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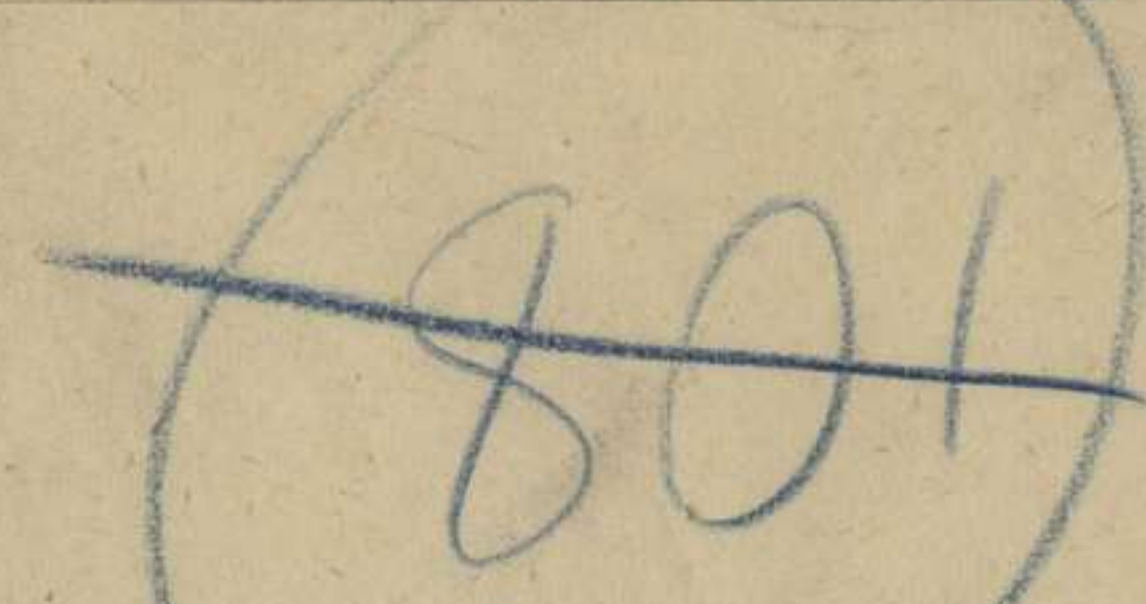

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AKURESSA	1	<p>Today a detachment of volunteers from each Coy began training as G(R) Personnel. This training will be carried out largely within the unit and at present the trainees are in the capable hands of Capt Dunkley.</p> <p>This day is the anniversary of the fall of Crete when so many members of the old Bn fell into the hands of the Germans. To look back on those dark days of only a year ago and then turn towards the future, we must admit that our prospects appear infinitely brighter and there are many indications that those who are now Prisoners of War in Germany, may, before very long, be restored to us again.</p> <p>The C.O Lt Col Guinn left for seven ^{four} days leave last night and Major Crawford, OC HQ Coy, is acting in his stead during his absence.</p>		
"	2	<p>Training of auxiliary signal personnel in the Coys has begun and at present two from each Coy have been selected for training. Later on it is hoped to train more, and this will provide against a shortage of trained signal personnel in case of emergency.</p> <p>Heavy rain fell throughout the day and in the evening a severe storm arose, wind uprooted many trees and the torrential rain that fell caused the river to rise to an alarming degree.</p>		
"	3	<p>The river rose so high during the night and spread over such an expanse of country that large sheets of water cover the roads between some of our companies, cutting them off. This Bn is the only unit of the Bde that has communication by road to Galle, the Matara road being blocked in several places. Large slices of Paddy fields with the growing rice forming large green floating islands sailed past in the current of the stream during the day and were some indication of the damage done to native crops further up the river. If no further rain falls in the next day or so the water will be again at a reasonable level by then.</p> <p>It was quite a common sight to see a D.R dressed only in swimming tights and carrying only his satchel.</p>		Signature <i>J. P. Guinn Lt Col</i>

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AKURESSA	4	<p>Further heavy rain fell during the day but it has been most gratifying for the troops to discover that the "Kadjan" huts are sufficiently waterproof to shield them from a watery deluge such as that experienced in the past few days. The only unfortunates were members of a Pl of D.Coy in whose instance when the water was thwarted in its attempt to enter from above, it successfully issued from underneath giving all concerned a practical experience of moving through water with full gear and equipment.</p> <p>The C.O Lt Col Guinn returned from leave tonight.</p>		
"	5	<p>The exercise which was scheduled to take place today had to be cancelled owing to the flooded condition of the road over which the two companies taking part had to operate.</p> <p>A further product of the handicraft of the Pioneer Pl was in evidence at Bn H Q this afternoon when a two wheeled trailer constructed from bicycle frames and fitted with a stretcher was demonstrated. This trailer can be attached to a bicycle thus making possible a much speedier evacuation of casualties, while with the stretcher removed a most useful conveyance is provided for the bicycle platoon to transport rations and weapons.</p> <p>During the afternoon one Pl of D.Coy carried out an inter section contest in the construction of bamboo rafts approx 14' X 8' and capable of carrying 10 men. With bamboo cut to length required, one section was able to complete this task in 7 minutes.</p>	APPENDICES 1, 2 & 3,	
"	6	<p>C.Coy which has been situated at Lake Koggala carrying out the construction and camouflaging of "pens" for Catalina aircraft, has now rejoined the Bn. Prior to their departure from the Lake a message was delivered personally to them by the C.O Koggala Air Station in which he stated that the Air Vice Marshall had visited the area, which was the largest flying boat base in the Empire, and was delighted with the amount and quality of the work done.</p> <p>A conference of Coy Comds was held during the afternoon when preparations for the forthcoming exercises were discussed.</p>		

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AKURESSA	6	(contd) The 2 i/c Major Brock returned from leave to-night and apparently enjoyed the short respite earned after conducting the recent school in Jungle Warfare.		
"	7	A conference of the various officers acting as umpires in the forthcoming exercises, was held this morning when the Chief Umpires Majs BROCK and CRAWFORD gave instructions regarding the conducting of the exercise.		
"	8	The exercise which was postponed last week on account of the flooded conditions was held today when the participants were A and D Coys with dets of carriers and mortars and a skeleton Bn HQ operating with each coy. Both coys crossed their respective start lines at 0900 hrs with A Coy operating from WELIGAMA towards AKURESSA via KAMBURUPITIYA and D Coy advancing in the opposite direction from AKURESSA. Progress was unimpeded for both sides except for heavy rain, until A Coy sighted four of the opposite Coys scouts at 1110 hrs necessitating very careful progress thereafter. D Coy had taken up a defensive position in the vicinity of HALIELA Tank and while awaiting the "enemy" found that the leeches did not approve of their presence there and many were the victims to these bloodsucking creatures. However at 1225 A Coy's first bicycle section came into the clutches of D's previously prepared ambush after which full scale operations commenced. Both sides made use of carriers and mortars and A although suffering very heavy casualties were finally successful in causing their opponents to withdraw. The exercise ended at 1605 hrs when the troops returned to their respective camp areas.	APPENDICES 4+5	
"	9	During the morning the officers acting as umpires in yesterday's exercise met together to reconstruct the events of yesterday with a view to bringing to light weaknesses and other points evident, so that remedies could be suggested for future occasions. After these meetings a conference was held in the C.O.'s office of the umpires and Coy Comds taking part, when all the weaknesses and lessons learnt were discussed.	APPENDIX 6	

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AKURESSA	9 (contd)	D Coy proceeded by truck to the GALLE Fort to relieve a coy of 2/5 AUST INF BN which was proceeding on exercises.		
	10	B Coy under Capt CARSTAIRS in the absence of Maj Mc CALLUM and C Coy with dets of carriers and mortars and a skeleton Bn HQ to operate with C Coy moved to the same area as the previous exercise. On this occasion the attacking role was undertaken by B Coy while C Coy carried out a defensive action. First contact was made at 1200 hrs when B Coy commenced a frontal attack, with an encirclement by one pl. The frontal attack was unsuccessful but C Coy withdrew the first pl giving B Coy the initiative which they quickly followed up by pushing forward and regaining contact. The encircling pl carried out an excellent movement coming out on the area decided upon and wiping out C Coys HQ, then quickly reforming they pushed into the rear of C Coys forward troops giving assistance to B Coy troops who were attacking at this time. It was then about 1600 hrs and the two coys whose casualties were scattered over a large area reformed about one and a half miles apart in the bivouac areas for the night. During the night active patrolling was to be maintained in order that both forces could gather information by which a dawn attack could be launched.		
"	11	In the second day of the exercise B moved into the attack early using pls on the flank which quickly dealt with C Coys pls as they moved forward to reinforce a standing patrol placed there during the night. C Coy then withdrew to positions in depth along the road. B Coy pressing on made contact and sent two pls as encircling forces, one in a wide deep movement and the other in a shorter move local encirclement. The remaining pl plus Coy HQ and mortars moved along the road maintaining a steady progress on C Coy. C Coys forward pl was placed in ambush positions with another pl in rear, but owing to noise and movement by these people B Coys scouts quickly realised the position and passed the word back. B Coy then commenced infiltration by groups in order to hold the road and at the same time neutralise the ambush.	APPENDIX 7	

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AKURESSA	11 (contd)	<p>The encircling force with the shorter movement came in behind the second pl of C Coy and fighting commenced. This situation continued for some time and again the coys were organised. The exercise ended with the return of troops to Coy lines. Many valuable lessons were obvious and at a discussion held later in the C.O.'s office, Maj BROCK, the chief umpire, commended the excellent work of 2 Sgts acting as pl comds. They were Sgt CAHIR of B Coy and Sgt WORLE of C Coy. Points of admin and tactics were also dicussed and Coys instructed to move platoons to area of exercise and re-enact particular phases where weakness had been observed during the exercise itself.</p>		
"	12	<p>The C.O visited A, B, & C Coys giving lectures on the recently completed exercise and pointing out lessons which could be learnt therefrom, especially with regard to stealth in movement.</p> <p>D. Coy returned from Galle to-night after an absence of two days carrying out guard and picquet duties in that town.</p> <p>A periodical list of honours and awards has just reached the unit and it is pleasing to note that a number of members from this unit are included therein. A list of awards to the Bn are attached as an appendix.</p>	APPENDIX 8	
"	13	<p>The C.O visited the remainder of the Coys thus completing the lectures which he has been delivering on the two exercises held during the week.</p> <p>Owing to the incidence of Malaria & Dengue fever, sickness of the troops on this Island is causing grave concern. It is pleasing to note however that this Bn has the lowest sick rate of any unit and has caused senior Medical Officers to enquire how this has been achieved. Credit for this goes to our R.M.O Capt Gibson who has established his own 6 bed hospital at Bn.H.Q and is constantly at work inspecting the hygiene arrangements, the Camp area and native cafes in the area.</p>		

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AKURESSA	14	Bn HQ was galvanised into action this morning when without warning the N.C.O's were instructed to tell the troops to pack all gear and be prepared to move within 30 minutes. At a subsequent inspection of the huts it was amazing the quantity of material which various people in the heat of the moment ^{found} that they could do without, and although it must be stated that everybody was ready and fully equipped in the appointed time. A similar practice move has now been carried out throughout the whole Bn.	APPENDIX 9	
	15	At 1330 hrs today the Bn left in convoy for a bivouac area in the KAMBUPITIYA area. A south westerly route was followed with D Coy in vanguard followed by Bn HQ, B, C, HQ coys and B Ech, whilst A Coy joined the convoy at MATARA. On arrival at the Bivouac area troops debussed, vehicles moving to dispersal areas excepting A Ech vehicles which moved with the coys. Rafting material was also carried and was to move with the coys during the night as the "stunt" was to be a river crossing for the whole Bn. The C.O. gave orders to a recce party in which each coy was represented by an officer and coy "I" men in addition to the acting I.O. and an "I" man. This party moved with the protection of a cycle pl from D Coy while the object of the recce was to reconnoitre the river banks in the area laid down for suitable launching and crossing places. The cycle pl twice took wrong roads and as a result, the recce party arrived late at the river bank. A recce was carried out in the fast failing light of dusk. When the party arrived back Four enemy were seen on the opposite bank and several shots were fired by them at the party which had been split into groups. When the party arrived back, the recce commander reported to the C.O. who gave orders to the O Group. The exercise was simply (a) approach march to the river.- (b) river crossing (c) exploitation to rd junction thus securing a bound from which in a bigger plan the ^{could} Bn launch further attacks giving flank protection to a lateral Bde movement. In the commencement of the approach march B Coy moved into D Coy's column owing to a large break between D's platoons. C Coy moved on northern road parallel to the Bn movement giving flank protection.		

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AKURESSA	15 (contd)	<p>Assembly areas for the construction of rafting was decided on, and the Bn pushed on, A Ech vehicles with no lights while a large area of paddy was traversed.</p>		
	16	<p>By this time the midnight hour had been passed and owing to either to a misunderstanding of orders or bad liason between coys, B Coy pushed on into D Coy's area, A Coy following hard on B Coy's heels. This meant that those coys had men, vehicles and rafting materials in a area some 200 yds or less and within a similar distance of the river bank. Noise of the vehicles backing and turning, rafting material being unloaded and carried, orders and counter orders, made this part of the exercise very confused and unreal. After some time the situation steadied down and the position was :- D Coy in their launching area preparing rafts, B Coy doing the same and A Coy on the road waiting with rafting materials for B Coy to cross the river. C Coy had by this time waited until they considered the Bn had crossed the river and moved down to the area of the road junction until stopped. As dawn was not far off coys who had not crossed were marched to bridge, crossed same, and carried out the exploitation phase of the exercise. About 0900 hrs breakfast arrived and an hour later ASC transport arrived and the Bn moved in convoy back to KAMBURUPITIYA bivouac area.</p> <p>A message was received about midday giving the opening situation for a Bde exercise in which this Bn acting in its mobile ^{role} was given the task of securing intact the bridge at AMBALANTOTA. The bridge was being held by an enemy force supplied by 2/6 Bn. The Bn moved in convoy and reached Beliatra at 1615 hrs. Troops under command were 52 Bty, 2/2 Fd Regt, A Tp 1st Aust A/Tk Regt, 9 Sect 2/8 Fd Coy & A. Coy 2/2 Fd Amb. The Bn took up an all round defensive posn and bivouaced for the night.</p>	APPENDIX 10	

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AKURESSA	17	<p>Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required</p> <p>After the stand-at 0430 hrs, the convoy moved off at 0600 hrs and a route which would give flank movement with a river crossing of the Walawa Ganga thus bringing our force to the rear of the bridge was followed. At 0825 the convoy was halted by discovery that the road which lay across a causeway was impassable. Recce by the Engineer Officer disclosed the fact that 7^{hrs} work was necessary to repair the road. A decision was made by the C.O and orders given for the convoy to turn about. This was carried out and the column moved towards Wiraketya where D.Coy as vanguard contacted enemy who had thrown a road block across the road. As this was being cleared a second block was thrown across the road in the midst of B.Ech vehicles. Enemy G(R) troops grenaded vehicles and forced A.Coy to patrol areas on the convoys flanks. This was carried out until the convoy moved on and this Coy then became a rearguard. The Convoy moved on through Middeniya with several uneventful halts and contacts and on to a bivouac area where B.Ech ^{and} Artillery established themselves. The Acty <i>Bn Lt/Col</i> C.O went forward to locate a track which was shown in the map and to be used in the C.O's plan to dislodge enemy known to be at the crossroads. D.Coy was in posn astride the junction and B.C & A Coys in that order were brought forward in transports at approx 1920 hrs. Sgt Gude after very careful recce over a wide area was unable to locate the track and the alternate plan which the C.O had in mind was quickly put into operation, orders given and by 2020 hrs B.Coy was moving across the start line with A & C Coys following in depth. From the map the movement was estimated to be some 4000^x but personnel who marched over the track were unanimous that it was the longest 4000^x they had ever marched. B.Coy scouts and also our G(R) collected several enemy patrols and also some umpires. The crossroads were reached and the attack launched. It was simple in method, B.Coy to the right, C.Coy to the left and on success of B.Coy, A Coy through B then down main road for approx 1 1/2 miles to secure the Wetiya Junction thus giving a 3 Coy depth along the road. The attack was successful and about 15 % to 20 % casualties were suffered.</p>		

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AKURESSA	18	<p>About midnight Sgt Gude was sent back to find the Engrs with the river crossing gear and guide them forward as they were then overdue. Travelling in a captured enemy truck he located them some miles behind D.Coy and brought them to the main road while the B.Ech vehicles behind brought a hot drink and light meal for the troops. A recce by the C.O, Engr Officer and actg I.O disclosed that the river crossing selected from the map was not suitable and the actg I.O went back along road to find a suitable place to launch the boats in which the C.O had decided to send his force down the river. A place was found, the convoy turned and troops clambered aboard the Engrs vehicles quickly moving to the launching place where the leading vehicles dropped the troops and these soon had the erection of the boats, with the supervision of the sappers, under way. Unfortunately one vehicle without lights missed the turnoff and drove up wrong road with some 5 or 6 vehicles following it. This meant that loading gear and troops were missing.</p> <p><u>0530</u> By 0830 hrs 8 boats were ready and launched with an additional recce boat in which the Engr Officer and his staff were to travel. At 0540 hrs the flottila set off down the river. This means of travel was most original and certainly a great novelty to the troops who were enjoying the trip immensely. The river is quite wide in parts with heavy timber and thick jungle lining the banks. Hidden rocks, swirling rapids, sand bars and inexperience in boating were a few of the obstacles overcome. As dawn came it was seen that the boats were fairly well separated but with the strengthening light the enthusiastic crews made good any difference in convoy interval. At approx 0800 hrs a small island was reached and the C.O called a halt for a rest. At this point the river narrows into what can only be described as a mill race with water tapping over the rocks for some 30^x or 40^x. One boat with A.Coy personnel struck a snag, was forced under by the pressure of water and the men thrown out into the stream. Weapons, clothing and equipment were lost and one man is reported to have been bitten by some "river monster".</p>		

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AKURESSA	18	<p>(contd) On the Engrs advice that the boats could go no further, the C.O gave orders, the Coys were assembled and with the "I" leading set off in an easterly direction to strike the North South road. After travelling for some time the road could be seen through the scrub and an enemy cycle patrol was sighted. This patrol however got away before they could be collected by members of A.Coy who were sent forward. On reaching the jungle skirting the edge of the road enemy troops were seen some 600^x away, so moving back on their tracks this Bn's troops reached a point where the road was crossed without observation by the enemy and an a march through the jungle commenced. The intention was to by pass the enemy concentration thus maintaining thus keeping the whereabouts of the Bn a secret. The march was most strenuous as crouched almost double the long winding line of troops wound their way following game tracks for short distances, breaking through thickets and all the time endeavouring to maintain direction. Suddenly seeing clear ground ahead Capt Carstairs and the actg I.O went forward to find that we were right in rear of the enemy who were watching a crossroad. They were speedily taken prisoners.</p> <p>The C.O decided to push on and using every means to conceal movement the intention was to work a way to a posn in rear of the enemy holding the bridge. At 1215 hrs the Bn set off from the crossroads and commenced the march down the road using cover along the roadside in which to move. The "Bn" was C Coy some 60 strong, Bn HQ comprising the C.O, Adjt, Acting I.O. and 2 "I"men, B Coy approx 14 strong and A Coy about 20 strong. At about the 3 M peg the road was left and a canal which was roughly parallel to the road but 500^x or 600^x to the east was followed thus successfully avoiding any enemy patrols and troops on the main road. Crossing the Main Coast Road the vanguard captured the enemy RAP and staff, a convoy of trucks and personnel with them. A road block was put across the road and C.Coy held in reserve for an attack into the enemies rear. B.Coy went forward with A.Coy in the captured vehicles, crossed a wide, open paddy field, reached the river and were about to move into the</p>		

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AKURESSA	18	<p>(contd) attack up the river towards the bridge, when Lt Arnold rode along on a motor cycle and advised that D. Coy had moved down the road on the west of the river, attacked the bridge from the west and the enemy had blown it. This had not taken place many minutes before the river had been reached and the situation as explained, and it was a bitter blow for all troops from C.O to ptes after having travelled by boat and foot so far that the enemy without the enemy knowing and then in the last few moments having the bridge blown.</p> <p>The Bn reassembled, had a hot meal, and returned in convoy to camp. The unit as a whole agreed that never before had they partaken in such a realistic and interesting exercise.</p> <p>Many valuable lessons were learnt and everywhere in the unit the exercise is being hotly discussed and refought.</p>		

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AKURESSA	19	<p>Today was a day of administration and as such provided a good opportunity for the troops to rest after the strenuous exertions of the just completed exercise. Although in places the going was hard and difficult, all who took part carried on to the end and apparently suffered few ill effects as reports from Coys reveal that very few more required attention at the R.A.P than is the usual daily rate.</p> <p>A humorous incident which has been disclosed since the exercise, occurred while D.Coy was acting as vanguard.</p> <p>A Pl Comd observed a native in the bushes who appeared to be furtively signalling to somebody further back. At the Pl Comd's orders, the truck was halted, the native seized, passed into the custody of an "I" man while the platoon sped swiftly into the jungle to snap up the enemy assumed to be lurking there. The native however seemed to imagine that death stared him in the face, for with clasped hands, bended knees and tears streaming eyes he poured forth a plaintive tale in a tongue incomprehensible to his custodian. Soon he was joined by his father who for quantity of tears and loudness of wailing far outstripped his son. Being unable to explain the situation to them the only alternative was a speedy release of the prisoner which when accomplished earned the undying gratitude of both father and son.</p>	APPENDIX 11	
"	20	<p>During the afternoon, transport was provided and portion of both B & C Coys were taken to Matara where they were able to attend a talkie at the local theatre.</p> <p>It has been noticeable that since our advent to the Island clothing has suffered rather considerably, due possibly to two causes, Firstly the jungle contains many prickly growths which catch in shorts and shirts while troops are on exercises off the beaten track and secondly there is the technique of the dhobi or laundryman, who in lieu of using soap removes the dirt by vigorous beating on a hard rock much to the detriment much to the detriment of seams and buttons.</p> <p>A supply of "mosquito pants" "mosquito pants" and "safari shirts have become available to replace the badly worn articles, but unfortunately these seem to bear out the much</p>	APPENDIX 12	<p style="text-align: right;">Signature <i>Henry ... Col</i></p>

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AKURESSA	20 (contd)	publicised army trait of "too large" and accordingly few of the troops are found wearing the articles in their native state. Usually the tailor is called into service and after cutting and reshaping, garments of a more normal type are produced.		
"	21	A cricket match which had been scheduled to take place some time ago was held at Matara this afternoon when the cricketing enthusiasts of Bn H Q played a team from the Matara Area Police. The police batted first and made good use of their two hours stay at the wickets by scoring 109 for 8 wickets at which total they retired. This was not quite good enough to defeat the bats of Bn H Q however, for by forcing the pace they were able to put 110 runs on the board for 9 wickets in well under the two hours allowed. The match was played under ideal conditions and both sides enjoyed the game to the full.	<i>APPENDIX 13</i>	
"	22	<p>The G(R) personnel who have played a prominent part in all the Bn's exercises on this Island, left this morning with the cycle platoon of D.Coy to perpetrate further nefarious acts against the 2/2 Aust Fd Regt which is carrying out exercises along the Main Coast Road from Matara to Hambantota.</p> <p>Lt S. Arnold of D.Coy with Cpl Buchecker and 3 ORs' proceeded to Colombo to act as escort to H.R.H The Duke of Gloucester. The Duke has been undertaking a tour of India and other neighbouring countries inspecting the Naval, Air Force and Military establishments, and has now reached Ceylon to conduct a similar tour.</p>	<i>APPENDIX 14</i>	

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Signature *Henry D. ...* Lt Col

MAY MONTH

A.I.F. FORM C 2118A

WAR DIARY

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UNIT *2/7 Bw*

1942 YEAR

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AKURESSA	23	<p>During the morning the C.O. visited the various coys to pass on to them his entire information regarding a pending move. This was done in the belief that if the troops knew as much as was possible to tell them, there would be less likelihood of wild rumours and discussion in the native boutiques. The G(R) personnel who have been absent with the 2/2 Aust Fd Regt, returned this afternoon and apparently carried out their ^{duties} in a realistic manner, in fact so much so that one of their number had himself arrested by the local constabulary and locked up at the police station. It seems that the populace at HUNGAMA are very "5th Column" conscious, and noticing a man clad in a manner unusual for soldiers of His Majesty's Forces creeping stealthily around the village, their suspicions were aroused and the police informed. The police sallied forth with full armament and assisted by the patriotic inhabitants quickly closed on their ^{quarry} and made an arrest. After much explanation at the police station the unfortunate G(R) was eventually able to affect his release.</p>		
	24	<p>At the invitation of the Brigadier, the C.O., Lt Col Guinn, attended the reception of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester and his inspection of the 2/5 Aust Inf Bn and a Bty of the 2/2 Aust Fd Regt. This event took place in an historic setting in that the inspection by the Duke was carried out on the green sward of the ^{GALE} Public Cricket ground while in the background stood the stolid Dutch Fort built high 300 years ago, outlining which were myriads of the local inhabitants garbed in their national costume. The Divisional Commander, Maj Gen Boase, introduced the C.O.'s of the various units to the Duke, Lt Col Guinn being one of the number thus honoured. This however is not the first time that the C.O. has had the privilege of meeting the Duke of Gloucester, for in 1934, he was commanding the Guard of Honour drawn up at Port Melbourne pier to welcome the Royal visitor on his arrival at that port during the Melbourne Centenary celebrations. A salvage party comprising Lts McIntosh and McDonald, 8 pms and a member of the "I" section, proceeded to the point on the</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">Signature <i>Henry J. Guinn Lt Col</i></p>

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MAY MONTH
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AKURESSA	24 (contd)	Walawa Ganga where the boat foundered during the recent Bde exercise.		
	25	The salvage party under Lieut McINTOSH returned today and were able to report success in that they recovered from the river bottom quite a mixed assortment of gear including most of the weapons lost. Their collection consisted of 1 Bren gun, 2 T.S.M guns, 11 rifles, 1 haversack and a pair of shorts. The only weapons which they failed to recover were three rifles.		
"	26	<p>To-day marks the 1st anniversary of the reforming of the 2/7 Aust Inf Bn and also the assumption of the Command of the Bn by Lt Col Guinn (E.D) to whom congratulations have been forthcoming from all Officers, N.C.Os and men. By the issue of a free bottle of beer in honour of the occasion, all were able to toast the Bn's success and prosperity in the year to come.</p> <p>Since the C.O's announcement of a proposed move next Tuesday, the Bn has been busily engaged preparing and packing gear for such move. While not engaged on this, the opportunity has been taken to give personnel rifle and mortar range practice including the firing of grenades. In this connection an unfortunate incident occurred when one of the G(R) troops was injured while throwing a bakelite No 69 type grenade.</p>	APPENDIX 15	
"	27	As a sequel to yesterdays unfortunate episode with the grenade, today provided a whole series of such accidents one of which had very tragic results. After successful practice by D.Coy in the morning C.Coy took over the range for the afternoon. During firing of 68 type grenades, one exploded, causing fatal wounds to Ptes F.J.Dickson and W.F.Underwood whilst 5 others were wounded, two rather seriously. A little later on in the afternoon a 2" mortar bomb struck a tree and exploded as a result of which WO 1 Craig and others received shrapnel wounds. The sympathies of every member of the unit go to the families of the two men killed, both of whom were young soldiers of the unit one being 20 and the other 22 years of age.	APPENDICES 16 & 17	

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Signature *Henry Guinn*

JUNE

MONTH

A.I.F. FORM C 2118A

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AKURESSA	28	<p>Church Parade was held today, Major Palmer officiated. The remains of Ptes Dickson and Underwood were buried with full Military Honours at Galle Cemetery.</p> <p>C. Coy with representatives from the other Coys attended the funeral.</p>	APPENDIX 18	
"	29	<p>Every member of the unit is pleased to hear of the honour conferred on our good friend Maj Palmer, who has been appointed Deputy Commissioner of the Salvation Army for the Middle East. We have had the benefit of Maj Palmer's help in the Bn for a long time now, and his work has been appreciated by all. Although this appointment will take him from us sooner or later we are pleased that he is still with us continuing with his good work.</p>	APPENDICES 19 & 20	
"	30	<p>Maj Brock went to Colombo to finalise the Court of Enquiry over which he has been presiding for the past 15 days, and whilst there visited unit personnel in hospital.</p> <p>Unfortunately Lt C.H. Ellis has not yet been removed from the seriously ill list, and although he has shown slight improvement it will be a long time before he is able to rejoin the unit. Two of the victims of the grenade explosion were also found to be seriously ill, Pte Hally having had a leg amputated and Pte Morrison a serious abdominal operation. The remaining victims appear to be progressing very favorably.</p>	APPENDIX 21	

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Signature *Henry G. ... Col*

APPENDICES

Appendix No	Name	Date
1	R.O No 21/42	5 Jun 42
2	Field Return of ORs'	5 " "
3	Field Return of Officers	5 " "
4	Log Diary of Exercise	8 " "
5	R.A.F. Station - KOGGALA	8 " "
6	R.O. No 22 /42	9 " "
7	Field Return	11 " "
8	R.O. No 24/42	12 " "
9	Movement Order No 7	14 " "
10	Log Diary of Don Exercise	16 " "
11	Field Return	19 " "
12	R.O. No 25/42	20 " "
13	Communication re H.R.H Duke of Gloucester	21 " "
14	R.O. No 26/42	22 " "
15	R.O. No 27/42	26 " "
16	Field Return	27 " "
17	Letter of Appreciation to C.O.	27 " "
18	Letter of Condolence to C.O.	28 " "
19	Warning Order "Coconut"	29 " "
20	Warning Order "Schooner"	29 " "
21	App 1 - Warning Order "Schooner"	30 " "
22	Situations Vacant	
23	"Air" Series Ceylon ("I" Sect)	
24	Maps of Ceylon 1" to 1 mile	
25	Exercise ENLARGEMENTS	
26	Despatches	
27	Posting of officers	

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS NO 21/42

War Diary
APP 1

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED

5 Jun 42

LT COL H.G. GUINN

by

COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

I. PAYBOOKS - LOSS OF -

Para 8 of Unit R.Os. No 3I of 26 Jul 4I is repeated -

- (a) Coy Comds will ensure that Paybooks remain in possession of the soldier at all times.
- (b) Cases of loss occasioned by the negligence or carelessness of the soldier are to be severely dealt with as breaches of military discipline.
- (c) Coy Comds will carry out periodical check parades for the purpose of establishing :-
 - i. The identity of soldiers without Paybooks.
 - ii. The early detection of fraudulent or irregular entries.

2. DISCIPLINE -

The following awards have been made by the Commanding Officer :-

VX 37796 AWL from 0900 hrs 25/4/42 to Fined £A5 and 28 days
Pte DEAN R. I345 hrs 26/4/42 AA I5 (i) detention.

VX 57605 Failing to appear at a place I4 days C.B.
Pte JINKINS J. of parade appointed by his
C.O. AA I5 (ii)

VX 43980 AWL from 0930 hrs 17/5/42 to Fined £A5 and 28 days
Pte EDMONSTONE B I615 hrs 17/5/42 AA I5 (i) detention.

VX 7420 Failing to appear at a place Fined £A5 and 28 days
Pte BARRETT L.G. of parade appointed by his C.O detention.
AND AWL from 1400 hrs to 1630
hrs 19/5/42 AA I5 (i)

VX 36733 AWL from 1800 hrs 13/5/43 to Fined £A5 and 28 days
Pte KEMMIS H. 0830 hrs 21/5/42 AA I5 (i) detention.

and by Major G.A. Crawford (whilst Admin Comd of the Unit)

VX 62045 AWL from 0600 hrs to 1900 Fined £A5 and 28 days
Pte WEIGHTMAN H.W. hrs 24/5/42 AA I5 (i) detention

H.L.E. DUNKLEY CAPT
ADJT 2/7 AUST INF BN

NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES - SUN 7 JUN 42 -

PROTESTANT - 0830 hrs BHQ, B COY & B ECH in B COY area (weather permitting) otherwise in RECREATION HUT - opposite side of ROAD.
0900 hrs D COY and HQ COY in HQ AREA.
1000 hrs A COY in A COY AREA
1115 hrs C COY in C COY AREA

(2)

NOTICES (contd.)

R.C. MASS will be celebrated as follows :-

0900 hrs BHQ, B COY, D COY and B ECH in the CHURCH HUT
on GALLE RD - 50X SOUTH of MATARA-AKURESSA
"turn off".

CONFESIONS from 1800 hrs SAT 6 JUN 42
1100 hrs A & C COYS and 52 Bty 2/2 AUST FD REGT in the CINEMA
at KOGGALA.

ACF DISTRIBUTION -

2/7 AUST INF BN acknowledges with thanks the gifts of

1,540 pkts of cigarettes
378 $\frac{1}{2}$ pkts of Razor Blades

from the Australian Comforts Fund.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.)

APP 3

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	ROBERTS, R.H.	A.I.F.	3/5/42	ordered to be attached.
Lieut.	SPURD, E.J.	"	"	" " "
"	WICK, J.A.	"	"	" " "
"	WATSON, G.O.	"	"	" " "
"	WILLIAMS, A.S.	"	"	" " "

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col (G.O)		QUINN, H. G.	A.I.F.	Yes	
Major (2 1/2)		BROOKS, E.	"	"	
" (O.C. Coy)		CHAMBERLAIN, A. G.	"	"	
" (O.C. Coy)		HOCALIN, I. D.	"	"	
Capt. (O.C. Coy)		HEWITT, J. B. D.	"	"	
" (2 1/2 Coy)		OSWALD, S. H.	"	No	17 Bde Divn & Hq Coy
" (Adj't)		FURBER, H. J. T.	"	Yes	
" (O.C. Coy)		MAGNANIM, C. W.	"	"	
" (2 1/2 Coy)		CANNINGS, J. D. H.	"	"	
" (2 1/2 Coy)		DUNN, J. S.	"	"	
Lieut. (2 1/2 Coy)		FRENCH, F. D.	"	"	
" (T. Off.)		OSWALD, S.	"	No	17 Bde Divn & Hq Coy
" (2 1/2 Coy)		ANDERSON, S.	"	Yes	
" (Pl. Comd)		BURTON, W. E.	"	"	
" "		BARR, F. A.	"	No	Detached Spec Duty
" (G.M.)	1/Sept	SMITH, A.	"	Yes	
" (Pl. Comd)		WATSON, I. V.	"	"	
" "		HOLLAND, T. B.	"	"	
" "		MCDONALD, A. J.	"	"	
" "		McMURDO, B. B. D.	"	"	
" "		PALMER, A. L.	"	"	
" "		WALKER, I. W.	"	"	
" "		SMITH, C. R. D.	"	"	
" "		PATON, V. J.	"	"	
" "		ROBERTS, A. N.	"	"	
" "		YERGEN, J. A.	"	"	
" "		WILKS, C. H.	"	"	
" "		SWANEY, J. P.	"	"	
" "		ARMSTRONG, S.	"	"	
" "		DUNN, J. W.	"	"	
" "		FURBER, H. J. T.	"	No	17 Bde Divn & Hq Coy

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.		GIBSON, W. A.	A.I.F.	6/7/42	H.Q. Coy
MAJOR		PHILLIPS, R. B.	"	31/3/42	Padre
MAJOR		PAINTER, C.	"	15/4/42	Police Officer

2/7 AUGUST 1942

5 June 42

(Date of Despatch.)

(Unit)

Henry G. Quinn Lt Col
(Signature of Commander.)

H.Q. 17 AUGUST INF BDE HQ - AN. CEYLON.

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

MESSAGE FORM

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TO

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FROM

NIRA

Originator's Number

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In Reply to Number

EXERCISE
forward
right
area

DNAH
area
of road
NIRA

Ref
16 Platoon
17 Platoon
Headquarters

MORA WAKA
dispersed
rear
Ref above

CITTHN
high
off
CISTHS

18 Platoon
feature
Tank
Engine

Wt. 32412/1098. 750M. 12/40. P.I. 51-8146.

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exercise map ref MORAWAKA

CTTTHN in encountered ambush

and 18 pl taken seven prisoners

prisoners sent to ABBO @ forward-

ing tapes taken off P.O.W. @

exercise

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1225

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<u>ammo</u>	<u>required</u>	<u>by</u>	<u>coy</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>303</u>
<u>3000</u>	<u>rads</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>TSMG</u>	<u>500</u> <u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>in</u>	<u>mortar</u>	<u>bombs.</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>H.E</u>	

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A 812—Aust Mob Print Unit—2400-50lf pads—1/42—G

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BABO

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Date

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In reply to Number

Exercise	map	ref	MORAWAKA	CTNT	HN	⊙
Completed	exercise	at	1615	⊙	Pls	
assembled	for	march	to	AKURESSA.		⊙
Exercise						

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ATTN ABBO

FROM

ABBO

Originator's Number

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Date

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In reply to Number

<i>Exercise</i>	<i>map</i>	<i>ref</i>	<i>MOR</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>CTNTHNT</i>
<i>0</i>	<i>Number.</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>casualties</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>pl</i>
<i>enemy.</i>	<i>infiltration</i>	<i>right</i>	<i>flank</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>send</i>
<i>forward</i>	<i>carriers</i>	<i>exercise</i>			

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A812—Aust Mob Print Unit—2400-50lf pads—1/42—G

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In reply to Number

Exercise

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1543

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SENDER

T.O.R.

A612—Aust Mob Print Unit—2400-50lf pads—1/42—G



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Exercise Map ref MORAWAKA CTNTHN
sit of BATS0 H.Q. @ 17, 18, 19 pl
dispersed at intervals @

T.O.O 1412

T.H.1 1412

TOR 1415

wt.



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exercise map ref MORAWAKA
CTHTHS en sec attempting to
cross paddy field surrendered
carrier and 19 pl in CPA form
en under fire exercise

1329

1330

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~~TITO~~ ABO

FROM

~~HRA~~ BABO

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

Exercise to be carried out	at	Ref. attach	MORAWAKO	CTHTHS	Intend
to	county	Sec.	with	17 Platoon	and
be carried out	Exercise		line	out of order	Exercise

Wt. 32412/1098. 750M. 12/40. P.I. 51-8146.

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EXERCISE

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A 512--Aust Mob Print Unit--2400-50lf pads--1/42--G

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T.H.I.

1250

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SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER
✓	1301	SPH									

To 17 Aust INF BDE
From 2/7 Aust INF BN

207 8

Exercise New location ABBORQ.CT.N.T.H.N
17, 18, 19 pls dispersed at intervals.

APPN

1415



AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND

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TO

17 Bde repeated D. Coy

FROM

2/7 Bn

206

8

exercise information from P.Q.W.
shows in strength 1 Coy
with detachment of carriers
and mortars in support,
exercise.

1250

TO 17 AUGUST BDE
FROM 2/7 BN.

205

exercise D coy contacted
en at 1215 hrs @ 7 POW.
taken. @ exercise.

1232

To 17 AVST INF BDE

From 2/9 AVST INF BN 204 8

742/844 Ref Map Morawaka 1st to 1 mile

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DN 2/70

TO ALL COYS, ATP 3BTY, 17 AVST INF BDE
FROM 2/7 BN H.Q. 203 8

964/640 BN H.Q. est CCE TTH @
R.A.P. at CTN TTV from 1015 hrs

1030 hrs



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[Victorian Division]

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To C.O. and MIRA

From BN H.Q.

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742/410

BN

H.Q.

est

449 665

Thompson
Pte.

1015-

To 17 AUGUST INF BDE rptd all Coys.
From 2/7 AUGUST INF BN 201 8
742/410 BN.H.Q. established
CCC TIU R.A.P at CTN TTU at
1800 hrs

1010

To 17 Aust INF BDE

From 2/7 Aust INF BN 204

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742/844 Ref Map Morawa area 1" to 1 mile

~~742/844~~ NIRA 11 Quest CISTHS 18 ft forward

area CITTIN 16 ft dispersed high feature

N. of road 17 ft rear of bank area

1048 hrs

TO ALL COYS, A TP 3B44, 17 AVST INF BDE

FROM 2/7 BN HQ. 203 8

964/640 BN HQ. est CCE TTH @
RAP. at CTN TTV from 1015 hrs

1030 hrs

10 INF BDE rptd All Corps.
From 2/7 Aust Inf BN 201 8
742/410 BN H Q established
CCC T10 R.A.P at CTN TTU at
1800 hrs

Cancelled

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To HQ

From A

E.I.

8.

Four enemy sighted but have withdrawn
back from PL. making recce of area
500 to 550 report contact with enemy
near 1000+

Murphy

1110

LOG DIARY

PLACE Exercise
DATE 8 JUN 52

REG No	IN FROM		OUT TO		ORIG No	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
	UNIT	TOO TOP	UNIT	TOO			
			17Bde all Coy	1010	201	Bn H.Q. est. 444 672 R.A.P. at 463 662 at 1000 hrs. CANCELLED	
			C.O. DCoy	1015	202	Bn H.Q. est 449 665	
			ALL COYS 17389 TRADE	1030	203	Bn H.Q. est 449 665 OR R.A.P. at 463 662 from 1015 hrs	
DCoy	1017	1040			N1	Ref Map Morawaka 476653 18 Pl forward area 16 pl disturbed high feature right of road 117 pl near of tank area Bn H.Q. 470653	Bde advised
			17Bde	1045	204	Ref Map Morawaka 1" to 1 mile DCoy positions en. encountered 7 POW taken 2 prisoners and papers being forwarded to this HQ.	Bde informed
DCoy	1225	1230				information from P.W. shows en strength 1 Coy with detachment of carriers + mortars in support.	
DCoy	1245	1301	17Bde DCoy	1250	N3	Map ref Morawaka 1" to 1 mile enemy still engaged at 466653	
DCoy	1253	1310			N4	Intention to counter attack with 17 Pl. and carriers Sig line out of order.	
DCoy	1329	1330			N5	map ref MORAWAKA C 747115 en sec attempting to cross taddy field in direction carriers + mortar 17 pl in C.A. position under fire	
DCoy	1412	1415			N6	Ref Morawaka 463 653 sit of R.A.P. Bn H.Q. @ 17, 18, 19 pls dispersed at intervals.	
			17Bde	1415	207	Don boy new location J1 Ammo required	
DCoy	1510	1511			N7	enemy under fire 1540 hrs sec accounted for by 17 pl.	Bde advised
DCoy	1542	1543			N8	10 of casualties 17 pl enemy infiltration right flank send forward carriers	
DCoy	1605	1606					

LOG DIARY

PLACE _____
DATE _____

REG NO.	IN FROM		OUT TO		TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
	UNIT	TOO	UNIT	TOO		
					8 JUN 42	
	A Coy	0900			Start line crossed at 0900 hrs	Bde advised
	A Coy	1110	1115		1 Enemy sighted but have withdrawn back @ fwd pl making piece of area 500650 expect contact with enemy next 1000 yds	
			17 Bde	1125	202 Text of above message.	
			17 Bde	1230	203 BnHQ EST REF 499651 AT 1215 HRS.	BDE ADVISED
	A Coy	1225	1255		E2 Have contacted enemy probable strength 1 pl. Am dealing with same.	
	A Coy	1255	1300		E3 Enemy still holding us up & unable to advance @ Am expend. 50 rounds @ stretcher bearers required @ 5 cas.	
			17 Bde	1310	204 A Coy contacted enemy probable strength 1 pl REF 476650 @	
			17 Bde	1315	205 Enemy still holding A Coy & unable to advance @ 5 cas	
			17 Bde	1320	206 BnHQ est 488649 1310 hrs.	
			17 Bde	1410	207 BnHQ now located: 486649	
	A Coy	1450	1450		Verbal Coy HQ ref 474653 @ enemy withdraws heavy cas suffered	
			17 Bde	1500	208 BnHQ located ref 475650 A Coy 474653 @ Enemy WITHDRAWS after inflicting heavy cas A Coy.	

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE GP.
Ref:- A/178
8 Jun 42.

APP 5

SUBJECT:- R.A.F. STATION.
KOGGALA.

2/7 AUST INF BN

Ref withdrawal of troops that were engaged in digging pens for aircraft, the following was received from Commander R.A.F. KOGGALA.

"I wish to thank you and the Officers and men concerned for their very excellent work which they performed and for your valuable co-operation and assistance in this important task."

Mancornil

Maj.
B. M. 17 AUST INF BDE GP.

Lt Col

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1205

9/6/42

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS NO 22/42

APP 6

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED

9 JUN 42

by

LT COL H.G. GUINN

COMP 2/7 AUST INF BN

I. DENGUE FEVER -

- (a) Dengue fever of a severe type is prevalent in CEYLON.
- (b) Dengue fever is carried by a type of mosquito which breeds in buildings, trenches etc.
- (c) The following precautions will be taken :-
 - i. Slit trenches will be carefully watched and if necessary treated with a little petrol.
 - ii. Huts will be sprayed morning and evening with Flysol or pyrethrum spray.
 - iii. A careful watch will be kept on all patients discharged from 4 Aust Gen Hosp for a period of 10 days after return to the unit.
 - iv. Mosquito nets will be used and slacks or long shorts and gaiters will be worn after dusk.

2. MONKEYS -

- (a) Bites and scratches from monkeys are likely to cause hydrophobia, tetanus and infected sores.
- (b) Monkeys and chipmunks will NOT be kept as pets or encouraged in the vicinity of camp sites.

3. HYGIENE - PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FLIES -

- (a) Despite all instructions re prevention of fly-breeding in latrines this nuisance continues and unless action is taken by all units serious casualties will be caused from contamination of food.
- (b) A SMALL quantity of chloride of lime should be placed in each deep trench latrine, the interiors thereof sprayed freely with "FLIT" and the lids closed.
This process should be repeated as soon as fly-breeding recommences.

4. CLOTHING FOR PATIENTS IN AUST GEN HOSPS.

Persons visiting hospitals are forbidden to provide clothing of any nature direct to patients. Clothing for patients will be handed in to hospital pack store.

5. POSTAL ADDRESS -

- (a) The following is the only form of address to be used by AIF personnel having letters or parcels delivered to them from a civil source :-

Number Rank Name
C/o 3 AUST BASE POST OFFICE

- (b) On no account will the unit or location be given. All ranks are reminded that the practice of leaving parcels for posting by civil firms is forbidden.

6. TRAFFIC DISCIPLINE -

- (a) It is observed that drivers of Army vehicles are driving dangerously in that they overtake slow traffic when vehicles are approaching from the opposite direction.
- (b) All drivers will be warned that no vehicles may pull out to overtake, if another vehicle is approaching, unless it is clear that the overtaking can be done without causing the oncoming vehicle to slow down.
- (c) Drivers may be held responsible for any accident which occurs if at the time of such accident they are not driving on their correct side of the road.
- (d) The fact that drivers are being held up by slow moving traffic is no excuse for overtaking when the road is not clear. Drivers, must if necessary, halt and wait for an opportunity to pass.

Note :- The above will be read over and explained to all drivers.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Saddle Tree Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Wheelers																		
General duty personnel																	8	8
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																	8	8

2/7 AUST INF BN

Unit.

Comd 2/7 Aust Inf Bn *Lt Col.*
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 11 JUN 42

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE GP - AIF (CEYLON)
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/7 AUST INF BN (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants...	20		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	32		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	CADDON W.S.	A.I.F.	9/6/42	Taken on strength from 17 Aust Inf Bde Tng Bn.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col (C.O)		GUINN H.G.	A.I.F	YES	
Major (2 i/c)		BROCK G.H.	"	"	
" (O.C.Coy)		CRAWFORD A.G.	"	"	
" (O.C.Coy)		MCCALLUM I.D.	"	NO	MDS.
Capt (O.C.Coy)		TRINSON STE.D.	"	YES	
" (Coy 2 i/c)		CRAMP S.M.	"	NO	17 Bde Dvrs & Mtce Cse
" (Adjnt)		DUNKLEY H.L.E.	"	Yes	
" (O.C.Coy)		MACFARLANE C.W.	"	"	
" (Coy 2 i/c)		CARSTAIRS J.DEN.	"	"	
" (O.C.Coy)		CUDDON W.S.	"	"	
" (Coy 2 i/c)		DELL N.S.	"	"	
Lieut (Coy 2 i/c)		PRINGLE F.B.	"	"	
" (Tot Off)		GOULD F.G.	"	NO	17 Bde Dvrs & Mtce Cse
" (Coy 2 i/c)		ARNOLD E.	"	YES	
" (Pl Comd)		EDNEY W.E.	"	"	
" "		BARR F.A.	"	NO	Det Spec Duty.
" (Q.M)	T/Capt	SMITH A	"	Yes	
" (Pl Comd)		TATTERSON L.V.	"	"	
" "		HOLLAND T.N.	"	"	
" "		MCDONALD A.J.	"	"	
" "		McINTOSH D.B.	"	"	
" "		PALMER A.N.	"	"	
" "		WALKER I.W.	"	"	
" "		WEST G.R.S.	"	"	
" "		FAIRD V.G.	"	"	
" "		ROOKE A.N.	"	"	
" "		ROBERTSON A.M.	"	"	
" "		ELLIS C.H.	"	NO	Adv C.C.S.
" "		SEARNS E.C.	"	Yes	
" "		ARNOLD S.	"	"	
" "		DINSMORE B.M.	"	"	
" "		FERRUSSON T.StD.F.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		GIBSON C.J.	A I F	6/7/41	R.M.O
Padre		PHILLIPS E.B.	"	31/1/42	Padre
Major		PALMER G.	"	13/4/42	Welfare Officer

2/7 AUST INF BN

(Unit.)

12 Jun 42

(Date of Despatch.)

Henry G. Guinn Lt Col.
Comd 2/7 Aust Inf Bn (Signature of Commander.)

NO 17 AUST INF BDE GP - AIF CEYLON
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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Comd 2/7 AUST INF BN**1. SECURITY**

- (a) Despite orders to the contrary cases are still occurring of troops using the civil postal services for posting of mail matter.
- (b) Coy Comds will again bring to the notice of all ranks that it is forbidden to use the civil postal services.
- (c) In addition orders will NOT be placed with firms who undertake to forward goods through the post to any destination outside CEYLON.
- (d) Airgraphs will be franked the same as ordinary letters and will be impressed with unit censor stamp. They will be forwarded for despatch through a military postal unit and NOT through civil post office.
- (d) All such letters etc are intercepted by the Chief Civil Censor and returned to higher formation. Disciplinary action will be taken in respect of any further breaches of this order.

2. SIGNAL MESSAGES

Messages for despatch may, if it is not convenient to hand them in at a Signal Office, be sent to the Signal Office by DPLS. In that case, the message must be enclosed in an envelope, addressed "Signal Office ----- --HQ", and marked "Message" in red ink, in the top left hand corner.

3. PHOTOGRAPHY

Several cases have been reported of soldiers handing films either direct to photographers or civilians who undertake to have films developed by unauthorised photographers. These practices are a breach of Security Instructions. Coy Coms will ensure that NO films are developed except through I Sec as set out in Para 1 Unit R.Os No 14/42 of 24 Apr 42.

4. ROAD METAL - REMOVAL OF

No road metal or other road material will be removed from any location except by RAE units on authority of CRE.

5. MEDICAL - P.A.C.

P.A.C. now established at LEAVE HOSTEL, Elscourt Manor, CBO.

6. VEHICLES - RECOVERY

Coys will NOT attempt to recover vehicles without the assistance of LAD's, Rec Secs or Wkshop Pls.AASC, except in cases where a "straight" tow from towing eye or hook is all that is required.

7. SMOKING - PETROL POINTS

It has been noticed that drivers MT and passengers in MT have been smoking at petrol points.

This will cease forthwith and disciplinary action will be taken against future offenders.

8. HONOURS AND AWARDS

see Annexure "A"

9. DISCIPLINE - DRESS

Attention is directed to HQ AIF (CEYLON) adm instn No 1A of 4 Apr 42 GOC directs all ranks be instructed necessity for strict observance of these orders concerning dress. Offrs will wear trousers KD and NOT rptd NOT shorts when appearing in hotels or at places of entertainment after 1830 hrs daily. Disciplinary action will be taken against future offenders.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

His Majesty The King has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of distinguished services in the Middle East from February 1941 to July 1941 .

M.B.E.

VX 5720 WO1 S.G. SUTTON E.G.M.
VX 5598 WO1 F.M. WALKER M.M.

D.S.O.

Capt T/Major R.R. VIAL

D.C.M.

Lieut T/Capt H.W. THOMAS

M.M.

VX 4632 Sgt GORDON R.G.
VX 4712 Cpl BUCHEKER H.R.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

Lt. Col. T.G. WALKER D.S.O. E.D.
Major B.J. O' LOUGHLIN
Major G.H. BROCK D.S.O.
Major J.A. BISHOP M.B.E.
VX 2452 WO1 KENT S.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/7 AUST INF BN

MOVEMENT ORDER NO 7

APP 89

14 JUN 42

COPY NO 18

Ref Maps : CEYLON 1" - I Mile Series

1. 2/7 AUST INF BN with attached tps will MOVE to AREA 5I64.
2. TPS - 2/7 AUST INF BN
Under Comd - A Coy 2/2 AUST FD AMB.
One Sub Sec 2/8 FD COY/
3. The MOVE will be by M/T.
4. ROUTE - (a) For all tps less 3 and 4 Pls + Bicycle Pl D Coy
AKURESSA - MATARA - KIRINDA - 5I64
(b) Nos. 3 and 4 Pls and Bicycle Pl D Coy
AKURESSA - KAMBURUPITIYA - 5I64.
5. START TIME - I330 hrs 15 Jun 42
6. START POINT - (a) MAIN BODY - IO MILE POST 4I462I.
A Coy to join column at MATARA.
(b) Nos 3 and 4 Pls with Bicycle Pl D Coy under Comd -
Lieut I.W.WALKER - BRIDGE 40367I.
7. ORDER OF MARCH - D Coy (less Bicycle Pl) O GP BHQ B Coy C Coy
HQ Coy less 3 and 4 Pls and personnel representing
enemy PLUS attached personnel 2/8 FD COY A COY
B ECH A COY 2/2 AUST FD AMB.
8. SPEED - 15 M.I.H.
9. DENSITY - II V.T.M. 150^x will be maintained between vehicles in
convoy - moving or halted.
10. HALTS - I450 - I500 hrs.
11. CONTROL POINTS - R.Ps. will establish Control Points at 422578,
472487, 486488, 508566, 5866I4 and 5I9647. The
Control Point at 5I9647 will divert tps to COY AREAS
under direction of I Sgt.
12. EMBUSSING - Tp carrying tpt will report COY AREAS at approx I200 hrs
15 Jun 42. Maj CRAWFORD will check main body
AKURESSA AREA past S.P.
13. PROTECTION - No 2 Pl will provide one Det to BHQ and Two Dets to B ECH.
14. ADMIN - Normal
15. DRESS - Fighting order, hats fur felt, summer dress.
16. SECURITY - All spare gear, stores etc; will be stored in dumps in Coy
Areas and guarded by guard consisting of One NCO per
Coy and three men per Pl. NO other personnel will
remain.

(2)

17. RATIONS - One days reserve rations will be carried on the man. This will not be consumed w/o orders from BHQ.
18. SLACKS will be carried in haversacks in lieu of pullovers and will be worn after sunset.
19. Ist LINE AMN will be carried by Coy HQ. NO ball amn will be carried by men. Coy Comds will certify to this effect by 1200 hrs 15 Jun 42.
20. WA TER DISCIPLINE - will be enforced.
21. INTER COMM - (a) Fwd BHQ will move fwd of B Coy during move. Rear BHQ with B ECH.
(b) BHQ closes present location 1300 hrs 15 Jun 42 - re-opens 1300 hrs as above Para 21 (a).
22. R.A.P. will move with B ECH.
23. ACK.

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ADJT 2/7 AUST INF BN.

ISSUED at --- hr by -----

DISTRIBUTION :

Copy No	1.	C.O.
	2.	2 i/c.
	3.	Adjt.
	4.	I.O.
	5.	A.Coy
	6.	B.Coy
	7.	C.Coy
	8.	D. Coy
	9.	HQ Coy
	10.	R.Q.M.
	11.	S.O.
	12.	R.M.O.
	13.	T.O.
	14.	O.C. A Coy 2/2 AUST INF BN
	15.	O.C. 2/8 AUST INF COY
	16.)HQ I7 AUST INF BDE GP
	17.)
	18.) War Diary
	19.)
	20.)
	21.)Spare
	22.)

LOG. OF 2/7 BN.

DURING "DON" EXERCISE.
16-17-18 JUNE.

REF MAP

AMBALANTOTA 1"-1 MILE

APP 10

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PLACE EXERCISE
DATE 16 JUNE

REG NO	IN FROM		OUT TO		TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
	UNIT	TOO	UNIT	TOO		
13	B. Coy	0715	0720		Coy in posn 1120300	
14	DCoy	0740			Left gutting held up a long time	
15	DCoy	0750			Coy in posn	
16	C. Coy	1205	1210		E3Coy in posn	
17	DCoy	1240	1240		REF MAP MORAWAKA 1" TO MILE DCoy HQ OCCUPYING AREA 5096470	
					17 PLATOON DISPERSED AREA 5096470 16PN 5086460 18PN NOT YET ARRIV. N4	
18				17 Bde 1657	BN HQ established 711608 at 1655 hrs	401
				All Coys 1715	Bn HQ established 711608 AT 1655 HRS.	402
					Coy in position.	Verbal
					RECEIVED MESSAGE, GIVING OPENING SIT	
					R GP ORDERS.	
					Q GP ORDERS START PT. KIRINDA JUNCT	
					CARRIERS IN POSN ON RDS FROM BELIATA	
					LEADING COY A IN PSN.	
					ORDERS TO CARRIER PATL. COMDR	
					REPORT TO CHIEF UMPIRE BN IN POSN COMNS EST. ALL COYS	
					FIFTH COL REPORT LARGE BODY OF TPS ON MAIN RD 6 MILES E. TANGALLE	
				17 BDE 1748	TEXT OF ABOVE	403
				ALL COYS + ATTACH 1805	RAP LOCATED AT THIS HQ	404
				" 1845	FIFTH COL REPORT LARGE BODY OF TPS ON MAIN RD 6M E TANGALLE	405
				" 1800	TRACE OF DISPOSITIONS AS AT 1705 TO BDE	

B N X K E R

BDE.
EXERCISE

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PLACE
DATE 16

EG No.	IN FROM		OUT TO		TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
	UNIT	TOO	UNIT	TOO		
	D. Coy	1825	1845		Coy HQ 696624 16 PL DISPERSED DEFENSIVE POSN 647621, 17 PL DISPERSED N5 DEFENSIVE POSN 699621, 18 PL BICYCLE DISPERSED DEFENSIVE POSN 696624 @ RD BLK 692623	
	C. Coy		1850		TRACE OF COYS DISPOSITION	
	A Coy		1955		TRACE OF COYS DISPOSITION	
				17BDE 2110	ENLARGEMENT OF AREA SHOWING DISPOSITION OF BN + ATTACHMENTS Movement Order Nos in form of message received C.O & 1 SGT IN CONFERENCE.	
		0430			O & R GPS RECEIVED ORDERS AT CO'S CAR	
				17BDE 0605	HEAD OF COL. TO PASS S.P. 0630 HRS	3/21
	C. Coy	0605			FIRST BOUND REPORTED CLEAR	
				17BDE 0655	AREA THIRD BOUND OPEN & DANGEROUS SUGGEST CAREFUL CROSSING EST FROM NE PRIOR TO ARTY CROSSING AREA	3/22
	C. Coy	0650			SECOND BOUND CLEAR	
	C. Coy	0702	0710		EN. ARTY ON RD JUNCT @ CONTINUING ADVANCE @ LOST ARTY CARRIER	
			0715		TRUCKS BOGGED @	
	C. Coy	0820	0825		ROAD IMPASSABLE @ MAKING RECCE WITH FIELD SECTION	
				17BDE 0830	ADVANCE HELD UP VICINITY 8572 BY BROKEN CAUSEWAY APPROX 1 MILE IN LENGTH, ENGRS. ON RECCE WILL REPORT IF ABLE TO PREPARE	3/24
				17BDE 1024	ENGRS REPORT ROAD IMPASSABLE UNDER 7 HRS WORK UNIT C.P. MOVING VIA WIRAKETIYA, THROUGH MADDENIYA 728819, 893831, 924813 TO 960823 START TIME 1100 HRS LOSSES BY ENEMY ACTION BN ARTY CARRIER AND ONE TRUCK	3/25

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PLACE _____
DATE _____

REG	IN FROM	OUT TO	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
12	UNIT TOO TOR	UNIT TOO		
		ALL COYS 1056	CORRECTION OF START TIME NOW 1115	3/26
		17BDE 1130	EN. EST. RD BLKS AREA 7672 OUR MTR FIRE HAS DEMOL BLK ADV. CO. DEALING WITH EN. OWN CAS. APP 4 ORS KILLED OR WOUNDED	3/27
		D. Coy 1157	EN. NOW IN REAR CUTTING RD. B. ECH AREA EST POSN TO RD JUNCT ALL ROUND DEFENCE & NO MOVE FWD UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS	3/27
	1150		RD CLEARED TO JUNCT BY CYCLE PATROL	
	1155		8 VEHICLES IN REAR OF REAR BLK	
		A Coy 1205	A COY WILL IMMEDIATELY DEPLOY EACH SIDE AT PRESENT LOCATION OF COL. BE PREPARED MEET ANY THREAT ON MOVE OF COL. A WILL MOVE BEHIND C AS REARGUARD WITH SECTION A/TK GUNS. NOTIFY OTHER COYS AFFECTED OF CHANGE OF ORDER OF MARCH NO MOVE FWD OF COL TILL FURTHER ORDERS	3/28
	1220		LAD TO CLEAR JUNCT IN AREA OF REAR BLK	
		D.C COYS 1223	SEC OF CARRIERS REPORTING COMING UNDER YOUR COMD & REPORT IF AREA TO JUNCT CLEAR OF EN. DURING HALTS VEHICLES MUST RECEIVE FLANK PROTECTION & EXPECT TO MOVE 15 MNS IF REPORT AREA CLEAR & ORDER OF MARCH AS BEFORE	3/29
		17BDE 1300	CONVOY STARTED ON NEW MOVE	3/31
		D. Coy 1320	YOU MUST PUSH ON & IMPERATIVE THAT WE REACH OBJECTIVE IN DAYLIGHT EN COMMANDOS DRIVEN OFF	3/30
	1345		SENT FOR ENGR OFFR NARROW BRIDGE BLOCKING CONVOY	
	D. Coy 1513		XRDS 74985H CLEAR OF EN YANGUARD HELD UP 300' EAST OF XRDS NOW PUSHING ON	
	1605		HEAD OF COL REACHED RD JUNCT 829819	
	D. Coy 1630		RD JUNCT 3RD CHECKING PT CLEAR	

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PLACE _____
DATE _____

REG NO.	IN FROM	OUT TO	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
	UNIT TOO TOO	UNIT TOO		
		D. Coy 1630	DO NOT ADV BEYOND RD JUNCT 924813 EXCEPT MIN DISTANCES NECESSARY CONTROL RDS RUNNING EAST + SOUTH & NO VEHICLES WITHIN 300' JUNCT NO VEHICLES TO PASS JUNCT.	
			ORDERS GIVEN TO OJR GPS	
	B. Coy 1220		1. SGT MOVED FWD JUNCT TO REECE TRACK FOR 3 COYS MOVING BY SOUTHERN ROUTE AFTER CLEARING EN OUT OF JUNCT AREA, I HAVE ORDERED TO REMAIN AND HOLD IT AND FOLLOW ON AFTER CONVOY. ALL CLEAR NOW	
			3. COYS IN VEHICLES ARRIVED JUNCT, DEBUSSED	
			ORDERS TO O GP	
			START TIME O COYS MOVED DOWN RD. B, C, A	
			TWO GREEN VEREY LIGHTS OBSERVED IN S.W.	
			COYS CARRY OUT ATTACK ON JUNCT AREA. B TO RIGHT C TO LEFT + A PUSHING ON THROUGH B DOWN RD TO SECURE WETIYA JUNCT.	
		2215 17BDE	SITREP O UNIT IN POSSESSION OF SYABALAGODA EN APPROX 1 COY DISMOUNTED. OWN CAS APPROX 40. O COY LOCATIONS BWHQ 960623 A Coy 965795 B 960823 C 950623 D 924813. INTENTION TO BRING BOATS OF ENGR COY TO 965795. EMBARK 3 COYS CARRY OUT 1ST LIGHT ATTACK 059698	3/35
			I SGT WENT BACK THROUGH D COY CONTACTED ENGRS GUIDED CONVOY FWD TO A COY AREA. B ECH VEHICLES BRINGING HOT DRINK AND LIGHT MEAL TO TPS	
			18 JUN 42	
			C.O ENGR OEF 1 SGT RECCED LAUNCHING PLACE AT WETIYA - IMPRACTICABLE	
			CONVOY TURNED AND DIRECTED TO ANICUT WHERE LAUNCHING PLACE HAD BEEN LOCATED. TPS WERE LIFTED ON ENGR TRUCKS AND B ECH VEHICLES	

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PLACE _____
DATE _____

REG 19	IN FROM	OUT TO	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
	UNIT TOO	UNIT TOO		
		0200	ASSEMBLY OF BOATS AND LAUNCHING WAS UNDER WAY WHEN IT WAS FOUND THAT PORTION OF B COY AND SEVERAL VEHICLES WITH BOATING MATERIALS HAD TAKEN WRONG RD AND WERE MISSING	
		0540	8 BOATS WITH ALL TPS COYS COULD MUSTER WERE LAUNCHING AREA WITH ENGR OFFR. MOVING AHEAD IN RECCE BOAT	
		0845	REACHED ISLAND IN RIVER AND CO. CALLED HALT WHILE TPS RESTED AND HE HAD A CONFERENCE WITH COMDS. 1. BOAT WITH A COY PERSONNEL HAD BEEN OVERTURNED AND MUCH GEAR LOST.	
		0900	LEFT RIVER MARCHED THROUGH JUNGLE ON 90° BEARING UNTIL RD WAS REACHED.	
		15 0950	REACHED RD AND SAW EN CYCLE PATROL WHO WITHDREW BEFORE A PATROL FROM A COY COULD COLLECT THEM. FROM OUR POSN OFF RD SCOUTS REPORTED EN TPS APPROX 600' TO OUR RIGHT.	
		0955	MOVED ACROSS RD INTO JUNGLE ON OPP SIDE OF RD OUT OF SIGHT OF EN AND MOVED IN EAST DIRECTION THEN IN SE DIRECTION THIS BROUGHT THE BN OUT ON RD AREA IN REAR OF EN POSN AT 1035 HRS	
		1045	MOVED OUT SECTS OF B COY WHO CAPTURED EN. AND MADE AMBUSH.	
		1215	LEFT XRDS MARCHED SOUTH DOWN RD IN FOLLOWING ORDER - C, A, B COYS	
		1220	CAPTURED DR.	
		1225	VANGUARD CAPTURED 2ND DR	
		1330	2 CRs. CONTACTED D COY REPORTED C COY PLAN AND B COY LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON BIDGE FROM WEST TO ASSIST.	
		1346	TURNED OFF MAIN RD AND FOLLOWED CANAL BANK	
		1530	CROSSED MAIN RD VANGUARD CONTACTED AND MOPPED UP 2/6 BN RAP	
		1600	B COY BECOMEC VANGUARD MOVED ACROSS TRACK IN PADDY TO SOUTH OF BIDGE POSN A + C COYS FOLLOWING IN THAT ORDER.	
		1630	REACHED RD AND ASSEMBLY AREA FOR ATTACK ON BIDGE WHEN DR REPORTED BIDGE BLOWN EXERCISE FINISHED	

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DATE 17

EG	IN FROM	OUT TO	TEXT OF MESSAGE	ACTION TAKEN
19.	UNIT TOO	UNIT TOO		
BN	BCOY 1220	1230	<p>AFTER CLEARING ENEMY OUT OF JUNCTION AREA, I HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO REMAIN AND HOLD IT AND FOLLOW ON AFTER CONVOY. WILL CLEAR NOW.</p> <p>EXERCISED BN HQ EST 907828 AT 1745 HRS. 201</p> <p>GREEN VERE LIGHT OBSERVED FROM BNHQ AREA IN SW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18 JUN 42</p>	
		1780		
		1000	<p>BNHQ AREA UNDER EN SHELLFIRE & CARRIERS TRYING TO LOCATE GUNS</p> <p>THIS HQ AREA UNDER ARTY FIRE & CARRIER PATROL ENDEAVOURING TO LOCATE GUN PSNS</p>	401
		1038	<p>MOVED SOUTH TO CONTACT TPS ASSUMED TO BE ENEMY & KNOW THAT TITO SOME MILES SOUTH & NO CONTACT & ENEMY SEEN 7 1/2 M POST PATROLS FAILED TO LOCATE SAME & PUSHED ON TO (1) TRY AND LOCATE ENEMY (2) CONTACT TITO & MOVED 2 DET MTRS 1 SEC CARRIERS FWD WITH ME & HAVE NOW LOCATED PL COMDR AND 8 ORS OF OUR B COY WHO ARE MOVING FWD & FOO. NOW WITH ME & ALSO 2 A/TK GUNS A ECH AND TP CARRYING TRANSPORT MOVING FWD XROADS 959823 REF MAP AMBALANTOTA SHELLED AT 0910 HRS & 1 TP CARRYING MT KNOCKED OUT & SEVERAL POW AN COMPOUND AT XROAD UNDER GUARD & CAN YOU ARRANG THEIR TAKING OVER & PASSING 7 1/2 M PEG & CAN YOU GIVE ME ORDERS</p>	
		1140	<p>NIRA REPORT NOW AT REF 964796 MOVING SOUTH WITH ONE SEC CARRIERS TWO DETS MORTARS ALSO PL COMDR AND 8 ORS BULO AND FOO & A ECH AND TP CARRYING TRANSPORT MOVING FWD WITH TWO A/TK GUNS TO XRDS REF 959823 & ARE AWAITING ORDERS</p>	402
		1144	<p>POW TO BE FORWARDED TO TITO UNDER ESCORT & TITO LOCATED 907828 & INFORMATION CONTAINED IN MESSAGE OF 1053 HRS FORWARDED TO C O FOR INSTRUCTIONS</p>	403
		1150	<p>TAC R SEEN 0800 & 12 MT HALTED MEN DERUSSING MILE STONE 12 (AIR) 194077.</p>	1

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Saddle Tree Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Wheelers																	
General duty personnel																49	49
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																49	49

2/7 AUST INF BN

Unit.

Date of Despatch 19 JUN 42

Henry G. Guerin Lt Col.
Comd 2/7 Aust Inf Bn, Signature of Commander.

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE GP - ATF (CEYLON)
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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ROUTINE ORDERS NO 25/42

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20 Jun 42

LT COL H. G. GUINN

by

COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

1. USE OF PETROL FOR CLEANING THE ENGINES OF M.T. VEHICLES

- (a) Apart from the shortage of petrol and the need for it's conservancy as fuel, the practice of using petrol to clean the outside of engines is extremely dangerous from the point of view of explosion and fire risk.
- (b) This is particularly so in the case of a Bren carrier, in which the engine may be enclosed in a housing where the highly inflammable petrol vapour may be caught in pockets and corners, and may remain for a considerable time after cleaning.
- (c) Even in the case of an enclosed engine, the risk of fire from exploding vapour is very great. The spark from a generator or starter brush, a loose high tension lead, a short circuit in the electrical system, or a backfire through the induction manifold and carburettor often suffices to ignite the fumes, with resultant serious damage by fire and sometimes the complete destruction of the vehicle.
- (d) In view of these risks, the use of petrol as a cleaning medium will be avoided.
- (e) Other cleaning liquids which can be recommended as suitable substitutes for petrol are : Dilute Phenyle, kerosene and a mixture of equal parts of kerosene and oil.

2. "X" LIST PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

- (a) Personnel drafted to AUST INF BDE TNG UNIT 17 are arriving deficient in equipment including :-
 - (i) Blankets
 - (ii) Mess outfits
 - (iii) Rifles
- (b) In some instances the equipment has been mislaid during transit but in other cases personnel have left units without blankets or other items of equipment have NOT been forwarded to the Tng Unit.
- (c) Coys will ensure that this matter receives attention.

H.L.E. DUNKLEY Capt
ADJT. 2/7 AUST INF BN.

NOTICES

1. CHURCH SERVICES - Sun 21 Jun 42

R. C. Mass will be celebrated as follows:-

0900 hrs: BHQ, HQ, B, C and D Coys and B Ech in the Church Hut on
GALLE Rd- 50^x South of MATARA - AKURESSA "turn off".

2. A.C.F. DISTRIBUTION : 2/7 AUST INF BN acknowledges with the thanks the gift of :-

95 pkts of Cigarettes	2 pkts of playing cards
713 " 1 oz tobacco	2 face washers
713 " Cigarette papers	1 pkt razor blades
25 tins of peaches	2 tooth brushes
21 " soup	2 tubes of tooth paste
1 - 4 1/2 lb tin of biscuits	7 cakes of soap

from the Australian Comforts Fund.

3. LOST: 1 case of maps cylindrical containing 1 peg bag with hammer, 1 Reamer
1 Clamp Spoke Mast, Leads counter poise 2, Mast Sections 5, spreaders 3

4. FOUND : in truck on return from exercise - 1 leather wallet containing snaps
an unit colour patches. Owner may have same on application to these
HQ .

Capt Junkley
2/7 Br.

1643
2/6
Action taken
Shown to Mr Arnold
1715 2/6

No 17 Aust Inf Bde.
21 Jun 42.

APP 13

Jan Junk.

Herewith information re pde.

2/7 will supply Escal of 1 Ofc 1 cpl 3 ORs.
Ofcs armed with Tommy gun and ammo. Men
slouch hats turned up chui straps, shirts shorts
stockings boots puttees ~~etc~~ (Ofc short puttees) web belt.
Ofc web belt 45 or 38 on left side on
belt ammo pouch right side. lanyard across
body over right shoulder.

Station wagon will report to-night from 2/6
stay over night and reach Galle Green 1050 hrs
to-morrow ^{with escort} and wait somewhere near entrance
gate to green where Privat will tell them what to
do.

On the big day, (Wednesday) same procedure
but escort will take with them bedding and toilet
gear and will stay night at Reception Camp
Cbo (Museum College) and come back next day.
On both occasions rations for 1 meal will be
taken.

It should be advised that the escort is changed
at Galle. British will escort visitors there then
we take over. Any questions please phone me.
Anne Hutchinson.

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ROUTINE ORDERS 26/42

22 Jun 42

Lt Col H. G. GUINN

by

COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

1. NUMBERS ON VEHICLES

Attention is drawn to para 210 of AIF (CEYLON) Routine Orders, Serial No 11.

The Military Police have been instructed to seize all vehicles of which the number plates are either NOT eligible or missing.

2. WASTE OF FOOD

(a) Quite apart from the military factor the waste of food by anyone at the present time is an offence against the national war effort.

(b) Individual waste may be small but in the aggregate it can amount to many tons of invaluable shipping space.

(c) The Comd of any body of troops from the Section upwards is responsible that there is no waste in his own unit or sub unit. For various reasons, surpluses of rations nearly always accrue and this must be adjusted by short drawing, either of whole rations or commodities. Very few units are underdrawing at the moment which indicates that waste must be taking place. Hoarding is absolutely forbidden. Units are allowed to maintain 3 days hard rations, but nothing in excess of this, without express order in writing from Command Headquarters. It is not desirable to institute any general system of supplies check, but if units or more senior Comds are in any doubt as to the existence of surpluses, it is their duty to carry out such a check at once and to adjust immediately any surplus found.

3. BOOTS

Until supplies of dubbin are available, coconut oil or mutton fat may be used to grease the inside of his boots. It is useless to grease the outside and then for the boots to become soaked in the water of a paddy field. The fat may be warmed the boots dipped in the liquid fat and the excess rubbed off.

4. ANTI-MALARIA PRECAUTIONS

(a) Unless instructed to the contrary the following ANTI - MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS will be taken:-

(b) MOSQUITO NETS will be used. They will be examined each morning and any holes or tears at once mended and the net will be turned inside out and rolled up properly. Before dusk nets will be unrolled any mosquito found in them killed and the edges of the net TUCKED IN ALL ROUND under the blanket, so that the sides of the net do not sag. On turning in, men will get under their nets as quickly as possible and again tuck them in. If men have to get up during the night they will tuck in the net after them.

(c) Slacks and rolled down sleeves will be worn after sun down in camps, on evening leave and on EXERCISES. Gaiters will be worn with slacks.

(d) Sentries, Picquets and other personnel on duty at night will apply Anti-Malaria cream to exposed skin every hour between sunset and turning in.

(e) NO MAN WILL GO NEAR A NATIVE VILLAGE OR NATIVE DWELLING AFTER SUNDOWN UNLESS ON DUTY.

5. FIRST AID TREATMENT OF PHOSPHORUS BURNS

(a) Phosphorus burns may result from the action of self-igniting phosphorus grenades, and it is essential that in such cases first aid treatment should be carried out immediately.

(b) The following first aid treatment of phosphorus burns will therefore, be brought to the notice of all ranks:-

(i) Immediately immerse affected part in water.

(ii) If sufficient water is not available, soak the first field dressing and apply it.

(iii) Particles of phosphorus imbedded in skin should be removed under water.

(iv) Oils or greasy dressings will in NO circumstances be used.

B. M. DINSMORE Lieut

A/ADJ. 2/7 AUST INF BN

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/7 AUST INF BR

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	2		
Lieutenants...	20		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	31		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	C.W. MACPARKANE	A.I.F.	16/6	Evac to 12 A.C.H.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col (C.O.)		GUINN, N.G.	A.I.F.	YES	
Major (2 1/c)		BROCK, G.H.	"	"	
" (O.C. Coy)		CRAWFORD, A.C.	"	"	
" (O.C. Coy)		McCALEUM, I.D.	"	NO	H.D.S.
Capt (O.C. Coy)		NELSON, S.W.D.	"	YES	
" (Coy 2 1/c)		CRAMP, S.M.	"	NO	17 Bde Drvs & Mtc Course.
2 (Adjnt)		DUNKLEY, H.L.E.	"	YES	
" (Coy 2 1/c)		CARSTAIRS, J.Don.	"	"	
" (O.C. Coy)		CUDDON, W.S.	"	"	
" (2 1/c Coy)		DURLL, N.S.	"	"	
Lieut (Coy 2 1/c)		PRINGLE, F.B.	"	"	
" (Tpt Off)		GOULD, F.G.	NO	NO	17 Bde Drvs & Mtc Course.
2 (Coy 2 1/c)		ARNOLD, E.	"	YES	
" (Pl Com)		EDNEY, R.K.	"	"	
" (")		BARR, F.A.	"	NO	Det Spec Duty.
" (Q.M.)	T/Capt	SMITH, A.	"	YES	
" (Pl Com)		TATTERSON, L.V.	"	"	
" (")		HOLLAND, T.N.	"	"	
" "		McDONALD, A.J.	"	"	
" "		McINTOSH, D.B.	"	"	
" "		PALMER, A.N.	"	"	
" "		WALKER, L.W.	"	"	
" "		WEST, G.R.S.	"	"	
" "		BAIRD, V.C.	"	"	
" "		ROOKE, A.M?	"	"	
" "		ROBERTSON, A.M.	"	"	
" "		ELLIS, C.H.	"	NO	Avd. C.C.S.
" "		SEARS, E.C.	"	YES	
" "		ARNOLD, S.	"	"	
" "		DINSMORE, B.M.	"	"	
" "		FERCUSSON, T. StD. F.	"	2	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.		GIBSON, C.J.	A.I.F.	6/7/41	R.M.O.
Padre.		PHILLIPS, S.B.	"	31/4/42	PADRE.
Major		PALMER, G.B.	"	13/4/42	WELFARE OFFICER

Henry G. Swinford
(Signature of Commander)

2/7 AUST INF BN.

CORD 2/7 AUST INF BN

(Unit.)

HQ. 17 AUST INF BDE OP HQ CEYLON

19 JUN 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

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

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by

LT COL H.G. GUINN

COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

I. COURT OF INQUIRY - A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned Officers has been convened by the Commanding Officer to inquire into and report upon the loss of -

- Compasses Oil (2)
- " Prismatic (I only) No. 4195
- Lensatic Sights (3) Nos. 6508, 6538 and 8237
- 3" Mortar Bomb HE (I only)
- Exide Double Life Batteries (I only)

on issue to 2/7 AUST INF BN.

PRESIDENT - Capt St E. D. NELSON
MEMBERS Lieut F.J. GOOLI
Lieut E.C. SEARES

2. DISCIPLINE - The following awards have been made by the Commanding Officer :-

- | | | |
|------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| VX I6567
Pte PEARSON K.H. | AWL from 1800 hrs 14/4/42
to 1500 hrs 25/4/42 and from
0700 hrs 26/4/42 to 1230 hrs
5/5/42 AA 15 (i) | Fined £A and
28 days detention |
| VX 52215
Pte KEMP H. | AWL from 1800 hrs 14/4/42
to 1500 hrs 25/4/42 and from
0700 hrs 26/4/42 to 1230 hrs
5/5/42 AA 15 (i) | Fined £A5 and
28 days detention |
| VX 51795
Pte EDGECOCK R. | AWL from 1830 hrs 19/6/42 to
1800 hrs 20/6/42 AA (15 (i) | Fined £A5 and
28 days detention |
| VX 53674
Pte HENLEY E.J. | AWL from 1500 hrs to 1800 hrs
20/6/42 AA 15 (i) | Fined £A5 and
28 days detention |
| VX 35736
Pte SWEET H.W. | AWL from 1500 hrs to 1800 hrs
20/6/42 AA 15 (i) | Fined A5 and
28 days detention |
| VX 57605
Pte JINKINS J. | 1. Failing to appear at a place of parade appointed by his C.O. 28 days detention. AA 15 (ii) and 2. Disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer AA 9 (2) | |

F.A. : BARR LIEUT
A/ADJT 2/7 AUST INF BN

NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES - SUN 28 JUN 42

PROTESTANT - BHQ, B and C Coys in B. Coy Area at 0830 hrs.
D and HQ Coys and B ECH in D Coy area at 0930 hrs
A Coy in A Coy area at 1100 hrs.

R.C. MASS will be celebrated as follows :-
BHQ, B,C,D and HQ Coys and B ECH in the Church Hdt
Galle Rd AKURESSA at 0900 hrs.
Confessions from 1800 hrs Sat 27 Jun 42.
A. Coy - at the Cinema KOGGALA at 1100 hrs.

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APP 16

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates, etc.	Total.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.		Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates, etc.	Total.
Armament Artificers—Fitters ..																			
Armament Artificers—Instruments																			
Armament Artificers—Instruments —Wireless ..																			
Ammunition Examiners ..																			
Armourers ..																			
Blacksmiths ..																			
Carpenters and Joiners ..																			
Clerks ..																			
Coppersmiths ..																			
Driver Mechanics ..																			
Draughtsmen (Mech.) ..																			
Electricians ..																			
Fitters ..																			
Fitters (Motor Vehicle) ..																			
Grinders (Precision) ..																			
Hammermen ..																			
Instrument Mechanics ..																			
Machinists (Metal) ..																			
Moulders ..																			
Motor Mechanics ..																			
Motor Assemblers ..																			
Painters and Decorators ..																			
Pattern Makers ..																			
Push Cycle Repairers ..																			
Riveters ..																			
Saddlers and Harness Makers ..																			
Saw Doctors ..																			
Sawyers ..																			
Shoemakers ..																			
Storemen ..																			
Textile Refitters ..																			
Tinsmiths and Whitesmiths ..																			
Toolmakers ..																			
Turners ..																			
Vulcanizers ..																			
Watch Makers ..																			
Welders (Acetylene or Electric) ..																			
Wheelers ..																			
Wireless Mechanics ..																			
Wood Turners and Machinists ..																			
Non-Tradesmen ..																			
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																			

2/7 AUST INF BN

Unit.

Henry G. Quinn

Lt Col.

Comd 2/7 AUST INF BN Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 27 JUN 42.

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE CP - AIF (CEYLON)
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/7 AUST INF BN (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants...	23		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	34	1	

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	CAPUANO E.J.	A.I.F.	22/6/42	Marched in from AUST INF BDE TNG UNIT 17.
"	DUKE W.A.S.	"	"	
"	RICE J.A.	"	"	"
"	DAVIS C.A.	"	24/6/42	"
"	McCORKELL W.H.	"	25/6/42	"

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Major	McCALLUM I.D.	A.I.F.	12/6/42	Evac to 12 AGH.
Lieut	HOLLAND T.N.	"	22/6/42	" " "
"	ELLIS C.H.	"	unknown	" " "

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col (C.O)		GUINN H.G.	A.I.F.	Yes	
Major (2 1/e)		BROCK G.H.	"	"	
" (O.C Coy)		CRAWFORD A.C.	"	"	
Capt "		NELSON StE.D.	"	"	
" "		McCORKELL W.H.	"	"	
" (2 1/e Coy)		CRAMP S.M.	"	"	
" (Adj't)		DUNKLEY H.L.E.	"	"	
" (O.C Coy)		CARSTAIRS J.Dem.	"	"	
" (O.C Coy)		CUDDON W.S.	"	"	
" (2 1/e Coy)		DUELL N.S.	"	"	
Lieut (Pl Comd)		DAVIS C.A.	"	"	
" (Coy 2 1/e)		PRINGLE F.B.	"	"	
" (Tpt Off)		COOLD F.C.	"	"	
" (O.C Coy)		ARNOLD E.	"	"	
" (Pl Comd)		EDNEY W.K.	"	"	
" "		BARR F.A.	"	"	
" (Q.M)	T/Capt	SMITH A.	"	"	
" (Pl Comd)		FATTERSON L.V.	"	"	
" "		McDONALD A.J.	"	"	
" "		McINTOSH D.B.	"	"	
" "		PALMER A.N.	"	"	
" "		WALKER I.W.	"	"	
" "		WEST G.R.S.	"	"	
" "		BAIRD V.C.	"	"	
" "		ROOKE A.N.	"	"	
" "		ROBERTSON A.M.	"	"	
" "		SEARES E.C.	"	"	
" "		ARNOLD S.	"	"	
" "		DINSMORE B.M.	"	"	
" "		FERGUSON T.Std.F.	"	"	
" "		CAPUANO E.J.	"	"	
" "		RICE J.A.	"	"	
" "		SUTTON C.G.	"	"	
" "		DUKE W.A.S.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		GIBSON C.J.	A.I.F.	6/7/41	R.M O.
Padre		PHILLIPS E.B.	"	31/1/42	PADRE
Major		PALMER G.S.	"	13/4/42	Welfare Officer

2/7 AUST INF BN

27 JUN 42

(Date of Despatch.)

(Unit.)

Henry G. Quinn L/Col
Comd 2/7 AUST INF BN
(Signature of Commander.)

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE GP-AIF (CEYLON)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

New Denny

To R.Q. 17
From B Coy

27 Jun 42

The personnel of B Coy acknowledge with
thanks, the gift of one bottle of Beer per
man, supplied by Regimental Funds on 26 Jun 42

Walter Denny
O.C. B Coy

Aajit.

1530
27/6.

APP 17

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2/0 Lt. Arnold.
Koggala
28.6.44

APP 18

My dear Colonel Guinness
May I say how sorry
I am to have heard from Captain
Macfarlane of the very sad mishap in
your battalion.

Both of the lads who
were killed I knew, such nice cherry
young fellows. I do feel so sad for their
next of kin. They both did a great
deal to cement the bonds of the two
services, and made this station so
indebited to you and your battalion
for such ready, pleasant and useful
help.

Should I not have
the pleasure of seeing you soon may
I wish you all the luck in the
world

Yours sincerely

Lt. Arnold

2/0 Lt. Arnold
Koggala
28.6.44

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MOST SECRET

2/7 AUST INF BN

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WARNING ORDER - COCONUT

APP 19

1. 2/7 AUST INF BN will be relieved by a British Unit.
2. Relief will take place 7 hours after despatch of code word "COCONUT" to sub units.
3. Relieving unit will arrive in coy areas in MT.
4. Coys will provide guiding parties consisting of 1 Offr and 3 NCOs as pl guides. Each party will move in a coy vehicle.
5. Coy guides in AKURESSA area will report to the 2 I/c or Adjt in D Coy area 5 1/2 hrs after Time of Origin of message "COCONUT".
"A" Coy party will move direct to MATARA RLY STA at same time and await arrival of main party.
6. Relieving sub units will be accomodated ^{m/} alongside corresponding sub units of this Bn. Coys will ensure that adequate preparations are made as instructed at C.Os conference.
7. Certificates for handing over of accommodation stores and cleanliness of lines will be prepared for Signature by OCs of relieving sub units

H. L. D. ...
-----Capt

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APP 20

- I. 2/7 AUST INF BN will EMBARK from CEYLON under MOVEMENT ORDER to be issued later.
 2. The code word for move is "SCHOONER".
 3. EQUIPMENT - G1098 scale including bicycles will be taken. As vehicles will NOT be available for stowing stores, Coys will indent for packing cases ro Q.M.
 4. AMN. - 1st line amn ONLY will be taken. Surplus holdings will be returned to QM forthwith.
 5. VEHICLES - Instns will be issued separately.
 6. ACCOMODATION STORES - Scale "A" accomodation stores will be taken less tentage. Mosquito Nets will be taken and carried individually in universal Kit Bags.
 - 7a. KITS - Officers' heavy baggage will be taken to docks for loading under arrangements to be made by AIF KIT STORE and will be ready for loading at same time as unit equipment. This heavy baggage will be stored in lighters separately and will be stowed in "WANTED ON VOYAGE" baggage room and NOT in holds. Escorts with baggage will be responsible that this is done. Officers' heavy baggage in area will be delivered to QM before I200 hrs 30 Jun 42.
 - b. Kits of ORs will be withdrawn from Kit Store on 29 Jun 42 and delivered to Coy Areas. On arrival on board universal kits will be withdrawn from ORs and stowed. Coys will ensure that uniform S.D. is packed in SEA KIT bag together with clothing necessary for voyage not already in pack and haversack (Ref B.S.Os.).
 8. As far as possible all heavy equipment, stores etc., will be sent for embarkation before unit embarks. Only the minimum will accompany the unit when proceeding for embarkation.
 9. BAGGAGE PARTY - A baggage party of two PIs with Offrs to be detailed from C.COY will accompany unit stores, baggage, etc., sent in advance for embarkation.
 10. MARKING OF STORES - All boxes, crates, packages, baggage, etc., will be clearly marked with unit serial No. and colours. Serial No. to be prefixed by letters "Y.B."
- In addition to above each box, crate or package will be numbered with the prefix letter of the Coy to whom it belongs (e.g. B3, HQ7, D4) and Coys will make out in duplicate a complete inventory of the contents of each and every box, crate or package, one copy to be retained by the Coy and the other to be forwarded to RQM. Any old markings WILL be painted out.
- II. PACKING OF STORES - As vehicles will not be available for loading, all stores must be boxed or crated in such a manner as to withstand any

II. PACKING OF STORES (contd).-

rough handling normally received during loading and unloading. Bicks and shovels will be securely wired together in bundles and marked in the same way as other stores. Cooking utensils will as far as possible, be packed into insulators. Any surplus to be boxed or crated.

I2. RATIONS - All ranks for embarkation will be in possession of a haversack ration for consumption up to and including the mid-day meal.
TEA WILL BE THE FIRST MEAL SERVED ON BOARD.

I3. LABELS - Coys will prepare labels for attachment to all weapons less pistols showing clearly Army No, Name Rank and unit serial No of holder.
On arrival aboard weapons will be stowed in Ship's Armourery.

I4. Men will embark with BOTH kit bags, Rifle, LMGs, TSMGs and personal equipment.

I5. While awaiting embarkation LMGs will be ready for IMMEDIATE use.

I6. ACK. Issued at 1715 hrs H.L.E. DUNKLEY CAPT
29 Jun 42.

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- 6. O.C/ B. Coy
- 7. O.C. C. Coy
- 8. O.C. D. Coy
- 9. O.C. H.Q. Coy
- 10. Q.M.
- 11. S.O.
- 12. T.O.
- 13. RMO.
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APPENDIX 1

APP 21

- I. Further to PARA 8 of WARNING ORDER "Schooner" of 29 Jun 42 -
 Coys will retain ONLY those weapons and amn which will be carried by personnel.
 ALL other weapons - e.g. Mortars, Boyes Rifles etc., with amn will be returned to RQM correctly labelled on receipt of code word "Schooner".
 2. Coy cooking gear will be securely packed and returned to RQM. at the same time as weapons and amn in Para 1.
 Coy office gear will be marked W.O.V.
 3. Bren guns, tripods and 1000 rds per gun MUST be carried. Coys will arrange for 24 filled mags to be carried and remaining 400 rds to be distributed evenly amongst the Sec.
 4. The kit bags of the Nos. 1 and 2 of the Bren Gun will be sent to RQM with any gear as in Para 1 and will become responsibility of baggage party, who will ensure SEA KIT BAGS are NOT stored in holds.
 5. In addition to amn carried for Bren vide Para 3 above, 20 rds per man will be carried by all riflemen.
 6. ACK.
- ISSUED at 1815 hrs 30 Jun 42

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| | 9. | O.C. HQ Coy |
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POSTING OF OFFICERS

as at 3 JUL 42

VX 33	Lt Col	H.G.GUINN	COMD	<u>Bn.H.Q.</u>
VX 22	Major	G.H.BROCK	2 i/c	
VX 5174	Capt	H.L.E.DUNKLEY	ADJT	

VX 323	Major	G.A.CRAWFORD	O.C.Coy	<u>HQ.Coy.</u>
VX 3297	Capt	A.SMITH	Q.M.	
VX 4717	"	S.M.CRAMP	OC.Carrier Pl.	
VX 13849	Lieut	F.J.GOOLD	T.O.	
VX 23387	"	D.B.McINTOSH	OC.Pioneer Pl.	
VX 4674	"	I.W.WALKER	OC.Mortar Pl.	
VX 52876	"	A.M.ROBERTSON	OC.A/A Pl.	
VX 6545	"	T.StD.F.FERGUSSON	OC CARRIER PL.	
VX 10322	"	B.M.DINSMORE	OC.Signal Pl.	
VX 36	Capt	W.H.McCORKELL		

VX 4299	Capt	W.S.CUDDON	OC.Coy	<u>A.Coy.</u>
VX 5660	Lieut	L.V.TATTERSON	2 i/c	
VX 5554	"	A.J.McDONALD	Pl Comd.	
VX 35458	"	V.C.BAIRD	"	
VX 4603	"	C.A.DAVIS	"	

VX 5423	Capt	J.DeM.CARSTAIRS	OC.Coy	<u>B.Coy.</u>
VX 7924	Lieut	W.K.EDNEY	2 i/c	
VX 39715	"	G.R.S.WEST	Pl Comd	
VX 23286	"	W.A.S.DUKE	"	
TX 1491	"	C.G.SUTTON	"	

VX 4621	Lieut	E.ARNOLD	OC.Coy.	<u>C.Coy</u>
VX 14161	"	F.B.PRINGLE	2 i/c	
VX 4613	"	A.N.PALMER	Pl Comd	
VX 21825	"	E.C.SEARES	"	
VX 42069	"	E.J.CAPUANO	"	
VX 5804	"	T.N.HOLLAND		

VX 237	Capt	StE.D.NELSON	OC.Coy.	<u>D.Coy</u>
VX 55298	"	N.S.DUELL	2 i/c	
VX 39195	Lieut	F.A.BARR	Pl Comd	
VX 4622	"	S.ARNOLD	"	
VX 42593	"	A.N.ROOKE	"	
TX 2870	"	J.A.RICE		

ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS

NX 76252	Capt	C.J.GIBSON	R.M.O.	<u>A.A.M.C.</u>
SX- 8944	Padre	E.B.PHILLIPS	A.A.Ch Dept.	
B 3/05	Major	G.S.PALMER	Salv Army	WELFARE OFFICER

To 17 INF BDE

ORIG.

DATE

From

3/7 BN HQ

302

8

FOUR ENEMY SIGHTED, BUT HAVE WITHDRAWN BACK
FWD PN, MAKING RECCE OF AREA

500 650

EXPECT CONTACT WITH ENEMY NEXT 1000 X

T.O.O.

1125 HRS

TO 17 AUGUST 1945 BOM. ORIG I 307. DATE 8/45.
FROM B.H.Q. 2/7. Bn.

A Coy. CROSSER START LINE. 0900 HRS

To 0905

17 AUST INF BDE

207

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2/7 AUST INF BN

BN HQ

now

located

486649

1410

17 AVST INF BDE 206

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2/7 Bn. HQ.

BHQ. EST.

488649

1310 HR3

1320

TUIT AUST INF BDE ORIG. 2050 DATE 8
FROM 2/7 Pn. HQ.

ENEMY STILL HOLDING ~~1~~ COY UNABLE TO
ADVANCE AS ~~PT~~ 5 CASUALTIES.

100315

To HQ AUST INF BDE. ORIG 203 DATE 8

FROM. 2/7 AUST INF BDE.

BHQ. EST. REF 499651 AT 1215 HRS

1230 HRS

TO

ORIG. 204

DATE 8

FROM 2/7 BHQ

A Coy CONTACTED ENEMY PROBABLE
STRENGTH 1 PL REF. 4766500 DEALING
WITH SAME

TO 01310

TO B A G
FROM A.

8-

Have contacted many probable
strength 1 P. 4766500 for
healing with cancer.

W. J. H.

1948

To B.M.C.

From H.

E 2 8

Enemy still holding us
up, make to advance us
for a day. Required 50 RPs
Stretcher Bearer required @
5 Casualties @

H. H.

1255

Appendix "D"

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An opening now exists for a good capable and energetic batman to a R S M of impeccable character. Apply in first instance to C S Ms stating capabilities. Good home etc provided His Majesty's Government's Expense. Wages awarded.

PERSONAL COLUMN

C S Ms. Gentlemen your kind help in the above matter would be appreciated.

Handwritten: 25/6/44

Handwritten signature: W P Bdy
R S M 2/7 Aust Inf I

Handwritten: P. J. W. D. P. APP 22

6 AM "D" boy

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