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2/43 Infantry Battalion

January 1943

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118

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or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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JANUARY 1943

2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
KHASHA	1 Jan		Lt-col W.J.WAIN took over duties as Acting Bde Comd		
	2 Jan	0745	Bn Exercise		
	2 Jan	2000	50% BN entertained by AIF Concert Party		
	3 Jan	1000	Bn Church Parade		
	3 Jan	2000	50 % Bn entertained by AIF Concert Party		
	4 Jan		2 i/c returned to Unit from 1 Aust Con Depot		
	4 Jan	0745	60 attended 1 day Mine School BEIT JIRJA		
	SOUTH SHEET PALESTINE 1/250,000 127047	5 Jan	0745	5 offrs Arty Shoot ASLUJ	
		5 Jan	0745	60 attended 1 day Mine School BEIT JIRJA	
		6 Jan		Full Kit Inspection for Bn	
7 Jan		1400	Instrs from 24 AITB marched in		
7 Jan		1900	Offrs Mess Dinner GOC attended, AANS & VADs		
9 Jan			Marking of Kits and Sea Kit Bags		
9 Jan			3 Decorations awarded to members of Bn	29	
9 Jan		1800	CO attended dinner held in Sgts' Mess		
10 Jan		1000	Bn Church Parade		
12 Jan		1500	Lecture on Jungle Warfare		
REF MAP HEBRON	12 Jan		Issue of cards recording GOC (ME) speech at Div Review		
	14 Jan		Bn Tactical Exercise to instruct and practice tps in formations likely to be used in Jungle Warfare		
BEIT JIBRIN	15 Jan		Bn Medical Inspection		
	16 Jan	1233	Bn moved out from KHASHA Camp. CO apptd Convoy Comd	Appices 11, 12 13 & 14	
EAST BANK CANAL	17 Jan		OCTU personnel joined Unit		
	17 Jan	2100	1 OR Killed 1 OR seriously injured by Car Accident		
QASSASSIN 157 Transit Camp SUEZ	18 Jan		Bn moved from EAST BANK CANAL to QASSASSIN	12.	
	20 Jan		Bn moved out of Camp	1 2 & 13	
	21 Jan		Bn moved into Transit Camp	12	
	21 Jan	1400	Bn Route March by Coys		
	22 Jan	0900	Bn Route March by Coys		
	22 Jan	1400	Inter Unit Football Match 2/32 versus 2/43 Bn - 2/43 Bn successful		
	23 Jan	0830	Bn Route March by Coys		
	23 Jan	1530	Bn issued with Embarkation numbers		
	24 Jan	1100	Bn embarked on QUEEN MARY at SUEZ	12	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

JANUARY 1943

2/43 AUST INF BN (CONTD)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AT SEA	25 Jan	1500	Boat Drill	
	26 Jan		11 members of Bn received Honours and Awards	Appendices 16
	26 Jan	0900)	Musical entertainment by Bn Band	29
		1400)		
	27 Jan	1000	Emergency Stations (practice)	
	27 Jan	1400	Bn PT and Deck Games	
	28 Jan	0900	Musical entertainment by Bn Band	
	28 Jan	1500	Ship dropped anchor at MASSAWA	12
	28 Jan	2000	Concert Party on board	
	29 Jan	0900	Musical entertainment by Bn Band	
	31 Jan	0800)		
		0900)	Church Parades	
	1000)			

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2/43 AUST INF BN

JANUARY 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<u>LIST OF APPENDICES</u>	
	JAN			
Ref Map	2		Bn ROs No 21	1
GAZA	4		" " " 22	2
1/100,000	5		" " " 23	3
1169512310	6		" " " 24	4
	7		" " " 25	5
	8		" " " 26	6
	9		" " " 27	7
	11		" " " 28	8
	12		" " " 29	9
	13		" " " 30	10
	14		2/43 Aust Inf Bn Movement Order No 6	11
	16		LOG of Journey. KHASSA - 157 Transit Camp SUEZ	12
QASSASSIN	18		2/43 Aust Inf Bn Movement Order No 7	13
	19		Supplement No 1 to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Movement Order No 7	14
AT SEA	25		Bn ROs No 1	15
	26		" " " 2	16
	27		" " " 3	17
	28		" " " 4	18
	29		" " " 5	19
	30		" " " 6	20
JAN	2		Field Return of Officers	21
	"		" " " ORs	22
	9		" " " Officers	23
	"		" " " ORs	24
	25		" " " Officers	25
	"		" " " ORs	26
	30		" " " Officers	27
	"		" " " ORs	28

War Diary

2/43 Bn War Diary

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part I

by

Lt-Col W.J. WAIN

COMD 2/43 AUST INF BN

Appendix No 1

No 21

KHAASSA

2 JAN 43

89. DUTIES Mounting Retreat 2 Jan 42
BDE DUTIES NIL

Mounting Retreat 3 Jan 42
BDE DUTIES
Fd Officer Capt G.R. RICHMOND
Hill 69 Guard "B" Coy

UNIT DUTIES

Duty Coy "C" Coy
Guard "C" Coy Offr Lieut RG. WILLIAMS
Ord Offr - Lieut E. G. ANDERSON
Ord Sjt - Sjt DAVIS, K
Ord Cpl - Cpl BROWN, A M
Bn Runners Duty Coy to supply two

UNIT DUTIES

Duty Coy "D" Coy
Guard "D" Coy Offr Lieut KM. STOKES
Ord Offr - Lieut G. SANFORD
Ord Sjt - Sjt LOVEGROVE, J H
Ord Cpl - SENEANG, F G
Bn Runners Duty Coy to supply two.

DUTIES Mounting Retreat 4 Jan 42

BDE DUTIES NIL

UNIT DUTIES

Duty Coy HQ Coy
Guard HQ Coy - Offr - Lieut B.S. BRTON
Ord Offr - Lieut B.L. WALLER
Ord Sjt - Sjt TONKIN, H R
Ord Cpl - Cpl BOURKE, A J R
Bn Runners Duty Coy to supply two.

90. BOUNDS - HOTELS AND CAFES

The undermentioned establishments have been placed "OUT OF BOUNDS" to all ranks:

- New World Bar - JAFFA
- Soldier's Shop - 21 Ben Yehuda Street, TEL AVIV

91. OUT OF BOUNDS - OBSERVANCE OF

1. It is notified that there is a serious outbreak of plague in certain areas of TEL AVIV.
2. OUT OF BOUNDS notices are displayed around all areas affected and all troops will be warned specifically that such notices will be obeyed.
3. Disciplinary action will be taken against all personnel found OUT OF BOUNDS.

92. GUARDING OF STORES IN BACK OF VEHICLES

1. Many cases have occurred where stores etc have been stolen from the back of vehs when stationary or proceeding along roads.
2. When stores are being carried in the back of vehs they will at all times be guarded by a sentry located with the stores etc in the back of the veh.

93. CONTINUATION PAYBOOKS

Personnel who have utilised line 72 in their paybooks or those who will do so with their next receipt of pay, are advised to submit their paybooks to their Coy Orderly Room. Coy Orderly Rooms will forward same to Pay Sjt who will adjust books and arrange for the issue of a Continuation Paybook by the C.P.M.

94. LATRINES

Personnel are reminded that Latrines by the Canteen marked "Camp Staff only" is out of bounds to all ranks except members of the Canteen Staff. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

95. BEER RATION - Beer Ration to tps will NOT be issued from Coy C.Q.M.S. before 1600 hrs.

PART IB

REVERSIONS

VX 82333	A/Cpl BRADLEY, G T	To Pte	1/1/43
VX 82286	A/L/Sjt WESTON, A W	"	"
SX 15333	A/Cpl BAULDERSTONE, A R	"	"
SX 17045	A/Sjt BYRNE, J G	"	"
SX 15020	A/Sjt HOIGES, O S G	"	"
SX 15367	A/Sjt MITCHELL, N J H	"	"

PUNISHMENTS

SX 13205 Pte HASKETT, K L A.W.L. 20 days
 AWARD: Fined £5 and 28 days detention
 2 Jan 42

WX 13393 Pte KENNEDY, T J.
 When on active service deserting His Majesty's Service on that he near SIDI ABD EL RAHMAN on 1 Nov 42 while his unit was engaged in active operations against the enemy absented himself without leave from 1400 hrs until 2300 hrs on that day with intent to avoid service in such operations. A.A. 12 (1) (a)
 The Accused was acquitted, by FCGM convened by Brig B. Evans on 19 Dec 42.

SX 8701 Pte MENZEL, K A
First Charge When on active service deserting His Majesty's Service in that he near SIDI ABD EL RAHMAN on 1 Nov 42 while his unit was engaged in active operations against the enemy absented himself without leave from 1430 hrs until 2300 hrs on that day with intent to avoid such service. A.A. Sec 12 (1) (a)
Second Charge (Alt to 1st Charge) When on active service disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer in that he near SIDI ABD EL RAHMAN on the 1 Nov 42 when ordered by WX 11499 A/Cpl HOLT, AD to move forward did not do so A.A. Sec 9 (2)
 The Accused was acquitted by a FCGM convened by Brig B. Evans on 19 Dec 42.

Finalist *hint*
 for Capt.,
 Adjnt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES

Bn Church Parade will be held on Sunday at 1000 hrs
 Markers to report to RSM at 0945 hrs. Coys to be in posn by 0950 hrs.
 Holy Communion will follow this service.

R.C. CHURCH PARADE

Mass will be celebrated in the Camp Cinema at 0900 hrs

SPORTS

The Bn football team will play the 2/28 Bn team
 Sunday afternoon at 1400 hrs on our own ground.

2/43 Aust Inf Bn War Diary
Appendix No 2

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1
by

LT-COL W.J. WAIN

COMD 2/43 AUST INF BN

No. 22

KHASSA

4 JAN 43

96. DUTIES mounting Retreat 4 JAN 43

NEXT FOR DUTY mounting Retreat 5 JAN 43

BDE DUTIES - NIL

BDE DUTIES - NIL

UNIT DUTIES -

Duty Coy - HQ Coy
Guard - HQ Coy, Offr - Lieut A.V. CLIFFORD
Ord Offr - Lieut E.L. WALLER
Ord Sjt - Sjt TONKIN H.R.
Ord Cpl - Cpl BOURKE A.J.R.
Bn Runners - Duty Coy to supply two

UNIT DUTIES -

Duty Coy - A Coy
Guard - A Coy, Offr - Lieut T.D. ASHE
Ord Offr - Lieut A.G. EVERITT
Ord Sjt - Sjt SAMUEL O.K.
Ord Cpl - Cpl SCHUETZ L.A.
Bn Runners - Duty Coy to supply two

Part 1b.

PUNISHMENTS -

SX 7364	Pte	WEAR	E.W.	Absent from place of Parade - Admonished.
TX 4955	"	KELLY	J.E.	" " " " " "
SX 5010	"	FITZGERALD	C.	AWL from 2200 hrs to 0830 hrs AWARD: Fined 10/- forfeiture 1 day's pay
SX 6666	"	HANSEN	W.A.	Conduct to prej G.O. & M.D., AWARD: Fined £3/-/-
SX 6276	"	YENDALL	F.	Beyond limits fixed - AWARD: Fined £1/-/-
SX 8786	"	CHADWICK	C.T.	" " " " " "
SX 8814	"	BRENNAN	W.J.	" " " " " "

Charles Zeck, Lieut
1st Capt.,
Adj., 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

SPORTS - Inter-Unit matches played on Sunday resulted as follow:-

Football	-	2/28 Bn	9 goals	16 behinds
		2/43 Bn	6 " "	8 " "
Soccer	-	2/43 Bn	2 goals	
		2/32 Bn	Nil	

LINES INSPECTION - D Coy wins £1/-/- as result of last weeks competition.

97. DUTIES Mounting Retreat 5 Jan 43
BDE DUTIES NIL

Mounting Retreat 5 Jan 43
BDE DUTIES
Fd Officer Capt R.E. LONGBOTTOM
Cinema Piquet "B" Coy Lieut W. LONNIE
Shower Fatigue "B" Coy
Camp Runner "B" Coy
Hill 69 Guard "B" Coy

UNIT DUTIES

Duty Coy "A" Coy
Guard- "A" Coy Lieut D.D. ASHE
Ord Offr - Lieut A.G. EVERITT
Ord Sjt - Sjt SAMUEL, O K
Ord Cpl - Cpl SCHUETZ, L A
Bn Runners- Duty Coy to supply two

UNIT DUTIES

Duty Coy "B" Coy
Guard- "B" Coy Lieut W.C. FOLEY
Ord Offr - Lieut K.D. HOWARD
Ord Sjt - Sjt HEATH, H W
Ord Cpl - Cpl WRIGHT, A S
Bn Runners - Duty Coy to supply

Part IB

PUNISHMENTS

FGCM SX 7821 Pte LANDON, F T convened by Brig B. EVANS, 24 Aust Inf Bde.

FIRST CHARGE When on active service wilfully injuring himself with intent thereby to render himself unfit for service, in that he at El Alamein on night 3/4 Sep 42 by discharging a rifle wounded himself in the left foot with intent thereby to render himself unfit for service A.A. 18 (2)

SECOND CHARGE (Alt to 1st Charge)
When on active service neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he at EL ALAMEIN on the night 3/4 Sep 42 negligently handled a rifle as to cause same to discharge thereby wounding himself in the left foot and rendering him temporarily unfit for service A.A. 40

FINDINGS Not guilty of the first charge but guilty of the second.
SENTENCE To undergo detention for sixty days. Confirmed and suspended by Brig A. RAMSAY Adm Comd 9 Aust Div.

SX 6666 Pte HANSEN, W A Conduct to the prej of G.O. & M.D. A.A. 40
AWARD: Fined £3 by CO 4/1/43

SX 6276 Pte YENDALL F Beyond limits fixed by Camp Orders without a Pass A.A. 15 (3) AWARD Fined £1 by CO

SX 8786 Pte CHADWICK C T " " " " " "

SX 8814 Pte BRENNAN, W J " " " " " "

VX 82158 Pte PADGETT, JN (1) Failed to appear at place of parade A.A. 40
(2) AWL f on 2200 hrs 3/1/43 to 0715 hrs 4/1/43 A.A. 15 (1) (9 1/4 hrs)
AWARD: Fined £3 and informed of forfeiture of 1 day's Pay 5/1/43

VX 82187 Pte HART, A A " " " " " "

SX 13399 Pte ROMAN, R J " " " " " "

SX 5373 Pte HEITMAN, R G AWL from 2230 hrs 3/1/43 to 0730 hrs 4/1/43 (9 hrs) A.A. 15 (1) AWARD: Fined £3 and informed of forfeiture of 1 day's pay 5/1/43

SX 5372 Pte HAYDON, M F " " " " " "

Charles J. ...
Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

SPORTING - FOOTBALL, Inter Coy competition
1230 hrs HQ Coy V "B" Coy
1400 hrs "D" Coy V "A" Coy

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LT-COL W. J. WAIN

COMD 2/43 AUST INF BN

No. 24

KHASSA

6 JAN 43

98. DUTIES mounting Retreat 6 JAN 43

NEXT FOR DUTY mounting Retreat 7 JAN 43

BDE DUTIES -

Fd Offr - Capt R.E.LONGBOTTOM
Cinema Picquet - B Coy, Lieut W.S.LONNIE
Shower Fatigue - B Coy
Camp Runner - B Coy
Hill 69 Guard - B Coy

BDE DUTIES -

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UNIT DUTIES -

Duty Coy - B Coy
Guard - B Coy, Offr - Lieut W.G.FOLEY
Ord Offr - Lieut L.D.HOWARD
Ord Sjt - Sjt HEATH H.W.
Ord Cpl - Cpl WRIGHT S.S.
Bn Runners - Duty Coy to supply two

UNIT DUTIES -

Duty Coy - C Coy
Guard - C Coy, Offr - Lieut D.M.REID
Ord Offr - Lieut R.R.McKEE
Ord Sjt - Sjt SMITH W.B.
Ord Cpl - Cpl WEBBER G.F.
Bn Runners - Duty Coy to supply two

99. DISCIPLINE

The undermentioned sentences by courts-martial are published for information:-

- (a) A private soldier convicted of wilfully injuring another person subject to military law with intent thereby to render that person unfit for service (AA.18(2)), was sentenced to undergo detention for six months.
- (b) A warrant officer convicted of fourteen charges of fraudulent misapplication of funds belonging to a Sergeants' Mess (AA.18(4)), was sentenced to be reduced to the ranks, to undergo detention for six months, and to be put under stoppages of pay until he has made good the sum of £126.298 so misapplied.
- (c) A signalman convicted of pawning a military vehicle (AA.40), absenting himself without leave for 20 days (AA.15(1)), and absenting himself without leave for 7 days (AA.15(1)), was sentenced to undergo detention for six months.
- (d) A private soldier convicted of absenting himself without leave for 130 days (AA.15(1)), improperly wearing the badge of rank of a sergeant (AA.40), ten offences of forgery (AA.41), and nineteen offences of obtaining money by false pretences (AA.41), was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for eighteen months and to be put under stoppages of pay to make good the sum of £472/4/-.

Part 1B

PROMOTION - SX 7513 Pte ZANKER P. to A/Cpl 6/1/43
REVERSIONS - SX 6748 L/Sjt GALLWAY L.H. to Cpl 2/1/43
SX 5279 " BONNER R.J. to Cpl 2/1/43
SX 7072 A/Cpl FLESLOW E.J. to Pte 2/1/43

Corrigenda

Ref L.O. No 21 dated 2 Jan 43 Part 1B - REVERSIONS - ~~delete all reference.~~
VX 82286 L/L/Sjt WESTIN A.W. SX 15333 A/Cpl BAULDERSHONE M.R.
SX 17045 L/Sjt BYRNE J.G. SX 15020 L/Sjt HODGES C.S.G.
SX 15367 " MITCHELL N.J.H. VX 82333 A/Cpl BRADLEY, C.T.

PUNISHMENTS - SX 15471 Pte TROWBRIDGE R.W. LWL from 2200 hrs 3/1/43 to 0730 hrs 4/1/43 (9½ hrs) (AA.15(1)) AWARD: Fined £1/-/- and informed of forfeiture of 1 days pay.

*John Hunt
Capt.
Adjvt. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn*

NOTICES

Accident Rd Khan Yunis - Gaza 20 Dec 42.

Information is urgently required regarding an accident in which an Arab child was injured on the rd Khan Yunis-Gaza on the afternoon of 20 Dec 42. The veh is alleged to be a large WD lorry driven by an Australian and it is alleged that an Australian Cpl picked up the child who was then driven to hospital.

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COMD 2/43 AUST INF BN

LT-COL W.J. WAIN

7 JAN 43

No. 25

KHASSA

100. DUTIES mounting Retreat 7 JAN 43

NEXT FOR DUTY mounting Retreat 8 JAN 43

BDE DUTIES - NIL

BDE DUTIES - NIL

UNIT DUTIES -

UNIT DUTIES -

Duty Coy - C Coy
Guard - C Coy, Offr - Lieut D.M.REID
Ord Offr - Lieut R.R.McKEE
Ord Sjt - Sjt SMITH W.B.
Ord Cpl - Cpl WEBBER G.F.
Bn Runners - Duty Coy to supply two

Duty Coy - D Coy
Guard - D Coy, Offr - Lieut H.J.WRIGHT
Ord Offr - Lieut G.STANFORD
Ord Sjt - Sjt GUTHRIE R.A.
Ord Cpl - Cpl CANTON H.G.
Bn Runners - Duty Coy to supply two

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for. Capt.,
Adjt., 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

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Part I

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Lt-Col W.J. WAIN

COMD 2/43 AUST INF BN

No 26

KHASSA

8 Jan 43

101. DUTIES Mounting Retreat 8 Jan 43
BDE DUTIES NIL

Mounting Retreat 9 Jan 43
BDE DUTIES

Field Offr Capt D.C. SIEKMANN
Cinema Picquet - HQ Coy -
Lieut E.G. ANDERSON
Shower Fatigue HQ Coy
Camp Runner HQ Coy
Hill 69 Guard HQ Coy

UNIT DUTIES

Duty Coy "D" Coy
Guard "D" Coy - Lieut H.J. WRIGHT
Ord Offr - Lieut G. STANFORD
Ord Sjt - Sjt GUTHRIE, R A
Ord Cpl - Cpl CANTON, H.G.
Bn Runners - Duty Coy to supply two

UNIT DUTIES

Duty Coy HQ Coy
Guard HQ Coy - Lieut A. KENNEDY
Ord Offr - Lieut E.L. WALLER
Ord Sjt - Sjt PARKER, A S
Ord Cpl - Cpl PRESCOTT, M.G.
Bn Runners - Duty Coy to supply two

W. J. Wain - Capt.,
Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

FOOTBALL

2/43 Aust Inf Bn Football team will play a match
against 11 Coy AASC on 2/43 Bn ground 1400 hrs Sunday
10 Jan 43.

STOP PRESS

Results of inter Coy Football Matches played this
afternoon:-

H.Q. Coy defeated "B" Coy 10 - 11 to 5 - 9

CHURCH PARADE R.G.

Mass will be celebrated in the Camp Cinema at 0900 hrs
Sunday 10 Jan 43.

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9 Jan.*

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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Part 1
by

LT-COL W.J. WAIN

COMD 2/43 AUST INF BN

No. 27

KHASSA

9 JAN 43

102. DUTIES mounting Retreat 9 JAN 43

NEXT FOR DUTY mounting Retreat 10 JAN 43

HQE DUTIES -

Field Offr - Capt D.C. SIEKMANN
Cinema Picquet - HQ Coy, Offr -
Lieut W.R. BRAY
Shower Fatigue - HQ Coy
Camp Runner - HQ Coy
HILL 69 Guard - HQ Coy

HQE DUTIES -

NIL

UNIT DUTIES -

Duty Coy - HQ Coy
Guard - HQ Coy, Offr - Lieut A. KENNEDY
Ord Offr - Lieut E.L. WALLER
Ord Sjt - Sjt PARKER A.L.
Ord Cpl - Cpl PRESCOTT M.G.
Bn Runners - Duty Coy to supply two

UNIT DUTIES -

Duty Coy - A Coy
Guard - A Coy, Offr - Lieut R.G. WILLIAMS
Ord Offr - Lieut B.S. BETON
Ord Sjt - Sjt DASHWOOD R.
Ord Cpl - Cpl KASEHAGEN S.W.R.
Bn Runners - Duty Coy to supply two

103. ROUTINE

Reveille will be at 0630 hrs on Sunday 10 JAN 43. Breakfast at 0700 hrs.

Part 1B

CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK -

SX 6256	A/Cpl	HARRISON	W.K.	Rank confirmed	5/1/43
SX 6263	A/Sjt	CHARLTON	T.	" "	3/1/43

Rm Clarke
Adj. Lt.
2/43 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES -

Bn Church Parade will be held on Sunday at 1000 hrs. Markers to report to RSM at 0945 hrs. Coys to be in position by 0950 hrs. Holy Communion will follow this service in HQ Coy mess hut.

R C Church Parade. Mass will be celebrated in the Camp Cinema at 0900 hrs.

FOOTBALL RESULT D Coy 5 goals 10 behinds A Coy 2 goals 4 behinds

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt-Col. W. J. WAIN

COMD. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

No. 28

KHASHA

11 JAN 43.

104. DUTIES mounting Retreat 11 Jan 43.NEXT FOR DUTY mounting Retreat 12 Jan 43.BDE DUTIES.

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BDE DUTIES.

Field Offr. Capt. A. C. GEORGE.
 Cinema Picquet, C. Coy. Lieut. K. M. STOKES.
 Shower Fatigue, C. Coy.
 Camp Runner. C. Coy.
 Hill 69 Guard. C. Coy.

UNIT DUTIES.

Duty Coy - H. Q. Coy.
 Guard - H. Q. Coy. Lieut. Lieut. W. R. BRAY.
 Ord Offr. Lieut. M. H. E. C. GLOVER.
 Ord Sgt. Sgt. McKenzie, N. W.
 Ord Cpl. Cpl. Fersyth, D. R.
 Bn Runners - Duty Coy to supply two.

UNIT DUTIES.

Duty Coy. - C. Coy.
 Guard - C. Coy. Lieut. K. D. HOWARD.
 Ord Offr - Lieut. M. F. E. MCGREGOR.
 Ord Sgt. - Sgt. Kabisch, B. C.
 Ord Cpl. - Cpl. Mathews, F. S.
 Bn Runners - Duty Coy to supply two.

105. THEFTS BY NATIVES.

Thefts by natives in unit lines during the night between 0200 and dawn are becoming increasingly prevalent especially in the Julia Area. Their ability to enter and remove goods undetected should not be underrated and it is essential that guards and picquets be extremely alert in order to suppress these activities and protect arms and equipment.

During the day natives should not be allowed off the roads except those engaged on RE work.

This last applies particularly to children who appear very friendly but have in fact been sent by men to obtain information as to the locality where a good haul may be made in proposed raids.

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- (b) A warrant officer convicted of fourteen charges of fraudulent misapplication of funds belonging to a Sergeants' Mess (AA 18(4)), was sentenced to be reduced to the ranks, to undergo detention for six months, and to be put under stoppages of pay until he has made good the sum of £P 126.298 so misapplied.
- (c) A signaller convicted of pawning a military vehicle (AA 40), absenting himself without leave for 20 days (AA 15(1)), was sentenced to undergo detention for six months.
- (d) A private soldier convicted of absenting himself without leave for 130 days (AA 15(1)), improperly wearing the badge of rank of a sergeant (AA 40), and ten offences of forgery (AA 41), and nineteen offences of obtaining money by false pretences (AA 41), was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for eighteen months and to be put under stoppages of pay to make good the sum of £A 72/ 4/0.

7. REPATRIATION OF WIVES OF MEMBERS OF THE AIF.

With reference to AIF(ME) Order No. 1270 of 19 Sep 42, the policy regarding the repatriation of wives of members of the AIF who married during the period of their service abroad has now been determined by the Government of Australia as follows:-

- (1) Free passage scheme be suspended, that is, no further action to be taken by the Commonwealth towards arranging passages until after the war;

ROUTINE ORDERS.

Repatriation of wives of members of the AIF (continued).

- (ii) Australian Repatriation Commission to continue to have discretionary powers to consider applications from any eligible persons who arrive in Australia under their own arrangements and who later claim refunds, and to refund to them, irrespective of the question of escort, the equivalent of the normal third class fare;
- (iii) Provided that if circumstances arise, which in the opinion of the Minister, render it imperative that this policy should be temporarily waived, the Minister may authorise such action as may be deemed expedient to meet the situation.

A circular in terms of the above is being forwarded to all wives who have been recorded in the Middle East.

PART 1 B.

PROMOTIONS.

SX 8812 Sgt. BECKWITH, F.W. promoted to S/Sgt. 30/12/42.

REVERSIONS.

- VX 82286 A/L/Sgt. WESTON, A.W. to Pte 1/1/43 - 9 Div R/O No. 684.
- SX 17045 A/Sgt. BYRNE, J.G. to Pte 1/1/43 - 9 Div R/O No. 684.
- SX 15020 A/Sgt. HODGES, O.S.G. to Pte 1/1/43 - 9 Div R/O No. 684.
- SX 15367 A/Sgt. MITCHELL, M.J.H. to Pte. 1/1/43 - 9 Div R/O No. 684.
- VX 82333 A/Cpl. BRADLEY, G.T. to Pte 1/1/43 - 9 Div R/O No. 684.
- SX 15333 A/Cpl. BAUIDERSTONE, A.R. to Pte 1/1/43 - 9 Div R/O No. 684.
- VX 82153 A/Cpl. BROEHY, B.F. reverted to Pte at 24 AITB - 7/1/43.
- SX 13094 A/Cpl. KINIER, D.E. do. do. do. do.
- SX 15597 A/Cpl. MURPHY, M.V. do. do. do. do.
- SX 15022 A/Cpl. THOMSON, B.P. do. do. do. do.

[Signature]
Capt.
Adj. 2/43. AUST INF BN.

NOTICES.

LOST.

Taken from Cairo leave train at Majdal at 0520hrs 5 Jan 43:-
1 suit case, yellow, 30" x 18" x 9", initials W.D.T. in light blue letters, property of Sub Conductor TIMMS c/- RTO Gaza, containing clothing and personal gear.
Thought to have been taken by 9 Aust Div personnel.

LOST.

Greatcoat belonging to SX 7109 Pte. R.F. WITHERS lost Jerusalem 10 Jan, finder please return to A. Coy.

NEW YEAR GREETING.

The following message has been received from Field Marshall J.C. SMUTS, C-in-C, U.D.F. -

"I wish you and your gallent officers and men a happy and successful new year".

FOOTBALL.

A.I.S.O. defeated 2/43 Bn - 4 goals 11 pts to 2 goals 9 pts.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

by

Lt-Col. W. J. WAIN

Comd. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

No. 29.

KHASSA

12 Jan 43

108. DUTIES mounting Retreat 12 Jan 43. NEXT FOR DUTY mounting Retreat 13 Jan 43.

BDE DUTIES.

Field Offr. Capt. A.C. George.
 Cinema Picquet. C. Coy. Lieut. K.M. Stokes.
 Shower Fatigue. C. Coy.
 Camp Runner. C. Coy.
 Hill 69-Guard. C. Coy.

BDE DUTIES. NIL.

UNIT DUTIES.

Duty Coy. C. Coy.
 Guard = C. Coy - Lieut. K.D. Howard.
 Ord Offr - Lieut. M.F.E. McGregor.
 Ord Sgt. - Sgt. Kabisett, B.C.
 Ord Cpl. - Cpl. Matthews, F.S.
 Bn Runners - Duty Coy to Supply two.

Duty Coy - B. Coy.
 Guard - B. Coy - Lieut. E.M. O'Connor.
 Ord Offr - Lieut. R.L. Harbey.
 Ord Sgt. - Sgt. Watson, J.W.
 Ord Cpl. - Cpl. Ross, J.J.
 Bn Runners - Duty Coy to supply two.

Part 1 B.

PUNISHMENTS.

Whereas SX 11861 Pte. H.J. ABBOTT, of 2/43 Aust Inf Bn, a soldier of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia, was by a District Court Martial held at KILO 89 convicted of having, while on war service, committed the offence of:-

When on active service, committed a civil offence, that is to say, COMMON ASSAULT, in that he at TEL AVIV on 20 NOV 42 assaulted Samuel BAROAK by pointing a pistol at him. AA 41.

and by a sentence signed on the Eighth day of January 1943, sentenced to UNDERGO DETENTION FOR NINETY DAYS, commencing on the aforesaid day, and such sentence has been confirmed by Brig 1/c Adm AIF (ME) as required by law,

GRADINGS.

SX 13200	Pte. RICHARD, J.R.	to Tde Gp 111 Dr Mech.	9.1.43.
SX 12725	Pte. BROWN, A.V.	" " 111 " "	9.1.43.
SX 11396	Pte. TAYLOR, T.J.	" " 111 Gnr.	9.1.43.
SX 5534	Pte. PROWSE, E.W.	" " 111 Mech M.T.	9.1.43.
SX 12051	Pte. DALZIEL, R.F.	" " 111 Dr Mech.	9.1.43.
SX 10626	Pte. PAGE, E.L.	" " 111 Layer.	9.1.43.
QX 22534	Pte. RIDGWAY, C.W.	" " 111 Layer.	9.1.43.
SX 6255	Pte. WEYMOUTH, C.E.	" " 111 Dr Mech.	9.1.43.
VX 25678	Pte. GANNON, L.J.	" " 111 Dr Mech.	9.1.43.
NX 71308	Pte. MYERS, M.A.	" " 111 Gun Layer.	7.1.43.
SX 11883	Pte. GATES, G.A.	" " 111 Dr Mech.	9.1.43.
SX 11221	Pte. WOODS, R.	" " 111 Dr Mech.	3.1.43.
SX 12780	Pte. HUTCHISON, H.J.	" " 111 Dr Mech.	8.1.43.
WX 9998	Pte. KING, B.S.	" " 111 Dr Mech.	8.1.43.
SX 5676	Pte. DUGGAN, P.R.	" " 1 Artificer.	9.1.43.
WX 10738	Pte. CLOTHIER, E.T.	" " 111 Gunner.	9.1.43.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

Part 1B. Continued.

REVERSIONS.

SX 12083	Pte.	FORTH, J.W.	Relinquished Tde Gp 111 Rangemaker			30.12.42.
SX 11218	Pte.	STANLEY, J.L.T.	" " " "			30.12.42.
SX 8786	Pte.	CHALWICK, C.T.	" " " "			2. 1.43.
SX 6666	Pte.	HANSEN, W.A.	" " " "			2. 1.43.
SX 5051	Pte.	WHITTINGTON, M.W.	" Tde Gp 11			1. 1.43.
SX 6439	Pte.	WILLIAMS, C.S.	" " " "			7. 1.43.
SX 11199	Pte.	RAGLESS, R.H.	" " " "			7. 1.43.
SX 6480	Pte.	SMITH, L.R.	" " " "			8. 1.43.
SX 7304	A/Cpl.	WEBBER, G.F.	To L/Cpl.	5.	1.43.	
SX 9194	A/Cpl.	GILBERT, V.S.D.	To Pte.	10.	1.43.	
SX 6819	A/Cpl.	SEYFANG, F.C.	To Pte.	11.	1.43.	
SX 6242	A/Sgt.	WILSON, R.H.	To Cpl.	11.	1.43.	
SX 6409	A/Sgt.	MANNING, L.L.	To Cpl.	11.	1.43.	
SX 8710	A/W.O.11	COLLETT, S.J.	To Sgt.	11.	1.43.	
SX 5728	A/Sgt.	WATSON, R.C.	To Cpl.	11.	1.43.	
SX 6258	A/Sgt.	ROFE, J.J.	To Cpl.	11.	1.43.	
SX 1842	A/Sgt.	TURNER, F.S.W.	To Cpl.	11.	1.43.	
SX 7110	A/Cpl.	ELDRIDGE, A.J.	To L/Cpl.	11.	1.43.	
SX 7599	A/Cpl.	FISHER, S.A.	To L/Cpl.	11.	1.43.	
SX 16865	A/Cpl.	HOLLAND, C.J.	To Pte.	11.	1.43.	
SX 14063	A/Cpl.	LEACH, J.R.	To Pte.	11.	1.43.	

PROMOTIONS.

SX 6333	Cpl.	JAMIESON, R.G.	To A/Sgt.	9.	1.43.
SX 5069	Cpl.	ALLEN, B.C.	To A/Sgt.	9.	1.43.
SX 7790	Pte.	BARRETT, W.V.	To A/Cpl.	9.	1.43.
NX 1602	Pte.	MORGAN, J.J.	To A/Cpl.	9.	1.43.
NX 35647	Pte.	TROY, J.P.	To A/Cpl.	9.	1.43.
SX 10573	Pte.	KROEMER, C.M.	To A/Cpl.	9.	1.43.
SX 6634	Pte.	PATTERSON, W.H.	To A/Cpl.	9.	1.43.

CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

SX 6333	A/Cpl.	JAMIESON, R.G.	Rank confirmed	9.	1.43.
SX 11378	A/Cpl.	FORSYTH, D.R.	" "	9.	1.43.
SX 5885	A/Sgt.	VINE, W.T.	" "	9.	1.43.
SX 6091	A/Sgt.	NICOL, H.J.	" "	9.	1.43.
SX 5219	A/Cpl.	BURTON, M.C.P.	" "	9.	1.43.

APPOINTMENTS.

SX 10626	Pte.	PAGE, E.L.	To A/L/Cpl.	9.	1.43.
SX 22534	Pte.	RIDGWAY, C.W.	To A/L/Cpl.	9.	1.43.
SX 9193	Pte.	FERGUSON, W.A.	To L/Cpl.	20.12.42.	
SX 11781	Pte.	KORTING, W.J.	To L/Cpl.	15.12.42.	
SX 6409	Cpl.	MANNING, L.L.	To L/Sgt.	11.	1.43.
SX 5728	Cpl.	WATSON, R.C.	To L/Sgt.	11.	1.43.
SX 1842	Cpl.	TURNER, F.S.W.	To L/Sgt.	11.	1.43.

Charles Zick
Adj. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn. **1st Capt.**

NOTICES.

Found:

Money belt, owner may claim same on application to Bn.H.Q.

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AUGUST 1942

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
 ROUTINE ORDERS

Part I
 by

Lt-Col W. J. WAIN

COMD 2/43 AUST INF BN

No 30

KHAASSA

13 Jan 43

109. DUTIES Mounting Retreat 13 Jan 43BDE DUTIES NILUNIT DUTIES

Duty Coy "B" Coy
 Guard "B" Coy Lieut E.M. CONNOR
 Ord Offr Lieut E.L. HARVEY
 Ord Sjt Sjt WAITES, J W
 Ord Cpl Cpl REEFE, J J
 Bn Runners Duty Coy to supply two

Next for duty Mounting Retreat 14 Jan 43

BDE DUTIES NILUNIT DUTIES

Duty Coy "D" Coy
 Guard "D" Coy Lieut J.C. COEN
 Ord Offr Lieut G.D. COMBE
 Ord Sjt Sjt LOVECROVE, J H
 Ord Cpl Cpl GRANEX, P C
 Bn Runners Duty Coy to supply two

110. REGIMENTAL FUNDSRECEIPTS

Cash in Hand as at 1 Nov 41 £A 1675-15- 8
 TOTAL RECEIPTS for period Nov)
 1941 to Jan 1943) 3435- 4- 8

TOTAL

£A5111- 0- 4

EXPENDITURE

Period 1 Nov 41 to 9 Jan 43

Missing 2509-16- 7
 Sporting Gear 262-12- 0
 Amenities 1031-17- 0
 Prizes 98-19- 8
 BALANCE 1207-15- 1

TOTAL

£A5111- 0- 4

PART IIREVERSIONS

SX 12921 Pte HILL, S R Relinquished A/Gp I 10/1/43
 SX 15334 A/Cpl FOSTER, C L To Ptc 10/1/43
 WX 9588 Pte ALFRED, M Relinquished Gp II 13/1/43

PUNISHMENTS

TX 5523 Pte RYAN, M W
 (1) AWL from 0815 hrs to 1200 hrs 11/1/43 A.A. 15 (1)
 (2) Drunkenness (A.A. 19) AWARD Fined £1/-/- 13/1/43

SX 6184 Pte HASKETT, G J
 (1) AWL from 0815 hrs to 1300 hrs 11/1/43 A.A. 15 (1)
 (2) Drunkenness (A.A. 19) AWARD Fined £2/-/- 13/1/43

WX 11494 Pte MARKS, L A
 (1) AWL from 0815 hrs to 1200 hrs 11/1/43 A.A. 15 (1)
 (2) Drunkenness (A.A. 19) AWARD Fined £1/-/- 13/1/43

WX 822 09 Pte SINCLAIR, K J
 (1) AWL from 0815 hrs to 1200 hrs 11/1/43 A.A. 15 (1)
 (2) Drunkenness (A.A. 19) AWARD Fined 10/- 13/1/43

WX 10391 Pte LOWE, J T
 AWL from 0815 hrs to 1330 hrs 11/1/43 A.A. 15 (1)
 AWARD Fined £3/-/- 13/1/43

SX 6450 Pte TEE, H J
 (1) Failed to appear at place of rendezvous appointed
 by his OC on 10/1/43 A.A. 15 (2)
 (2) AWL from 1800 hrs 10/1/43 to 1700 hrs 11/1/43 (23 hrs)
 A.A. 15 (1). AWARD Fined £5/-/- and informed of
 forfeiture of 1 day's pay 13/1/43

W. J. Wain
 Capt.,
 Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

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2/43 Aust. Inf. Bn

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OFFICERS ONLY
14 Jan 43

2/43 AUST INF BN MOVEMENT ORDER
NO 6

Copy No 11
Appx No 11

GENERAL

1. (a) This Order deals with the move of 2/43 Aust Inf Bn from KHASSA Camp to QASSASSIN (TAHIG Staging Camp).
- (b) Details of move from QASSASSIN to embarkation areas will be issued at TAHIG Staging Camp.

ROAD MOVE 24 Aust Inf Bde convoy will be under Comd Lt-Col W.J. WAIN.

2. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn convoy will be under comd Maj F.A. LIGERTWOOD. It will be grouped as set out in Appx "A" Attached.
3. Date of departure will be 16 Jan 43.

4. Tp carrying and reserve Tpt

- (a) 35 vehs have been allotted.
- (b) The above figure includes 3 spare vehs. These vehs are for use only in event of breakdown en route and will NOT be used for initial loadings.
- (c) 12 tractors F.A. will report this unit day 15 Jan 43 and will be held as res at disposal of Bde Convoy Comd. These vehs will not be loaded with personnel or stores except by direction of Convoy Comd.

5. Timings

S.P.	} As per Appx "A" att.
Speed & density	
Staging	
Halts	
Route	

ALM Supp

6. Road parties will carry the unexpired portion plus 3 days dry scale rations.

7. Rations will be drawn on the day following the day of arrival at QASSASSIN under arrangements to be notified.

8. Meals

Q.M. will be prepared to cook meals as follows:-
 Evening 16 Jan 43 (ASLUJ)
 Morning 17 Jan 43
 Mid-day meal 17 Jan 43 at Kilo 76/78 will be dry rations and water.
 Evening meal at QASSASSIN will be prepared by Staging Camp Staff but cooks will be prepared to assist immediately on arrival and thereafter as required.

9. Water

Water Tk lorries and all 2 gall containers to be filled. Replenishments at ASLUJ and EAST Bank of Canal as required.

10. P.O.L.

- (a) All vehs will start with full tanks.
- (b) Replenishment at ASLUJ on day of arrival, and take on sufficient res to reach EAST Bank of canal (175 miles).
- (c) Replenishment at EAST bank of canal for 60 miles. Units arriving after dark may replenish before departure next morning.

11. REL

- (a) One breakdown veh will move at rear of Bn Convoy.
- (b) The small number of vehs available will necessitate the towing by units of their own towable veh casualties.
- (c) Should it be necessary to abandon a veh, Bn convoy comd will notify the first rec patrol encountered or Staging Camp HQ, giving description and location of veh. Bde Convoy comd will be notified at Staging Area of any veh casualties.

12. Medical

The motor amb will move at rear with 2/43 Aust Inf Bn convoy. FMO to arrange two SBs each Coy (12) equipped with First Aid outfit.

13. Canteens

- (a) There is ~~no~~ NAAFI Canteen at ASLUJ.
- (b) Canteen stores will not be available in bulk after departure present location. A minimum quantity of essential stores for one week should be taken.
- (c) No beer will be taken by units for consumption during the move and beer will NOT be purchased en route.

14. Traffic

Traffic control is being arranged en route by areas concerned.

15. Disposal of:-

- (a) Vehs
- (b) Cooking equipment
- (c) Water and pet containers
- (d) Surplus blankets.

Detached instructions will be issued at TAHIG Staging Camp.

16. Staging and Transit Camp Staffs

Cooking staffs are estab at 157 L & T Camp (SUEZ) and 169 L & T Camp (EL SHATT) but the unit will be prepared to detail cooks to assist while in occupation.

17. Baggage

Where own baggage is stacked, it will be so arranged that white circle is visible on packages.

18. Hy Baggage

Baggage party, under comd Lieut DOST, with batman and 9 ORs "B" Coy. Separate instructions to be issued later.

19. Rear Party - under comd Lieut G. STANFORD.

Composition:- Lieut G. LUSH
2 batmen
10 ORs "A" Coy.

Responsibility:- to hand over remaining accommodation stores to Ord then rejoin convoy at ASLUJ

See Adm Instn 106 para 9

20. Liaison

Liaison party as follows:- Lieut C. ZECK
Lieut W.S. LONNIE
7 Coy Reps (2 HQ Coy)
2 I Sec personnel
1 30 cwt truck

Duties:-

- (a) On passing airport check point, this party in company with L.O. (Capt ROBSON) will proceed ahead to ASLUJ, ascertain BN bivouac area and guide Coys in. Prior to move of Bde convoy, morning 17 Jan 43, party again moves ahead and reports Div Report Centre QASSASSIN at 1500 hrs the same day. These reps will be shown the areas allotted to their units at TAHIG Staging Camp. They will return to units EAST Bank canal and act as guides next day.
- (b) Units will send one offr Div Report Centre as soon as possible after arrival in areas allotted at TAHIG Staging Camp.
- (c) Location of I R C will be indicated by sign posts, the first of which will be on the main rd ISMALIA - CAIRO at the turn off to TAHIG Staging Camp.
- (d) Orderly will be provided at D R C if called for.

21. Hand over Camp Area

Day prior to departure 2 I/C will arrange hand over in accordance with Q Circular No 32.

22. Routine 16 Jan 43 routine will be as follows:-

Reveille	0500 hrs
Kit Parade	0530 hrs
Breakfast	0600 hrs
Lunch	1045 hrs
Completion embussing by	1220 hrs
Move off from unit lines	1232 hrs.

23. Cleanliness of lines
Coy comds are held responsible for cleanliness of own lines. Lines WILL be left clean.

24. Pilfering
All ranks are hereby warned of the prevalence of pilfering in the Canal area.

25. Security
Security Regulations as outlined in BRCs No 1 will prevail.
Sub-unit comds are reminded of the necessity for ensuring complete security in every shape and form. Movement will not be discussed by any rank.

26. Synchronisation
On morning of departure, all watches will be synchronised at Bn.

27. A.C.K.

P. Gordon Capt.,
Adjnt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

Signed at 2045 hrs
Issued by hand

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>
"A" Coy	1
"B" Coy	2
"C" Coy	3
"D" Coy	4
Reinf Coy	5
HQ Coy	6
24 Aust Inf Bde	7
CO	8-9
2 I/C	10
Adjnt	11
I.O.	12
Q.M.	13
T.O.	14
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Apex "A" to 24 Aust Inf Bde - Movement Order No 6 - dated 14 Jan 43

MOST SECRET
OFFERS ONLY

S.P. KHASA Rd Junc 11731213
ROUTE KHASA - BEIT JIRJA - KILO 89 - AIR PORT CORNER - ASLUJ - ISMAILA - QASSASIN
STAGING Night 16/17 Jan - ASLUJ, Night 17/18 Jan - EAST BANK OF CANAL
SPEED & DENSITY 17 m/v/h. 20 v.t.m.
HALTS Will be only be made as stated in movement table with the exception of a ten minute halt at 0700 hrs 17 Jan .

Serial No	Sub Unit	No of vehs	TPP Mins	KHASSA 16 Jan TPSP	Arrive Posts Corner	Check Airport 16 Jan	ASLUJ 16/17 Jan		HALT KILO 134/150	HALT KILO 76/78	EAST BANK OF CANAL 17/18 Jan		QASSASIN 18 Jan
							Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Arrive	
1	BHQ	4	1	1242	1347		1642	0647	1103-1133	1418-1448	1737	0847	1042
2	D Coy	9	1	1243	1348		1643	0648	1104-1134	1419-1449	1738	0848	1043
3	C Coy	9	2	1244	1349		1644	0649	1105-1135	1420-1450	1739	0849	1044
4	B Coy	9	2	1246	1351		1646	0651	1107-1137	1422-1452	1741	0851	1046
5	A Coy	9	2	1248	1353		1648	0653	1109-1139	1424-1454	1743	0853	1048
6	Reinft Coy	9	2	1250	1355		1650	0655	1111-1141	1426-1456	1745	0855	1050
7	HQ Coy	34	6	1252	1357		1652	0657	1113-1143	1428-1458	1747	0857	1052
8	Tractors RAA	12	2	1258	1403		1658	0703	1119-1149	1434-1504	1753	0903	1058
9	B/Down vehs	1	-	1300	1405		1700	0705	1121-1151	1436-1506	1755	0905	1100

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Annex "A" to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Movement order NO 6(Cont.)

ALLOTMENT AND MARKING OF VEHICLES

Serial No	Sub unit	No of vehs	Allotment of Nos to vehs	Vehicles allotted to coys
1	B H Q	5	2 L/C 1 Adj't 2 Off Van 3 I Van 4 Rc Police 5	1 Car DS 1 Jeep 1 Van 15 cwt 1 Van 1 ton 1 O. Van 30/50 cwt
2	"D" Coy	9	00 6 Coy Vehs 7-14	1 Van 15 cwt 2 Lorries 30 cwt 1 lorry 30/50 cwt 5 lorries 3 ton AASC
3	"C" Coy	9	00 15 Coy vehs 16-23	1 Van 15 cwt 1 Lorry 30 cwt 2 lorries 3 ton 5 lorries 3 ton AASC
4	"B" Coy	9	00 24 Coy Vehs 25-32	1 Van 15 cwt 1 lorry 30 cwt 2 lorries 3 ton 5 lorries 3 ton AASC
5	"A" Coy	9	00 33 Coy Vehs 34-41	1 Van 15 cwt 3 lorries 30 cwt 5 lorries 3 ton AASC
6	Reinf't Coy	9	00 42 Coy Vehs 43-50	1 Van 1 ton 3 lorries 30 cwt 5 lorries 3 ton AASC
7	HQ Coy	35	00 51 RAP 52 Coy Vehs 53-75 Amb 76 3 spare vehs AASC 77-79 30 cwt spare 80 Water/T 81-82 POL 83 Breakdown V. 84 T 85	2 Van 15 cwt 4 lorries 30 cwt 8 lorries 30/50 cwt 6 lorries 3 ton 2 E/T 7 lorries 3 ton AASC 1 lorry 8 cwt 1 jeep
8	Tractors RAA	12	86-97	
9	Breakdown Veh	1	98	

NOTE: (a) These numbers to be clearly marked on both doors, on front left mudguard and back of veh.
(b) Last veh of each serial will be marked END of Group.
(c) Two DRs will ride in rear of 2 L/C's Car and one DR will be allotted at each of the following Coys, HQ, A, C, D.

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appx NO 12

LOG of JOURNEY

of 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

KHAUSA Ref Map GAZA 1/100,000 - 1169512310 ---- 157 Transit Camp SUEZ.

Date	Milage	Place	Arrived	Depart.	Speeds	Remarks
JAN 16		KHAUSA		1233	13682	
16	19	Airport Corner	1334		13701	
16	27	BEERSHEBA	1455		13728	
16	19	ASLUJ	1550	0650	13757	Refilling Point - Bivouac Area
17		ASLUJ		0650		
17	22½		0807	0818	13769½	Halt
17	4	Frontier	0832		13773½	
17	23½	Barrier	0932		13796	
17	29	KILO	1045	1133	13825	Halt for Lunch
		134/50				
17	43	KILO	1322	1358	13868	
		76/78				
17	46	EAST BANK CANAL	1600		13914	Bivouac Area
18		EAST BANK CANAL		0830		
18	1½	Pontoon Bridge	0853		13915½	Crossed Canal
18	30½	QASSASSIN	1020		13947	
20		QASSASSIN		1655		Moved to Station in 10 Ton R A S C Trucks Advanced Party moved at 1130 hrs.
20	4	QASSASSIN Station	1720	1958		
20	12	IAMAILIA Rly Junc	2045	2100		
21		North Transit Camp SUEZ	0130			Bn marched from Station. Hot supper provided at Camp.
24		North Transit Camp SUEZ		0830		Bn marched to PORT SUEZ wharf - Marching Order.
24	4	PORT SUEZ Wharf	0920	1015		Proceeded by lighters to Steamer QUEEN MARY.
24	5	Steamer	1045			Boarded Steamer by 1100 hrs.
25		QUEEN, MARY "		1215		
25		AT SEA		1945		Steamer cruising in RED SEA.
28		MASSAWA	1500			

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MOST SECRET
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APPENDIX 13

2/43 AUST INF BN MOVEMENT ORDER NO 7

INTENTION

1. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will move from QASSASSIN (TAHIG) Staging Camp to 157 Transit Camp SUEZ.

METHOD

2. (a) From present camp area to QASSASSIN ry sta by tpt.
(b) From QASSASSIN to PORT TEWFIK by rail.
(c) From PORT TEWFIK ry sta to 157 Transit Coy SUEZ. Tps will march distance 1 mile Offrs baggage and tps kit bags will move by tpt.

3. Grouping The Bn will move in two groups.
Group "A" Under comd Maj F.A. LIGERTWOOD, to be responsible for guiding and fostering group "B" into Coy areas:-
 2 Offrs, 1 WO or Sjt, 21 ORs per Rifle Coy & Reinft Coy.
 4 Offrs, 1 WO or Sjt, 44 ORs from HQ Coy and Bn HQ.
Total 15 Offrs, 6 WOs or Sjts, 149 ORs.

Group "B"
Remainder of the Bn under Comd Lt-Col W.J. WAIN

4. Timings

Group "A" Tpt reports unit lines 1100 hrs 20 Jan 43 train no XD departs QASSASSIN sta 1400 hrs 20 Jan 43 arrives PORT TEWFIK 1830 hrs 20 Jan 43.

Group "B" Tpt reports unit lines 1300 hrs 20 Jan 43 train no XD departs QASSASSIN sta 1600 hrs 20 Jan 43 arrives PORT TEWFIK 2030 hrs 20 Jan 43.

5. Entraining Offrs

	<u>Group "A"</u>	<u>Group "B"</u>
O.C. Train	2/32 Bn to provide	Lt-Col W.J. WAIN
Entraining Offr	Lieut MHEG GLOVER	Capt J.A. FLEMING
Asst Entrning Offr	Lieut KE RICHARDSON	Lieut P.L. FERRIER
Baggage Offr	2/32 Bn to provide	Lieut M.F.E. MCGREGOR

ADM

6. Tpt To be allotted to Coys in accordance with allotment received by Bn will consist of 10 tonners to carry 30 persons each.

7. A.G.K

Capt.,
Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

	<u>Copy No.</u>
"A" Coy	1
"B" Coy	2
"C" Coy	3
"D" Coy	4
HQ Coy	5
Reinft Coy	6
24 Aust Inf Bde	7
C.O.	8
2 I/S	9
Adjt	10
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SUPPLEMENT No 1 TO 2/43 AUST INF BN MOVEMENT ORDER No 7

1. TIME AND PLACE OF PARADE

Group "A" Parades between Camps 27 and 29 at 1100 hrs 20 Jan 43

Group "B" Parades between Coys 29 and 31 at 1300 hrs 20 Jan 43

2. DRESS

Marching Order, respirator slung, steel helmet on packs.

3. BAGGAGE

Bedding rolls and kit bags will be carried by the men until detraining at PORT TEWFIK where it will be dumped under Coy arrangements and transported to Camp.

All Offrs and unit baggage will be dumped outside ^{Camp} Ord Rm as follows:-

Group "A" 1100 hrs
Group "B" 1300 hrs

4. BAGGAGE PARTIES

Group "A" HQ Coy will supply 1 NCO and 4 ORs who will be responsible for handling unit baggage under instn from Lieut LIDDELL 2/32 Bn. This party to report to BHQ at 1100 hrs.

Group "B" 1 OR per rifle Coy and Reinft Coy, 7 ORs from BHQ and HQ Coy (to include Band Sjt and Ord Rm Sjt) This party will report to Lieut M.F.E. MCGREGOR at 1245 hrs in area between Camps 29 and 31.

5. MEALS

Tps will be issued with midday meal to be carried in dixies and hard rations for evening meal from cookhouse at 1000 hrs 20 Jan 43.

[Signature] Capt.,
Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION

COPY No

"A" Coy	1
"B" Coy	2
"C" Coy	3
"D" Coy	4
Reinft Coy	5
HQ Coy	6
CO	7
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ROUTINE ORDERS
PART I
BY

Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Lt-Col J. AIN

No. 1.

P. V. V. 1491

25 Jan 43

1. DUTIES(a) SHIP

Field Ofcr of the Day	25/1/43	Maj C. J. DIXON	2/32 Bn
Next for Duty	26/1/43	Maj H. J. WILLIAMS	2/43 Bn
Dept of the Day	25/1/43	Capt R. C. CROMBIE	2/32 Bn
Next for Duty	26/1/43	Capt R. A. TEGENER	2/43 Bn
Ship's Duty Ofcr	25/1/43	Lieut H. D. STEWART	2/32 Bn
Next for Duty	26/1/43	Lieut B. L. HARVEY	2/43 Bn
Duty Unit	25/1/43 to 26/1/43		2/23 Bn
Next for Duty	27/1/43 to 1/2/43		9 Div Cav

Ship's Guard mounting 0930 hrs 26 Jan 43: HQ Coy

Offr - Lieut J. W. G. CLOVER
Strength - 2 Sgts & Cpls 57 ORs

(b) UNIT - Mounting 1730 hrs 25 Jan 43

Bn Ord Ofcr - Lieut H. J. RIGHT
Bn Ord Sjt - HQ Coy
Bn Ord Cpl - HQ Coy

Next for Duty - mounting 1730 hrs 26 Jan 43

Bn Ord Ofcr - Lieut T. B. QUINN
Bn Ord Sjt - A Coy
Bn Ord Cpl - A Coy

2. BLACKOUT HOURS

Blackout times until further advice 1815 to 0545.

3. CANTEENS

ALL canteens will remain closed until embarkation is complete.

4. WEARBELTS

Every man will check his lifebelt.
Lifebelts will be carried continuously from 1200 hrs 25 Jan 43.

5. SMOKING

Smoking is absolutely forbidden in certain areas / (the greater portion of the ship.)
These areas are given in Ship's S.O. & these will be strictly enforced by all offrs and NCOs.

6. TRAFFIC

Traffic regulation as laid down in Ship's S.O. Part IV will be explained to all tps and policed by offrs and NCOs.

7. NEWSPAPERS

All newspapers and flimsy periodicals will be withdrawn from personnel and disposed of as refuse by 1600 hrs 26 Jan.
A report that this has been done will be rendered to this HQ by 1700 hrs 26 Jan 43.

8. BOUNDS

The following areas are in bounds to weapon only :-

- AAMS & VAD quarters Main Deck forward.
- Men's section of Sun Deck - Starboard forward.

9. TIME

- (a) Bn Orderly Offr will synchronise on time with Ship's Orderly outside Ship's Orderly Room at 0915 hrs daily.
- (b) Coy Comdr will synchronise watches with En Ord Offr at Coy Com Conference in Main Lounge 0930 hrs.
- (c) Time on Ship's clocks will NOT be observed.

10. STANDING ORDERS AMENDMENT No 1.

Ship's Standing Orders para 5 - "CONTINEN HOURS"

- Sub para (b) (i) for "1900" read "1700"
- Sub para (b) (ii) (iii) (iv) for "1500" read "1700"

11. SHIPS ROUTINE

Reveille		0600 hrs
Lights Out - Offrs		2300 "
" " " " " "	Or & S4ts	2245 "
" " " " " "	Other Ranks	2215 "

12. FRESH WATER SUPPLY

From this date, fresh water will be available only between 0530 and 0900 hrs.

13. MESS DISCIPLINE

No equipment cloth or food will be carried from messes. Disciplinary action will be taken against any person attempting to do so.

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14. DUTIES

- (A) Ship's Duties:-
Sweeping Fatigue 27 Jan 43 HQ Coy
Next for Duty
Sweeping Fatigue 28 Jan 43 D Coy

- (B) Unit Duties :-
Mounting 1730 hrs 25 Jan 43
Bn Ord Offr Lieut R.B. QUINN
Bn Ord Sjt A Coy - I/Sjt TATSON R
Bn Ord Cpl B Coy - Cpl PAROLO M.H.
Next for Duty
Bn Ord Offr Lieut C.W. CAWTHORPE
Bn Ord Sjt B Coy to supply
Bn Ord Cpl B Coy to supply

15. BN ORDERLY SGT'S DUTIES

Duties of Bn Ord Sjt will include sleeping in the Bn Ord Room.

16. PAY SGT AND POSTAL CPL

The Pay Sjt and Postal Cpl will report to Bn HQ Orderly room at 0930 hrs daily.

17. FIELD CENSORSHIP - ACCOUNTS OF PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

1. AIF (ME) Order 1153 of 1942, which prohibits accounts in letters of personal experiences in battle unless specifically authorised by Order, is hereby cancelled.
2. Recital of personal experiences is now permitted.
3. This Order in no way relaxes existing censorship regulations and such accounts will be written with due regard to security.
4. Green envelopes (A.F. 3078) will NOT be used for the purpose.
5. Unit censors will handle such correspondence with special attention to security, criticisms and alarmist statements.

18. HONOURS AND AWARDS

Mentioned-in-Despatches

His Majesty The King has been graciously pleased to approve that the following be Mentioned-in-Despatches in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East during the period November, 1941, to April, 1942:-

OX 6436	Chaplain	T. GARD
SX 6239	Sjt	K.M. RICHARDSON
SX 5489	Pte	J.K. GODDEN

Commendation Cards

The G.O.C. AIF (ME) has awarded the following Commendation Cards for gallantry in action:-

SX 6897	Capt	A. I. HARRIS
SX 8979	Capt	B. J. HENNINGES
SX 5592	Lieut	A. C. GEORGE
SX 5289	Lieut	L. H. THOMAS
SX 5093	Sjt	F. N. JOY
SX 5911	L/Sjt	W. B. CHILLEN
SX 6259	Cpl	G. L. MENDALL
SX 6724	Pte	A. A. HAYES

19. COY ORD OFFRS

Coy Ord Offrs will report to Bn Ord Offr at 0930 hrs daily at Bn HQ that inspections of quarters have been carried out.

19A. BLACKOUT HOURS - 26/27 Jan 43

1730 hrs 26 Jan 43 until 0600 hrs 27 Jan 43

20. PORTHOLES AND DEADLIGHTS

All Portholes and Deadlights on 'D' Deck will be closed and remain closed until further notice.

21. GUARDS

1. Offrs of Guards will report to A.P.O.'s Office at 0930 hrs daily.

2. Ref Appx F5 to Ship's Standing Orders, Guards mentioned in Para 2 will, in future, continue their duties for the period during which their unit is Duty Unit (i.e. four days). On the day previous to that laid down for duty Offrs and NCOs of relieving Guards will report to A.P.O.'s Office at 0900 hrs to obtain information regarding posts and duties.

22. TRAFFIC DIRECTION

Attention is drawn to Para 32 Ship's Standing Orders. The instructions therein will be strictly enforced. Offrs will ensure that tps are conversant with these regulations.

23. MEALS

Coy NCOs will be held responsible for ensuring that all tables are filled to capacity at meals.

All personnel must produce tickets on entering their meals. Replacement of lost tickets will only be made on production of CO's Certificate.

Disciplinary action will be taken against any person losing his ticket.

PART 1B

PROMOTIONS

WO 11 CA THORNE	C.H.	to Lieutenant	22.1.43
Sjt DAVIS	R.S.	to Lieutenant	22.1.43

P. Gordon
Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
Capt

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Part 1
by

LT-COL W.J. MAIN

COMD 2/43 AUST INF BN

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27 JAN 43

24. DUTIES -

(a) Ship's Duties - Sweeping Fatigue 28 JAN 43 D Coy
Next for Duty - Sweeping Fatigue 29 JAN 43 Reinft Coy

(b) Unit Duties - Mounting 1730 hrs 27 JAN 43 -
Bn Ord Offr Lieut C. H. GATHORNE
Bn Ord Sjt L/Sjt TURNER F.S.W.
Bn Ord Cpl Cpl STOCK C.T.
Next for Duty - Mounting 1730 hrs 28 JAN 43 -
Bn Ord Offr Lieut W. G. FOLEY
Bn Ord Sjt Sjt MACKAY W.J.
Bn Ord Cpl Cpl MATHEW F.J.

25. BLACKOUT

In future, blackout hours may not be available in time to appear in RO's and will be chalked on notice boards outside the following places :-

A.P.M.'s Office PICCADILLY CIRCUS
Ships Ord Room MAIN DECK AFT
Offr's & WO's Saloon C DECK AFT

by Comds will ensure that these times are promptly posted on ~~unit~~ *bay* notice boards.

26. EMERGENCY STATIONS DRILL

Ref Appx A to Ships S.O.

Personnel will parade at attention, wearing lifebolts correctly tied, from 0945 hrs until order to Stand Down (in vicinity 1000 hrs). Personnel are then at comd of Gp Comds but will not move off Promenade and Sun Decks.

27. SHIPS INSPECTION

Ref Appx G to Ships S.O.

(a) Orderlies accompanying Ship's inspection parties will be buglers. As inspection party enters a new section, bugler will move forward and sound a "G".

On this signal all resting and duty personnel in the section will stand to attention until inspecting party has passed on.

(b) Add to exempted personnel :-
" (d) Ship's Permanent Duties."

28. CANTEENS

(a) Ref Ships S.O. 5

As from 27 JAN, Canteen hours will be :-

1100 -- 1300 hrs
1400 -- 1600 hrs
1900 -- 2100 hrs

(b) Beer will be issued on a new basis from 28 JAN.

A coloured card system will operate entitling each man to draw one bottle in his mess tin once in each three day period.

29. PRESSING ROOM

A Ships Pressing Room, A Deck Stbd, will operate with AIF Staff for Officers & WOs only.

Pressing Room will open at 1500 hrs 27 JAN and the following roster will then apply:-

0730 -- 0930 Gp III then Gp IV on alternate days
1115 -- 1200
1200 -- 1445 Gp I then Gp II on alternate days
1500 -- 1700 AANS and VAD

Offr i/c Pressing Room will lock up nightly at 1700 hrs and return keys to Chief Steward's Office.

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30. PAY -- WOn

WOn Class 1 and 11 are permitted to draw £1-0-0 on cash pay period.

31. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Clothes will not be hung on Ships Fire Fighting Eqpt.

32. BAGGAGE

1. UNIT Baggage labelled 'WANTED ON VOYAGE' is accessible at H Deck No. 1 Hold between 0900 and 1000 hrs daily. Entrance in vicinity of No. 1 Hatch Well Deck.

2. Officers' heavy baggage will be made accessible ONCE only during the voyage. Officers will be advised through ROs when their baggage is available.

Part 1B

PUNISHMENT -

WX 13418 Pte McQUADE - C.

(1) Disobeying in such a manner as to show a wilful defiance of authority a lawful command given personally by his superior officer, 22 JAN 43, (AA 9 (1))

(2) Using insubordinate language to his superior officer, 22 JAN 43, (AA 8 (3))
AWARD : Fined £3-0-0 by C.O. 26 JAN 43.

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for Capt.,
Adjt., 2/43 AUST INF BN

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28 Jan 43

33. DUTIES

(a) Ships Duties Ships Guard Mounting 0930 hrs 29 Jan 43
Officers: Lt Col M.H.E.C. GLOVER
Lt Col E.G. ANDERSON
Next for duty: "A" Coy

(b) Unit Duties

Bn Ord Offr : Lt Col W.G. FOLEY
Bn Ord Sgt : Sjt MAUKAY, W J
Bn Ord Cpl : Cpl MATHEW, F J

Next for Duty:

Bn Ord Offr : Lt Col A. KENNEDY
Bn Ord Sgt : Sjt LOUGHEED, J H
Bn Ord Cpl : Cpl FRANKLIN, D

34. SHIP'S DUTIES - Alteration

The evening falling duty for the Bn has been cancelled.
A permanent Gunroom Stores Fatigue of 3 NCO and 12 ORs will be supplied
by D Coy.

35. PERMANENT DUTIES - Officers

Ships Asst & QM	Maj F.A. WILKINSON
Ships Baggage Offr	Lt Col W.P. ADAMS
Ships Asst Baggage Offr	Lt Col L.H. DOST
Ships A/A Offr	Lt Col M.L. CONNER
Ships Messing Traffic P.	Lt Col T.J. GILCHRIST
" " " "	Lt Col R.B. DAVIS
Ships Gunroom	Lt Col " " " "
Unit Messing Offr	Capt A.S. BURTON
	Lt Col P.V. FURBER
Unit Ammunition Offr	Lt Col E.L. HARVEY
Offr 1/2 Boarding	Lt Col G.H. GARDNER
Unit Gunroom Offr	Lt Col B.W. THORNTON

36. BERTHING AND LIFELINE GARDS

All personnel will write their regtl No Name and Unit on reverse side of
Berthing, Meal, and Beer Cards.

37. CANTINA

As from 28 Jan 43, the Gunroom on "A" Deck Fwd will be reserved from 1400 hrs
to 1600 hrs daily for Permanent Messing Duties holding a Yellow Messing Duties
Ticket. This Gunroom will remain open nightly from 2100 hrs to 2200 hrs for
the convenience of Troop and Guard personnel only.

38. BULK CIGARETTE PURCHASES

Due to heavy purchasing, pipe and cigarette tobacco and cigarettes are
practically exhausted. In order to ensure a fair distribution of the
remaining stocks (American brands only) purchases will be limited to 3 pkts
of cigarettes per man per day.

39. WASHING

Wet towels and washing will not be hung in Cabins, but will be carried
on Deck and dried during Boat drill.

40. SHIP'S INSPECTION

Ord Offrs will be on duty in Bn area to receive inspection parties.

41. RAFTS & WINCHES

Sitting on Rafts and Winches is prohibited at all times.
All Offrs will ensure that this order is enforced.

G. H. Hawthorne ^{Adjt} Capt.,
Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

FOUND 1 Tobacco containing tobacco, cigarette papers and money. Owner may
claim same at this HQ.

NOTICE

CHURCH SERVICES

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Denomination	Place	Time	Remarks
R.C.	WO'S LOUNGE	0730 hrs 0830 " 0930 " 1030 "	SUNDAY MASS
R.C.	WO'S LOUNGE	0645 hrs 0730 "	DAILY MASS
C of E	OFFICERS' LOUNGE	0800 hrs 0900 "	SUNDAY COMMUNION
C of E	OFFICERS' LOUNGE	0800 hrs	DAILY COMMUNION
C of E & O P D's	8 PLACES ON DECK	1000 hrs	GENERAL SERVICE SUNDAYS

ROUTINE ORDERS
PART 1
BY

Lt-col W.J. MAIN

Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

No. 6.

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30 Jan 43

51. (a) Ship's Duties:- Ship's Guard - HQ Coy
Offrs - Lieut I.M.T.C. Glover
Lieut A.G. ANDERSON
- (b) Unit Duties :- Duty Coy Reinf't Coy mounting 30 Jan 43.
Bn Ord Offr - Lieut W.G. FOLEY
Bn Ord Sjt - L/Sjt FENTKE F.N.
Bn Ord Cpl - Cpl GEORGE H.T.
Next for Duty mounting 31 Jan 43
Duty Coy - HQ Coy
Bn Ord Offr - Lieut W.G. FOLEY
Bn Ord Sjt - Sjt MCKENZIE
Bn Ord Cpl - L/Cpl KORTING W.J.
Next for Duty mounting 1 Feb 43
Duty Coy - A Coy
Bn Ord Offr - Lieut W.G. FOLEY
Bn Ord Sjt - Sjt DASHWOOD R.D.
Bn Ord Cpl - Cpl GEORGE W.A.K.

52. SHIP'S GUARDS

When Coys are required to supply Ship's Guard duty they will also detail the offrs. Names of offrs will be submitted to this HQ by 1200 hrs two days prior to date of mounting. Strength of guard 2 offrs 2 Sjts 6 Cpls 60 ORs.

53. REGIMENTAL FUNDS

Every man up to the rank of WO will receive goods to the value of 2/6 AUST per week during voyage from REGIMENTAL FUNDS, orders to be submitted to C.Q.M.S.

The Ship's newspaper is made available to troops and cost met by Regimental Funds.

54. ELECTRIC FANS

Electric Fans will NOT be left running in unattended cabins or sleeping berths.

55. SHIP'S HOSES

Ship's hoses on Main deck, Stbd side, Fwd, may be used for ablution purposes.

56. GUARDS - RELIEF FOR MEALS

The next for duty Unit will relieve casual guards supplied by Duty Unit during meal times.

57. BLOCKING OF PASSAGE WAYS

Eqpt and baggage will not be left in passage ways or gangways.

58. COMPLAINTS

Complaints and requests for servicing of any Ship's eqpt will be forwarded through normal channels to Ship's Ord Room, and NOT represented direct to the Ship's Offrs.

59. WASHING

Sundays will be washing and mending day.

Water will be left on until 1900 hrs, but strict supervision will be carried out by Coys.

Clothes lines are being erected on upper decks for the drying of clothes.

60. WATER

Water is being used very extravagantly and stricter water discipline will be enforced, otherwise a more severe rationing will have to be imposed.

[Signature]
Capt
Adj't 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/43 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit.)

Serial 62.

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		1
Captains	29		2
Lieutenants	23	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	35.	2.	3.

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Serjt	W.T. ADNAMS	2/43 Bn	1/1/43	From 24 Aust Inf Bn
"	T.D. ASHE	"	"	" " " " " "
"	A.G. EVERITT	"	"	" " " " " "
"	W.C. FOLEY	"	"	" " " " " "

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Major	F.A. STRETTON	2/43 Bn	1/1/43	To C.T.C. KARRIT
Capt	W.E.L. CATCHLOVE	"	"	" " " " "
"	J.D. GORDON	"	"	" " " " "
"	D.C. SIEKMANN	"	"	" " " " "

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.
<i>Pl Lt Col</i>		W. J. WAIN	2/43 Bn	Yes	
<i>Major</i>		H. J. WILLIAMSON	2 i/c	"	
<i>"</i>		F. A. STRETTON	OC HQ Bn	No	C.T.C., KAGBIT
<i>Capt</i>		D. E. TAYLOR	OC D Bn	Yes	
<i>"</i>		W. E. L. CATCHLOVE	OC C Bn	No	C.T.C., KAGBIT
<i>"</i>		J. D. GORDON	Adj	"	" "
<i>"</i>		D. C. SIEKMANN	OC B Bn	"	" "
<i>"</i>		R. E. LONGBOTTOM	OC A Bn	Yes	
<i>"</i>		A. T. BURTON	Q.M.	"	
<i>"</i>		J. A. FLEMING	2 i/c D Bn	"	
<i>"</i>		C. B. RICHMOND	2 i/c E Bn	"	
<i>"</i>		A. C. GEORGE	2 i/c B Bn	"	
<i>lieut</i>		D. M. REID	HQ Bn	"	
<i>"</i>		K. M. STOKES	OC 14 PL	"	
<i>"</i>		G. STANFORD	OC Cannon	"	
<i>"</i>		M. F. E. MCGREGOR	OC 15 PL	"	
<i>"</i>		R. G. WILLIAMS	A/244 ALy	"	
<i>"</i>		V. R. ODEA	OC 12 PL	"	
<i>"</i>		R. A. MCKEE	OC 10 PL	"	
<i>"</i>		W. S. LONNIE	OC 1 PL	"	
<i>"</i>		M. H. E. C. GLOVER	2 i/c Cannon	"	
<i>"</i>		E. L. WALLER	OC 16 PL	"	
<i>"</i>		R. M. CLERKE	OC 2 PL	"	
<i>"</i>		E. G. ANDERSON	OC 3 PL	"	
<i>"</i>		K. D. HOWARD	OC 13 PL	"	
<i>"</i>		B. S. BETON	OC 8 PL	"	
<i>"</i>		W. T. ADNAMS	T.O.	"	
<i>"</i>		C. ZECK	I.U.	"	
<i>"</i>		A. KENNEDY	A/14 PL	"	
<i>"</i>		R. B. QUINN	OC 11 PL	"	
<i>"</i>		R. H. GREASLEY	OC 5 PL	"	
<i>"</i>		H. J. WRIGHT	OC 7 PL	"	
<i>"</i>		A. V. CLIFFORD	OC 4 PL	"	
<i>"</i>		D. L. HARVEY	OC 1 PL	"	
<i>"</i>		E. M. CONNOR	OC 18 PL	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
<i>Capt</i>		GARD	T	20/2/42	Chaplain
<i>Capt</i>		BRANDT	D.S.	23/2/42	AMO
<i>Capt</i>		ASHE	T.D.	2/4/43	Temporary
<i>"</i>		EVERITT	A.C.	"	"
<i>"</i>		FOLEY	W.G.	"	"

2/43 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)
2/1/43
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
24 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Di.v., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit).

PART D. DETAIL BY TRADES OF SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED AS SHOWN IN PART A OF ARMY FORM W. 3009a.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus to Establishment.										Reinforcements required.							REMARKS						
	W.O.'s Class I.	W.O.'s Class II.	W.O.'s Class III.	Battery or C.Q.M. Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Bombdr. or Corpis.	Buglers.	Trumpeters.	Guns, Drvs., Pts., &c.	TOTAL.	W.O.'s Class I.	W.O.'s Class II.	W.O.'s Class III.	Battery or C.Q.M. Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.		Bombdr. or Corpis.	Buglers.	Trumpeters.	Guns., Drvs., Pts., &c.	TOTAL.	
Artificers, other than those enumerated																								
Bakers																								
Batty. Commanders Assts. ..																								
Battery Surveyors																								
Blacksmiths																								
Butchers																								
Carpenters & Joiners																								
Clerks																								
Clerks (R.A. Clerks Section) ..																								
Clerks (Tech. M.T.)																								
Coach Painters																								
Coach Trimmers																								
Computers																								
Cooks (Hospital)																								
Coppersmiths																								
Dental Clerk Orderlies																								
Dental Mechanics																								
Dispensers																								
Draughtsmen (Topo.)																								
Draughtsmen (Mech.)																								
Driver-mechanics																								
Drivers (H.T.)																								
Drivers (M.T.)																								
Drivers (I.C.)																								
Electricians																								
Equipment Repairers																								
Farriers																								
Fitters																								
Grinders Precision																								
Gun Position Officers Assts. ..																								
Instrument Makers																								
Issuers																								
Laboratory Assistants																								
Masseurs																								
Mechanics																								
Mental Nursing Orderlies																								
Motor-mechanics																								
Moulders																								
Nursing Orderlies																								
Observers (A.S.)																								
Operating Room Assistants																								
Painters & Decorators																								
Panel Beaters																								
Pattern Makers																								
Pharmacists																								
Plumbers & Gasfitters																								
Radiographers																								
Saddlers & Harness Makers																								
Sanitary Assistants																								
Searchlight Operators																								
Signallers																								
Special Treatment Orderlies																								
Storemen (Technical)																								
Surveyors R.A.																								
Telephonists <i>guns with</i>																								
Trained Nurses <i>guns divisions</i>																								
Turners <i>Spearguns</i>																								
Typepressers <i>buglers</i>																								
Vulcanizers																								
Welders (Acetylene)																								
Wheelers																								
Non-Tradesmen																								
TOTALS (to agree with Cols. 3 & 4 of Part A.)																								

2/43 Aust Inf Bn
Unit.
2 Jan 43.
Date of Despatch.

William Lt. Col
Signature of Commander
2/43 Aust Inf Bn
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.) For Week Ending 9 Jan 43

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	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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1	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
3	Majors... ..	3		
10	Captains	28		1
21	Lieutenants		5	
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	39.	5.	1 R.

* 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.

Capt	O.M. SPENCE	AAMC	3/1/43	Att from 2/8 Aust Pd Amb
Maj	F.A. LIGERTWOOD	2/43 Bn	4/1/43	From 1 Aust Conval Depot
Lieut	J.C. COEN	"	5/1/43	" 1 Aust Depot Bn
Maj	F.A. STRETTON	"	7/1/43	" C.T.C., KABRIT
Capt	W.E.L. CATCHLOVE	"	"	" " "
"	J.D. GORDON	"	"	" " "
"	D.C. SIEKMANN	"	"	" " "
Lieut	G.D. COMBE	"	8/1/43	" 24 Aust Inf Trg Bn
"	W.R. BRAY	"	"	" " " " "

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Inf	D.S. BRANDT	AAMC	3/1/43	Transferred to 2nd Lt

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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
		Lt-Col		W. J. WAIN	2/43Bn	Yes		
		Maj		F. A. LIGERTWOOD	2 i/c	"		
		"		H. J. WILLIAMSON	OC ACoy	"		
		"		F. A. STRETTON	OC HQ	"		
		Capt		D. E. TAYLOR	OC D	"		
		"		W. E. L. CATCHLOVE	OC C	"		
		"		J. D. GORDON	Adjt	"		
		"		D. C. SIEKMANN	OC BCoy	"		
		"		R. E. LONGBOTTOM	2i/cA	"		
		"		A. J. BURTON	QM	"		
		"		J. A. FLEMING	2i/cDCoy	"		
		"		C. R. RICHMOND	2i/cC	"		
		"		A. C. GEORGE	2i/cB	"		
		Lieut		D. M. REID	HQ Coy	"		
		"		K. M. STOKES	OC 14 Pl	"		
		"		G. D. COMBE	D Coy	"		
		"		G. STANFORD	OC Carr's	"		
		"		W. R. BRAY	HQ Coy	"		
		"		M. F. E. MCGREGOR	OC 15 Pl	"		
		"		R. G. WILLIAMS	OC 9 Pl	"		
		"		V. P. O'DEA	OC 12 Pl	"		
		"		R. R. McKEE	OC 10 Pl	"		
		"		W. S. LONNIE	OC 1 Pl	"		
		"		J. C. COEN	D Coy	"		
		"		M. H. B. C. GLOVER	2i/c Carr's	"		
		"		E. L. WALLER	OC 16 Pl	"		
		"		R. M. CLERKE	OC 2 Pl	"		
		"		E. G. ANDERSON	OC 3 Pl	"		
		"		K. D. HOWARD	OC 13 Pl	"		
		"		B. S. BERTON	OC 8 Pl	"		
		"		W. T. ADAMS	T.O.	"		
		"		C. ZECK	I.O.	"		
		"		A. KENNEDY	A/Tk Pl	"		
		"		R. B. QUINN	OC 11 Pl	"		
		"		R. H. GREASLEY	OC 5 Pl	"		
		"		H. J. WRIGHT	OC 7 Pl	"		
		"		A. V. CLIFFORD	A/Tk Pl	"		
		"		B. L. HARVEY	OC 17 Pl	"		
		"		E. M. CONNOR	OC 18 Pl	"		
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(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.
		T. GARD	AAGD	20/12/42	Chaplain
		D. M. SPENCE	AAGD	3/1/43	RMO
		T. D. ASHE	3/42 Bn	4/1/43	Temporary
		A. G. EVERITT			
		W. G. FOLEY			

2/43 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)
9 Jan 43
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
2/43 Aust Inf Bn
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

Serial 63

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

3/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 9 Jan 1943 (Date.)

(To be furnished by all Units of Royal Artillery, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps and The Army Dental Corps.)

PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Appointment.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
1 W.O.'s Class I.			
6 W.O.'s Class II.	11	5	
W.O.'s Class III.			
Battery or C.Q.M. Serjeants.			
7 Staff Serjeants.	6		1
39 Serjeants.	50	11	
11 Bombardiers or Corporals.	76		1
Buglers.			
Trumpeters.			
Gunners, Drivers, Privates, etc.	719		43
Total	863	16	45

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

PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Appointment.	Units and Corps to which they belong.	Appointment.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	75 Aust Fl Amb	106 OR	3/43 Royal Inf
1 Plt	AASC Troop		
2 Plts	AASC		
1 Sgt	AASC		
1 Plt	75 Aust Fl Amb		
1 Plt	4234 Aust Coy		
3 Plts	AASC		
1 Plt	75 Aust Fl Amb		
1 Plt	7 Aust Div Postal Coy		

PART C. DESCRIPTION OF OTHER RANKS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

743 Aust Inf Bn (Unit).

PART D. DETAIL BY TRADES OF SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED AS SHOWN IN PART A OF ARMY FORM W. 3009a.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus to Establishment										Reinforcements required.										REMARKS			
	W.O.'s Class I.	W.O.'s Class II.	W.O.'s Class III.	Battery or C.Q.M. Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Bombdrs. or Corpals.	Buglers.	Trumpeters.	Guns, Drvs., Pts., &c.	TOTAL.	W.O.'s Class I.	W.O.'s Class II.	W.O.'s Class III.	Battery or C.Q.M. Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Bombdrs. or Corpals.	Buglers.	Trumpeters.		Guns, Drvs., Pts., &c.	TOTAL.	
Artificers, other than those enumerated																								
Bakers																								
Batty. Commanders Assts.																								
Battery Surveyors																								
Blacksmiths																								
Butchers																								
Carpenters & Joiners																								
Clerks																								
Clerks (R.A. Clerks Section)																								
Clerks (Tech. M.T.)																								
Coach Painters																								
Coach Trimmers																								
Computers																								
Cooks (Hospital)																								
Coppersmiths																								
Dental Clerk Orderlies																								
Dental Mechanics																								
Dispensers																								
Draughtsmen (Topo.)																								
Draughtsmen (Mech.)																								
Driver-mechanics																								
Drivers (H.T.)																								
Drivers (M.T.)																								
Drivers (I.C.)																								
Electricians																								
Equipment Repairers																								
Farriers																								
Fitters																								
Grinders Precision																								
Gun Position Officers Assts.																								
Instrument Makers																								
Issuers																								
Laboratory Assistants																								
Masseurs																								
Mechanics																								
Mental Nursing Orderlies																								
Motor-mechanics																								
Moulders																								
Nursing Orderlies																								
Observers (A.S.)																								
Operating Room Assistants																								
Painters & Decorators																								
Panel Beaters																								
Pattern Makers																								
Pharmacists																								
Plumbers & Gasfitters																								
Radiographers																								
Saddlers & Harness Makers																								
Sanitary Assistants																								
Searchlight Operators																								
Signallers																								
Special Treatment Orderlies																								
Storemen (Technical)																								
Surveyors R.A.																								
Telephonists																								
Trained Nurses																								
Turners																								
Typepressers																								
Vulcanizers																								
Welders (Acetylene)																								
Wheelers																								
Non-Tradesmen			5			11					10				1		1						4345	
TOTALS (to agree with Cols. 3 & 4 of Part A.)			5			11					10				1		1						4345	

743 Aust Inf Bn
Unit.
9 Jan 43
Date of Despatch.

W. Mann
Signature of Commander
74 Aust Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Serial 64.

243 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.) For Week Ending 23 Jan 43

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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1	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
3	Majors ...	3		
10	Captains ...	12	2	
21	Lieutenants ...	32	11	
	2nd Lieutenants ...			
	Quartermasters ...			
	District Officers ...			
	TOTALS ...	48.	13.	

* 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.

since rendering Return dated 9 Jan 43.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	L. H. DOST	2/43 Bn	9/1/43	From HQ AIF (ME) Regt 14 Dpts
"	G. H. LUSH	"	10/1/43	" MG. Troop Coy
"	P. L. FERBIER	"	"	" ME OCTU
1st Lt	M. B. JEANES	"	"	" 24 Aust Inf Troop Bn
Capt	E. C. GRANT	"	"	" " " " " "

~~Officers QUITTED during week.~~

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	R. A. WEGENER	2/43 Bn	12/1/43	From 4 Aust Bn Depot
Lieut	K. E. RICHARDSON	"	"	" 24 Aust Inf Bn
"	E. W. THORNTON	"	"	" " " " " "
"	T. J. GILCHRIST	"	15/1/43	" " " " " "

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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lt Col		W. J. WAIN	207th B Coy	Yes		
2		Maj		F. A. LIBERTWOOD	21st B Coy	"		
3		"		H. J. WILLIAMSON	OC A Coy	"		
4		"		F. A. STRETTON	OC HQ Coy	"		
5		Capt		M. B. JEANES	OC D Coy	"		
6		"		D. E. TAYLOR	OC B Coy	"		
7		"		W. E. L. CATHLOVE	OC C Coy	"		
8		"		R. A. WEGENBA	OC E Coy	"		
9		"		J. D. GARDON	A/TH	"		
10		"		D. C. SIEMMANN	21st B Coy	"		
11		"		B. E. LONGBOTTOM	21st E Coy	"		
12		"		A. J. BURTON	QM	"		
13		"		J. A. FLEMING	21st D Coy	"		
14		"		C. B. RICHMOND	21st C Coy	"		
15		"		E. C. GRANT	21st A Coy	"		
16		"		A. C. GEORGE	HQ Coy	"		
17		Plut		D. M. BEID	OC 15 Pl	"		
18		"		K. M. STOKES	OC 13 Pl	"		
19		"		G. D. COMBE	OC 18 Pl	"		
20		"		G. STANFORD	OC 14 Pl	"		
21		"		P. L. FERRIERA	C Coy	"		
22		"		W. B. BRAY	OC 3 Pl	"		
23		"		M. F. E. MCGREGOR	OC 11 Pl	"		
24		"		R. G. WILLIAMS	OC 9 Pl	"		
25		"		V. P. O'DEA	OC 12 Pl	"		
26		"		R. A. MCKEE	OC 11 Pl	"		
27		"		G. H. LUSH	A Coy	"		
28		"		W. S. LONNIE	OC 1 Pl	"		
29		"		J. C. COEN	OC 16 Pl	"		
30		"		M. H. E. C. GLOVER	21st 4 Pl	"		
31		"		E. L. WALLER	OC 17 Pl	"		
32		"		L. H. DOST	B Coy	"		
33		"		R. M. CLEAVE	OC 2 Pl	"		
34		"		E. G. ANDERSON	A/TH	"		

(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.
35	Plut		H. D. HOWARD	OC 7 Pl	Yes	
36	"		B. S. BETON	OC 8 Pl	"	
37	"		W. T. ADNAMS	T.O.	"	Temporary
38	"		C. ZECK	I.O.	"	
39	Plut		A. KENNEDY	A/TH	"	
40	"		R. B. QUINN	OC 10 Pl	"	
41	"		A. H. GREASLEY	OC 5 Pl	"	
42	"		H. J. WRIGHT	C Coy	"	
43	"		A. V. CLIFFORD	HQ Coy	"	
44	"		B. L. HARVEY	D Coy	"	
45	"		E. M. CONNOR	D Coy	"	
46	"		K. E. RICHARDSON	D Coy	"	
47	"		E. W. THORNTON	C Coy	"	
48	"		T. J. GILCHRIST	HQ Coy	"	

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	7	8	9
M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	
	1 Lt Col		W. J. WAIN	OC 243 Bde	Yes			
	2 Maj		F. A. LIGHTWOOD	243 Bde	"			
	3 "		H. J. WILLIAMSON	OC A Coy	"			
	4 "		F. A. STRETTON	OC HQ Bde	"			
	5 Capt		M. B. TEANES	OC D Coy	"			
	6 "		D. E. TAYLOR	OC B Coy	"			
	7 "		W. E. L. CATCHLOVE	OC C Coy	"			
	8 "		R. A. WEGENER	OC E Coy	"			

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Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		T. GARD	AA Ch.D	29/1/43	Chaplain
"		O. M. SPENCE	AA MC	3/1/43	R.M.O.
Serjeant		T. D. ASHE	243 Bde	1/1/43	Temporary
"		A. G. EVERITT	"	"	"
"		W. FOLEY	"	"	"

243 Aust Inf Bde
 (Unit.)
 25 Jan 43.
 (Date of Despatch.)

William H. Lee
 (Signature of Commander.)
 24 Aust Inf Bde
 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 23 Jan 1943 (Date)

(To be furnished by all Units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments),
1 W.Os Class I.	1		
6 W.Os Class II.	10	4	
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.			
7 Staff Sergeants.	7		
39 Sergeants.	47	8	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
77 Corporals.	75		2
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	745	13	
TOTALS.	915.	* 25	* 2

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	2/8 Aust Fd Ambr	93 OR's	2/13 Reinf Bn.
1 Sgt	AAAC		
2 Sgts	AAOC		
1 Sgt	AAPC		
1 Btl	2/8 Aust Fd Ambr		
1 Plt	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde		
3 Ptes	AAOC		
1 Plt	2/8 Aust Fd Ambr		
1 Btl	9 Aust Div Postal Corps		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS						
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.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.	W Os Class III		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..																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
" (Wheeled)																				
Driver-Mechanics																				
Driver-Operators.																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters																				
Machine Cunnors																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneer, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel .		4				8			13.25							2			2	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)		4				8			13.25						1	1	2		2.	

7/43 Aust Inf Bde Unit.
Date of Despatch 25 Jan 43

William H. Cole
Signature of Commander,
24 Aust Inf Bde
Bde, Divn, Area, etc, with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.) For Week Ending *30 Jan 43*

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	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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<i>1</i>	Lieut.-Colonels ...	<i>1</i>		
<i>3</i>	Majors... ..	<i>3</i>		
<i>10</i>	Captains	<i>12</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>21</i>	Lieutenants	<i>34</i>	<i>13</i>	
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	<i>50</i>	<i>15.</i>	

* 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.
	<i>Capt C.H. CANTHORNE</i>	<i>2/43 Bn</i>	<i>23/1/43</i>	<i>Promoted from WO II</i>
	<i>" R.B. DAVIS</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>" " Sgt</i>

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	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lt Col		W.J. WAIN	CO 24th Bn	Yes		
2		Maj		F.A. LICHTWOOD	2 Lt	"		
3		"		H.T. WILLIAMSON	OC A Coy	"		
4		"		F.A. STRETTON	OC HQ	"		
5		Capt		M.P. JEANES	OC D Coy	"		
6		"		D.L. TAYLOR	OC B Coy	"		
7		"		W.E.L. CATCHLOVE	OC C Coy	"		
8		"		R.A. WEBSTER				
9		"		J.D. GIBSON				
10		"		P.C. SIMMONS				
11		"		D.E. WILSON				
12		"		V. BRYAN				
13		"		C.H. WILSON				
14		"		V.L. GIBSON				
15		"		E.M. JACOBSON				
16		"		H.B. WILSON				
17		"		E. WILSON				
18		"		P.T. HANLEY				
19		"		V.A. GIBSON				
20		"		H. WILSON				
21		"		W.H. WILSON				
22		"		W.D. GIBSON				
23		"		V. KENNEDY				
24		"		C. JACK				
25		"		M. J. WILSON				
26		"		B. J. DELOH				
27		"		H. D. WILSON				

(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		T. GARD	AA Coy D	29/2/43	Chaplain
"		P.M. SPENCE	AAMC	3/1/43	R.M.O.
Reut		T.D. ASHE	2/43 Reut	1/1/43	Temporary
"		A.G. EVERITT	"	"	"
"		W.G. FOLEY	"	"	"

2/43 Aust Inf Bde
(Unit.)
30 Jan 43
(Date of Despatch.)

W. Williams Lt. Col
(Signature of Commander.)
24 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Sub Lt		W. J. WAIN	CO 2nd Bn	Yes		
2		Maj		F. A. LIGERTWOOD	2nd Lt	"		
3		"		H. J. WILLIAMSON	OC A Coy	"		
4		"		F. A. STRETTON	OC H Coy	"		
5		Capt		M. P. JEANES	OC D Coy	"		
6		"		D. E. TAYLOR	OC B Coy	"		
7		"		W. E. L. CATCHLOVE	OC C Coy	"		
8		"		R. A. WEGENER	OC Rein Coy	"		
9		"		J. D. GORDON	A/Lt	"		
10		"		D. G. SIEHMANN	2nd Lt	"		
11		"		B. E. LONSDALE	2nd Lt	"		
12		"		A. J. DUNN	Q/M	"		
13		"		J. A. FLEMING	2nd Lt	"		
14		"		C. B. RICHMOND	2nd Lt	"		
15		"		E. G. GRANT	2nd Lt	"		
16		"		A. G. GEORGE	HQ B Coy	"		
17		Reit		D. M. REID	OC 15th	"		
18		"		K. M. STOKES	OC 13th	"		
19		"		G. D. COMBE	OC 18th	"		
20		"		G. STANFORD	OC 16th	"		
21		"		P. L. FERRIER	C Coy	"		
22		"		W. B. BAAY	OC 3rd	"		
23		"		M. E. M. GREGOR	OC 14th	"		
24		"		B. G. WILLIAMS	OC 9th	"		
25		"		V. P. O'DEA	OC 12th	"		
26		"		R. B. MCKEE	OC 11th	"		
27		"		G. H. LUSH	A Coy	"		
28		"		W. S. LONNIE	OC 1st	"		
29		"		J. E. COEN	OC 17th	"		
30		"		M. H. E. C. GLOVER	2nd Lt	"		
31		"		E. L. WALLER	OC 16th	"		
32		"		L. H. DOST	B Coy	"		
33		"		B. M. CLEAKE	OC 2nd	"		
34		"		E. G. ANDERSON	A/Tk	"		

35		Reit		K. D. HOWARD	OC 7th	Yes		
36		"		B. S. BETON	OC 8th	"		
37		"		W. T. ADNAMS	T.O.	"		
38		"		C. ZECK	I.O.	"		
39		"		A. KENNEDY	A/Tk	"		
40		"		R. B. QUINN	OC 10th	"		
41		"		R. H. GREASLEY	OC 5th	"		
42		"		H. J. WRIGHT	C Coy	"		
43		"		A. V. CLIFFORD	HQ Coy	"		
44		"		B. L. HARVEY	D Coy	"		
45		"		E. M. CONNOR	D Coy	"		
46		"		K. E. RICHARDSON	D Coy	"		
47		"		E. W. THORNTON	C Coy	"		
48		"		T. J. GILCHRIST	HQ Coy	"		
49		"		G. H. CAWTHORNE	B Coy	"		
50		"		R. B. DAVIS	HQ Coy	"		

2/43 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS					
	W.Os. Class 1.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	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.	W Os Class III	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..																				
Clerks ...																				
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
" (Wheeled) ..																				
Driver-Mechanics ...																				
Driver-Operators. ...																				
Electricians ...																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers.. ...																				
Fitters... ..																				
Machine Cunnners ...																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers ...																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers ...																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers ...																				
General duty personnel .		3				7		13	23								2		2	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)		3				7		13	23								2		2	

2/43 Aust Inf Bde.
Unit.
Date of Despatch 30 Jan 43.

[Signature] Lt-Col
Signature of Commander,
24 Aust Inf Bde,
Bde, Divn, Area, etc, with which unit is serving.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

2/43 AUST INF BN

NO	RANK	NAME		AWARD
<u>9 Jan 43</u>				
SX	5289	Lieut	L.H.THOMAS	M C
SX	6339	Sjt	SHEPHERDSON	E W M M
SX	5093	Sjt	JOY	F N M M
<u>26 Jan 43</u>				
QX	6436	Chaplain	T GARD	M I D
SX	6239	Sjt	RICHARDSON	K E M I D
SX	5489	Pte	GODDEN	J K M I D
SX	8897	Capt	A I HARE	Commendation Card
SX	8979	Capt	B.J.HEMMINGS	" "
SX	5592	Lieut	A.C.GEORGE	" "
SX	5289	Lieut	L.H.THOMAS	" "
SX	5093	Sjt	JOY	F.N. " "
SX	6259	Gpl	YENDALL	G L " "
SX	6724	Pte	HAYES	A A " "