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7 AUST DIV TNG POLICY, SEP 41 - MAR 42PART 1 - GENERALIntroduction

1. The following instn specifies the policy for tng 7 Aust Div for the next campaign, which may start in, if not before, Mar 42. The length of the period remaining available for preparation is indefinite, and the objects must therefore be achieved as quickly as other important considerations permit. (These considerations are indicated below).

Objects of tng

2. Taking into consideration the probable form of employment of 7 Aust Div in the next campaign, the objects of tng, in the period before Mar 42, are to ensure that all parts of the Div are ready to :-
- (a) operate, if required, in mob forces (with strength up to a bde gp) in delaying action or in offensive action against the enemy flanks or L of C;
 - (b) undertake the protracted defence of a fortress;
 - (c) operate, in their respective spheres, in the counter-attack (incl the immediate counter-attack by all reserves).
3. The Div may be engaged in such ops before all its parts have been trained in both roles, and it is therefore essential to ensure that those parts of the Div, which may be engaged in particular roles, have at least completed their appropriate form of tng before the campaign starts. The objects will therefore be approached in two stages as follows :-

First stage

- Object (a) - One inf bde and att tps.
- Object (b) - Two inf bdes and div tps (less those att and undertaking object (a)).

Second stage - Completing the tng of the Div in all roles, (A, B, & C).

Considerations affecting the attainment of the objects

4. 18 Aust Inf Bde has had recent experience in the protracted defence of a fortress, and apart from individual and minor collective tng, (both of a refresher nature), should need little further tng in this role. Conversely, it is desirable that this bde should undergo tng in mob ops. This requirement conforms in general with the proposed allotment of tps for TRIPOLI fortress, in which 18 Aust Inf Bde (possibly less one or two bns) would form the div res. For these reasons, 18 Aust Inf Bde and the requisite proportion of Div Tps will concentrate, in the first stage, on tng in delaying action and in offensive action against the enemy flanks or L of C.

5. The remainder of the Div (less 18 Aust Inf Bde) has had recent experience in mob ops in the Syrian campaign, which provides a valuable basis in preparing for the next campaign. This basis will be improved by imparting the lessons of that campaign that are applicable to the future. With certain exceptions (such as the development of junior leadership and the completion of individual small arms tng) individual and minor collective tng need be only of a refresher nature.

6. 7 Aust Div (less 18 Aust Inf Bde and att tps) has NOT however had war experience in static defence; and as the initial plan for the defence of TRIPOLI fortress envisages such employment of 21 and 25 Aust Inf Bdes, these inf bdes and the div tps (less those allotted for 18 Aust Inf Bde) will concentrate, in the first stage, on tng for protracted defence. In this form of tng, it is essential to imbue in all ranks the necessity for defending the outer zone of resistance AT ALL COSTS, and all comds will therefore train their tps to fight in the spirit of - "What we have, we hold!".

7. The urgent necessity for the speedy completion of the defence works of TRIPOLI fortress reduces the time available for tng; but as soon as the preliminary process of directing the tps on to the defence works is complete, the majority of the senior ofrs should be available to study on the ground the prospective roles of their formations and units. During this period the tps will be largely occupied in constructing defence works, **except** that formation and unit programmes should be arranged to admit the periodic relief of parts of units for individual and minor collective refresher tng.

8. Although the defence works must reach an advanced stage before the winter sets in, the remaining period of good weather (say till the end of Oct) must be used to make all practical progress in tng (para 3 above).

The wide scope of the subjects to be undertaken, in conjunction with the necessity for allowing Bdes and units sufficient time to apply instrn in those subjects to the tng of sub-units, will however preclude completing the initial tng (TESWT and skeleton exercises) before the end of 1941. Collective tng must therefore be undertaken and completed thereafter and before Mar 42.

Summary - Tng programme

9. For the foregoing reasons, 7 Aust Div (and Bdes and Div Tps in turn) will devote the time available for tng :-

- (a) Up to the end of 1941, to TESWT (incl comd and sigs exercises) refresher and individual tng and minor collective tng.
- (b) Jan - Mar 42, to collective tng of units and bdes, finishing the first stage (ie tng in own respective roles) by the end of Feb 42 and completing the second stage by the end of Mar 42.

10. 18, 21, and 25 Aust Inf Bdes, RAA, RAE, and Sigs 7 Aust Div and Comds Div Tps will submit outline programmes of tng in accordance with the foregoing policy before 30 Sep 41. This outline will include :-

- (a) The objects of tng in each part of available period.
- (b) Subjects and form of tng, and time allotted.
- (c) Special arrangements for relief of units or sub-units to permit work on the defences.

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PART 2 - SPECIAL DIRECTIONS

GENERAL.

1. 17-18-21-25 Aust Inf Bdes and all Div Tps will pay special attention to the following matters during the period of individual and minor collective tng (up to the end of 1941).

Enemy Propaganda.

2. It is essential to neutralise the effects of enemy propaganda, which is aimed at causing antagonism between the Army and the RAF. All comds will therefore take all appropriate action to instil into the minds of their tps that the offr and men of the RAF and RAAF discharge and have discharged their responsibilities and carry out their duties to the very limit of their capacity. In so doing, it is advisable to emphasise, that if the air force has been inadequate in previous campaigns, it is NO FAULT of individual members of that force, and that - particularly in GREECE - the RAF (small though it was) fought to extermination.

Morale - Enemy Air Activity.

3. It is also essential to make all tps realise that they may have to operate in future in the face of local and temporary enemy air superiority (this must be done of course in such a way as to indicate it as being a normal risk of war and in such a way as to raise rather than lower their morale.) In so doing, comds should also emphasise that the results of air attack, assessed in the number of personnel and material casualties sustained, is very much less real than apparent. Recent experience in GREECE and the Western Desert proves conclusively that the casualties inflicted by enemy air attacks is also negligible, provided that the tps act in accordance with the accepted and effective counter measures (see below). Tps should be taught NOT to RUN for shelter or better posns; nor should tps exceed speed limit. The moment either of these commences, the morale starts to be undermined. Lie flat on the ground or WALK a short distance for better cover if available.

Dispersion, Deception and Camflg.

4. (a) Bdes and units will study and practise a combination of dispersion, deception and camflg, as a means of reducing the results of enemy air attack particularly on vehs and defences. Movement in convoys must also be practised. Dispersion of vehs and personnel MUST become second nature. There is room for much improvement, in fact since recent ops, some units have neglected this tng absolutely.
(b) In the near future, a number of personnel, who have been trained at special camflg courses in JERUSALEM, will be available. All comds should make use of the services of these individuals, encouraging any new ideas, which should be introduced if satisfactory.

"Direct" Air Support.

5. 7 Aust Div proposes to introduce the study of "Direct Air Support" in the Div exercises to be conducted with and without tps. Comds 17-18-21-25 Aust Inf Bdes will similarly study this subject. Separate notes on this will be issued.

AC Tng.

6. 17-18-21-25 Aust Inf Bdes and all Div Tps will undergo AG tng under practical conditions, and will arrange periodical and increasing periods of wearing of the respirator.

Small Arms Tng.

7. It is essential for all units of all arms to complete small arms tng before the end of 1941; and all comds should aim at tng a very large proportion of their tps to use all weapons of all natures. Control of fire to economical ranges. "Every round fired to be effective" should be the standard aimed at.

Mountain Warfare Tng.

8. All units will train a nucleus of personnel to operate in mountain warfare conditions particularly in snow; and for this purpose will arrange for the instn of that nucleus in skiing and mountaineering. All ranks will be practised in hill climbing and in use of pack tpt.

Policy - Schools and Courses.

9. Policy in selecting personnel to attend schools and courses (for discussion).

SPECIAL DIRECTIONS - ARMS.

10. 7 Aust Cav will concentrate on tng in recce in hilly and difficult country and in delaying action in conjunction with small forces of other arms.
11. RAA 7 Aust Div will select a nucleus of offrns and senior NCOs for the purpose of raising inf A Tk Coys. (For discussion).
12. RAE 7 Aust Div will be fairly fully occupied in supervising the construction of defences; but will complete individual tng, particularly of reinforcement personnel, before the end of 1941.
13. Sigs 7 Aust Div will undertake tng in, and will assist inf bdes tng in:-
- (a) V/T (daylight lamp and heliograph).
 - (b) Bogus W/T traffic for purpose of deception.
 - (c) R/Tby comds and staff.

Wireless Security.

14. With ref to Sigs 7 Aust Div Cir "Wireless Security" to all offrns of Div Sigs dated 11 Sep 41, 17-18-21-25 Aust Inf Bdes, 7 Aust Cav, RAA, Sigs 7 Aust Div and 2/3 Aust MG Bn will report before 18 Oct 41 on the practical results of W/T security procedure introduced on 15 Sep 41. These reports will include outline infm under the following headings:-
- (a) Cases of W/T messages wrongly directed or seriously delayed.
 - (b) Delay directly attributable to necessity for enciphering W/T messages.
 - (c) Whether in the event of breakdown of line comms it will be possible to handle volume of cipher traffic on W/T.
 - (d) Whether a more convenient hour could be selected for changing frequencies, having due regard to security demands.

Discipline.

15. (a) Obedience by all ranks.
- (b) Behaviour of men.
- (c) Control by junior leaders.
- (d) Responsibility of COs.
To be discussed.

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LESSONS FROM THE SYRIAN CAMPAIGN.

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The recent campaign brought out many valuable lessons, the more important of which are dealt with below. Some of these have already been referred to in 7 Aust Div Cir G.100, but they are worth repeating.

1. LEADERSHIP

The ops showed once again the tremendous importance of a high standard of knowledge and leadership on the part of pl and sec comds. Junior leaders must have the complete confidence of their men and be able to get from them that extra effort that enables them to rise above physical fatigue at the crucial moment.

2. MORALE

Individual soldiers and, on a few occasions, offrs, repeated unreliable and untrue reports, which had a tendency to cause unsteadiness among the tps to whom these reports were given. The following are examples :

- (a) From a wounded man at the RAP - "All the men up there are killed or wounded," when in reality he was the only casualty.
- (b) "They are sniping the rd up there with arty and mortars and have already knocked out dozens of vehs," when the true posn was that not one bomb or shell had fallen within 400 yds of the rd and not one veh had been hit.

Such reports have a bad effect on morale and MUST be stamped out. Tps must be trained to ridicule them.

Tps must be trained to expect casualties in battle. They must also be trained so to conduct themselves in battle that they can keep themselves under control and be controlled as members of the unit by their leaders, thus avoiding unnecessary casualties.

It should be impressed on all tps that by giving false infm and spreading rumours they are doing what the enemy would have them do and may unintentionally cause the deaths of their own comrades.

3. INFM

- (a) Much valuable infm was obtained during ops, but often this infm took a long time to get back, even when comms were available. In some cases the delay was due to the time taken in enciphering and deciphering, but other delays occurred. It should be remembered that unnecessary use of ciphers overloads sig channels, wastes time, and may delay the transmission of infm so long that it is received too late to be acted upon. The test as to whether a message should be enciphered is - If sent in clear, will it be of any value to the enemy assuming that it falls into his hands?
Infm is of no value unless transmitted quickly.
- (b) The value of infm obtained from skilled inf observers, pushed well fwd, suggests that more tng and use of such observers are desirable.

4. CONCEALMENT AND CAMFLG

The most valuable asset in war - SURPRISE - can be achieved in defence as well as in attack. One of the best methods of achieving it is by making full use of concealment.

Fwd inf MUST be concealed.

In the recent campaign French concealment was excellent. It was noticed that where our tendency is to build up unnatural posts and then try to camflg them, the French disturbed natural cover as little as possible.

During the ops PWs made the following statements :

- "Australians always shoot standing up and expose a large target"
- "Australians always come and go when bringing up sups, etc., by the same route. Consequently they are watched for on the return trip."

5. PAD

Concealment from enemy ground tps is valueless without concealment from enemy aircraft. During the recent ops PAD measures were never at any stage good, neglect of them being probably induced by our comparative immunity from air attack.

No such immunity can be expected in future ops. Tng will therefore be directed to the following pts :

- Siting of HQs and posns generally.
- Use of alternative and dummy posns.
- Dispersion and camflg.
- Track discipline.
- Orgzn of the disposal of conspicuous waste and litter; e.g., tins, papers, bottles.

6. DEFENSIVE FIRE PLANS

The results obtained by the French amply illustrated the value of a carefully planned defensive fire system. Several reports mention, for example, the use of small cairns of stones as ranging marks and the effectiveness of the fire brought down when our tps reached these marks.

The advantage always to be derived from the careful siting of MGs and mortars is emphasised in this country by the nature of the terrain, which considerably restricts the natural approaches to any defensive posn.

7. FIRE DISCIPLINE TNG

In conjunction with good concealment and good defensive fire planning, the value of withholding fire - especially that of inf and A tk weapons - was illustrated on several occasions.

The advantage of withholding fire until it can be most effectively opened is obvious, but emphasis is laid on the fact that a very high standard of tng and discipline is necessary to achieve this result.

8. ALL - ROUND DEFENCE

The success of our outflanking movements illustrates the necessity for the orgzn of every posn in depth and for all round defence as well as the need to make adequate provision for the protection of flanks and pts of junction.

9. THE OFFENSIVE SPIRIT AGAINST TANKS

Though all ranks must realise that it is fatal to leave their posts to face advancing tanks in the open, tng will be directed towards imbuing them with the offensive spirit. The use of the ST bomb and A tk rifle grenade will be practised and tps will be taught that tanks are particularly vulnerable during the hrs of darkness, when they can often be stalked and destroyed. The use of the weapons referred to and of A tk guns pushed well fwd was exemplified on a number of occasions during the SYRIAN ops, and the siege of TOBRUK has provided many illustrations of bold and successful tank-hunting exploits.

10. THE IMMEDIATE COUNTER-ATTACK

The French provided a good lesson in this type of op by holding fwd posts very lightly during the arty barrage and initial inf attack, keeping main bodies back for immediate counter-attack before consolidation could be effected by our tps. The swift, controlled counter-attack is demoralising, and it is known that German tps are apt to be shaken by it.

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OUTLINE OF TNG - PERIOD ENDING 31 DEC 41

Fwded herewith is outline of tng to be carried out during the period ending 31 Dec 41.

This is subject to Div approval but this has already been notified in principle.

Further instns amplifying this outline will be issued shortly.

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TRAINING - 21 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE

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29 Sep 41

Ref 7 Aust Div No 8252/1/31 of 16 Sep 41, in accordance with para 11 of Appx A, the outline tng programme of this Bde for the period ending 31 Dec, as shown below, is fwded for approval.

2. It is not considered that the wiring and construction of defences (other than pill boxes which are to be erected under contract) can possibly be completed before the 3rd week in Oct. Until that time all personnel will be fully engaged in:

- (a) Building defences
- (b) Wiring
- (c) Improving tracks (a colossal task in this area)
- (d) Recco of areas fwd of defensive posns
- (e) Preparation of range cards and identification of targets.
- (f) Identification and marking of known and key ranges on the ground.

It will not be practicable to relieve units during this period and in view of the amount of work to be done in a short time it is unlikely that even sub units can be relieved for tng. The work upon which Bn personnel is now engaged is, of course, most valuable tng in itself.

3. Some time after 15 Oct it is understood that tps will return to winter quarters. When this occurs, tng will be undertaken as follows:

- (a) First period - from date of return to 30 Nov
 - (b) Second period - 1 to 31 Dec
- During the first period the objects of tng will be as under:
- (i) To train junior leaders
 - (ii) To improve the individual tng of reinfts
 - (iii) By means of refresher courses to improve the standard of NCOs and specialists in particular.
 - (iv) To complete S.A. Courses (these will continue into the second period until completed)

4. With these objects in view, tng will be on the following lines:

(a) Courses

- (i) Pl Comds Course - under Bde control (this will continue till 31 Dec each course lasting for 14 days)
- (ii) Cadre Classes under unit control for NCOs
Weapon tng
RFB for effrs on junior comds,
Specialist tng for pls of MG Coy incl convoy tng for MP drivers.

(b) Individual tng

- Primarily for reinfts and men not up to standard in
- Weapon tng
 - J.D., Indication and recognition of targets
 - S.A. Courses
 - Use of ground and cover
 - A.G. tng

5. During the second period, 1-31 Dec objects will be

- (i) To continue the tng of the junior leader in the practical field
- (ii) To coordinate the action of sub units
- (iii) To practice sub units in their immediate role.

5. These objects will be attained during this period by minor collective tng which will include Sec Stalks, recon and fighting patrols, Pl and Coy exercises in all elements of an aggressive defence incl night ops. AG tng will be carried on during this period also.

6. Att as Appx "A" is a schedule of TEsWT and Comd and Sig exercises which will be carried out concurrently with the above tng. There is considerable doubt as to whether it will be practicable to conduct the first fixture owing to the pressure of other work.

These exercises will be designed as the supplement of those already notified under Div control and will follow closely the lines indicated by the Div exercise.

In addition arrangements will be made for Bns to carry these exercises one step further as Bn TEsWT on corresponding lines.

Mountain warfare tng is not referred to especially as Bns are already gaining considerable experience in mvt with pack tpt through mountainous country. It is understood that Div will notify later the arrangements for tng in snow.

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PROGRAMME OF TEWTS & TNG EXERCISES PERIOD 1 OCT - 31 DEC 41

SERIAL NO	PERIOD	TYPE OF TNG	SUBJECT	ATTENDANCE	REMARKS
1.	Oct 2nd Week	TEWT	Study of approach and attack on B Sector TRIPOLI Fortress	Comds, Adjts and IOs of Bns, arty, engr & MG reps.	If time permits
2.	Oct 4th Week	TEWT	Delaying action North of TRIPOLI	ditto	
3.	Nov 4th Week	TEWT	Ops in defence of sectors A & B and employment of Div res in Fortress area	ditto plus A Tk rep	To follow on Div exercises
4.	Dec 3rd Week	Comd & Sig exercise	Delaying action and occupation of Fortress incl air cooperation	ditto	
5.	Jan 1st Week	Comd & Sig exercise	Defence of Fortress	ditto	

Bn TEWTS and exercises to follow on Pde Exercises making use of intervening weeks.

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WEEKLY REPORTS - WEEK ENDING 1 NOV 41.

1. RIFLE COYS. Work continued on defence of our subsector. Weapon pits, sec posts, wiring and camflgs constructed. CW and weapon tng.
2. HQ COY. Drifts and cut and cover excavations. Repairing tools. Erecting huts at FOL.
3. INT SEC. Sjt STIRLING inspected our subsector. Routine office work. Personnel attached coys reported with traces of coy disposns to date.
4. R.M.O. Evacuations for the week totalled 10, including 2 malaria. Visited all coys. Health of Bn generally good.

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WEEKLY REPORTS - WEEK ENDING 8 NOV 41.

1. RIFLE COYS. Further work on weapon pits, sec posts, wiring and camflge. A & C coys OCs recce new pl localities. CW tng. Tng syllabus as laid down.

2. HQ COY. Cut and cover shelters under construction. Pnr pl preparing unit winter quarters and 2/14 Bn Battle HQ.

3. INT SEC. QM and RMO shown layout of winter quarters. Visit from 7 Div Cipher offr. Sec handling photography within unit.

4. R.M.O. Visited all coys. Evacuations for the week totalled 22. Use of rd through 2/27 Bn area enabled RMO to visit sick parades of all coys three times a week.

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WEEKLY REPORTS - WEEK ENDING 15 NOV 41.

1. RIFLE COYS. Continued work on weapon pits and sec posts. Wiring and camflge was also carried out. CW tng, general tng and night tng as laid down by syllabus was covered. 8 pl and 14 pl commenced work in new areas.
2. HQ COY. Completed two (2) cut and cover shelters at 2/14 Bn Battle HQ. Moved to winter HQ. Specialist duties carried on throughout Bn.
3. INT SEC. Sjt STIRLING drafted to 7 Aust Div Spec Gp for 6 months. One member attached to advance party to winter quarters. IO returned from hospital. Move to winter quarters. Lieut POCHON and two ORs left on two day recce. Routine office work.
4. R.M.O. Capt DUFFY visited all coys and reported that the health of the troops is good. There were no cases of malaria within unit. Moved to winter HQ.

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WEEKLY REPORTS - WEEK ENDING 22 NOV 41.

1. RIFLE COYS. Improvement and strengthening weapon pits. Wiring and camflge continued. CW and night tng. B coy personnel at FOL returned. D coy HQs moved to new posn.
2. HQ COY. Mortar det constructing mortar pit and dug-out in D coy area. Hut dismantled on FOL. Repairing tools. Work on winter HQs.
3. INT SEC. Lieut POCHON and two ORs on two two-day rd recce. I sjt copied Bde trace of wire and minefields. Routine office work.
4. R.M.O. Visits to coys curtailed owing infirmity of RMO. RAP personnel distributed amongst coys. Evacuations for week totalled ten. There were two cases of malaria evacuated from this unit.

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WEEKLY REPORTS - WEEK ENDING 29 NOV 41.

1. RIFLE COYS. Further improving and strengthening of weapon pits. Wiring and camflge continued. Pill boxes under construction. 15 ORs, C coy, attached Bn HQ for gd duties. CW tng, general tng and night tng as laid down by syllabus carried out.
2. HQ COY. Pnr pl completed fittings for canteen at winter HQs. Erecting latrine frames and digging latrine pits at winter HQs. Specialist duties carried out.
3. INT SEC. IO attended Bde tewt with CO and Adj. NCO cadre given instn in map reading and field sketching. Visited 2/4 Fd Engr Coy re drainage of winter HQs. Routine office work.
4. R.M.O. RAP personnel still attached to coys. Evacuations for week totalled 20 including one case of known malaria. Capt DUFFY reported C coy has had far more cases of malaria than any other coy.

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17 Nov 41

NOTES ON DEFENCE NO 1

These notes on defence are issued for the guidance of Bns and in order to refresh the memories of offrs on certain important aspects of the work now being undertaken.

1. FDLs: The line of FDLs has now been determined and the main jobs are the construction of the posts and the linking up in a definite bn fire plan of the fire of each mutually supporting post.
2. ALL ROUND DEFENCE: There is no front - that is the cardinal principle to remember. Therefore inf must be prepared to fight in any direction. Applied to our present defensive area, this means that, except in the case of isolated small posts on cliff faces, each sec post and, where practicable, each pl locality must be an island of resistance capable of fighting on after elements of the enemy have gone past. Bn and Coy Comds must examine each sec and pl area to ensure that this principle is observed.
3. CAMOUFLAGE AND CONCEALMENT: Every effort must be made to conceal sec posts, fd whs etc from ground and air observation. Not only the works themselves but tracks leading to them must be concealed or so arranged as to mislead the enemy concerning the actual posn.
4. TRACKS: So many tps of various arms are working in our sector that tracks have appeared in all directions. Bn and Coy Comds must study possible tracks into sec and pl localities for use when active ops start. When the posts are fully and continuously manned, a rigid track discipline must be introduced and battle tracks not used until we are actually engaged.
5. ALTERNATIVE POSNS: Within sec and pl localities there must be alternative posns which can be used to:-
 - (a) deceive the enemy prior to an attack as to where we will actually fight;
 - (b) fight off attacks from any direction.
 In the siting of the posts within a locality however the primary task of the sec or pl must always be kept clearly in mind.
6. RES POSNS: In siting these, concealment and short but effective fds of fire are the things to aim at. Reverse slope posns are frequently desirable providing adequate OPs are available to give due warning of an enemy approach to the res area.
7. ISOLATED POSTS: These are necessary in some cases in our present sector. They must however conform to the following:-
 - (a) be strongly wired to prevent surprise;
 - (b) have in them sufficient men to:-
 - (i) fulfill their objective;
 - (ii) have a fighting chance;
 - (iii) afford adequate reliefs for sentries;
 - (iv) maintain the posts in good order.
 These restrictions do not apply to OPs maintained in daylight hours or listening posts pushed fwd at night. There is too great a tendency in the sector to establish "two-men" posts. They are seldom worth while. The reduction of a post below a sec strength is only desirable when:-
 - (a) a pillbox is available for portion and the remainder of the sec is required in fire trenches to cover blind spots;
 - (b) where the nature of the ground and the area to be watched renders such a course necessary.

/The disadvantages

The disadvantages of establishing posts below sec strength are:-

- (a) control is impracticable;
- (b) weak everywhere - strong nowhere;
- (c) pinched out easily;
- (d) loneliness (men must be trained to withstand this).

8. WIRE OBSTACLES: Wire is useless unless the bottom wire can be fired upon at short range by IMGs and rifles. No wire is to be erected until the trace has been pegged out on the ground and approved by bn comds. Normally defensive wire should be not more than 50/60 yds and not less than 40 yds from posts except in the case of the wire erected in front of an A Tk ditch to prevent close recce of the ditch. The bottom wire in all cases must be kept very close to the ground. In general our wire obstacles are to be double DA with triple concertina between. This latter is to be staked and wired to the DA fence.
9. A TK MINEFDS: All minefds laid must be capable of being covered by SA fire. In general, A Tk minefds will be placed in rear of the A Tk ditch but in special circumstances may be in front. In most instances A Tk minefds will be laid in 10 rows deep and each 10 yds apart. Tracks will be marked through the minefds, certain of them being reserved for use only when contact with the enemy is gained. For the time being, a wire fence will be run around minefds as a safety measure. The actual markings will be notified later.
10. ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES: These will be laid on probable approaches, in defensive wire and in other areas where it is likely the enemy inf may try to penetrate. They will also be employed around isolated posts and interspersed with A Tk mines to discourage the enemy from "debunking" the A Tk minefds.
11. BOOBY TRAPS: The motto here is "keep your hands on your weapons". If this is done men won't pick up the odd cigarette tin, soap, steel helmets, shaving soap tubes, toothbrushes etc which possibly are parts of booby traps. Booby traps cannot do any damage if left alone until they can be examined at leisure.
12. LIMITING ELEVATION: Means must be provided limiting the elevation of IMGs and rifles to overcome the tendency to fire high at night. Practice in firing from the hip is to be given.
13. HYGIENE: It is not sufficient to make a post in which men can fight. They have also to live in it and therefore attention must be directed to:-
 - (a) sleeping accommodation;
 - (b) drainage;
 - (c) sanitation.A sec post is not completed until these points have been attended to.
14. BUILDING UP INFM: A start must be made now on the compilation of essential infm and continue without ceasing. The main points are:-
 - NOW (a) close study of the ground in front of the FDLs, careful compilation of range cards, identification and marking of target areas;
 - LATER (b) close observation and notation of enemy shelling incl air bursts and a careful study of shelling map. This may be a guide to enemy intentions;
 - (c) note of enemy patrol activities - direction, strength, times etc - meals and how he brings them up - where are his weapons?

/15. RANGE CARDS

15. RANGE CARDS: Range cards must be prepared for each sec post and the tps who are to fight in each post must be made thoroughly familiar with their fds of fire, ranges, approaches etc.
16. ACTIVE DEFENCE: The only defence worth a damn is an aggressive one. The fact that we may be on the defence does not mean we sit down and do nothing. We must get and retain control of No Man's Land by active and constant patrolling. We must interfere with the progress of enemy fd works by harassing fire. We must carefully observe his movements and deal promptly with any recce parties he sends fwd. We must continue to improve our own defences so that when his main attack is launched we have the greater chance of withstanding it. Anything and everything which tends to:-
(a) secure infm about the enemy;
(b) prevent him securing infm about us, and
(c) keep him on the jump
must be done.
17. NO MAN'S LAND: This belongs to us by day and by night. It has always been the tradition of the AIF to reign supreme in No Man's Land. We now have the opportunity to learn it thoroughly and in our tng must exercise patrols in it.
18. INTERNAL PATROLS: A system of patrols to isolated posts and between sec and pl localities must be worked out now in readiness for active ops.
All patrols must vary their times of movement and, so far as is practicable, their routes.
19. NIGHT MOVEMENT AND OBSERVATION: This is just as vital a factor in tng for defences as it is for attack. Everyone, from comds downwards must participate. Every man in the bn who fights in the fwd area must do his turn in fwd posts and on patrols. Only in this way will he gain the necessary confidence and overcome the natural nervousness.
20. FIRE DISCIPLINE: All ranks must be taught to:-
(a) withhold fire until it is most effective;
(b) not to disclose posns by indiscriminate firing by day or by night;
(c) avoid waste of amm. It may be vital to the defence of the post;
(d) avoid indiscriminate firing at aircraft which are searching for the posns and not allow low flying MG attacks deter the defenders from dealing with attacking inf.
21. ALERTS - PRACTICE OF STAND TO: Regular Stand To at dusk and before first light must be insisted upon.
22. RELIEFS: Frequent reliefs are desirable prior to contact being gained so that as many men as possible become accustomed to the whole area. The procedure to be followed in the relief of fwd tps must be carefully designed and clearly set out in the appropriate orders, and also rehearsed prior to active ops commencing.
23. COUNTER ATTACKS: Our job is to hold our FDLs. There is no question of giving any of them up.
"WHAT WE HAVE WE HOLD"
If we are forced out in any one spot the local comd must act vigorously to recover the lost ground. Sec and pl comds must be exercised in the small immediate c/attack. Delivered quickly and by determined men who know what they want to do and do it, it has every chance of success.
Deliberate c/attacks by res coys and the res bn require careful planning and rehearsal and this will be undertaken later. The limiting factor of the minefds is one requiring most careful consideration and the tracks through these must be known to all concerned.

/24. RES OF AMN, FOOD AND WATER

24. RES OF AMN, FOOD AND WATER: When the scale of these is laid down for fwd localities, they must:-

- (a) be given the maximum protection;
- (b) turned over frequently in the case of food and water;
- (c) checked daily by pl comd and at frequent and irregular intervals by coy and bn comds.

Eric
 Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde

IV. NO MAN'S LAND: This belongs to us by day and by night. It has always been the tradition of the AIF to retain wireless in No Man's Land. We now have the opportunity to clear it thoroughly and in our own best interests to do so.

18. INTERNAL PATROLS: A system of patrols to be organized between each end of localities must be worked out now in readiness for active ops.

19. WIRELESS: This is just as vital a factor in the defence as it is for attack. Wireless is the only means of communication between the front and the rear. In this way will be gained the necessary confidence and co-operation of the natural nervousness.

20. WIRE DISCIPLINE: All ranks must be taught for:-
 (a) to hold the wire in the most effective manner;
 (b) not to disclose positions by inadvertent listening by day or by night;
 (c) avoid waste of wire. It may be vital to the defence of the post;
 (d) avoid indiscriminate listening of signals which are sent for the post and not allow low lying wire attacks to be detected by the enemy.

21. ADVERTS - FRONT OF STATE: Regular stands to be done and below that light must be maintained upon.

22. REMARKS: Frequent visits are desired in order to contact being gained so that as many men as possible become accustomed to the whole area. The procedure to be followed in the relief of the wire must be carefully designed and clearly set out in the appropriate orders, and also rehearsed prior to active ops commencing.

23. COURTYN PLACES: Our job is to hold our wire. There is no question of giving any of them up.
 "WHAT WE HAVE WE HOLD"
 If we are forced out in any one spot the local comd must not vigorously to recover the lost ground. For each pl comd must be exercised in the full knowledge of the wire. Delivered quickly and of determined men who know what they want to do and do it. It has every chance of success.
 Deliberate attacks by the enemy and the rear in require careful planning and rehearsal and this will be undertaken later. The taking of the wire in the rear is the most careful consideration in the whole of the wire and it is known to all concerned.

SECRET

H. Q. 2/14 BN. A.I.F.

S/3/41

2 Dec 41

RM/CLT.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn
1 Dec 41.

TRIPOLI DEFENCE AREA

WEEKLY REPORT

2/14 Bn. A.I.F.
WAR DIARY

Vol. Appx.

1. The weekly report directed to be submitted in instn of 19 Sept last is cancelled and the procedure is now as under.
2. PD Works progress Report submitted separately to Pn Offr.
3. A brief report as at 1200 hrs Sat to cover the following when applicable:-
 - (a) Night tng.
 - (b) Rations.
 - (c) Amenities and Sporting activities.
 - (d) Anything of a special or unusual nature.
 - (e) Special recess (if any).
 - (f) Any useful suggestions to help overcome difficulties (etc.

This report to reach Bn HQ by Monday each week.

4. The RMO will continue to report as previous.
5. The TO, QM and Chaplain will report on any points that will be of interest to the Unit and the War Diary.

G. Thompson

Lieut.
For Capt.
Adjut 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

Dist: All Coys, TO, QM, RMO,
Chaplain, E i/c, IO, CO,
Bde, War Diary (2).

War Diary

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

No 60

By

Lt Col GANNON, ED.

Commanding 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

1. LEAVE - PALESTINE.

Further to RO 59 para 2 -
(a) The following allocation has been made :-

Serial

No

3 To Haifa - one per coy - Total 5.

4 To JERUSALEM - Bn HQ one, two per coy - Total 11.
Vacancies exist for Officers as follows :-

3 To Haifa 2

4 To Jerusalem 2

Dates of departure to be notified later.

It is anticipated that Leave serial No 3 will start on approx
13 Nov and No 4 on 20 Nov 41.

(b) Dress: add - Messing gear will be carried; as a leave and
transit camp is established at ACRE where leave party will be
staged on journey to and from leave.

2. LEAVE - TRIPOLI.

Cases have occurred in this unit of men missing leave vehs
, and making appn to ASC for tpt back to unit lines. This will
cease forthwith. 2200 hrs is the time laid down for veh to leave
TRIPOLI on return journey. Any personnel not present will be reported
AWL by O i/c party immediately on returning to lines.

3. SECURITY - CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

The absolute necessity of taking all captured documents from
PsOW for use by the Int Branch must be brought to the notice of all
ranks.

The following extract from a GSI (ME) Int Summary is an
excellent example of this, having occurred recently in the WESTERN
DESERT :-

Four accurate identifications of German units were obtained
from two pieces of paper which, although torn in pieces, had been
saved from complete destruction by the action of a quick-witted
soldier. This is a good instance of most valuable information being
obtained for the use of the Army as a whole, through the initiative
of a member of our forces, (Corp Order 139).

4. AIF BOOK - ACTIVE SERVICE.

Sales of this book through existing channels will continue
indefinitely, although there is urgency for Christmas Gift orders.
It is desirable that orders for books required as Christmas gifts
be placed immediately. Further supplies of order forms may be obtained
from this HQ. (Corps Orders 195)

5. BOUNDS.

The village of MALAKA is placed out of bounds to all tps.
Adequate notices to this effect have been posted at the entrance
to the village, (Corps Order 200)

6. USE OF MOSQUITO NETS.

All ranks will continue the use of mosquito nets until
further ordered. (Div RO 555).

7. CANTEEN HOURS.

As from Friday 7 Nov canteen hours will be as follows :-
Company Orders - 0830 hrs - 1200 hrs.

CQMS's will give details of contemplated coy purchases at
least twelve hours prior to collection.

General Canteen Hours -

1200 hrs - 1330 hrs 1630 hrs - 1700 hrs
1800 hrs - 2000 hrs.

SECURITY CAMERAS IN TRIPOLI AREA.

A developing and printing service has been arranged as follows:-

- (a) All films for developing will be collected at Coy HQ and fwded to Intelligence Office. After films have been developed they will be censored and returned to owners.
- (b) Sufficient cash to cover charge by photographer must be fwded with films. List of charges is set out below.

Developing of the films.		Printing of the negatives.	
328	10 P S.	328	5 P S.
127	15 P S.	127	6 P S.
120-620	20 P S.	120-620	8 P S.
116-616	20 P S.	116-616	10 P S.

Enlarging of the negatives.

120-620	15 P S.
Post card	35 P S.
13x18	75 P S.
18x24	100 P S.

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PERSONNEL EVACUATED FROM UNIT.

All previous instns relating to the personal Equipment and kit of evacuated personnel are hereby cancelled.

From the 2 Nov 41 the following procedure will operate :-

Personnel evacuated from the unit will take ALL ITEMS ON ISSUE TO HIM, EXCEPT. AMMUNITION AND 2 BLANKETS.

PICQUETS - TRIPOLI.

BRO 58 is amended to read as follows :-

- 10 Nov to be detailed from C Coy.
- 13 Nov to be detailed from A Coy.

W. J. Thompson *Lieut*
for Capt
Adjnt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

AIF (ME) OFFRS' SHOP - TRIPOLI BRANCH.

With the approval of DOS AIF (ME), a branch of the AIF (ME) Offrs' Shop is now operating in TRIPOLI. Address : EL MINA rd opposite the Italian Hospital.

Hours of Business -

- Daily - 0900 hrs to 1230 hrs and 1400 hrs to 1730 hrs
- Sundays - 1400 hrs to 1730 hrs.

Price lists are being prepared and will be distributed to units when available.

AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND.

The following comforts have been received and distributed to companies as follows :-

Coy	Socks woollen	Cigarettes	Handkerchiefs	
A	129 prs	252 pkts	252	
B	98 "	182 "	182	
C	105 "	204 "	204	
D	168 "	336 "	336	
HQ	102 "	194 "	194	
BHQ	68 "	124 "	124	
BEch	168 "	332 "	332	

W/paper & envelopes
Distributed to
coys.

NOTICES (Cont).

3. CANTEEN PURCHASES ON SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ACCOUNT.

Vanilla essence	bots	24	£S	43.20
Ideal Milk	tins	192		57.60
Jelly Crystals	lbs	72		54.00
Coffee	tins	48		52.80
Custard powder	lbs	112		56.00
Curry "	lbs	56		44.80
Cornflour	lbs	56		25.20
Flour	lbs	125		18.75
Sugar	lbs	420		63.00
Jam	tins	12		28.80
Containers				25.55

469.70

Less credit note 10.80

£S 458.90 = £P 51.957

Canteen purchases on supplementary ration account have been issued to Coys as follows :-

		A	B	C	D	HQ	BHQ	B Ech	Balance in QM store
Milk.	tins	16	12	13	19	12	8	18	94
Vanilla essence	bots	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
Jelly crystals	tins	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	-
Coffee	tins	4	4	4	4	2	2	4	24
Custard powder	tins	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	8
Corn flour	tins	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	-
Curry powder	tins	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	-
Jam	tins								12
Flour	bags								5
Sugar	"								6

4. CINEMA TRIPOLI.

The following programmes will be shown at the picture theatres available to troops of this Bde :-

ROXY.

"Balalaiki"	Nov 3	-	Nov 9
"G Men"	" 10	-	" 12
"I take this Women"	" 13	-	" 16
"Blackmail"	" 17	-	" 19
"Pack up your troubles"	" 20	-	" 23

EMPIRE.

"She's dangerous"	Nov 7	-	Nov 10
"Fiance of frankenstine"	" 11	-	" 13
"Love before breakfast"	" 14	-	" 17
"The return of the sheik"	" 18	-	" 20

PART B

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATION OF RANK

VX15274 A/WO II MOTT M.L. D Coy Rank of WO II Confirmed 10/10/41

DETACHED FOR DUTY

VX48745 Pte BROWN F.E. B Coy To transit Camp ACRE 2/11/41
 VX52762 Pte STINGELL H. B " do " "
 VX22341 Pte LIVINGSTONE A.P. HQ Coy do " "
 VX41816 Pte CLARK W.A. " do " "
 VX14681 Lieut SCHULTZ A.L. D " To Bde Pl Comds Course Inst
 VX44823 Pte BROWN W. D " do Batman 3/11/41

FIELD PUNISHMENT CENTRE - Committed to

VX13874 Pte THOMAS H. A Coy Committed to 1 Aust Corps F P
 VX13875 Pte MATHEWS R.E. " Centre to serve sentence 6/11/41
 VX17273 Pte ADAMS J.H. B " " "
 VX17613 Pte HAMILTON R. B " " "

FIELD PUNISHMENT CENTRE - Discharged from

VX21324 Pte MILLAR F.G. C " 1. Aust Corps FP Centre at 5/11/41
 VX16499 Pte SHAW C. B " completion of sentence "

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

VX16833 Pte SMITH L.L. C Coy Evac to Hosp 30/10/41
 VX15531 Pte EGERTON W.D. B " " "
 VX15196 Pte HUNTER A.W. D " " "
 TX5303 Pte MAMMOND H.J. A " " "
 VX46026 Lieut ARUNDEL R.E. HQ " " 2/11/41
 VX15549 Pte McDONALD B.A. B " " 3/11/41
 VX17589 Pte JONES J.H. B " " "
 VX13966 Lieut HUTCHISON I. A " " "
 VX21688 Pte SNELL F.E. D " " 4/11/41
 VX43210 Pte MAYBERRY R.J. HQ " " "
 VX32152 Pte ANDERSON D.T. HQ " " "
 VX42018 Pte HALL J.J. HQ " " "
 VX46703 Pte CARTER W.E. A " " 5/ 11/41
 VX44858 Pte YOUL H.G. B " " 4/11/41
 VX15459 Cpl SCHOLES D. A " " "
 VX52064 Pte MURPHY D.L. A " " "
 VX22089 Pte JOBE E.J. A " " "
 VX23199 Pte RANSOM L.F. D " " "

REJOINED UNIT

VX15637 Capt BUCKLER S.H. BHQ From 7 Aust Div Admin Course 1/11/41
 VX14033 Lieut THOMPSON C.L. A Coy do " "
 VX46659 Lieut JAMES V.F. HQ " do " "
 VX14598 Lieut BUTLER C.G.D. A " No 2 Cse Fd Wks Non Eng Sh 2/11/41
 VX14681 Lieut SCHULTZ A.L. D " SA Sch
 VX44823 Pte BROWN W. D " From Duty Btmn "
 VX14608 Pte CONWAY A. BHQ " " 1/11/41

SCHOOLS & COURSES.

VX17821 A/Cpl BEAR L.A. A Coy Attending AIF (ME Inf Sch, No 4
 Course Pl Weapons from 2/11/41
 VX16157 L/Sjt YOUNG N.H. B " Attending METS Inf Tact Cse Jnr
 leaders wing from 3/11/41
 VX14272 Sjt RAINBY D.W. HQ " Attending Bde Pl Comds Sch "
 VX15282 Sjt ARNOLD J.E. A " do "
 VX15269 Sjt THOMPSON R.V. B " do "
 VX15655 A/Sjt OSBORNE W.J. C do "
 VX44616 Cpl KOLB G.L. D " do "
 VX24285 Cpl MacDONALD H.E.R. A " do "
 VX39187 Lieut BODDINGTON W.G. C " do "
 VX16944 Sjt CLARKE D.R. HQ " Attending AIF (ME) Inf Sch No 2
 CSM Course 6/11/41
 VX46509 Maj EVANS J.G. BHQ Attended ME Combined Tng Centre
 from 20/10/41
 VX15637 Capt BUCKLER S.H. BHQ Attended 7 Aust Div Admin Cse.
 VX14033 Lieut THOMPSON C.L. A do 27.10.41
 VX46659 Lieut JAMES V.F. HQ do "
 VX14106 Lieut McGAVIN A.S.D.J. D Attending AIF (ME) SME No 3 Cse Fd
 Works wing from 3.11.41

PART B (Cont)

SCHOOLS & COURSES (Cont)

VX21199 Lieut S.Y. BISSET D Coy Attending AIF(ME) Int Sch 7/11/41

STRENGTH TAKEN ON

VX15193	Pte	INMAN	L.W.	B Coy	From 1 Aust Cprps Rest	Cmp	31/10/41
VX44784	"	BATH	C.E.	C	From Hosp		31/10/41
VX50929	"	SHANAHAN	M.E.	C	"	"	"
VX46942	"	MILLWARD	A.	HQ	"	"	1/11/41
VX46299	"	BROWN	J.W.	C	"	"	"
VX50643	"	ROYALS	J.	D.	"	"	"
VX24285	Cpl	MacDonald	H.E.R.	A	"	"	30/10/41
VX46056	Pte	ANDERSON	J.T.	C	"	"	"
VX30644	Pte	VAVJEMESKI	A.J.	C	"	"	"
VX38613	Pte	SPINKS	R.J.	C	"	"	"
VX28905	Pte	RANDALL	E.F.	B	From 21 ITB Reinf		3/11/41
VX51336	Pte	THOMAS	S.R.	HQ	"	"	"
VX27476	Pte	TORODE	H.J.	HQ	"	"	"
VX56758	Pte	BARTLETT	W.B.	B	"	"	"
VX59257	Pte	BUTLER	J.K.	HQ	"	"	"
VX48168	Pte	MAYES	R.	B	"	"	"
VX52057	Pte	HILL	T.G.	C	"	"	"
VX54007	Pte	HODGSON	S.H.	B	"	"	"
VX57185	Pte	KEATH	D.W.	A	"	"	"
VX44408	Pte	MAYES	R.D.	HQ	"	"	"
TX5332	Pte	O'HALLORAN	K.J.	B	"	"	"
VX57474	Pte	OWEN	C.C.	A	"	"	"
VX33451	Pte	PATTON	G.C.	HQ	"	"	"
VX51765	Pte	PERRY	J.	D	"	"	"
VX22157	Pte	EDEN	W.G.	HQ	"	"	"
VX15340	Pte	MURPHY	A.J.	D	"	"	"
VX22622	Pte	MacEWAN	D.L.	HQ	"	"	"
QX9503	Pte	McCANN	J.	A	"	"	"
VX15276	Pte	PARISH	T.C.	D	"	"	"
VX15348	A/Cpl	SMITH	C.H.	B	"	"	"
VX26258	Pte	SILVER	E.P.	A	"	"	"
VX17090	Pte	WURLOD	R.	A	"	"	"
VX14968	Pte	WATSON	D.W.	C	"	"	"
VX19146	Pte	WILSON	W.A.	B	"	"	"
VX15267	Pte	BENTLEY	H.	C	"	"	"
VX17136	Pte	AVENT	E.V.	A	"	"	"
VX28164	Pte	BELL	J.H.	B	"	"	"
VX17488	Pte	CARLSON	B.F.	C	"	"	"
VX16945	Pte	COOK	L.	B	"	"	"
VX17365	Pte	BALL	R.A.	C	"	Hosp	5/11/41
VX17786	Cpl	IRWIN	W.H.	D	"	"	"
VX47267	Pte	HAPPER	J.C.	HQ	"	"	"
TX5303	Pte	HAMMOND	H.J.	A	"	"	"
VX52237	Pte	CAREW	J.	C	"	"	"
TX5296	Pte	REYNOLDS	A.K.	A	"	"	"
VX37986	Pte	MISSION	A.S.	D	"	"	7/11/41
VX44776	Pte	CAMPBELL	K.L.	C	"	"	"
VX13099	Sjt	LOVEDAY	J.	BHQ	"	AAMC Tng Wing	3/11/41
PX 18	Sjt	BEHARRELL	J.	BHQ	"	7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	"

REJOINED UNIT (Cont)

VX18815 WOII TAAFE E.J.M. HQ " From AIF ME No 1 CSM Csc "

VX14647 Sjt DOUGHERTY R.H. B do "

TRADE GROUPING

VX29963 Pte MONEY C.W. HQ " Graded Gp II Sig 11.10.41

VX43315 Pte COLE I.W. HQ " do "

VX19170 Pte O'SULLIVAN J.P. HQ " do "

TRANSFER.

VX16183 Pte MASON S.B. HQ " To 2/6 Aust Inf Bn 5/11/41

VX19139 Pte KINGSBURY B.S. A " To HQ Coy 7/11/41

VX44986 Pte MCKENDRICK L. A " do "

VX14496 Pte WHITE E.E. B " do "

VX43312 Pte TRUSCOTT R.G. B " do "

VX15544 Pte BENTLEY A. C " do "

VX48858 Pte VONT. H.J. BHQ " B Coy "

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HQ 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
13 Nov 41.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

No 61

by

-Col W.F. CANNON, ED.

Commanding 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

SALE OF ARMY STORES

Reports are still being received of the sale of Army stores particularly blankets, petrol and foodstuffs.

Two local inhabitants - one a Christian and the other a Moslem - recently commented on this practice; and as both are citizens of standing and possibly represent the views of a large percentage of the community, their comments are illuminating.

The Christian said, "The practice is so widespread that it must be connived at by the authorities - as a form of propaganda acceptable to the poorer classes it is excellent, thinking people, however, are disgusted by it".

The Moslem said, "How can an Army so loosely organised as to permit this, win the war".

These two statements should bring home to all ranks the realisation of the tremendous loss of prestige that this practice constitutes to the AIF.

It is evident that many soldiers do not realise that almost all Army Stores have to be brought to the ME, from factories in Great Britain or Australia by sea. Imagine the feelings of the factory workers who make our supplies, or the sailors who risk their lives to carry them, if they knew that these supplies, on arrival were being disposed of by their own countrymen, for their own personal and dishonest gain.

BRITISH Ps.O.W.-INSTRUCTIONS ON CAPTURE..

Coy Comds will ensure that all men of their Coys are reminded once monthly that, if captured by the enemy, the only information they are obliged to give is their number, name and rank. No further information of any nature will be given.

(CORPS RO 212)

M.T. ACCIDENTS AND ROAD DISCIPLINE.

The long period of dry weather prior to the rains breeds over confidence in Drivers and lead to carelessness in road discipline.

With the early onset of the rainy season all drivers of M.T. transports will therefore examine the standard of their own driving most carefully.

Most accidents are caused by excessive speed, and a wet road, which is often greasy as well, increases the possibility of an accident occurring.

This is borne out by W.D. records.

Therefore driving on wet roads will be carefully watched.

The following points will be particularly noted:-

- (i) Never travel too close on the tail of the vehicle ahead.
- (ii) Never brake suddenly on a greasy road.
- (iii) Never park your vehicle on an unmacadamized road verge - it may collapse down the wadi-side.
- (iv) Never overtake an oncoming vehicle at high speed. Slow down and keep to your right hand side, taking care not to run on the earthen verge except in emergency. If in doubt halt.
- (v) Never halt your vehicle on a 'blind' corner.

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- (vi) Never cut your corners when rounding a bend.
- (vii) Never drive faster than a speed which will enable you to stop in the road distance visible ahead.
- (viii) Never Reverse unless you are sure the road is clear in rear.

In districts where snow and frosts occur the following additional precautions will be taken:-

- (i) When driving on snow or ice covered roads the following will be fitted to the vehicle.
 - 4 wheeled vehicles - chains non-skid on the rear wheels.
 - 6 wheeled vehicles - chains overall on the wheels of the 2 rear axles.
- (ii) When overtaking other vehicles avoid untrodden snow on the side of the road as much as possible, harmless looking snow may cover quite a deep ditch or dangerous slope.
- (iii) When descending or climbing a hill, choose a suitable gear which avoids the necessity to brake suddenly (when descending) or to change 'down' suddenly (when climbing). These are the points at which skidding and wheel spin occur.
- (iv) Vehicles will not be parked on a hill. If you park off the road in virgin snow you may get 'ditched', if you park on the road you will obstruct other drivers hill climb or cause descending traffic to brake.
(CORPS RO 214)

4. PERSONNEL EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL - MESS GEAR

All personnel evacuated to hospital will be in possession of messing gear, including knife, fork and spoon.

(DIV RO 564)

5. ABUSE OF SIGNAL INSTRUMENTS.

Considerable inconvenience and breakdowns in communications are occurring as the result of tampering with sig eqpt by inexperienced persons. Only sig personnel with the necessary technical qualifications will make any adjustments whatsoever to sig instruments.

(DIV RO 566)

6. STRETCHERS, AMBULANCE - STORAGE

In certain fwd areas Stretchers, Ambulance, are being rendered useless by shrinkage of canvas which occurs when stretchers in a damp condition are kept folded.

Stretchers, Ambulance, that are subject to a damp atmosphere will be kept extended.

(DIV RO 573)

7. OUT OF BOUNDS RAYAK is out of bounds to all ranks on leave.

8. SHOWERS. The Hot Showers at ZGHORTA will be used as under.

MONDAY (each week):-

0830 to 1030 - H.Q. Coy.
1030 to 1200 - "B" Echelon.
1400 to 1600 - B Coy & BN H.Q.

If any other Coy desires to use these Hot Showers, advise this H.Q. on Friday of each week for allocation of Bathing time.

9. LEAVE TRIPOLI. Ref RO 51 - Leave Roster is continued as follows:-

Nov. 20	C Coy.	Dec. 5	A Coy.
" 23	Bn. HQ & HQ Coy.	" 8	C Coy.
" 26	B Coy.	" 11	Bn HQ & HQ Coy.
" 29	D Coy.	" 14	B Coy.
Dec 2	HQ Coy.	" 17	D Coy.

10. DAILY ROUTINE. For the present time Reveille on Sunday will be 0700 hrs and Breakfast 0745 hrs.

*C. L. Thompson Lieut
for Capt.*

Adjutant 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

BY

BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS DSO.ED.
COMD 21 AUST INF BDE

AIF Orders which reached us today contain the following awards for actions during the SYRIAN Campaign:-
(2/14 Aust Inf Bn)

Military Cross

VX 14660 Lieut P J KYFFIN

Military Medal

VX 23597 Pte L D DEELEY
VX 15513 " G F HENDERSON

I offer my sincere congratulations. In each instance the decoration was well earned by splendid work.

My only regret is that the equally fine work of many other offrs, NCOs and men has, at yet, gone unrewarded.

Signed: J E S STEVENS, Brig.
Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde.
11 Nov 41.

NOTICES

AMENITIES.

CRICKET.

2/14 Bn defeated 25 Bde HQ by 5 wickets. This match developed into a race against time. 19 runs were required to win with only 8 minutes left to play.

FOOTBALL.

"B" Coy 14-13 defeated "D" Coy 5-2. The game was much more even than the scores indicate. Goalkickers "B" Coy Ptes Davies D.T. 5, Smith C.H. 4, Lieut Bissett T.H. 2, Pte Anderson 1. "D" Coy Ptes Morris 2, Douglas 1, Hobbs 1, Mc Allister 1.

"C" Coy 8-10 defeated "A" Coy 7-13. This exciting match was played in a fairly strong breeze. Scores were level at $\frac{1}{2}$ time. After a very closely contested

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last the honours of which must go to "A" Coy who were kickin g into the wind, "C" Coy won by the narrow margin of 3 points.

Goalkickers "C" Coy A Payne 4, H Curr 2, N Miller 1, R Murphy 1, "A" Coy H S Norton 2, L D Smith 1, D Ward 1, J A Mac Donald 1, A Boyle 1, N Wheeler 1.

It is pleasing to note that both matches were played in fine spirit, the day being voted by the participants as the best days sport since arrival in the ME.

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Adjutant R/14 East Inf Bn

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY
BY
BRIGADIER J E S STEVENS DSO ED.
COMD 21 INF BDE

The Orders which reached us today contain the following awards for actions during the SYDNEY Campaign:-
(21st Army Inf Bn)

Military Cross

VX 1460 Lt Col P J KIPPIN

Military Medal

VX 2587 Pte J D BIRNEY
VX 18813 " S F HARRISON

I offer my sincere congratulations. In each instance the decoration was well earned by splendid work.

My only regret is that the equally fine work of many other officers, NCOs and men has, as yet, gone unrecorded.

Signed: J E S STEVENS, Brig.
Comd 21 Army Inf Bde.
11 Nov 41.

NOTICES

AMMUNITIES

CRICKET

21st Bn defeated 22 Bde HQ by 5 wickets. This match developed into a race against time. 19 runs were required to win with only 8 minutes left to play.

FOOTBALL

"E" Coy 14-13 defeated "D" Coy 5-2. The game was much more even than the scores indicate. Goalkickers "B" Coy Ptes Davies D.T. 5, Smith C.H. 4, Lieut Blissett T.H. 2, Pte Anderson 1. "D" Coy Ptes Morris 2, Douglas 1, Hobbs 1, Ho Allister 1.

"C" Coy 8-10 defeated "A" Coy 7-3. This exciting match was played in a fairly strong breeze. Scores were level at 7 times. After a very closely contested

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PART B.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATION OF RANK

VX35238	Pte	DEBUS G. McL.	C Coy	Promoted to	A/Cpl	27.9.41
VX19179	Pte	TUCKER L.C.J.	C "	do		22.10.41

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

VX46305	Pte	McNAMARA	A.H.	D	Coy Evac to Hosp	7/11/41
VX13026	Pte	STRACHAN	S.G.	D	" "	"
VX15528	A/Cpl	JEFFREY	J.N.	B	" "	6/11/41
TX5334	Pte	MOFFATT	J.	A	" "	8/11/41
VX13469	Pte	SMITH	W.J.	HQ	" "	7/11/41
VX16212	Pte	LEASK	E.N.	HQ	" "	"
VX33540	PTE	DENNIS	G.A.	C	" "	"
VX21065	Pte	LUND	F.S.	C	" "	"
VX15282	Sjt	ARNOLD	J.L.	A	" "	8/11/41
VX44806	Pte	CARLAND	E.A.	C	" "	10/11/41
VX19508	Pte	EGAN	J.J.	A	" "	"
VX23389	Pte	SMITH	C.H.	A	" "	9/11/41
VX13293	Pte	FOGARTY	K.	HQ	" "	10/11/41
VX19184	Pte	WILLIAMS	F.J.	A.	" "	11/11/41
VX36306	Pte	HOLT	D.	D	" "	"
VX20818	Pte	BROOKSBY	J.	C	" "	"
VX24412	Pte	McGAVIN	P.E.	D	" "	"
VX22341	Pte	LIVINGSTON	A.P.	HQ	" "	"
VX14161	Pte	O'SHANNASSY	S.A.	B	" "	"

SCHOOLS & COURSES.

VX13637	Capt	BUCKLER	S.H.	BHQ	Attending AIF(ME) Jnr Staff School	8/11/41
VX15489	Lieut	TREACY	M.A.	B	do No 7 Course Mortar Wing AIF (ME) Inf Sch	12/11/41
VX6043	Pte	EDWARDS	A.A.	HQ	do 7 Recovery Sec Eqpt Repairers School	10/11/41

STRENGTH TAKEN ON

VX13026	Pte	STRACHAN	S.G.	D	" From Hosp	8/11/41
VX16934	Sjt	BUXTON	D.R.	B	" "	"
VX15549	Pte	McDONALD	B.A.	HQ	" "	9/11/41
VX23729	A/Cpl	FOREMAN	P.E.	C	" "	8/11/41
VX31923	Pte	RICHARDS	J.W.	C.	" "	"
VX13213	Pte	TEMPLETON	R.	HQ	" "	"
VX32152	Pte	ANDERSON	D.T.L	A	" "	10/11/41
VX15196	Pte	HUNTER	A.W.	D	" "	10/11/41
VX16143	Pte	WALLER	L.L.	C	" "	"
VX16505	Pte	NAGEL	A.E.	C	" "	11/11/41

TRANSFERS

VX40293	Pte	HAY	R.F.	BHQ	To Cipher Sec Int Corps att 7 Aust Div	8/11/41
VX45923	Pte	ROYLE	L.C.	A	do	"
VX17616	Sjt	STIRLING	J.	BHQ	To 7 Aust Div Spec Section	10/11/41
VX14097	Lieut	G.O. O'DAY		A	To 21 Aust Inf Tng Bn	"
VX15284	Pte	ARGALL	A.E.	A	do	"
VX16187	Pte	BONNYMAN	W.	HQ	To I Aust Corps Sigs	"
VX14608	Pte	CONWAY	A.	BHQ	" To B Coy	"
VX13275	S/Sjt	NORRIS	S.R.	A	" To HQ Coy	"

STRENGTH TAKEN ON (Cont)

VX27315	Pte	FIELD	H.V.	HQ	From 1 Aust Corps Amn Park	"
VX13019	Pte	BOLTON	T.A.	D	" From 6 Aust Div Cav Regt	"

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War Diary

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
No. 62.

Col W.G. CANNON, ED.

by

Commanding 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

Q 3.

1. EVACUATION OF ARMS, EQPT AND KIT - SICK AND WOUNDED

- (a) The following procedure will be strictly adhered to when personnel are evacuated sick or wounded from a unit:-
- (b) The undermentioned items will NOT be evacuated with the casualty but will be retained by the unit:-

Blankets
Sheets, ground
Mosquito nets
Ammunition (see para f)

The above mentioned eqpt, etc, withdrawn from personnel evacuated will be returned periodically by CQM's to QM.

- (c) The undermentioned items will be evacuated with the casualty:-

Arms on personal issue
Eqpt, complete
Respirator AG and Helmet Steel
Clothing
Necessaries
Kit bag (when held in the unit)

- (d) Except as laid down in para f, the undermentioned items will be withdrawn by fd ambs at the MDS and returned to DADOS regularly every week:-

Rifles, complete with oil-bottles and pull-throughs.
Eqpt, except packs.

- (e) When a casualty is evacuated from the MDS all items, except those withdrawn at the MDS, will be evacuated with him.
- (f) Personnel evacuated with VD will take arms, amn and full eqpt with them to the special hospitals.

(7 AUST DIV ADM CIR) ; ;

2. MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES (WHEELED) (Army GO 28)

The attention of coys is drawn to the pamphlet entitled "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled)" which has been distributed to coys.

The "Task System" of veh maintenance as authorised in this pamphlet will be brought into use forthwith.

(7 AUST DIV RO 595)

3. UNAUTHORISED USE OF TRANSPORT

- (a) Army GO 29 is repeated for attention. It is observed that vehs outside forward areas are proceeding on journeys singly and in convoy without Work Tickets, and often without authority. Attention is drawn to Section 9 in "Standing Orders for Drivers of Mechanical Vehicles (Wheeled) and Motor Cyclists," and also to the following extracts from section 1 of "Rules for the Control and Use of War Department Road Transport, 1940".

"Every driver of a WD vehicle and every soldier driver (including ATS) of a hired veh carrying out any task service must be in possession of a Work Ticket (AF G 3518) to cover the service on which his or her veh is engaged.

The above Standing Orders will be strictly complied with everywhere except forward areas; and also apply to vehs returning from these areas to the DELTA. Such areas will be laid down by Comd's from time to time as requisite".

- (b) Until further orders, all vehs of units under comd 7 Aust Div will require work tickets at all times.
(7 AUST DIV RO 596)

4. LOSSES OF PETROL - (Army GO 30)

- (a) The losses of petrol often amount to as much as 30% when moved by road. It is clear that all ranks must realise the vital necessity for doing everything possible to correct this state of affairs.
- (b) The following rules will, therefore, be strictly observed:-
- (i) The use of dunnage for packing POL consignments for despatch by road will become a standard practice.
 - (ii) All damage received with consignments will be carefully preserved, in petrol carrying lorries, either for use with onward despatches, or for bundling and return to units from which sups of POL are normally drawn.
 - (iii) The loading and unloading of all POL consignments will be carried out in a manner which precludes standing upon the POL containers. Lorries will be loaded from the fore-end of the veh towards the rear, for this reason.
 - (iv) POL containers will be carefully handled out of trucks. They will not be thrown out.
 - (v) Immediately on arrival at destination all tins will be examined for leakage. The amount lost on arrival may be round 5% but if the tins are left till morning, a loss of 30% may occur. Tins should be soldered at once if a tinsmith is available. Failing this they should be emptied into other receptacles. ORs not qualified as tinsmiths will not solder filled tins. Leakage may also be lessened by turning the tin upside down or on one side.
 - (vi) Lorries containing POL will be driven slowly and carefully over bad roads; the object being to get the maximum amount of Petrol to destination and NOT to get to destination in the shortest time.
 - (vii) Disciplinary action will be taken in every case where the above orders are not complied with.

(7 AUST DIV RO 597)

5. TOOLS FOR OPENING PET TINS - (extract Army GO 31)

It is essential that the cutting edges of the tool are kept sharp so that the tops of 4-gal tins are pierced cleanly and are not buckled.

Recently a number of these tools locally manufactured have been issued with blunt cutting edges. Immediately steps will be taken to ensure that all tools of this description now in service are suitably sharpened in order to avoid unnecessary damage when tins are opened.

(7 AUST DIV RO 598)

6. CONSUMPTION OF PORK

Owing to the prevalence of tape worm infestation in SYRIA, the consumption of local pork, which is the most common source of the disease, is prohibited in all units under cond 7 Aust Div.

It is particularly desired to draw the attention of all messes etc to this fact at present, as it is thought that many instances may have arisen where this commodity would otherwise be included as part of "Christmas fare".

(7 AUST DIV RO 602)

7. EATING UTENSILS

All personnel, incl offrs, when staging at 7 Aust Div Reception Camp will be in possession of their eating utensils.

(7 AUST DIV RO 603)

8. EQUIPMENT FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS (ME GO 1164)

Patients are arriving at hospitals without respirators AG and helmets stool.

Units will ensure that sick and wounded are at all times in possession of these two items.

(7 AUST DIV RO 590)

9. AIRMAIL LETTERCARDS - MISUSE OF (ME GO 1169)

Air Mail Letter Cards will not be used for intra-MEF communications. Unit censors will return misused cards to senders, and thus stop the waste of these cards which are costly to produce and limited in quantity.

(7 AUST DIV RO 591)

10. DANGEROUS ARTICLES IN POST AND ELS (ME GO 1171)

Instances have occurred in which live grenades and other dangerous articles have been despatched in mail bags, thereby causing possible unnecessary danger to life and property. In no circumstances will any such articles be included in postal or Express Letter mail bags.

Contravention of this Order will incur severe disciplinary action.

(7 AUST DIV RO 592)

11. INVENTIONS

Offrs and NCOs are to be ENCOURAGED to put fwd suggestions and ideas which could improve existing or future eqpt, or overcome difficulties now being met. Two immediate needs are:-

(a) A method of getting AFVs over an A Tk minefield laid in depth and covered by fire.

(b) An apparatus to produce realistic air targets for use when tng riflemen and LM gns in AA action.

Any suggestions which might help, no matter how novel, should be fwded to this HQ through the usual channels.

(7 AUST DIV RO 580)

12. CONTROL OF ITINERANT PHOTOGRAPHERS

Itinerant photographers have been observed plying their trade in the vicinity of camps, gun sites, and defence works in 7 Aust Div area.

All Ranks will:-

- (a) Prohibit the entry of itinerant photographers to camps.
 - (b) Discourage all such photographers from approaching gun sites or defence works.
 - (c) Realise the dangers of uncontrolled photography of defence works by civilians.
- (21 DE RO 34)

13. WEEKLY WEARING OF RESPIRATORS

Respirators shall NOT be worn in public in towns in PALESTINE or SYRIA. Other instns referring to weekly wearing of respirators stand.

(21 DE RO 34)

14. MEDAL RIBBONS

Medal Ribbons (in the form of a brooch) will be worn by all troops in M.E.F. when in shirt sleeves (including bush shirts). In future, immediate awards will be presented personally by Army, Force, Corps or Divisional Commanders and on such occasions an initial free issue of Medal Ribbon mounted on a brooch will be made. These will be held by D.A.D.'s O.S. of Formations.

(AUST IMP. FORCE ORDERS 770)

15. CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS

A specially designed Air Mail Letter Card is being issued about the end of November for the purpose of Christmas and New Year greetings from our troops to the people at home.

The cover of the special card will bear a pictorial design illustrative of the Middle East surroundings, with the following message below. "Greetings from the Australian Forces, Middle East-Christmas-New Year-1941/42"

The special card will be a free issue to all ranks on the basis of three per head. They will replace one of the present weekly issues of ordinary cards.

Posting of the special cards in time for delivery in Australia before Christmas should be made, at the very latest, so as to reach Australian Base Post Office, Middle East, on or before 9th. December 41. Later postings should of course reach Australia in time for New Year delivery.

(AUST IMP. FORCE ORDERS 775)

16. APPNS FOR TRANSFER

Under no circumstances will appns for transfer be acceptable unless made in the required manner and through the correct channels.

Remember- To transfer out it is necessary to get approval first from Bn HQ.

17. PERSONNEL REPORTING "IN" AND "OUT"

The movement of all personnel In and Out of the unit must be notified to this HQ. Personnel returning from Schools and Courses, FC Amb., Rest Camps etc must report in to Bn HQ.

18. CASUALTIES SUFFERING FROM MALARIA

Please advise this HQ by 1800 hrs 24 Nov, the names of all personnel who have had Malaria.

8. LEAVE PALESTINE.

The following allocation is made.

<u>Leave Serial.</u>	<u>Commencing Date</u>	<u>Nominations to Bn HQ by.</u>	<u>Allocation.</u>
No 5 to TEL-AVIV	27 Nov.	24 Nov.	5 Offrs; and 2 ORs per rifle coy. 4 ORs for HQ coy incl (B Echelon. 1 OR for Bn HQ. 1 OR Reserved. <u>Total: 5 Offrs 14 ORs.</u>
No 6 to HAIFA	4 Dec	1 Dec	2 Offrs; 1 OR per coy. <u>Total: 2 Offrs 5 ORs.</u>
No 7 to JERUSALEM	11 Dec	8 Dec	2 Offrs; and 2 ORs per rifle Coy. 3 ORs for HQ coy incl (B Echelon. 2 ORs for Bn HQ

The senior member of each party is responsible for handing the nominal roll to OC convoy.

- (a) PERIOD. Leave will be for nine days including travelling time.
- (b) DRESS. Hats and forage caps, service dress, boots, gaiters or puttees, web belt. Steel helmet and respirator will be carried.
- (c) MEDICAL. PACs have been established in HAIFA, TEL-AVIV and JERUSALEM. Tps proceeding on leave will be informed of this and the usual issues made.
- (d) LEAVE PASSES. Leave passes will be issued by this HQ.
- (e) PAY. Further information will be published later; but-
All personnel must have at least £10 Aust. in their pay books.
- (f) RATIONS & MESSING. Unexpired portion of the day's ration will be carried by all personnel for outward journey. For return journey, rations will be supplied under Div arrangements. Personnel MUST carry personal mess gear.
- (g) ACCOMMODATION & TARIFF ARRANGEMENTS.
HAIFA.
 - (i) Officers: Accommodation has been arranged for offrs at the Hotel APPINGER. The tariff is £1 (PAL) per day. This charge is inclusive. Offrs who wish to take advantage of this arrangement are only committed for one day at a time.
 - (ii) Serjeants: Arrangements have been made for sjts to stay at the LONDON AND KINGS Hotels. They will be accommodated two to a room. The tariff is 150 mils per night for bed and early morning cup of tea. Breakfast is available at 75 mils.
 - (iii) Troops: Accommodation has been arranged for tps at the LONDON and KINGS Hotels. The Tariff charges are the same as for Sjts. The tps sleep from 3 to 5 beds to a room.

- (iv) On arrival, the OC Convoy will report to the DAPM and submit a Nominal Roll. The DAPM will arrange for guidance to the LONDON and KINGS Hotels. The RV for departure will be Hotel LONDON on each successive Friday at a time to be arranged by OC Convoy.

TEL-AVIV.

- (i) Offrs & Sjts: Accommodation has been arranged for offrs and sjts at the Hotel IMPERIAL. The tariff charges are 350 mils for bed and breakfast, and 800 mils per day for full board. These charges are inclusive. Offrs and sjts are only committed for one day at a time.
- (ii) Troops: Accommodation has been arranged for tps at the following Hotels:-

GARDEN	35	
COMMERCIAL	55	
ORIENT	30	
ESHEL	30	TOTAL: 150 ORs.

The tariff charges are 125 mils per night for bed and early morning cup of tea. Breakfast if required, will cost 75 mils.

- (iii) On arrival, OC Convoy will report to Hotel GARDEN where a guide will be supplied to guide leave party to COMMERCIAL, ORIENT, ESHEL and IMPERIAL Hotels. The OC Convoy will later report to DAPM and submit nominal roll. The RV for departure will be at the Hotel GARDEN on each successive FRIDAY at a time to be arranged by OC Convoy. The convey for return will pick up tps at their respective Hotels and take them to the Hotel GARDEN for departure.

JERUSALEM

- (i) Offrs & Sjts: Accommodation has been arranged for offrs and sjts at the Australian Soldiers Club (Hotel FAST). The tariff charges are: Offrs - 600 mils per day; sjts - 350 mils per day; for full board.
- (ii) Troops: The following arrangements have been made for accommodation of tps.

Leave & Transit Camp ALLENBY BARRACKS	50 ORs	
Hotel PALATINE	75 ORs	
		<u>125 ORs</u>

The tariff charges for tps will be 300 mils per day for full board, for those staying at the Hotel PALATINE. Accommodation and meals are free to those staying at Leave and Transit Camp ALLENBY BARRACKS.

- (iii) On arrival, OC Convoy will report to Australian Soldier's Club where he will be guided to the Hotel PALATINE. He will also report to DAPM and submit nominal roll. DAPM will supply a guide to the Leave and Transit Camp ALLENBY BARRACKS. The RV for departure will be at the Australian Soldier's Club on each successive Friday at a time to be arranged by OC Convoy.

(H) RETURN JOURNEY. The returning leave parties from each of the respective towns will proceed to the Leave Camp where they will stage the night, proceeding to 7 Aust Div Reception Camp the following Day.

(i) DISCIPLINE. The senior offr of the party going to each town will be responsible for the discipline on fwd and return journeys, and for embussing and debussing tps. He will ensure that all tps know of the time of departure for the return journey and of the embussing point. An appeal is to be made to all tps by comds to "play the game", preserve good discipline, and be punctilious about their dress.

(j) ALL PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS ARE CANCELLED.

20. ENEMY AGENTS.

All ranks will report any suspicious or unusual occurrence, to their HQ as quickly as possible.

21. CAPTURED EQPT.

All ranks are to be again impressed with the importance of sending back ALL captured eqpt and documents.

C. L. Thompson. Lieut.
For Capt.
Adjutant 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

AMENITIES.

The following comforts have been received from the Australian Comforts Fund:-

Tobacco	1 oz pkts	814
Cigarette Papers	"	814
Razor Blades	"	814
Writing Paper	pkts	8
Envelopes	boxes	4

distributed as under:-

	<u>Tobacco</u>	<u>Cig Papers</u>	<u>Razor Blades</u>
A Coy	115 Pkts	115 Pkts	115 pkts
B Coy	100 "	100 "	100 "
C Coy	102 "	102 "	102 "
D Coy	155 "	155 "	155 "
HQ Coy	116 "	116 "	116 "
Bn HQ	83 "	83 "	83 "
B Echelon	125 "	125 "	125 "
Cadre	17 "	17 "	17 "

Writing Paper and envelopes distributed to Coys.

FOOTBALL

2/14 Aust Inf Bn 18 - 16,
Defeated
2/27 Aust Inf Bn 10 - 8.

The 2/14 Bn team was particularly even. Sjt Millar was one of the best players.

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FOOTBALL (contd)

B Coy 7 - 8,
Defeated
A Coy 3 - 7.

OFFICERS' SHOP BEIRUT - OFFICERS' ORDERS, TRENCH COATS AND
KHAKI CLOTH.

The Officers' Shop BEIRUT now has the trench coats and khaki cloth ordered previously by certain offrs of 7 Aust Div.

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APPOINTMENTS PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATION
OF ACTG RANK

VX16378	Pte	RUMFF	A.G.	C	Coy	Promoted to A/Cpl	13.9.41
VX8257	Pte	ROBERTS	E.H.	C	"	do	7.10.41
VX28396	Pte	ELLERY	S.C.	B	"	do	21.10.41

DETACHED FOR DUTY

VX14093	Lieut	A TRELOAR	To 21 Aust Inf Bde as LO				17.11.41
VX14666	Capt	G.J. WRIGHT	To HQ 7 Aust Div				18.11.41
VX28905	Pte	RANDALL	E.F.	do			"

FIELD PUNISHMENT

VX46927	Pte	McCAFFERTY	D.J.	A Coy	To 1 Aust Corpd Fd	22.11.41
VX23191	Pte	BRITTAIN	R.	"	Punishment Centre	"
VX47168	Pte	ARLOW	H.R.	"	do	"
VX25367	Pte	HANLON	M.J.	C	"	"
VX40899	Pte	TYLEY	H.N.	"	do	"

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

VX54009	Pte	LEASK	I.G.	B	Coy	Evac to Hosp	12.11.41
VX43776	Pte	GOVAN	R.	C	do		13.11.41
VX16199	Pte	HUNTER	R.V.	B	do		"
VX17786	Cpl	IRWIN	W.H.	D	do		"
VX51965	Pte	PERRY	J.	D	do		"
VX21068	Pte	GAYWOOD	R.	D	do		"
VX23168	Pte	KING	K.	D	do		"
VX44408	Pte	MAYES	H.D.	HQ	do		14.11.41
VX19146	Pte	WILSON	W.A.	B	do		"
VX50733	Pte	OLIVER	A.E.	C	do		"
VX50668	Pte	CAMPBELL	J.C.	A	do		12.11.41
VX24485	Pte	FYFE	H. G.	HQ	do		14.11.41
VX41739	Pte	LAWRENCE	F.E.	BHQ	do		15.11.41
VX16401	Pte	SAVIGE	T.A.	C	do		"
VX17708	Pte	MERRY	W.T.	C	do		"
VX17375	Pte	BALL	R.A.	C	do		"
VX24722	Pte	BELLAMY	E.	HQ	do		16.11.41
VX25914	Pte	WILKINSON	J.N.	HQ	do		18.11.41
VX15783	Pte	EATON	S.V.	C	do		19.11.41
VX43312	Pte	TRUSCOTT	R.G.	HQ	do		"
VX16509	Pte	McAULIFFE	E.J.	B	do		13.10.41
VX22318	Pte	SIMPSON	W.	C	do		20.11.41
VX52057	Pte	HILL	T.G.	C	do		"
VX5208	Pte	BLAIR	L.A.	A	do		"
VX15652	Pte	LYNCH	J.A.	BHQ	do		21.11.41
VX13576	Pte	GRIFFIN	C.C.	A	do		"
VX45512	Pte	LOWE	E.A.	HQ	do		"
VX43210	Pte	MAYBERRY	R.J.	HQ	do		"

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VX39187	Lieut	W.G. BODDINGTON	C Coy	From Bde	Pl Comds	Sch	15.11.41
VX15655	A/Sjt	OSBORNE	W.J.	C Coy	do		15.11.41
VX14272	Sjt	RAINEY	D.W.	HQ	do	"	
VX15269	Sjt	THOMPSON	R.V.	B	do	"	
VX44616	Cpl	KOLB	G.L.	D	do	"	
VX24285	Cpl	MACDONALD	H.E.R.	A	do	"	
VX25122	Sjt	KEYS	F.J.	HQ	From Cooking School		16.11.41
VX14030	Lieut	R.W.C. CAMERON	C		From METS No 11 Course		18.11.41
VX16157	L/Sjt	YOUNG	N.H.	B	From METS		18.11.41
138737	Pte	MATTHEWS	R.E.	Q	From 1 Aust Corps Fd Punishment Centre		20.11.41

SCHOOLS & COURSES

QX4175	Pte	LYONS	H.M.	HQ Coy	Attending Water Duties Course from		16.11.41
VX15226	Sjt	PRYOR	T.G.	D	Attending METS from	"	
VX41559	Pte	ARMSTRONG	C.A.	BHQ	Attending AASC Clerical Course from		18.11.41

STRENGTH TAKEN ON

VX22576	Pte	BROWN	R.P.	C Coy	From Hosp		13.11.41
VX17589	Pte	JONES	J.E.	B	do		14.11.41
VX4069	Cpl	STEPHENSON	I.R.	C	do	"	
VX43032	Lieut	A.S. POCHON		BHQ	do	"	
VX19184	Pte	WILLIAMS	F.J.	A	do		15.11.41
VX50795	Pte	THOMPSON	D.A.	A.	do	"	
VX15514	Pte	SWAYN	G.I.	B	do	"	
VX51448	Pte	ALLEN	P.H.	C	do	"	
VX43377	Capt	W.H. ARTHUR		B	From 21 ITB	"	
VX14093	Lieut	A. TRELOAR			do	"	
VX14657	Lieut	J.G. FARMER		D	do	"	
VX44086	Pte	CARLTON	D.G.	HQ	do	"	
VX16026	Pte	FULLER	E.C.	HQ	From Corps Rest Camp	"	
VX42018	Pte	HALL	J.J.	HQ	From Hosp		16.11.41
VX13864	Pte	CARROLL	A.J.C.	HQ	From HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	"	
VX15531	Pte	EGERTON	W.D.	B	From Corps Rest Camp	"	
VX47235	Pte	VIAL	E.G.	HQ	do	"	
VX27883	Pte	MORRIS	M.P.	HQ	do	"	
VX23389	Pte	SMITH	D.H.	A	do	"	
VX16212	Pte	LEASK	E.N.	HQ	From Hosp	"	
VX16141	Pte	O'SHANNASSY	S.	B.	do		18.11.41
VX18083	Pte	PULLYN	A.	D.	do		19.11.41
VX17355	Pte	BALL	R.A.	C	do		20.11.41
VX46928	Pte	BERRY	T.	C	do	"	
VX22089	Pte	JOBE	E.J.	A	do	"	

TRANSFERS

VX41513	Pte	NORWOOD	E.R.	BHQ	To D Coy		12.11.41
VX17136	Pte	AVENT	A.V.	A	To 2nd Echelon AIF (ME)		13.11.41
VX16472	Pte	CLIMIE	R.J.	A	To 1 AGH	"	
VX21073	Pte	MURPHY	M.J.	A	To HQ Coy		14.11.41
VX23338	Pte	RIDDELL	D.B.	HQ	to B Coy		18.11.41
VX15392	A/C/Sjt	STEVENS	S.	HQ	To 21 ITB		20.11.41
VX35793	Pte	ROSS	R.	A	To HQ Coy	"	

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