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**2/9 Infantry Battalion**

**August - September 1940**

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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9 Battalion  
 AUGUST 1940.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LOPCOMBE CORNER	1 Aug		Battalion exercise - DANEBURY HULL area.	Appendix 4 INSTRUCTIONS
	4 Aug		Infantry Coy Comds School - CHICHESTER, 4/31 Aug - Lieut. W.W.D. DAUNT. Major LUBKE posted to 2 i/c, 9 Bn.; Capt. WEARNE to O.C., H.Q.Coy; Capt. BOURNE to adjutant.	
	6 Aug		Battalion exercise - BUCKHOLT FM area,	Appendix 5
	9 Aug		Battalion exercise - BROUGHTON area	Appendix 6
	10 Aug		Personnel attending Junior Officers Course returned to unit.	
	12 Aug		Australian Force Staff and Signals exercise	Appendix 7
	13 Aug	1630	Battalion Exercise - PALESTINE GRATELY area Bombs dropped in field immediately EAST of camp.	Appendix 8
	15 Aug		Battalion moved out to VERNHAM DEAN area, acting as enemy for Brigade exercise. Bn.H.Q. for night 15/16 established at Ref SPA 759771	Appendix 9
	16 Aug		Battalion moved back to camp.	
	19 Aug		No.8 Senior Officers Course, Gas - WINTERBOURNE GUNNER, 19/23 Aug: Major W.E.F. LUBKE	
	22 Aug		Battalion moved out for three day exercise. Area of first phase, ref SPA 640435/680435/640460/680460. Bn.H.Q. for night 22/23 THE PEPPERBOX, 656450.	Appendix 10 Q.M. report.
	23 Aug		Exercise area 768460/779500/800560/800500. Bn.H.Q. for night 23/24 LOWER ELDON FM 795479	
	24 Aug		Battalion moved back to camp. Lieut. A.M. BENSON and Lieut R.A. MALONEY posted to 9 Bn. from "X" list. Lieut. D.S. LOUDON transferred to "X" list. Major LUBKE returned from course.	
26 Aug		Ptes. CARMICHAEL, KELLY and WALLACE tried by F.G.C.M. Court comprised Major BRUER, 10 Bn., Capt. GEARD, 12 Bn., Lieut. ARNOLD, 9 Bn. Lieut F.E.C. LOXTON, Judge Advocate. Charged under A.A. 22, when in confinement escaping		

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LOPCOMBE CORNER	27 Aug		Battalion moved out on exercise - Sjt NOYES injured in collision with carrier and evacuated to TIDWORTH hospital. Bn.H.Q. for night 27/28 Aug at RED HOUSE, Ref SPA 730510	Appendix 11
	28 Aug		Battalion moved back to camp. Sentences of KELLY, WALLACE and CARMICHAEL published. (45, 30 and 60 days detention respectively). Lieut. PARRY-OKEDEN appointed Captain, W.O.II TAYLOR, Sjts. NOYES and HAMILTON promoted to rank of lieutenant.	
	30 Aug		Camp inspected by Maj.Gen H.D. WYNNE, G.O.C., A.I.F. (U.K.)	
	31 Aug		Sjt HEBDEN transferred to H.Q., Australian Force. Pte RICHARDS, P.J. promoted serjeant to be sjt. clerk. Corporal GRIERSON promoted serjeant and detached to 2nd. Echelon as Orderly Room Serjeant. Lieut. F.E.C. LOXTON promoted to rank of captain.	
			Strength as at 0600 hrs - 29 officers, 714 other ranks.	
			C.O.: Lt.Col. J.E.G. MARTIN. 2 i/c: Major W.E.F. LUBKE. Adjut: Capt. W.W. WEARNE.	
				<i>W.W. Wearne</i>

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Classification  
of Subject.

9 Battalion.

August 40.

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Training.

Battalion Exercises  
Senior officers Gas  
Course.  
Infantry Coy. commands  
School

War Diary.

9 Bn.

August 40.

19 August 40.

4 August 40.

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Enemy Air  
activity.

Bombs dropped close  
to camp.

War Diary.

9 Bn.

13 August 40.

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9 Bn. Tactical Exercise - 1 Aug 40

Ref: Map SALISBURY 1" - 1 mile

Battalion in AttackObject: To teach encirclement and infiltrationGeneral Situation: 18 Hqd Bde is operating in ANDOVER area. Parachute landings have occurred in various centres. Following further landings at SALISBURY 18 Bde is ordered to occupy the line OVER WALLOP - NINE MILE WATER to protect important works in CLATFORD area.

Rt. 10 Bn. - Route ANDOVER - STOCKBRIDGE ROAD

Centre: 9 Bn. - Route REIRICK FARM - CLATFORD  
OAK CUTS - DANBURY HILLLeft: 12 Bn. Route - GOODWORTH CLATFORD - LONGSPOCK  
- STOCKBRIDGE ROAD.Dispositions:

10 and 12 Bns. forward.

9 Bn. Reserve (DANBURY HILL)

One tp. 3 Pz. Bty. in support of each bn.

Narrative

Each Bn. pushes out a mobile column of one coy. and a sec. of carriers.

These columns are met by opposition at the area  
COPSE 7560 - CLATFORD OAK CUTS 7759 - CROSS ROADS  
7960.1st. Situation Mobile Column debusses (in theory) at COPSE 775608 after attack on carriers at 774893. Coy. attacks trying both Right and centre, but is held up by M.M.G. fire on both flanks and probably two pls. of L.M.Gs.2nd. Situation Battalion Attack:  
One coy. to pin enemy from the front  
One coy. to attack from right flank, filtering tps. down through thick hedges running south from SAXLEY FARM.  
One coy. to encircle position from left and cut off road in rear. Route - HUNBURY FARM (785596) - COPSE in southern portion of 7760.  
Carriers to move via track SAXLEY FARM - RD. JUNG. 755595 - HUNBURY HUNT to co-operate with encircling coy.  
Arty. - Concentrations on M.M.G. posts.  
M.M.Gs. - M.M.G. on left.  
Mortars - Close support R. Coy.Admn.

Tps. will march via ANDOVER RD - ST. JOHN'S CROSS - REIRICK FARM (771625).

Enemy: A Coy., Pz. Pl., One Sec. M.M.Gs., one carr.

Route: STOCKBRIDGE RD - NETHER WALLOP - track to 757593 - CLATFORD OAKCUTS.

Recognition: Enemy, Hats K.P.Fire: Blank,

L.M.G., yellow flag.

M.M.G., blue and white signal flag.

A.Tr. Rifle, small blue flag.

Carriers fly large blue flag.

Aircraft: All hostile.

Comd. 9 Bn.

Lt.Col.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Ref: Map SALISBUR  
1" - 1 mil

Tactical Exercise - 6 Aug 40.

To teach

Flank attack - infiltration.

General  
Situation

18 Bde, with 9 Fd Bty and Bty A.T. Regt under comd. have been concentrated at SALISBURY to clear any enemy landing WEST of the River TEST between SOUTHERN RAILWAY in SOUTH and Rd DANEBURY - LUDGERSHALL - ANDOVER in NORTH. On 6 Aug 40 at about 0530 hrs enemy air borne trps were reported landing at WINCHESTER. Later reports gave estimated strength as one Bn. parachute trps with light arty and light tanks which were moving along Rd. WINCHESTER - BOSSINGTON 7751 - MIDDLE WINTERSLOW 6753 and had crossed River TEST at 0730 hrs having pushed aside light local resistance from H.Cs. The Bde. Comd's. plan issued is as follows:  
12 Bn. to hold enemy on line of advance at position about BUCKHOLT'S FARM.  
9 and 10 Bns. to move to WEST TYTHORLY by bus to attack the flank of the enemy advance.

In accordance with the above, 9 and 10 Bns. moved to WEST TYTHORLY and debussed at hrs.  
Information received at hrs stated that 12 Bn. were holding the enemy who had, however, pushed forward to BUCKHOLT'S FARM and were beginning to dig in. 12 Bn. Comd. reported to Bde. H.Q. (with 9 and 10 Bns.) that enemy were strong in L.H.Cs. and had about one trp. of arty.  
Air reports received at the same time stated the enemy light tanks had been seen crossing the River TEST near NOTTISFORD.

Lt.Col.

Comd. 9 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

9 Bn. Tactical Exercise - 9 Aug 40

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Ref Map: SALISBURY 1" - 1 mile

Battalion in Defence

Objects

1. To practice occupation of a wide front.
2. To teach covering the front with fire from positions concealed from ground and air observation.
3. To introduce gas problems.

General Situation

18 Aus Mxd Bde has been ordered to occupy a posn. on the line of the WALLOP BROOK from incl HORSEBRIDGE - BOSSINGTON to incl ~~the~~ NETHER WALLOP to protect THE PHEASANT from an enemy column with light tanks which at 0900 hours was reported by air observation to be moving west from a R.V. on the WINCHESTER - STOCKBRIDGE Rd. 5 miles from STOCKBRIDGE.

Narrative

Orders from Comd. 18 Mxd Bde included:

3 Bns. forward: 10 Bn. right, 9 Bn. centre, 12 Bn. left.  
 Inter Bn. Bdys: Incl 9 Bn: HILDEN COPSE 7551 - EVELLY FM 7653  
 Excl 9 Bn: BROUGHTON DOWN FM 7254 - Rd. June 761545  
 General line F.D.Ls. - Rd WALLOP - BOSSINGTON and WALLOP BROOK

Support: One trp. 3 Fd Bty in support each Bn.

Routes: 9 Bn. - MILKING CORNER - BUCKHOLT FM - BROUGHTON.

Med. - A mobile det. 3 Fd Amb attachd to 9 Bn from 0930 hrs.

Protection: Each Bn. will cover the occupation of the posn. immediately by a mobile force.

Method

Mobile force, 2 secs. Carriers, 1 Pl. D Coy, to move immediately to cover road approach into BROUGHTON. Trucks to return to transport remainder of D Coy from column of march. Trucks allotted (in addn. to coy transports):

1 1-ton.

1 15 cwt.

0. Gp. to meet C.O. at R.V. 745529 at <sup>1000.</sup> ~~0945~~ hours.

Enemy

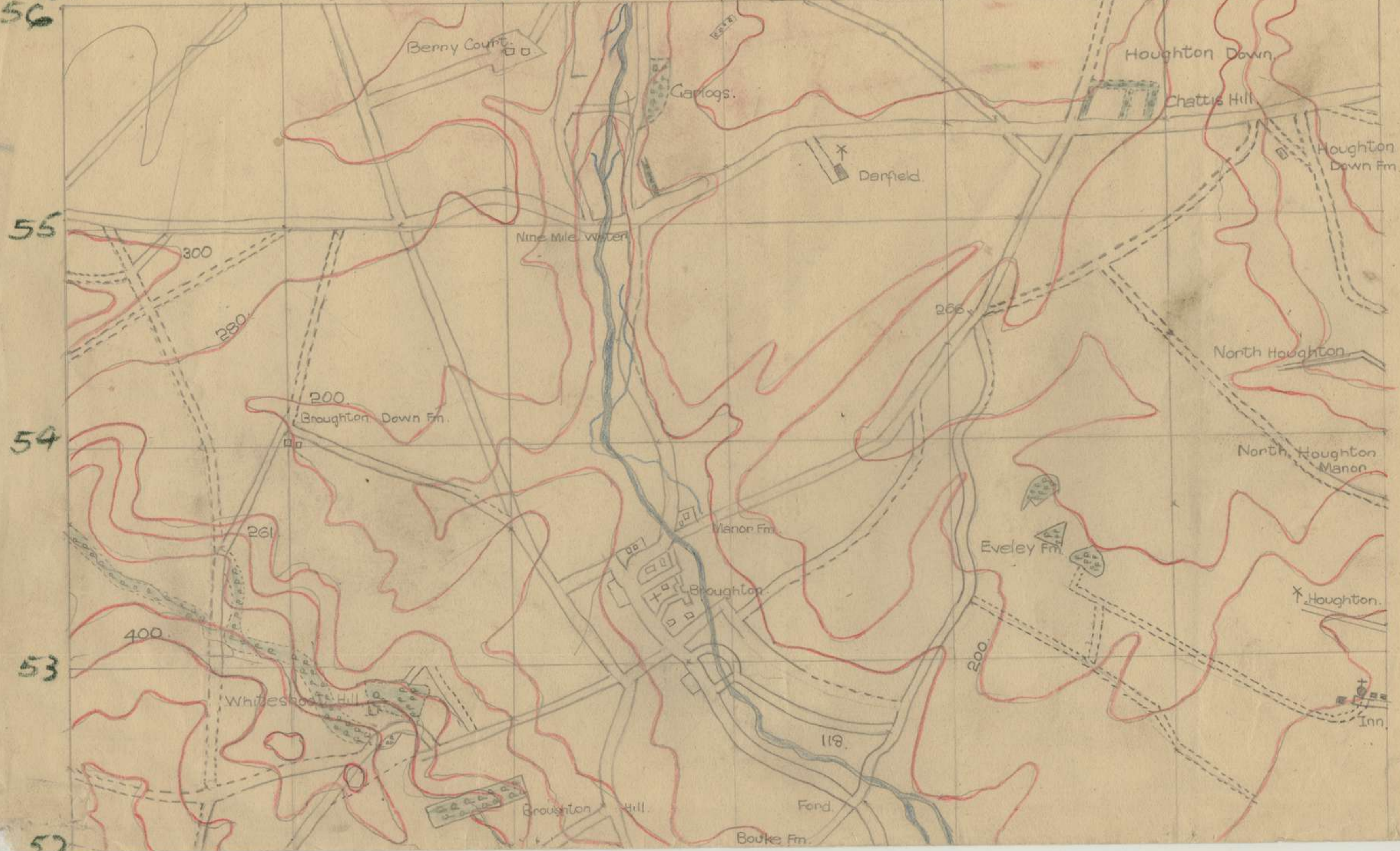
A.F. Vs. fly Blue and White Flag.

*[Signature]*  
Comd. 9 Bn.

Lt.Col.

# SALISBURY

72 73 74 75 76 77 78





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Enlargement: Broughton Area.

James A Scott Pte.  
Intelligence Section.  
9 Bn. A.I.F.  
8 Aug. 40.

B. Coy at

M. J. G. G. G.

on May 1900

to Camp 1600  
Blair

9 Aug 40



AUSTRALIAN -FORCE

STAFFS and SIGNALS EXERCISE

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. CODE NAMES.

Code names in accordance with List "A" will be used as necessary during the exercise, with the following additional:-

3 Fd Regt	ZEBU
"E" Sec Sigs	NELO (3 Fd Regt Sig Sec)
Comd gp sigs	LOLI
Force ord wkshop	AREA
Australian Striking Force	VARE
H.Q., S.P.A.	GUGA
H.Q., S.P.A. Striking Force	FIDO
MARLBOROUGH det	BADA
AMESBURY det	COCO
TROWBRIDGE det	LILLO

Note also that code name of H.Q., Australian Force is FEBO

2. MESSAGES.

(a) Reference para 10 of instructions on Staffs and Signals Exercise dated 5 Aug 40: messages will not only begin but will also END with the words "exercise message".

(b) All messages etc to and from MARLBOROUGH, TROWBRIDGE and AMESBURY mobile dets will be passed to H.Q., S.P.A. for transmission.

3. UMPIRES.

Preliminary explanation and recce on morning Sunday 11 Aug 40: R.V. H.Q., 25 Mxd Bde 0930 hrs.

4. TRANSPORT.

For the purpose of this exercise it is assumed that sufficient transport (including one bus coy) has been provided to lift units of Australian Striking Force.

5. FINAL CONFERENCE.

At H.Q., Australian Force, 1500 hrs, Wednesday 14 Aug 40. To attend:-

- H.Q. Australian Force:-
  - "G" Staff Officers
  - "Q" Staff Officers (as required by A.Q.)
  - C.R.E.
  - Camp
  - A.D.M.S.
  - D.A.P.M.
- 18 Mxd Bde:-
  - Comd
  - B.M.
  - Bn Comds
- Force tps:-
  - Comds:-
    - 3 Fd Regt
    - Sigs
    - 1 M.G.Bn
    - A.S.C.
    - Ord wkshop
- Umpires
- Representative S.P.A. (subject to concurrence of Comd, S.P.A.)

*Recd. 1147 hrs 10 Aug 40.*

*Chy Wilson* Lt.Col.  
C.S. Australian Force.

Signed 1645 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION: As for Instruction  
dated 5 Aug 40.

9 Bn. Tactical Exercise 13 Aug 40Battalion in Attack

Ref Map: SALISBURY 1" - 1 mile

- OBJECT
1. To exercise the Carriers as a protective force for the battalion.
  2. To teach the use of open formations when attacking through areas offering scattered cover.

GENERAL SITUATION

Following air invasion by air borne troops, 25 Mtd Bde are endeavouring to contain a force in the area WINDMILL DOWN 6871 - LUDGERSHALL. 25 Bde. is, however, being heavily pressed, and already some light tanks have broken away.

18 Mtd Bde which is standing by to oppose further landings has been ordered to detach one Bn. to reinforce 25 Bde, and Comd. detailed 9 Bn. for the task.

No buses are available, as these are required for the striking forces.

NARRATIVE

9 Bn. moves along route OVER WILLOP - THRUXTON FM - TIDWORTH (Aprox 1030 hrs).

1st SITUATION

Carriers move up along line CASTLE FM 7059 - SUNNYSIDE 7259. Vanguard coy. attacks - succeeds - keeps contact with enemy till held up in SOUTH slopes of PALESTINE SPUR 7560.

2nd SITUATION

(Approx 1200 hrs) Carriers recon flanks - locate strong resistance about line of railway and factory at 709616. Unable to get round WEST flank. Bn. attacks with one coy. round left flank. Enemy withdraws from PALESTINE. Attacking coy. held up along line of road SOUTH of railway.

3rd SITUATION

(Approx 1430 hrs). Bn. attacks with two coys. on COPSE south of QUARLEY HILL astride road. Bn. held up SOUTH of QUARLEY HILL.

A DMN.

Enemy: Hats, K.F.  
A.P.Vs.: Blue and white signal flags  
L.M.C. fire: Handkerchiefs waved.

J.E.G. MARTIN, Lt Col.

Comd. 9 Bn.

PJR

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

9 Bn.,  
10 Aug 40.

Staff and Signals Exercise 12 Aug 40

1. The exercise will commence at approximately 0700 hours 12 Aug. It will involve a move of Bn.H.Q. H.Q. will move complete in order to obtain practice in the organisation of unit H.Q. in the field. The sig. organisation that would normally be at H.Q. will accompany it for intercommunication.
2. Coy. Comds. and one other officer per coy. will accompany Bn.H.Q.
3. Code names as per list "A" will be used with the following additions:

5 Pd Regt	ZEBU
Anti Striking Force	V.LRE
SPA Striking Force H.Q.	FIDO
Marlborough Det.	B.D.
Warebury Det.	COCO
Trowbridge Det.	LILLO
SP. H.Q.	G.G.
B Sec. Force Sigs	NELO

Sig. Offr. will ensure that List "A" has been amended in accordance with Australian Force G.S. Instruction No. 65 dated 27 Jun 40.

4. Cipher personnel will accompany H.Q.

Rifles

On an orderly officer's inspection of rifles of guards it was found that some of the barrels appeared to be dull and pitted although they had been pulled through immediately prior to the parade.

It is suggested that Pl. Comds. be instructed to make a thorough inspection of rifles to remedy this.

*C. H. [Signature]* Capt.  
Adj., 9 Bn.

Bn.H.Q.  
H.Q. Coy.  
Rifle Coys  
Sig. Offr.  
I.O.

PJR

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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- 9 Bn.
- 10 "
- 12 "
- 3 Fd. Amb.
- "G" Sec. Sigs.

Staff & Signals Exercise - 12 Aug. 40.

Ref. above exercise to be carried out under direction of Australian Force.

1. No action need be taken on receipt of the emergency message at 1600 hrs. 11 Aug. This message will be received by Duty Officers and it is NOT necessary for all H.Q. to stand by from that hour.

2. The exercise proper will commence at approx. 0700 hrs. 12 Aug. It will involve a move of Bds. and Bn.H.Q. and H.Q. Fd. Amb. In this connection it is desired that H.Q. move complete in order to obtain practice in the organisation of Unit H.Q. in the field. The signal organisation that would normally be at H.Q. will accompany it for intercommunication purposes.

Coy. Comds. and one other offr. per coy. will accompany Bn. H.Q.

3. Code names as per list "A" will be used with the following additions-

3 Fd. Regt.	-ZEBU
Australian Striking Force	-VARE
S.P.A. Striking Force H.Q.	-FIDO
Marlborough Det.	-BADA
Amesbury Det.	-COCO
Trowbridge Det.	-LILLO
S.P.A. H.Q.	-GAGA
E. Sec. Force Sigs.	-NELO

Units will ensure that List "A" has been amended in accordance with Australian Force G.S. Instn. No. 65 dated 27 Jul. 40.

4. Cipher personnel will accompany H.Q.

5. Capt. MARTIN, 10 Bn. will report to H.Q. Australian Force, Amesbury Abbey, at 0700 hrs. 12 Aug. as 18 Mtd. Bde. Liaison Officer.

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Coy Offrs  
CO. Cst.  
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Van Office  
" Sigs.  
2 DR.

*[Handwritten signature]* Maj.  
B.M. 18 Mtd. Bde. A.I.F.

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This is issued  
8 Aug 40.

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- I.O.
- T.O.

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Q.M.  
T.O.

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early breakfast.

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Sigs - 1 staff  
- other staff - RSM  
10 other offrs  
Sigs offr.

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18 Mxd. Bde. Exercise - General Instructions

1. A Bde. Exercise will be held on 15/16 Aug. The exercise will commence at approx. 1600 hrs. 16 Aug.
2. The following will take part:-  
 H.Q. 18 Mxd. Bde. & Sig. Sec.  
 9, 10, 12 Bns.  
 3 Fd. Regt.  
 1 A.Trk. Bty.  
 3 Fd. Amb.  
 47 L.A.D.  
 Sec. Pro. Coy.  
 Coy. 1 M.G. Bn.
3. Movement to the theatre of operations will be by Bus Coy.
4. An enemy will be employed and will wear no distinguishing marks, except hats for personnel and yellow flags on A.F.Vs.
5. Prior to leaving Camp C.Os. of all units will render a certificate to Bde. H.Q. to the effect that no individual taking part in the exercise is in possession of ball amm. All such amm. will be carried in unit trucks.  
 Blank amm. will NOT be carried on any truck on which ball is loaded.
6. Training code names, vide list "A", will be used throughout and ALL messages will be preceded by the words "Exercise Message". Orders will be clearly marked "Exercise Only"
7. All units will move on War Scale and "B" Ech. will be prepared to deliver to forward troops from a B Ech. tpt. area.
8. Each Unit will earmark a vehicle for the carriage of water. A 200 gall. tank will be carried on the vehicle, and lids should be constructed to prevent spilling.
9. Blank amm., as obtainable, will be issued.
10. Blankets will NOT be available for night 15/16 Aug.
11. Umpires will report to units just prior to the exercise commencing. They will wear a white arm band on each arm.
12. Maps required:  
 Salisbury Plain 1" to 1 mile  
 Marlborough 1" to 1 mile Sheet 112.

*A. J. ...* Maj.  
 B.M. 18 Mxd. Bde. A.I.F.

Issued 1200 hrs. 8 Aug.

Copies to :

9	Bn.	6
10	Bn.	6
12	Bn.	6
3	Fd. Regt	4
1	A.Trk. Bty.	4
3	Fd. Amb.	3
K	Sec. Sig	1
	Bde. Comd.	1
	B.M.	1
	S.C., F.O., I.O.,	1 each.
	Spare	10.
	M.G. Bn.	1.



# 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

9, 10, 12 Bns. 3 Pd. Regt. 1 A. Tk. Bty. 3 Pd. Amb. K Sec. Sigs, M.C. Bn.

FROM

H.Q. 18 Mxd. Bde. A.I.F.

Originator's Number

0 23

Date

3 Aug. 40

In Reply to Number

Reference

Bde.

Exercise

15/16 August ( . )

Exercise

will

commence

1600 hrs 15 Aug. and will finish

approx. 1600 hrs. 16 Aug. 40.

*Recd. 15/12/40  
5 Aug 40*

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS.

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

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S E C R E T

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Issue to C.O. 9 Bn.

NARRATIVE P.R. 9/1

P.R. 9/1 was landed by troop carrier planes on OGBOURNE DOWN 6194 just after dawn on 15 Aug. 8 light tanks were landed with them to assist in their task which was to destroy rail and road communications at MARLBOROUGH 6389, then to move S.E. and take similar action at ANDOVER 8065.

There was no opposition to the landing and, organising rapidly, P.R. 9 moved on MARLBOROUGH where, after overcoming slight opposition, it blew up road and rail bridges. It then moved towards ANDOVER and encountered no organised opposition until NURBAGE 6781 was reached at 0900 hrs. Here two strong British detachments were encountered, one of which barred the southerly and one the westerly route.

P.R. 9/1 broke away to the East with the intention of reaching ANDOVER via VERNHAM DEAN 7776. However at the latter place a third British Column was encountered, and being still harried by the two columns previously met, PR 9/1 took up a position on HAYDOWN HILL 7576 at approx. 1000 hrs. The British Column attempted an attack, but met very heavy fire and by 1100 hrs. could be seen moving into position, apparently with the intention of blocking all exits whilst awaiting the arrival of a stronger force to finish off their opponent, who was evidently prepared to make a desperate stand.

The Lt. Tanks operating with PR 9/1 were not included in the round up, and efforts to locate them had failed.

INSTRUCTIONS TO 9 BN.

1. 9 Bn. will act as enemy during the course of the Bde. Exercise on 15 Aug.  
 Personnel will wear hats to distinguish them.  
 A.F.Vs. (Carriers) will fly a yellow flag.
2. The Bn. will be in position HAYDOWN HILL by 1500 hrs 15 Aug. in accordance with the narrative issued herewith.  
 Sufficient buses will be available to lift the marching personnel of the Bn.  
 Bde. H.Q. is to be notified at least 24 hours in advance the time and place at which it is desired buses shall report for embussing tr oops.  
 All orders and instructions in regard to the actual move will be issued by C.O. 9 Bn.  
 At the completion of the move buses will return to LOPLOMBE CAMP via  
 A max. density of 15 vtm and speed of 15 m.i.h. will be observed at all times.
3. Verbal instructions have been issued to C.O. 9 Bn. as to limiting factors affecting his action after operations commence.
4. All administrative arrangements will be made by 9 Bn.

Maj.  
 B.M. 18 Mxd. Bde. A.I.F.

11 Aug. 40.

Buses - Stockbridge Road ogoos. - 18 carry 32. To return

Blankets 1 per man in packs

Messengers Major Luthe Capt Hooper Lt Luthers 3 Sgts.  
 to report B.M. ogoos hrs for instructions.

Major Bowen. Capt Meikle Lt Durant 4 Sgts.

Water Check fanns.

Blank Amm 4000 rounds.

Exercise ends 1500 hrs - Put. hrs Reddenham House

Perol. pt. Rd June ~~745794~~ 1900 to 2000 hrs. Through 80 Gales.

Supplies M.P. for 9 Bn Rd. June. 759783 at 1800 hrs.

Carriers To be loose 1500 hrs. To live on the land. 1500 hrs.

Issue to all Units D - 2.

OPENING SITUATION.

Ref. Maps. - O.S. 1" Sheet 112.  
SALISBURY PLAIN 1".

Early on morning Aug. 15 GERMANY launched an attack on ENGLAND. Large scale landings were attempted by sea on the SOUTH and EAST coasts but these were entirely unsuccessful. A large proportion of the enemy craft never reached these shores and, where landings were effected they were only in small numbers and were disposed of by the shore garrisons. The GERMAN losses were appalling and it is doubtful whether HITLER will ever again attempt a similar venture.

In conjunction with the sea-borne attack large numbers of parachute and air-borne troops were landed in numerous areas in ENGLAND and SCOTLAND. The object of these troops was evidently to destroy communications, create alarm and confusion generally, and to prevent the movement of troops towards the sea-board. These troops were obviously picked men, very well armed and equipped and light tanks were landed to support them. They had a certain amount of success but by the evening of 15 Aug. most of them had been killed or captured.

One such column wearing Australian uniform and hats had landed on the MARLBOROUGH DOWNS 8194 and was reported, during the day, to be working south in the direction of ANDOVER 8065. It was being harried in its movements by striking forces under command of S.P.A. and identifications obtained showed it to be 1st Bn. of Parachute Regt. 9 (P.R. 9/1)

Ans. Mxd. Bde. had been ordered to stand by at one hours notice on as reports of GERMAN invasion were received but up to 1100 hrs. orders to move had arrived. Two Secs. of a Bus Coy. had arrived were waiting to move portion of the Bde. if necessary.

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9 Bn. Movement Order No. 1.

15 Aug 40.

Ref Map: SALISBURY 1" - 1 mile

- INTENTION 1. 9 Bn. will move to VERNHAM DEAN (7776).
- METHOD 2. Troops - buses. Coy. equipment - bn. vehicles. Movement table - App. I.
- ROUTE 3. Main Camp Rd to junc with Rd. ANDOVER - SALISBURY - ANDOVER Rd junc 792651 - Rd junc 791656 - Rd junc WEYHILL 756657 - CLANVILLE - Rd junc 766752 - rd junc 763753 - VERNHAM DEAN.
- TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS 4. Regtl. Provost: MIDDLE WALLOP, ANDOVER Rd juncs 792651 and 791656, WEYHILL Rd junc 756657. M/Cycle Orderly: Rd junc 763753.
- A DMN 5. Buses will form up in Main Camp Rd numbered 1 - 18 with head of the convoy at main camp entrance. Unit vehicles will assemble on road into unit lines in correct sequence.
6. Buses will complete the circuit through VERNHAM DEAN to Rd. and tract junc 767754 and return to camp under T.O., 9 Bn.
7. Kit to be carried: 1 Blanket (in pack)  
Packs in pl. trucks  
Fighting order  
Water bottles to be filled.
8. The unconsumed portion of the day's ration will be carried in B Ech. Tpt.
9. Ammn. - All ball ammn. will be collected and carried in pl. trucks. Certificates will be rendered to Bn.H.Q. by coys. by 0730 hrs that NO men taking part in the move are in possession of ball ammn.
10. Personnel to remain in camp: The minimum number of personnel will remain in camp. These will include:

	N.C.Os.	O.R.
Three A.A. posts		6
Each coy., 2 piquets		10
Detention Gd (supplied by)	1	6
Bde. Gd. (D Coy)	1	9
Camp entrance Gd.	1	6
Transport (fitters)	1	3
Cooks		6
Cooks orderlies		4
Pnrs		3
"Q"	1	3
	<u>5</u>	<u>56</u>

Sick and personnel in detention.

Light duty men to act as piquets and A.A. sentries where possible.

INTER-COMM 11. Bn.H.Q. will close at camp at 0930 hrs. Report Centre - VERNHAM DEAN, New Inn, 772765.

*E. L. ...*  
Adjnt., 9 Bn.  
Capt.

DISTRIBUTION:

- By orderly: ACK
- A Coy (1)
  - B Coy (2)
  - C Coy (3)
  - D Coy (4)
  - H.Q. Coy (5)
  - C.O. (6)
  - I.O. (7)
  - Q.M. (8)
  - War Diary (9, 10)
  - File (11)

Issued at 0600 hrs.

APPENDIX 1.

ISSUED WITH 9 BATTALION MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 1.

SECRET.

Serial No.	Date.	Sub-unit.	No. of vehicles.	Place.		S.P.	Time past S.P.	Route.	Speed to S.P.	Speed & density during march.		Dispersal point.	Remarks.
				From.	To.					VTH.	MIH.		
1.	15 Aug 40.	H.C. ords. T.O. A coy	3 cycles. 1 car trk 15 cwt Bus 1-3. 2 pl trks.	ORDER.	AS PER	Junct. Main camp road & 9-11 Bus camp.	0930	AS PER MOVEMENT ORDER.	CAMP STANDING ORDERS.	15	15	VERTICAL	
2.		AA pl C.O., Adj. MIC. ords. Bn. H.Q. Coy comds.	1 trk. 1 car 2 cycles. Van off. Busses 4-5 Sig trk. 3 trks.		MOVEMENT		0932					DIAM.	

Serial No.	Date.	Sub-unit.	No. of vehicles.	Place		S.I.	Time past S.I.	Route.	Speed to S.I.	Speed & Density during march.	Dispersal point.	Remarks.
				From.	To.					VMI. MII.		
3.		B coy.	Bus 6-8. 2 pl trks.				0934.					
		C coy.	Bus 9-11. 2 pl trks.									
4.		(HG. pl. Mortar pl. Pioneers. Tank-hunting pl.	Bus 12-13 2 pl trks. 1 H. trk Bus 14. 4 T.H. vans.				0936					
5.		B coy less 1 pl.	Bus 15-16 2 pl trks.				0939					
		R.A.I.	Bus 17. 1 trk.									
6.		Q. 1 pl. D coy. H.C. ord.	3 trks. Bus 18. 1 utility. 2 cycles.				0941					

APPENDIX 2.

ISSUED WITH 9 BATTALION MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 1.

ALLOTMENT OF BUSES.

Busses Nos. 1 - 3 A coy.  
4 A I Umpires.  
5 Sigs.  
6 - 8 B coy.  
9 - 11 C coy.  
12 M.Gs.  
13 Tank-hunting pl.  
14 Pioneer and mortar pls.  
15 - 16 D coy less one pl.  
17 R.A.P.  
18 1 pl. D coy.

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Notes of Enemy

*File*

A. Defence

1. Position to be occupied was a naturally commanding area, with OAKHILL WOOD on portion of the east flank. This was a fairly close copse with a number of lanes, and the main road on its fringe. FOSBERY FARM was the strong area on the north, with a partially wooded spur running NE. The slope fell away steeply from the back to FOSBERY FARM. On the west the slay was a bare col, sloping gently from HAYDOWN HILL to HILL 860. The southern slopes of HIPPENSCOMBE were almost bare of cover, and afforded, from old Roman ditches, a good view of the arena provided by the high ground around which ran the CHUTE CAUSEWAY and the road to VERNHAM DEAN. This area was easily defended, especially in daylight, and one coy. only could be allotted to its defence. It was appreciated that the partially wooded slope to the NW of FOSBERY FARM, LOWER FARM 756776, afforded suitable position for attackers, providing cover for forming up and some cover along hedges for approach into the position. This position was made the strong point of the area, as little more than strong feelers were expected in daylight.

Two rifle coys. were allotted to the section, the right coy. also being responsible for the defence of the FOSBERY SPUR. Two M.G. secs. were also allotted to this area, with a third for penetration tasks and some forward fire. One Coy. held the line of the VERNHAM DEAN - FOSBERY Road in OAKHILL WOOD. All positions were sited with a view to concealment and covered routes to the positions. The line of F.D.Ls. included FOSBERY ROAD, Track FOSBERY - LOWER FARM, the upper slopes of FOSBERY SPUR, the track to the SLAY, the Roman ditches of HAYDOWN HILL, and the SOUTH edge of OAKHILL WOOD, a total front of over 7,000 yards.

Bn.H.Q. was at FOSBERY CAMP at 762767. View of traffic to and from Bn.H.Q. was entirely by good approaches obscured from view land or air, and at a spot not readily selected from the map. Such a position would be offered only once in a hundred cases.

All available Dannert wire was used in the hedges in the re-entrant on the FOSBERY FARM Front, and barbed wire in OAKHILL WOOD.

B. The Attackers

A movement in COPSE at 750778 at 1500 hrs was not established as enemy activity.

1508. Next report was two M/Cycles ridden by soldiers on road near FOSBERY.

At 1645 hrs a recce from CLEVES COPSE by a group of three was reported by one M/cyclist. NOT identified. About this time considerable activity was reported.

A large column was reported at 774776 moving towards VERNHAM ROAD, and a M.C. column, estimated one pl. was seen at 775777. Between 1700 and 1715 hrs., 10 Bn. carriers were ambushed, apparently testing VERNHAM - FOSBERY ROAD. Two carriers had previously been reported on the CHUTE HIGHWAY. C.O., 3 Fd Regt with wireless van captured. Given the freedom of FOSBERY on parole. The first attack took place when a patrol of one pl. moved towards VERNHAM DEAN. This pl. was subsequently ambushed and captured. Further attacks took place on B Coys. front, one in the area track and road junc 770775 and one from VERNHAM ROW. These succeeded in effecting penetration, and in the woods fighting was obscure for some time, but finally penetration was stopped at the track junc. 764773 by the Tpt. Pl., and a counter attack launched by the Bn. reserve. Pnrs., 16 Pl. D Coy., together with Tpt. Pl., cleared the woods.

The attackers were variously estimated by B Coy., at one stage by 2 1/2 at hundreds, but appreciated by Bn.H.Q. at one to one and a half coys. Use of the Bn. reserve was delayed as long as possible as it was considered that further attacks on FOSBERY SPUR were likely.

Considered deep penetration by attackers was due to the failure to adequately cover lanes in copse in depth in original dispositions.

By 1950 hrs the position was stabilised on the road and 10 Bn dug in 150 yds to EAST, harassed by the valiant defender

At 1800 hrs, one 9 Bn. carrier crew crawled through the lines and reported a bus column about 400 debussing in VERNHAM ROW area, a large column, at least one Bn., debussing boxed up in a position without cover at UPTON observed by two carriers in position. He was instructed to report back for orders after midnight and if possible to bring in details of locality of UPTON force.

By 2000 hours the position was stabilised and the chief concern was to locate the UPTON force. At 2145 a force considered one pl. plus was seen moving into COPSE 768778. A patrol sent out to establish identification failed to contact them. Considered may have been a recon party.

Small bodies of hungry prisoners came in up to 2400 hrs, but all were disappointingly 10 Bn. At 2240 a conference of O Group was called for 2330 to correlate information and to issue orders. No information of 12 Bn. was available, and A, C and D Coys were all ordered to investigate the COPSES on the high ground on their fronts and report by 0200 hours. A possible attempt to break out if attacked heavily was forecast, but coy. comds. were advised that 12 Bn. must be located before tentative plans could be drawn up.

At 0200 hrs, one lone 12 Bn. prisoner was captured on right flank of 10 Bn., and as considerable noise of carriers and M/Cyc was heard previously around Northern Spur as far west as TIDCOMB it was considered probable that 12 Bn. were in the north sector with a junc with 10 Bn. (Prisoner admitted being a member of a section on patrol, but otherwise proved uncommunicative).

The patrols failed to locate 12 Bn., but found that 10 Bn. intended to breakfast at 0100 hrs. This caused some concern to C.O., as 9 Bn. had ordered stand-to at 0300 hrs, and breakfast at the same time. The bright moonlight night appeared to offer so advantage for an attack before dawn.

At 0315 hrs Coys. were advised that a dawn attack was considered probable, and preliminary orders for a possible withdrawal were issued. Coys. were given permission to fall back up to a line FOSBERY FARM - west edge of OAKHILL WOOD if heavily pressed. No withdrawal beyond this line without orders from Bn.H.Q.

At 0400 hrs the attack was launched, coinciding with an artillery bombardment on unknown areas and M.G. fire on FOSBERY area (M.G. est. two pls.) The attack was pressed vigorously by 10 Bn, and less vigorously by 12 Bn., some of whom appeared hungry and failed to press home and attack on FOSBERY FARM, although two sections pushed on well but walked up the spout of two M.Gs. in the reserve area.

At 0520 hrs, final orders for a withdrawal to COLDRIDGE WOOD were issued, as B Coy had been pushed back beyond cross roads in OAKHILL WOODS. A Coy. lost one pl. in FOSBERY and was pushed out of LOWER FARM. Orders were C Coy to hold line CHUTE CAUSEWAY till 0715 hrs, supported by one captured carrier to cover withdrawal. D Coy to finally vacate by 0620, Bn.H.Q., M.G., Mortar etc. by 0630, A and B Coys, Pnr. Pl. by 0650 hrs. All troops to clear CHUTE CAUSEWAY by 0700 hrs.

\* Carrier sent arrived at 1230. 12 Bn not located, and was given rough outline of possible route for a withdrawal next day, as he had to move out to a R.V. with carrier and by 0130 hours. Carriers ordered to be in S.W. area, and harass enemy during retirement.

By 0600 hrs our position was critical, as communication with B Coy broke down during issue of withdrawal plan, and B Coy walked out without confirming order, only the tail end of which was received. Fortunately, they were seen by C.O., and ordered to hold the "no withdrawal beyond" line, and connect with A Coy. Bn.H.Q. clerks, batmen, cooks and bottle washers were all in the line and "all-in" at this stage. (Consider this message was too long for line - should have been sent by D.R.)

Position was stabilised, but it is doubtful if it could have been held if 12 Bn. had pressed vigorously. Our withdrawal should have taken place half an hour earlier under cover of an early morning fog which settled in valleys. This had lifted by the time our last element left the position.

10 Bn. carriers again proved troublesome, though there were I think, some captured previously and told to move to a R.V. to lie up. Carriers at this stage could have been very disconcerting. However, the attacks were not continued. Mostly, troops lay low and let the carriers pass.

Transport had earlier in the night been lined up in the wood facing FOSBERY, and were ordered to break clear at 0615 hrs escorted by 1 carrier and make their way as best they could to COLDRIDGE END to meet Bn. They were ordered to retire to the west to divert attention from main withdrawal. Delayed withdrawal as long as possible so as not to give the show away. Finally ran out 10 minutes early to avoid capture.

No attempt to follow up the attack was apparent though carriers may have been used. Troops avoided roads, and kept to covered routes, as they had been warned to expect attacks from M/Cycle Pls. and carriers.

C.O. with great temerity and more trepidation, after ensuring B Coy had gone through in that route, drove to CHUTE, escorted by two M.G. crews in a truck and one D.R., and were lucky enough to get to their destination. Shortly afterwards an enemy carrier was captured in CHUTE and this with the 2 M.Gs. covered the occupation by the coys who "broke evens" in their cross country run, and arrived in fairly good condition, having deserted their packs, a large quantity of office furniture, a packet of Kensitas (C.Os.), most of the bicycles, all the prisoners (now dead), telephone wire, and the bipod of the only mortar in our possession. By 0915 hrs all troops were on the ground.

Orders were D Coy., north and east, incl HONEY BOTTOM, A Coy remainder east, (now 2 pls); C Coy (now less 1 sec) south and west; B Coy (about 2 pls. of 2 secs) the junction with COLLINGBOURNE WOOD. M.Gs., three to north end, two to east.

The C.O. felt much safer in using the carrier to recon and co-ordinate coy. dispositions. Crew of 10 Bn. were very willing, and put up a good fight with two of their own ilk a little later, but when sent out by A Coy, to whom they were attached for com and they failed to return. Temptation may have been too strong.

No wire was available, but after Robinson Crusoe had marshalled his resources, 4 D.Rs., (2 of which got out with the transport and the other by the skin of his teeth) and 3 push bicycles were available, and a post office service was organised. Bn.H.Q. was put at the head of the copse, as good observation was available here, and routes to coys. were recon. and policed. All transport reported in, and was parked in the copse, but far too close to the edge.

While coy. comds. were at a council of war with the C.O., firing was heard at COLDRIDGE END. Coy. comds. were released in 5 minutes, after being given permission to fall back if necessary, to a track about half way between the clearing and COLDRIDGE END.

These attacks must have been vigorously pressed, for A Coy had lost half its strength and C Coy two thirds of a platoon. The coys. fell back about 200 yards. 10 Bn. were attacking.

Further attacks were pressed, including one from S.W. assisted by carriers, and further losses were sustained.

At 1230, after the whole of 12 Bn. were observed marching up in the open to CHUTE, three coys., I., M.G., at 600 yard range on road and approx. four pls. on spur at 1100 yards, the danger from COLLINGBOURNE WOOD was considered to have passed and at 1220 B Coy were ordered to occupy A and C Coys limit of rearwar movement. During this period, B Coy. lost its Coy. Comd. and other casualties.

The position was finally stabilised by Captain REIDY with the remnant of A, B and D Coys., est. 4 pls., 1 sec., 2 M.G. crews on a line 723727 to 726724 and track through wood. Reported "men very determined to hold out - not enough action to suit us".

Meanwhile 12 Bn. put in a two coy. attack in NORTH END. This was seen from the beginning, practically no use being made of cover, and left coy. marched across an open field in three lines of section groups, enfiladed by our M.Gs. The right coy. moved along a wood with some protection, but were observed all the way, taking very little advantage.

Again fire was held till all troops were in the open, and even then good use was not made of cover. It is considered that even with fire support, as our positions were not located (none of them engaged the Bn. moving up the road to CHUTE, having been ordered to hold fire till attacked) an attack in this direction was hopeless. We could have held off a battalion with the four pls. and M.Gs. here. A wide move to our left must however have completely succeeded. Actually the battalion moved out of an excellent area through failure to locate us. This attack was ruled out by the umpires.

One patrol however succeeded in surprising and destroying two of our M.G. crews, but afterwards went on a blackberry hunt and were driven out by a counter-attack.

At 1425 approx. one coy. supported by arty. fire was launched. This was better, much better cover being taken. In the face of colossal artillery fire and some pressure from the south, an order was issued to retire independently to an R.V. in COLLINGBOURNE WOOD, but the whistle beat the ball, and the umpires declared a "draw".

9 Bn. strength at this stage was approx. 6 composite pls., (all more or less battered) and 3 M.G. crews, plus Bn.H.Q.

Two of our carriers at this stage harried 12 Bn. attack, so they were also in existence. Our transport, except for C.O's. car, R.A.P. van, one truck and 4 M/Cycles, which escaped into COLLINGBOURNE WOOD, were captured. Iron crosses were issued to all ranks to start the collection. A Fosbery Medal was issued to all survivors of the first operation, and a Coldridge Medal to the survivors of the second. Posthumous awards were not made, as our "A" staff was somewhat limited. Application will be considered after cease is signed, when C.O. P.R. 9/1 will be "Fuehrer", after liquidating Adolph in the traditional style.

Lt.Col.

C.O., P.R. 9/1

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

REF. QM. Ra. 4.

H.Q. 9 Bn. A.I.F.,  
24th. August, 1940.

C.O.,  
9 Bn.

BN. EXERCISES 22ND & 23RD AUGUST, 1940.

Reference to the above . - 'B' Echelon was established on 22 Aug 40 at reference given by Bn. H.Q. From this point rations were sent forward during the period of the exercise.

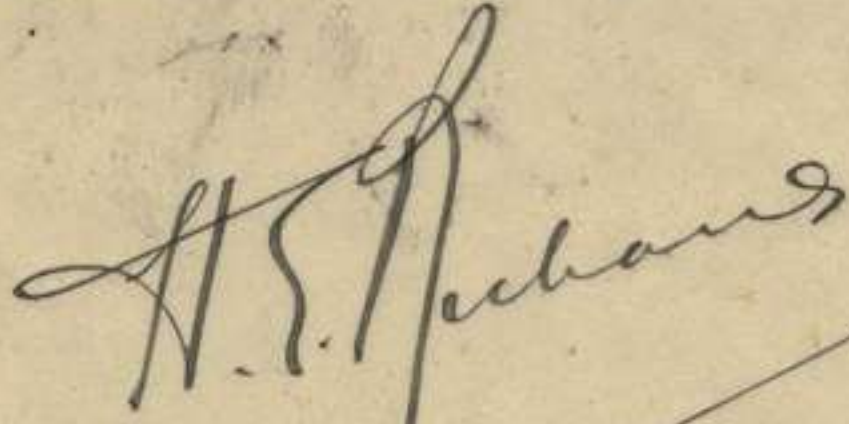
(2) Throughout the exercise there was no communication between Bn H.Q. and 'B' Echelon the result being much valuable time was wasted locating Bn H.Q. When eventually Bn H.Q. was located a cross country tour had to be made to find Coy H.Qrs to deliver rations. This also wasted a good deal of time. The first delay which was caused when delivering the evening meal on the night of the 22 August 40 was due to no advice being given just where the meal would be held and this delay was carried on resulting in succeeding meals being delayed. Through hard work on the part of C.Q.M.S's and Cooks we were able to catch up on our time and the evening meal was at the D.P. at 1900 hours on 23 Aug 40 as ordered but due to lack of communication between Bn H.Qrs and 'B' Echelon ration lorries stood at the rendezvous for nearly two hours with the result this delay was responsible for breakfast 24 Aug 40 being 45 mins late. The lack of communication between Bn H.Qrs and 'B' Echelon is in my opinion a very ~~important~~ serious matter and it is one which needs to be rectified. It is definitely the lack of communication that upsets all 'Q' arrangements and prevents 'Q' from functioning 100%.

(3) During the exercise T.O., Tpt. Sgt., Mechanics were kept up with the fighting vehicles. This is wrong. They should remain with 'B' Echelon and do any repair work necessary there. Front line repairs are carried out by M.T. Drivers 1st Class and if he is unable to effect repairs then it is up to 'B' echelon to get the truck back and if possible replace it. T.O. takes control of fighting vehicles only when they are sent back to 'B' Echelon lines by Bn H.Qrs.

(4) The following points are brought forward with a view that they might be considered and possibly acted on : -

- (a) A map ref. to be given as to place of 'B' echelon rendezvous and Bn H.Q.
- (b) On 'B' echelon being established Bn HQ to be advised and throughout any movement 'B' echelon to be advised of Bn H.Qrs.
- (c) Orders to be given as to time and place ration trucks to be at Delivery Point.
- (d) Coy ration parties (at least 4 men) to be at D.P. at times given in para c.
- (e) A definite time ~~time~~ to be given for ration lorries to leave D.P. on return to 'B' Echelon lines with orders to Coys to have all containers, dixies, sandbags, etc., back at D.P. ten minutes before time of departure of ration lorries from D.P.
- (f) Ration lorries not to proceed further than D.P. as given in para (c).
- (g) C.Q.M.S's to go from D.P. with carrying parties to Coy H.Qrs. only and not to Plns. (It is the Pln Comdrs job to see his men are fed the C.Q.M.S's to get it there only). C.Q.M.S. to remain at Coy H.Qrs and return with carrying parties and be responsible they are at D.P. at time set down in para (e).
- (h) When cut lunches are to be prepared Coys to arrange for one man per coy to return to 'B' echelon lines with C.Q.M.S. after delivery of dinner at night and to return when breakfast is being delivered. Outside this no extra assistance is required from Coys.
- (i) One of the most important points to be brought forward is that advice must be sent back as to number to be rationed in various groups. This advice should be given at least three hours before time ration lorries are to be at D.P.'s. If this was done complaints re shortage of rations would be overcome.
- (j) Another important point is that prior to departure from camp Coys advise number proceeding out on exercise and number remaining in camp. Unless this is done Coys cannot expect an equitable distribution of rations.

- (k) When personnel are returned to camp from exercises Coys should see they pass through 'B' Echelon lines and take back with them their unexpended portion of the days ration.
- (3) It should be impressed on Coy Comdrs 'Q' matters as far as the Coy is concerned is one that affects them and same should be taken into consideration at all times. Many commanders have appeared to despise 'Q' work with the result they and their troops suffer.
- (4) May I submit the aforementioned points receive some attention and if possible acted on.



Capt.

Q.M. 2 BN. A.I.F.

NINTH BATTALION.TACTICAL EXERCISE 27/28 Aug 40.Ref;- Salisbury 1" - 1 mile.

(11)

1. OBJECTS. To get proper sequence of orders and co-ordination in a deliberate daylight attack.

To practice night attack involving the whole battalion (less enemy) including move to an assembly position - move to starting line - the fight in half light - exploitation in daylight.

2. GENERAL SITUATION German landings had taken place at several points on the coast and parachute troops landed in various places, had succeeded in collecting into formations of approx Bn. strength with infantry and some light tanks and mortars, but without artillery.

One such force approx 1 Bn. landed in the WALLOP area and after causing a considerable amount of destruction to the aerodrome on night 26/27 Aug, was reported at dawn on 27<sup>n</sup>Aug to be moving south from Nine Mile Water towards BROUGHTON.

It was considered that this force was intended either to cause further destruction in WEST DEAN or to link up with forces landed on the SOUTHAMPTON beaches.

18 Aus Mxd Bde which had been operating in the ROMSEY area, was accordingly ordered to cut off this force from either of these objectives, and to wipe it out.

Comd 18 Aus Mxd Bde issued orders for the move of the force directing 10 Bn on WEST DEAN - WEST TYTHERLY, 9 Bn on LOCKERLY - EAST TYTHERLY, 12 Bn on the rd MOTTISFONT, thence two routes, BENTLEY FM 7549 and PITTLEWORTH FM 7649. One bty 3 Fd Regt was placed in support 10 Bn., and one bty in support 9 and 12 Bns.

3. 1st. SITUATION 9 Bn mobile trps meet the advanced trps of the force in EAST TYTHERLY and vanguard drives them back to the line COPSE 72850 - 730506 - track and rd junc 735505. Bn. Comd., after recce, decides to attack from S.E., and orders Bn. into assembly posn in COPSE=7449, and issues orders for an attack on a two coy front.

4. 2nd SITUATION 9 Bn attack succeeds in forcing enemy out of the COPSE at 730512 and 12 Bn., which moved westwards from HILDEN COPSE 7551 had, by 1630 hours, succeeded in driving the enemy out of COPSE centred on 729517. The enemy withdrew to BUCKHOLT FM 716513 and the SPUR running SOUTH as far as the southern end of COPSE at 720513. 10 Bn., which had been delayed by enemy tank action, could not arrive before daylight, and 9 and 12 bns. were ordered to carry out a dawn attack in a westerly direction.
- Objectives: 9 Bn: COPSE at 720513 - rd incl  
12 Bn: Rd excl - BUCKHOLT FM
- Limit of penetration: THICKET 715513 - BUCKHOLT. FARM.  
10 Bn wwas ordered to move to eastern edge of NORMAN COURT and HEDGEMOOR COPSE to cut off enemy in the rear.

ENEMYDaylight attack:

Capt. R.F. REIDY  
A Coy  
T/H Pl  
4 carriers

Dawn Attack:

Capt. E.J. PEEK  
B Coy  
M/C Pl  
T/H Pl  
2 Carriers

Orders for enemy - verbal to Umpire - Major LUBKE.  
Administration - as for Bn. exercise 22 Aug 40.

Comd. 9 Bn.

Lt.Col

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS

By Lt.Col. J.E.G. Martin, Commanding 9 Battalion

1 Aug 40

Part I

No.44

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1. DUTIES To mount at Retreat 1 Aug 40:
- (a) Duty Coy: A Coy  
Next for duty: B Coy
  - (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut B.M. LOVETT  
Next for duty: Lieut G.O. SUTHERS
  - (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 646 Cpl SCHNEIDER, R.F.  
Next for duty: QX 1234 Cpl COOKE, C.F.
  - (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by A Coy  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R. (1 Bugler) to report to  
Bn.O.O. on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hours.
  - (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner.
  - (f) Sig. Pl. to supply 1 D.R.

C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adjt., 9 Bn.

PJR



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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS

By Lt.Col. J.E.G. Martin, Commanding 9 Battalion

2 Aug 40

Part I

No. 45

1. DUTIES

To mount at Retreat 2 Aug 40:

- (a) Duty Coy                      B ~~A~~ Coy  
    Next for duty:                C ~~B~~ Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer:            Lieut ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ G.O. SUTHERS  
    Next for duty:                Lieut A.H. MARSHALL
- (c) Orderly Corporal:        QX 1234 Cpl COOKE, C.F.  
    Next for duty:                QX 4429 Cpl SPILLMAN, M.H.
- (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by C Coy.  
    1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R., (1 Bugler) to  
    report to Bn.O.O. on Bn. Parade Ground at  
    1745 hours.
- (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner.
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C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adjt., 9 Bn.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS

By Lt.Col. J.E.G. Martin, Commanding 9 Battalion

3 Aug 40

Part Y

No.46

1. DUTIES - BATTALION To mount at Retreat, 3 Aug 40:
- (a) Duty Coy: D Coy  
Next for duty: A Coy
  - (b) Orderly Officer: Licut A.H. MARSHALL  
Next for duty: Licut W.R.E. ISLACS
  - (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 4429 Cpl SPILLMAN, M.H.  
Next for duty: QX 1238 Cpl FRAZER, E.W.
  - (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by D Coy:  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R. (1 Bugler) to report to Bn.C.O. on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hrs.
  - (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner.
  - (f) Sig. Pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.
2. DUTIES - BRIGADE 9 Bn. mounts as duty unit at Retreat 3 Aug 40.
- (a) Brigade Guard - to be supplied by D Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 9 O.R., (1 Bugler) to report to Bn.C.O. on Bn. Parade Ground at 1730 hrs.
  - (b) N.A.A.F.I. Piquet - 1 Sjt, supplied by D Coy, to keep discipline in went and dry canteens at the following hours:  
1800 - 2130 hrs 3 Aug  
0800 - 0830 hrs 4 Aug  
1230 - 1400 hrs 4 Aug.  
Bn.C.O. to clear canteens by 2130 hrs.
  - (c) Duty Coy. to supply:  
1 N.C.O. and 3 O.R. to report to Bdc. Salvage Dump at 0830 hrs 4 Aug.  
2 Light duty O.R. to report to Y.M.C.A. tent at 0930 hrs.
  - (d) The following piquets will report to Bdc.H.Q. at 1800 hrs 3 Aug 40:  
Licut A. MARSHALL, 1 Sjt., 6 O.R. (supplied by D Coy)  
Licut A.J. ANDERSON, 1 Sjt., 6 O.R. (supplied by D Coy).
3. CHURCH PARADES Church Parades on Sunday 4 Aug 40 will be as for 28 Jul, with the exception that a Communion Service for all Christians other than R.C. or C of E. will be conducted by Chaplain HELMORE at 1015 hrs in the Library Marquee at the rear of 10 Bn. Q.M. Store.
4. WEEKEND LEAVE The following bus services are being arranged:
- |                    |              |           |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Leave camp for:    | BOURNEMOUTH: | 1330 hrs  |
|                    | WINCHESTER:  | 1350 hrs  |
|                    | SALISBURY:   | 1410 hrs  |
| Return leave from: | BOURNEMOUTH: | 2130 hrs  |
|                    | WINCHESTER:  | 2200 hrs  |
|                    | SALISBURY:   | 2215 hrs. |
- Leave for personnel not proceeding by bus will commence at 1400 hours.

5. DRESS ON LEAVE On all occasions when proceeding on leave dress will be:

- Service dress (no gaiters)
- Hats
- Respirators
- Belts W.E.

It will be each man's responsibility to reassemble his equipment immediately on return to camp.

6. DRESS - PIQUETS Dress for piquets will be:

- Service dress, gaiters.
- Hats
- Respirators
- Belt and sidearm.

7. COURT OF INQUIRY A Court of Inquiry will assemble at a time and place to be nominated by the president to inquire into and report on the illegal absence without leave of QX 4163 Serjeant WALTERS, T.W. The Court will be constituted as follows:

- |                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Captain W.W. WEBERNE     | President |
| Lieutenant A.H. MARSHALL | Member    |
| Lieutenant G.C. SUTHERS  | Member.   |

C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.  
Adj., 9 Bn.

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LEAVE.

It has been noticed that there is considerable noisiness from troops returning from leave. It is pointed out that leave is a privilege that may be withdrawn at any time, continuance of it depending on the good behaviour of the troops.

THEIVING.

Numbers of instances of thefts from local inhabitants by soldiers have occurred. All ranks will be warned that drastic action including arraignment at civil courts will be taken against offenders.

SPORTS.

Until further notice, Wednesday afternoon will be sports afternoon.

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Adjutant 9 Battalion.

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4 Aug 40

Part I

No. 48

1. DUTIES

To mount at Retreat 4 Aug 40:

- (a) Duty Coy                            A Coy  
    Next for duty:                    B Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer:                Licut W.R.E. ISAACS  
    Next for duty:                    Licut A. MARSHALL
- (c) Orderly Corporal:                QX 1238 Cpl FRAZER, E.W.  
    Next for duty:                    QX 588 Cpl GRIEG, T.W.
- (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by A Coy:  
    1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R., (1 Bugler) to  
    report to Bn.O.O. on Bn. Parade Ground  
    at 1745 hours .
- (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner
- (f) Sig. Pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.

2. COMPANY  
PIQUETS

Coys. are responsible that their lines are piquetted  
against entry by unauthorised persons.

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1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 5 Aug 40.

Duty coy;                    B coy.  
Next for duty;            C coy.

Orderly Officer;        Lieut. A. MARSHALL.  
Next for duty;        Lieut. R.W. FORSTER.

Orderly Cpl.;            QX 588 Cpl. GREIG, T.W.  
Next for duty;        QX 652 Cpl. McCOWAN, R.H.

Battalion Guard - to be supplied by B coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.Rs. (1 Bugler)  
to report to Bn. O.O. on Bn. Parade ground  
at 1745 hours.

Duty coy to supply 1 runner.

Sig pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.

C. C. F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adjutant 9 Bn.

NOTICES.

The Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters in Secondary schools is anxious to make contact with teachers from Australian High Schools, both Public and Private who may be serving with the A.I.F. Personnel should communicate with

Mr. Eric Arnold,  
The Grammar School,  
Castleford.

ENTERTAINMENT.

The following entertainment has been allotted to Lopcombe Camp for the coming week;-

Thurs, 8 Aug. 40. Cinema.

Invitation to a party which is held every Tuesday from 6 P.M. until 7-30 at 36 Portland Place W.1. is extended to members of the A.I.F. when in London. Famous artists appear each Tuesday.

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6 Aug 40

Part I

No.

1. DUTIES -  
BATTALION

To mount at Retreat 6 Aug 40:

- (a) Duty Coy: C Coy  
Next for duty: D Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut R.W. FORSTER  
Next for duty: Lieut A.F. NIXON-SMITH
- (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 625 Cpl McCOWAN, R.H.  
Next for duty: QX 135 Cpl SIMMONDS, L.P.
- (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by C Coy -  
1 sjt., 1 cpl., 16 O.R., to report to Bn.C.C.  
on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hours 6 Aug.
- (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner.
- (f) Sig. Pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.
- (g) Prov. Sjt. to parade Detention personnel at  
3630 hrs 7 Aug 40 to clean N.A.A.F.I.  
Canteen area.

2. DUTIES -  
BRIGADE

- (a) Brigade Guard - to be supplied by C Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 9 O.R., to report to Bn.C.C.  
on Bn. Parade Ground at 1730 hrs.
- (b) Lieut E. BARNES with 3 N.C.Os. (supplied by  
C Coy) will report to Camp Main Gate at  
1700 hrs 7 Aug 40 to control embussing of  
personnel proceeding on leave.
- (c) N.A.A.F.I. Picquet - 1 Sjt (supplied by C Coy)  
to keep discip line in wet and dry canteens  
at the following times:  
1800 - 2130 hrs 6 Aug  
0800 - 0830 hrs 7 Aug  
1230 - 1400 hrs 7 Aug.  
Bn.C.C. to clear canteens by 2130 hrs 6 Aug.
- (d) C Coy to supply the following working parties:  
1 N.C.O., 3 O.R. to report to Bdc. Salvage  
Dump at 0830 hrs 7 Aug.  
2 light duty O.R. to report to Y.M.C.A.  
Canteen at 0930 hrs 7 Aug.

3. CAMP  
INSPECTION

The camp will be inspected at 1000 hours daily.  
All lines will be in inspection order by that time.

4. LOSS OF  
RMS

Rifle No. 96919 is reported missing. Coys. will  
have a check of rifles and report to B.H.Q. Nil  
returns are required.

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7 Aug 40.

Part 1.

No. 51.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 7 Aug 40.
- (a) Duty coy; D coy.  
Next for duty; HQ coy.
  - (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. ~~D.J. JOYCE.~~  
A.F. NIXON-SMITH.  
Next for duty; Lieut. D.J. JOYCE.
  - (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 135 Col SIMMONDS, L.P.  
Next for duty; QX 4484 Cpl. DIXON, W.K.
  - (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by D coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.Rs. to report to Bn.  
O.O. on Bn. parade ground at 1745 hrs.
  - (e) Duty coy to supply 1 runner.
  - (f) Sig. Platoon to supply 2 D.Rs.
2. Bde DUTY (g) Lieut E. BARNES with 3 N.C.Os. (supplied by C coy will report to Camp Main Gate at 1700 hours 7 Aug 40. to control of embussing of personnel proceeding on leave.

The old Guard will be prepared at Guard Room at 1730 hours to hand over to oncoming Guard at 1800 hours.

All Duty personnel will parade at Bn. H.Q. at 1745 hours to mount duties with the guard.

LATRINES.

All ranks are advised that the drain running down the centre of latrines must not be used as aurinal.

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Adj. 9 Bn..



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8 Aug 40.Part 1.No. 52.1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 8 Aug 40.

- (a) Duty company; H.Q. company.  
Next for duty; A company.  
D. J. JOYCE.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. B.M. LOVETT.  
Next for duty; Lieut. B.M. LOVETT.
- (c) Orderly Cpl; QX 4484 Cpl. DIXON, W.K.  
Next for duty; QX 2831 Cpl. STEELE, J.
- (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by H.Q. co.  
1 Sgt. 10 Pl. 16 O.Rs. to report to Bn.  
O.C. on Bn. parade ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty Coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig. platoon to supply 2 D.Rs.

The old guard will be prepared at Guard Room at 1730 hours to hand over to oncoming Guard at 1800 hours.

All Duty personnel will parade at Bn. H.Q. at 1745 hours to mount duties with the guard.

2. MAIL Packets weighing up to four ounces may be sent free, but over that weight normal rates must be paid.3. AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION.

Bds report that in most cases sentries are handing in fairly accurate reports. The chief faults are:-

inaccurate times and heights.

There is some confusion between the Hurricane and Spitfire. The Hurricane has a humped back and tapering wings. The Spitfire is a smaller plane with a straight back, wings elliptical and nearly pointed. The leading edges are straight and the trailing edges curving towards the nose of the plane.

4. GUARDS. The general bearing drill marching and turnout of Guards has deteriorated. One of the most noticeable points is that men come on Guard mounting parade without badges. Coys will take steps to ensure that Guards are thoroughly inspected on Coy parades before coming on to Bn parade.LOSS OF ARMS.

Rifle No. 95250 has been reported lost. Coys will check and submit a return to Bn. H.Q. by 1600 hours 8 Aug 40.

BATTALION BAND.

Band instrument players are urgently required to build up the band for parade purposes. Coy comds will make enquiries to find out what talent exists within their coys. These players will remain in the coys for normal training but will be detached to the band when required for parade work. Arrangements will be made for practice. Coys will submit return to Bn. H.Q. by 2000 hrs today.

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Adj. 9 Bn.

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9 Aug 40

Part I

No. 53

1. DUTIES -  
BATTALION
- To mount at Retreat 9 Aug 40:
- (a) Duty Coy: A Coy  
Next for duty: B Coy
  - (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut B.M. LOVETT  
Next for duty: Lieut W.R.E. ISLACS
  - (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 2831 Cpl STEELE, J.  
Next for duty: QX 4508 Cpl WILKIE, R.
  - (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by A Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R. to report to Bn.O.O.  
on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hours 9 Aug.
  - (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 rumdr.
  - (f) Sig. Pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.
2. DUTIES -  
BRIGADE
- 9 Bn. mounts as duty unit at Retreat 9 Aug.
- (a) Brigade Guard - to be supplied by A Coy  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 9 O.R. to report to Bn.  
O.O. on Bn. Parade Ground at 1730 hours.
  - (b) N.M.F.I. Piquet - 1 Sjt supplied by A Coy  
to keep discipline in wet and dry canteens  
at the following times:  
1800 - 2130 hours 9 Aug  
1230 - 1400 hours 10 Aug  
0800 - 0830 hours 10 Aug.  
Bn.O.O. to clear canteens by 2130 hrs 9 Aug.
  - (c) Provost Sjt. to parade detention personnel  
at 0630 hours 10 Aug to clean up N.M.F.I.  
Canteen area.
  - (d) A Coy. will supply the following:  
1 N.C.C., 3 O.R., to report to Bde. Salvage  
Dump at 0830 hours.  
2 Light Duty O.R. to report to Y.M.C.A.  
Canteen at 0930 hours.
  - (e) Leave Piquets - the following piquets will  
report to Bn.H.Q. at the times shown:  
Lieut E. BURNES, 1 Sjt, 6 O.Rs. (A Coy)  
(1930 hours)  
Lieut L.T. FRANCIS, 1 Sjt, 6 O.R. (A Coy)  
(1730 hours).  
(Dress: Belt and sidearms, hats K.F., respirators)
  - (f) A Coy will supply 3 N.C.Cs. to report to Camp  
Main Gates at 1700 hours 10 Aug to supervise  
embussing of leave personnel.
3. PIQUET  
REPORTS
- Officers commanding piquets will submit a report to  
Bn.H.Q. by 1000 hours on the day following his tour of  
duty.

C.C.F. BURNES, Capt.

Adjt., 9 Bn.

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10 Aug 40

Part I

No.54

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1. DUTIES To mount at Retreat 10 Aug 40:
- (a) Duty Coy: B Coy  
Next for duty: C Coy
  - (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut W.R.E. ISAACS  
Next for duty: Lieut A. MARSHALL
  - (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 4508 Cpl WILKIE, R.  
Next for duty: QX 4149 Cpl TOOVEY, P.E.
  - (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by B Coy -  
1 Sgt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R. to report to Bn.O.O.  
on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hours.
  - (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner.
  - (f) Sig. Pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.
2. CHURCH PARADES Church Parades for Sunday 11 Aug will be as for last week except that the Holy Communion Service conducted by Chaplain HELMORE will not be held.
3. WEEK-END LEAVE Leave for 10 and 11 Aug 40 will be as for 3 and 4 Aug (R.O. No.46), with the exception that leave on each day will expire at 2200 hours instead of 2300 hours.  
Personnel will be warned that buses will leave destinations an hour earlier than on previous occasions. If the noise made by personnel returning from leave continues, leave will be curtailed still more.

C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adjt., 9 Bn.

NOTICES

Lost: wristwatch, with black dial in 9 Bn. showers.  
Finder will return to Bn.H.Q.

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11 Aug 40

Part I

No. 55

1 DUTIES

To mount a t Retreat, 11 Aug 40:

- (a) Duty Coy C Coy  
Next for duty: D Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut A. MARSHALL  
Next for duty: Lieut R.W. FORSTER
- (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 4149 Cpl TOOVEY, P E.  
Next for duty: QX 7070 Cpl McLA REN, M.C.
- (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by C Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R. to report to Bn.O.O.  
on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner
- (f) Sig. Pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.

2. LEAVE PARTIES

Coys. are reminded that personnel going on leave must be marched to Bn.H.Q. to be inspected and then marched to the embussing point. Personnel will NOT move to the gates independently. This applies to all leave parties.

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By Lt. Col. J.L.G. Martin, Commanding 9 Battalion.

12 Aug 40.

Part 1.

No. 56.

1. DUTY. To mount at Retreat 12 Aug 40.

Duty company; H.Q. coy.  
Next for duty; A coy.

Orderly Officer; Lieut. R.W. FORSTER.  
Next for duty; Lieut. D.J. JOYCE.

Orderly Corporal; OX 7070 Cpl. McLENNAN, MC.  
Next for duty; OX 2571 Cpl. McDONALD, D.J.

Bn. Guard to be supplied by H.Q. coy.  
1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 16 C.Rs. to report to Bn. C.O.  
on Bn. parade ground at 1745 hrs 12 Aug 40.

Duty company to supply one runner.

Big platoon to supply 2 Don Rs.

2. BDE. 9 Bn. mounts as duty unit at Retreat 12 Aug 40.

DUTY.

Bde. Guard to be supplied by H.Q. coy.  
1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 9 C.Rs. to report to Bn. C.O.  
on Bn. Parade ground at 1730 hours.

M.A.C.F. I. picquet - 1 Sgt. to be supplied  
by H.Q. coy to keep discipline in Wet and  
Dry canteens at the following times:-

1800 - 2130 hours, 12 Aug 40.  
1230 - 1400 hours 13 Aug 40.  
0800 - 0830 hours 13 Aug 40.

Bn. C.O. to clear canteens by 2130 hours 12 Aug 40:

Provost Sgt. to parade detention personnel at  
0630 hours 13 Aug 40 & clean up M.A.F.I. canteen  
area.

H.Q. coy will supply the following,

M.C.C. 3 C.Rs. to report to Bde Salvage dump  
at 0830 hours.

2 L.D. C.Rs. to report to Y.M.C.A. canteen  
at 0930 hours.

Leave picquets. The following picquets will  
report to Bn. H.Q. at the times shown;

Lieut. D.H. LAVETT, 1 Sgt. 6 C.Rs. (H.Q. coy)  
(1730 hours).

Lieut. A.H. GIBBS, 1 Sgt. 6 C.Rs. (H.Q. coy.)  
(1930 hours.)

Dress; Belt and silencers, hats K.F. respirators.

H.Q. coy will supply 3 M.C.Cs. to report to  
camp main gates at 1700 hours 13 Aug 40 to  
supervise embussing of leave personnel.

3. PICQUET  
REPORTS.

Officers commanding picquets will submit a  
report to Bn. H.Q. by 1000 hours on the day  
following their tour of duty;

C.O.F. J. W. J. Capt.

4. DISCIPLINE.

Officers Commanding Troops on board are responsible for discipline.

(a) Police or Picquets.

The following Regimental Police or Picquets from the convoy will be detailed by G.O.C., Troops on board:-

2 Officers  
6 M.C.Os.  
40 men

In the case of Australian and New Zealand troops being in the same convoy, the above picquet will be provided as follows:-

50% Australian.  
50% New Zealand.

Regimental Police or Picquets are to be relieved every 6 hours.

(b) Leave.

Night leave will not be granted to Other Ranks. O.Cs. Troops will use their discretion in granting Officers individual leave.

As personnel from each ship are disembarked together, small parties are not to be given leave without the Embarkation Staff Officer being consulted. Otherwise congestion and disorganization of arrangements will result.

5. PASSES.

Passes will not be issued. The two sentries posted at the gangway will prevent unauthorized persons boarding transports.

6. RETURNS.

The returns required by the Embarkation Staff Officer, Colombo, and instructions for their rendition are attached. Please see Appendices "A" - "D".

7. DISEMBARKATION OF INVALIDS.

(a) The Senior Medical Officer on board will be responsible for invalids until such time as they are placed in the launch. Owing to the normal swell in Colombo Harbour, the special sling provided on board for cot cases will always be used; it is a dangerous procedure to carry a stretcher down the gangway and transfer thus to the launch.

(b) Invalids will be disembarked at a time and date to be notified by the Embarkation Staff Officer.

(c) It should be noted that neither men suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis nor cases of insanity can be landed at Colombo as they will not be accepted for return to their port of origin on passenger ships and no Military Transports are available for this service.

(d) The Medical History Sheets in respect of invalids disembarking will be collected by the Embarkation Medical Staff at the Ships Orderly Room.

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13 Aug 40

Part I

No. 57

1. DUTIES

To mount at Retreat 13 Aug 40:

- (a) Duty Coy: A Coy  
Next for duty: D Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer: Licut D.J. JOYCE  
Next for duty: Licut W.N. PARRY-OKEDEN
- (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 2571 Cpl MacDONALD, D.J.  
Next for duty: Z 2602 Cpl BROWN, H.W.
- (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by A Coy -  
1 Sgt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R. to report to Bn.O.O.  
on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner.
- (f) Sig. Pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.

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14 Aug 40.

Part 1.

No. 58.

DUTIES. To mount Retreat 14 Aug 40.

- (a) Duty coy; D coy.  
Next for duty; B coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. W.N. PARRY-OKEDIN.  
Next for duty; Lieut. G.C. SUTHERS.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 2602 Cpl. BROWN, H.W.  
Next for duty; QX 1222 Cpl. MURPHY, J.R.
- (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by D coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.Rs. to report to  
Bn. O.C. on Bn. parade ground at 1745.
- (e) Duty coy to supply 1 runner.
- (f) Sig pl to supply 2 D.Rs.

C.C.F. BOUNN, Capt.

Adj. 9 Bn.

SPECIAL CONCERT.

A special concert will be presented in the camp on Sunday 18 Aug at 1800 hours.

It is understood that this concert will be a particularly fine one and will be broadcast to Australia. It is therefore strongly recommended that all troops possible attend this concert.

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16 Aug 40

Part I

No.59

1. DUTIES

To mount at Retreat 16 Aug 40:

- (a) Duty Coy: ~~C~~ Coy  
Next for duty: ~~D~~ Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut G.O. SUTHERS  
Next for duty: Lieut A.H. MARSHALL
- (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 1222 Cpl MURRAY, J.R.  
Next for duty: QX 353 Cpl LOVETT, E.J.
- (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by ~~E~~ Coy  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R., to report to  
Bn.O.O. on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hrs.
- (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner.
- (f) Sig. Pl. To supply 2 D.Rs.

G.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adjt., 9 Bn.

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By Lt.Col. J.E.G. Martin, Commanding 9 Battalion

17 Aug 40

Part I

No. 60

1. DUTIES To mount at Retreat 17 Aug 40.
- (a) Duty Coy: D Coy  
Next for duty: H.Q. Coy
  - (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut A.H. MARSHALL  
Next for duty: Lieut B.M. LOVETT
  - (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 353 Cpl LOVETT, E.J.  
Next for duty: QX 1205 Cpl HUNTER, R.J.
  - (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by D Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R. to report to Bn.O.O.  
on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hrs.
  - (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner.
  - (f) Sig. Pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.
2. VISIT TO ENGLISH FARM
- An invitation has been received from J. CRAIG HARVEY Esq., near WINCHESTER, for Australian soldiers to visit his farm to inspect English methods of dairy farming and to see his stud stock of Guernseys. It is proposed that the visit should be on a Saturday afternoon in the near future. Coys. will advise Bn.H.Q. by 1800 hrs 17 Aug 40 the number of men who desire to make the visit. The following conditions will apply:
- (a) After the visit men may proceed to WINCHESTER on leave.
  - (b) Each man must pay the usual return bus fare to WINCHESTER.
  - (c) This will not be counted as special leave over and above the normal percentage.
3. ORDERS Coys. are reminded that Routine Orders will be read to all ranks and that members named as "Next for duty" must be notified immediately.
4. BICYCLES ALL bicycles on issue will be brought to the Armourer Sjt. at 0900 hrs 19 Aug for inspection.
5. CHURCH PARADES Church parades for 18 Aug 40 will be as for last week.

C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adjt., 9 Bn.

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18 Aug 40.

Part I

No. 61

1. DUTIES To mount at Retreat 18 Aug 40:  
BATTALION (a) Duty Coy: H.Q. Coy  
Next for duty: A Coy  
(b) Orderly Officer: Lieut B.M. LOVETT  
Next for duty: Lieut W.R.E. ISAACS  
(c) Orderly Corporal: CX 1205 Cpl HUNTER, R.J.  
Next for duty: CX 1114 Cpl JAMES, F.F.  
(d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by H.Q. Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R., to report to Bn.O.O. on  
Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hours.  
(e) Duty Coy to supply 1 runner  
(f) Sig. Pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.
2. DUTIES - 9 Bn mounts as duty unit at Retreat 18 Aug 40:  
BRIGADE (a) Bde Guard - to be supplied by H.Q. Coy - 1 Sjt., 1  
Cpl., 9 O.R., to report to Bn.O.O. on Bn. Parade  
Ground at 1730 hrs.  
(b) N.A.A.F.I. Piquet - 1 Sjt. supplied by H.Q. Coy.  
(c) Prov. Sjt. to parade Detention Personnel at 0630  
hrs to clean N.A.A.F.I. Canteen area.  
(d) H.Q. Coy to supply the following:  
1 N.C.O., 3 O.R., Bde Salvage Dump at 0830 hrs.  
2 L.D. O.R., Y.M.C.A. Canteen at 0930 hrs.  
(e) Town Piquets - H.Q. Coy. will supply the following  
piquets to report to Bn.O.O. at 1745 hrs:  
(Lieut L.G.C. EVANS) 1 Sjt., 8 O.R.  
(Lieut L.T. FRANCIS) 1 Sjt., 8 O.R.  
Dress: S.D., gaiters, hats, sidearms, respirators.  
(f) H.Q. Coy. will supply 3 N.C.Os. to report at Camp  
Main Gates, 1700 hrs 19 Aug to supervise embussing  
of leave personnel.
3. PARADE Coys. are reminded that pa rade states are due in to Bn.  
STATES H.Q. by 0830 hrs each morning. States have been sent  
in at various times up to 0930 hrs lately, and this  
practice must cease forthwith.
4. CONFERENCE A conference on Bde. Exercise 15/16 Aug 40 will be held  
BDE. EXER- at 18 Mxd Bde H.Q. at 1700 hrs Monday 19 Aug. All  
CISE officers will assemble at Bn.H.Q. at 1645 hrs on that  
date.

C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adjt., 9 Bn.

The S.O.S. Society has established two clubs, with canteens attached for the accomodation, entertainment and convenience of members of H.M. Forces. They are:  
WESTMINISTER: 73 Petty France S.W.1 (nr. Victoria Station)  
(Telephone Whitehall 2020)  
PADDINGTON: 28 Lord Hills Road W.2 (near Paddington Station)  
(Telephone Abercorn 3716).  
Bath, bed and breakfast, 1/9 per night. Hot meals served in canteens.

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19 Aug 40

Part I

No. 62

1. DUTIES

To mount at Retreat 19 Aug 40:

- (a) Duty Coy: A Coy  
Next for duty: B Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut W.R.E. ISAACS  
Next for duty: Lieut A. MARSHALL
- (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 5007 Cp 1 CRANNBY, J  
Next for duty: QX 4534 Cpl MORRISON, A.M.
- (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by A Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R. to report to Bn.O.O.  
on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty Coy to supply 1 runner.
- (f) Sig. Pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.

2. BOMB  
CRATERS

The R.A.F. authorities are interested in the fragments of enemy bombs and so that they might get a clearer picture no fragments will be removed until an inspection has been made of the site, or sites, of bomb craters by the R.A.F. A Guard will be placed over the crater and Bn.H.Q. informed.

C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adjt., 9 Bn.

NOTICE

A wallet containing a sum of money and engraved "To Cecil from Mum" has been lost. Finder will return to Bn.H.Q.  
(Bde.R.O. No.156)

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20 Aug 40

Part I

No. 63

1. DUTIES

To mount at Retreat 20 Aug 40:

- (a) Duty Coy : B Coy  
Next for duty: C Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer: Licut A. MARSHALL  
Next for duty: Licut D.J. JOYCE
- (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 4534 Cpl MORRISON, A.M.  
Next for duty: QX 2689 Cpl THINEE, F.J.
- (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by B Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R., to report to Bn.C.C.  
on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner.
- (f) Sig. Pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.

C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adjt., 9 Bn.

SUPPLY OF FRUIT

Supplies of fresh fruit which are being issued are purchased from funds forwarded to the unit by the 9 Bn. Comforts Fund, Queensland.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER.

By Lt. Col. J.M.G. Martin, commanding 9 Battalion.

21 Aug 40.

Part 1.

No 64.

1. DUTIES.  
BN.

To mount at Retreat 21 Aug 40, as duty Bn.

- (a) Duty coy; C coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut B.M. LOVETT.
- (c) Orderly Cpl. QX 2689 Cpl. F.J. THIMMER.
- (d) Bn. Gd. to be supplied by C coy.

1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.Rs. to report to  
Bn. O.O. on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745.

- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig pl to supply 2 Don Rs.

The following duties will mount immediately prior to the movement of the Bn. on 22 Aug 40.

- (a) No. 1 post to be manned by D coy.
- (b) "A" coy to supply 1 H.C.O. and 6 O.Rs. as Detention Guard to mount at hours 22 Aug 40.

2. DUTIES.  
Bd.

- (a) H.M.F.I picquet - 1 Sgt - to be arranged by O.O.
- (b) Bd. Guard - to be supplied by C coy.  
1 Sgt. 1 Cpl, 9 O.Rs. to report to Bn. O.O.  
on Bn. parade ground at 1730 hours.
- (c) Private Sgt. to parade Detention personnel at 0630 hours to clean H.M.F.I canteen area.
- (d) O.O. to arrange the following:-  
1 H.C.O. 3 O.Rs. Bde Salvage duty 0830 hrs. 22 Aug.  
2 L.D. O.Rs. YMCA canteen at 0930 hours 22 Aug.
- (e) Leave picquets; C coy will supply the following  
Salisbury picquet; Lieut. R.J. ANDERSON  
1 Sgt. 6 O.Rs. to report to O.O. at 1730 hours.  
Moving picquet; Lieut. J.S.F. SPARKES.  
1 Sgt. 6 O.Rs. to report to O.O. at 1930 hours.

3. INFORMATION for Bd. exercise 15/16 Aug 40.  
T.M. MILLER  
IN C.M.F.

C.C.F. DUMM. Capt.  
Sgt. 9 Bn.

NOTICE. The following officers have been detailed for the under-mentioned duties.

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Sn. Sports officer; | Lieut. A.F. NIXON-MITH. |
| one Sgt. to assist. | .....                   |
| Rugby;              | Lieut. D.J. JACOBS.     |
| Australian rules;   | Lieut. H. HILL-HILL.    |
| Baseball;           | Lieut. G. MATHIAS.      |
| Hockey;             | Lieut. G. MATHIAS.      |
| Tennis;             | Lieut. C.M. MATHIAS.    |

The above will constitute the Sports Committee. Officers will select their two assistants and notify Lieut. A.F. NIXON-MITH forthwith.

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26 Aug 40.

Part 1.

No. 67.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 26 Aug 40.

- (a) Duty coy; B coy.  
Next for duty; C coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. R.A. MALONEY.  
Next for duty; Lieut. A.M. BENSON.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 1049 Cpl. PEARSON, J.  
Next for duty; QX 4436 Cpl. BOULTON, W.S.
- (d) Bn. Guard - 1 Sjt, 1 Cpl. 16 O.Rs. to  
report to Bn. O.O. on Bn. parade Ground  
at 1745. To be supplied by B coy.
- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig platoon to supply 2 D.Rs.

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Adj. 9 Bn..

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23 Aug 40

Part I

No. 65

1. DUTIES - BATTALION The following duties will mount immediately on return to camp, 24 Aug 40. "Next for duty" personnel will mount at Retreat, 24 Aug 40.
- (a) Duty Coy.: D Coy  
Next for duty: H.Q. Coy
  - (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut B.M. LOVETT  
Next for duty: Lieut A.F. NIXON-SMITH
  - (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 2689 Cpl THINEE, P.J.  
Next for duty: QX 459 Cpl HALL, J.C.
  - (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by H.Q. Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 C.R., to report to Bn.C.O.  
on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hrs.
  - (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner.
  - (f) Sig. Pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.
2. DUTIES - BRIGADE 9 Bn. mounts as duty unit at Retreat, 24 Aug 40:
- (a) H.Q. Coy will supply the following:  
Bdc. Gd., 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 9 ptes., (1 bugler)  
to report to Bn.C.O. on Bn. Parade Ground  
at 1730 hrs.  
One sjt. to attend N.A.A.F.I. Canteen when open  
1 H.C.G., 3 ptes, to report to Bdc. Salvage  
dump at 0830 hrs.  
2 L.D. ptes. to report to Y.M.C.A. at 0930 hrs.  
1 orderly to be present at CIVIL Post office  
during business hours to distribute telegrams  
to units.
  - (b) WINCHESTER Piquet - Lieut C.H. ARNOLD, 1 Sjt.,  
6 Ptes (supplied by H.Q. Coy) to report to Bn.  
C.O. at 1745 hrs. Dress - 3.D., gaiters,  
hats, sidearms, respirators, steel helmets  
(worn on respirator)
  - (c) Prov. Sjt. to parade detention personnel at  
N.A.A.F.I. Canteen area at 0630 hrs to clean  
tents and lines.
  - (d) Bn.C.O. will attend N.A.A.F.I. Canteen from 2115  
to 2130 hrs to clear canteen by 2130 hrs. He  
will inspect the Bdc. Guard once by day and  
once by night.
3. LEAVE During the period of special leave, leave on Satur-  
days and Sundays will be reduced to 10% each day.  
Leave will terminate at 2300 hours. All other previous  
arrangements will apply. Night leave to 10% on Mon-  
days to Fridays may be continued on the present arr-  
angements. It is to be noted that the ~~xxxxxxx~~ special  
bus service to SALISBURY on week nights has been dis-  
continued owing to lack of patronage.

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Adjt., 9 Bn.

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31 Aug 40.

Part 1.

No. 72.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 31 Aug 40.

- (a) Duty coy;                    B coy.  
Next for duty;                C coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. A. MARSHALL.  
Next for duty;                Lieut. R.W. FORSTER.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.;                QX 4060 Cpl. MacDONALD, D.  
Next for duty;                QX 1238 Cpl. FRAZER, E.W.
- (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by B coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.Rs. to report to Bn.  
O.O. on Bn. parade ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig pl to supply 2 D.Rs.

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Capt.  
Adj. 9 Bn.

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25 Aug 40.

Part 1.

No. 66.

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1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 25 Aug 40.
- (a) Duty coy; A coy.  
Next for duty; B coy.
  - (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. G.O. SUTHERS.  
Next for duty; Lieut. R. MOLONEY.
  - (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 670 Cpl. HARPER, G.W.  
Next for duty; QX 507 Cpl. SHARPE, V.A.
  - (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by A coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.R.s to report to  
Bn. O.O. on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745.
  - (e) Dutycoy to supply one runner.
  - (f) Sig platoon to supply 2 D.R.s.
2. BUS  
FARES. It has been reported that members of this Bde. have at times objected to paying bus fares. It is to be brought to the notice of all men that this practice can bring nothing but discredit to the A.I.F., and accordingly it is hoped that no further instances will occur. In this regard it is particularly noted that the single fare from Salisbury to Lopcombe camp is one shilling even though the return fare is 1/6.
3. DRESS  
FOR 6  
DAYS  
LEAVE. Units will ensure that all men proceeding on leave have colour patches on their jackets.
4. DANGER  
AREA. Owing to the presence of unexploded bombs in the area incl. DANEBURY HILL - excl. NEWMER WALLOP, this area will not be used for training until further notice.
- The DANEBURY HILL picquet will NOT be posted until further orders.

C.C.F. BOURNE Capt.

Adjt. 9<sup>th</sup>Bn..

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27 Aug 40.

Part 1.

No. 68.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 27 Aug 40.  
BN.
  - (a) Duty coy; C coy.  
Next for duty; D coy.
  - (b) Orderly Off.; Lieut. A.M. BENSON.  
Next for duty; Lieut. W.R.E. ISAACS.  
QX
  - (c) Orderly Cpl.; Sp1. 4436 Cpl. BOULTON, W.S.  
Next for duty; QX 2571 Cpl. MacDONALD, D.J.
  - (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by C coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.Rs. to report to Bn. O.O.  
on Bn parade ground at 1745 hours.
  - (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
  - (f) Sig. pl to supply 2 D.Rs.
2. DUTIES 9 Bn mounts as duty unit, Retreat 27 Aug 40.  
BDE.
  - (a) C coy will supply the following:-  
Bde guard. 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 9 ptes. (1 Bugler)  
to report to Bn. O.O. on Bn. parade ground  
at 1730 hours.  
Pm One Sjt. to attend NAAFI canteen when open.  
One N.C.O. and 3 ptes to report to Bde salvage  
dump at 0830 hours.  
Two L.D. ptes to report to Y.M.C.A. at 0930 hours.  
One orderly to be present at CIVIL post office  
during business hours to distribute telegrams  
to units.
  - (b) Provost Sjt. to parade detention personnel at  
NAAFI canteen area at 0630 hours to clean tents  
and lines.
  - (c) Bn. O.O. will attend NAAFI canteen from 2115 to  
2130 hours to clear canteen by 2130 hours. He  
will inspect the Bde Guard once byn day and once  
by night.
3. DETENTION The detention compound will be cleaned and gear  
COMPOUND. stacked in the regulation manner by 0700 hours  
daily. At 0830 hours daily, men in detention  
will be paraded to clean Bn lines and adjoining  
roads.
4. DRYING The practice of hanging washing in the furnace  
ROOMS. rooms of showers will cease forthwith. Drying  
rooms are provided.
5. SENTRIES. Shelters provided for sentries are for two  
purposes only, i.e. protection from rain, and  
from Air Raids. On all other occasions sentries  
will not use the shelters. It will be the  
responsibility of the Sjt. of the Bde Guard to  
ensure that the latrines provided for the Guard  
are kept clean and that a urine receptacle is  
provided.

C.C.F. BOURNE Capt.  
Adj. 9 Bn..

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NOTICE. LOST. - Sports Raleigh, 22-24" frame, sturdy archer  
3 speed gear with trigger control. Usual parts chrome  
plated, new condition. Any personnel knowing where-  
abouts to advise Bn. H.Q.

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28 Aug 40.

Part 1.

N. 69.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 28 Aug 40.

- (a) Duty coy; D coy.  
Next for duty; H.Q. coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. W.R.E. ISAACS.  
Next for duty; Lieut. A. MARSHALL.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 1234-Cpt. ~~COOKE~~, C.F.  
Next for duty; 2571 Cpl. MacDONALD, D.J.  
QX 1234 Cpl. COOKE, C.F.
- (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by D coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.Rs. To report to Bn. O.O.  
on Bn. parade ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig pl to supply 2 D.Rs.

2. CLERK-  
TYPIST.

There is a vacancy on the Bn. H.Q. staff for a clerk-typist. Applications will be forwarded to Bn. H.Q. by 1200 hours Friday 30 Aug 40.

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C.C.F. BOURNE Capt.  
Adj. 9 Bn..

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29 Aug 40.

Part 1.

No. 70.

1. DUTIES. To mount Retreat 29 Aug 40.

- (A) Duty coy;                      A H.Q. coy.  
Next for duty;                      A coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer;                      Lieut. D.J. JOYCE.  
Next for duty;                      Lieut. A.H. MARSHALL.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.;                      QX 1215 Cpl. LEMMON, A.P.  
Next for duty;                      QX 646 Cpl. SCHNEIDER, R.F.
- (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by H.Q. coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.Rs. To report to Bn. O.O.  
on Bn. parade ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig platoon to supply 2 D.Rs.

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30 Aug 40.

Part 1.

No. 71.

1. DUTIES.  
BN.
- To mount at Retreat 30 Aug 40.
- (a) Duty coy; A coy.  
Next for duty; B coy.
  - (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. B.M. LOVETT.  
Next for duty Lieut. A.F. NIXON-SMITH.
  - (c) Orderly Cpl; QX 646 Cpl. SCHNEIDER, R.F.  
Next for duty; QX 4060 Cpl. MacDONALD, D.
  - (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by A coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.Rs. to report to Bn.O.O.  
on Bn. parade ground at 1745 hours.
  - (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
  - (f) Sig platoon to supply 2 D.Rs.
2. DUTIES.  
BDE.
- 9 Bn. mounts as duty unit Retreat 30 Aug 40.
- (a) A coy will supply the following:-
    - Bde Guard. 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 9 Ptes (1 Bugler)  
to report to Bn. O.O. on Bn. parade ground  
at 1730 hours.
    - One Sjt. to attend NAAFI canteen when open.
    - One N.C.O. and 3 ptes to report to Bde salvage  
dump at 0830 hours.
    - Two L.D. ptes to report to Y.M.C.A. at 0930  
hours.
    - One orderly to be present at CIVIL post office  
during business hours to distribute telegrams  
to units.
  - (b) Provost Sjt. to parade detention personnel  
at NAAFI canteen area at 0630 hours to clean  
tents and lines.
  - (c) Bn. O.O. will attend NAAFI canteen from 2115  
to 2130 hours to clear canteen by 2130 hours.  
He will inspect the Bde guard once by day  
and once by night.
3. TOWN  
PICQUET.
- Picquet officer; Lieut. L.T. FRANCIS.  
1 Sjt & 6 O.Rs. - to be supplied by A coy.  
Picquet to report to Bn. O.O. at Bn. H.Q.  
at 1945 hours.

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C. C. F. BOURNE, Capt.  
Adj. 9 Bn..

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9 Battalion

September 40.

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Visitors

Prime Minister,  
Mr. Churchill.  
Gen. Sir John Dill.  
H.R.H. Duke of Kent.

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9 Bn.  
4 September 40.  
20 September 40.  
17 September 40.

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Enemy Air  
Activity.

Bombs dropped nearby\*  
Bombs in camp area.  
No casualties.

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5 September 40.  
9 Battalion.  
29 September 40.

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Invasion.

Stand to Cancelled.  
Stand to.

War Dairy.  
9 Bn.  
24 September 40.  
7 September 40.

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Training

Battalion exercises.

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9 Bn.  
26 September 40.

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2nd. ECHELON  
2nd. A.I.F. Overseas

13. OCT. 1940

RECEIVED INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required).

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Army Form C. 2118.

SEPTEMBER, 1940.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LOPCOMBE CORNER	4 Sep		Mr. WINSTON-CHURCHILL, Prime Minister inspected the Battalion on parade and addressed troops.	
	5 Sep	0415	Bombs were dropped SOUTH of NEW FARM by failed to explode, and piquets were placed around the area, until relieved by police. Lt.Col. MARTIN, Major LUBKE and Capt. BOURNE proceed on leave. Capt. R.F. REIDY acting C.O., Capt. W.N. PARRY-OKEDEN acting adjutant.	
	7 Sep	2155	Capt. LOXTON arrived at H.Q. from Bde. All officers called to H.Q. for conference. All ranks turned out, transport loaded and ordered to stand at one hours notice to move.	
	8 Sep	0430	Battalion ordered to three hours notice to move, to be prepared to operate in SPA against air-borne troops. Capt. WEARNE returned from leave and assumed command. Actual strength in camp 13 officers and 438 other ranks. Compensatory strength <del>in</del> adjustments made by Captain WEARNE, to be used in the event of the battalion being called out.	Appendix 12
	9 Sep	1200	Battalion placed at six hours notice to move.	
	10 Sep		Lt.Col. MARTIN and remainder of draft return from leave.	
	12 Sep		Tank-hunting platoon and MMG platoon personnel returned to rifle companies.	
	14 Sep		Voting for Australian elections commences. QX 2690 Pte THOMPSON, V.A., of the Transport section, shot himself in the foot while cleaning his rifle.	
	15 Sep		Voting concluded.	
	17 Sep		H.R.H. the DUKE of KENT visits the Battalion and inspected troops training.	
	20 Sep		General Sir John DILL, C.I.G.S. visits camp and inspects troops at work.	
	22 Sep	1325	Battalion placed at three hours notice to move. All leave cancelled	Appendix 13
	24 Sep		Stand-to cancelled.	
	26 Sep		Battalion moved out on exercise - Bn.H.Q. for night 26/27 at Ref BLANDFORD sheet WINTER DOWN COPSE 306277	Appendix 14



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WAR DIARY  
or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
(Erase heading not required).

9 Battalion

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Sheet two

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LOPCOMBE CORNER	27 Sep		Battalion returned to camp.	
	29 Sep	2245	Two high explosive bombs and molotov breadbaskets dropped in camp area. No casualties reported.	
	30 Sep		Strength as at 0600 hours - 32 officers, 716 other ranks. C.O.L Lt.Col. J.E.G. MARTIN. 2 i/c: Major W.E.F. LUBKE Adjt.: Capt. C.C.F. BOURNE.	

# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups.  
**GR.**

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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**TO**

9,10,12, Bns. 3. Inf. Mtd. 47 L.A.D. K. Soc. Sigs.

**FROM**

18 Aus. Mtd. Bns.

Originator's Number

0 33

Date

22

In Reply to Number

STAND

TO

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NOTICE

TO

MOVE

22 SEP 1940

C.O.



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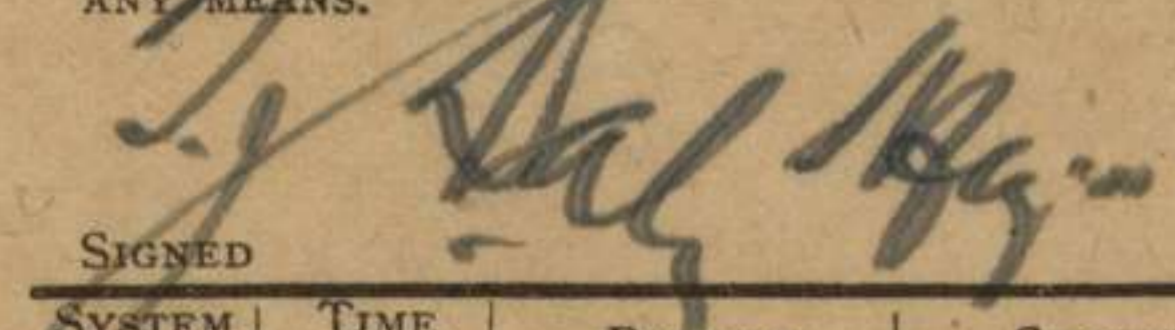
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TIME OF ORIGIN

1255

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T.H.I.

1325

T.O.R.

SYSTEM IN

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READER

SENDER

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Q.M.

# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 1

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FROM

EXON

Originator's Number

9 11

Date

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In Reply to Number

Australian	Imperial	Force	are	placed	at
three	hours	notice	0	they	will
be	prepared	to	operate	in	SALISBURY
PLAIN	AREA	against	airborne	tps	0
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Sy. Wood  
Capt

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T.H.I.

~~0430~~

T.O.R.

0430

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9 BN. EXERCISE 26/27 SEPT.

Objects of the Exercise:

- (a) To practice mechanised movement by night.
- (b) To practice Comdrs. in making rapid decisions.
- (c) To practice Adv. Gd. actions.
- (d) To practice Bn. in attack.

GENERAL IDEA.

Ref. Maps:-

England South -  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. to 1 ml..  
BLANDFORD & YEOVIL - 1-in. to 1 ml..

At Dawn 26 Sept. the enemy made a determined attempt to land at several points on the South Coast of England between BOURNEMOUTH U.51 and LYME REGIS T.71. At most points the landing was entirely unsuccessful and the enemy suffered heavy casualties. However he was successful in establishing himself across the promontory between SWANAGE Z.49 and BROAD BENCH Z.3399. After heavy fighting the Coastal Garrison was driven back to reserve area on the general line NINE BARROW DOWN U.4303 -- PURBECK HILLS U.30. In this area heavy fighting is taking place and although the enemy is being held all the reserves in the area have been thrown in. At 1900 hrs. 26 Sept. an air-borne landing took place in the area PIDDLEHINTON 1418. This force was estimated to be 200 strong and was quickly reinforced by light armoured vehicles. Just before dark the air-borne force was attacked by local detachments of the Home Guard but broke off the action as darkness fell and withdrew in the direction of DEWLISH HO. 2018.

This landing, even by a small force, presented grave difficulties to the defenders in the PURBECK HILL area as practically all our troops were already engaged and the possibility of sabotage in rear areas, particularly with regard to the destruction of bridges on the line of communication, was very great. The danger also existed of the MUSTON DOWN area 3020 being seized with a view to providing a landing place for further reinforcements.

*Z. Blair*

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SPECIAL IDEA - 9 BN.

At 1930 hrs. C.O., 9 Bn. was summoned by the Brigadier who issued orders, the gist of which are as follows:-

"It is absolutely essential that you move down to the BLANDFORD FORUM area as quickly as you can, at any rate in time to commence operations at first light tomorrow morning. It is unfortunate that the 10 and 12 Bns. are on Embarkation leave, and as the rest of the Australian Force is engaged with air borne troops in the SALISBURY PLAIN area I am afraid you will be entirely unsupported. I have managed to get 18 'buses which will report to you at 2100 hrs..

Your task will be to find the enemy wherever he may be and to destroy him. At all costs he must be prevented from destroying the crossings over the R. WINTERBOURNE and from holding any suitable area in which his reinforcements could land. Owing to the sparsity of information about his movements since dark it would be unwise to take your 'buses further South than KNIGHTON HOUSE 297288.

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9 Bn. Movement Order No. 2

Ref Maps: SALISBURY PLAIN, 1 inch - 1 mile  
YEOVIL and BLANDFORD, 1 inch - 1 mile

- INTENTION 1. 9 Bn. will move to BLANDFORD (3227).
- METHOD 2. Troops - buses. Coy. equipment - Bn. vehicles.  
Movement table appendix 1.
- ROUTE 3. Route No.1 - Appendix 2
- TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS 4. To be arranged by Australian Provost Coy.
- ADMIN 5. (i) Buses will form up in Main Camp Rd facing SOUTH numbered 1 - 20 with head of convoy at MAIN CAMP ENTRANCE by 2100 hrs.  
(ii) Unit vehicles will assemble on road leading out of unit lines in correct sequence, head at MAIN CAMP ENTRANCE.  
(iii) L.A.D. will RV at junctions of roads from Bde. H.Q. and road through camp, and will take up positions as convoy moves out.  
(iv) 3 Fd Amb will RV on road to NORTH of WATERTOWER - head of column at road intersection and will take up position as convoy moves out.  
(v) Leading vehicles of each group only will move with dimmed headlights - other vehicles no headlights at all. Unit vehicles show spotlight on differential. Busses red tail lights.
6. Kit to be carried: 1 blanket (in pack)  
Packs in pl. trucks  
Fighting order.
7. Ammn. - All ball ammunition will be collected and carried in Pl. trucks. Certificates will be rendered to Bn.H.Q. by 2100hrs that NO man taking part in the move is in possession of ball ammn.
8. Personnel to remain in Camp: The minimum number of personnel will remain in camp. These will include:
- |                                   | NCOs. | O.R. |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------|
| Three A.A. posts                  |       | 6    |
| Each coy two piquets              |       | 10   |
| Detention Guard supplied by D Coy | 1     | 6    |
| Bde Gd - supplied by D Coy:       | 1     | 9    |
| Camp Entrance Gd (H.Q.Coy)        | 1     | 6    |
| Q                                 |       | 6    |
| Pioneers:                         |       | 3    |
|                                   | 3     | 46   |
- Sick and personnel in detention. Light duty men to act as piquets and A.A. sentries where possible.
- MESSING 9. Coffee, cocoa or bovril will be made available to personnel by coys at 2000 hours. As coy. storeman will remain in camp he will be detailed to see the supply of the hot drink is available. The early morning meal for 27 Sep will be cooked in camp and be ready to pack at 1930 hrs 26 Sep. Midday meal for 27 Sep will be cooked under Bn. arrangements in the field. All meals will be taken to pls. in one gal. containers by carrying parties, 2 men per pl., 1 for Coy. H.Q.

Meeting point and time of assembly will be advised, Coys. by Bn.H.Q. Strength of pls. will be advised to Q. as early as possible prior to meals.

WATER

10. Water for refilling water bottles will be sent to coys. on request (the amount required to be given) and will be taken forward by carrying party with rations. Water bottles will be filled prior to leaving camp.

PETROL

11. All carriers, vehicles and motor cycles will have all tanks filled by 1700 hours 26 Sep 40. Petrol reserve will be with B Echelon. Amount of petrol required will be advised and will be available at petrol point at a position to be advised coys by Bn.H.Q. later.

BREAKDOWN

12. Vehicles breaking down en route will pull to the side of the road and advice will be sent to Bn.H.Q. Q.M. and T.O. T.O. will arrange for unit mechanics to attend car and if necessary will communicate with 47 L.A.D. If unable to have truck take the road again, advise Q.M. who will endeavour to make another truck available.

SANITATION

13. Coy. arrangements.

14. Halts will be made at 10 minutes to the clock hour commencing from 2300 hours - the move to be resumed at the clock hour.

INTERCOMMN.

15. Bn.H.Q. will close at camp at 2130 hrs. Report centre - KNIGHTON HOUSE - Ref Map YEOVIL and BLANDFORD 296288.

*[Signature]* Capt.

ACK

Adj.t., 9 Bn.

DISTRIBUTION

Signed at 20 hours.

- List 9/B
- 47 L.A.D.
- 3 Fd
- 18 Aus Mxd Bde (2)
- aus Provost Coy.

APPENDIX 1

Serial No.	Date.	Sub-unit	No. of Vehicles	Place.		S.P.	Time Past S.P.	Route.	Speed to S.P.	Speed and Density during March.		Dispersal Point.	Remarks.
				From	To.					VTM.	MIH.		
1		M/C pl	23 M/Cs.				2106			10	10		
2		Carrier pl.	10 Carrs.				2118			10	10		
3.		"A" coy. Comd. D.R. Bus con- voy comd. D.R. "A" coy Pl. trks.	1 8cwt 1 M/C. 1 car 1 M/C. Buses 1 - 3. 2 15c.				2130						
4.	26 sept 40.	A/A Sec. C.O. Adj. M/C D.R. Bn. H.Q. Bde Sigs. Sig Off. Sig stores A/A Sec	1 15c. 1 car 4 str. 1 D.R. M/C. 1 Van office. 1 W/T van. 1 8cwt. 1 12c. 1 12c.	Lopcombe Camp.	Blandford.		2136	Route No. 1. See App. 2.	Camp Orders.			Knighton House area 296288.	
5.		A/A pl. Sigs Int sec & Provost 2 i/c. Coy comds <del>A, B, C</del> B, C, D	Buses 4-5  1 8cwt. 3 8cwt.				2142						



Serial No.	Date	Sub-Unit	No. of Vehicles	Place		S.P.	Time past S.P.	Route	Speed to S.P.	Speed and Density during Mch.		Dispersal Point	Remarks
				From	To					VTM	MIH		
6		B coy. Pl trucks.	Buses 9 - 11 6 - 8 2 - 15 cwt.				2148						
7		C coy. Pl. trucks	Buses 9 - 11. 2 - 15cwt.				2154						
8		Pioneer pl. ) Mortar pl. ) Blince M/C pl.)	Bus 12. 1 15cwt. Mort 1 15 " Pion.				2200						
9		D coy less 1 pl. R.A.P. R.A.P. truck.	Buses 13-14. Bus 15. 1 - 30 cwt.				2203						
10	26 Sept 40.	Q.M. Q.	1 - 8 cwt. 2 - 12 cwt. 1 w/Tank. 1 3 ton Ptrol 1 w/Tank. 1-30cwt. (cooking).	Lopcombe Camp.	Blandford. 3227.		2209						
11		T.O. Q personnel Mechanics.  S.A.A. Gas gear	1 - 8 cwt. Bus 16. 1 - 8 cwt. ford. 2 - 15 cwt. 1 Albion.				2215.						
12		A/A sec. Cooking gear. Gas gear Rations L.A.D.	1 - 15 cwt. 1 Morr com. 1 Morr com. 1 - 3 ton com 1 Break down van.				2221						

Junct of main camp road with Road from Jack's Bush to Salisbury Stockbridge Road. 707559.

Route No. 1. See App. 2.

Camp orders.

Knighton House area. 296288.

Serial No.	Date.	Sub-unit.	No. of Vehicles.	Place.		S.P.	Time Past S.P.	Route.	Speed to S.P.	Speed and Density during march.		Dispersal point.	Remarks.
				From	To.					VTM.	MIH.		
13	" 26 sept 40.	3 Fd Amb.  1 Pl D coy. Spares. O.C. H.Q. coy. D.R.	1 car. 1 Amb. 1 30 cwt 1 M/C. D.R.  Bus 17. Buses 18, 19, 20. 1 - 8cwt. 1 M/C.	Lopcombe Camp.	Blandford. 3227.	AS previous page.	2227	As previous.	Camp orders.			Knighton House area 296288.	

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Appendix 2

Mileage Table - Route No. 1 - LOPCOMBE CAMP to BLANDFORD

00.00	Camp rd junc
01.20	LOPCOMBE CORNER
02.40	PHEASANT INN, slow down for turn right
02.50	Rd junc - turn right and traverse bombing range
05.00	Pass under railway
05.15	Xrds - keep straight on thru PORTON villa ge
05.60	Xrds - keep straight on
07.70	Roa d winds to left
08.20	Rd junc. - turn right
08.90	
09.40	keep left
09.55	Rd. junc - turn left
09.75	Bridge
09.80	Rd junc - keep right
11.30	STONEHENGE Fork - keep left
13.10	Xrds - keep straight on
14.60	Pass through village
14.70	Rd junc - keep right
18.90	Rd Junc - turn left
19.30	Park land on right
20.40	Enter village
20.50	Rd junc - turn right
20.90	Bridge (prepa red for demolition)
21.00	Rd junc - turn right - travel up river on right railway on left.
22.70	Enter WYLYE
22.80	Xrds - keep straight on
22.90	Enter main road - keep left
23.10	Fork - keep left and pass over railway bridge.
24.70	Xrds - keep straight on
27.70	Rd comes in on left
28.00	Fork - keep right
29.20	Enter CHICKLA DE village
29.50	Xrds - keep straight on
30.10	Xrds - keep straight on
30.20	Fork - keep left
30.40	Xrds - keep straight on
31.10	Rd junc (Black and white post and rail fence on right) - turn left.
31.50	Rd junc - keep stra ight on.
31.60	Rd junc - keep straight on.
32.30	Fork - keep left
32.90	Commence steep curves - dangerous.
33.10	Rd junc - keep right
33.30	Xrds - turn left - keep on marked road.
33.40	Fork - bea r right
33.70	Fork - bear right
35.20	Fork - keep left through gates.
35.40	Fork - keep right
35.90	pa ss over railway
36.10	Fork - keep right
36.60	Fork - keep right
37.70	White stone walled house on left
38.10	Rd junc - turn left - electric light post in centre of road - Red house on right.
38.20	Rd junc - keep left (telephone post in centre of junction).
38.50	Rd junc - keep stra ight on
38.70	Enter main road SHA FTESBURY-SALISBURY at ROYAL HOTEL - turn left

38.80 Fork - bear right  
 39.90 Rd junc - keep straight on  
 40.20 Steep decline  
 40.40 Rd junc - turn left through MELBURY A B&A S  
 40.80 Rd junc - keep right - grey stone house on left  
 41.00 Hill on right adjoining road - ground rises.  
 41.40 Deep valley on left  
 41.70 Fork - keep right - travel along escarpment  
 42.60 Rd junc - keep straight on.  
 44.30 Xrds - keep straight on - village on right  
 45.60 Windmill on left  
 45.90 Xrds.  
 47.20 House on right  
 47.30 Xrds - keep straight on  
 48.30 Road bends right and then left.  
 48.80 Junc with ma in rd - turn right into BLA NDFORD  
 49.40 Xrds - turn right  
 49.50 Junc with ma in rd - keep straight on, then  
 cross bridge - turn right into BRYANSTON HOUSE  
 gates and proceed to KNIGHTON HOUSE area.

APPENDIX 3.

Issued with 9 Bn. Movement order No. 2.

ALLOTMENT OF BUSES.

<u>BUS.</u>	<u>PERSONNEL.</u>
1	"A" coy.
2	
3	
	.....
4	A/A Pl. I Sec Provost.
	.....
5	Sig pl.
	.....
6	"B" coy.
7	
8	
	.....
9	"C" coy.
10	
11	
	.....
12	Pioneer pl. Mortar pl. Balance of M/C pl.
	.....
13	"D" coy less 1 pl.
14	
	.....
15	R.A.P.
	.....
16	Q personnel
	.....
17	One pl "D" coy.
	.....
18	Spare.
19	
20	
	.....

MEMO

CO

*[Handwritten signature]*

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All map references  
Geoville & Blandford  
Sheet 120

In conjunction with 9th Bn movement order No 2, and with the Commanding Officers concurrence, the following orders are issued.-

(1) 30cwt lorry as shown in Serial 10 Appendix 1, will follow the two 12 cwt vans in same serial.

(2) B Echelon Serials 10, 11, and 12, including L. A. D. will leave convoy at Blandford, turning right instead of left at Salisbury Temperance Hotel, (Milage Table approximately 49.45) and continue on following white line.

Convoy will halt at reference 303288 the first four vehicles in Serial 10 remaining on the road, the remainder of Serial 10 and Serials 11, and 12 less Bus 16 will turn right and R.V. in Copses, (Ref 305290). T.O. will ensure vehicles are parked in such a manner that they ~~can~~ be readily moved and that there is adequate cover from air. The 3 ton Commer with cooking gear together with two water tanks and A.P.U. 409 will R.V. in the copse on the first <sup>left</sup> turn off road after passing through gate, remainder of B Echelon to be dispersed in remainder of copse; the 3 ton Petrol Wagon to be placed away from cooking area.

(3) T.O. will be responsible that sentries are posted for the protection of B. Echelon, and conferring with A/A Section as to its position in the area. Spare drivers, mechanics, technical storeman, postman, and equipment repairer, will be utilised for guard duty. During the morning of 27th Sept 40 commencing at 0830 hrs all drivers and personnel not used about the kitchen will be given instruction in Map Reading under direction of T.O.

(4) Personnel attached to B. Echelon are not to leave the area without permission of the Q.M.

(5) B. Echelon will be reassembled by T.O. in order as shown in Serials 10, 11, and 12 to move by 1345 hrs <sup>279<sup>40</sup></sup> Movement from cover will not take place until definite time of assembly is received from Bn.H.Q.

(6) Issues of Petrol will be made as demanded and a signature is to be obtained for all issues, the number of the vehicle to which petrol is issued is to be recorded. Q.M. to be advised number of gallons loaded on 3 ton truck, prior to leaving camp, and amount returned to camp. No smoking is to be allowed in vicinity of petrol wagon.

(7) Personnel in Bus 16 will debus at reference 303288 under Sgt French and march to position in copse. C. Q. M. Sergeants will report to Q.M. at ref 303288 ready to issue meal. Personnel attached to B. Echelon will travel as shown hereunder:-

Q.M. 8 cwt. Driver, Q.M., Sgt Cook, Storeman, Batman,  
Van 257. Driver, & Padre Steele.  
Van 510. Driver & Padre McIlveen.  
30 cwt. Driver, & ~~Technical Sergeant~~. *spare driver*  
1 W/Tank Driver, Pte Harvey.  
1 3 ton petrol. Driver & Cpl Wyndham.  
1 W/Tank Driver & Spare Driver.

Serial 11 T.O. 8 cwt. Driver, T.O. Batman & Sgt Fitter.  
Bus No 16. Sgt French, C.Q.M. Sergeants, (5), Cooks (6), Cooks  
Offsiders (5), Postman (1), Equip Repairer (1),  
Tech. Storeman (1), Armourer (1), Boot Repairer (1)  
Spare Drivers (T.O. to advise number by 1700 hrs)  
8cwt Ford Driver, Mechanic. and three Mechanics.  
2 S.A.A. Two Drivers, one Spare Driver, Transport Sgt.  
15 cwt  
1 Albion Driver & Spare Driver.  
Serial 12 2 Morris Commercial. 2 Drivers, & 2 Spare Drivers.  
1 3 Ton Rations. Driver & Ration Cpl.

(2)

- (8) B Echelon will be placed in ~~to~~ the convoy by 2145 hrs 26/9/40.  
Sgt French will parade all personnel to be embussed in Bus 16 at Q.M.'s store at 2140 hrs and march party to embussing point ready to embuss at 2205 hrs.
- (9) T.O. will detail Sgt French to have a roll call at 0700 hrs 27/9/40 and advise Q.M. particulars of strength. The names of all personnel travelling in Serials 10, 11, and 12 will be handed to Sgt French by 1900 today certain.
- (10) T.O. will arrange for each driver in all Serials to be advised the route and mileage table as set out in appendix 2 of 9th Bn movement Order No 2

  
Capt  
Q.M. 9th Bn.

DISTRIBUTION

Transport Officer 9th Bn.  
Armourer Sergeant.  
Copy for H.Q. Coy.  
Copy for C.O.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

1 Sept. 40.

Part 1.

No. 73.

By Lt. Col. J.E.G. Martin, Officer Commanding 9 Bn..

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 1 Sept. 40.

- (a) Duty coy; C coy.  
Next for duty; D coy.
- (b) Orderly Off.; Lieut. R.W. FORSTER.  
Next for duty; Lieut. D.J. JOYCE.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 4484 Cpl. W.K. DIXON.  
Next for duty; QX 1238 Cpl. E.W. FRASER.
- (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by C coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.Rs. to report to  
Bn. O.O. on Bn. parade ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig pl. to supply two D.Rs.

2. TFRS. TO  
RAF & RAAF.

Notwithstanding the instructions issued in Australforce Administrative Instructions No. 26 para 3 of 24 July 40, apps are still being received by the Air Liason Officer direct from individuals for tfr to the air force.

It is again pointed out that no such applications will be considered and that any such transfers will not be approved except in very exceptional circumstances where the Air Force Authorities apply specifically for an individual and when the tfr is in the interests of the service.

The submission of applications by individuals is to cease. The attention of all ranks is to be drawn to this instruction and any infringement thereof is in future to be treated as disobedience of orders.

C.C.F. BOURNE Capt.  
Adj. 9 Bn..

NOTICE.

Mr. The owner of two identical keys tied together on a small piece of bootlace, may collect same at Bn. H.Q.

1 Sept 40.

NINTH BATTALION.SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - 2 - 7 Sept.

Day.	Duty coy.	30 Yd. range.	
Mon.	C	A	Individual training.
Tues.	D	B	Coy exercises.
Wed.	HQ	C	a.m. Bn. parade. Individ. trg. p.m. Sports.
Thurs.	A	D	Coy exercises.
Fri.	B	HQ.	Individual trg.
Sat.	C	HQ.	Admin. Individ. trg.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

By Lt.Col. J.E.G. Martin, Officer Commanding 9 Bn..

2 Sept. 40.

Part 1.

No. 74.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 2 Sept 40.

- (a) Duty coy; D coy.  
Next for duty; HQ Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. D.J. JOYCE.  
Next for duty; Lieut. G.O. SUTHERS.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 1238 Cpl. FRASER, E.W.  
Next for duty; QX 588 Cpl. GRIEG, T.W.
- (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by D coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.Rs. to report to Bn. O.O.  
on Bn. parade ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.

2. DUTIES The 9 Bn. Mounts as duty unit retreat 2 Sept 40.  
BDE. D coy will supply the following:-

- (a) Bde Guard. 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 9 ptes (1 Bugler)  
to report to Bn. O.O. on Bn. parade ground  
at 1730 hours.
- (b) One Sjt. to attend NAAFI canteen when open.
- (c) One N.C.O. and 3 ptes to report to Bde Salvage  
dump at 0830 hours.
- (d) Two L.D. ptes to report to Y.M.C.A. at 0930.
- (e) One orderly to be present at Civil post office  
during business hours to distribute telegrams  
to units.

The provost Sjt. will parade detention personnel  
at NAAFI canteen area at 0630 hours to clean tents  
and lines.

The Bn. O.O. will attend NAAFI canteen from 2115 to  
2130 to clear canteen by 2130. He will inspect the  
Bde Guard once by day and once by night.

3. TOWN Lieut. B.M. LOVETT. 1 Sjt. 6 O.Rs. to be supplied  
PICQUET. by D coy. Picquet to report to Bn. O.O. on Bn. parade  
ground at 1945 hours.

C.C.F. BOURNE Capt.  
Adj. 9 Bn..

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NOTICES.

HOSPITALITY -SCOTLAND. The following extract from a letter from the  
Empire Societies War Hospitality Committee in Edinburgh is quoted  
for information of personnel proceeding on leave.

'Any member of the Dominion Forces who desires to see something of  
our Scottish arming life may spend his leave on one or other of our  
farms. The following conditions have been laid down:-

- (a) That the men travel with their ration books.
- (b) That they each pay One pound for their board and lodging  
for the period of their leave. It is not necessary for the  
men to work on the farms but if they should feel so inclined  
to do it, each farmer will make his own arrangements with the  
men. So far as possible it has been arranged that each  
farmer will take two men so that friends may go together.'

At present this scheme has been initiated in the counties of Perth  
Angus, Dumfries, Roxburg and Berwick.

ENTERTAINMENT.

There will be a concert tonight at 1900 hours.  
A cinema will be shown at 1900 hours Thursday  
5 Sept 40.



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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

By Lt. Col. J.E.G. Martin, Officer Commanding 9 Bn..

3 Sept. 40.

Part. 1.

No. 75.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 4 3 Sept 40.

- (a) Duty coy; H.Q. coy.  
Next for duty; A coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. G.O. SUTHERS. *A. G. Mason-Smith*  
Next for duty; Lieut. W.R.E. ISAACS. *R. G. H. Morehead*
- (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 588 Cpl. T.W. GREIG.  
Next for duty; QX 4429 Cpl. SPILLMAN, M.H.
- (d) Bn. Guard. - to besupplied by H.Q. coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.Rs. to report to Bn.O.O.  
on Bn. parade ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig platoon to supply 2 D.Rs.

2. ROAD PICQUET. The 9 Bn. Road Picquet which mounts daily will report to Bn. O.O. on Bn. parade ground at 1745 hours. *(Beay tonight)*

3. GUARD DRILL. C.S.Ms. of all coys are responsible for the correct performance of drill in connection with mounting, changing and dismounting the guard.  
The N.C.O. in charge of the Guard will see that all reliefs go out in the correct manner and that all sentries are conversant with their duties.

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Capt.  
Adj. 9 Bn..

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4 Sept. 40

Part 1.

No. 76.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 4 Sept 40.

- (a) Duty coy; A coy.  
Next for duty; B coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. A.F. NIXON-SMITH.  
Next for duty; Lieut. R.W. FORSTER.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 4429 Cpl. SPILLMAN, M.H.  
Next for duty; QX 4508 Cpl. WILKIE, K.
- (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by A coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.Rs. to report to Bn. O.O.  
on Bn parade ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig pl to supply 2 D.Rs.

2. DUTIES. The 9 Battalion mounts as duty unit Retreat 4 Sep 40.  
BDE. A coy will supply the following:-

- (a) Bde Guard - 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 9 ptes (1 Bugler)  
to report to Bn. O.O. on Bn. pde ground  
at 1730 hours.
- (b) One Sjt. to attend NAAFI canteen when open.
- (c) One N.C.O. and 3 ptes to report to Bde salvage  
dump at 0830 hours.
- (d) Two L.D. ptes to report to YMCA at 0930.
- (e) One orderly to be present at Civil P.O. during  
business hours to distribute telegrams to units.

The Provost Sjt. will parade detention personnel  
at NAAFI canteen area at 0630 hours to clean tents  
and lines.

The Bn. O.O. will attend NAAFI canteen from 2115 to  
2130 to clear canteen by 2130. He will inspect  
the Bde Guard once by day and once by night.

3. TOWN  
PICQUET. Lieut. E. BARNES. 1 Sjt. 6 O.Rs. to be supplied  
by A coy. Picquet to report to Bn. O.O. on Bn. parade  
ground at 1945 hours.

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Capt.  
Adj. 9<sup>Bn.</sup>

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By Lt. Col. J.E.G. Martin, Officer Commanding 9 Bn.

5 Sept. 40.

Part 1.

No. 77.

1. DUTIES.

To mount at Retreat 5 Sept. 40.

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| (a) Duty Coy.                               | B. Coy.                |
| Next for duty.                              | C. Coy.                |
| (b) Orderly Officer.                        | Lieut. A. Nixon-Smith. |
| Next for duty.                              | Lieut. B.M. Lovett.    |
| (c) Orderly Corporal.                       | L/Cpl. Rawson-Harris.  |
| Next for duty.                              | L/Cpl. Griffiths. D.R. |
| (d) Bn. Guard. To be supplied by B Coy.     |                        |
| 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.R. to report to Bn. O.O. |                        |
| on Bn. pde ground at 1745 hours.            |                        |
| (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.          |                        |
| (f) Sig. Pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.              |                        |

2. HOSPITALITY.

Members of the Force visiting Bristol on leave are advised that the undermentioned Club rooms are open to visiting soldiers.:-

The Australian and New Zealand Club of Bristol,  
Royal Empire Society,  
Whiteladies Road,  
Clifton.

The Y.M.C.A.  
Colston street,  
Bristol/

3. DAMAGE.

REPORTING OF DAMAGE BY ENEMY AIR ACTION TO MILITARY PROPERTY INCLUDING PROPERTY TAKEN OVER BY THE MILITARY.

Damage under the above heading will be reported in full to this H.Q. which is to inform Sn. Comd.

4. ACTION AGAINST PARACHUTISTS.

Attention is drawn to G.S.I. No. 92. Advice has been received that cases have been reported of own troops opening fire on own pilots descending by parachute.

Units will ensure forthwith that all ranks clearly understand that they must not fire at falling parachutists who are less than 6 in number.

C.C.F. BOURNE. Capt.

Adj. 9 Bn.

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By Lt.Col. J.E.G. Martin, Commanding 9 Battalion, A.I.F.

6 Sep 40

Part I

No. 78

1. DUTIES To mount at Retreat, 6 Sep 40.

- BATTALION
- (a) Duty Coy C Coy  
Next for duty: D Coy
  - (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut B.M. LOVETT  
Next for duty: Lieut G.O. SUTHERS
  - (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 2547 Cpl GRIFFITH, D.R.  
Next for duty: QX 415 Cpl DeVANTIER, R.
  - (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by C Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R., to report to Bn.O.O.  
on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hrs.
  - (e) Sig. Pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.
  - (f) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner.

2. DUTIES - 9 Bn. mounts as duty unit at Retreat 6 Sep 40:

- BRIGADE
- (a) Captain of the Day: Capt. O.E.J. CONDON
  - (b) C Coy will supply the following:  
Bde. Guard - 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 9 O.R., to report to  
Bn.O.O. on Bn. Parade Ground at 1730 Hrs.  
One sjt. to attend NAAFI Canteen when open  
1 N.C.O. and 3 O.R. to report to Bde. Salvage Dump  
at 0830 hrs 7 Sep.  
2 L.D. O.R. to report to YMCA at 0930 hrs 7 Sep.  
1 O.R. orderly to be present at CIVIL P.O. during  
business hrs to distribute telegrams to units.
  - (c) The Provost Sjt. will parade detention personnel at  
NAAFI Canteen area by 0630 hrs to clean tents and  
lines.
  - (d) Bn.O.O. will clear NAAFI Canteen by 2130 hrs. He  
will inspect Bde. Guard once by day and once by night.
  - (e) Leave piquet - Lieut. A.M. BENSON, 1 Sjt., 6 O.R.  
will report to Bn.H.Q. at 1945 hrs. (O.R. supplied  
by C Coy.) Dress, sidearms, S.D., hats, respira-  
tors, steel helmets.
  - (f) 1 N.C.O. and 1 Pte (with bicycles) to report to Bn.  
H.Q. at 1745 hrs to act as orderlies to Captain of  
the day (to be supplied by B Coy) .

3. ROAD  
GUARD

The Guard supplied by 9 Bn. on STOCKBRIDGE Road entrance to the camp will be under command of a serjeant. The red lamps provided to these guards are to be screened to ensure that no light is visible from above, and only a red bulls eye shows to the side. This could probably be effected by blackpaint on the globes. Any other light, except that of the lantern, is to be strictly forbidden at these posts. It will be the duty of the guard to ensure that vehicle lights are switched off before proceeding beyond the post towards the camp. NO vehicle is to display ANY light in the camp area by night.

4. LIGHTS

All coys are to exercise the greatest care to ensure that NO lights are visible within their respective camp areas between dusk and dawn. The Orderly Officer will make frequent tours of the camp to ensure that these orders are carried out effectively. Fires in the cookhouses are one of the main sources of trouble and effective steps are to be taken to ensure that these are properly screened from the air.

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8 Sep 40

Part I

No. 80

1. DUTIES To mount at Retreat, 8 Sep 40:
- (a) Duty Coy: H.Q. Coy  
Next for duty: A Coy
  - (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut C.M. ARNOLD  
Next for duty: Lieut L.G.C. EVANS
  - (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 395 Cpl LARARD, J.D.  
Next for duty: QX 3050 Cpl THOMAS, V.F.
  - (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by H.Q. Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R., to report to Bn.H.Q.  
at 1745 hrs.
  - (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner
  - (f) Sig. Pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.

W.N. PARRY-OKEDEN, Capt.

Act. Adjt., 9 Bn.

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7 Sep 40

Part I

No.79

1. DUTIES To mount at Retreat, 7 Sep 40:
- (a) Duty Coy: D Coy  
Next for duty: H.Q.Coy
  - (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut G.O. SUTHERS  
Next for duty: Lieut C.M. ARNOLD
  - (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 415 Cpl DeVANTIER, R.  
Next for duty: QX 395 Cpl LARARD, J.D.
  - (d) Sig. Pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.
  - (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner.
  - (f) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by D Coy - 1 Sjt.,  
1 Cpl., 16 O.R., to report to Bn.O.O. on Bn.  
Parade Ground at 1745 hrs.
2. OUT OF BOUNDS The following Hotels and Resturants are placed out of bounds to troops as shown:
- WINCHESTER: "The Northgate Club" - to officers only
  - SALISBURY: The "Old Mill" Resturant - to all ranks  
after 2000 hours.
  - BATH: "The Hole in the Wall" Resturant - to  
all ranks
3. WEARING OF ANTI-GAS EQUIPMENT Experience has shewn that if anti-gas capes and curtains are worn for all training they quickly become unserviceable owing to tearing and wear generally. Such anti-gas equipment will, therefore, only be worn during manoeuvres when troops are turning out completely equipped or during special anti-gas training. The equipment will NOT be worn for ordinary training in the vicinity of camps. These instructions apply only under present conditions and will be automatically cancelled should the enemy invade England or use gas.
4. LEA VE - 9 Sep 40 The timetable for the morning of 9 Sep 40 will be as under:
- 0530 hrs: Reveille
  - 0700 hrs: Breakfast
  - 0750 hrs: Bn. parade for personnel proceeding on leave.
5. CHURCH PARA DE Church Parade under Padre McILVEEN will be held at 0900 hrs 8 Sep 40. Coy. parades, 0845 hrs., markers to R.S.M. 0850 hrs, Bn. parade 0855 hrs. R.C. Pa rade will be held in the NAAFI Recreation Tent at 0900 hrs. Voluntary Mass will be celebrated in the NAAFI Tent at 0645 hrs.

W.N. PARRY-OKEDEN, Capt.

Act. Adjt., 9 Bn.

NOTICE:

Enterttainments as under have been allotted to this camp for the week commencing 9 Se p 40:

Monday, 9 Sep: Cinema (1900 hrs)  
Saturday, 14 Sep: Cinema (1900 hrs)

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS

By Lt.Col. J.E.G. Martin, Commanding 9 Battalion.

9 Sep 40

Part I

No. 81

1. DUTIES -  
BATTALION

~~xxx~~ To mount a Retreat 9 Sep 40:

- (a) Duty Coy: A Coy  
Next for duty: B Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut L.G.C. EVANS  
Next for duty: Lieut A.F. NIXON-SMITH
- (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 3050 Cpl THOMAS, V.F.  
Next for duty: QX 135 Cpl SIMMONDS, L.P.
- (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by A Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R., to report to Bn.O.O. on  
Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hrs 9 Sep.
- (e) Duty Coy to supply 1 runner
- (f) Sig Pl to supply 2 D.Rs.

2. DUTIES -  
BRIGADE

9 Bn. mounts as duty unit to Retreat 9 Sep 40.

- (a) Captain of the Day: Capt. W.N. PARRY-OKEDEN
- (b) A Coy will supply the following:  
Brigade Guard - 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 9 O.R., to report  
to Bn.O.O. on Bn. Parade Ground at 1730 hrs.  
One sjt. to attend NAAFI Canteen when open.  
1 N.C.O. and 3 O.R. to report to Bde. Salvage  
Dump at 0830 hrs 10 Sep.  
2 L.D. O.R. to report to YMCA Ca nteen at 0930  
hrs 10 Sep  
1 O.R. to be present at CIVIL P.O. when open to  
distribute telegrams to units.  
1 N.C.O. and 1 Pte (with bicycles) to report to  
the Captain of the Day at Bn.H.Q. at 2045 hrs.
- (c) The Provost Sjt. will parade detention personnel  
at 0830 hrs 10 Sep to clean NAAFI Canteen area.
- (d) Bn.O.O. will clear NAAFI Canteen by 2130 hrs. He  
will inspect the Bde. Guard once by day and once  
by night.

3. COURT  
OF  
INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry will be held into the circumstances  
of damage to W.D. vehicle No. ACR 699 (Morris 25 Saloon)  
occurring at Lopcombe Camp at 1245 hrs on 6 Sep 40.  
The Court will be empanelled as under:

President: Capt. W.N. PARRY-OKEDEN  
Members: Lieut G.O. SUTHERS  
Lieut A.M. BENSON

The Court will open at 1400 hrs 9 Sep 40.

W.N. PARRY-OKEDEN, Capt.

Act. Adjt., 9 Bn.

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10 Sep 40

Part I

No.82

1. DUTIES

To mount at Retreat, 10 Sep 40:

- (a) Duty Coy: B Coy  
Next for duty: C Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut A.F. NIXON-SMITH  
Next for duty: Lieut A.H. MARSHALL
- (c) Orderly Corporal QX 135 Cpl SIMMONDS, L.P.  
Next for duty: QX 4149 Cpl TOOVEY, P.E.
- (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by B Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R., to report to Bn.O.O.  
on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hrs 10 Sep.
- (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner.
- (f) Sig Pl to supply 2 D.Rs.

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10 Sep 40

Part I

No.82

1. DUTIES

To mount at Retreat, 10 Sep 40:

- (a) Duty Coy: B Coy  
Next for duty: C Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut A.F. NIXON-SMITH  
Next for duty: Lieut A.H. MARSHALL
- (c) Orderly Corporal QX 135 Cpl SIMMONDS, L.P.  
Next for duty: QX 4149 Cpl TOOVEY, P.E.
- (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by B Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R., to report to Bn.O.O.  
on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hrs 10 Sep.
- (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner.
- (f) Sig Pl to supply 2 D.Rs.

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11 Sep 40

Part I

No.83

1. DUTIES

To mount at "etreat 11 Sep 40:

- (a) Duty Coy: C Coy  
Next for duty: D Coy
- (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut A.H. MARSHALL  
Next for duty: Lieut R.W. FORSTER
- (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 1221 Cpl WALTERS, A.  
Next for duty: QX 648 Cpl LALCHERE, R.R.
- (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by C Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R., to report to Bn.O.O.  
on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty Coy to supply 1 runner.
- (f) Sig Pl to supply 2 D.Rs.

C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adjt., 9 Bn.

NOTICE:

The following have been found and may be claimed  
at Bn.H.Q.:

- Respirator (1)
- Steel Helmet (1)
- Money belt (1) containing sum of money
- Spectacle case, containing 2 pairs of dark  
glasses.

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By Lt. Col. J.E.G. Martin, Officer Commanding 9 Bn.

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12 Aug 40

Part 1.

No. 84.

1. DUTIES.  
BN.

To mount at Retreat 12 Sept 40.

- (a) Duty coy; D coy.  
Next for duty; HQ coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. R.W. FORSTER.  
Next for duty; Lieut. D.J. JONCE.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 648 Cpl. LAICHURE, R.R.  
Next for duty; QX 7070 Cpl. McLAREN, M. C.
- (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by D coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.Rs. to report to Bn. O.O.  
on Bn. pde ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig pl to supply 2 D.Rs.

2. DUTIES.  
BDE.

9 Bn. mounts as duty unit 12 Sept 40, 1800 hours.

- (a) Captain of the day; Capt. E.J.F. PEEK.
- (b) D coy will supply the following:-

Bde guard - 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 9 O.Rs. to report to Bn. O.O. on Bn. pde ground at 1730 hrs.  
One Sjt. to attend NAAFI canteen when open.  
1 N.C.O. and 3 ptes to report to Bde Salvage dump at 0830 hours. 13 Sept 40.  
2nL.D. O.Rs. to report to YMCA canteen at 0930 hours 13 Sept 40.  
1 O.R. to be present at CIVIL P.O. when open to distribute telegrams to units.  
1 N.C.O. and 1 pte (with bicycles) to report to the Captain of the day at Bn. H.Q. at 2045 hours.

- (c) The Provost Sjt will parade detention personnel at 0630 hours 13 Sept to clean NAAFI canteen area.
- (d) Bn. O.O. will clear NAAFI canteen by 2130 hours. He will inspect the Bde guard once by day and once by night.

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C.C.F. BOURNE  
Capt.  
Adj. 9 Bn.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

By L .Col. J.E.G. Martin, Commanding 9 Battalion,

13 Sep 40

Part I

No. 85

1. DUTIES

To mount at Retreat 13 Sep 40:

- (a) Duty Coy: H.Q. Coy.  
Next for duty: A Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut D.J. JOYCE  
Next for duty: Lieut W.W.D. DAUNT
- (c) Orderly Corporal QX 7070 Cpl McLA REN, M.C.  
Next for duty: QX 2831 Cpl STEELE, J. McD.
- (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by H.Q. Coy -  
to report to Bn.O.O. on Bn. Parade Ground at  
1745 hrs - 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 16 O.R.
- (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner.
- (f) Sig. 1. to supply 2 D.Rs.

C.C.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adjt., 9 Bn.

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NINTE BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS

By Lt.Col. J.E.G. Martin, Commanding 9 Battalion.

14 Sep 40

Part I

No. 86

1. DUTIES To mount at Retreat 14 Sep 40:
- (a) Duty Coy: A Coy  
Next for duty: B Coy
  - (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut A. MARSHALL  
Next for duty: Lieut R.A. MA LONEY
  - (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 2831 Cpl STEELE, J. McD.  
Next for duty: QX 415 Cpl POWELL, S.E.
  - (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by A Coy -  
to report to Bn.O.O. on Bn. Parade Ground  
at 1745 hrs.
  - (e) Duty Coy. to supply 1 runner.
  - (f) Sig Pl to supply 2 D.Rs.
- 2 . MALA RIA Coys. will return to Bn.H.Q. by 0900 hrs 16 Sep 40  
a list shewing names and numbers of men who have  
suffered from Malaria.
3. LEAVE Buses for SALISBURY will leave the camp each evening  
at 1830 hrs and will leave SALISBURY on the return  
journey at 2100 hrs. Unit parties will be marched  
to the gates, parading at Bn.H.Q. at 1800 hrs sharp.  
It is to be impressed on every man proceeding on  
leave that it is essential that he should be back in  
camp by 2130 hrs, and units will take precautions  
to ensure that a n adequate check is made of per-  
sonnel returning, and also that no men other than  
those granted leave should proceed outside the camp  
area.
4. YMCA Fatigue It has been reported that the two men who should  
report each day to the YMCA from the duty unit have  
in most cases not been attending. To ensure that  
this is done, the duty coy. supplying the fatigue  
will arrange for an N.C.O. to take the two men to  
the YMCA tent at 0930 hrs. They will be required  
there until 1230 hrs.

C?CC.F. BOURNE, Capt.

Adjt., 9 Bn.

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NINTH BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

By Lt.Col. J.A.G. Martin, Officer Commanding 9 Bn.

16 Sept 40.

Part 1.

No. 87.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 16 Sept 40.

- (a) Duty coy; C coy.  
Next for duty; D coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. W.R.E. ISAACS.  
Next for duty; Lieut. B.M. LOVETT.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 2547 Cpl. GRIFFITH, D.R.  
Next for duty; QX 4149 Cpl. TOOVEN, P.E.
- (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by C coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 16 O.Rs. to report to Bn. (  
O.O. on Bn. pde ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig pl to supply 2 D.Rs.

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17 Sept 40.

Part 1.

No. 88.

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1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 17 Sept 40.

- (a) Duty coy;                    D coy.  
Next for duty;            A coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer;     Lieut. B.M. LOVETT.  
Next for duty;        Lieut. ~~G.E.~~ SUTHERS  
    A.F. NIXON-SMITH.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.;        QX 217 Cpl. AVERY, J.D.  
Next for duty;        QX 3098 Cpl. Latimore, C.V.
- (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by D coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 19 O.Rs. to report to Bn. O.O.  
on Bn. pde ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig pl to supply 2 D.Rs.

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C.M.

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NOTICE.

A cinema will be shown in the NAAFI tent at 1830 hours Friday 20 Sept 40.

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18 Sept 40.

Part 1.

No. 89.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 18 Sept 40.
- (a) Duty coy; A coy.  
Next for duty; B coy.
  - (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. A.H. MARSHALL.  
Next for duty; Lieut. R.W. FORSTER.
  - (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 3098 Cpl. LATIMORE, C.V.  
Next for duty; QX 3130 Cpl CAMERON, C.T.
  - (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by A coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 21 O.Rs. to report to Bn. O.O.  
on Bn pde ground at 1745 hours.
  - (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
  - (f) Sig pl to supply 2 D.Rs.
2. DUTIES. 9 Bn. mounts as duty unit Retreat 18 Sept 40.  
BDE.
- (a) Captain of the day: Capt. B.N. BERRY.
  - (b) A coy will supply the following:-  
Bde Guard - 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 9 O.Rs. to report  
to Bn. O.O. on Bn pde ground at 1730 hours.  
1 N.C.O. and 3 ptes to report to Bde salvage  
dump at 0830 hours 19 Sept 40.  
2 L.D. O.Rs. to report to YMCA canteen at 0930  
hours 19 Sept 40.  
1 O.R. to be present at Civil P.O. when open to  
distribute telegrams to units.  
1 N.C.O. and 1 pte(with bicycles) to repor to  
the Capt of the day at Bn. H.Q. at 2045 hours.
  - (c) The provost Sjt will pde det personnel at 0630  
hours 19 Sept 40to clean NAAFI canteen area.
  - (d) Bn O.O. will clear NAAFI canteen by 2130 hours.  
He will inspect the Bde guard once by day and  
once by night.
3. DETENTION  
PERSONNEL. In future it will be the duty of the Duty coy C.S.M.  
to parade Detention personnel for Pack Drill  
between the hours of 1100 and 1200, 1500 and 1600,  
and 1800 and 1900.
4. CARE OF  
ARMS. Cases have been reported where arms and equipment  
have been left unattended in military vehicles. It is to  
be brought to the notice of all ranks that such  
articles must never be left unattended outside the  
camp area, either in vehicles or elsewhere. Within  
the camp arca drivers may, when on duty, leave arms  
and equipment in vchicles, when absent from same for  
short periods.

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Adj. 9 Bn.

NOTICE.

Reported lost is one narrow plaited leather belt with  
leather buckle, and one wide blade sheath knife and sheath. The  
articles are believed to have been lost in 9 Bn. showers on the  
night of 16 Sept 40. Finder please return to 9 Bn. H.Q..

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19 Sept 40.

Part 1.

No. 90.

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1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 19 Sept 40.

- (a) Duty coy;                    B coy.  
Next for duty;                C coy.
- (b) Orderly officer;        Lieut. R.W. FORSTER.  
Next for duty;                Lieut. D.J. JOYCE.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.;            QX 3130 Cpl. CAMERON, C.T.  
Next for duty;                QX 226 L/C ALAND, N.L.
- (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by B coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 21 O.Rs. to report to Bn. O.O.  
on Bn. parade ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty coy to supply our runner.
- (f) Sig pl. to supply 2 D.Rs.

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20 Sept 40.

Part 1.

No. 91.

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1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 20 Sept 40.

- (a) Duty coy;                    C coy.  
Next for duty;                D coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer;        Lieut. D.J. JONCE.  
Next for duty;                Lieut. A. MARSHALL.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.;            QX 2507 L/Cpl. HANSEN, C.O.  
Next for duty;                QX 1036 L/Cpl EVANS, J.
- (d) Bn. Guard - To be supplied by C coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 22 O.Rs. to report to Bn. O.O.  
on Bn. pde ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig platoon to supply 2 D.Rs.

2. ENEMY. It is likely that at the time of invasion Germans will be landed in British battle dress mainly by air but possibly also by sea. They may possess pay books and other identity certificates. They will attempt to enter vital areas or pass through blocks which they will then attack in rear. Cases were known in HOLLAND where such parties fell in in rear of marching Dutch columns. Leaders of enemy parties and some others are likely to speak perfect English. All Headquarters and Units will therefore ensure that methods of identification are at all times strictly enforced and that sentries challenge on the assumption that the individual or party approaching their post is hostile until proved other wise.

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Adj. 9 Bn.

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21 Sept 40.

Part 1.

No. 92.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 21 Sept 40.  
BN.
  - (a) Duty coy; D coy.  
Next for duty; H.Q. coy.
  - (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. A. MARSHALL.  
Next for duty; Lieut. R. TAYLOR.
  - (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 1036 L/Cpl. EVANS, J.  
Next for duty; QX 1168 Cpl. STIRZAKER, T.R.
  - (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by D coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 22ORs. to report to Bn. O.O.  
on Bn. pde ground at 1745 hours.
  - (e) Duty coy will supply one runner.
  - (f) Sig pl will supply 2 D.Rs.
2. DUTIES. 9 Bn. will mount as duty unit Retreat 21 Sept 40.  
BDE.
  - (a) Captain of the day; Capt. R.C. HOOVER.
  - (b) D coy will supply the following:-  
Bde Guard - 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 9 O.Rs.  
to report to Bn. O.O. on Bn. pde  
ground at 1730 hours.  
One N.C.O. and 3 ptes to report to Bde  
salvage dump at 0830 hours 22 Sept 40.  
2 L.D. O.Rs. to report to YMCA canteen at  
0930 hours 22 Sept 40.  
One O.R. to be present at CIVIL P.O. when open  
to distribute telegrams to units.  
1 N.C.O. and 1 pte (with bicycles) to report to  
the Capt of the Day at Bn. H.Q. at 2045 hours.
  - (c) The provost Sjt will pde det personnel at 0630  
hours 22 Sept to clean NAAFI canteen area.
  - (d) Bn. O.O. will clear NAAFI canteen by 2130 hrs.  
He will inspect the Bde Guard once by Day  
and once by night.
3. TOWN Lieut. J.T.F. SPARKES plus 1 Sjt and 8 O.Rs. to  
PICQUET. be supplied by D coy. Picquet to report to Bn. H.Q.  
at 1730 hours.
4. ROVING PICQUET.  
Lieut. L.G.C. EVANS. plus 1 Sjt. and 8 O.Rs. to be  
supplied by D coy. Picquet to report to Bn H.Q.  
at 1930 hours.

NOTE.

Slight alterations in the battalion Guard and the subsequent failure of coys to supply the correct personnel makes it apparent that Routine Orders are NOT read carefully each day. The necessity for reading carefully Daily Routine Orders, cannot be too strongly stressed.

Notice.

The owner of Rifle No. 96088 may become repossessed of his weapon by reporting to Bn. H.Q.

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22 Sept 40.

Part 1.

No. 93.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 22 Sept 40.

- (a) Duty coy; H.Q. coy.  
Next for duty; A coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut. R. TAYLOR.  
Next for duty; Lieut. G.O. SUTHERS.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.; QX 1168 Cpl. STIRZAKER, T.R.  
Next for duty; QX 226 L/C ALAND, N.L.
- (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by H.Q. coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 22 O.Rs. to report to Bn.  
O.O. on Bn pde ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig pl to supply 2 D.Rs.

2. MAGNETIC  
MINES.

Magnetic mines are being dropped by parachute by the enemy. Under no circumstances will personnel handle such objects, which are highly dangerous unless handled by skilled persons. If any object is observed fitted with a parachute, a report will be made immediately to Bn. H.Q.

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By Lt.Col. J.B.G. Martin, Officer Commanding 9 Bn.

24 Sept 40.

Part 1.

No. 95.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 24 Sept 40.

- (a) Duty coy; B coy.  
Next for duty; C coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer. Lieut. H.J.D. HAMILTON.  
Next for duty; Lieut. W.R.V. ISLIPS.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.; QM 3058 L/Cpl. DWYER, R.D.  
Next for duty; QM 5035 L/Cpl. FRICK, P.R.
- (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by B coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 22 O.Rs. to report to Bn. O.O.  
on Bn. pdc ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig pl to supply 2 D.Rs.

2. DUTIES. 9 Bn. mounts as duty unit Retreat 24 Sept 40.  
BDN.

- (a) Captain of the Day; Capt W.M. PERRY-CK B.M.
- (b) B coy will supply the following:-  
Bn. Guard - 1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 9 O.Rs. to report  
to Bn. O.O. on Bn. pdc ground at 1730 hours.  
1 M.C.O. and 3 ptes to report to Bde salvage  
dump at 0830 hours 25 Sept 40.  
2 L.D. O.Rs. to report to M.I.C.I. canteen at  
0930 hours 25 Sept 40.  
One O.R. to be present at Civil P.O. when open  
to distribute telegrams to units.  
1 M.C.O. and 1 pte with bicycles to report to  
Capt of the Day at Bn. H.Q. at 2045 hours.
- (c) The Provost Sjt. will parade Detention personnel  
at 0630 hours 25 Sept 40 to clean M.I.F.I. canteen  
area.
- (d) Bn. O.O. will clear M.I.F.I. canteen by 2130 hours.  
He will inspect the Bde Guard once by day and  
once by night.

3. MOVING  
LICOUIT.

Lieut. M.B.H. plus one Sjt. and 6 O.Rs.  
(supplied by B coy) to report to Bn. . . at Bn.  
H.Q. at 1845 (1845) hours.

G.C.F. BUNN, Capt.  
Sjt. 9 Bn.

NOTICE.

Coy's will forward to Bn. H.Q. forthwith, lists of names  
of all S.G. School 1st Boys.

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25 Sep 40

Part I

No. 96

1. DUTIES To mount at Retreat, 25 Sep 40:
- (a) Duty Coy: C Coy  
Next for duty: D Coy
  - (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut. W.R. E. ISLACS  
Next for duty: Lieut. C.M. ARNOLD
  - (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 5035 L/Cpl PRICE, P.R.  
Next for duty: QX 4799 L/Cpl ROBERTS, D.J.
  - (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by C Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 22 O.R., to report to Bn.C.C.  
on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hours.
  - (e) Duty Coy to supply 1 runner.
  - (f) Sig Pl to supply 2 D.Rs.
2. DR. INS An inspection of the camp by the Deputy Assistant Director of Hygiene, SPA, shows that blockages are occurring in drains as a result of solids entering same. This should NOT occur. Gross solids should be screened before the waste enters the trap, and the trap itself, if regularly cleaned, should retain the rest of the solid matter.

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Adj. 9 Bn.

NOTICE:

There will be a Cinema show in the NAAFI Entertainment Tent at 1830 hours on Friday, 27 Sep 40.

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By Lt. Col. J.E.G. Martin, Commanding 9 Battalion.

26 Sep 40

Part I

No. 97

1. DUTIES To mount at Retreat, 26 Sep 40:

- (a) Duty Coy: D Coy  
Next for duty: H.Q. Coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer: Lieut. C.M. ARNOLD  
Next for duty: Lieut. W.W.D. DAUNT
- (c) Orderly Corporal: QX 395 Cpl LARARD, J.D.  
Next for duty: QX 4799 L/Cpl ROBERTS, D.J.
- (d) Battalion Guard - to be supplied by D Coy -  
1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 22 O.R., to report to Bn.O.O.  
on Bn. Parade Ground at 1745 hrs.
- (e) Duty Coy will supply 1 runner.
- (f) Sig Pl will supply 2 D.Rs.

2. DUTIES - BRIG. DL.

- 9 Bn. mounts as duty unit at Retreat, 27 Sep 40.  
The following duties will be supplied by H.Q. Coy:
- (a) Bde Guard - 1 Sjt., 1 Cpl., 9 O.R., to report to Bn.O.O. on Bn. Parade Ground at 1730 hrs.
  - (b) 1 sjt., 6 O.R., (under command Lieut. E. BARNES) as Roving Piquet - to report to Bn.H.Q. at 1845 hrs.
  - (c) 1 N.C.O., 3 ptes, to report to Bdc. Salvage dump at 0830 hrs 28 Sep.
  - (d) 2 L.D. O.R. to be paraded to YMCA Canteen at 0930 hrs 28 Sep 40.
  - (e) One O.R. to be present at Civil P.C. when open to distribute telegrams to units.
  - (f) 1 N.C.O. and 1 Pte (with bicycles) to report to the Captain of the Day at Bn.H.Q. at 2045 hrs.
- Captain of the Day: Capt W.N. PARRY-CKEDEN  
Officer of the Guard: Lieut R.M. MALONEY (to mount with Bde Guard).  
Provost Sjt. will arrange for Detention personnel to be paraded at 0630 hrs 28 Sep to clean NAAFI Canteen. Bn.O.O. will clear NAAFI Canteen by 2130 hrs.

3. TRAFFIC CONTROL

As from 28 Sep 40, the duty Bn. will supply traffic control personnel at the following points:

- (a) Main entrance to camp on ANDOVER RD
- (b) Main entrance to camp on STOCKBRIDGE RD
- (c) Main gate immediately NORTH of POST OFFICE.

Hours of duty - 0700 hrs to 1900 hrs. Dress, B.D., drill order, pistols if issued. Rifles will NOT be carried.  
One member of the Regtl. Police and 2 members of M/Cycle Pl will report to the Provost Sjt. at Bn. H.Q. at 0645 hrs 28 Sep 40, and be posted as above.  
Provost Sjt. will instruct members in traffic control.

4. RANGE COURSES

Coys. will submit to Bn.H.Q. by 1200 hrs 27 Sep 40 a return showing:

- (a) Personnel who have NOT fired course (rifle)
- (b) Personnel who have NOT fired course (LMG)
- (c) Personnel who have NOT qualified previously (rifle).

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Adj. 9 Bn.

- (c) If there is no reaction on detectors, place a warning sign about 20 yards from the edge of the contamination, and mark on it the time and date.
- (d) Continue reconnaissance until the area has been encircled.

#### 99. Training in personal decontamination.

1. Object:- To teach the correct procedure for personal decontamination under various conditions of contamination (Sec. 41).

2. Stores required:- Respirator; anti-gas cape; anti-gas eye-shields; individual gas detectors; anti-gas ointment (or vaseline); cotton waste.

3. Method:- The instructor should describe one situation at a time and then follow the appropriate sequence as given in Sec. 41.

Examples of conditions:-

- i. Anti-gas cape, not worn; individual detector shows small drops.
- ii. Anti-gas cape, not worn; spray alarm sounds.
- iii. Anti-gas cape, worn; individual detectors, shows large drops.
- iv. Portion of service dress clothing splashed or contaminated by contact with liquid.

#### 100. Training in Decontamination of a rifle.

1. Object:- To teach the decontamination of a rifle (Sec. 80).

2. Stores required:- Respirator; anti-gas eye-shields; anti-gas ointment; cotton waste; steel helmet; rifle.

Sequence:-

- i. Rub ointment on the hands.
- ii. Remove rifle sling.
- iii. Remove gross contamination from rifle with any available swab or with the cotton waste.
- iv. Smear the contaminated portions of the rifle with ointment.
- v. After about ten minutes remove the ointment with cotton waste and oil the rifle.
- vi. Again rub ointment on the hands and wipe it off.

NOTES:- 1. If gloves and petrol or paraffin are available they should be used. Petrol or paraffin should be used to swab down the metal portions and ointment should be applied only to the woodwork.

2. If possible the sling and anti-gas gloves should be collected for decontamination separately.

3. In general the instructions given here are applicable to any weapon.

#### TESTS OF ELEMENTARY TRAINING.

##### 101. General

1. The objects of the Tests of Elementary Training are as follows:-

- i. To ensure that recruits have reached an efficient standard.
- ii. To ensure that trained soldiers retain their efficiency.
- iii. To prevent any detail of elementary training being overlooked, while avoiding unnecessary repetition.
- iv. To enable officers charged with the preparation of individual training programmes to see in which subjects further instruction is required, and so to make the best use of the time available.



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28 Sept 40.

Part 1.

No. 99.

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1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 28 Sept 40.

- (a) Duty coy.;                     A coy.  
Next for duty;                    B coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer;                Lieut. B.M. LOVETT.  
Next for duty;                    Lieut. A.H. MARSHALL.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.;                    QX 4520 L/Cpl. SKRIBBY, A.  
Next for duty;                    QX 1180 L/Cpl.; MITCHELL, A.
- (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by A coy.  
1 Sjt! 1 Cpl. 22 O.Rs. to report to Bn.  
C.C. on Bn. pdc ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig pl to supply 2 D.Rs.

2. ROAD DISCIPLINE.

Para. 1 of Australian Force Ldm  
Instn. No. 39 is repeated below:-

A number of instances have come to notice recently of columns of troops disregarding traffic lights. In some of these instances serious accidents have only been narrowly averted. In cases of urgent operational necessity, such as troops moving to take up position in battle, strict observance of traffic lights can be waived, but at all other times columns of troops must observe traffic signals in the same manner as other road users. In this respect columns of troops on main roads are governed by the same regulations as for W.D. vehicles under para 4 of A.C. I. 228 of 1940. When the lights turn to red that portion of the column which has not passed the lights must halt, and a similar decrease in the leading portion.

3. CHURCH PARADES.

R.Cs. of all coys will be marched to Bn.  
H.Q. instead of direct to place of service. R.Cs. will then  
proceed as one body under an officer, to place of service.

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Majt. 9 Bn.

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29 Sept 40.

Part 1.

No. 100.

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1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 29 Sept 40.

- (1) Duty coy;                    B coy.  
Next for duty;                C coy.
- (2) Orderly Officer;        Lieut. A.H. MARSHALL.  
Next for duty;                Lieut. R.W. FORSTER.
- (3) Orderly Cpl.;            OX 1189 L/Cpl. MITCHELL, J.  
Next for duty;                OX 2605 L/Cpl. CAMERON, A.
- (4) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by B coy.  
1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 22 O.Rs.
- (5) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (6) Sig platoon to supply 2 D.Rs.

C.C.F. BOULAT, Capt.

Adj. 9 Bn.

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FIFTH BATTALION AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY.

By Lt. Col. J.N.G. Martin Officer Commanding 9 Bn.

30 Sept 40. Part 1. No. 101.

1. DUTIES. To mount at Retreat 30 Sept 40.

- (a) Duty coy;                    C coy.  
Next for duty                D coy.
- (b) Orderly Officer; Lieut R.W. FRISTON.  
Next for duty;                Lieut D.J. JYCK.
- (c) Orderly Cpl.;                QX 2605 L/Cpl. CAMERON, A.  
Next for duty;                QX 615 L/Cpl. DICK, J.
- (d) Bn. Guard - to be supplied by C coy.  
1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 22 Ptes. to report to Bn. . .  
on Bn. POC Ground at 1745 hours.
- (e) Duty coy to supply one runner.
- (f) Sig platoon to supply 2 D.Rs.

2. DUTIES 9 Bn. mounts as duty unit Retreat 30 Sept 40.

Captain of the Day;                Capt J.F. PINK.  
Officer of the Guard;            Lieut A. FRASER.  
(To mount with Bn Guard.)  
C coy will supply the following duties:-

- (a) Bn Guard - 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 9 Ptes. to report  
to Bn. . . on Bn. POC Ground at 1730 hours.
- (b) 1 Sgt. 6 Ptes. - under command Lieut.  
J.T.F. SPENCER - as roving picquet to report  
to Bn. H.Q. at 1845 hours.
- (c) 1 H.C. . and 3 Ptes to report to Bn Salvage  
dump 0830 hours 1 Oct 40.
- (d) 2 L.D. Ptes. to be prepared to K.M. centre  
at 0930 hours 1 Oct 40.
- (e) no Ptes. to be present at Civil P. . when  
open to distribute telegrams to units.
- (f) 1 H.C. . and 1 Pte with bicycles to report to  
the Capt of the Day at Bn. H.Q. at 2045 hours.
- (g) no Sgt. to be present at K.M. centre to maintain  
order during the following hours.  
2030 - 2130, 30 Sept, and 0800-0830, 1230 1400  
1 Oct 40.
- (h) six H.C. . to report to Bn. . . at Bn. H.Q.  
at 1745 hours. These H.C. . will maintain order  
and discipline in entertainment tent from 1800  
hours until conclusion of entertainment.

The Provost Sgt. will arrange for Detention . . .  
to be prepared at 0630 hours 1 Oct to clear K.M. centre  
P.O. Bn. . . will clear K.M. Centre by 1300 hours.

3. FIREARMS - UNLAWFUL USE.

Several cases have been reported of promiscuous shooting with service weapons by soldiers of this Force, for example, shooting at rabbits and other game. Such actions constitute definite misuse of government property and waste of ammunition. In addition it must be obvious that the discharge of a powerful firearm in a closely populated area is extremely dangerous. Already there have been several narrow escapes. All personnel are to be instructed that the discharge of service weapons, other than for operational reasons, or during properly conducted range practices, is prohibited, and disciplinary action is to be taken against any individual infringing such instructions.

4. PERMISSION PLACED ON F.D. UNIT.

The following amendment will be made to Australian Force Administrative Instruction No. 34 para 6:

SALISBURY The old Mill Restaurant, To All ranks after 2200 hours and not 2000 hours as previously shown.

5. USE OF VALUABLE AND PERISHABLE MATERIALS.

It has been reported that on several occasions Australian troops have used materials, which have been stacked on the sides of roads by the local Council authorities, such as sand and stone. Except in time of National emergency units will ensure that no such material is used in future unless permission has first been obtained.

6. ENTERTAINMENT TENT.

The following points are to be brought to the notice of all men.

The entertainments Tent is provided for their use and benefit, and they should always conduct themselves in an orderly manner there.

They must always enter or leave the tent by the proper entrances. Cases have occurred where damage has been caused by men leaving the tent at night by pulling up the side walls.

Tents will not be stacked on top of each other. Not only does this damage them, but the practice results in the view of other men behind being obscured.

The Six Duty N.C.O.s will ensure that the above instructions are carried out.

COMFORTS. All ranks are advised that a special donation of one hundred pounds has been received from 2/9 Bn. comforts fund. The following cable has been sent in reply.

Thanks for special remittance. All ranks send greetings at health never better

DEATH OF LORD LINDSAY - was the governor of Queensland.

The following letter has been received from Mr. L.H. Piller, Agent General for O.I.

I have your letter of 21st inst and as requested by you, I am writing to Lady Lindsay conveying to her the sympathy of officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 9 Battalion, in her recent bereavement.

G.C.W. BURNS, Capt.  
Lt. 9 Bn.

THEATRE. A cinema will be shown at 1830 hours tonight and Friday 4 at 4.

LETTER on 25th inst. Lt. Bailey of the R.A.F. was given a lift from Salisbury to the vicinity of the camp by a vehicle from the camp. He left a parcel in the vehicle, and if one has been found, the finder is asked to deliver it to Mrs. Bailey c/o George Inn Middle Waller.