR 7 Aug. 42.

MORNING

Cover from view and individual concealment and scoutcraft.

AFTERNOON.

Observation training - preparation of keeping direction
(by night.)

J. L. Mason Lieut
O.C. E(s) Coy 56 Bn.

56 Aust Inf Bn.,
AUSTRALIA .

7 AUG 42.

A: B: C: D: E(MG): H.Q. COY 9

INDEX: A.I.F. ENLISTMENTS

The following procedure will be adopted for other ranks desiring to enlist in A.I.F.

1. PERSONNEL DESIRING TO ENLIST regardless of Bn56 becoming A.I.F. Unit.

- (a) Coy Comds. will have A.A.F. A 200's, parts A & C completed if applicable is Class 1 Medically. (Nominal Roll will show medical classification of soldier.)
- (b) Surname & Christian names will be written in block letters.

2. PERSONNEL DESIRING TO ENLIST ONLY IF THE UNIT BECOMES A.I.F.

- (a) Coy Comds. will have A.A.F. A200's, Part A only completed (LESS the signature of soldier.)
- (b) Surname & Christian names will be written in block letters.

3. PERSONNEL UNDER 21 Years of age, in either category, will have A.A.F. A 203's prepared, sent to parents for written consent, and (after return) attached to A.A.F. A200's. A letter from C.O. may be sent to soldier's parents should the soldier desire it.

4. All completed A.A.F. A200's, as per para 1 & 2, and accompanied by A.A.F. A203 as per para 3, must be sent to Adjt. as soon as completed.

5. All applications will be noted in Casualty Returns and On receipt of Routine Orders, the member will be transferred to A.I.F.

Capt.
(W.C.KEA ST) Adjt. 56 A.I.Bn.

DATE	PERIOD	SUBJECT	REFERENCE	NOTES FOR SUPERVISORS.
10 Aug '42	Morning	Section in attack against isolated resistance	H.T.P. 33 sec (31)(3) I.S.L. Chapt 9 I.T. Supl pages 6-8 I.M.T. Chap 1 IX lxviii	Arrange Q&R during Exercise, check fire, discipline orders and control.
	Afternoon	Section in attack infiltration	H.T.P. 33 sec 30 (4) I.M.T. Chap xviii.	do do do do
11 Aug '42	Morning	Section in attack - occupation fire post.	H.T.P. 33 sec 30 (7) S.A.T. vol 1 paras 5 (4) & (a) I.S.L. Chap 9 I.M.T. Chap xviii I.M.T. Appx H	Use of covered approaches, field of fire cover from view.
	Afternoon	BATTLE CODE	I.M.T. Appx H	Test section on writing messages.
	Night	Duties of Sentries	H.T.P. 33 sec 20 I.M.T. sec iii	Wrong and Right methods - challenging quietness - smoking.
12 Aug '42	Morning	Section in Defense - Rapid Defense	H.T.P. sec 31 (3) I.M.T. Chap xix (33)	Speed of occupation is most important factor.
	Afternoon	Map reading - field sketching - conventional signs.	A.T.M. (Aust) 7 sec 22 I.M.T. Appx H	Test squad after instructions.
	Night	Discussion on A.T.M.	A.T.M. ii	OFFICERS ONLY.
13 Aug '42	Morning	Section in attack (a) Assault (b) Hopping up (c) Consolidation	H.T.P. 33 sec 30 (8-10) I.S.L. 57/63 I.M.T. chap xviii.	Controlled charge - method of hopping up rapid re-organisation.
	Afternoon	Semaphore	I.M.T. Appx H plate V.	Big Offr to send two sigs with each Coy - necessary flags.
14 Aug '42	Morning	Ed Blocks and Mine Fields	I.M.T. sec 70/79 Appx C and D. H.T.P. 33 sec 33. A.T.M. (Aust) 7 sec 6. H.S.L. Chap X.	Cover by fire - ambush.
	Afternoon	Use of prismatic compass and service protractor		Individual work with compass and protractor to each soldier.
	Night	Lecture para 105	A.T.M. (Aust) No. 1.	Combine with para 105 exercise.
15 Aug '42	Morning	Fighting Patrol	I.M.T. Chap xiv sec 73	Ground to be selected by Coy Comd.
	Afternoon	Para troop exercise	A.T.M. (Aust) No. 1.	Ground to be selected by Coy Comd.

16 Aug '41

Morning

Training - sport

Afternoon

Rest Day

Note: Rest day will be given as
allocated - Not necessarily on 16 Aug '41.

- 1. Route marching - includes: jog trotting will be carried out daily.
- 2. One hour per day to be devoted to organized sport.
- 3. Rest day will be taken on a winter system - will be 16 Aug as a programme.
- 4. Day time will proceed on exercises each day.

(Name/Signature) Major 50 16th Aug 41

56 Aust Inf Bn.,
AUSTRALIA .
29 JUL 42

SECURITY;-

A: B: C: D: E(MG): H.Q.: COYS -- BN HQ

SECURITY OF INFORMATION .. TPS LETTERS :

1. To remove doubts that at present exist as to what may be mentioned in letters, the following instructions have been received.
2. TPS MAYX mention in letters the following:-
 - (a) The journey from NSW may be described.
 - (b) Names of towns through which they passed on journey.
 - (c) It CAN be stated that leave has been spent in PERTH, the city described, and Post Card views of PERTH sent.
3. The following MUST NOT be mentioned:-
 - (a) Location of Camps or statements such as "We are camped near Perth."
 - (b) Place names of any description must NOT be mentioned in telegrams.
4. In addition troops who travelled by sea must NOT
 - (a) mention port of disembarkation.
 - (b) discuss the names of ships in convoy.
 - (c) any details regarding the procedure in the convoy.

Capt.
(W.C.KEAST) Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn

56 AUST INF B N.. EXERCISE

DEMONSTRATION OF JAPANESE TACTICS OF ENCIRCLEMENT

Reference Map - FREMANTLE - 1: 63360.

1. 56 Bn exercise will take place in RDS BULL'S CREEK, CANNING SOUTH Area on under command of C.O. 56 Aust Inf Bn.
2. OBJECT - To demonstrate Japanese methods of encirclement in the advance.
3. LESSONS - (1) The by passing of the defence
(2) The attack from the rear
(3) Road Blocks
(4) Movement of TPs, off the road, at high speed.
4. TPS TAKING PART - All ranks of 56 Aust Inf Bn with Unit & Reserve M.T. Tpt (available) (if SKELTON)
5. ENEMY - One PL. of C Coy to wear Cloth Tunics & Hats.
6. ASSEMBLY - No. 3 Camp Area at hrs
7. CONFERENCES - (1) T.E.W.F. of Coy Comds at 1400 hrs 12 Aug 42
(2) Conference all OFFRS at time to be stated.
(3) Conference Enemy at time to be arranged.
8. WEEKLY ENEMY ADMINISTRATION - (1) DRESS - Battle Order
(2) MESSING - To be arranged
9. OPENING SITUATION - An enemy having landed, North of PERTH, has captured the city, and has Troops holding the LOWER CANNING BRIDGE.
10. NARRATIVE - (1) 56 Aust Inf Bn advances from SOUTH to meet the enemy in PERTH area
(2) ORDER OF MARCH -
(a) ADVANCED GUARD - Capt Stevenson
VAN GUARD Six M.C. Scouts (One Sec)
 400 yds interval
 One PL. less one SEC in TWO 1 ton trucks
 One A.TK. Det. (1 gun)
 500 yds interval.

MAIN GUARD D Coy less One PL.
 PL. M.M.G's
 Two DET. Mortars
 Recon Party - 5 Pd. Engrs
 One A.Tk Det (1 Gun)
 Four Stretcher Bearers
 2 "I" personnel
 4 "Sig" personnel

OVER

(b) MAIN BODY

Carrier Screen - one SEC
 R Gp.
 Two det A.A. PL.
 Carrier Pl. - less one sec
 Sig Pl. - Remainder
 One Tp. Arty
 Bn H.Q. personnel & H.Q. Coy Comd.
 Pioneer Pl.

A Coy :-

One Pl. M.M.G.
 Two Det. Mortars
 Four Stretcher Bearers
 One "I" man.
 Three Sigs. personnel
 One A.Tk Det (one gun)

B Coy:-

Four stretcher bearers
 One "I" man
 Three Sigs personnel
 One M.M.G. PL.
 Two Det. Mortars

C Coy :- (Less one pl. acting as enemy)

four stretcher bearers
 One "I" man
 Three Sigs personnel

R.A.P.

Det. 5 Fd. Amb.
 L.A.D.
 One det. A.Tk (One Gun)
 Two Secs. A.A. Pl.

(3) INTERCOMMUNICATION;

- (a) One "103" set for each rifle Coy
- (b) One "101" set to BDE.
- (c) M.C. Orderlies.

(4) ROUTE (From MELVILLE CAMP) - RDS SOUTH, STOCKDALE, ^{BULLS CREEK}ROME, CANNING.

(5) SPEED & DENSITY:- 15 M.I.H. - 10 V.T.M.

11. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS -

- (1) Unit moves along RDS SOUTH, STOCKDALE, BULLS CREEK.
- (2) M.C. Scouts are fired at on RD JUNC. RDS BULLS CREEK, ROME (800368) - those NOT casualties will either engage enemy or return to vanguard comd. with information.

- (3) Vanguard engages the enemy and informs Advance Guard Comd. & C.O. that contact has been gained.
- (4) Main Guard attacks from right & left flanks and rear by sending ONE PL. to right and One to Left. Right Pl. will cross Rd BULLS CREEK at 803368. Left Pl. will cross Rd ROME at 800372. Much noise will be made when in rear.
- (5) C.O. will order Arty & Mortars to open on enemy posns.
- (6) Main Body, with A Coy forming a new advance Guard will leave Road at JUNG RUS STOCKDALE, BULLS CREEK and will move on a bearing 39 degrees GRID on to Rds ROME & CANNING.
- (7) A Coy will prepare road blocks on Rd ROME at 800380 and Rd NORTH LAKE at 809384. Much noise will be created and road blocks covered by TROOPS of A COY.
- (8) B Coy continues on past A Coy & proceeds along Rd CANNING .
- (9) After D & A Coys have cleaned out enemy, they follow the remainder of the BN. along RD. CANNING.

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DATE	PERIOD	SUBJECT	REFERENCES	NOTES FOR COY COMDS
24 Aug 42	FULL DAY	The gaining of Contact	H.T.P. 23 (X) I.T. 37 Chap X(58) X1 (62,63) A.T.M. 10 Chap VII & IV	Deployed formations, Sec groups, Protection Control. Coy exercise to be prepared 22/8/42
25 Aug 42	FULL DAY	Coy in attack against un-coordinated resistance	I.M.T. Chap XVI 11 H.T.P. 37 I.T. Sec 6 (5) 71, (3) 88 MP 23 (IX)	Mobility, infiltration, encirclement, fire & movement. Coy exercise prepared by 23 Aug 42
26 Aug 42	FULL DAY	Coy in attack - Set piece attack	I.M.T. Chap XVI 11 H.T.P. 37 H.T. P33 Sec 30 (9) H.T.P. 23 (IX)	Supporting arms, Timed programme, Covered approaches, consolidation, exploitation Coy exercise prepared by 24 Aug 42
27 Aug 42	FULL DAY	Coy in defence - Rapid Defence	I.M.T. Chap XIX, H.T.P. 37 Chap 111 Sec 10. H.T.P. 15 23(11)	Ambush, anti-tank defence, road blocks - active defence. Exercise prepared by 25 Aug 42
28 Aug 42	FULL DAY Exercise end 14.30 hrs	Coy in defence - Fixed Defence	I.M.T. Chap XIV, XIX, XXI 11 sec 129 H.T.P. 37 Chap 111 Sec 10. H.T.P. 15 23 (11) I.T. 37 Chap X11 (76) A.T.M. 10 Chap IX.	Anti Tank defence - field of fire - obstacles wiring, digging, mutual support. counter attack reserve. Coy exercise to be submitted by 25 Aug 42
28/29 Aug 42	FULL NIGHT (Rest by day)	1630 to 0830 hrs NIGHT EXERCISES	A.T.M. 11 page I.M.T. Chap IX Sec 46/8 H.T.P. 37, Chap 111 Sec 9(6) I.T. 37 Chap X11	1. Coy Comds will arrange suitable programme 2. In Hq will allot areas 3. All types of other coys will be treated as enemy. 4. Tea & Breakfast in the field 5. Exercise will commence with fast route march (Routes will be given by Bn H.Q.)
30 Aug 42	MORNING AFTERNOON	WASHING ETC REST DAY.		

NOTES :

1. Rest Days taken alternately, NOT all on 30 Aug 42
2. One hour per day devoted to organised sport
3. Route marching and general hardening of T's to be first consideration.
4. Night exercise, additional information will be given by Bn H.Q. later
5. Coy Comds. should study H.T.P. 23 addendum 1 (6) in addition to other publications mentioned.

Capt.
(W.C. REAST) ADJ. 56 Aust Inf Bn.

56 Aust Inf Bn.,
AUSTRALIA.
18 Aug 42.

A; B; C; D; E(S); H.Q. Coys - Bn H.Q.
R.S.M. Caterer, A/ Adj. [✓] File:-

INDEX: REST DAY - MONTHLY LEAVE, REST DAY & NIGHT LEAVE ROSTER
Week Ending 25 Aug 42.

Commencing 19 Aug 42, Coys will proceed on Monthly, 24 hour leave in addition to ordinary rest day, according to the following roster:-

Leave will commence at 1200 hrs on the date indicated, and will continue until 2400 hrs the following day, thus making a total of 36 hours. i.e. 12 hours weekly rest day plus 24 hours monthly leave/

Night Leave will continue as usual, as shown on the roster:-

Day	Date	Rest Day 1200-2400		Leave Night
		Leave	2400-2400	
Wednesday	19 Aug 42	H.Q. Coy & Bn.H.Q.		B Coy
Thursday	20 Aug 42	A Coy		C Coy
Friday	21 Aug 42	B Coy		H.Q. Coy & Bn H.Q.
Saturday	22 Aug 42	D Coy		E(s) Coy
Sunday	23 Aug 42	C Coy		A Coy
Monday	24 Aug 42	E(s) Coy		D Coy
Tuesday	25 Aug 42	H.Q. Coy & Bn H.Q.		H.Q. Coy & Bn H.Q.

L.H. Kearney ^{Leut}
CAPTAIN
(W.C. KEAST) Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

HTB/HEB 42

H.Q. 5 Aust. Inf. Bde,
Australia.

Aug. 42.



18 Aust. Pl. Regt.
16 Bty. 104 A.I. Regt.
5 Pl. Coy. R.A.M.
44 Aust. Inf. Bn.
54 Aust. Inf. Bn.
56 Aust. Inf. Bn. ✓
17 Coy. A.A.S.C.
5 Pl. Amb.
51 D.C. Workshops.
51 D.C. Pl. Pk.
5 Aust. Inf. Bde. Def. Pl.

POINTS ON MARCH - 16 AUG. 42.

1. TURN OUT - mostly very good - in some cases chin straps on helmets not correctly adjusted. Chalk embarkation numbers to be washed off helmets.
2. DRESSING - very good with exception of one or two units which need a little more practice.
3. TURNING HEAD AND ARMS TO THE RIGHT - quite good in most units but in some cases junior officers on right of files were not up to standard.
4. OFFICERS SALUTING - all officers not in the ranks will salute. Pl/cos Coys. come to salute on C.O.'s executive command "eyes right" and remain at salute until C.O. gives "eyes front". Pl/c Bn. etc. take word of command from rear Coy. Comdr.

Word of command should be given in sufficient time so that the executive word "Right", and the hand at the salute should be opposite 1st flag. Band Drum Majors DO NOT salute.

In case flag cannot be seen at saluting base tomorrow white line will be run across street in line with flag.

W. Mayford
(R.Y. Milan) Major,
H.Q. 5 Aust. Inf. Bde.

A.O.D.

5. WEARING OF GAITERS AND ANKLETS - the bottoms of trousers are to over hang the tops of gaiters and anklets.

"D" COY 56 AM EXERCISE No 3

SENTRIES BY NIGHT.

Map Ref BREMANTLE. 1^o to 1 mile

1. GENERAL. D^oD Coy 56 A. I. Bn will carry out NIGHT EXERCISE on 11 Aug 42 at Map ref sq 7936.

2. OBJECT To train the soldier that the security of a post depends on the care with which sentries are posted, and on their alertness and efficiency.

3. INSTRUCTIONS. A. Sentry must know.

- (a) The extent of the ground which he has to watch.
- (b) The positions of the sec posts on his right and left
- (c) The names of any landmarks on his front.
- (d) Particulars of friendly patrols out.
- (e) The signal for defensive fire.
- (f) The password.
- (g) What to do in the event of gas or air attack
- (h) What to do when he wishes a Verrey light to be fired.
- (i) What to do when taking or handing over his post.

Ref I.M.T. Chap XIX Sec 111.
I.S.L.

4. TPS TAKING
PART. 16-17 and 18 Pls of "D" Coy.

5. JURY. 16 Pl will act as enemy.

6. UMPIRES. 17 Pl Capt P.R. Settree.
18 Pl Lieut Hardy.

7. ASSEMBLY. Coy Parade Ground. Time 1915 hrs.

8. CONFERENCES.

<u>9. Serial</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Who to attend</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1.	Coy Ord Room	Umpires and Pl Comds.	..1530.....hrs.
2.	Defence area to be occupied by 17 and 18 Pls.	All tps taking part.	2100 hrs.

10. ADMM. Dress. Working dress. Great Coats for 17 and 18 Pls.
Working dress less great coats.
Coffee and Biscuits. 2130 hrs.

11. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. Orchards, crops and homesteads are all out of bounds to all ranks.

12. Exercise ENDS. 2130 hrs.

(3)

(Opening Situation).

13 ~~THE~~ ~~REMARKS~~.

17 and 18 PIs after having advanced from
APPROXIMATELY have been ordered to take up a
rapid defensive position in vicinity of Rd June
792368.

16 PI, who are acting as enemy will receive this
area from 2015 hrs till 2200 hrs.

MOVEMENT of PIs.

17 and 18 PIs will leave camp at 1915 hrs and
take up defensive position by 1955 hrs.

16 PI will leave camp at 1935 and proceed to
receive Defensive localities from Rd June 792368

.....Capt.
4th Coy
56 A. I. B.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

Ref. Map.....

Scheme No.....

- (1) REFERENCES : I.T. Sec. 88.
I.M.T. Secs. 121---122.
- (2) EXERCISE : Pl. in attack in CLOSE COUNTRY.
- (3) OBJECT : To exercise tps in attack in heavily-wooded country.
- (4) LESSONS : i. Rapid and silent outflanking movements through heavily-timbered country.
ii. Maintenance of direction and control.
iii. Deception of enemy by feints and noises.
- (5) TPS TAKING PART : 7, 8, & 9 Pls alternately.
- (6) ENEMY : Skeleton enemy from spare personnel in Coy H.Q. to represent one section.
- (7) UMPIRES : Chief umpire and one umpire per section to be nominated by Coy Comd.

(8) CONFERENCES :

Serial No.	Time	Place	Whom to Attend	Purpose
1	Prior to exercise		Umpires	Instructions as to points to observe
2	Prior to exercise		Enemy	Instructions
3	Previous evening		Pl. Comds.	Explanation of Exercise
4			All Pls.	Pl. Comds. to discuss exercise with PLS.
5	During exercise		Pls. NOT participating	Observation of actions of attacking Pl.
6	At completion of exercise		A Coy	General discussion

- (9) ADMINISTRATION: i. Representation of fire----Flags, blanks, rattles, fireworks and sawdust bombs.
ii. Bayonet dummies to be in position in route of advance

- (10) SITUATION : Enemy estimated at one platoon is in possession of rd-junction at (map ref.), and is holding up our advance.
Forward PL. of A Coy has made contact, and Pl. Comd. has been ordered to destroy enemy and secure rd-junction.

OVER

(11) FORECAST OF SITUATIONS:

Serial No.	Situation	Action of controlled enemy	Action of attacking Pl.
1	Pl. advancing astride road	Allow scouts to pass	Advance continues
2	Pl. continuing to advance	Opens accurate fire when point sec. approx. 150x distant, killing No. 1 Gunner.	POINTS TO NOTE i. Taking up of fire positions. ii. No. 3 takes over gun, No. 2 remains the same. iii. Message back to Pl. Comd. iv. Immediate action by Pl. Comd.
3	Remaining secs. commence out-flanking movement	Continue to fire on holding sec.	POINTS TO NOTE i. Sec. on one flank--manoeuvre to attract attention--fire rifles, set off fireworks, and create noise.
4	Remaining sec. manoeuvres rapidly and silently into position for assault.	Withdraws	POINT TO NOTE Speed, silence, and control of manoeuvring section.
5	The Assault		POINTS TO NOTE i. Signal to other secs. that assault sec. is in position for assault. ii. Use of grenades iii. Dash and vigour in bayonet charge.
6	Position captured		POINTS TO NOTE i. Messages ii. Control iii. Mopping up

W.D. Neil (CAPT)
W.D. NEIL O.C. A Coy.

EKH/BW 42/122

56th Battalion

13 AUG 1942

Corr. No.

HQ 5 Aust Inf Bde
AUSTRALIA
13 Aug, 42.

INDEX : MARCH - FREMANTLE

1. A full dress rehearsal for the Fremantle March will be held on Sunday 16 Aug, 42 by 5 Aust Inf Bde Gp units (less 44 Aust Inf Bn).
2. The rehearsal will be held in Melville Camp and the saluting base will be at Bde HQ. SP will be entrance to No. 5 Camp.
3. Order of March will be as for Fremantle March, less 44 Aust Inf Bn, and units will move to SP via back road. Head of column will pass saluting base at 0900 hrs.
4. Units will pay special attention to the following:-
 - (a) Neatness of turnout;
 - (b) Proper fitting of equipment, cleanliness of webbing and squaring of basic pouches;
 - (c) Packing of haversacks so that same are neat and square;
 - (d) Proper swinging of arms;
 - (e) Concerted "Eyes Right", heads being held well up;
 - (f) Preservation of dressing in "Sixes";
 - (g) Smartness of marching; and
 - (h) Maintenance of proper intervals between coys and units.
5. For the rehearsal, WA L of C Area Band will not participate, and Bn bands will continue to play during the March Past.
6. A similar rehearsal will be conducted by 44 Aust Inf Bn on a site to be selected by the Unit, March Past to commence at 1100 hrs.
7. Church Parades normally held at 0830 hrs in Melville Camp will not be held until 1030 hrs.

R. T. Bryen
 (R. T. BRYEN) Major
 Bde Maj 5 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

18 AUST PD REGT	17 COY AASC
14 A/YK BTY	5 AUST PD AMB
5 AUST PD COY	51 DIV ORD WKSHOPS
44 AUST INF BN	51 DIV ORD PD PK
54AUST INF BN	CAMP COMDT BDE HQ
56AUST INF BN	2 AUST DIV HQ (for info)

56th Battalion

13AUG 1942

HQ 5 Aust Inf Bde
AUSTRALIA

13 Aug, 42.

INDEX + MARCH - FREMANTLE

1. Corr. No. 5 Aust Inf Bde Gp will march through Fremantle on Monday 17 Aug, 42, when salute will be taken at Fremantle Town Hall by Lt-Gen H. Gordon Bennett, CB, CMG, DSO, VD, GOC 3 Aust Corps.

2. Order of March will be as follows:-

HQ 5 Aust Inf Bde and att'd tps
 18 Aust Fd Regt and att'd tps
 14 Bty 104 A Tk Regt
 5 Aust Fd Coy
 44 Aust Inf Bn, preceded by its Band
 54 Aust Inf Bn, preceded by its Band
 56 Aust Inf Bn, preceded by its Band
 17 Coy AASC
 5 Aust Fd Amb
 51 Div Ord Wkshops) as one
 51 Div Ord Fd Pk) unit.

Personnel will march in "Sixes", with intervals of 10^x between coys, btys, &c., and 20^x between units.

3. Route will be via South Street-Marine Terrace-Cliff Street-High Street-Carrington Street-South Street.
4. MT will not be included in the march.
5. Dress for all ranks will be SD, battle order, with Helmets steel. Rifles will be carried by personnel to whom issued. Haversacks will contain (inter alia) sheets ground, and must be properly squared. ALL WEBBING EQUIPMENT WILL BE THOROUGHLY CLEANED PRIOR to the March.
6. Head of column will pass entrance to No. 1 Camp at 0900 hrs. 44 Aust Inf Bn will arrive at junction South Street and Carrington Street at 0900 hrs and take up its position in the moving column after 5 Aust Fd Coy has passed.
7. On arrival at the Esplanade (park south of Cliff Street) a rest will be taken and head of column will depart the Esplanade for the March Past at 1050 hrs.
8. WA L of C Area Band will be stationed opposite Saluting Base at Town Hall to provide music for the March Past. Bn Bands will cease playing 140 yards from Saluting Base and will resume playing 140 yards past base.
9. 44 Aust Inf Bn, on the return journey, will leave the main column at junction High Street and Carrington Street and return to Pt Walter Camp.

R. T. Bryen
 Capt

(R.T. BRYEN) Major
 for Bde Maj 5 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

18 AUST FD REGT	17 COY AASC
14 A/TK BTY	5 AUST FD AMB
5 AUST FD COY	51 DIV ORD WKSHOPS
44 AUST INF BN	51 DIV ORD FD PK
54 AUST INF BN	CAMP COMDT BDE HQ
56 AUST INF BN	HQ 2 AUST DIV (for infm)
5 AUST GRN BN	
(for infm)	

INDEX: MARCH - FREMANTLE

1. 56 Aust Inf Bn will take part in a 5 Aust Inf Bde march through FREMANTLE on 17 Aug 42
2. ORDER OF MARCH - Band, E(MG) A; B; H.Q. (In two halves) ; C; D; Coys
Note H. Q. Coy will be divided into two equal parts.
Capt Clark will be OC first half
Capt Everitt will be OC second half.
PERSONNEL WILL MARCH IN SIXES.
3. INTERVALS ETC :- Band, with W.O. D.P. Woodward as drum major, 20 paces in rear of 54 Aust Inf Bn and 10 paces AHEAD of C.O.
C.O. 10 paces AHEAD of first Coy Comd.
O.C's - 4 paces AHEAD of Coys
2 I/C's - 2 paces IN REAR of coys.
10 paces between last six of leading coy and first six of following Coy.

Capt Stevenson as 2 I/C, will be in rear of Bn.
Adjut will march on right in leading six of E(MG) Coy
Pl Comds & Coy C.S.M's will march in ranks and will be on right of own particular six.
4. DRESS - All ranks - S.D. with gaiters, steel helmet, battle order. Rifles will be carried by all ranks issued with them. (Other ranks not issued with rifles will march in rear sixes of coys) - Officers will NOT wear binocular cases.
Respirators and helmet nets will NOT be worn. Waterbottle will be carried in haversack.
Band will wear steel helmets, gaiters web, waist belt but NOT other equipment.
If weather is NOT inclement, ground sheets will NOT be taken by band.
5. ASSEMBLY. - Coys will fall in on Coy Pde Grounds and will be sized and formed into sixes. They will then march to Bn Pde Ground and form close coln. of Coys (In Sixes) E(MG) Coy in front.
6. TIM ES. Breakfast 0715 hrs - Coy Pdes 0745 hrs - Bn Pde 0815 hrs.
7. ROUTE - S.P. - Entrance to N. 1 Camp.
Via South Street, Marine Terrace, Cliff Street, High Street, Carrington Street, South Street.
8. REST will be observed at the Esplanade before the March Past, which takes place at 1015 hrs.
9. BAND. W.A. L of C Area Band will be stationed opposite Saluting Base at Town Hall, to provide music for the March Past. Bn. Bands will cease playing 140 yds from the saluting base and will resume playing 140 yds past the base. Flag (Blue & White) will show where to stop and where to commence playing.
10. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS -
(a) Bayonets will NOT be fixed until arrival at ESPLANADE.
(b) Sufficient boot brushes should be taken to ensure that boots are brushed at ESPLANADE.
11. LUNCH. - Unit will return to Camp for lunch.

DISTRIBUTION. A; B; C; D; E(MG); H.Q. COYS
C.O.; R.S.M.; Caterer; Bandmaster
War Diary (2)

L.H. Keast Lieut.
CAPT.
(W.C. KEAST) ADJT. 56 Aust Inf Bn.
for.

A: B: C: D: E(MG): H.Q. C OYS - Bn H.Q. - Band - Caterer

INDEX: MARCH } FREMANTLE - - REHEARSAL

1. 56 Aust Inf Bn will take part in a 5 Aust Inf Bde march through FREMANTLE on 17 Aug 42.
2. A full dress rehearsal will be held in MELVILLE CAMP on 16 Aug 42.

3. ORDER OF MARCH

Band, E(MG), A, B, H.Q., C, D, Coys

Personnel will march in "SIXES".

INTERVALS : Band 20 paces behind 54 Aust Inf Bn.
Band 10 paces Ahead of C.O.
C.O. will be 10 paces ahead of O.C. leading Coy
O.C. each Coy will be 4 paces ahead of Coy
2 I/C each Coy 2 paces in rear of coy
10 paces interval between 2 I/C leading Coy & O.C. following Coy.

4. DRESS : ALL ranks - S.D. with gaiters, steel helmet, respirator - battle order. Haversacks on back. Rifles will be carried by all ranks issued with them. Other ranks NOT armed with rifles will march in rear sixes of Coys. Offrs will NOT wear binocular cases, on equipment. Band will wear steel helmets, gaiters, waist belt but NOT other equipment or respirator.
Capt Stevenson, as 2 I/C will march in rear of Battalion.
Adjt & RSM will march leading file of E(MG) Coy
Pl Comds & Coy C.S.M.'s will march in rank and will be in right of own particular six.

5. ASSEMBLY - Coys will fall in on Coy Pde Grounds and will be sized and formed into Sixes, they will then march to Battalion Pde Ground and form close column of Coys (in Sixes); E(MG) Coy in front.

6. TIMES: Breakfast, 0715 hrs
Coy Pdes 0745 "
Bn Pde 0815 "

7. ROUTE: S.P. - Entrance to No 5 Camp - Unit will move behind 54 Aust Inf Bn to S.P.

SALUTING BASE: Brigade H.Q. - C.O., 2 I/C of Bn & Coy Comds ONLY will salute. Band will continue to play during the march past.

8. SPECIAL ATTENTION MUST BE PAID TO THE FOLLOWING:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| (a) Neatness | (g) smartness of marching |
| (b) Proper fitting of equipment | (h) Maintenance of proper intervals between Coys & etc |
| (c) Packing of haversacks | (i) Coys will ensure that all available men are on parade, One mess Ord only will be left behind. |
| (d) Swinging of arms | (j) Bn H.Q. less Sgt McCulloch will fall in with H.Q. Coy |
| (e) Eyes Right | (k) Punctuality must be observed & Coys must be on Bn Pde Gd on time. |
| (f) Preservation of dressing in sixes | |

9. CHURCH PARADE - Church parades normally held at 0830 hrs, will be held at 1030 hrs.

10. FINAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARADE ON 17 Aug 42 will be issued after parade on 16 Aug 42.

AMENDMENTS TO ABOVE.

(1) INTERVALS. - 10 paces between last "six" of first Coy and first "six" of second Coy.

(2) RESPIRATORS: Will NOT be worn.

(3) STEEL HELMETS. Nets will NOT be worn on steel helmets.

Capt.
(W.C. KEAST) Adjt. 56 Aust Inf Bn.

Woodham

56 Aust Inf Bn.,
AUSTRALIA.

22 Aug 42.

"X" RAY & DENTAL BOARDING :

1. ALL members of 56 Bn who have NOT been "X" Rayed or Dentally boarded will be attended to on 24 AUG 42 (These members are chiefly from E(MG) & D Coys) 125 members of 18 Fl. Rgt. will also attend.
2. PLACE. - N.A. L of C Area, G.D.C. CLAREMONT.
3. O.C. TROOPS - Capt A.E. Stevenson.
4. ROLLS - Rolls have been prepared and will be taken by O.C. Tps. Tps will entrain detrain and pass through boarding centre in the order that their names appear on the nominal roll.
5. MOVEMENT.
 - (a) Tps will entrain NOT later than 0925 hrs each day, at Junc. of SOUTH STREET & RAILWAY LINE PERMANENT.
 - (b) Detrain at CLAREMONT. 1000 hrs
 - (c) Depart CLAREMONT. 1630 "
 - (d) Detrain SOUTH STREET. 1700 "
6. DRESS - ALL BARRIS - G.D. with belt, gaiters and hat. Haversack slung over RIGHT shoulder. No arms.
7. MESSING -
 - (a) Out lunch with mug in haversack. Hot drink will be provided
 - (b) O.C. Tps will take one third of tea ration for day to cover hot drinks provided. Tea will be drawn from caterer.
8. PAY BOOKS - All soldiers will carry pay book.
9. BLOOD GROUPING - Personnel will be blood grouped, where necessary.
10. S.P. - Head of coin, marching from Camp will pass entrance to N. 1 Camp at 0815 hrs
11. BAND. - 54 B n Band will be in attendance on 24 Aug 42. O.C. Tps will make necessary arrangements with 54 Bn, about the time band is to parade.
12. 56 Aust Inf Bn will parade with tps going to CLAREMONT on 25, 27, 31 Aug 42. The 54 B n Band will go right to G.D.C., play during the day and return in afternoon with the Tps.
O.C. Tps on each day will make arrangements with Band about the time to pde.

Capt.
(W.C. KEAST) Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

A, B, C, D, E(MG), H.Q. Coys,
O.C., R.S.M., Bandmaster,
Caterer, War Diary (2 copies)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

56 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	8		3
Lieutenants	23	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	33	2	5

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		Nil		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>E. K. JONES</i>	<i>56 Aust Inf Bn</i>	<i>9/8/41</i>	<i>Transferred to 3 Aust Corp</i>
<i>Capt</i>	<i>V. GOLDRICK</i>	<i>AA M.C.</i>	<i>7/8/41</i>	<i>110 AGH "X" List</i>

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).
<i>N 33890</i>	<i>BENNETT J W</i>	<i>56 Bn</i>	<i>Attending Army School of Mech SEYMOUR Vic.</i>

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	N32318	DOWNING R.G.	56 AIRB.	Yes	C.O.
Capt (2. May)	33823	MURRAY F.F.	✓	No	110 HGH. "X" List
Lieut (2. Oct)	33827	STEVENSON A.E.	✓	Yes	O.C. D Coy
✓	33830	EVERITT L.W.	✓	✓	G.M.
✓	33831	KEAST W.C.	✓	✓	Adjt.
✓	33832	NEIL W.D.	✓	✓	O.C. H Coy
✓	33835	HOUGH J.W.	✓	✓	O.C. G Coy
✓	33840	FARRELL J.R.	✓	✓	O.C. B Coy
✓	33845	CLARK J.W.	✓	✓	O.C. HQ Coy
✓	37176	SETTREE P.K.	✓	✓	I.O.
Lieut	33930	CALIAN E.J.	✓	✓	2 1/2 C Coy
"	34080	SAMUELSON R.C.T.	✓	✓	2 1/2 C E(A) Coy
"	35060	BOARDMAN J.S.	✓	✓	2 1/2 C B Coy
"	34510	MASON F.W.	✓	✓	O.C. E(B) Coy
"	33857	BRAITHWAITE S.J.	✓	✓	4 Pl.
"	34108	KILEY J.A.	✓	✓	1 Pl.
"	34178	MCCLELLAN C.M.	✓	✓	14 Pl.
"	34180	MCKONE W.J.	✓	✓	16 Pl.
"	34197	SCOTT M.M.	✓	✓	2 1/2 C D Coy
"	34297	MCDONALD J.C.	✓	✓	13 Pl.
"	33983	DAVIS G.W.B.	✓	No	PART COURSE BRISBANE
"	331987	EVANS N.	✓	Yes	3 Pl.
"	34103	KING B.W.	✓	✓	3 Pl.
"	33925	CURRAN H.O.	✓	✓	17 Pl.
"	34708	MCDONALD K.J.	✓	✓	12 Pl.
"	34051	HARDY M.G.	✓	✓	18 Pl.
"	33928	CUNNINGHAM A.X.	✓	✓	10 Pl.
"	33890	BENNETT J.L.	✓	No	Comm School SEYMOUR
"	339162	DAY J.F.	✓	Yes	21 Pl.
"	341355	WILTSHIRE D.H.	✓	✓	2 O.
"	34097	STRONG H.E.	✓	✓	9 Pl.
"	2630	MACAULEY L.H.	✓	✓	7 Pl.
"	34651	SMALL J.M.	✓	✓	no 1 Pl.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut.	NX 7635	WILLIAMS L.J.	2/2 Bn	21/1/42	2 1/2 C A Coy
	N920415	SMITH F.T.	FACC	18/1/42	Chaplain
	B1259	THOMPSON J.	Sal Army	12/1/42	Welfare officer

56 Cust div Bn
(Unit.)
14 Aug 42
(Date of Despatch.)

R.G. Downing Lt Col
(Signature of Commander.)
5 Cust Div Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

.....(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	8		3
Lieutenants.....	23	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	33	2	5

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		Nil		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		Nil		

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).
N 3890	BENNETT J.W	Sb Bn	Attending Army School of Mech SEYMOUR Vic

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	N32318	DOWNING R G	56 AIR	No	RARELY CANBERRA
Capt (T.M.)	33823	MURRAY E F	-	Yes	2 1/2
Lieut (T.M.)	33827	STEVENSON R E	-	Yes	O.C. D Coy
"	33830	EVERITT L W	-	-	B.M.
"	33831	KEAST W C	-	-	Adit.
"	33832	NEIL W D	-	-	O.C. A Coy
"	33835	HOUGH J W	-	-	O.C. C Coy
"	33840	FARRELL J R	-	-	O.C. B Coy
"	33845	CLARK J W	-	-	O.C. HQ Coy
"	37176	SETTREE P K	-	-	1-0
Lieut.	39930	COILAN E T	-	-	2 1/2 C Coy
"	34280	SAMUELSON C J	-	-	2 1/2 E(2) Coy
"	35060	BOARDMAN J S	-	No	School - HARVEY
"	34510	MILSON F L	-	Yes	O.C. E(2) Coy
"	33857	BRAITHWAITE S T	-	-	4 PE
"	34108	KILLEY J A	-	No	10 ASA X LIST
"	34178	MCCLELLAN C M	-	Yes	14 PE
"	34180	MCCRONE W J	-	No	School - HARVEY
"	34197	SCOTT M M	-	No	School - HARVEY
"	34207	MCDONALD J C	-	Yes	13 PE
"	33982	DAVIS G W B	-	No	School - BRASSENDEN
"	33987	EVANS N	-	No	Duty Sunday
"	34103	WING B W	-	Yes	2 3 PE
"	33923	CURRAN B O	-	Yes	17 PE
"	34708	MCDONALD H J	-	-	12 PE
"	34051	HARDY M G	-	No	School - HARVEY
"	33928	CUNNINGHAM B X	-	Yes	10 PE
"	33890	BENNETT J L	-	No	Drummond SEYMOUR
"	33910	ODAY J F	-	Yes	(21 PE)
"	34355	WILTSHIRE D H	-	Yes	T 9
"	34997	STRONG H G	-	-	9 PE
"	9636	MACAULEY L H	-	-	12 PE
"	34651	SMALL J M	-	-	1 PE

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut.	NX 7635	WILLIAMS L J	2/2 B	2/4/42	2 1/2 A Coy
	N429415	SMITH E T	AACC	13/1/42	Chaplain
	R 359	THOMPSON J	Spl Army	13/1/42	20 days on duty

56 Aust. Inf Bde
(Unit.)
22 Aug 42
(Date of Despatch.)

Med Keast Capt May
(Signature of Commander.)
5 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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

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(page 1)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

56 Aust. Inf. Bde (Unit) *14 Aug* 19*42* (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.	7		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	7	1	
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	34		7
Corporals	85		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	698	1	33
TOTALS	832	2	43

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<i>RSM</i>	<i>A.I.C.</i>		
<i>clerk</i>	<i>AAASC</i>		
<i>bay Sgt</i>	<i>AAPC</i>		
<i>Mailman</i>	<i>2d Div. Postal Unit</i>		
<i>Grassmower</i>	<i>AAOC</i>		
<i>Bootmaker</i>	<i>AAOC</i>		
<i>Fitter MT</i>	<i>AAOC</i>		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
<i>N394521</i>	<i>Sgt</i>	<i>CHENEY. AW</i>	<i>56 Bde</i>	<i>Army School BONEGILLA</i>
<i>N34277</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>SKIRVING. IC</i>	✓	✓
<i>N34735</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>CASSIDY</i>	✓	✓
<i>N34245</i>	<i>WO!</i>	<i>KOWANICH</i>	✓	<i>43 A GH CONCORD</i>
<i>N81488</i>	<i>S/Sgt</i>	<i>LINCOLN MA</i>	-	<i>Army School BONEGILLA</i>
<i>N34161</i>	<i>Sgt.</i>	<i>MAYLIE. JRW</i>	✓	✓
<i>N34763</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>CHRISTIE. AWG</i>	-	✓

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

56 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 22 Aug 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	7	1	
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	34		7
Corporals	85		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	703	1	28
TOTALS	837	2	38

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Pay Sgt.	A APC		
Postman	2d Div. Postal Unit.		
Armorer	A AOC		
Bootmaker	A AOC		
Fitter M.T.	A AOC		
Rsm	A IC	absorbed in	
Orderly & Clerk	A ASC	Unit. W. E.	

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
N33952	Sgt.	CHENEY. AH	56 Bn	5 2TB DURBO.
N34277	On	SKIRVING. IC	✓	Not known
N34735	"	CASSIDY J	✓	✓
N81488	S/Sgt.	LEWELYN. NG	✓	Army School BANGGILA
N34161	Sgt.	MELVILLE. JRW	✓	✓
N34763	✓	CHRISTIE. ANG	✓	✓

56 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths		1	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		1
Carpenter and Joiner	1		Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties		4	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		9
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		3
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		3	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
<i>CG MS</i>	1					<i>R.S.M. WO I</i>		1
						<i>C.S.M. WO II</i>		1
						<i>Sergeants</i>		7
						<i>Serjeants</i>		7
						<i>Privates</i>		7
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	2	1			7			30

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

56 Aust Inf Bn
Unit.

CE.F. M. Keast Capt
Signature of Commander. *adm Comd 56 Bn*
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch *22 Aug 42*

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORGES,
ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY
LT-COL. R. C. DOWLING MC.
COMD. 56 Aust Inf Bn.

DATE: 30 JUL 43

PART 1

NO. 36

1. ROUTINE: The following routine will be observed as follows:-

REveille	0600 hrs
ADM. PARADE	0645 "
P. T.	0700 "
BREAKFAST	0745 "
COY PARADES	0835 "
BN MORNING PARADE	0840 "
FINISH MORNING PARADE	1215 "
LUNCH	1245 "
AFTERNOON	1355 "
FINISH AFTERNOON PS	1610 "
TEA	1730 "
OFFERS' & SOTS' MEET	1800 "
FIRST POST	2130 "
LAST POST	2300 "
LIGHTS OUT	2315 "

2. DUTIES:- The following duties will be supplied by the Duty Coy.

Bn. Ord. Sgt.
Bn. Ord. Cpl.
Bn. Runner (1 O/R to report to Bn HQ at 0800 hrs)
Q.M. Working Party - (1 NCO & 4 O/R's to report at 0830)

3. DUTY COY. The following roster for Duty Coys will operate:-

Date	Coy	Ord Offr
1 Aug 43	G Coy	Lieut McGrone, W.J.
2 Aug 43	D "	" McDonald, J C
3 Aug 43	K(MG)	" Braithwaite, S
4 Aug 43	R. C.	" Strong, H. G.
5 Aug 43	A Coy	" Curran,
6 Aug 43	B "	" McClellan, C.M.
7 Aug 43	C "	" Evans, H
8 Aug 43	D "	" Davis, W
9 Aug 43	K(MG)	" McDonald, K.J.

4. SECURITY OF INFORMATION. TPS LETTERS:-

1. TPS MAY mention the following in letters:-

- The journey from NSW may be described.
- Names of towns through which they passed.
- It can be stated that leave has been taken in PERTH the city described, and post card views of the city forwarded.

2. The following MUST NOT be mentioned:-

- Location of Camps or statements such as "We are camped near PERTH"
- Place names of any description must NOT be mentioned in telegrams.

3. In addition TPS who travelled by sea MUST NOT

- mention the port of disembarkation
- discuss the names of any ships in convoy
- any details regarding procedure in the convoy.

W. C. Keast
Capt.
(W. C. KEAST) ADJT. 56 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY
LT COL. R.G. DOWNING L.C.
Comd. 56 AUST. INF. BN.

Hayes

DATE 31 JUL 42

PART 1

No. 21

1. BN. DUTIES:- The roster as promulgated in R.O. No. 36 will operate.
2. BRIGADE DUTIES: The following duties will be supplied by the Duty Coy, when the Unit is Brigade Duty Unit:-

1 Field Offr	}	To report to Bde H.Q. at 1700 hrs & on the following morning to the Camp Adj. at 1000 hrs. to be supplied by Band.
1 Camp Ord Sgt		
1 Bugler	}	To report at No. 2 gate at 1800 hrs and remain until the last bus has departed.
1 Embussing Offr		
2 N.C.O.'s		
Canteen Picquet		To consist of 4 SGTS, who will report at 1830 hrs: Dress S.D. Belt and Sidearms. Steel Helmet.
Cleaning-Up Party		- consisting of 1 N.C.O. & 10 O.R.'s, who will report to Car Park in rear of Camp Pay Office at 0830 hrs.

5 AUG 42.

Brigade Duties will mount at Retreat on 31 JUL 42 and

3. FIELD OFFICERS: The following will act as Field Officers as under:-

31 JUL 42	Capt. Neil, W D
5 AUG 42	" Farrell, J R

4. SALUTING: Subtended is a copy of G.R.O. - A.198, of 17 JUL 42:-

1. W.O.s, N.C.O.s, and private soldiers in uniform shall salute an officer at all times except when passing or being passed by him:-
 - (i) in a crowded thoroughfare or a assembly, or
 - (ii) during an exercise in the field; or
 - (iii) when on parade under the immediate control of a superior, or
 - (iv) when precluded by the nature of their duties from so doing.

This amendment will be anticipated & effect given thereto forthwith.

2. In view of the number of officers who have been recently commissioned, care is to be taken to ensure that they fully understand the implications of the provisions concerning saluting.

All officers are to salute their seniors before addressing them on duty or parade. When NOT on duty or parade, Officers under Field Rank are to salute all officers of field rank and upwards. General Officers and field officers are to salute their superiors in rank.

3. Officers are to salute officers in any of His Majesty's Naval or Air Forces and of the Allied Naval, Military or Air Forces, in accordance with para 2. (above)

5. ENLISTMENT A.I.F. - The restriction imposed on the enlistment of men with large families in the A.I.F. will no longer apply.
(G.R.O. A203)
17 Jul 42

6. FEDERAL TAXATION - DEDUCTIONS FROM DAILY RATE OF PAY OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCES TO MEET TAXES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUN 42:-

Subtended is a copy of G.R.O. - F223 of 17 JUL 42:-

1. Members of the Forces, other than those recently returned from overseas service with A.I.F., ARE required to lodge income tax returns in any case where the income (as a soldier and private income), including the value of subsistence, field allowance and allotments, but EXCLUDING dependents' allowance, derived during the year ended 30 JUN 42, exceeded £156.
P.T.O.

2. Members of the forces so liable for the payment of income tax for the year ended 30 JUN 42, will be assisted to meet such payments by having deducted from their drawing rate of pay, a daily rate, approx. equivalent to that required, according to their rank and rate of pay. They will be duly advised of the rate to be deducted, and the drawing rate in paybooks will be adjusted accordingly.

3. Deductions and payments will be made by the Army and controlled by the District in which the member enlisted, irrespective as to whether or not the member derived his income in that State.

4. To enable the Army and the Taxation Department to carry out the proposed procedure, it is necessary that all taxation returns be forwarded to the correct authority. In this connection members should submit their returns for the year ended 30 JUN 42 to the Commr. of Taxation in the capital city of the State in which they enlisted, e.g. a member who enlisted in Victoria, say with Army No. "V" 12345 - will forward his return to the Commr. of Taxation, Melbourne. Vic.

7. CORPS ADMINISTRATIVE STANDING ORDERS: A notice will be placed on all COY notice boards to the effect that "Corps Administrative Standing Orders" are available in the COY Orderly Room and same should be read by all members of the Unit.

8. CHURCH SERVICES:- Church services will be held on Sunday next as follows:-

at C.W.O. Hut - Mass at 0715 & 0830 hrs for Roman Catholics.
Bn Pde Ground for other Denominations. Service at 0830.

W.C. Keast

(W.C. KEAST) Adjnt. Capt.
56 Aust Inf Bn.

1. DUTIES:

(a) BRIGADE DUTIES: The following list of Brigade Duties is published for the guidance of all concerned.

- (i) FIELD OFFICER: To report to Bde H.Q. at 1700 hrs
- (ii) CANTEEN PICQUET: To consist of 4 Sgts who report to the SG T. in charge of canteen at 1830 hrs. Dress S.D. Belt, Sidearms & Helmet
- (iii) CLEANING UP PARTY: 1 N.C.O. & 10 men to report to C.S.M. of Car Park in rear of Camp Pay Office at 0830 hrs. Dress-Working Dress.
- (iv) EMBASSING PICQUET: 1 Offr & 2 N.C.O.'s to report at No. 2 Gate at 1800 hrs & remain until last bus has departed.
- (v) HOSPITAL PATROL: 6 O/R's to report to new Convalescent Depot in No. 2 Camp at 0700 and remain until finished. Messing Gear to be taken.. Dress - Working.
- (vi) Y.M.C.A. HUT PICQUET: 1 Sgt & 3 Opls to report to Y.M.C.A. Hut (Mr Lacyman) at 1845 hrs. Dress S.D. Belt and sidearms, Steel Helmet.
- (vii) INLYING PICQUET: 1 Offr 1 Sgt, 3 Opls & 21 Ptes to be available for duty in any emergency. Canteen & Y.M.C.A. Hut area to be patrolled after 2130 hrs.

The roster for Brigade Duties has been altered and now reads:-

9 Aug 42 - 56 Bn -- Field Offr Capt. J.W.Hough
15 Aug 42 - 56 Bn -- " " " " P.R.Bettree.

(b) BATTALION DUTIES: The following is the Roster for Bn Duties and Orderly Offrs.

Date	Coy	Ord Offr
9 Aug 42	B(s) Coy	Lieut J. A. Kiley
10 Aug 42	H.Q. Coy	Lieut H.G. Hardy
11 Aug 42	A Coy	" B.W. King
12 Aug 42	B "	" J.F. Day
13 Aug 42	C "	" E.J. Callan
14 Aug 42	D "	" A.X. Cunningham
15 Aug 42	B(s) "	" J.M. Snail
16 Aug 42	A "	" W.J. McOrone
17 Aug 42	C "	" J.C. McDonald
18 Aug 42	B "	" S.J.B. Smithwaite
19 Aug 42	H.Q. "	" H.G. Strong
20 Aug 42	D "	" A.O. Curran
21 Aug 42	B(s) "	" C.M. McTiellan

2. CHURCH PARADES: (9 Aug 42)-

- (a) Combined Church Parade will be held on Bn Pde Cd at 0830 hrs, Chap Smith presiding.
- (b) Church of England - Holy Communion in rear of Y.M.C.A. Hut at 0715 hrs (Chap. Wagh)
- (c) Roman Catholic - Holy Mass in CWO Hut at 1715 & 0830 hrs. Sk
- (d) DRESS for ALL church parades will be working dress.

3. CONTROL OF CAMERAS & PHOTOGRAPHS: The order contained in B.R.G. No. 38 para 4, in connection with the above will be complied with immediately.

4. PROTECTED ANIMALS, BIRDS & PLANTS: (Ref G.R.O. of 24/7/42 - A232)-

- (a) From reports received it appears that in some cases, protected animals birds and plants are being destroyed by troops.
- (b) Except in emergency, all ranks will observe the laws of the States and Territories of the Commonwealth relating to the protection of animals, birds and plants.

5. SHIRTS, MILITARY, KHAKI: (ref G.R.O. 24/7/42 A233) -

- (a) In view of the danger of the contraction of malaria, dengue etc, from mosquito infection, the practice of shortening the sleeves of shirts will cease forthwith.
- (b) Disciplinary action will be taken in cases of contravention to this order.

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6. CASHING OF CHEQUES: (Ref G.R.O. F250 of 2/7/42) - Attention is directed to the fact that, in no circumstances, will private cheques be cashed by the Dept. of the Army & departmental cheques will be cashed only when the payee has been satisfactorily identified.
7. SHOULDER TITLE "AUSTRALIA" - WEARING OF: (Ref G.R.O. A252 - 2/7/42)
1. All members of A.I.F., whether serving with citizen force units or otherwise, will wear "Australia" shoulder titles on both shoulders when in uniform within and outside Australia.
 2. Offrs. accepted for service with the A.I.F., vide Memo 66,69 of 2/6/42 will also wear "Australia" shoulder titles, notwithstanding that they may not have been gazetted to A.I.F.
8. ENLISTMENT IN A.I.F. First Aust Army has advised that regarding enlistments, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and specialists will continue to hold present rank in present Units, and will NOT revert to ranks on enlistment.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES:
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY
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Comd. 56 Aust Inf Bn

DATE: 3 AUG 42

PART 1

No. 38

1. CONTROL OF CAMERAS & PHOTOGRAPHY: Coy Comds. will furnish to Bn H.Q. a list of members with cameras. The following information is required.

No. Rank Name, Make of Camera, No. (if any); Description (Type & film size)

2. Any Offr or O.R. requiring or disposing of a camera will report same immediately, through Coy, to Bn H.Q.

3. Photography of the following is prohibited.

Military Vehicles of all types	- Aerial Views
Tanks	Aerodrones
Signal Equipment	Fortifications
Artillery Weapons	Camps
Defences	Military Operations
Aircraft	Weapons
Ships of any kind.	Diagram of weapons.

When photographs are being taken, special care must be exercised to ensure that none of these prohibited subjects appear in the background of the picture taken.

4. Films will only be developed and printed through Bn H.Q.

2. POSTAL ADDRESS: Outgoing letters of ALL ranks MUST bear at the head, the full postal address of the writer. The correct postal address is:-

Army Number
Rank, Name
Coy, Unit
AUSTRALIA.

The above applies equally to parcels and packages.

3. POSTING OF CORRESPONDENCE: ALL letters from all ranks to any destination, and with any stamps, MUST BE POSTED THROUGH COY OR B N. ORDERLY ROOMS.

4. DUTIES: Reference B.R.O. 37, dated 31 JUL 42, Para 2. Delete Camp Ord SGT & Camp Ord Bugler from the duty roster.

5. FIELD OFFICER: The following will act as Field Officer as under:

5 AUG 42 - Capt J.R.Farrell
10 AUG 42 - Capt J.W.Hough

6. BRIGADE DUTIES: Brigade Duties will be supplied by the Duty Coy as under:-

5 AUG 42
10 AUG 42.

7. CUTTING OF POLES ON STATE FORESTS, TIMBER RESERVES & CROWN LANDS -
(Ref Brig. Routine Orders Serial No. 98 of 31 JUL 42.) -

Complaints continue to be received regarding the un-authorized removal of poles etc from State Timber Reserves. These reserves are maintained at considerable expense as a future asset of the State and the removal of the immature timber nullifies work extending over several years, besides increasing fire hazard by reason of the resultant debris.

In future, responsibility for any parties operating in these area will devolve upon the Commanding Officer and the Royalty costs of depredations will be a charge against the C.O. and/or Unit Funds.

8. STANDARD LEAVE PASSES: On evacuation, transfer or attachment of a soldier his leave pass will be included with his other personal documents to be sent to the Unit to which evacuated, transferred or attached.

9. ARMY CLOTHING COUPONS:

(a) Procedure when buying rationed articles of clothing in person.

- (i) When buying rationed articles of clothing at canteens or retail stores, coupons will be surrendered in accordance with the civilian scale published by the Rationing Commission.
- (ii) Coupon books will be presented at time of purchase and the canteen or store assistant will cut out the necessary coupons.
- (iii) Paybook will be the means of establishing rightful ownership to the book of coupons and will be produced on request.

(b) Procedure when unable to buy rationed article of clothing in person.

Army personnel who cannot themselves make purchases at a canteen or retail store are permitted to use their coupons under the following conditions:-

- (i) The number of coupons it is desired to use will be cut out of the ration book in the presence of the Commanding Officer, Adjutant, Company etc. Commander, Camp Commandant or Quartermaster, paybook at the same time being produced as proof of rightful ownership.
- (ii) Coupons will then be pasted on A.C.C.F.12, prepared by the unit in accordance with the Form shown in Schedule 'B' hereto. The form will be signed by the owner of the ration book and countersigned by the Commanding Officer, Adjutant or Camp Commandant.
- (iii) Form A.C.C.F.12, with coupons affixed thereto, may then be posted direct to a canteen or store or to another individual who can purchase on behalf of the owner of the coupons.

(c) Termination of Service of Army Personnel.-

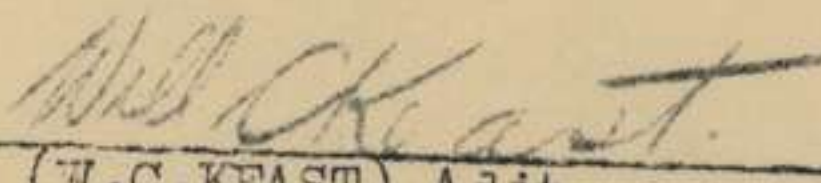
(i) Army Personnel whose service has terminated will Surrender Army clothing Ration Books containing unused coupons to the civil authorities when applying for a civil Identity Card.

(ii) On return to civil life, such personnel will become entitled to receive civilian coupons.-

(a) Sufficient coupons to bring the individual's wardrobe up to minimum civilian standard. This issue will be made after taking into account the clothing he or she may carry over from military to civil life, and whatever stock of civilian clothing he or she may possess. The civilian authorities will be responsible for arriving at a decision regarding the number of coupons to be issued.

(b) An issue of coupons for maintenance purposes appropriate to the time of the year.

10. OTHER DUTIES : In addition to Battalion Duties, Duty COY will supply each morning at 0830 hrs, a working party of 4 men to report to the Camp Hospital.


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56 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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DATE 8 AUG 42

PART 1

NO. 39

1. DUTIES:

(a) BRIGADE DUTIES - The following is a list of Bde Duties, published for the guidance of all concerned.

- (i) FIELD OFFICER: To report to Bde H.Q. at 1700 hrs.
- (ii) CANTEEN PICQUET: To consist of 4 Sgts who report to the SGT in charge of Canteen at 1830 hrs. Dress - S.D. Belt and side arms, steel helmet.
- (iii) CLEANING UP PARTY: 1 NCO and 10 men to report to CSM of Car Park in rear of Camp Pay Office at 0830 hrs. Dress Working Dress.
- (iv) Embussing PICQUET: 1 Offr & 2 N.C.O. to report at No. 2 Gate at 1800 hrs and remain until last bus leaves.
- (v) HOSPITAL FATIGUE: 6 O/R's to report to new Convalescent Depot in No. 2 Camp at 0700 hrs & remain until finished. Messing Gear to be taken. Dress - Working.
- (vi) Y.M.C.A. HUT PICQUET: A sgt & 3 Cpls to report to Y M C A Hut (Mr Laoyman) at 1845 hrs. Dress S.D. Belt & Side arms, steel helmet.
- (vii) INLYING PICQUET: 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 3 Cpls & 21 Ptes. to be available for duty in any emergency. Canteen & Y M C A Hut Area to be patrolled after 2130 hrs.

The roster for Bde. Duties has been altered and now reads:-

9 Aug 42	-	56 Bn..	Field Offr.	Capt. J.W.HOUGH
13 Aug 42	-	56 Bn..	" "	" P.R. SEITREE

(b) BATTALION DUTIES: The following is the roster for Bn. Duties and Orderly Offr.

Date	Coy	Ord Offr.
9 Aug 42	E(s) Coy	Lieut J.A.Kiley
10 Aug 42	H.Q. "	" M.G.Hardy
11 Aug 42	A "	" B.W.King
12 Aug 42	B "	" J.F.Day
13 Aug 42	C "	" E.J.Callan
14 Aug 42	D "	" A.X.Cunningham
15 Aug 42	E(s) "	" J.M.Smail
16 Aug 42	A "	" W.J.McCrone
17 Aug 42	C "	" J.C.McDonald
18 Aug 42	B "	" S.J.Braithwaite
19 Aug 42	H.Q. "	" H.G.Strong
20 Aug 42	D "	" A.O.Curran
21 Aug 42	E(s) "	" C.M.McClellan

2. CHURCH PARADES - 9 Aug 42 :-

- (a) COMBINED Church Parade will be held on Bn Pde Gd at 0830 hrs, Chap. Smith presiding.
- (b) CHURCH OF ENGLAND - Holy Communion in rear of Y.M.C.A. Hut at 0715 hrs (Chap. Waugh)
- (c) ROMAN CATHOLIC:- Mass in C.W.O. Hut at 1715 and 0830 hrs.
- (d) DRESS - The dress for all church parade will be working dress.

3. CONTROL OF CAMERAS & PHOTOGRAPHS: The order contained in B.R.O. No. 38 para 1, in connection with the above is to be complied with immediately.

4. PROTECTED ANIMALS, BIRDS & PLANTS - (ref G.R.O. A232 of 24/7/42) -

- (a) From reports it appears that in some cases, protected animals, birds & plants are being destroyed by troops.

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- (b) Except in e mergency, all ranks will observe the laws of the states and territories of the Commonwealth relating to the protection of animals, birds and plants.
5. SHIRTS, MILITARY, HKAKI : - (ref G.R.O. A 233 of 24/7/42)-
- (a) In view of the danger of the contraction of malaria, dengue etc from mosquito infection, th e practice of shortening the sleeves of shirst will cease forthwith.
- (b) Disciplinary action will be taken in every case of contravention to this order.
6. CASH ING OF CH EQUES: (Ref G.R.O. F250 of 24/7/42) - Attention is directed to th e fact that, in no circumstances, will private cheques be cash ed by th e Dept of Army and departmental ch eques will be cash ed only wh en the payee h as been satisfactorily identified.
7. SHOULDER TITLE "AUSTRALIA" - WE ARING OF -(Ref G .R.O. A252 of 24/7/42)
- (a) All members of A.I.F. wheth er serving with Citizen Force units or otherwise, will we ar "Australia" shoulder titles on both shoulders when in uniform within Australia or outside.
- (b) Officers accepted for service with the A.I.F., vide memo 66469 of 25 JUN 42, will also wear "Australia" shoulder titles , notwithstanding that they may NOT have been gazetted to A.I.F.
8. ENLISTMENT A.I.F.)- First Aust Army has advised that regarding enlistments, W.O.'s N.C.O.'s and Specialists will continue to hold present ranks in present Units, and will NOT revert on enlistment.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE

Serial No. 40

ORDERS PART 1.

Nos. 1 to 11

BY

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16 AUG 42.

1. DUTIES. Brigade Duties will be supplied by 56 Aust Inf Bn on:-

17 Aug 42	- Field Offr.	Capt. W.D. Neil
20 Aug 42	- " "	Capt. J.R. Farrell

The following fatigue is to be added to the list of Brigade Duties published in B.R.O. 39 Para 1 -

4 O/H's to report to Officer in Charge of the Salvation Army Hut at 0830 hrs.

2. SECURITY - CENSORSHIP - It has been brought to notice that Troops are handing letters to civilians for posting. This is a breach of the Field Censorship Instructions as laid down in ASOs Chap 2 Sec 3. This is a serious offence, and disciplinary action will be taken in all cases against personnel contravening the censorship instructions.

3. MEDICAL PACs - Prophylactic Assistance Centres (Blue Light Depts) are established at 374 Wellington Street PERTH and 10 Elder Place, FREMANTLE (Immediately opposite Railway Station)

4. DRESS - ON LEAVE - 1. Whilst on leave, the following rules as to dress will be observed by ORs.

- (a) SD uniform, belt, boots, and hat turned up will be worn.
- (b) Gaiters will also be worn by all troops, except personnel of Cav units.
- (c) Caps SD will NOT be worn. They are intended for use whilst on duty
- (d) Colour patches will be worn where they are on issue.
- (e) Ties will NOT be worn.
- (f) All buttons of jacket will be fastened.
- (g) Personnel of Cav units will wear emu feathers in hats.

2. Troops will be instructed before leaving Camp, and any personnel not dressed as above, or whose clothing is slovenly, will be refused leave.

3. Provost & Picquets are directed to take immediate action in respect of personnel improperly dressed.

5. DRESS - "AUSTRALIA" SHOULDER TITLES. - All members of AIF whether serving with Citizen Force units or otherwise will wear "Australia" shoulder titles when in uniform. Officers accepted for service with AIF will wear "Australia" titles notwithstanding that they may not have been gazetted to AIF (LHQ A34044)

6. DRESS - COLOUR PATCHES - (a) In addition to the colour patches authorised by G.R.O.36, members of AIF who are serving with CMF units will wear a battle-grey background to the colour patch of the CMF unit. (LHQ Adm 35321)
(b) Officers applying for enlistment in AIF will NOT wear grey background to colour patches pursuant to GRO 168 (1) (k) until their applications are approved by GOC 3 Aust Corps under GRO 208 (4)

7. DISCIPLINE - OUT OF BOUNDS - CHEQUERS HOTEL, BULLSBROOK, is out of bounds to all troops except between 1830 hrs and 2100 hrs on week days.

8. VEHICLE MARKINGS - Names will NOT be painted on any vehicle on the strength of Units of 3 Aust Corps or WA L of C Area.

9. CANTEEN GLASSES - Numbers of pots and glasses are being removed from the Wet Canteen. These cannot be replaced owing to war shortages. If this practice continues, it will be necessary to close the Wet Canteen.

Men using the Canteen must realise that they themselves must police thieving of glasses and deal harshly with the few who jeopardise the interests of the many.

10. MEALS AT RESTAURANTS - Instances have occurred where Troops have partaken of meals at restaurants and refused to pay for same before leaving the premises. A very serious view is taken of this offence and all troops are warned that severe disciplinary action will be taken against those who commit this offence.

This being a civil offence, offenders are warned that they are liable to arrest by Civil Police and charge before a Civil Court.

11. SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS - All personnel are to be instructed to report sick immediately symptoms of illness become evident.

NOTICE.

There are at Bn H.Q. a number of money belts which have been found and handed in during the last six months. Anyone who lost a money belt in camp during the past six months should apply to Bn H.Q.

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Part 1.

Nos. 12 to 15

by

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20 AUG 42.

Comd. 56 AUST INF BN.

12. BRIGADE DUTIES:- Brigade Duties will mount at Retreat on 26 Aug 42.
Field Offr - Lieut F.L. MASON.
13. BATTALION DUTIES :- The following is the roster for Bn Duties and Orderly Offrs.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Coy</u>	<u>Ord. Offr.</u>
21 Aug 42	E(s) Coy	Lieut J.F. Day
22 Aug 42	A Coy	" K.J. McDonald
23 Aug 42	B "	" A.X. Cunningham
24 Aug 42	C "	" S.J. Braithwaite
25 Aug 42	D "	" H.G. Strong
26 Aug 42	E(s) Coy	" A.O. Curran
27 Aug 42	H.Q. "	" C.M. McClellan
28 Aug 42	B Coy	" B. J. BIRD
29 Aug 42	A "	" J.C. McDonald
30 Aug 42	C "	" J.F. Day
31 Aug 42	D "	" K.J. McDonald

14. C.O.'s ORDERLY ROOM. In future all personnel paraded to Bn H.Q. for C.O.'s orderly room must be in the possession of their pay book, which is to be handed in to the Pay Sergeant prior to trial.
15. DRESS ON LEAVE. - Many cases are occurring where men on leave are improperly dressed and are being charged by the Provost Coy. In future all ranks are to be carefully inspected, before being handed their leave pass.

CORRECT DRESS IS:

S.D. Uniform, web belt, boots, hat turned up.
Gaiters will also be worn by O/R's.
Caps S.D. will NOT be worn; this particularly applies to Transport personnel.
Colour patches must also be worn.
All buttons of jackets must be fastened.

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