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2/14 Infantry Battalion

February 1942

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	
AT SEA ILE de FRANCE	1	1000	C of E Church Parade held in Concert Hall of the ship. Brig J E S STEVENS, DSO ED inspected the ship while all personnel were at boat stations. 1130 Coy cmd conference. 1500 Adjt spoke to all unit Cpls on unit activity and discipline.
	2		All coys commenced shipboard tng. Deck space was very inadequate. 1000 Lt-col A S KEY inspected coy areas and later spoke to all unit NCOs. 1215 All offrns attended a lecture by Brig J E S STEVENS
	3	1000	Emergency stations drill. Ships' sports meeting held. Units competing were 2/14, 2/16, 2/27 Bns, AASC & 2/4 Fd Regt. 2/14 Bn won three Boxing weights and the Tug-o-war.
	4		Tng was carried out as per syllabus. A special demonstration by the Ship's AA gun was given.
	5.		Bde lectures were attended by all offrns except those on duty. Preparations made for disembarkation. Rifles were drawn from the armoury and kits were checked over.
BOMBAY HARBOUR ILE de FRANCE.	6		The convoy - "ILE de FRANCE" & "MAURETANIA" arrived safely at BOMBAY. Ships anchored out in the stream. Coys carried on with all possible tng.
	7		Normal tng. Offrns lectures were held.
	8		Weather very humid - little breeze. Other units commenced to disembark. 1000 Church Parade in ship's concert hall. Lieut BISSET S.Y. lectured to the NCOs - subject "Stars".
INDIA - COLABA CAMP.	9		Other units continued to disembark. Tng as usual for 2/14 Bn.
	10	1200	Unit received 1 hrs notice to disembark. The disembarkation was successful and completed by 1900 hrs.
		1900	The unit marched through BOMBAY to CDLABA Camp where ORs were billeted in huts. Half the complement of offrns moved to the Majestic Hotel and the other half to the Taj Mahal.
	11	1400	The unit received pay. Leave was granted to 50% of the offrns and 75% of the ORs.
	12	1300	Leave granted to 2200 hrs.
BOMBAY HARBOUR - "CITY OF PARIS"	13	0400	Reveille. Unit marched to Ballard Pier.
		1100	Unit embarked on HMT "CITY OF PARIS". Other units aboard are 5 AGH & 1 Aust Wkshops.
		1200	Lt-col A S KEY, OC Tps, and Capt C L THOMPSON Ship's Adjnt inspected the ship.
		1400	The convoy consisting of 8 ships escorted by a cruiser left BOMBAY.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	
AT SEA - CITY OF PARIS	14		Course SE and SSE. Bn personnel were allotted various duties for the voyage. LMGs and ship's AA guns were mounted by Bn.
	15	1000	Due to limited ship space Church parade was attended by a part of the Bn only.
		1600	Unit band gave a recital until 1700 hrs.
	16		Tng continued as per syllabus with limitations due to confined deck space.
		1200	Lectures to offrs.
	17		Tng as usual. The unit band gave a recital each afternoon. The convoy was met by a groupe of MT ships, position approx west of CEYLON, course now SE.
	18		Normal tng.
	19		Equator crossed during night 17/18 Feb. Weather fine but very hot. Sea fairly calm.
	20	0600	Course still SE, convoy nearing EAST INDIES.
		0800	Course now N & NNE - Change due to JAVA naval battle.
			Tng as per syllabus.
		1030	Boat drill each morning.
	21		Tng as usual. Course NE. Recrossed equator.
	22	1030	Church parade. Course West, convoy moving towards CEYLON.
23		Course West & SW.	
24		A small amount of pay was made available to units. Course NW.	
COLOMBO - CITY OF PARIS.	25	1500	Convoy entered port of COLOMBO.
	26		Capt H E DICKENSON reported to Lt-col A S KEY on the condition of the Reinfts boat. Weather hot and humid
		1400	Fifty sisters of 5 AGH went ashore on leave till 1700 hrs. Pay was received. Arrangements were completed for 170 all ranks to proceed on leave on 27 Feb.
	27	1000	Leave granted to 90 ORs and a small percentage of offrs untill 1600 hrs. Maj K S CUSWORTH went ashore on duty. Capt C C P NYE acted as LO between Bde HQ and Bn for the return of tps to the unit. Lieut J G FARMER commanded the shore picquet.
		1700	Orders were received to cancel all further leave. Few tps went ashore by own means but very few were AWL at roll call. The ships began taking in provisions required - coal, food & water.
	28		Convoy due to sail at 1000 hrs but still required provisions. Due to the large number of ships in port the shipping facilities for provisioning were taxed to the limit. No leave granted.
	1100	Maj J G EVANS MC ED, Capt W LANDALE, Capt G BEGGS, and Capt W B RUSSELL from 21 ITB visited the unit.	

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HQ, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

LOCATION STATEMENT

For Feb 42.

DATE

LOCATION

Feb

1 - 5

Bn at Sea on HMT "ILE DE FRANCE".

6 - 9

" " " " " " " "

Anchored off BOMBAY

10-13

COLABA Camp - BOMBAY.

13-25

at Sea on HMT "CITY OF PARIS".

25-28

Bn at Sea anchored off COLOMBO-"CITY
OF PARIS".

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21 AUST INF BDE

7 Feb 42

TNG INSTN NO 28

Space will curtail tng in the ongoing vessels but within the limits imposed, the following tng is to be carried out :

- (a) max amount of PT practicable,
- (b) lectures on Netherlands East Indies and on Japanese Army,
- (c) lectures on minor tactics to junior offrs and NCOs,
- (d) recognition of aircraft,
- (e) " " stars,
- (f) exercises for offrs in giving and receiving verbal orders and in battle procedure,
- (g) lectures to offrs and NCOs dealing with all phases of consolidation and with the class of infm to be sent back to coy and bn HQ.

S. J. ... Maj
21 Aust Inf Bde

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HQ 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
8 FEB 42.

File

A B C D HQ & REINF COYS

TNG SYLLABUS - MON - TUE - WED

MON	-	Inspection and Rifle Drill	20 mins
		P T	60 "
		Lecture by RMO - "Evacuation of the Wounded"	30 "
		Lecture by Pl Comds - "The NCO & His Men"	15 "
		WT LMG	60 "
			<u>185 "</u>
TUE	-	Inspection and Rifle Drill	20 "
		PT	60 "
		Lecture by RMO - "Care of Feet"	30 "
		Lecture by Pl Comds - "Formations"	15 "
		WT LMG	60 "
			<u>185 "</u>
WED	-	Inspection and Rifle Drill	20 "
		PT	60 "
		Lecture by Pl Comd - "Fifth Coln Activities and Security"	15 "
		Reserved	30 "
		WT LMG	60 "
			<u>185 "</u>

HQ Coy will conduct tng according to syllabus already submitted.

NOTES -

1. Drill Order - Hats turned down, shorts, shirt, Anklets Web.
2. Particular care and supervision will be exercised over tps to avoid sunburning. Hats will be worn when in the sun.
3. Deck allocations and timings not yet available. First parade for rifle coys will be 0815 hrs. - Remainder of Bn 0900 hrs.
4. Rifle drill will include any points to improve the standard of close order drill. Watch for - 1. Steadiness. 2. Uniform movements, 3. Heads up, 4. Correct timings.
5. Coys will parade for lectures, on "Stars". The Sun Deck will be used. Reinf and A Coys - MON. B & C Coys TUE, D & BHQ WED. Lieut BISSET will arrange the instrs and times.
6. LMG - The rules of aiming and firing will be thoroughly mastered.

G. L. Thompson Capt

Adjnt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

P.T.

4.17.42

2/14 Aust Inf Bn
15 Feb 43.

OFFICERS LECTURES.

Monday 16 Feb.

1. Also Card System of aircraft recognition - Maj K.S. CUSWORTH.
2. Points to consider on the Bivouacng of tps - selected Lieut.

Tuesday 17 Feb.

Battle procedure - Lt-col A.S. KEY.

Wednesday 18 Feb.

Infm that Coy & BHQ requires - Selected Coy Comd.

Thursday 19 Feb.

R.T. and Sig Procedure - Lieut K.A. EVANS.

Friday 20 Feb.

1. Protection - Selected Pl Comd.
2. An operation Order - Selected Coy Comd.

NIGHT TNG - DIRECTION BY STARS.

Mon	- A & B Coys,	Offrs & NCOs,	1900-2000 hrs	- Lieut S.Y. BISSET.
Tues	- C & D	"	"	"
Wed	-HQ & BHQ	"	"	"
Thur	- A & B	"	"	"
Fri	- C & D	"	"	"
Sat	-HQ & BHQ	"	"	"

Lieut BISSET to arrange with Coys RV.

W. Hall Lt
for Maj.

Admin Comd 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
15 Feb 42.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK 16/21 FEB 42.

- Periods Daily 1, 0815-0900
- 2, 0900-0945
- 3, 0945-1030
- 4, 1545-1630

Offrs Lectures 1145-1230 hrs Mon to Fri.

Monday 16 Feb.

- Period 1, PT.
- 2, Lecture - Shelling Reports.
- 3, Fire Orders.
- 4, Map Reading.

Tuesday 17 Feb.

- Period 1, PT.
- 2, Map Reading.
- 3, Fire Orders.
- 4, Identification of Japanese Army.

Wednesday 18 Feb.

- Period 1, PT.
- 2, Map Reading.
- 3, Recognition of Aircraft.
- 4, Disposal of Prisoners of War & Captured Documents.

Thursday 19 Feb.

- Period 1, PT.
- 2, Use of Compass.
- 3, Recognition of Aircraft.
- 4, Pt-craft & Camfg.

Friday 20 Feb.

- Period 1, PT.
- 2, Fire Orders.
- 3, Use of Compass.
- 4, Recognition - Ground to Air communication.

Saturday 21 Feb.

- Period 1, PT.
- 2, Recognition of Aircraft.
- 3, Map Reading.
- 4, Fighting in close country.

- A Coy will carry out Syllabus in order set out.
- B " 2, 3, 4, 1.
- C " 3, 4, 1, 2.
- D " 4, 1, 2, 3.

PT Period to be done on fwd end of Port side Prom Deck.

H. O. Hall Lt Col
 Admin Comd 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

HQ, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
20 Feb 42.

6.

OFFICERS LECTURES

Sat 21 Feb 42.

COMBINED OPERATIONS - Lt Col A S KEY.

Mon 23 Feb

COMBINED OPERATIONS - Lt Col A S KEY.

Tue 24 Feb

CONSOLIDATION - Selected Coy Comd

Wed 25 Feb

THE PASSAGE OF WATER OBSTACLES - Pl Comd
GEOGRAPHY OF NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES - Lieut BISSET

Thu 26 Feb

MAINTENANCE OF A BN - Capt V F JAMES.

Fri 27 Feb

PRACTICE R/T PROCEDURE - Lieut C C P NYE)
Lieut K A EVANS)

(Sgd) K S CUSWORTH, Major
Admin Comd, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Copy No</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
A	1	BHQ	6
B	2	File	7
C	3	C O	8
D	4	2 i/c	9
HQ	5	SMO	10

HQ, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
20 Feb 42.

THE SYLLABUS
Periods as previous Week

Mon 24 Feb 42

- Period 1. P T
2. Rec Air Craft. Lesson 1. Elsa System.
3. Fire Orders
4. Map Reading

Tue 25 Feb

- Period 1. P T
2. Rec Aircraft Lesson 2.
3. Map Reading
4. Use of Compass

Wed 26 Feb

- Period 1. Stoppages Bren
2. P T
3. Rec Aircraft Lesson 3.
4. Lecture. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Sec in Attack.

Thu 27 Feb

- Period 1. P T
2. Rec Aircraft Lesson 4.
3. Points before, during & after firing - Bren
4. Lecture - Patrols. Recce. MT Pam 33

Fri 28 Feb

- Period 1. P T
2. Pl Comds discuss with tps importance of Discipline, tidy & clean uniforms & their effect on fighting tps.
3. Rec Aircraft Lesson 5.
4. Map Reading.

Sat 29 Feb

1. P T
2. Sec Comds verbal orders for attack & defence.
3. Rec Aircraft Lesson 6.
4. Reserved.

(Sgd) K S CUSWORTH, Major.
Admin Comd, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

1. Disembarkation may take place tomorrow afternoon.
2. DRESS: Probably summer dress with hats turned down - Anklets web - Marching Order. SD will be placed in Universal Kit-bags if not required.
All personnel who cannot be equipped with summer dress will embark separately from their Coys.
3. RIFLES, BAYONETS, MAGAZINES & AMN: Coys will report by 1600 hrs today that all personnel have their own rifles etc and that each man carries 50 rds SAA. Rifles will NOT be loaded or mags charged. An inspection will be made to ensure that this order is carried out..
4. BAGGAGE: Universal Kit-bags and Sea Kit bags will be carried ashore by tps.
Officers baggage will be packed ready for removal from cabin by 1100 hrs 6 FEB 42.
BAGGAGE OFFR - Lieut J C GRAMERI.
55. REAR PARTY: i/c - Lieut J R GREENWOOD
Lieut J C CLEMENTS
3 NCOs and 6 ORs from "C" Coy.
6. ADVANCE PARTY: i/c Capt W S HOWDEN
Capt V F JAMES
WO ii WHITBOURNE E F)report to
Pte WARREN A E D)Ship's Ord-
1 NCO from each A B C D & REINFT COYS)erly Room
1215 hrs.
7. SHIP QUARTERS AND EQPT: Hammocks will be neatly folded and stacked in the rails in men's sleeping quarters.
Lifebelts will be neatly piled in the corner of sleeping quarters after the ship has dropped anchor. Personnel quartered in cabins will leave lifebelts on the foot of beds or bunks.
8. DUTIES: will remain on duty until further instn.
- 9/ MESSING: A haversack ration for one meal will be issued prior to disembarkation.
10. MEDICAL: All personnel evacuated to ship's hospital with steel helmets, respirators and personal clothing. Coys will contact their personnel and arrange for the above. Rifles etc of evacuated personnel will be carried off the ship by the respective coys.
11. PARADE STATE: Coys will submit a parade state as at 0600 hrs to Bn HQ, before 0800 hrs tomorrow.
12. SECURITY: All ranks are again informed of the necessity of security and that no reference to tp movements or ships will be made.
13. EQPT INSPECTION: Coys will hold an eqpt inspection and advise this HQ of any deficiencies by 2000 hrs 5 FEB 42. In view of the shortages in other units etc, a picquet will be on duty in each mess deck from receipt of this instn until disembarkation.
14. MEDICAL INSPECTION: RMO will inspect B, HQ and Reinf't Coys at 1530 hrs today. The remainder of the Bn will be inspected tomorrow in their respective tng areas: A Coy 0915, C Coy 0930, D Coy 0945, Bn HQ and remaining personnel 1000 hrs.

J. H. Hall
for Capt
Adj't 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

DIS-EMBARKATION - ADM INSTNS

1. TIMINGS

The ship is expected to anchor at about 1430 hrs on Fri. No orders of any kind have been received for disembarkation, but in order that all units may be ready to disembark at once, if required, the following preliminary instns are issued, all of which are subject to alteration.

2. DRESS

For daylight disembarkation - summer dress with hats turned down, marching order.

If disembarkation occurs at night, winter dress may be ordered. It will therefore be readily accessible.

Units that are not completely fitted out with summer dress will wear winter dress. A mixture of dress within units will not be permitted.

3. RIFLES AND AMM

Rifles and amm will be withdrawn on Thu from the Armoury, under the supervision of the Armoury offr, as follows:-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Time</u>		
2/27 Bn	0700-0830	(No 2 Armoury)	
2/6 Fd Amb	0700-0730	(No 3 Armoury)	
Bde HQ & att tps)			
67 Hy AA	0730-0830	(No 3 Armoury)	
2/16 Bn	0930-1100	(No 1 Armoury)	
X 2/14 Bn	0930-1100	(No 3 Armoury)	
2/4 Fd Regt	1415-1545	(No 3 Armoury)	(Rifles)
" " "	" "	(No 2 Armoury)	(Pistols)
4 Coy AASC	1600-1730	(No 3 Armoury)	
Individual arms, pistols etc	1730-1800	(No 2 Armoury)	

Amm will be issued at the rate of 50 rds per man from units of 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp. Other units will issue their own instns.

Rifles will NOT be loaded or magazines charged. An inspection will be held by units to ensure the order is carried out.

4. WAR EQPT ETC

Heavy baggage and G1098 eqpt will be unloaded by shore labour.

5. BAGGAGE

Universal kitbags will be withdrawn from the hold in accordance with memorandum issued 3 Feb.

ORs will disembark carrying both sea and universal kitbags. In the event of no further instns being issued kitbags universal will be placed in unit dumps ashore in charge of an offr. Sea kitbags will be retained.

Offrs baggage will be packed ready for removal from cabins by 1200 hrs Fri. Each unit will detail an offr's baggage fatigue party which will take the baggage out to the lighters before any tps of that unit disembark. One member of this party will take his own kit on to the lighter at the same time and remain with it: The remainder will return to the tp deck for their own kit and will disembark last of their unit.

One Ship's Baggage Offr - Lieut L STONE - will remain on board until all baggage is cleared and will give a certificate to this effect to the ESO. The second Baggage Offr - Lieut C NYE - will disembark with the first party ashore. He will ascertain the arrangements for receiving both heavy and light baggage and will notify units as they arrive.

/6. REAR PARTIES

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Rear parties on the scale of 2 offrs, 3 NCOs and 6 ORs per large unit will be detailed to identify and guard their units baggage and eqpt from the hold to the final destination. The names of OOs rear parties will be fwded to Ship's HQ by 1200 hrs Thu.
7. ADVANCE PARTIES
Advance parties on the scale of 2 offrs and 6 NCOs per large unit will be detailed ready, if required, to disembark early. The names of OOs ~~rear~~ parties will be fwded to Ship's HQ by 1200 hrs Thu.
8. SHIP'S QUARTERS AND EQPT
Hammocks will be neatly folded and stacked in racks in the men's sleeping quarters. Where issued, mattresses will be stacked under unit arrangements in both sides of the mess deck. Lifebelts will be neatly piled in a corner of the sleeping quarters after the ship has dropped anchor. Personnel quartered in cabins will leave lifebelts on the foot of the bed or bunk. Boxing gloves and medicine balls will be returned to the Ship's QM at 1700 hrs Thu. All quarters must be left clean and tidy. Unit OOs will inspect them and report to Ship's OO on their condition prior to disembarking.
9. DUTIES
Guards; fatigues, etc, will remain on duty until definite orders for disembarkation are given.
10. ORDERLY ROOM SGTS
Unit orderly room sgts normally detached to 2 Ech will NOT disembark with their units but will report when notified, to S/Sgt LAING T at Ship's HQ. They will be on 30 mins notice to disembark from the time the ship drops anchor.
11. SHIP'S STAFF
Ship's staff drawn from units will be required for duty until units are otherwise notified. *Pfe Bower*
12. MESSING
A haversack ration for one meal will be issued prior to disembarkation.
13. MEDICAL
A list has been fwded separately to units of personnel who will be evacuated from the ship to hospital ashore. Units will deliver their personal clothing and kit to the Ship's Hospital immediately to WO II YOUNG. Eqpt, other than steel helmets and respirator, will be withdrawn. Personnel admitted to hospital after the receipt of this instn will enter hospital with all personal kit, steel helmet and respirator. Before disembarkation all units will arrange for all tps to be medically inspected. Units or details without an RMO will make the necessary arrangements with the SMO.
14. MONEY
Infm regarding the conversion of money will be promulgated when available.
15. SECURITY
All ranks will be reminded they must not discuss in public or write about their recent movements or the probable future movements of their own or other units, or of this or other ships.
16. INTERCOMN
From Reveille Fri, units will ensure that an cfr is on duty in the orderly rooms on the boat deck fwd, Port side. This applies whether units have an orderly room there at present or not. This cfr will remain on duty until his unit begins to disembark when /he will

he will notify Ship's HQ that he is closing down. At the same time the unit concerned will open up a report centre at the disembarkation gangway and will detail an LO to report to Ship's HQ. Units will arrange for this LO to disembark on the last ferry carrying tps of their unit, unless he is a member of the rear party.

J.K. Lynch
(SGD)JK LYNCH Capt
Ship's Adjt

Ack
Signed at 1645 hrs
Issued by runner

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>COPY NO</u>
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	1 - 6
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DISEMBARKATION - ADM INSTNS

SECRET

HT ILE DE FRANCE
7 Feb 42

1. DISEMBARKATION

Personnel on board HT Ile De France are disembarking as follows:-

Ferry No	Trip No	Time	Date	Unit	Offrs	WOs	ORs
EI M	2	1230 approx	8	Det 2/6 Fd Amb	2	-	30
"	"	"	"	Finance Sec	1	1	8
"	"	"	"	2/4 Fd Regt	44	10	592
"	"	"	"	4 Coy AASC	7	2	243
Total disembarking on 8 Feb					55	13	873
TROMBAY	1	0900 approx	9	Det 2/6 Fd Amb	2	-	100
BARJORA	4	0730 approx	10	2/16 Bn	40	5	901
"	5	1230	"	Det 2/14 Bn	2	1	180
"	"	"	"	2/6 Fd Amb	2	1	30
"	"	"	"	HQ 21 Bde	6§	2	46§
"	"	"	"	9 Pl HQ Gd Bn	1	-	41
Total disembarking on 10 Feb					51	9	1207

§ Adjnt, A/Adjnt, Messing, Baggage offr, and 1 clerk stay on board.

BARJORA	7	1230 approx	12	2/27 Bn	38	7	876§
"	"	"	"	Det 2/6 Fd Amb	2	1	17
"	"	"	"	K Sec 7 Div Sigs	2	-	27
"	"	"	"	59 LAD	1	1	6
"	"	"	"	MH & I Sec	1	-	2
"	"	"	"	2nd Echelon	-	-	2
"	8	1600	"	2/14 Bn less Det	38	3	630
Total disembarking on 12 Feb					82	17	1610

§ Plus 7 ORs to join from Mauretania

The following ORs evacuated to shore hospital on 7 Feb and baggage parties of 6 Feb have NOT been deducted from the above figures:-

	Hospital	ORs	Baggage	ORs
2/14 Bn	-	6	2 offrs	11
2/16 "	-	2	1 "	10
2/27 Bn	-	5	1 "	11
2/4 Fd Regt	-	3	1 "	14
2/6 Fd Amb	-	2	1 "	9
4 Coy AASC	-	1	1 "	5
HQ 21 Bde	-	-	1 "	11

The last meal served on board will be breakfast in all cases except for 2/14 Bn disembarking on 12 Feb who will disembark after lunch. All units disembarking will be provided with a haversack ration for one meal for all ranks. (See Messing arrangements attached)

Units will disembark strictly in accordance with the order shown above.

2. PARADES

Units will parade for disembarkation on mess decks except as under:-

- 8 Feb - Det 2/6 Fd Amb - Winter Garden Port side
- § Finance Sec - " " " "
- 2/4 Fd Regt - Prom Deck excluding Winter Garden and excluding starboard side aft from centre doorway.
- 4 Coy AASC - Prom Deck starboard from centre doorway aft.

§ Attached to Det 2/6 Fd Amb for disembarkation.

9 Feb - Det 2/6 Fd Amb - Prom deck port. ✓

10 Feb -

- Det 2/6 Fd Amb - Winter Garden Port side
 - HQ 21 Bde - Prom Deck Port side fwd
 - 9 Pl HQ Gd Bn - " " " " aft
- / 12 Feb

12 Feb - Det 2/C Fd Amb	--	Winter Garden Port side
K Sec Sigs	--	" " Starboard side
59 LAD	--	" " " "
\$MH & I Sec	--	" " " "
\$2nd Ech	--	" " " "

§ Attached to 59 LAD for disembarkation.

Places of parade are out of bounds to all other than disembarking troops from one hour before each day's disembarkation commences until completed.

3. TRAFFIC

Disembarking units will provide traffic control throughout the mess decks. Ship will control traffic on stairs etc.

4. ORDERLY ROOM SGTS

Previous instns to Orderly Room Sgts are cancelled. They will disembark with their unit and remain with them until the final destination is reached or until otherwise ordered.

5. SHIP'S EQPT

Previous instns still stand except that mattresses on Prom decks will be placed in the Winter Garden Starboard side NOT the troop deck as previously ordered. Mattresses in bunks will remain.

6. INTERCOMM

Previous instns are cancelled. Units and subunits will provide two officers at the disembarkation gangway to report to Ship's Disembarkation Officer, Lieut V P LEACH, 15 mins prior to time set down for disembarkation. Units will NOT allow troops to proceed from place of parade until advised by Disembarkation Officer. If units have not been advised of disembarkation gangway, the above officers will report at Ship's Orderly Room.

7. FATIGUES

Units will be relieved of fatigues as shown:-

Unit	Relieved by	at	Date
X 2/4 Fd Regt	2/16 Bn	0900 hrs	8 Feb 42
67 Hy AA	"	"	"
4 Coy AASC	"	0700 "	"
2/16 Bn	2/27 Bn	1700 "	9 Feb 42
(original fatigues only)			
2/16 Bn (fatigues assumed on 8 Feb - see above)	2/14 Bn	1700 "	"
21 Bde HQ	2/14 Bn	1700 "	"

It will be noted that included in the fatigues taken over are 2 NCOs and 27 ORs for mess orderly fatigue additional to the 2 and 27 normally supplied by the relieving unit. 4 copy of fatigues to be supplied has been fwded to units concerned. Fatigues will NOT be required after 1000 hrs on 12 Feb except the following which will be provided by 2/14 Bn:-

1100 hrs	Mess orderlies	- 2NCOs and 53 ORs
1100 "	Serving	- 1 " " 4 "
1200 "	Dining room cleaning	- 1 NCO and 30 ORs
1130 "	Hospital	- 1 OR.

8. SECURITY

All copies of this order will be collected by OC Unit and handed to Ship's Disembarkation Officer at gangway.

J R Lynch
 (Sgd) J R LYNCH Capt
 Ship's Adjt

MESSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISEMBARKATION.

File

use Mess Board

DATE	UNITS	MEAL	SITTING	TIME	NO OF TROOPS	TABLES ALLOTTED
8 Feb 42	All Units	Breakfast	1st	as	previously	arranged
"	2/16 Bn	Lunch	1st	1130	780	2-21, 27-34
"	2/14 Bn	"	1st	"	456	46-64
"	2/14 Bn	"	2nd	1230	340	2-16
"	2/27 Bn	"	2nd	"	120	17-21
"	2/23 Bn	"	2nd	"	314	27-34
"	2/27 Bn	"	2nd	"	360	46. 60
"	2/6 Fd Amb	"	2nd	"	96	61. 64
"	2/6 Fd Amb	"	3rd	1330	40	58-59
"	21 Bde HQ & tt	"	"rd	"	100	60-64
"	ALL UNITS	DINNER	1st	1730		
"			2nd	1830	as	for lunch
"			3rd	1930		
9 Feb	All Units	Breakfast	1st	0630		
"			2nd	0730	as for	Dinner 8 Feb
"			3rd	0830		
"	2/16 Bn	Lunch	1st)	1130		
"	2/14 Bn	"	(1st)	"	as for	breakfast
"			(2nd)	1230		
"	2/27 Bn	"	2nd)	1230		
"	HQ 21 Bde & tt	"	2nd	1230	100	61-64
"	2/6 Fd Amb	"	3rd	1330	44	63. 64
"	All Units	Dinner	1st	1730		
"			2nd	1830	AS FOR	LUNCH
"			3rd	1930		
10 Feb	All Units	Breakfast	1st	0630		
"			2nd	0730	as for	Dinner 9 Feb
"			3rd	0830		
"	2/27 Bn	Lunch	1st	1130	794	2-21
"						27. 34
"	2/14 Bn	"	1st	"	456	46-64
"	2/14 Bn	"	2nd	1230	170	2-8
"	K Sec Sigs	"	2nd	"	24	9
"	2/6 Fd Amb & 59 L/D	"	2nd	"	20	10
"	All Units	Dinner	1st	1730		
"			2nd	1830	as for	lunch
11 Feb	All Units	Breakfast	1st	0730		
"			2nd	0830	as for	Lunch & Dinner 10 Feb
"		Lunch	1st	1230		
"			2nd	1330		
"		Dinner	1st	1730		
"			2nd	1830		
12 Feb	All Units	Breakfast	1st	0730		
"			2nd	0830	as for	Dinner 11 Feb
"	2/14 Bn	Lunch		1230	640	2-21
"						30. 34

Units will have to supervise the above arrangements with utmost care. Troops have for the past week been used to parading for meals at set hours. The times of disembarkation and the seating accommodation have necessitated changing these times even to the extent of dividing some Units over two sittings, it is obvious that if the greatest care and supervision is not undertaken by Units, confusion will occur. Disembarking Units will be issued with a heversack lunch at the breakfast meal on the morning of disembarkation. Each man will attend breakfast with his mess tin & will be issued with his ration by the Mess orderly before leaving.

Sgd G J HILL Capt
Ship's Messing Offr

1st sitting

A 111

B 111

C 111

D 111

444

Bn HQ 10

454

Surplus 2
456

2nd sitting

Bn HQ 38

HQ 160

Reint 140

338

Surplus 2

340

All C QMs have been advised of this new arrangement - at 10.40 hrs today. Bn 100 will supervise the meal parade. Ops will use standard Sec 10

Miss Room

Ady

Units will have to supervise the above arrangements with utmost... The time of disambiguation and the setting accommodation have... It is evident that if the greatest care is... supervision is not undertaken by units, confusion will occur... Disambiguation units will be used with a view to... last meal on the morning of disambiguation... last with his men etc & will be issued with his... orderly before leaving.

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

S E C R E T

SUBJECT : AA DEFENCE

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COs

2/14 Bn
2/16 Bn
2/27 Bn

On the ongoing vessels every LMG carried is to be allotted a post for AA defence. LMGs with tripods will be ~~mounted~~ mounted and manned permanently except between Retreat and first light. Other LMGs will be given posts and some sort of mounting improvised. These latter weapons and their Nos 1 and 2 will stand by continuously during daylight hours.

2. The foregoing is subject, of course, to any orders issued by the Master of the vessel.

3. As the amm used for AA defence will come from our first line holdings, the greatest economy must be exercised and the tendency to blaze away at aircraft irrespective of range rigidly curtailed. An offr or NCO will be placed in comd of a group of LMGs to control their fire.

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No. 16004/79/C.O.
H.Q. BASE SUB AREA.
Post Box No. 331, Bombay.
5th February, 1942.

TRANSHIPMENT ORDERS

BY

BRIGADIER L.W. WOOD, OBE, COMMANDER, BASE SUB-AREA.

"THIS MOVE IS OF HIGH OPERATIONAL IMPORTANCE AND OFFICERS COMMANDING UNITS MUST MAKE IT CLEAR TO ALL RANKS THAT THEY MUST BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF OVERCROWDING AS SHIPPING IS SHORT. THEY MUST ACCEPT CONDITIONS AFLOAT AS THEY DO IN THE FIELD IN TIMES OF EXTREME URGENCY.

CONTENTS.

1. (a) Orders.
- (b) Appendix "A". Embarkation Orders.
- (c) " " "B" Allocation to Troopdecks in Ongoing Vessels.
- (d) " " "C" Sketch Plan of Alexandra Docks
- (e) " " "D" Sketch Plan of Ballard Pier.
- (f) " " "E" Baggage Instructions & Lay out of Dumps.

GENERAL.

O.C. SHIP?

2. Officers of the Movement Staff will visit the ship in the stream as soon as possible after arrival. When the Movement Launch approaches the ship the O.C. Troops will ensure that a guide is detailed to meet and conduct the officers arriving to the Orderly Room or other suitable rendezvous.
3. Under no circumstances will Officers Commanding Troops allow officers or other ranks to leave any vessel in the stream without orders from this H.Q.
Disciplinary action will be taken in the event of non-compliance with this order.

MARKERS & GUIDES.

4. One officer and one other rank from each unit will parade at the head of the gangway at a time to be notified by the M.C.O. i/c Disembarkation. These representatives will be taken ashore and shown the "Unit Forming Up Area". The B.O.R. marker will remain shore at his respective marker board whilst the officer will rejoin his unit and will act as guide when the order to move is given.

DRESS FOR TRANSHIPMENT.

5. Dress for officers and Other Ranks will be Field Service Marching Order (incl. arms). Other Ranks will carry their sea kit bags in addition.
N.B. Universal Kit Bags will be moved in bulk under orders to be issued by a representative of A.Q.M.G.(M)§, and will NOT be available in the ongoing vessel.

QUAYSIDE MEALS.

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6. Prior to disembarkation O.S.C. Troops will arrange for all ranks to be issued with an emergency haversack ration. S.C.(M) Personnel will warn the Officers Commanding Troops of the last meal which incoming ships will be required to provide. As much warning as possible will be given.
Quayside meals where required will be provided by this H.Q.

MEDICAL.

7. S.M.Os of incoming vessels will have a nominal roll prepared, in duplicate, in respect of all casualties requiring admission to hospital ashore. Case sheets will be prepared.
8. Kits and equipment will accompany patients. Arms and ammunition will be taken over by the unit.
9. Patients for hospital will be disembarked under the orders of the D.A.D.M.S. (Embarkation).

WAR DIARY
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10. The Ship's Senior Medical Officer of the Ongoing Vessel will report as ordered in Appendix "A" to take over:-
- (a) One set of sick bay equipment.
 - (b) Vaccines and sera.
 - (c) Ordnance medical clothing and medical comforts.
 - (d) Medical forms and reports.

DOCUMENTS. 11. Embarkation Returns and Nominal Rolls for units and drafts transshipping.

A.D.
Sibg. to SET AT
officer, receive
Berthing tickets
2 copies of
Embarkation
Orders

Before disembarkation commences three copies of the forms will be returned by the Ship's Adjutant to the O.C. Unit or draft concerned. The O.C. unit or draft will ensure that all necessary amendments are made to the return in respect of any casualties that may have occurred since leaving the original Port of Embarkation, including those casualties who may be left behind in Bombay.

12. A representative officer of each unit will, immediately upon arrival at the forming up area, along side the ongoing vessel, report to the Embarkation Quayside Office with three copies of Embarkation Returns and Nominal Rolls, previously obtained from the O.C. Troops, completed in respect of casualties, disembarked at and remaining in Bombay. In addition, unit representatives will also hand in a casualty report, in triplicate, giving regimental number, rank, names and reasons for any casualty which has occurred since the unit originally embarked. (to include casualties which may occur in BOMBAY also).

ALLOTMENT OF CABIN ACCOMMODATION. 13. After documents have been handed over, the unit representative will obtain berthing tickets for all officers, and warrant officers of his unit, from the berthing clerk in the quayside office. These tickets will be issued to individuals when embarkation of the unit has been completed.

ARMS. 14. On arrival at the embarkation point, kit bags and equipment will be dumped and the men marched to the quayside alongside the ongoing vessel from where all arms will be "chained" into the armoury. This will be done under the orders of the Ship's Armoury Officer in consultation with the Movement Control Officer embarking the ship.

BAGGAGE. 15. Heavy baggage, unit equipment and universal kit bags will be moved from ship to ship under arrangements to be made by A.Q.M.G. (M) S. Cabin baggage of officers will be stacked as ordered by A.Q.M.G. (S).

SHORE LEAVE. 16. If shore leave is permitted, O.C. Troops ongoing vessel will receive separate instructions. Under NO circumstances will shore leave be granted to personnel whilst ships are in the stream, nor will visitors be allowed on board.

17. Dress:- Shirt Sleeves or Tunics, Trousers or shorts and puttees, boots.

DISCIPLINE. 18. The orders regarding dress for shore leave will be strictly enforced. It will be impressed upon all ranks that they are expected to set a high standard of cleanliness, smartness and discipline.

All men will be warned that particular care will be paid to the saluting of officers. Officers will be instructed that they will return all compliments.

Timings to
O.C. Troops

19. Anti-Venereal Prophylaxis.

(a) P.T. Packets will be handed over to the S.M.O. of each ongoing vessel. Personnel proceeding ashore will be instructed that these packets are available.

(b) The S.M.O. of each ship will arrange for some form of ablution room to be made available for returning leave personnel.

20. A supply of leaflets issued by the Hospitality Committee, Bombay containing points of interest and a sketch map of Bombay, for issue to all personnel proceeding ashore, will be placed in the Orderly Room of ongoing vessel.

SANITATION.

21. At all times Os.C. Units and Drafts are responsible for the cleanliness of unit "Forming Up Areas" occupied by their troops.

DOCK LAYOUT.

22. Sketches showing the Dock Layout are issued as Appendices "C" and "D".

VOYAGE PAY.

23. Voyage pay will be placed on board ongoing vessels by the Embarkation Cashier as detailed in Appendix "A", for payment of other ranks.

EXCHANGE OF CURRENCY.

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24. Thirty copies of "Notes for the guidance of Officers Commanding Troops, Unit and Draft Commanders, regarding exchange of sterling & currency in possession of troops on arrival in India" will be issued to each ship. These instructions will be given as much publicity as possible by Officers Commanding Troops and Units and it is impressed upon all concerned that they MUST be implicitly followed.

IT WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE NOTICE OF ALL RANKS THAT CURRENCY WILL BE EXCHANGED BY THE EMBARKATION CASHIER ONLY. THERE IS NO OTHER METHOD OF EXCHANGE.

Currency for the onward voyage will be rupee. Os.C. Troops of the ongoing vessels will signal ashore to the Embarkation Commandant, Bombay, as early as possible the amount of currency that will be required to be exchanged for rupees. He will also depute one officer to proceed ashore, in a launch to be arranged by this Headquarters, on the afternoon prior to transhipment to report to the S.C.(M) P. This officer will take with him the money to be exchanged for handing over to the Embarkation Field Cashier, for which he will be granted a receipt. On the morning of transhipment this officer will collect from the Embarkation Field Cashier the rupee equivalent of the money handed over. The rupee equivalent of the money handed in by Officers, W, Os and men will then be payed out under arrangements to be made by O.C. Troops ongoing vessel after transhipment and prior to shore leave being granted.

SECURITY.

25. Os.C. Troops, Ongoing vessels are responsible that security measures are observed during the voyage. The following instructions will be brought to the notice of all concerned in ship's routine orders:-

- (a) Cameras will NOT be used during the voyage. After completion of embarkation, O.C. Troops will collect cameras from all ranks and only re-issue them immediately prior to disembarkation at final destination.
- (b) After embarkation is completed at Bombay, or at any port of call en route, letters, postcards etc., will not be posted in ordinary civil letter boxes but only on board ship or in Army Post Offices.
- (c) O.C. Troops will direct the attention of all concerned to the Censorship regulations posted in the ship.

*Handed to
O.C. Troops*

*Value of pay
officer alongside
are going ship*

(d) The following points will not be mentioned in letters, telephone conversations, or in the hearing or presence of strangers, either during the voyage or after arrival at destination:-

- (i) Previous Station.
- (ii) Vessel by which proceeding and date of sailing.
- (iii) Port of Embarkation.
- (iv) Route taken.
- (v) Destination.
- (vi) Unit names.
- (vii) Particulars of any enemy action witnessed en route.
- (viii) Disposition of troops or conditions in countries from which they have come.

26. In the interest of security, WASTE PAPER will NOT be thrown overboard in any circumstances but will be collected and burnt under arrangements to be made by Os.C. Troops. THIS WILL BE REPEATED IN SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS.

SMOKING.

27. O.C. Troops Ongoing Vessels will publish an order prohibiting smoking below decks and the careless discarding of lighted cigarette ends. This order will be strictly enforced.

SENTRIES.

28. (a) O.C. Troops ongoing vessel will consult the Master of the ship regarding sentry posts required on board. Sentry Order Boards have been provided by the Principal Sea Transport Officer (India) and are in charge of the Chief Officer.

(b) Whilst in dock, sentries for gangways will be provided:-

(i) AT FOOT OF GANGWAYS.

- A. By Embarkation authorities from commencement of embarkation until final inspection.
- B. By O.C. Troops, from troops embarked, from time of Final Inspection until removal of gangways.
- C. In the case of 2 or 3 day embarkation, O.C. Troops will provide sentries from 1600 hours on the 1st day and on the 2nd and 3rd days of embarkation.

(ii) AT HEAD OF GANGWAYS.

By O.C. Troops immediately first party of troops is embarked until removal of gangways.

VOYAGE
EQUIPMENT.

29. The following voyage equipment will be issued to each ship as ordered in Appendix "A".

- (a) Voyage reports and similar forms, and stationery.
- (b) Armbands for ship's staffs and sentries sashes.
- (c) Typewriter and duplicator, books and regulations, unless a unit has been ordered to provide them.

Os.C. Troops are responsible that items (b) and (c) are handed over to Movement Control at destination, for return to Bombay.

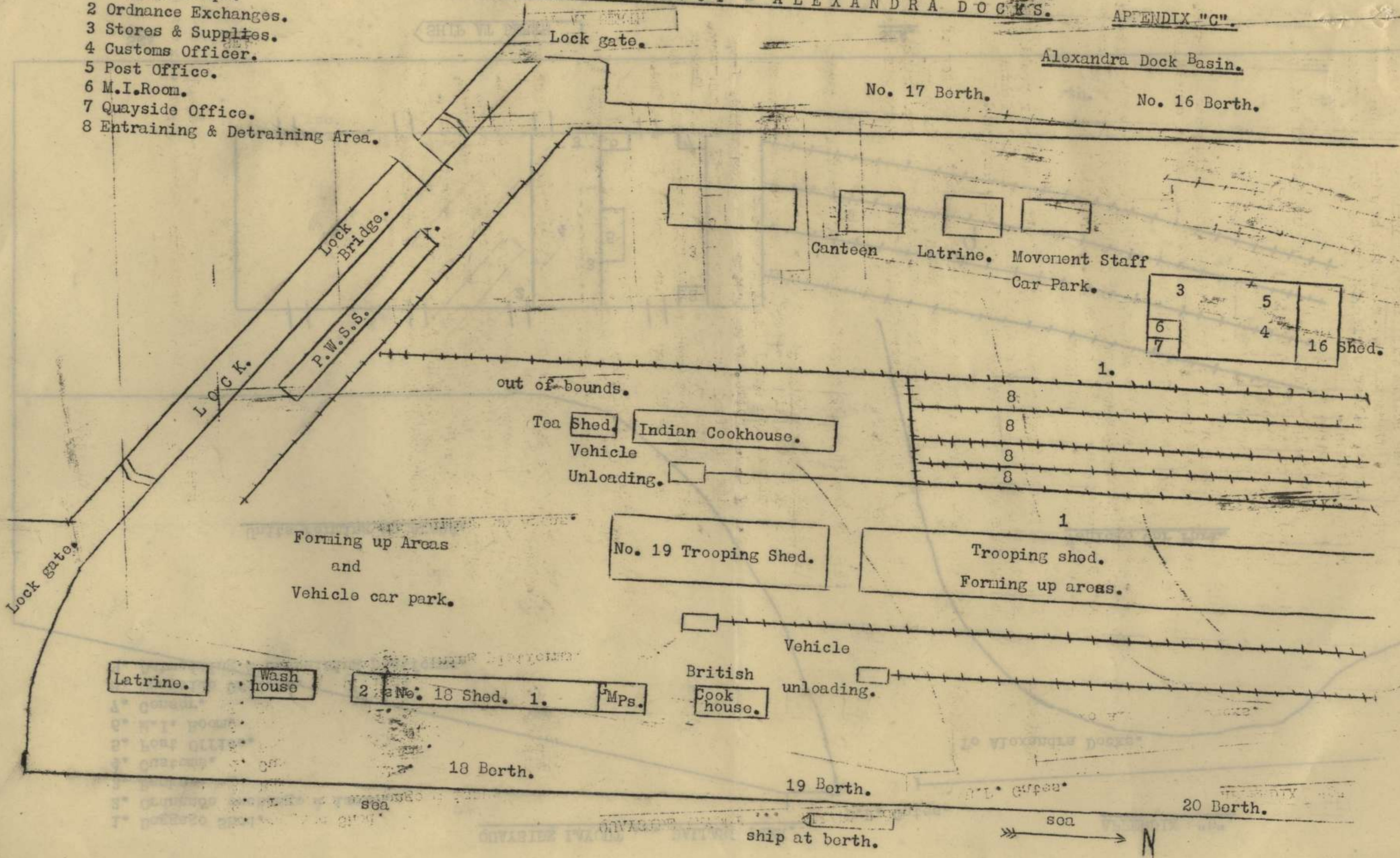
M. J. Campbell

Lieut-Colonel,
A.Q.M.G. (Movements) Personnel.

QUAYSIDE LAYOUT - ALEXANDRA DOCKS.

APPENDIX "C".

- 1 Baggage Dumps.
- 2 Ordnance Exchanges.
- 3 Stores & Supplies.
- 4 Customs Officer.
- 5 Post Office.
- 6 M.I. Room.
- 7 Quayside Office.
- 8 Entraining & Detraining Area.

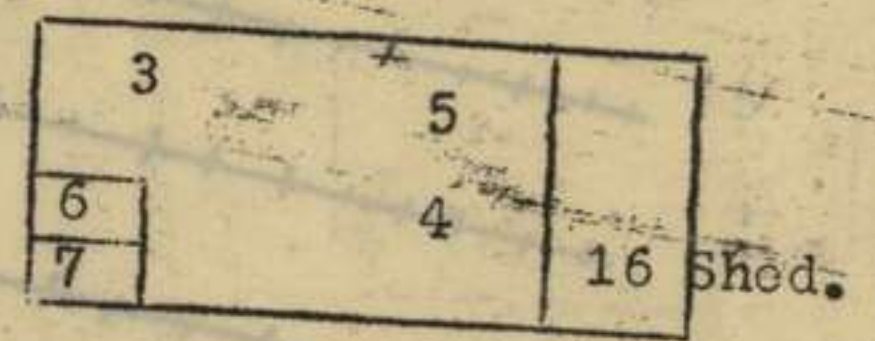


Alexandra Dock Basin.

No. 17 Berth.

No. 16 Berth.

Canteen Latrine. Movement Staff
Car Park.



out of bounds.

Tea Shed. Indian Cookhouse.
Vehicle Unloading.

No. 19 Trooping Shed.

Trooping shed.
Forming up areas.

Forming up Areas
and
Vehicle car park.

Latrine.

Wash house

No. 18 Shed. 1. G.M.P.s.

British Cook house.

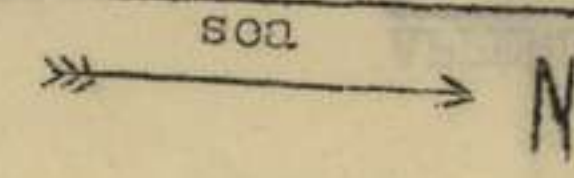
Vehicle unloading.

18 Berth.

19 Berth.

20 Berth.

ship at berth.



QUAYSIDE LAYOUT ... BALLARD PIER.

APPENDIX "D"

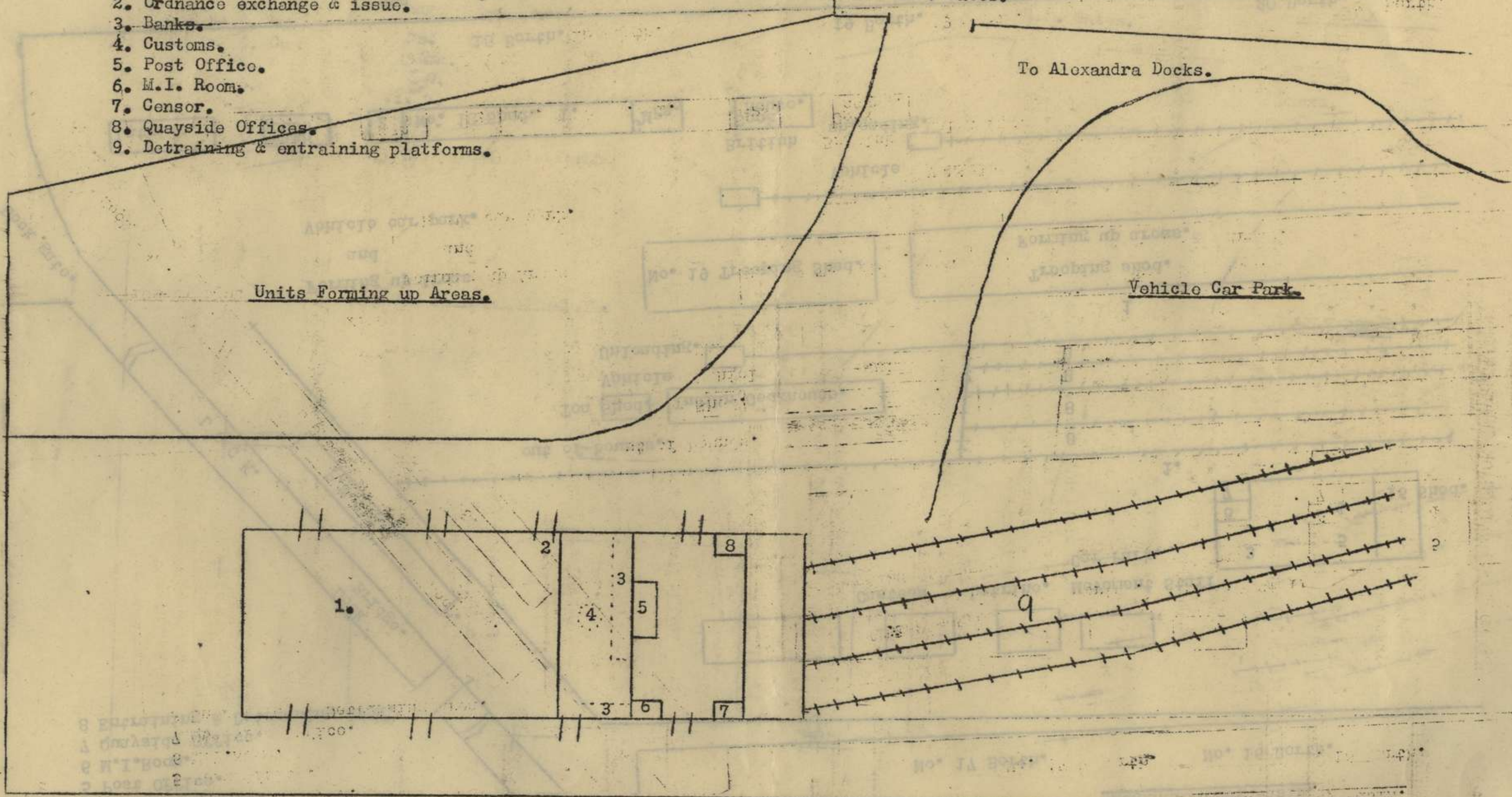
- 1. Baggage Shed.
- 2. Ordnance exchange & issue.
- 3. Banks.
- 4. Customs.
- 5. Post Office.
- 6. M.I. Room.
- 7. Censor.
- 8. Quayside Offices.
- 9. Detraining & entraining platforms.

B.P. Gates.

To Alexandra Docks.

Units Forming up Areas.

Vehicle Car Park.



SEA

SHIP AT BERTH

SEA

SECRET.

APPENDIX "E" - BAGGAGE INSTRUCTIONS.

1. LIGHTERING. 1. All baggage, except sea kit bags carried by the men, is being lightered from incoming vessels to wharf where baggage is sorted on wharf prior to loading on ongoing vessels.

ISSUE OF INSTRUCTIONS.

2. The Embarkation Wharf Officer and staff will issue all instructions to military passengers in connection with baggage.

BAGGAGE PARTIES.

3.(a) A baggage party, strength as under, will be detailed by the O.C. Troops from all units and drafts on board the incoming vessels :-

Large unit....	1 BO. and 10 ORs.
Small unit....	1 BO. and 5 ORs.

Their duty is to sort baggage on the wharf and supervise its carriage to the respective unit dumps. They will be prepared to disembark immediately the ship arrives in stream.

3 (b) "Baggage parties, similar strengths as above, will be detailed by O.C. Troops for duty on board incoming ships to assist P.S.T.O. Officers as required in lightering baggage and to provide guards in each lighter running from incoming ships to wharf.

LABOUR.

4. All labour for handling of baggage on wharf is provided by this Headquarters. The principal Sea Transport Officer, India, arranges labour on ship.

BAGGAGE DUMPS.

(See diagram on reverse).

TRANSHIPPED BAGGAGE.

5. (a) Unit Dumps on wharf marked "Wanted on Voyage" and "Not wanted on Voyage". For units (as named on boards) - 1st and 2nd class and O.Rs of each unit.

(b) Alphabetical dumps (initial letter of surname) for 1st / 2nd class and O.Rs NOT with formed units. Individuals to separate "Wanted" from "Not Wanted."

SAFE CUSTODY.

6. Loss or damage to baggage is the entire responsibility of the individual to whom it belongs.

HEAVY BAGGAGE.

7. Hold and baggage room baggage is loaded into lighters, landed at wharf, sorted by unit baggage parties, taken to unit dumps and then moved to ongoing ships. No unit representatives are allowed in the hold of the ship.

UNIVERSAL KIT BAGS.

8. If stowed in the hold, will be dealt with as heavy baggage. If with the individual they will be stacked on deck in unit dumps and loaded into lighters.

CABIN BAGGAGE.

9. Units and drafts. Individuals cabin baggage will be stacked in unit dumps on deck and loaded into lighters. It will be received by unit baggage parties on wharf and sorted into respective dumps.

10. Individuals not belonging to a unit or formed party. Cabin baggage will be put into dumps on deck, loaded into lighters, sorted on wharf and taken to alphabetical dumps.

AGENTS.

11. Individuals posted to India may appoint authorised Agents by giving them authority in writing, in duplicate. One copy of this authority will be presented to the Wharf Officer. Under no circumstances will Agents be allowed in the baggage shed without the permission of the Wharf Officer.

DIAGRAMATIC LAYOUT OF BAGGAGE DUMPS - WHARF.

TRANSHIPMENTS.

INDIVIDUALS NOT WITH FORMED PARTIES.

entrance from berth.

WANTED ON VOYAGE.

NOT WANTED ON VOYAGE.

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UNITS.

UNITS.

No.1 Unit.

No.2 Unit.

etc.

WANTED ON VOYAGE.

NOT WANTED ON VOYAGE.

1st Class.
2nd Class.
O.Rs.

1st Class.
2nd Class.
O.Rs.

1st Class.
2nd Class.
O.Rs.

1st Class.
2nd Class.
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entrance from berth.

File

ADM INSTN NO 2 - TRANSHIPMENT - 2/14 AUST INF BN

- GENERAL. 1. No member of the unit will leave the on-going vessel unless first having obtained written permission from this HQ.
- SHORE LEAVE 2. Dress for shore leave, if it is granted, will be shirt, shorts, boots, anklets web and hat turned down.
- DISCIPLINE 3. All ranks will set a high standard of cleanliness smartness and discipline. All men will be warned that particular care will be paid to the saluting of offrs.
- ANTI-VENEREAL PROPHYLAXIS 4. Special instns will be issued later and will be strictly observed by personnel going on leave.
- SANITATION 5. At the FUP latrine facilities may be inadequate and special arrangements will need to be made. FUP will be left clean and tidy as it is possible the haversack ration will be eaten here.
- SECURITY 6 a. Tps will be again informed that cameras will not be used during voyage. All cameras still in possession of this unit's personnel will be collected and handed to Bn HQ. A further enquiry will be made when tps return from shore leave.
- b. Tps cannot use any other postal facilities than those supplied by this Unit. Posting mail in ordinary civil letter boxes is a serious offence.
- c. Postal arrangements for unit mail are as yet unknown. The standing orders of censorship still apply in the censoring of all letters.

W. Thompson

Capt

Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

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1.0. Rep
R.S. 16. 1500.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

No. of Groups

GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO A Coy HQ Coy Recon Coy

FROM

Bn HQ

Originator's Number

021

Date

8

In Reply to Number

From	1130 hrs on	Tues	10 Feb	The
personnel from	the	above	coys	who
are	disembarking with	No 2	Group	will
come	under	Capt	H.E.	Dickson
until	further	O	This	will
include	the	of	a	detachment
under	the	of	Detachment for	discipline
				administration

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS.

SIGNED

*C. P. Thompson
Capt*

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER.

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN.

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T.O.R.

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

SECRET

2/14 Aust Inf Bn
12 Feb 42.

ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION

EMBARKATION 13/2/42.

1. 0500 hrs - Reveille.
2. 0530 hrs - Sea Kit Bags & Packs to be in Coy dumps.
3. 0545 hrs - Breakfast.
4. 0545 hrs - Each Coy will render a certified Parade State to RSM not later than 0545 hrs.
5. 0600 hrs - Lorries report for Coy baggage; (Dump area and truck posns indicated to Coy representatives).
Allotment of trucks, 1 each to Bn HQ, A,B,C,D, Coys and Offrs baggage. 2 trucks HQ Coy. Offrs baggage truck will be located near Sjt's quarters.
6. Loading parties from each Coy & Bn HQ will be detailed, strength 1 NCO & 5 ORs.
This party will be responsible for loading, unloading and safe custody of Coy baggage.
NCO in charge of each party will personally search the area for kit before moving away.
7. 0615 hrs - Coy Runners to report to Bn HQ.
8. Order of March - Bn HQ, HQ, A,B,C,D, Coys. FUP for each Coy indicated to Coy representatives.
9. 0635 hrs - Coys formed up ready to move. (Coy comds will send Orderly to Bn HQ as soon as Coy is ready to move).
10. Each Coy will appoint a duty offr who will be responsible that the area is left in a clean and tidy state. Duty offr will personally inspect each tent or hut.
11. For those offr at COLABAR CAMP; the Camp Staff will arrange for them to be called and for their breakfast.
TAJ MAHAL staff will call each room at 0430 hrs. Breakfast at 0500 hrs. Lieut HALL to contact Hotel management and complete details.
MAJESTIC. Lieut FARMER will prepare a list of offr with room numbers and contact management who will call all offr at 0430 hrs and provide a light breakfast at 0600 hrs.
12. All offr will report to their Coys by 0545 hrs.

Maj.
2 i/c 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

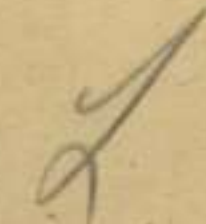
Dist: CO, 2 i/c, Adjt, Asst Adjt,
A,B,C,D, HQ, Coys, BHQ.

1. The 2/14 Bn will tranship in two groups :-

	Offrs	WOs	Sjts	ORs
1st Group - Bn less 2nd Group	x 38	8	41	639
2nd Group - Reinft Coy, Carrier Pl, A Coy.	2	1	9	180
	40	9	50	819

x includes Adjt MOORE.

2. No.2 Group will move under instns from 2/16 Aust Inf Bn and will leave this ship approx 1230 hrs, 10 Feb 42.
- INSTNS FOR NO.1 GROUP ONLY
3. No.1 Group will move on Thur 12 Feb 42 - Ferry "BARJORA" TRIP NO.8.
Time Approx 1600 hrs.
1500
4. Last meal aboard this ship - lunch. Haversackration will be issued before disembarking.
5. Bn will parade in Mess Deck at a time to be notified prior to transfer to Ferry.
6. FATIGUES. All fatigues supplied by the Unit will not be required after 1000 hrs Thur except;
To report at 1100 hrs - Mess Orderlies as already detailed.
1200 hrs - Dining Room cleaning, - 1 NCO & 30ORs from Duty Coy (D Coy).
1130 hrs - Hospital - 1 OR from Bn HQ.
7. Guard will dismount 0915 hrs 12 Feb.
8. Lieut S.Y. BISSET and 1 OR will move ashore before the tps and be shown the Unit "FUP". Lieut BISSET will rejoin the Unit and act as guide. He will also be responsible to collect the "Berth Cards" of Offr's & WO's cabins.
9. The attention of all ranks will be drawn to the order that "NO SMOKING" will be allowed below Decks.
10. Tps will not unpack when they board the On-Going vessel until ordered.
11. An NCO will be placed in cmd of each Mess Deck and will count the number of Hammocks and Lifebelts therein.
12. The Bn will board the Ferry in the following order:-
D, HQ, A, B Coys, Bn HQ, C Coy.
13. Leave arrangements will be issued when known.
14. AA DEFENCE - Special instns for AA Defence will be issued by OC tps On-Going vessel. Every LMG carried will be allotted a posn for AA Defence and the weapons manned permanently during daylight.
15. All offrs are to understand fully the Admn Instns already issued to OC Coys.
16. Lieut CAIRNS & McILROY will report 15 mins prior to disembarkation, to disembarkation gangway.
17. Further instns later.


 Capt.
 Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

Dist; A,B,C,D,HQ Coys,File

7 HQ
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SUBJECT : GENERAL.

HQ, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn,
27 Feb 42.

All Coys,
C O
I O
RMO
Troop Deck Offrs.

1. CLEANLINESS OF SHIP.

Ship's HQ advises:- "This morning at 'Ship's Inspection' it /s was most noticeable that there was a definite slackness in the cleanliness and tidyness of the Ship. It can be attributed to the fact that Offrs and NCOs in comd of the Mess Decks and Duties do NOT do their "jobs;" It is poor reflection on the personnel on the ship when simple orders & instns for cleanliness & tidyness cannot be carried out.

Some of the points that require immediate attention are:

SCUPPERS & RUNWAYS - are allowed to get blocked up & cause flooding.

REMOVAL OF RUBBISH - Rubbish bins are still NOT being emptied.

HAMMOCKS - are NOT being put away neatly.

BOTTLES - are left hidden in Mess Decks.

STAIRS - leading out of Mess Decks will be scrubbed & NOT merely wiped with a wet rag.

LATRINES & WASHPLACES - Tps do not realise the necessity of being clean & hygiene in their habits, as much of untidyness is due to filthy habits by the tps themselves.

All Units will arrange for Coy Orderly Offrs or Sub-Unit Comds to be present at all times during the feeding of their tps.

Unit Orderly offrs must carry out their duties in an efficient manner as much depends on their inspection of Unit areas & taking prompt action in rectifying irregularities.

OC Troops views seriously the non appreciation by Units of all these points."

All personnel are to be informed of this unsatisfactory state & disciplinary action is to be taken against offenders or personnel who do not carry out duties for which they have been detailed.

2. COY ORDERLY OFFICERS.

Will, in future, be present at ALL men's meals.

3. BN ORDERLY OFFICERS.

Will be more thorough in their daily inspection & rather than committing irregularities to paper & furnishing to this HQ, they are to take steps on the spot to see that the irregularity is rectified. In addition they will carry out a general inspection of the Unit area once every three hours during the daylight hours of their tour of duty, to see that all duties within the Unit are being carried out - particularly those duties affecting cleanliness. They should frequently visit the areas & Troop decks occupied by their Coys and attend to any faults.

4. PERSONAL CLEANLINESS.

It is observed some tps are NOT washing their clothes as frequently as they should. Pl Comds should personally visit all members of the Pl - whether on duty elsewhere or not - from time to time & check this laxity.

L. O. Hall
.....Lieut.
A/Adjt, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

Ex. Vessel	Ongoing Vessel	Date	Ferry Trip	Unit	Officers	W.Os.	O.Rs.	Remarks.
Ile de France (60) Mauretania (67)	Egra (T-103)	9	Trombay	Dett. 2/6 Fd. Amb.	2	-	100	Last meal on board "67" BREAKFAST.
Ile de France (60)	Kosciuszko (93)	10	Barjora (4)	2/16 Inf. Bn.	40	5	901	Last meal on board "60" BREAKFAST.
Ile de France (60)	Kosciuszko (93)	10	Barjora (5)	2/14 Inf. Bn. 2/6 Fd. Amb. HQ., 21st Inf. Bde. 9 Pl. HQ., Gds. Bn.	2 2 10 1	1 1 2 -	200 30 47 41	Last meal on board "60" BREAKFAST
				Total :-	15	4	318	
Mauretania (67)	City of Paris (78)	11	Barjora (6)	1 Ord. W/S 5 General Hospital 5 G.H. Nurses. Army Canteen	6 26 129 2	13 3 - -	370) 217) -) -)	ARRIVES AT B.P. 12th Proceed to Reinf. Camp on arrival at B.P. and embark on C of P at 0930 hours on 12th.
	City of London (51)	12	Barjora (6)	1 Base Sy. Depot. Depot. HQ., AIF Base Total :-	15 32 210	2 10 28	141 123 851	CITY OF PARIS 12 LAST MEAL LUNCH
Ile de France (60)	City of London (51)	12	Barjora (7)	2/27 Inf. Bn. Dett. 2/6 Fd. Amb. K Section, 7 Div.Sigs. 59 L.A.D. Finance Section 2 Echelon Dett. Total :-	38 2 2 1 1 -	7 1 - 1 1 -	876 17 27 6 8 2	Last meal on board "60" BREAKFAST.
X Ile de France (60)	City of Paris (78)	12	Barjora (8)	Dett. 2/14 Inf. Bn.	38	8	680	Proceed to Reinf. Camp on arrival at B.P. and embark on C of P at 0930 hours on 12th. 1200
					26	3	217	Last meal on board "60" LUNCH.
					129	-	-	
					2	-	-	
					201	24	1267	= 1492

Copy to Capt. Dickerson
" to self & Capt. Hall,
" 16.11.

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Yacht Club
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PRIORITY OF DISEMBARKATION AND DETAIL OF FERRY SERVICE

APPENDIX "F".

Ex. Vessel	Ongoing Vessel	Date	Ferry Trip	Unit	Officers	W.Os.	O.Rs.	Remarks.	
Mauretania (67)	Esperance Bay (88)	8 0830 hours approx	El.M. (1)	Dett. HQ., BAD	4	2	8	Last meal on board "67" BREAKFAST.	
				1 Fd. Bakery	2	1	278		
				5 Fd. Butchery	2	1	60		
				1 P. Depot.	3	-	64		
				Dett. 2nd Echelon	-	2	16		
				Finance Section	1	-	19		
				Postal Unit	-	-	4		
				2/1st Store	16	11	346		
				104 Tpt. Coy.	3	1	253		
				Dett. Ord. Prov.	7	5	41		
				11 General Hospital	10	2	93		
				G.H. Nurses	28	-	-		
				1 Base Prov.	3	-	10		
				Petrol Depot,	2	-	28		
2/27 Inf. Bde.	-	-	7						
Total :-	81	25	1227						
Mauretania (67)	Eastern Prince (87)	8 1230 hours approx	El.M. (1)	1 Army Rec. Section	1	-	21	Last meal on board "67" BREAKFAST	
				Dett. 8 Sp. Hosp.	2	-	7		
				HQ. Sigs. etc.	18	1	333		
				Total :-	21	1	361		
Ile de France (60)	Esperance Bay (88)	8	El.M. (2)	2/6 Fd. Amb.	2	-	30	Last meal on board "60" BREAKFAST.	
				Dett. M.H. & L Sec. AIF	1	-	2		
	Eastern Prince (87)	8	El.M. (2)	2/4 Fd. Regt.	44	10	592		
				4 Coy. A.A.S.C.	7	2	243		
Total :-	54	12	867						
Mauretania (67)	Egra (T-103)	9 0830 hours approx	El.M. (3)	2 A.I. Regt. Sigs. LAD	36	7	593	Last meal on board "67" BREAKFAST.	
				1st Mob. Bac. Lab.	1	-	2		
				Aust. Mal. Cont.	1	-	5		
				2/1 Ord. Ammn. Coy.	1	3	43		
				HQ., 1 Tpt. Coy.	4	-	17		
				4 Adv. Dep. MDS.	1	-	5		
				HQ., B.O.D.	6	2	24		
				Total :-	50	12	689		
					H.Q. 1. A.D.V. W/S.	9	-		55
					Details Aust. Div.	1	-		11
		60	12	755					

* Army Prov. Section 40.3 WOs. 1, ORs. 105.

* Landing by launch 7 - embarked by launch 11 on Egra.

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

12/4/6

2/14 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

7 Feb, 42.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	7		2
Lieutenants	29	3	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 (Capt)		
District Officers			
Totals	39	3	4

*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.

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	VX143	EMY A.S.	2/14 Inf	Yes	CO
Maj	VX14046	GUSWORTH R.S.	"	Yes	2 i/c
T/Capt	VX15037	THOMPSON C.L.	"	Yes	Adjt
Lieut	VX14190	BISSET S.Y.	"	Yes	IO
Capt	VX14047	LORDEN V.S.	"	Yes	OC, H Coy.
Lieut	VX14028	EVANS K.A.	"	Yes	Sig Offr.
Lieut	VX46023	AKUNDEL R.E.H.	"	Yes	AA Offr.
Lieut	VX15039	SCHWIND L.C.J.	"	Yes	MP Offr.
Capt	VX14110	DICKINSON H.E.	"	Yes	Carrier P1
Lieut	VX00818	SURDEHAN A.S.	"	Yes	Carrier P1
Lieut	VX00847	GREENWOOD J.R.	"	Yes	Plt P1
T/Capt	VX14650	JAMES V.F.	"	Yes	OH.
Lieut	VX14872	RATNEY D.S.	"	Yes	20
Capt	VX14008	HEADIE P.S.	"	Yes	OC, A Coy.
Lieut	VX14500	JULIAN G.C.D.	"	Yes	7 P1
Lieut	VX15006	HURSTON I.H.L.	"	Yes	8 P1
Lieut	VX00075	DELL T.	"	Yes	9 P1
Lieut	VX00000	COX W.P.	"	Yes	Att A Coy.
Lieut	VX00721	MCCLEAY R.M.	"	Yes	Att A Coy.
Capt	VX14666	WRIGHT C.J.	"	Yes	OC, B Coy
Lieut	VX14003	WEE G.C.P.	"	Yes	2 i/c B Coy.
Lieut	VX14031	BISSET P.H.	"	Yes	10 P1
Lieut	VX15439	TRACY H.A.	"	Yes	11 P1
Lieut	VX14535	STEVENS C.H.	"	Yes	12 P1
Lieut	VX13747	MASON L.H.	"	Yes	Att B Coy.
Capt	VX14052	HAMILTON I.W.	"	Yes	OC, C Coy
Lieut	VX15008	THURGOOD J.G.	"	Yes	2 i/c C Coy
Lieut	VX00000	CLIMENTS J.R.	"	Yes	13 P1
Lieut	VX00137	EDDINGTON W.G.	"	Yes	14 P1
Lieut	VX00000	CATERS H.	"	Yes	15 P1
Lieut	VX00379	MCLEINCHIE R.J.	"	Yes	Att C Coy.
Capt	VX14120	HOCHAN B.S.	"	Yes	OC, D Coy
Lieut	VX14156	MCNIVEN A.S.D.S.	"	Yes	2 i/c D Coy.
Lieut	VX00704	GRANTY J.C.	"	Yes	16 P1
Lieut	VX00941	DAVIS A.J.	"	Yes	17 P1
Lieut	VX14087	FARBER J.G.	"	Yes	18 P1
Lieut	VX00040	HOWARD L.S.	"	Yes	Att D Coy
Lieut	VX00000	PEARCE G.E.	"	Yes	Att D Coy
Lieut	VX00702	LEVETT P.M.	"	Yes	Reinf.

(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	VX14067	DUNPHY D.G.	AASC	29.6.40	DMO
Chap	00000	DALE G.W.	AA Ch D	2.11.41	Chaplain

2/14 Aust Inf Bde.

(Unit.)

8.2.42

(Date of Despatch.)

Blairworth Major
(Signature of Commander.)

21 Aust Inf Bde.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

12/4/7

2/14 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

14 Feb 42

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 one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	1		2
Captains ...	7		2
Lieutenants ...	29	3	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1 (Capt)		
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	39	3	4

*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.

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.
VX149	Lt Col	HEV A S	2/14 Inf	Yes	CO
VX14046	Major	CUSW RCH E S	"	"	S 1/c
VX13637	T/Capt	TOMPSON C L	"	"	Adj
VX11190	Lieut	DESSER S Y	"	"	I O
VX14047	Capt	HOWDEN W S	"	"	OC, HQ Coy
VX14023	Lieut	EVANS R A	"	"	Sigs Officer
VX40026	Lieut	ALLEN R S E	"	"	OC, AA Pl
VX15239	Lieut	SCOTT L C J	"	"	OC, mortar Pl
VX14117	Capt	DICKINSON H E	"	"	OC, Carrier Pl
VX30218	Lieut	STEEDMAN A W	"	"	S 1/c Carrier Pl
VX30347	Lieut	GREENWOOD J R	"	"	OC, PAF Pl
VX14059	T/Capt	JAMES V P	"	"	S 1/c
VX14372	Lieut	RAIBEY D W	"	"	I O
VX14202	Capt	RHODEN P E	"	"	OC, A Coy
VX14898	Lieut	BUTLER C O D	"	"	OC, 7 Pl
VX13926	Lieut	HITCHISON I M O L	"	"	OC, 8 Pl
VX52375	Lieut	HALL T P	"	"	OC, 9 Pl
VX52903	Lieut	COX W P	"	"	Att A Coy
VX39721	Lieut	MOLLOY R M	"	"	Att A Coy
VX14366	Capt	WRIGHT G J	"	"	OC B Coy
VX14096	Lieut	LEE C O D	"	"	S 1/c B Coy
VX14651	Lieut	BISSET T H	"	"	OC, 10 Pl
VX15499	Lieut	TREACY H A	"	"	OC, 11 Pl
VX14333	Lieut	STEVENSON C H	"	"	OC, 12 Pl
VX13727	Lieut	MASON L P	"	"	Att B Coy
VX14032	Capt	HAMILTON I W	"	"	OC, C Coy
VX15300	Lieut	THURGOOD J G	"	"	S 1/c C Coy
VX52350	Lieut	CLEMENTS J G	"	"	OC, 13 Pl
VX52137	Lieut	BODDINGTON W G	"	"	OC, 14 Pl
VX30256	Lieut	CALLES H	"	"	OC, 15 Pl
VX52379	Lieut	MCGLENDREY T J	"	"	Att C Coy
VX14120	Capt	HOGHAN B S	"	"	OC, D Coy
VX14100	Lieut	MCGAVEN A S D J	"	"	S 1/c D Coy
VX39734	Lieut	CRAMPTON J C	"	"	OC, 16 Pl
VX39441	Lieut	DAVIS A J	"	"	OC, 17 Pl
VX14657	Lieut	FARMER J C	"	"	OC, 18 Pl
VX52340	Lieut	HOWARD L W	"	"	Att D Coy
VX52329	Lieut	PEARCE G E	"	"	Att D Coy
VX35732	Lieut	LEVETT P H	"	"	Reinf

(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.
VX14067	Capt	DUFFY D G	AAIC	29.6.40	RM
OX6237	Chap	DALY C W	AA Ch D	8.11.41	Chaplain

2/14 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

15.2.42
(Date of Despatch.)

C. S. Bennett
(Signature of Commander.)

21 Aust Inf Bn
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

12/4/8

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

21 Feb 42

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 one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	7		2
Lieutenants	29	3	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 (Capt)		
District Officers			
Totals	39	3	4

*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.

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.
VX148	Lt Col	KEY A S	2/14 Bn	Yes	C O
VX14046	Major	CUSWORTH K S	"	"	2 1/c
VX13837	T/Capt	THOMPSON C L	"	"	Adjt
VX11100	Lieut	BISSET S Y	"	"	1 0
VX14047	Capt	HOWDEN W S	"	"	CC HQ Coy
VX14083	Lieut	EVANS I A	"	"	Sig Offr
VX14080	Lieut	ARUNDEL R E H	"	"	CC AA Pl
VX13239	Lieut	SCHWIND B C J	"	"	CC Mortar Pl
VX14110	T/Capt	DICKINSON L S	"	"	CC Carrier Pl
VX29213	Lieut	STEDMAN A W	"	"	2 1/c " "
VX58847	Lieut	GREENWOOD J R	"	"	CC Pnr Pl
VX14639	T/Capt	JAMES V F	"	"	Q M
VX14372	Lieut	RAINEY D W	"	"	1 0
VX14363	Capt	RHODEN P E	"	"	CC "A" Coy
VX14593	Lieut	FULLER C C D	"	"	CC 7 Pl
VX13966	Lieut	HUTCHISON E McL	"	"	CC 8 Pl
VX52373	Lieut	HALL T	"	"	CC 9 Pl
VX52303	Lieut	COX W P	"	"	Att "A" Coy
VX30791	Lieut	McILROY R H	"	"	" " "
VX14666	Capt	WRIGHT C J	"	"	CC "B" Coy
VX14096	Lieut	NYE C C P	"	"	2 1/c "B" Coy
VX14631	Lieut	BESETT T H	"	"	CC 10 Pl
VX15433	Lieut	TREACY M A	"	"	CC 11 Pl
VX14335	Lieut	STEVENSON C H	"	"	CC 12 Pl
VX13727	Lieut	MASON L F	"	"	Att B Coy
VX14082	Capt	HAMILTON I W	"	"	CC "C" Coy
VX15363	Lieut	THURGOOD J G	"	"	2 1/c "C" Coy
VX52350	Lieut	CLEMENTS J C	"	"	CC 13 Pl
VX52187	Lieut	BONDINGTON W C	"	"	CC 14 Pl
VX29856	Lieut	CAIRNS N	"	"	CC 15 Pl
VX52379	Lieut	McCLINCHEY T J	"	"	Att "C" Coy
VX14120	Capt	NOONAN B S	"	"	CC "D" Coy
VX14168	Lieut	MCCAVIN A S D J	"	"	2 1/c "D" Coy
VX50734	Lieut	CHAMBERI J C	"	"	CC 16 Pl
VX52941	Lieut	DAVIS A J	"	"	CC 17 Pl
VX14657	Lieut	FARMER J G	"	"	CC 18 Pl
VX52940	Lieut	HOWARD L W	"	"	Att "D" Coy
VX52383	Lieut	PEARCE C E	"	"	" " "
VX52732	Lieut	LEVETT P H	"	"	Relief

(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.
VX14967	Capt	DUFFY D G	AANC	29.6.40	MEMO
VX3237	Chap	DALY C W	AA Ch D	2.11.41	Chaplain

2/14 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

22.2.42

(Date of Despatch.)

Shawcross
(Signature of Commander.)

21 Aust Inf Bn

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

12/4/9

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

23 Feb 42

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 one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	1		2
Captains ...	7		2
Lieutenants ...	29	3	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1 (Capt)		
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	39	3	4

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Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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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.
VX148	Lt-Col	KEY A S	2/14 Inf	Yes	CO
VX14046	Major	GUSWORTHY K S	"	"	2 1/2
VX15637	T/Capt	THOMPSON C L	"	"	Adj't
VX21190	Lieut	BISSET S Y	"	"	T C
VX14047	Capt	BOWDEN W S	"	"	CC 1st Coy
VX14023	Lieut	EVANS K A	"	"	Sig Offr
VX46026	Lieut	ARONDEL R E H	"	"	CC A/A Pl
VX15239	Lieut	SCHWIND L C J	"	"	CC Mortar Pl
VX14110	T/Capt	DICKINSON H B	"	"	CC Carrier Pl
VX20213	Lieut	STEEDMAN A F	"	"	2 1/2 " "
VX30047	Lieut	GREENWOOD J R	"	"	CC Exp Pl
VX14659	T/Capt	JAMES V P	"	"	Q M
VX14272	Lieut	RAINEY D V	"	"	T C
VX14252	Capt	BRODIE F E	"	"	CC "A" Coy
VX14590	Lieut	BEHLER C C D	"	"	CC 7 Pl
VX13966	Lieut	BUTCHISON I M O L	"	"	CC 8 Pl
VX52375	Lieut	HALL T	"	"	CC 9 Pl
VX32963	Lieut	COX W F	"	"	Att "A" Coy
VX39721	Lieut	MOLLROY R R H	"	"	Att "A" Coy
VX14666	Capt	BRIDGE G J	"	"	CC "B" Coy
VX14090	Lieut	HYE C C R	"	"	2 1/2 "B" Coy
VX14631	Lieut	BISSET T H	"	"	CC 10 Pl
VX15489	Lieut	TRACY H A	"	"	CC 11 Pl
VX14333	Lieut	STEVENS ON C H	"	"	CC 12 Pl
VX16727	Lieut	MASON L F	"	"	Att "B" Coy
VX14052	Capt	HAMILTON I W	"	"	CC "C" Coy
VX15868	Lieut	THURGOOD J G	"	"	2 1/2 "C" Coy
VX52350	Lieut	CLEMENTS J G	"	"	CC 13 Pl
VX39137	Lieut	LODDINGTON W G	"	"	CC 14 Pl
VX39356	Lieut	CAIRNS H	"	"	CC 15 Pl
VX52379	Lieut	McCLINCHEY T J	"	"	Att "C" Coy
VX14120	Capt	NOONAN B S	"	"	CC "D" Coy
VX14106	Lieut	McCAVIN A S D J	"	"	2 1/2 "D" Coy
VX39734	Lieut	CRAMER J C	"	"	CC 16 Pl
VX52941	Lieut	DAVIS A J	"	"	CC 17 Pl
VX14657	Lieut	FARMER J G	"	"	CC 18 Pl
VX52340	Lieut	HOWARD L W	"	"	Att "D" Coy
VX52329	Lieut	FRANCE C E	"	"	Att "D" Coy
VX55732	Lieut	LEWETT P H	"	"	Reinf't

(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.
VX14367	Capt	PUPPY D G	AANG	29.3.40	BIO
OX6237	Chap	DALY C W	AA CB D	2.11.41	Chaplain

2/14 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

1 Nov 42

(Date of Despatch.)

Shusworth Lt-Col
(Signature of Commander.)

21 Aust Inf Bde

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.
 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

7 Feb

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(Unit) 194..... (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 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	1	} SUPERNUMERY
W.Os. Class II.	6	1	
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.	5	1	
Staff Serjeants.			
Serjeants.	34	3	7
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	78		4
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	838	4	
TOTALS.	962	* 10	* 11

* 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.
PX 18 Sjt BEHRELL	J AAPC		
VX12359 Cpl MILLER	F J AAPC		
VX40386 Cpl LAING	D S AAOC	(Supernumery to est.)	(Rejoined unit from hosp)
VX21438 Pte EDWARDS	L C J AAOC	Evac hosp 28-11-41	
VX23157 Cpl MORRIS	R J AAOC	" 14-10-41	
VX15389 " KLINE	A AAOC		
VX16207 Pte MURRAY	W AAOC		
VX41572 Cpl BYRNES	D J AAOC		
VX13099 Sjt LOVEDAY	J T AAMC		
VX14128 A/Cpl LETHLEAN	J W AAMC		
VX15860 CPL CLARK	G K AAMC		
VX13310 Pte TURNER	F J AAMC		
VX15140 Cpl NOTLEY	E H AA Post C		

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-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	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-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners...																				
Clerks ...						2x			2x											
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
" (Wheeled)...																				
Driver-Mechanics...																				
Driver-Operators ...																				
Electricians...																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ...																				
Fitters ...																				
Machine Gunners ...																				
Masons ...																				
Motor Mechanics...																				
Pioneers, 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...	1x	1x	1x	1x				4	8					7	4			11	does not include supernumary	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	1	1	1	3				4	10					7	4			11		

* supernumary personnel. total includes 6 supernumary personnel

2/14 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

W. Stewart Lt-Col
Signature of Commander.

21 Aust Inf Bde

Date of Despatch

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit) 14 Feb

194 42 (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).
W.Os. Class I.	1	1	
W.Os. Class II.	6	1	
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.	5	1	
Staff Serjeants.			
Serjeants.	34	3	7
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	78		4
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	825	9	9
TOTALS.	949	* 6x	* 20

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

x supernumery to establishment.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
PX 18 Sgt BEHARELL	J AAPC		
VX 12359 Cpl MILLER	F J AAPC		
VX 40386 Cpl LAING	D S AAOC	(supernumery to est since rejoining unit)	} (from hosp)
VX 21438 Pte EDWARDS	L C J AA OC	Evac hosp 28-11-41	
VX 23157 Cpl MORRIS	R J AAOC	Evac hosp 14-10-41	
VX 15589 A/Cpl KLINE	A AAOC		
VX 16207 Pte MURRAY	W AAOC		
VX 41572 Cpl BYRNES	D J AAOC		
VX 13099 Sgt LOVEDAY	J T AAMC		
VX 14128 A/Cpl LETHELEAN	J W AAMC		
VX 15860 CPL CLARK	G K AAMC		
VX 13310 PTE TURNER	F J AAMC		
VX 15140 Cpl NOTLEY	E H AA Post C		

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-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	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-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners...																				
Clerks ...						2			2											
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
" " (Wheeled)...																				
Driver-Mechanics...																				
Driver-Operators ...																				
Electricians...																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ...																				
Fitters ...																				
Machine Gunners ...																				
Masons ...																				
Motor Mechanics...																				
Pioneers, 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...	1	1	1	1					4					7	4	9	20	does not include supernumary		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	1	1	1	3					6x					7	4	9	20			

x supernumary to est.
2/14 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

Blusworth Major for Lt-Col
Signature of Commander.
21 Aust Inf Bde

Date of Despatch 15 Feb 42

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 21 Feb 1942 (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 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	1	
W.Os. Class II.	6	1	
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.	5	1	
Staff Serjeants.			
Serjeants.	34	3	7
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	78		4
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	825		9
TOTALS.	949	* 6x	* 20

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

Supernumary to establishment

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
PX18 Sjt BEHARELL	J A APC		
VX12359 Cpl MILLER	F J A APC		
VX40386 Cpl LAING	D S A AOC	(supernumary to est since rejoining unit	
VX21433 Pte EDWARDS	L C J A AOC	Evac hosp 28.11.41	from hosp)
VX23157 Cpl MORRIS	R J A AOC	Evac hosp 14.10.41	
VX15589 A/Cpl ELINE	A A AOC		
VX16207 Pte MURRAY	W A AOC		
VX41572 Cpl BERNES	D J A AOC		
VX13099 Sjt LOVEDAY	J T A AOC		
VX14128 A/Cpl LETHELLAN	J W A AOC		
VX15860 Cpl CLARK	G K A AOC		
VX13310 Pte TURNER	F J A AOC		
VX15140 Cpl OTTLEY	E H A A Post C		

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.	Serjeants.	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.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners...																				
Clarks ...						2			2											
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
" " (Wheeled)...																				
Driver-Mechanics...																				
Driver-Operators ...																				
Electricians...																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ...																				
Fitters ...																				
Machine Gunners ...																				
Masons ...																				
Motor Mechanics...																				
Pioneers, 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...	1	1	1	1					4					7	4	9	20		does not include supernumary	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	1	1	1	3					6x					7	4	9	20			

X supernumary to est.
2/14 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

[Signature] Lt-col
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 22 Feb 42

21 Aust Inf Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 28 Feb 1942 (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).
W.Os. Class I.	1	1	
W.Os. Class II.	6	1	
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.	5	1	
Staff Serjeants.			
Serjeants.	34	3	7
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	78		4
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	825		9
TOTALS.	949	* 6x	* 20

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

x. Supernumary to Est.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
PX18 Sjt BEHARELL	J AAPC		
VX12359 Cpl MILLER	F J AAPC		
VX40386 Cpl LING	D S AACOC	(super to Est since rejng unit from hosp)	
VX21438 Pte EDWARDS	L C J AACOC	Evac Hosp 23.11.41	
VX23157 Cpl MORRIS	R J AACOC	Evac Hosp 14.10.41	
VX15589 A/Cpl KLINE	A AACOC		
VX16207 Pte MURRAY	W AACOC		
VX41572 Cpl BYRNES	D J AACOC		
VX13099 Sjt LOVEDAY	J T AACOC		
VX14128 A/Cpl LETHLEAN	J W AACOC		
VX15860 Cpl CLARK	G K AACOC		
VX13310 Pte TURNER	F J AACOC		
VX15140 Cpl NOTLEY	E H AA Post C		

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-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	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-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners...																				
Clerks ...						2			2											
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
" " (Wheeled)...																				
Driver-Mechanics...																				
Driver-Operators ...																				
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Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ..																				
Fitters ...																				
Machine Gunners ...																				
Masons ...																				
Motor Mechanics...																				
Pioneers, 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...	1	1	1			1			4					7		4	9	20	(does not include supernum)	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	1	1	1			3			6x					7		4	9	20		

x. Supernumary to Est.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

28 Feb 42

Date of Despatch

Edwards Lt-Col
Signature of Commander

21 Aust Inf Bde

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

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

No S 3

by

THE COL A S KEY

COMMANDING 2/14 AUST INF BN

1. DUTIES Duty Coy - HQ Coy, mounting duty 0915 hrs 2 Feb 42.
NFD (3 Feb 42) - R Coy
2. LIGHTS OUT - Attention is drawn to Ships R.O. No 2, para 2.
3. TRAINING - Tps will not use the Concert Hall between the hrs of
1200 - 1300 daily.
4. R.A.P. - Location - Ship's Hospital, Prom Deck.
5. PERMANENT DUTY OFFERS - Ship's Messing Offr's Asst - Lieut W.P. COX.
Ship's Baggage Offr - Lieut C.C.P. NYE
6. GUARD - The Ship's Guard consists of - 1 Offr, 1 Sjt, 3 Cpls,
39 OR's.
7. SICK PARADES - Duty Coy will detail one Sjt to accompany sick
parade and control men awaiting treatment.
This is in addition to Coy Orderly NCO accompanying
parades.

G. L. Thompson Capt.,
Adjt., 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

LOST : Wristlet Watch near Dining Room on C Deck by VX 16828
Pte WILLIAMS A.W. HQ Coy. Name inscribed on back of watch.

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WD
2/14 AUST INF BN.
2 Feb 42.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

No. 34

by

LT-COL A S KEY

COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

1. DUTIES. Duty Coy - R Coy, mounting duty 0915 hrs 3/2/42
MFD .. A Coy, (4 Feb 42).
2. DAILY NEWS SUMMARY. This can be perused at Bn HQ,
by offr, during hrs 1200 - 1700 each day.

[Handwritten Signature]
Capt.
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

LOST: Wristlet Watch, inscribed on back L.M.W. Lost at
Wash Basins on "D" deck aft. Finder please hand
in to Bn HQ.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
No. 2.

Major K S CUSWORTH

ADMN COMD - 2/14 AUST INF BN.

1. SHIP'S DUTIES. On and after 16 Feb 42, Ship's Guard will be a composite one as follows:-

	A	B	C	D
2 Offrs	1	1	NFD	
2 Sjts	1	1	"	

A-B and C-D Coys will supply above alternately.

	1	1	1	1
4 Cpls	17	17	17	18
69 ORs				

Attention to Ship's ROs 14 Feb 42. *Lway 7.*

2. UNIT DUTIES. Duty Coy, D Coy mounting 0900 hrs 15 Feb 42.
NFD A Coy

3. PERMANENT DUTY - ADDITIONAL.

FIRE PICQUET - No. 2 Tp Deck, 1 NCO & 5 ORs to be arranged by Tp Deck
 No. 5 Tp Deck, 1 " 2 " From C Coy & (Offr.
 " 3 " From D " &
 No. 4 Tp Deck, 1 " 2 " From A " &
 " 3 " From B "

These personnel will report to Tp Deck Offr at foot of stairs in Tp Decks at 0930 hrs 15 Feb 42 for instns. The Picquet will operate only in case of fire.

4. HAIRDRESSING SALOON. Open to all tps except from;

1200 - 1300 hrs Nurses only.
1300 - 1900 hrs Offrs only.

5. AID POSTS. In case of Air Attack, aid posts are established at:-

- (a) Offrs lounge, Prom deck fwd.
- (b) Medical inspection room, Upper deck, starboard side, aft.
- (c) Lower deck, aft - below Canteen.

6. OFFRS MESS. Altered times as follows:-

	Morning	Midday	Evening
1st Sitting	0830 hrs	1300 hrs	1900 hrs.
2nd "	0915 "	1345 "	2000 "

Seats occupied at evening Mess 14 Feb 42 will be permanent for remainder of voyage.

7. DECK ALLOCATION. Attention to Ship's ROs 14 Feb 42, para 5. Unless this is strictly adhered to, Coys will be required to picquet the area.

8. SALE OF LIQUOR. Ref Ship's ROs 14 Feb 42, para 2. At no time will beer bottles be taken from Mess Decks after issue of beer. Coy C.Q.M.Ss will collect empties and Tp Deck Offrs will supervise their return to No. 4 Lower Deck at 0800 hrs daily, where C.Q.M.Ss will collect refund.

9. SALE OF CIGARETTES. Cigarettes to be drawn by Coy C.Q.M.Ss at 0900 hrs daily.

/Over.

10. TROOP DECKS. A prize of £2 (Aust) will be given to the "best kept" Troop Deck at the end of this voyage.

Unit Orderly Officers will allot points daily. The prize will be distributed amongst the 1 NCO & 10 ORs responsible for cleaning the winning deck. These personnel will be so informed.

11. RIFLES. Coys will each deliver to this HQ by 0830 hrs 15 Feb 42, one LMG cleaning rod, brass. This will be held in Armoury for duration of voyage.

H. Hall
Lieut.

A/Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY - 15 FEB 42

LOCATION : WO's and Sjts Lounge -

Church of England (all denominations invited) Holy Communion
0700 - 0735 hrs
0905 - 0935 hrs

Roman Catholic Mass at -
0615 - 0650 hrs
0830 - 0900 hrs

On Sunday 15 Feb 42 at 1000 hrs a Protestant Church Parade will be held around No 3 Muster Station on the Promenade Deck. Coys will advise this HQ not later than 0730 hrs 15 Feb 42 the number of personnel in their Coy available to attend this parade.

Church of England Holy Communion on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays
0700 - 0730

Roman Catholic Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
0700 - 0730

H. Hall
A/Adjt

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDER PART 1

No 3
by

Major K S CUSHWORTH

Admin Comd 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

1. SHIPS DUTIES. 2/14 Bn will mount 0900 hrs 16 FEB 42.
Duty Coy - "D" Coy.
and 17 FEB 42 - Duty Coy - "A" Coy.

Ships Guard will be supplied as detailed in BROs 14 FEB 42,
para 1. Guard mounts at No 3 Muster Station - Prom Deck Fwd.

Duties have been amended and the Duty Coy will now supply:

- (i) Ships Duty Offr - report Ships Orderly Room.
- (ii) 2 Ships Ord NCOs- " " " "
- (iii) 4 ORs - " Ships Baker 0745 hrs
- (iv) 2 ORs - " QM Stores (No 4 Hold) 0745 hrs
- (v) 1 NCO & 6 ORs - " Cpl BYRNES at CANTEN 0700 hrs
(for cleaning)

2. BN DUTIES Mounting 0900 hrs 16 FEB 42 - "C" Coy
NFD 17 FEB 42 - "D" Coy

Duties have ~~now~~ been amended and the Duty Coy will now provide:

- (i) Bn Ord Offr - Report Bn Ord Room
- (ii) Bn Ord NCO - " " " "
- (iii) Bn Ord Runner- " " " "
- (iv) Runner to report Ships Ord Room. This runner must know
location of Bn Ord Room.

3. PERMANENT DUTIES - ADDITIONAL

Canteen Picquet: 1 NCO from "A" Coy & 1 OR each "B" & "C" Coys.
Picquet will move to Canteen and commence duty 1830 hrs daily -
completing 2030 hrs.

A/A Duty: 1 Sjt from each of "B" & "D" Coys and 1 Cpl from each
of "A" & "C" Coys - to report to Lieut ARUNDELL - Boat Deck,
0800 hrs 16 FEB 42.

4. DUTIES & FATIGUES. CSMs are reminded that ORs detailed for duties etc
must be paraded to place of reporting by an NCO at all times.

5. LADIES' CLUB FUNDS. Ladies' Club Funds have been used as follows:

- (i) Clippers, scissors, combs for each Coy barber.
- (ii) Approx 50 extra books for the library.
- (iii) Atlas for Unit use.
- (iv) Saxophone for concert party.
- (v) Cigarettes, tobacco, chocolate & biscuits issued at SUEZ.
- (vi) 20 Primus stoves for sections
- (vii) Extra Medical Eqpt.

6. SLEEPING ON DECK. Areas allotted as follows:

Prom Deck, Port Side - BHQ Sig Pl "B" Coy
1 NCO from each of above will report to NCO - Lieut FARMER - on
Prom Deck, Port Side at 1830 hrs 15 FEB 42 for division of deck
space. Henceforth above groups will be under comd of an NCO each
night from commencement of Blackout until removal of beds the
following morning. He will be responsible for discipline and to
see that sufficient gangway is kept next to rails at all times.

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6. (Cont)

MUSTER Stations 4 & 5 - "A" "C" "D" "HQ" Coys.

Coys will mutually arrange roster of numbers to sleep on Deck.
All passageways must be left clear.

7. GAMBLING. GC Troops has drawn attention of all Units to the number of ILLEGAL GAMES being played on Ship.

Coy Comds will inform all personnel that the practice must cease at once and all ofrs will take action to stop it.

The Hall

.....Lieut.,
A/Adjt, 2/14 AUST INF BN.

J.H.F.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS Part 1
No 4

Major K S CUSWORTH

Admin Comd, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

1. SHIP'S DUTIES. Duty Coy 17 Feb 42 - "A" COY
N F D "B" Coy

SHIP'S GUARD 1 Offr, 1 Sjt each "C" & "D" Coys.

2. BN DUTIES. Duty Coy 17 Feb 42 - "B" Coy
N F D "C" Coy

3. SICK PARADE.

0630 hrs daily. Personnel will NOT be xparaded at any other time except where absolutely essential. NCOs & particularly Sec Comds will be informed they are responsible to see that men who are sick, parade at the correct time.

4. TEA FOR GDS & SENTRIES.

Gd Comd will detail 1 NCO & 3 Ors to collect tea from the galley (midship) at 2300 hrs and 0400 hrs. Gds will supply own mugs.

5. AMENDED TIMES FOR OFFRS MESS.

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Dinner</u>
First Sitting	0830	1245	1900
Second do	0915	1330	2000

6. ENTERTAINMENTS.

SPORTS.

Coys will submit by 0900 hrs 18 Feb, the No, Rank & Name of personnel willing to enter for the following events:-

- Tug O' War (Unit Team)
- Relay Race (Unit Team of 4)
- Obstacle Race (Unit Team)
- Greasy Pole do
- Boxing Tournament. (All Weights will be held if sufficient entries are forthcoming).
- Novelty Events - for all. (Post Entry).

The weights of the boxers will be included.

CONCERT PARTY.

Coys will submit by 0900 hrs 18 Feb, return of Artists & nature of performance. No, rank & name to be given.

Coys are asked to fully support this request.

7. STRETCHER BEARERS.

All Coy S/Bs will parade to RMO at No 3 Muster Stn, Prom Deck Port side at 1500 hrs 18 Feb 42.

Thos Hall
.....Lieut
A/Adjt, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

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17 Feb 42.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
NO 5
by

Major K S CUSWORTH

Admin Comd, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

1. BN DUTIES.

Duty Coy 18 Feb 42 - C Coy
N F D D Coy

2. WIRELESS NEWS SERVICES.

As from 18 Feb, a copy will be posted daily, when possible,
in Nos 4 & 5 Troop Decks. Time of issue will vary.

3. PAYBOOKS.

Paybooks of all personnel will be inspected by Coy Comds
& a return of missing books furnished to this HQs by 1800 hrs
18 Feb. Where this HQ has already been advised in writing of the loss,
this will be indicated - alongside the soldier's name -
otherwise the circumstances of the loss will be given.

4. BLACKOUT 17 Feb 42 - 1850 hrs - 0635 hrs.

H. O. Hall
.....Lieut
A/Adjt, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

Lost.

Paybooks of VA17398 Pte SPEECHLEY G, VA44988 Pte WILSON A F,
VA1216 Pte WILIE G. If found, please return to this HQ.

Web Eqpt - consisting of belt, bayonet frog, pouches,
shoulder straps & waterbottle belonging to VA15297 Opl
ROGAN F A. Finder please return to this HQ.

Clocks will be advanced 30 minutes at midnight tonight.

Missing.

It is reported that a Black Covered Note Book & Gold
plated pencil belonging to Capt G J WRIGHT, O/C B Coy, were
removed from a drawer in his cabin (No 53) between 2000hrs
16 Feb & 1530 hrs 17 Feb 42. The pencil bears his name.

Any personnel who can supply information as to their
disappearance will report to Bn HQ immediately.

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19 Feb 42.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

No 6 by

Major K S GUSWORTH

Admin Comd, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

1. SHIP'S DUTIES. Duty Coy 19 Feb 42 - "B" Coy
N F D 20 Feb - "C" Coy
SHIP'S GUARD 1 Cdr, 1 Sjt, each from "A" & "B" Coys.
CANTEN CLEANING PARTY. This party will revisit the Canteen
at 1030 hrs for final cleaning preparatory to Ship's
inspection 1030 hrs.
2. IN DUTIES. DUTY COY 19 Feb "D" Coy. NFD "A" Coy
3. TEA FOR GUN & SENTRIES.
Ref HQ 16 Feb, para 4, amend "galley (midship)" to
"galley (fwl) - immediately beneath Officer's Lounge". The
Gd Comd is responsible that arrangements are made for collection
of tea during hours of daylight.
4. RETURNS.
It is desired returns reach this HQ not later than the
time stipulated. Coys will give this matter attention.

W. Hall
.....Lieut
A/Adjt, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE.

LOST. Swan Fountain Pen, inscribed "C. BALSTON, from WANGIE
S.S., 1940". Finder please return to this HQ.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
No 7

Major K S CUSWORTH by Admin Comd, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

1. SHIPS DUTIES Duty Coy 20 Feb 42 - "C" Coy
N F D "D" Coy
SHIP'S GUARD 1 Offr, 1 Sjt, each from "C" & "D" Coys
2. Bn DUTIES Duty Coy 20 Feb 42 - "A" Coy
N F D "B" Coy
3. HYGIENE
During the day personnel will not sit on the gratings over ~~xxxx~~ hatchways. At night, however, tps are permitted to sleep thereon when the gratings have been covered by tarpaulins.
4. AIRING OF BLANKETS.
SRO's 19 Feb 42 - para 3.
Troop Deck Offrs have been appointed to attend to all arrangements.
5. AIR OR SURFACE CRAFT ATTACK.
There is still doubt in the minds of personnel of the procedure to be adopted in the event of an attack.
All ranks will again familiarise the mselves with the drill. Tps must go below but will, first take cover where practicable and lie down, covering their heads with their lifebelts. Those on the Prom deck will shelter in ship and MPs on this deck will control the exits therefrom. All exits may be used particularly the ones to the WO's Lounge and the Cabins amidships. On the starboard side the entrance to the Offrs Lounge will be left clear for Offrs & Sisters, who will quickly vacate the prom deck. It is imperative to move quickly, otherwise congestion will occur. During the alarm yesterday the faults noticeable were:-
 1. No instantaneous response.
 2. Personnel standing around not taking cover.
 3. Doubts in the minds of some as to what the warning meant."B" & "D" Coys will each detail 1 Offr who will proceed to the prom deck port side on the alarm being sounded to help control the tps.

L. Hall
.....Lieut
A/Adjt, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

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20 FEB 42

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

No 8
by

Major K.S. GUSWORTH

Admin Comd 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

1. SHIPS DUTIES : N F D 22 FEB 42 "D" Coy.
2. BN DUTIES : Duty Coy 21 Feb 42 "B" Coy.
 N F D 22 Feb 42 "C" Coy.
3. CHURCH SERVICES 22 FEB 42: Ships ROs 20 Feb 42.

Combined Church Parade: Coys will advise this HQ by 1200 hrs 21 Feb 42, the number of personnel available to attend.

R.C. Mass: Personnel will be paraded direct from Coy areas.

4. HAMMOCKS: Ships ROs 20 Feb 42.

NCOs in charge of groups to be informed of this requirement.


Lieut.
Adjt., 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

No 9

by

Maj or K S CUSWORTH

Admin Comd, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

1. SHIP'S DUTIES. Duty Coy 22 Feb 42 - "D" Coy
N F D 23 Feb 42 - "A" Coy
SHIP'S GUARD 1 Offr, 1 Sjt, each from "A" & "B" Coys.

2. BN DUTIES Duty Coy 22 Feb 42 - "C" Coy
N F D 23 Feb 42 - "D" Coy

3. CHURCH SERVICES - 22 Feb 42.

COMBINED CHURCH PARADE : Coys will move independently to
Prom Deck Port Side, where Officers in charge will report to
Major Cusworth, at 0935 hrs.

H. Hall
.....Lieut
A/Adjt, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

LIBRARY

Books may be exchanged at the Bn Library, Cabin 103, from
0815 - 0845 hrs, 1300 - 1330 hrs, daily.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
No 10
by

Major K S CUSWORTH

Admin Comd, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

1. SHIP'S DUTIES.
SHIP'S GUARD
Duty Coy 23 Feb 42 - "A" Coy
N F D "B" Coy
1 Offr, 1 Sjt, each, from "C" & "D" Coys.
2. BN DUTIES.
Duty Coy 23 Feb 42 - "D" Coy
N F D 24 Feb 42 - "A" Coy
3. BLACKOUT.
Blackout times for 22/23 Feb 42 : 1910 hrs - 0630 hrs
4. SMOKING.
Attention is drawn to Ship's Standing Orders, 13 Feb 42
- para 10.
Personnel are still smoking on Troop Decks & disciplinary
action is to be taken against all offenders. Unit Orderly
Offrs will give this particular attention.

H. Hall
.....Lieut
A/Adjt, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

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25 Feb 42.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
No 13
by

Major K S CUSWORTH

Admin Comd, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

1. SHIP'S DUTIES. Duty Coy 26 Feb 42 "C" Coy.
N F D "D" Coy.
- SHIP'S GD. 1 Offr, 1 Sjt from each "C" & "D" Coys.
2. BN DUTIES. Duty Coy 26 Feb 42 "C" Coy
N F D 27 Feb 42 "D" Coy.

3. PAY BOOKS.

All ranks must again be warned that pay books will at all times be KEPT ON THE PERSON and that they are responsible for their safekeeping.

When paybooks are withdrawn for any reason, it is the responsibility of the coy comd to see that the books are handed to the owners.

If the owners are absent, the books must NOT on any account be passed to a second person to convey... Cases occur of soldiers who are evac to Hosp or AWL, leaving their paybooks behind in Coy Offices or in their Kit. Coys must fwd these paybooks to pay Sjt immediately.

H. Hall
.....Lieut
A/Adjt, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

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HQ 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
26 FEB 42

SUBJECT - SHORE LEAVE

ALL COYS

1. During the stay in COLOMBO it will be possible to send a limited number of personnel on leave each day.
2. The allocation for 2/14 Bn is 90. The allocation is allotted as follows -

A Coy	-	1 Offr	15 ORs
B Coy	-	Capt NYE &	15 ORs
C Coy	-	1 Offr	15 ORs
D Coy	-	1 Offr	15 ORs
HQ Coy	-	1 Offr	15 ORs
BHQ	-		7 ORs
3. Dress Offrs - Shirts, Shorts, Cap, Shoes, Waist belt.
ORs - Shirts, Shorts, Boots, Puttees or Anklets (Web) with hats turned down.
4. Personnel selected will parade on Port side, Prom Deck at 0830 hrs.
5. Dismissal and Reassembly. 2/14 Aust Inf Bn Leave Party will be under comd of Capt NYE. Tps will be marched from jetty to Galle Face Green and dismissed. Before dismissal, the instns for reassembly will be issued.
6. Bounds. Galle Face Hotel is out of bounds to ORs.
7. Discipline. Necessity for a high standard of discipline and behaviour cannot be overstressed.
8. Security. All ranks will again be warned of the vital necessity of observing all security instns.
9. Movement from Ship 0900 hrs - First Launch, 50 AANS. Second Launch, 50 2/14 Bn (incl Picquet).
0915 hrs - First Launch, 50 2/14 Bn, Second Launch, 50 A O Wkshop Coy.
The cost of the fare in launch is 8 annas each way.
10. Return Movement, will be in the same order. Commencing 1645 hrs, and then at 15 min intervals.
11. Picquet. 2/14 Aust Inf Bn will supply a picquet of 10 ORs and will be allocated as follows - 2 each from A, B, C, D, HQ Coys. Picquet will be comd by Lieut J G FARMER. Names of picquet to be forwarded to BHQ by 0700 hrs tomorrow. Picquet will report to Lieut FARMER on Port side, Prom Deck, at 0825 hrs.
12. Breakfast. Lieut THURGOOD, BCO, will arrange with Messing Offr to have an early breakfast for Picquet and Leave Party and will give time of meal to Coys.

L. E. Tipton, W.O. II
Lieut.,
for A/Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

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OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS
NO 10

Major J. A. [Name] by [Name] 1/14 AUG 1945

- 1. GENERAL
Duty Coy 1 [unit] [unit] [unit]
[unit] [unit] [unit] [unit] [unit] [unit]
1 [unit], 2 [unit] [unit] [unit] [unit] [unit] [unit]
- 2. DETAILED
Duty Coy 1 [unit] [unit] [unit]
[unit] [unit] [unit] [unit] [unit] [unit]

3. MAINTENANCE OF SHIP
As the deck area of the ship is very small due to the in-
ability to obtain materials as required at all parts of call on
account of shipping demands being far above the supply available,
the closest cooperation of all ranks is called for in the
conservation of resources.

Severe disciplinary action will be taken by the CO Troops
against cases of deliberate wastage.

- 4. MESSAGES : are not to be brought on deck before 1000 hrs.
- 5. COMMUNICATED THROUGH PARADE : Coys to move independently to No 5
[unit] [unit] [unit] [unit] [unit] [unit] [unit] [unit] [unit] [unit] [unit] [unit]
- 6. WORKING : See [unit] [unit] [unit] - para 1.
Deck work cleaning party will be supplied on 1 [unit] [unit] [unit] on
alternate days as follows:-
A Coy 5 [unit], B Coy 5 [unit], C Coy 1 [unit] [unit] [unit] [unit], D Coy 5 [unit],
E Coy 5 [unit].

Ho Wall
[Signature]
[Title]
[Date]

2/14 Bn. A.I.F.
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SHIP'S PART 1 ORDERS
by

LT COL G B HOWCROFT, MC, TD.
OFFICER COMMANDING TROOPS
H T ILE DE FRANCE

No 10.

8 Feb 42.

1. DUTIES. 9 Feb 10 Feb 11 Feb ✓
Duty Unit 2/14 Bn 2/27 Bn 2/14 Bn
 RMO of Duty Unit Will act as Ship's Orderly Med Offr.

2. LIFEBELTS.
 Cork lifebelts will be placed on the stack in the Winter-Garden by 1000 hrs Mon, 9 Feb. Prior to disembarkation, ordinary lifebelts will be left on the foot of bunks in Cabins; and stacked in one corner of each mess deck. Spare lifebelts found about the ship will be placed in the Winter-garden.

3. MATTRESSES.
 The mattresses placed in the gymnasium must not be removed.

4. DIS-EMBARKATION INSTN.
 Times for dis-embarkation shown as 1230 will be altered to 1200 hrs, and 1600 to 1500 hrs. Dis-embarkation will take place from fwd gangways on B C or D Decks. LOs will report to C Deck gangway unless otherwise instructed. Dis-embarkation will take place via the fwd staircase.

5. DECK SPACE - ReAllotment.
 All previous instns are cancelled and the decks are reallocated as follows for tng recreation and sleeping:

9 Feb.

2/14 Bn	From Deck aft, A Deck aft, Boat Deck aft.
2/16 Bn	Sun Deck, Wintergarden.
2/27 Bn	From Deck - Port Side & strbd fwd of Centre stairway.
21 Bde HQ	From Deck strbd side aft of centre stairway.
2/6 Fd Amb & details	
Officers Only	Boat Deck strbd side all day.
WOs and Sjts	Sun Deck fwd 1200-1300 and after 1645 hrs.
	Sun Deck aft 1200-1300 and after 1645 hrs.

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& 12 Feb As above with 2/16 Bn cancelled and Sun deck & Winter garden reallocated-
 Fwd - to 21 Bde and 2/27 Bn (Winter Garden - Port)
 Aft - to 2/14 Bn and 2/6 Fd Amb. (Winter Garden-strbd)
 Attention is drawn to the allotment of decks for parades for dis-embarking Units. This allotment still stands and 2/27 Bn will ensure space is left on 9 and 10 Feb for dis-embarking Units.

6. CONCERT HALL.
 The concert hall is reallocated as follows:-

Daily	0830 - 1030	2/14 Bn
	1030 - 1230	2/27 Bn
	1500 - 1700	2/16 Bn

7. DISCIPLINE.
 Passages and gangways are to be kept clear at all times and Units will ensure that they are NOT used for games, recreation, sleeping etc. This order applies both day and night.

Sgd J K LYNCH Capt
Ship's Adjnt.

2/14

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

NO. 2
by

Lt-Col A.S. KEY

2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.

O.C. TROOPS

1. DUTIES. To mount 0900 hrs 15 FEB 42 :
 Duty Unit : 1 Adv Ord WkShops.
 NFD : 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
 Duty Offr : Lieut MURPHY 1 Adv Ord Wkshops
 NFD : Lieut CRANERI - 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
2. SALE OF LIQUOR
 Beer, on the basis of one half bottle per man will be issued to unit RQMSs between 1630 - 1700 hrs daily at No 4 Lower Hold. Certificate from CO certifying strength of unit (ORs excl WOs and Sjts). Price 14 annas per bottle plus 2 annas on bottle, This latter amount is returnable on return of bottles.
3. DECK ALLOCATION
 Attention is directed to RO No 1 Para 9. This allocation must be strictly adhered to. Units will be responsible that their personnel remain in the areas allotted and do not encroach on other unit areas.
4. PROCEDURE AT MUSTER PARADE AT 1030 hrs.
 At 1030 hours the Alarm followed by the "Fall In" will be sounded on the bugle from the upper deck fore and aft. Units will assemble at Muster Stations. Either a Ship's Inspection of Quarters or an Inspection of Troops at Emergency Stations will then take place. The "All Clear" will be sounded when the inspection has been completed. Each Mess Deck Officer will send his N.C.O. to report to the Ship Duty N.C.O. on the Navigation Bridge that his Deck is free from Troops except those on duty. On an actual Emergency the report will include that "Portholes have been closed"
5. SAFETY PRECAUTION
 The special haversacks that each man has packed ready for case of emergency should include a towel or handkerchief, chewing gum. Officers may carry stimulants therein.
7. DRESS FOR GUARD
 Shirts and shorts, boots and gaiters, hat, lifebelt, steel helmet slung on shoulder.
8. FOUND.
 Paybook belonging to SX11871, Pte. SALMON M.F. Unit having a/n soldier on strength may claim paybook at Ship's HQ.
9. CARRYING WATER BOTTLES.
 Water bottles need only be carried after sunset.
10. LIFEJACKETS.
 Attention of all ranks will again be drawn to the correct method of fitting same.
11. BLACKOUT.
 Time 1905 hours - 14 Feb.)
 0635 hours - 15 Feb.)
 More strict attention must be paid to Blackout. It has been reported that a TORCH was used on deck last night. This practice must cease.
12. BAND NOTICE.
 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn. will play on Prom Deck, No. 3 Muster Station at 1600 to 1700 hours daily.

Egd. C.L. Thompson
..... Captain.
Adjutant

SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

No. 3

by
Lt.-Col. A.S. KEY, 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn., O.C. TROOPS

1. DUTIES.

To mount 0900 hours 16 Feb. 42 :-

Duty Unit • 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.
NFD • 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Duty Offr. • Lieut. CRAMERI • 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.
NFD • Lieut. W.P. COX • 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Adm. Inst. No. 1 of 15 Feb. is amended as under :-

- (1) Add new paras k & l to para 1.
 - (k) Canteen store party - 1 H.C.O. & 10 ORs will report to Cpl. Burns - 2/14 Bn - at Canteen at 0700 & 1700 hrs. daily --- Unit to supply --- 5 A.G.H.
 - (l) Canteen Picquet - 1 H.C.O. & 8 ORs. --- Unit to supply --- 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.
- (2) Delete details of para 2 d and substitute :-
Canteen cleaning party - 1 H.C.O. & 8 ORs will report to the canteen at 0700 hours daily.

2. BLACKOUT.

Time 1905 hours • 15 Feb.)))
 0630 hours • 16 Feb.)))

The use of the blackout wind-chutes is strictly forbidden. The signal for the blackout to commence will be the sounding of "Retreat". If a light is shown from this ship the Naval escort vessel will warn the ship. Should this preliminary warning not be complied with, the light will be extinguished with M.G. fire.

3. RUNNERS.

Units are responsible for ensuring that Runners are correctly dressed before reporting to Ship's HQ.

4. BOUNDS.

Troops must observe the areas allotted to them. The Prom deck, Starboard side is strictly out of bounds except to Officers, Nurses, W.Os. & Sergeants. It will not be used as a thoroughfare between forward and aft.

5. ALCOHOL.

No beer bottles will be carried up on deck.

6. DECK ALLOTMENT

The Prom Deck, Port side is open to other ranks but during hours of training the 2/14 Bn. will reserve the aft part of this deck. The times of this reservation will be advised units.

7. CHAIRS ON DECK.

At sunset the M.Ps. will remove all deck chairs. Deck chairs may be used on the Prom deck, Starboard side but will be kept as far as possible inship and a passage way left between the line of chairs and the railing. When the chairs are not being used they will be folded and stacked again in the pile

8. SLEEPING ON DECK.

Units will arrange a very strict policing of the areas allotted for sleeping on deck. The procedure on Ship's S.Os. will be adhered to.

9. CHIN STRAPS.

Chin straps will not be worn hanging down at the back of the head.

(sgd.) C.L. Thompson, Captain.
Adjutant.

SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

NO. 4

By
Lt-Col. A.S. [unclear], 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn., O.C. TROOPS

1. DUTIES

To mount 0900 hours 17 Feb. 42 :-

Duty Unit + 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.
NFD + 1 Adv. Ord. W/shops
Duty Offr. + Lieut. W.P. Cox - 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.
NFD + Lieut. Murphy - 1 Adv. Ord. W/shops

2. GAMBLING

Gambling on this ship is forbidden. Two-up and other forms of gambling, including those in which dice are used are not permitted.

3. SLEEPING ON DECK

The Prom deck is allocated as follows :-

Prom deck: fwd.
" port side, fwd. (passage way only)
16 Feb. - 5 A.G.H., 17 Feb. - 1 A.O.W/shops
and in that order.

Mustering Station No. 5 (along the starboard side)
Ship's Guard

Prom deck: aft
" " port aft
2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Prom deck starboard side after 2515 hours
(this is the area occupied by the Officers
and nurses during the day)
50 ranks + 1 A.O.W/shops
20 " - 5 A.G.H.

4. WARRANT OFFICERS & SERGEANTS LOUNGE

This lounge has been reserved for the use of 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn. for Officer's lectures between the hours of 1200 & 1245 daily. The lounge will be vacated by the occupants by the first mentioned time.

(sig) O.L. Thompson CAPTAIN.
Adjutant.

NOTICES

FOUND

A set of Artificial Teeth at No. 5 Muster Station, owner may claim same at Ship's HQ.

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SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 3

NO. 6

Lt-Col. A. B. HAY, R/14 Aust. Inf. Bn., O.C. TROOP

1. DUTIES

To count 0000 hours 18 Feb. 48 :-

Duty Unit	1	R/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.
MPD	1	R/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Duty Offr.	1	Lieut. STEVENSON - R/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.
MPD	-	Lieut. J. G. CLIFTONS - R/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.

2. DISCIPLINE.

It has been reported that cigarette ends have been dropped through gratings on hatches. This practice will cease.

3. HYGIENE.

The practice of troops lying on the tops of hatch gratings interferes with the ventilation of Mess Decks and will cease.

4. BOUNDS.

The Canteen is out of Bounds to all personnel, except those on duty, until ship inspection is completed.

5. PORTHOLES.

Portholes will be left open during inspection of Mess Decks.

6. BLACKOUT.

Blackout times for 18 & 19 Feb. 48 :-

1915 hours - 0630 hours.

(sgt) C. L. Thompson CAPTAIN
ADJUTANT

NOTICES

FOUND.

The following articles may be claimed at Ship's HQ :-

Wallet - Pte. S. R. Hunter - R/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Money Belt
Hat & Puggaroo.

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SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

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NO. 7

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by
Lt-Col. A. S. KIX, 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn., O.C. TROOPS

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1. DUTIES.

To mount 0900 hours 20 Feb. 42 :-

Duty Unit	±	2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.
NFD	±	1 Adv. Ord. W/Shops
Duty Offr.	±	Lieut. J. G. CLEMENTS - 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.
NFD	-	Lieut. MURPHY - 1 Adv. Ord. W/Shops

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2. CLEANLINESS OF CABINS.

Attention is directed to Ship's SOs. (para 6). Lights & fans must be switched off when cabins are vacated.

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3. AIRING OF BLANKETS.

Blankets will be aired on the Boat Deck between the following hours :-

0830	±	1130 hours
1500	-	1600 hours

The Boat Deck is allotted as follows:-

No. 1 & No. 2 Mess Deck	±	20 Feb.
" 3 "	±	21 "
" 4 "	±	22 "
" 5 "	-	23 "

Half the Mess Deck blankets will be aired in the morning and the remainder in the afternoon. Unit representatives will contact the Ship's Adjutant the day prior to the allotted day for further instructions.

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4. BLACKOUT.

Blackout times for 19/20 Feb. 42 :-

1910 hours - 0610 hours.

(sgd) C. L. Thompson CAPTAIN
ADJUTANT

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NOTICES

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- LOST.
1. Wallet, brown leather, property of Pte. Le Serve - 5 A.G.H. - containing photos & money, believed lost on No. 2 Mess Deck.
 2. Waist belt, webbing equipment, left in lavatory aft. Finder of these articles will return them to Ship's HQ.

U.S. MARINE RESERVE FORCE

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"City of Paris"
20 FEB. 42

CHIEF BATTERY COMPANY - BATT 1

NO. 9

Lt-Col. A.S. KEY, 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn., O.C. TROOPS

1. DUTIES.

To mount 0900 hours 21 Feb. 42 :-

Duty Unit	4	1 Adv. Ord. W/Shops
NFD	4	2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Duty Offr.	4	Licut. MURPHY 4 1 Adv. Ord. W/Shops
NFD	-	Licut. DAVIS - 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Canteen Store Party, details of which were promulgated in EO No. 3 (para 2), will be supplied by 1 Adv. Ord. W/Shops commencing 0700 hours, 21 Feb. 5 A.G.H. will be relieved from this duty at the above time.

2. BLACKOUT.

Blackout times for 20/21 Feb. 42 :-

1850 hours - 0620 hours.

3. ADVANCEMENT OF CLOCKS.

Clocks and watches will be advanced 30 minutes at midnight to-night.

4. RUBBISH.

Special attention will be paid to the observance of the Standing Orders for the disposal of Rubbish. Unit Orderly Officers and NOOs will immediately report to this HQ any breach of this order.

5. HAMMOCKS.

Hammocks must be removed from decks by Reveille. Units will police the areas in which troops sleep and ensure that the hammocks are removed. The Guard Comd. will be held responsible for hammocks left in the vicinity of No. 3 Muster Station.

(sgd) C.L. Thompson CAPTAIN
ADJUTANT

C.L. Thompson

NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES Sunday 22 Feb. 42:-

Church of England, Holy Communion in WOs & Sgts Lounge at 0615 & 0830 hours.

Combined Church Parade at 0945 hours at No. 3 Muster Station. The following will attend:-

5 A.G.H. & 1 A.O.W/S	4	30
2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.	-	170

Roman Catholic Mass will be celebrated in WOs & Sgts Lounge at 0700 hours & 0900 hours.

Weekday Church Services:-

Church of England, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 0700 hrs.
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 0730 hrs.

Roman Catholic, Monday, Wednesday & Friday 0730 hours
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 0700 hours

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERING PART 2.
NO 9

..... Lt Col A S KEY - 2/14 Aust Inf Bn - O C TROOPS

1. DUTIES Go mount 0900 hrs 22 FEB 42:

Duty Unit	4	2/14	Aust Inf Bn
N F D	2	2/14	Aust Inf Bn
Duty Offr	2	Lieut DAVIS	- 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
N F D	-	Lieut HUGHESON	- 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

2. LIGHTS OUT REPORT

Hess Deck Offrs will arrange for the "Lights Out" Report to reach the Ship's Orderly Room by 2230 hrs

3. BLACKOUT TIMINGS

Blackout times for night 21/22 FEB 42:
1915 - 0625 hrs.

Sgt C L THOMPSON Capt
Sgt Adj.

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NOTICES

LOST - Wallet containing photograph with address on back, stamps and personal papers.
Black propelling pencil.
Would the finders of these articles please return same to Ship's Orderly Room.

3rd Feb.

LONDON.- Singapore communique states:- "Enemy air activity over Singapore has been considerable during last 24 hours, high level and dive-bombing attacks being carried out and causing some fires. Military casualties have been slight. There has been no enemy ground activity against our defences. Bombers of Far East Command raided Kluang aerodrome last night. Enemy motor transport was also attacked from low altitude. All our aircraft returned safely".

Important new advance by Soviet troops in Ukraine is indicated in Moscow wireless report that Gavrilovko has been recaptured. This village is some 30 miles south-south-west of Kharkov which brings Russians to within under 40 miles of key communication and industrial centre of Dnepropetrovsk.

While there is as yet no further news of position in Libyan battle, it seems clear that Rommel has received valuable reinforcements which enabled him to launch his sudden counter-attack after reorganising his remaining his remaining forces before British had been able to organise adequate supply system to enable them to move up more than just light forces to face him. It would not appear that British main heavy forces were yet in contact with the enemy.

The fact that it is now six weeks since Hitler assumed command of his armies on eastern front is noted by "Times" this morning. Paper says that nothing has yet happened to show advantage of intuitive strategy over the more humdrum methods of general staff. Soviet forces were still pressing invaders backwards at about the same steady pace as before the revolution in command. "There are ample signs that German leaders are planning with all their formidable efficiency for spring campaign", says "Times". "In March the height of winter will already be past. Great thaws of April might make movement on front in either direction all but impossible and in May conflict would be probably resumed in conditions similar to those under which first great German irruption was achieved! Production for spring offensive was being screwed to its utmost output by Germans and ranks of civil employment were being combed yet more ruthlessly for reserves of man-power. After pressing back Germans along whole front during past two months, Russian forces were now entering territory which enemy had had time to organise and in which his men had been able to construct for themselves some protection against the weather. Ground that advancing Soviet troops will be placing immediately behind their lines has been systematically ravaged by both sides in turn. As yet there is no sign of German rout. Enemy's withdrawal however was certainly not according to plan. Russians were having to fight stubborn actions for every important position they recovered. Most important were those which enemy would use for his spring offensive. The most dangerous sector "Times" considered was likely to prove to be in the south. It was here that Germans had most to hope for. It is here that spring would first appear and here that the road to oil of the Caucasus lay. Timoshenko's drive into Donetz basin was thus particularly significant. Concluding "Times" says:- "Our own part in these movements is not to sit back and applaud, for although Russian industry is moving back behind the armies into reconquered territory and production is steadily improving, Soviet government still report urgency of maintaining supply of British tanks. No effort will be spared to ensure that it shall not fail".

It is stated authoritatively in London that treaty has been signed between Britain and Ethiopia, taking form of agreement and military convention. Agreement restores normal diplomatic relations between U.K. and Ethiopia and Mr R.G. Howe is proceeding forthwith to Addis Ababa as his majesty's minister. Government will do their best to accede to Emperor's request for a small number of British officials to proceed to Abyssinia with duty of assisting Emperor in restoration of his administration. Duration of agreement is two years. Emperor during first year will be financed by his majesty's government to the extent of one and a half million pounds and one million during second year. Arrangement was designed to ensure that dependence of Ethiopia on a foreign country should not be perpetuated. Emperor has also asked for small mission to assist in reorganisation of armed forces and military convention signed at the same time provides for this and such British forces as it may be necessary to maintain in Ethiopia for strategic reasons. Some British judges will also assist in administration of Ethiopian courts.

LONDON - Lieutenant general W. H. Stone, chief of the British mission to the Egyptian army, has been appointed G. O. C. of the British troops in Egypt. 52 years old, Stone was only 12 when he served in the South African war in the ranks with mounted troops in Aliwal, north district of the Cape of Good Hope. He won DSO and MC and was five times mentioned in despatches while serving in France during the last war. From 1935 to 1938, he was military attache in Rome, and from 1938 to 1940 assistant commandant of the Sudan defence force.

U.S Navy Department communique states "A motor-torpedo-boat of admiral Hart's Far East command is believed to have torpedoed an enemy warship in a night action inside Manila Bay. Although under heavy fire from warships and in full glare of searchlights, the motor-torpedo-boat managed to fire two two torpedoes and survive action without hit. A naval battalion composed of blue jackets and marines has been organised and is fighting on the Bataan peninsula with general MacArthur's command. U.S.S. Neches, a naval tender, has been torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine. One hundred and twenty members of the crew reached port safely. Fifty six are unaccounted for." It is officially assumed in Washington, according to press messages, that marines and blue jackets constitute reinforcements landed on the peninsula from an undisclosed point. No official comment on this assumption is made.

Official communique states: "An enemy aircraft dropped bombs early last night on one place in south-west England. No damage was done and no one hurt".

Far East war communique issued in Singapore states:- "There is no change to report in situation. Our artillery has engaged enemy transport on Johore-Behru. Enemy aircraft have made a number of raids on the island causing some damage but few military casualties. Our A.A. defence during period 31st January to 4th February shot down two enemy aircraft certain with three probables".

Maximum prices for utility clothing introduced by government as part of the general plans for co-ordination of supply are fixed by Board of Trade order which came into force yesterday. Examples are: Men's made to measure suits 5 pounds 12 shillings 3 pence, ready made 4 pounds 16 shillings 8 pence. Two points are made clear by order. First, "utility clothing" does not mean a "standard suit". Some 60 specified types of cloth may be produced under the utility scheme. No restriction is placed on diversity of design provided that certain fixed standard of quality is achieved. Secondly, while manufacturer is bound to produce prescribed percentage of his output to sell within these prices as his "utility quota". He may as part of his "general quota" produce cloth below utility standard of quality or cloth for sale above utility maximum. Relative proportions of utility and general quotas may of course be varied from time to time. Scheme, in short, aims at first avoiding waste of precious raw materials in production of worthless articles secondly to ensuring adequate output of clothing of types needed and thirdly preventing the soaring of clothing prices to levels beyond the reach of mass of the public.

January weather and the demands of other theatres of war worked together in the early part of last month to reduce scale of R.A.F.'s offensive directly against Germany. Nevertheless in first four weeks 15 main attacks were made by Bomber Command on targets in Germany or German-occupied Europe. This was more than in December. During first two weeks principal targets of home-based R.A.F. bombers outside Germany were at Brest which was visited eight times. North-West Germany was raided on three occasions once by day and twice by night and on 10th-11th January when Wilhelmshaven and Emden were heavily attacked. During second two weeks targets at Hamburg, Emden, Bremen, Munster and Hanover were attacked by British bombers in series of raids almost nightly. Bombers were ten nights of fourteen, their targets including N.W. Germany, enemy aerodromes in Holland and docks at Brest, Boulogne and Rotterdam. Up to 28th January 40 aircraft were lost. Coastal Command which carried out patrols and attacks on German convoys off Holland lost three aircraft in same period. Enemy activity over Britain was very slight by contrast. Of fifteen out of 28 nights there was nothing to report. Desultory visits were paid by a few German bombers to places as far apart as Shellands and S.W. England.

LONDON. Air attacks by Japanese on Sourabaya, great naval base in Dutch East Indies, is felt here to be of greatest significance in development of the war in the Pacific. It is reported that new harbours had been built during the last year and a quay to accommodate the largest battleships. Repair shops have also been created. In peacetime Sourabaya was a great port for dispatch of exports and a large number of ships called there. Japanese success would certainly be a setback to Allied plans for re-establishing sea ascendancy and there is no doubt that the value of Sourabaya as an Allied base is highly appreciated here.

Batavia (Java) communique states:- "With regard to Japanese bombardments yesterday of several towns and aerodromes in Java, it can be stated that attacks were carried out by seventy to eighty Japanese bombers under protection of fighters. Warnings were given in time, fighters went into the air while A.A. guns prepared for defence. Attacks were mainly concentrated on Sourabaya, Malang and Madioen. At Malang and Madioen aerodromes were bombed and machine-gunned and at Magetan machine-gunning also took place. At Sourabaya main attacks were directed on centre of town. Japanese lost presumably eight fighters and two bombers while losses on our side were also considerable. It is certain that we lost more planes than pilots but because of fact that several did not land on same aerodrome from which they started accurate details are not available at the moment. In the meantime Japanese aircraft also bombed and machine-gunned various other places including several native villages such as Pegeweetan where three children were wounded, Margodjo where one child was killed and at Parckdad where two persons were killed. Bombs were also dropped on other native villages. Damage to military objectives was negligible. Reports from vicinity of Ambon (Amboina) prove that bitter fighting continues there with tide of battle turning from one side to the other. In the immediate vicinity of Balikpapan fighting also continues. Furthermore there is mainly enemy reconnaissance activity over outer provinces. In several parts of the archipelago ships of Royal Netherlands Navy have been attacked by enemy air forces but without result".

Middle East war communique states:- "After beating off strong German detachments which had attempted to intercept their withdrawal, our 4th Indian Division during night of 2nd-3rd February successfully completed their movement from last covering position about Derna and rejoined our main forces. Meanwhile our mobile columns closely supported by air forces continued their offensive activities in desert east and north-east of Msus".

First Lord of Admiralty stated in Commons that from beginning of the war up to the end of last year 642 enemy aircraft had been destroyed by British warships or merchant vessels or by Fleet Air Arm, while 240 had been probably destroyed and 430 damaged. H.M. ships destroyed 405, probably destroyed 176 and damaged 239. For merchant vessels figures were 94, 42 and 96 and for Fleet Air Arm 143, 22 and 95.

Russian advance is believed on London to be progressing well in north, central and Ukraine while Russian hold on Kerch Peninsula has not been shaken by loss of Feodosia. Soviet high command announces continuance last night of operations against Germans. Supplementary report states:- "In one part of central front one of our units in fierce fighting with retreating enemy in one day killed 130 Germans, destroyed one transport column, two ammunition dumps, some anti-aircraft batteries and captured many horses. In another part on February 2nd our troops repulsed attack by reinforced enemy regiment. Enemy left over 100 killed. In one part of Leningrad front enemy lost about 800 killed. Our troops destroyed 16 pill-boxes and dugouts, two guns, six machine-guns and three mortars and 40 lorries. Soviet air units on north-west front from December 20th to February 3rd destroyed 767 lorries with troops and army supplies, about 300 wagons, 21 field guns, 13 anti-aircraft batteries, six ammunition dumps and dispersed 3,500 men".

Following message has been sent to Emperor of Ethiopia by governors of Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda and British resident in Zanzibar:- "Governors of Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda and British resident in Zanzibar in conference in Nairobi desire to take this opportunity of conveying to his majesty their good wishes and express hope that all problems of common interest may be resolved between
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(Continuing item on East African governors to Haile Selassie)

them in spirit of co-operation for mutual benefit of their respective territories and successful prosecution of war". Emperor has replied:- "I am confident that agreement which has been concluded between government of United Kingdom and myself will lead to lasting co-operation between us both in war and in peace".

Confirmation of Thai declaration of war on Britain and United States has just been received from Swiss government who are looking after British interests in Thailand. State of war was declared by Thai government to exist from noon 25th January last. It is not considered in authoritative circles that Thai action makes any practical difference to Far Eastern situation. Ever since the arrival of Japanese Thailand has been regarded as enemy-occupied territory and Britain has felt herself to be justified in attacking the Japanese on Thai territory and attacking Thais when - as is known to have happened on occasions - they have fought on side of Japanese. Prime minister of Thailand - Luang Pibul - is regarded here as the chief figure behind Thailand's treacherous actions. This is the second occasion on which "the first quisling of the Orient" has sold his country to the Japanese. First was when he more or less handed himself over to the Japanese by his aid in Indo-China. As a reward for this a large slice of Indo-China was received.

Middle East R.A.F. communique states: "Fighter and bomber aircraft continued their offensive operations during Feb. 3. Motorised units moving along roads in Derna region were effectively attacked, casualties being inflicted on enemy personnel. A number of vehicles were destroyed or damaged. Aerodrome at Berka was raided during the night of Feb. 3 to 4. Objectives at Naples and Palermo were also bombed during the same night. At Naples, where heavy cloud and smoke screen obscured the city, hits were obtained in area of the harbour docks, marshalling yards and repair base. At Palermo, direct hit was scored on the quays. Over Sicily, one of our aircraft destroyed a CANT 7506. A night attack was made by naval aircraft on a large enemy merchant vessel in central Mediterranean on Feb. 2 to 3. The ship was torpedoed and the next day seen to have gone aground. Enemy aircraft continued their raids on Malta during the night of Feb. 2 to 3 and again on Feb. 3. Some damage was caused. From these and other operations, all our aircraft returned safely".

U.S. War Department communique states "During the night of Feb. 3, elements of the 16th Kimura division made a local attack on our left flank in the Bataan peninsula. This attack was sharply repulsed. Our troops continued to mop tattered remnants of the Japanese who previously landed on the west coast or infiltrated behind our lines. These enemy troops were from the Tatori group and the Kimura division and were found in isolated pockets. No reinforcements were able to reach them. Enemy had attempted to supply them intermittently with food and ammunition dropped by parachute. However most of those supplies fell into our hands. Japanese prisoners of war expressed great surprise at humane treatment they received at our hands. They said they had been told we would execute all prisoners. On our right, there has been little activity during the past 24 hours. Enemy activity over our lines was limited to a few sporadic bombing attacks which did no damage".

It is officially announced from Canberra that Australian aircraft attacked Rabaul and scored a direct hit on a large enemy ship and a near miss on another. Enemy planes which endeavoured to intercept were driven off and all Australian aircraft returned safely.

Soviet night war communique states = "On February 4th, our troops continued their offensive operations and have liberated several localities. On February 3rd, 29 enemy planes were shot down in serial combat and 16 planes were destroyed on ground. Our losses were 5 planes. On February 4th, seven German planes were shot down near Moscow. On February 3rd, our Air Force Units destroyed three tanks, one armoured car, 230 lorries with troops and war equipment, 150 ammunition wagons, 14 field guns, 6 trench mortars, 3 A.A. guns and 15 railway wagons. Two railway trains were set on fire. Further two infantry battalions were routed and partly annihilated.

LONDON - General Wavell's special order of the day to the defenders of Singapore, calling them to fight without further thought of retreat, made a deep impression in England. Examples which Wavell recalls, says the Times, "are symbols not of vain heroism but of fruitful endurance against odds and ultimate triumph - Ypres and Tobruk. In the background are "The great reinforcements" which Britain and America are sending to Far East." Wavell's message stated "The Japanese are straining every nerve to keep advantage gained by initial treacherous surprise. Once their impetus is halted, they will soon lose courage. Our task is to check them and gain time for the great reinforcements which we and our American allies are sending to Eastern theatres. We are in a similar position to the original British expeditionary force which stopped Germans and saved Europe in the first battle of Ypres. We must ourselves be worthy successors to them and save Asia by fighting these Japanese. We now reached an area where we cannot be constantly outflanked and where enemy cannot exploit his superior mobility. You must not yield no strip of ground without fighting hard and leave nothing behind undestroyed that could be of the least service to the enemy. Our friends and allies Dutch are carrying out this policy in every part of East Indies with sacrifice and resolution. I look to you all to fight this battle without further thought of retreat and make the defence of Singapore as memorable and successful an exploit as the defence of Tobruk which British, Australian and Indian troops held so long and gallantly".

No air activity was reported over Briatin during yesterday and last night.

Canberra message states that Japanese gun-firing four-engined flying boats raided Port Moresby (Papua) yesterday. Australian air minister said damage was caused to civil buildings but there are no known casualties.

Great air activity is reported in Singapore communique which states: Our artillery again engaged enemy transport in Johore Bahru area well as enemy observation posts and gun positions which were silenced. There been some enemy shelling in north of Island with negligible results. Air report show much enemy movement southwards in Johore. Enemy aircraft have continued make high level and low dive bomb and machine gun attacks on Island causing comparatively little damage or casualties. Shipping harbour was also attacked. Oil tanker at naval base which set on fire two days ago by enemy bombs is still burning. Hurricane fighters of R.A.F. intercepted large formation enemy aircraft over Singapore this morning. One enemy aircraft was destroyed, one probably destroyed and one damaged by our aircraft. There no information in authoritative quarters in London of any Japanese attempts at landings on Singapore Island though Japanese have just stated over wireless that heavy bombardment of Island has begun. In Burma Japanese claim to have captured Paan which is 25 miles north of Martaban on east bank of Salween river. This claim is not confirmed in London.

Press message from Rangoon states that there is no change on Salween front. R.A.F. have bombed enemy forces trying dig themselves in at mouth of Salween river.

Of land operations on eastern front Soviet midday war communique merely states that Soviet troops were continuing active operations against enemy. Three enemy transports which Soviet communique of February Second announced been sunk in Barents sea now stated to have totalled 14,800 tons not 8,800 tons as originally stated.

Misunderstanding which has arisen regarding treaty with Ethiopia was dispelled in authoritative circles when categorical denial was given that details of treaty had in any way been discussed in Cairo. Suggestion that British efforts followed efforts to appease Roman Catholic sentiment in Cairo was entirely without foundation as was equally the suggestion that the policy imposed on Emperor was contrary to his wishes. At the same time it is pointed out that treaty provides that problems arising from private enemy property in Ethiopia will be dealt with by Emperor according to international law in consultation with British diplomatic representatives. During war British came into possession of certain amount of private Italian property and in accordance with obligations as a belligerent under international law appointed appropriate custodian to keep accounts. Obligation now passes to the

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(Continuing item on treaty with Ethiopia)

Emperor. If he desires to acquire any portion of private Italian goods, accounts must be kept in an appropriate manner until final decision is taken in peace treaty. Emperor has expressed special wish for British aid in such accountancy. Finally far from "appeasing" Italians, British aim is get every Italian out of Ethiopia at the earliest opportunity.

While welcoming Prime Minister's appointment of minister of war production, general comment of press suggests reservation of opinion until scope of the office is defined. Times says:- "It may be presumed both from parliamentary suggestions, that Churchill expressly welcomed, and from the analogy he drew with the position of Mr Nelson in United States, that minister will sit in War Cabinet without direct departmental responsibilities of his own and will co-ordinate to the ends of war contributions of Ministries of Supply and Aircraft Production, supply department of Admiralty and as may be necessary activities of other departments whose heads will remain outside cabinet. His relations with Ministry of Labour and National Service will no doubt be settled within it. Lord Beaverbrook, as has been generally expected, received new appointment. He has himself occupied two of the offices that are now to be co-ordinated. By discharging two important missions to United States and one to Russia he has acquired special knowledge of common pool to which all our war production is now destined and from which all our war supplies will be drawn. He has established a reputation for extracting special exertions from departments in emergency. He has now to prove his capacity for far-sighted planning and for vigorous, orderly and sustained direction of complex machinery on largest scale". Daily Telegraph says:- "Pending further details of its exact scope it seems that Ministry of War Production has few analogies with War production Board of Mr Nelson in United States. American board has direct executive control over all chief factors in supply with separate divisions for production, industrial organisation, raw materials, labour and so forth. Everything in a word is centralised in a single authority. Here, on the other hand, Churchill has preferred to retain existing organisation of production built up during war and avoid as far as possible all dislocation which must accompany radical change in the middle of the war. Adjustment that now been made is probably best that could be devised to bring two war efforts into harmony with least disturbance to our own. It is by its success in promoting this paramount aim that it is to be judged".

Latest news from Libya contained in two service communiques deals mainly with air activity, operations on land having been restricted to patrol activity. Middle East war communique states:- "Our patrols and mobile columns were active along whole front yesterday. Our air forces carried out continuous fighter sweeps over our forward troops while our bombers successfully engaged a number of enemy columns, destroying numerous vehicles". R.A.F. Middle East communique says:- "Further details are now available of operations carried out by our fighter and bomber aircraft over Cyrenaica during Tuesday. Offensive sweeps by fighter aircraft in Derna and Carmusa regions caused many casualties among enemy personnel and enemy vehicles were destroyed or damaged. Bomber aircraft successfully attacked motorised units west of Derna and in Lamluda district scoring direct hits and starting fires among enemy columns. Road communications in Benghazi-Barce-Benina area were bombed during night of Tuesday-Wednesday. During Wednesday fighter sweeps were maintained in forward area, many vehicles being successfully machine-gunned. Objectives in Sicily were raided by our aircraft of Wednesday. Bombs straddled goods train near Carini and railway bridge was attacked with good results. During same day enemy aircraft resumed their attacks on Malta. A large force of strongly escorted bombers was intercepted by our fighters which damaged several of raiding aircraft. Eight of our aircraft are missing".

Further air attack on Dutch naval base at Surabaya in which fires were started on naval flying base is announced in Batavia (Java) communique which states:- "Enemy continued his action in various regions of archipelago. There is relatively little to report of action around Balikpapan but it is now learned definitely that commander of Balikpapan with a number of his men have succeeded in fighting their way through enemy troops and have reached safety. In South-East Borneo enemy continually carried out light bombardments. This morning new air attack on Surabaya took place in course of which fires were started on naval flying base causing some damage to material. At time of

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(Continuing Batavia communique)

issuing of this communique further particulars were not available. Nor were there further particulars about situation at Ambon and Kendari. It is being assumed that mine-layer of her majesty's navy Prinz van Cranje which at time of attack on Tarakan was stationed there which after having carried out its last orders tried to escape from superior enemy forces has not succeeded in doing so".

Asked when new imperial war cabinet or directorate would begin to function, and if it had yet been decided who should be its members, Prime Minister said:- "Proposals which I referred to in statement the other day on the association of Dominion representatives and war cabinet did not involve any change of membership in United Kingdom. Proposal of Australian government was that they could have representative on war cabinet and have right to be heard in formation and direction of policy. I am advised we are in agreement with proposals and in fact for a good many months past Sir Earle Page had been exercising this right. We have informed governments of Canada, New Zealand and South Africa that same facilities are available to them if they wish to take advantage of them".

United States war communique issued at Washington states:- "Philippines theatre.- Only minor patrol actions took place today which lacked savage character of fighting which has been almost continuous during past two weeks. Japanese troops confronting our right sector are under command of Lieut. Gen. Akira Nara and those facing our left under Lieut. Gen. Naoki Kinura. There is no marked activity in either sector. Over Java a small formation of U.S. Army P. 40 fighting planes encountered a greatly superior force of Japanese bombers escorted by pursuit aircraft. In ensuing combat one enemy bomber and one enemy pursuit plane were shot down. One of our planes is missing. There is nothing to report from other areas".

At training centre of reconnaissance corps, Britain's most highly mechanised fighting units, men are being sent to one of five specialised companies. Company which produces signallers, mechanics, motor-cyclists has first choice of men and of those signallers are considered most important. Reconnaissance is useless unless information obtained can be passed quickly to headquarters. Wireless is their medium. Motor-cyclists - each battalion has over 70 - are also used for intercommunication. Another company trains crews for armoured cars and carriers. Men must know not only how to drive and maintain vehicles they must learn sufficient tactics to take their place in operational scout platoon when posted away from centre. Correct procedure for transmitting messages to receiver many miles away must be mastered. They must be well trained in reading one inch and quarter inch maps. Working knowledge of field engineering, demolition and of mine clearing is essential. They should be able to hit both men and planes from revolving turret of armoured cars. They are taught something driving maintaining and fighting by night. Another company trains assault infantry. When armoured cars and carriers are held up during operation these men dismount from speedy little trucks and clear away opposition. They are usually the toughest troops in the corps and like the commandos are trained to swim rivers and scale rocks in full kit. Small groups are sent out to fend for themselves for two days with mess tins and rations and two bivouac blankets. Scouting patrols, searching villages and quick occupation of road blocks are taught. They must know how to read both British and foreign maps. They also learn driving and first aid and should be able to dig first stages of trench system in half the normal time. Every afternoon the whole centre from commanding officer to the youngest recruit have 15 minutes blitz in weapon training. There is little time to wait for repair section during reconnaissance exercises and cadets are taught ingenious methods of keeping their vehicles on the move. Then comes the most serious side of their work - reconnaissance exercises with company entirely composed of cadets who command various sub-units in station. One day a young lance-corporal will be company commander, a job normally taken by a major. Next day he will be an ordinary driver. This system increases versatility of cadets. When they are commissioned they will know all jobs of men under their command.

An Admiralty communique announces the loss of H M Submarine Triumph.

Intense aerial fighting was the feature of yesterday's fighting on the Russian front. Russian communique states "On 5th February, our troops continued to advance in a number of sectors. On 4th February, 22 enemy planes were shot down in aerial combat and 16 planes were destroyed on the ground. Our losses were 10 planes. On 5th February, nine German planes were shot down near Moscow. On the 4th February, Russian air force destroyed seven tanks, 250 lorries with troops and war equipment, 150 ammunition wagons, three oil tanks, 33 guns with crews and seven AA machine-gun nests. Two ammunition dumps and one petrol store were blown up. Our air force routed and partly annihilated three enemy infantry battalions.

Army communique issued in Rangoon thursday states "In Paan area, one of our controls attacked enemy with bayonet. There was hand to hand fighting and some casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Our casualties were slight. Martaban had a quiet day except for little shelling. Rangoon had two air alerts this morning. There were one killed and one injured."

R.A.F. fighters have been active at Malta, where according to agency messages, attacks were made wednesday evening on two JU 88's, both of which were damaged and rear gunner of one probably killed. Early wednesday evening, alert was sounded for a small number of enemy aircraft, none of which crossed inland. During the night, there were four small scale raids. Only a few bombs were dropped and there were no casualties. AA guns engaged enemy. Six alerts were sounded thursday for formations of fighters escorting fighter-bombers which dropped bombs on southeast of island. Damage was done to civilian property and there were a few casualties. Our fighters were up but there were no interceptions. AA guns heavily engaged enemy.

Batavia (Java) communique states:- "Reliable reports indicate that town of Samarada, Borneo (about 60 miles north of Balikpapan) has now been occupied by Japanese. Over various places on Java such as Semarang, Madioen, Megetan, Solo and Tegal enemy fighters carried out reconnaissance flights. Bombing attacks on Surabaya which took place on Thursday were carried out by 40 bombers protected by 20 fighters. Three of our aircraft were lost and one pilot killed, while two enemy fighters and presumably two bombers were destroyed. At Surabaya, four persons are reported slightly wounded. Slight reconnaissance activity took place over southeast Borneo.

Middle East war communique from Cairo states: "While there was no change in the land situation yesterday, our forces had a particularly successful day. At various points along the enemy lines of communication in and around the Jebel Akdar area columns of enemy mechanical transport were attacked. A large number of vehicles were set on fire and destroyed and many casualties inflicted on enemy personnel."

Singapore communique states "There is little to report from Singapore today. Our artillery continued to engage enemy movements in the Johore-Bahru area. There has been intermittent enemy shelling on north of island during the last 24 hours. Our forward troops were subjected to low level machine-gun and bombing attacks. During this morning's raids on Singapore island one enemy fighter was destroyed and three damaged in combats by our fighters one of which is missing. An R.A.F. fighter pilot, previously reported missing, is now safe".

Official communique states "Early last night enemy aircraft dropped bombs near the Scottish border. Some damage was caused and there was a small number of casualties".

Bombs were dropped thursday morning in Singapore city area during a long alert, according to press messages. Casualties were not expected to be heavy. For more than an hour thursday morning heavy fire from guns of different calibres was heard in the coast area.

The new Egyptian premier, according to a Cairo press message, has written to the British ambassador: "I have been entrusted with forming of government and have accepted request of King in accordance with His Majesty's constitutional rights. It should be understood that the basis upon which I have accepted task is that neither Anglo-Egyptian treaty, nor Egypt's status as independent sovereign state can our ally to interfere in Egypt's internal affairs, specially in formation and changes of government. I hope your Excellency will endorse my meaning as embodied in this letter thereby fostering friendly relations and mutual respect in accordance with the terms of the treaty". Sir Ales Lampson in reply supported new Premier's point of view assuring him that British policy was based on sincere realisation of cooperation with Egyptian government as independent power and ally, carrying out of treaty without interference in internal affairs or in formation or changes of government.

Details are given in R.A.F. Middle East communique of "particularly successful day" mentioned in Cairo communique earlier in the day. R.A.F. communique says:- "Enemy motorised units and road convoys in Derna and Carmusa areas and on road Giovanni-Berta-Derna were effectively attacked by our aircraft during Thursday. Many enemy vehicles including fuel-carrying transport were wrecked, others severely damaged and casualties inflicted on enemy personnel. Enemy aircraft which attempted to raid one of our landing grounds were intercepted and a Me. 110 was shot down while other aircraft in enemy formation were damaged. During night of Wednesday-Thursday bomber aircraft successfully raided motor transport park south of Tripoli causing many explosions and a number of fires which were increased by subsequent bombing into a large conflagration visible many miles from target. Other aircraft bombed road communications in Jedabya region. During same night and again on Thursday enemy aircraft continued raids on Malta. Some damage was caused. From these operations all our aircraft returned safely".

Viceroy of India broadcasting to Indians in Singapore said:- "To each one of you sons and daughters of India who is standing shoulder to shoulder with the brave defenders of Singapore I send this message. Just as you may be thinking today of some part of India which you hold dear, so you are at this moment held very clearly and dearly in the hearts and minds of your friends and loved ones here in your motherland. Let that knowledge of their love and pride and their confidence in you strengthen you. The safety and honour of India is in your hands - the safety of your homes and villages and families and the honour of your proud and ancient land. You are the wardens of her eastern gate. The enemy is treacherous and ruthless but we in India know you and those who are fighting and working by your side will stand firm and not give him passage however long the fight and rough the trail may be. Forces of a mighty empire of which you are members and her great allies are gathering strength and soon will enable you to deal much deadlier blows than those that you now endure until the enemy is utterly destroyed. Be strong, have faith and courage. Carry on your daily work with calm confidence helping and encouraging each other!"

It has been noticed in naval quarters in London that German total claim for January losses inflicted on British shipping is approximately equal to the German daily claims for the month, added up. This unusual occurrence, it is thought, may be due to recent exposure by Admiralty of serious discrepancies between daily claims and monthly totals claimed by enemy. It is added however that total for January - about 400,000 tons - is as usual very much exaggerated.

Lack of news from Russian front in today's Russian communique which mentions no more than that active fighting against the enemy continued last night is not regarded in informed quarters here that Russian successes are not being maintained. Weather however is extremely bad - worse than January - and this may be found to affect speed of Russian advance in certain sectors. Russian communique describes local successes on central and south-western fronts and mentions a particularly revolting practice of which Nazis have frequently been guilty. In sector of south-west front, it says, enemy attempting to stay our advance launched counter-attack driving before their soldiers Russian civilians including old men and women. Russian troops however attacked from flank

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annihilated German column and liberated civilians.

Commenting on first Malayan casualty list in Australia, army minister Forde said, according to Canberra press message, :- "I have been advised by General Gordon Bennett that A.I.F. casualties are not so heavy as was at first feared. A very great majority retired successfully to Singapore. The A.I.F. wherever they met Japanese in battle proved themselves very superior man for man and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and stopped Japanese progress. By this gallantry they were able to delay Japanese advance while position at Singapore was being made stronger".

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in further period of strain, but he added: "The collaboration of two fleets under plans concerted between Prime Minister and President Roosevelt will work firmly and relentlessly for restoration of Allied sea power in Far Eastern waters, advent of which can only result in the total defeat of Japan" Alexander, however, warned that it was essential that everyone should understand the need for continuous effort not only to maintain but to increase output, to deliver reinforcements to distant theatres of war, to help sustain the Russian armies in their heavy and courageous fight against German land and air forces and maintain supplies of food and raw materials and munitions that Britain needs. Prime Minister had performed one of the greatest services to the Commonwealth and to the cause of freedom not only by his courageous leadership and friendly, wise, intimate co-operation with great statesmen who leads the American nation".

Successful air operations in Cyrenaica particularly on Thursday are described in R.A.F. Middle East communique which states:- "Fighter aircraft continued to attack enemy formations of armoured columns in Cyrenaica throughout yesterday. Bombers were also active. In Lamluda district a number of motor transport vehicles were set on fire and others severely damaged. Complete reports show that Thursday was one of most successful days of campaign for our fighters and bombers and effective action was taken against the enemy bases by day and by night. During Thursday night harbour installations at Benghazi and aerodrome at Berka were raided. At Benghazi fires broke out at base of the Cathedral and Juliana Moles and in inner harbour. At Berka violent explosions accompanied by large fires were observed. The same night harbour at Tripoli and motor transport park south of town were again bombed. Bombs burst on the Spanish Mole while at motor transport park large fires including electrical power station were caused. All our aircraft returned safely".

LONDON - Bombers from Britain were over enemy territory last night. No air activity was reported over Britain.

Following announcement by President Roosevelt that Pacific councils co-ordinating united nations war operations in southwest Pacific have been functioning for the past month, further more far reaching step is announced by Washington War Department. Combined chiefs of staff group has been established between U.S.A. and Britain for further coordination in joint war effort, including production, distribution of war supplies and to provide for full collaboration with other united nations. U.S. representatives in the combined group are admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, general George C. Marshall, chief of army staff, admiral E. J. King, commander in chief of the Fleet, and H. H. Arnold, chief of Army air force. British representatives are Field marshal Sir John Dill, admiral Sir Charles Little, lieutenant general Sir Colville Wemyss, Air marshal A. T. Harris. Munitions assignment board headed by Harry Hopkins which also has been set up is described as integral and most important factor. It will have a counterpart in London with American membership.

A Malta message states that heavy AA fire destroyed a JU 88 bomber and an ME 109 fighter yesterday morning. AA fire also damaged two more JU 88's during yesterday's raids. Raids during the night were on a small scale. Small damage to civilian property and few casualties were caused.

Russian air force continues to harry retreating enemy. On Feb. 5, Russian airmen put out of action 13 tanks, 200 lorries, 7 oil tanks, a great number of anti-aircraft machine-gun points, 36 wagons and dispersed four battalions of enemy infantry. In one sector of the central front, Soviet troops captured locality "G", where 300 German soldiers were killed. In another part of the same front, one of our battalions, by a surprise attack, occupied an important fortified locality destroying 15 machine-gun nests. Enemy left on the battlefield 115 dead. In several sectors of the Leningrad front, the Russians destroyed strong points and Germans lost 300 killed. In one sector of the Southern front, a cavalry unit occupied four places annihilated one enemy infantry battalion and destroyed five tanks. Soviet High Command announces "During last night, our troops continued active operations against German fascists".

Air Ministry states:- "Last night aircraft of Bomber Command attacked docks at Brest. One aircraft is missing from this raid and another is missing from offensive patrol over North Sea yesterday".

Singapore communique states:- "Our artillery has engaged enemy targets in Southern Johore during course of which enemy battery was silenced and some sampans were engaged. Enemy shelling has increased causing some damage but few casualties in north of island. There has been some shelling of residential areas in Singapore. Enemy aircraft again raided island this morning and bombs were dropped causing some damage. Fighters of Far East Command intercepted raiders destroying one aircraft, probably destroying another and damaging two. All our fighters returned to their base. During yesterday's raids on Singapore Island one enemy Army 97 twin-engined bomber and one single-engined bomber were destroyed in combats with our fighters".

Uruguayan decision to regard Britain as non-belligerent in war against Axis powers is regarded with warm welcome in London official quarters where it is pointed out that this measure by granting full use of Uruguayan ports to British warships as if they were still neutral will considerably assist the work of British Navy in protecting commerce in new areas of the ocean where it is threatened. Uruguay is the first South American state to take this step which is regarded as a notable addition to collective defence of the Western Hemisphere.

Further Russian advances on Central and Northern fronts are announced in midday Soviet communique which says:- "In centre guard troops commanded by Beloborodov recaptured two places and accounted for 300 Germans. In another part of Central front tank unit supporting advance of infantry was destroyed several enemy gun positions were destroyed and 300 Germans killed. Artillery has during last few days killed more than 1,000 of enemy. Moscow radio states that on Leningrad front in one sector 20 places have been liberated and in recapture of one village Germans lost 250 killed with loss of 10 guns".

The formation of the new Egyptian cabinet by the Wafdist party, under Nahas Pasha, is regarded in London official quarters as most satisfactory solution of the political crisis which recently arose in Cairo. Letters exchanged between new Prime minister and British ambassador Sir Miles Lampson demonstrate that relations between the two countries are as cordial and understanding as before. The fact that no friction between them has occurred on this occasion is sufficient commentary on the statement issued Feb 3 by Italian Stefani agency that "The complete exclusion of the Wafdist party from the Egyptian government which was categorically demanded by Britain prevents Egypt of having a government which effectively represents national and moslem feelings of the people".

British communique from Cairo states "Except for patrol activity on both sides and exchange of artillery fire, there was no change in the land situation yesterday. Our air forces again had a most satisfactory day. Fighters and medium bombers accounted for a considerable number of enemy vehicles in the forward areas, while our heavy bombers obtained successful results on a number of more distant targets on the enemy's main lines of communication".

Dutch navy is "intact at sea ready for instant action" and one more Japanese cruiser has been sunk and another damaged states Batavia communique. "During enemy air raid on Surabaya today, bombs were dropped on the harbour inflicting slight damage to cook house of naval barracks. No other damage was done to the naval base. Further information about a third attack not yet received. On Feb. 6, naval aircraft attacked a large enemy transport off the west coast of Borneo. A direct hit was obtained with heavy bombs while a second bomb grazed hull and exploded in the water near the vessel. The ship immediately started to list and was in sinking condition when last seen. In a harbour of the Netherlands Indies, a ship of the Royal Netherlands Navy and a merchant ship were bombed by Japanese aircraft. Not one of the fifty five bombs dropped hit targets. A Netherlands destroyer was attacked in Indies territorial waters by seven hostile aircraft which however did not score any successes. Our warship did not sustain any damage or loss. The commander of the Navy has been informed that an enemy cruiser was sunk during attack in waters near Amboyna, while another cruiser and a submarine were hit. It was not possible to observe whether these two ships sank. Further reports concerning this attack are being awaited. Further reports of fighting on Amboyna prove that Japanese attacked the island with far superior forces, but here and there guerilla activity against enemy is still continuing. The greater part of the island is practically in the hands of the Japanese. Part of the garrison managed to leave the island. More reports are being awaited. An aerodrome near Palembang has been bombed and machine-gunned. Damage to material was small. An aerodrome on Bali has also been bombed but with little damage to material. Bombing attack on Macassar had little effect. Further more, some activity took place over dispersed objectives also with little successes to Japanese. It is now certain that Pontaniak, in West Borneo, has been occupied by the Japanese. In connection with Japanese reports which are also being carried by agencies to effect Netherlands Indies fleet has been totally destroyed by enemy air attacks, the Commander of the Navy states "Fleet is absolutely intact, at sea and ready for action".

It is officially stated in Singapore according to agency message:- "A few enemy shells fell this morning on outskirts of Singapore".

Royal Navy again and again since May 1940 has stood between Britain and defeat. First Lord of Admiralty gave emphasis to this fact in speech at the opening of Halifax (Yorkshire) Warship Week. Halifax has adopted H.M.S. Ajax which since it was flagship of Admiral Harwood in Battle of River Plate has been doing great service in other seas. Recounting periods of stress and strain which the Navy has endured, Alexander said:- "That we have emerged from these periods when we were almost alone in the war at sea has been due to gallantry and devotion to duty of the officers and men of the fleet in facing all dangers and risks which had to be met, to conspicuous service of Merchant Navy and to the vast amount of work turned out from shipyards". The entry of Japanese navy on side of dictators, said Alexander, had result

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U.S. Navy Department announces, according to Washington press message, that the naval forces of the united nations in Australian and New Zealand area have been combined under the command of vice-admiral Herbart Leary. His title is "Commander of ANZAC forces". Navy Department also announces that the forces which formerly constituted the U.S. Asiatic Fleet are now to be known "U.S. naval forces of the south-west Pacific" with vice-admiral William Glassford in command. Admiral Thomas Hart, former commander of the Asiatic Fleet, remains commander of the combined naval forces of the united nations in south-west Pacific.

Official communique states "During the night an enemy aircraft dropped bombs at a point in south-west England. Slight damage was done. No casualties reported".

The King received the other day a Christmas card from all the prisoners of war of all ranks at Stalag 8 B -the largest camp in Germany. The card which was endorsed "Loyal devotion from all ranks", was signed by RSM Sidney Sheriff, camp leader, and was sent through International Red Cross at Geneva to War Office for transmission to the King. He has sent acknowledgement through the same channels expressing warm thanks and wishing all the best of luck for 1942.

Russian communique early today states: "On 7th Feb., our troops continued offensive operations and have occupied several localities. In a number of sectors, enemy launched counter-attacks which were repulsed with losses to enemy. On 6th Feb., 21 German planes were destroyed for a loss of 7. On 5th Feb., 46 German planes were destroyed, not 34 as previously announced."

Broadcasting from Calcutta, Sir Archibald Clarks Kerr, ambassador designate to Moscow, who has broken his journey from Chungking there, paid a warm tribute to general Chiang Kai Shek, according to an agency message. China, he said, is safe in his hands. He expressed admiration for fortitude of Chinese people and said China had fought Japanese to a standstill and will fight like demons, putting hatred in their warfare, when British and Americans join them in the forthcoming big push.

Air operations against the enemy are described in R.A.F. communique from Middle East headquarters: - "Fighter and bomber aircraft maintained their offensive activities in Cyrenaica during February 7th. Sweeps were carried out over our land forces and enemy forward units and enemy columns were again effectively attacked. In raids on mobile columns on roads between Slonta and Martuba and in El Tmimi area a number of motor transport vehicles were extensively damaged. During night of February 6th-7th enemy motorised units in Jedabya area were bombed but heavy cloud obscured results of raid. In course of enemy raids on Malta during February 7th a Me. 109 was shot down by A.A. gunfire. From these operations four of our aircraft are missing".

American ambassador to Britain, Chinese ambassador to Allied governments, members of Soviet Embassy, cabinet ministers of all Allied governments in London and many British and Dominion government officials were among those who accepted invitation to private showing of films of Allies in London today

Films shown were: Firstly; "Youth of France. Secondly: "Czechoslovaks March On". Thirdly: "Airman's Diary". Fourthly: "Men of Norway". Fifthly: "One hundred million women". Sixthly: "From the Four Corners". Similar showing of films from Allied countries are planned for the near future. French, Polish and Soviet films were being shown for the first time.

General de Gaulle described three phases of war when he spoke at Liverpool at opening of quarters for use of Free French in British Council House. The first stage was that of bad news and bad impressions. Second stage was that now being experienced - good impressions but news that was not yet good. "I think that we can look forward to third period of good news and good impressions. We have every right to be hopeful although we have hard task before us". At Warrington he also opened club for French workers.

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LONDON.- Communique from Netherlands East Indies forces in Batavia states:- "Japanese bombers attacked Surabaya again. Damage inflicted on naval establishments was only of slight importance. Japanese planes yesterday yesterday carried out reconnaissance over Batavia. On an estate near Bandoeng workers engaged in tea-picking were machine-gunned by low-flying plane but there were no casualties. Enemy seaplanes carried out reconnaissance over Eastern Java. Muntok on the island of Blanka has been bombed. Some civilians were killed, six seriously and thirty slightly injured. Many fires were started while damage was not insignificant. Palembang has been attacked by six bombers with strong fighter escort. Some of our planes were set on fire on the ground. During attack by Japanese fighters on a small place in New Guinea one civilian was seriously and one slightly wounded by machine-gun fire. Slight reconnaissance activity took place over Northern Sumatra". It is officially stated in London that Pulan Ubin Island in Johore strait, occupied by Japanese, had no defenders or permanent garrison.

Successful Russian thrust in the rear of German besiegers of Leningrad is reported in Moscow despatches. Newspaper "Red Star" states that cavalry under General Guzev which were the first to break through enemy ring were followed by infantry and artillery. Village after village was captured, havoc was produced in German communications, many attempts to check advance were frustrated and the gap opened keeps widening. Altogether "several dozen settlements were captured in spite of strong counter-attacks by reserves flown from Germany. German attempts to relieve Rzhev have also been repulsed, several regiments being routed and "several dozen places" captured in course of our westward advance towards Smolensk. In the Ukraine retreating enemy has continued to lose men including a battalion of Rumanian ski troops.

Canadian forces in Britain are benefitted by ever-increasing flow of new war material and some of their armoured units are equipped with the latest "Churchill" tanks. Dominion's secretary Lord Cranborne and Canadian High Commissioner Vincent Massey visiting these units in Southern England saw how well and quickly Canadians had mastered the intricacies of one of the finest fighting vehicles Britain ever produced.

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LONDON MONDAY. There is no suggestion in press comment of minimising gravity of Far Eastern situation and the Prime Minister description of the fall of Singapore as "Heavy and far reaching military disaster" and at the same time there is no question that the general feeling is unabated confidence in Churchill & of the firm determination to act in the spirit of his words & the same qualities which brought us through the awful jeopardy of Summer of 1940 and the long Autumn and Winter bombardments from the air will bring us through this other new ordeal though it may be more costly and it certainly will be longer. "NEWS CHRONICLE says "At such moments, first need of nation is to reaffirm its faith in itself and its unalterable determination upon victory. Churchill is tough and is perfect example to lead, he is carrying incalculable load of responsibility, has never wavered and when times were bad has never dissembled. News is grave but we must keep it in perspective".

Authoritative circles in London state that the loss of Singapore implies firstly, that Britain's gateway to the East is bolted while the enemy's gateway to the West is opened. Secondly, the Allies by the loss of Hongkong, Manila and Singapore have no important large sized base with dry docks capable of accomodating modern battleships between Durban and Pearl Harbour --- Sourabaya and Port Darwin are merely anchorages unprovided with repair facilities. Thirdly, Japanese navy could enter Indian Ocean to harrass Allied supply lines to Iran, India and Burma. Fourthly, whatever the destruction by the scorched earth in Singapore, fact is, enemy now holds strategic positions which Singapore commands -- it is believed that naval base, dry & floating docks have been destroyed beyond repair, consequently enemy's ability to use Singapore as a base depends on firstly: extent of destruction which has been inflicted and rapidity with which he could effect repairs. Secondly the Dutch retention of ~~Sumatra~~ Sumatra and Java which will be used as bases for constant bombing of enemy base harbour sea approaches to Singapore, harassing his supply lines. A TOKYO message says that Japanese advance guards took up their position in Singapore city to-day without incident. Meanwhile Japanese naval forces this afternoon completed the occupation of all British naval port defence facilities at Singapore, including those at Seletar naval base, harbour of Keppel and Changi after arrangements for their transfer had been completed between Japanese and British naval authorities at British headquarters. British naval officer gave detailed explanation regarding port facilities after a decision was reached regarding the disposal of British warships remaining in Singapore ports.

A correspondent in Cairo says that while no heavy fighting is yet taking place in the Western desert activity of patrols is daily taking place increasing in large area south of Mazala. Enemy is indulging in considerable shooting, he says, making it evident that Rommel is endeavouring to feel the strength of our forces from North of Soudt in an attempt to deliver an attack probably with his entire forces.

Australian air communique reports that Japanese aircraft unsuccessfully attacked Allied shipping in Timor Sea. RAAF carried out reconnaissance on Japanese occupied island bases in Bismarck Archipelago. Small scale Japanese reconnaissances were carried out on South coast of Papua on Sunday. No bombs were dropped.

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BRITISH MARINE WIRELESS SERVICE

LONDON TUESDAY.

Official quarters in London neither undisputed or confirmed Tokyo's claim to have captured 60,000 Imperial troops prisoners at Singapore. It is admitted that much war material was lost but exact figures of prisoners and casualties are as yet unknown.

The loss of Singapore opens a new phase of the war, namely, the battle of the Indian Ocean, ranking in importance with the battles of the Atlantic and Pacific. It is believed that enemy would concentrate first on land thrust into Burma, second on control of the straits of Malacca, and third on the invasion of Java. Well informed circles believe Hitler's preparations for Spring offensives and the recent escape of the Nazi battleships is not unconnected with Japan's aforesaid plan of operations. The enemy's capture of Thaton following the British withdrawal west of Salween River evidently threatens Pegu Junction on the Rangoon-Mandalay Railway which feeds the Burma Road. British circles have again been asking the following questions: As manpower is urgently needed while more Chinese are sent to Burma, what are the considerations which hereto kept back the use of potential striking power of Chinese divisions? Where are Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek's crack divisions which were sent to Burma and reported to be ready to engage the enemy?

It is believed that the enemy is aware that Allied Airforce somewhere in North Sumatra is capable of making his control of the Straits of Malacca none too easy. Enemy would desire nothing better than this control in order first to assure unimpeded naval movement in the Indian Ocean, secondly to harass Anglo-American searoutes to Rangoon & Iran, and thirdly to generally dislocate supplies and reinforcements of Allied forces to the Middle East, India, Burma and Australia in the Indian Ocean. A recent report that an enemy submarine had appeared in the Bay of Bengal would seem to confirm the belief that the vanguard of the Japanese navy had already arrived. The rich oil wells at Palembang have fallen and installations been wrecked. It is believed that enemy would advance via railway connecting Palembang with Telokbetong, only port at the southern tip of Sumatra, separated from Western promontory of Java by narrow waters of Straits of Sunda - this constitutes enemy's western pincer arm, while the eastern pincer is constituted by coming thrust on Sourabaya from Macassar Benjarmassin ports in Southern Celebes and Borneo respectively. Reuter correspondent says that Java and Sumatra have numerous secret airfields but need more fighter squadrons to secure air control to prevent enemy landings.

Prime Minister Curtin in Sydney to-day has issued a manifesto that in view of the gravity of the Pacific war situation all manpower, that is, men, women and children and all material resources in Australia ~~will~~ will be conscripted immediately for the defence of the Commonwealth.

Air Ministry communique states "Last night Bomber Command Aircraft attacked ports in North West Germany and enemy airfields in Holland. Hurricane bombers of the Fighter Command attacked shipping off the French coast damaging at least one patrol vessel. Yesterday Coastal Command aircraft on patrol in the Bay of Biscay attacked a small convoy and hit three ships, two being sunk and the third was left down by the bows. From these operations two of our aircraft are missing.

All Women in Britain, aged 35, married and single, must register on Saturday next.

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LONDON, SATURDAY, P.M.

Officially stated no air activity over Britain last night.

Following the shooting of a German soldier in Tours and attempted sabotage of a railway establishment at Rouen the Germans have seized 45 hostages, states a Stockholm press message. They will be shot if the perpetrators are not discovered in Tours to-day or in Rouen by to-morrow.

Active Soviet operations on the Leningrad front reported by Moscow radio to-day, Saturday, resulted in 951 German Officers and men being killed and the destruction of 10 strong points and 15 pillboxes. Among the weapons captured were 24 machine guns, 18 automatic rifles and a large quantity of grenades.

It is reported from Batavia that formations of Japanese bombers and fighters have been recently visiting Palembang in Southeast Sumatra. On successive days bombs have been dropped and the civilian population machinegunned. The camouflage colourings of the Japanese aircraft make it very difficult for spotters to sight them and give warning.

Army Minister Forde in Sydney said that up to ten o'clock this morning no further news had been received from Singapore since the message received on Friday from General Percival, Commander in Malaya, saying that the British were putting up a stout resistance. Mr. Forde added that cable would probably come later but its absence did not necessarily mean that the news was bad.

Aircraft of the Bomber Command were over Western Germany last night with Cologne and Aachen as main objectives. Docks at La Havre were also bombed. Fighter Command aircraft attacked aerodromes in occupied France. None of our aircraft is missing.

Presence of Japanese forces barely 100 miles from Rangoon emphasises importance of India in Far Eastern strategy. Urgency of situation is clearly shown as result of invitation to India to join in War Cabinet and in Pacific Council. "TIMES" newspaper describes this invitation as repairing omission "Rendered all more anomalous both by extent and effectiveness of India's military effort and by immediate threat to Indian territory from East". Invitation however is also measure of country's growing political importance.

Moscow radio announced to-day that the Russian troops have made further progress in the Northwest front and have occupied railway station capturing locomotives and wagons of war equipment. The enemy suffered heavy losses. There is much to be read between the lines of frequently laconic Russian communiques latest of which again merely states "Last night our troops continued offensive operations against German fascist troops"

Warship weeks in 22 areas began to-day in England and Wales Wales --- 7 more than last week. Coventry has highest objective --- 21,500,000 for the adoption of cruiser "Coventry"

A Washington message reports that American troops have arrived in Java and will fight side by side with British and Australian troops.

A Sydney message states that nothing has been heard of the Australian Garrison, with six nurses, who left Rabaul before the Japanese arrived, but it is hoped that they will soon reach the mainland.

LONDON WEDNESDAY.

Official communique states last night enemy aircraft dropped bombs at a point on the East coast of Scotland, no damage was done but one person was slightly injured.

An Admiralty communique states that from Friday to Monday our convoys in the Central Mediterranean were attacked by enemy aircraft and surface ships. Superficial damage was caused to His Majesty's Ships and four merchant vessels were damaged and subsequently sunk by our forces. There were no casualties to personnel of H.M. ships or merchant ships. Communique adds, "Enemy air made great efforts to inflict serious loss, employing both aircraft and surface forces but only contact which enemy succeeded in making was with aircraft. During air attacks on our convoys enemy lost five aircraft. Two certain and four more were probably destroyed. During Saturday night, Feb. 14, enemy sent out a strong force of cruisers & destroyers in an attempt to intercept and attack our convoys. These failed to make contact and were themselves severely handled. Yesterday ~~RAF~~ announced that enemy cruisers and destroyers were located by naval aircraft and attacked with torpedoes, hits being scored on two cruisers and one destroyer. As a result one of enemy cruisers was seen to be on fire and dropping astern of her consorts. Later one of H.M. submarines intercepted some of enemy cruisers on their way home and scored two torpedo hits on one 8 - inch gun cruiser."

An Italian communique states that a British cruiser of the "Gauro" class, previously reported damaged, now sunk but no confirmation of this has been received in London.

Air Ministry communique states "Last night a small force of Bomber Command attacked objectives in North West Germany. No aircraft missing from these operations. Two aircraft of the Coastal Command are missing from these operations, on patrol yesterday. Enemy fighter was destroyed off SW coast of England yesterday."

Official Batavia communique states that "Town of Sourabaya this morning had an alert which lasted from 1100 to 1245 hours when a bombing attack took place. Japanese came over in two waves, first consisting of 15 aircraft and the second of 8 aircraft. Town itself was not bombed, attack being directed at harbour quarters. Little damage was done and only few casualties, no civilians being killed. Five Japanese bombers were shot down."

It is officially stated in London that Malayan casualties were up to Feb 3, 2170 killed and 4000 injured. Also stated that 105 civilians were casualties, killed, injured and taken prisoner.

To-day's Italian communique states in Libya there were patrol encounters in area Southeast of Kufili. London reports patrol activity only. It is also stated that enemy aircraft bombed Tobruk & Malta and that RAF aircraft raided Benghazi.

War Office announces that in accordance with policy of training technicians to fight as infantry in emergency the Royal Army Ordnance Corps has been turned into a combatant arm. Men of RAO are now undergoing training in all forms of arms used by the infantry. Members of the RAO are probably the first British troops in this war to see service in Russia where one detachment has been supervising British supplies unloaded at Soviet ports.

BRITISH WIRELESS MARINE SERVICE

S.S. "City of Paris"

20-FEB. 42

LONDON The RAF attacked factories, locomotive stations and searchlight stations in Northern France yesterday. The enemy dropped bombs on East Anglia and one enemy plane was shot down off the East coast of England later.

MOSCOW A Soviet unit on the Kalinin front routed an enemy infantry concentration and in pursuit dislodged these and other German units from village "N". The Russians gradually continue to tighten their grip on the Novgorod - Lake Ilmen sector, where German counter attacks were crushed, and Kharkov, where the Russians have been closing in for some weeks. Thousands of Germans have been killed on the Murmansk and Kandalaksha fronts.

CHUNKING. The Japanese lost 2,000 in renewed severe fighting in Shantung Province. Japs are making a six point attack on Chinese entrenched at Yishen in Taiyi mountains and the Chinese are attacking the Japanese rear flanks and supply lines.

WASHINGTON. New Japanese air units are bombing American units almost continuously and a refugee camp has again been bombed. Cavite batteries continue their shelling and new batteries in the Bataan Peninsula have increased the density of their shelling of American positions. A fairly large Japanese troopship convoy arrived at Subic Bay and enemy reinforcements landed at Olangopo. From BATAVIA it is reported that Sourababa has again been attacked by enemy aircraft which dropped bombs and caused some damage. Other parts of JAVA have been attacked by plane and machine-gunned but no casualties have been reported.

CALCUTTA. Yesterday General Chiang Kai Shek had a 4½ hours talk with Mr. Gandhi and it is understood that various matters, mainly defence, were discussed.

NEW YORK. REUTER. The 19,400 ton tanker, "E.H. Blum" has been abandoned off the Atlantic coast following a series of explosions. The crew are safe. The Brazilian steamer "Buarque" has been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast.

NEW YORK. To increase the effectiveness of United States radio programmes for Latin American audiences the U.S. are making a million short wave sets available for South America says a "DAILY TELEGRAPH" correspondent.

LONDON. Aircraftman T.F. Cummins was remanded at Bow Street, charged with the murder of three women in West London within four days.

LIBYA. A correspondent with the British Eighth Army says that the lull in operations in the Libyan desert does not mean that either side has returned to the static type of warfare as was the case before the November offensive. Both sides are evidently pausing before to regain breath & strength and there is no doubt the Desert will be blazing up again shortly. The battle - probably the most important which has yet taken place in Libya - will begin as soon as either British or Axis command feel they have enough men, reserves and supplies to strike a decisive blow. Hitherto British mobile patrols have had decidedly the best of every encounter with enemy columns which evidently resulted in enemy pause to feel the strength of their opponents. Correspondent concludes that whenever the time comes the Eighth Army will not be caught unprepared, having learnt a lot in the course of the second Libyan battle in which Rommel used every imaginable trick.

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Information received by the Minister of Economic warfare suggests that Germany within the last few weeks has begun the greatest productive effort ever known. Most determined and ruthless efforts are being made to maintain war production in spite of the blockade at the high level reached at the end of 1941. The way was prepared by several administrative changes. Fischbock replaces Wagner as price commissioner. Westerlin was appointed inspector general of motor transport. Syrup was relieved "sick" from ministry of labour and replaced by Mansdfelt as major organiser. Ley went on a tour to encourage the people who are working a sixteen hour day by telling them it was a last six-months effort "in order that Germany might live". Civilian consumption is being further reduced to an absolute minimum. In spite of the severe shortage of clothing textile factories are being closed to release the workers. A minister of rationalization has been appointed to subject industry even further to needs of state. New recruitment of foreign labour has been increased. Plans are being made also to increase juvenile labour and German agricultural service is being increased from 20,000 to 200,000. Efficiency wage rates and bonuses for extra work have been introduced when work falls below standard. Youths of 17 are being called up for military service. Everything points to a tremendous effort to put every ounce of strength into the 1942 campaign. As regards military preparations it is known that large numbers of gliders are being made.

Official statement from Canberra that in yesterday's raid on Darwin there was no vital damage to Australia's Airforce installations and it is known that casualties in the three services did not exceed 8 killed. While reconnoitring over the Bismarck Archipelago yesterday one of the Australian aircraft was attacked by a Japanese fighter which was seen to dive steeply to near ground and was probably destroyed. Australian aircraft returned safely to base.

With regard to the Japanese attack on Timor the Netherlands Government has issued the following statement "According to a communique from Japanese headquarters army and navy forces effected landings to-day in the vicinity of Dilli and Koepang capitals of Portugese and Dutch Timor respectively. It is recalled that the Allies found themselves obliged to take defensive measures against imminent Japanese attack on Portugese Timor without the previous consent of the Portugese Government. The presence of Japanese individuals left no doubt of Japanese intentions already foreshadowed by "economic penetration". Allied made it plain that their action had no other purpose than to provide defence with Portugese could not provide in time. Pledge was given to Portugese Government that troops would be withdrawn as soon as the emergency ended. Subsequently conversations between the British and the Portugese Governments were held and as a result it was announced in Lisbon that Portugese troops were being sent from Lourenco Marques to undertake the defence of the colony. Agreement was reached with the Portugese Government that Allied troops will be withdrawn after the arrival of the Portugese troops. Their troops are on the way and Portugese staff officer in Java where necessary measures are being worked out for the smooth change over of defensive forces. The Japanese know full well that the matter has been settled to the entire satisfaction of the Portugese Government. It is evident that this arrangement did not suit the Japanese whose aggressive policy now vindicated the actions of the Allied Governments.

It is reported from Wellington that girls in New Zealand essential industry must obtain leave to marry.

24 FEB. 42.

LONDON MONDAY.

Official communique states that there has been no enemy air activity over Britain during the last 48 hours. To-day long range German guns on the French coast fired several shells into Dover causing little damage and no casualties.

Official Batavia communique announces that Japanese troops who succeeded in landing on Bali have over-run part of the island and are in control of the aerodrome. On the other hand strong Allied naval and air offensive against the Japanese expeditionary fleet has been so successful that not a single warship or transport has remained near Bali to give Japanese troops support or supplies. Details of Japanese losses in this section are still not complete but it is understood that they are considerable. There is no desire to prophesy here whether Japanese troops on Bali can be cleaned up before they are reinforced or whether they will be able to hold on and convert the drome into an effective spearhead from which to expand their field of operations. Nor is there any desire to prophesy whether the blow which has just been dealt to the Japanese fleet will have more than a temporary delaying effect on the attack against Java. All that is said is that every effort is being made to take every advantage against the Japanese in the momentary awkward position in which they find themselves. Japanese air activity continued off Java during the past twenty four hours. It is stated that the Japanese attack on Dutch Timor is being met with strong resistance. In Portuguese Timor it is known that Allied troops which recently took up position there are resisting the Japanese landing and as there is no retreat it is presumed that they will resist to the last.

From Australia it is reported that Japanese flying boats attacked shipping in the Timor Sea but without result. There was also some enemy air activity over New Guinea during the weekend, but no damage or casualties have so far been reported.

From Libya it is reported that Rommel is gathering his strength and preparing for heavy fighting. His troops have been moved up into the front line and resistance to our patrols in the forward area has already been stiffening and there is increased activity. The RAF has been busy attacking enemy troop concentrations and supply lines and an enemy tanker off the Libyan coast has also been successfully attacked. Two aircraft are missing from these operations.

The Soviet Ambassador gave a reception at the Soviet Embassy in London this evening in honour of the 24th Anniversary of the creation of the Red Army. Several members of the Cabinet were present and the Prime Minister was only prevented from attending by a last minute call on urgent Government business. Allied Governments were all represented as well as the Dominions and British fighting services. Messages of congratulations on the magnificent achievements of the Red Army in recent operations on the Eastern front have been sent to the Eastern front to Stalin and to M. Maisky by the heads of Allied Governments. Mr. Churchill in a message to M. Stalin said: "The magnificent fighting on the Eastern front reflects the greatest glory on your Red Army and has called forth the greatest admiration from the whole British Empire". At dawn to-day a big Russian attack began on the Central front. After a heavy artillery barrage had been put up tanks and infantry began to advance. The Red Army had just heard a message from Stalin with great enthusiasm. Thus the first day of the 25th year of the Red Army began well. Fresh big reinforcements are reported to be moving up to the front.

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S-H-I-P ' S NEWS

LONDON - Tuesday -

The Japanese, according to news reaching authoritative quarters in London, have landed reinforcements in Timor, though in what number is not known. The Japanese claim that their troops have occupied Tandjoeng Karang in Southern Sumatra about four miles NW of OOSTHAVEN, the nearest port to Java. In Burma it appears that the British forces are now back on Sitang River and it is authoritatively stated here that the Japanese have been reinforced. There is no official news from Batavia today but it is understood that confused fighting continues.

It is stated in London that with reference to the Japanese claim that they captured 75,000 prisoners in Singapore, there was a larger number of British and Allied troops there.

In Libya- Rommel's forces appear to have made a slight advance on coastal road but there has been no clash with anything stronger than patrols. The position, according to authoritative information in London, remains virtually unchanged. A German communique states that their patrols destroyed some British tanks.

Enemy controlled aerodrome and Japanese shipping were hit during R A A F attack on Rabaul yesterday, states Drakeford, Federal Air Minister, who added, "During their return our aircraft were attacked by enemy fighters who were driven off. One enemy plane was destroyed and two others probably destroyed, one of our planes failing to return to base". Enemy flying boats again attacked allied shipping in Timor Sea but results not yet known.

It is felt here that M- Stalin has given an excellent antidote in his Order of the Day to recent Nazi propaganda regarding Russian intentions to German population when he refuted what he called "stupid lie" that the object of the Russian campaign is to exterminate the German people and destroy the German States. According to Moscow Radio the Russians have taken the important village of Panino, 14 miles north of Rzhev. This news indicates an attempt to by-pass Rzhev which hitherto has resisted all frontal attacks as a result of frantic German efforts to prevent its capture. Some 15 other places are reported to have been captured in the same Sector. Reports from Berlin state that the Germans are throwing in masses of parachute troops in an attempt to halt the Russian advance towards Leningrad. This move is described as unexpected but no indication has been given as to whether it has been successful. Russians state that drive to relieve Leningrad is continuing and the capture of 13 more villages in that sector.

It is authoritatively learned in London that there has been a most serious increase in British shipping losses during the last two months. A special announcement from Berlin today states that U boats sank from convoys in the Atlantic and off the American coast a further eight ships, totalling 63,000 tons, including 5 tankers.

Today's newspapers consider that by the reconstruction of his Govt Churchill has averted a crisis and taken the sting out of Parliamentary debate. He yielded to public pressure and opinion which has been satisfied but the Indian problem will become the main issue of forthcoming debate.

Whilst President Roosevelt was making a broadcast speech to the American Nation on the war situation an enemy submarine shelled a Californian coastal town. Over 1,000 shells were fired but extent of damage not yet known.